

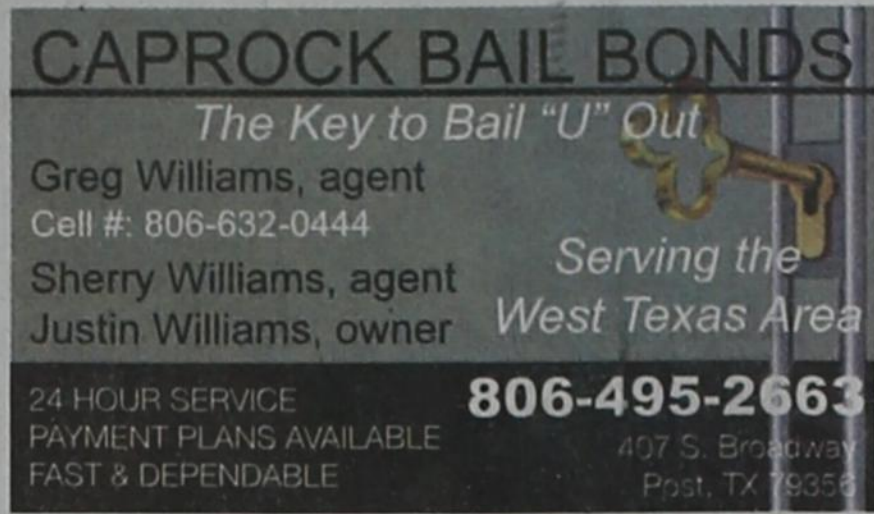
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Girls track gets big boost Donation will be used to improve program

By Wayne Hodgin
The Post Dispatch

The girls track program at Post High School got a big boost Wednesday from a local farm family recently selected to receive \$2,500 from a program that supports local farming communities.

Nearly 60,000 farmers throughout the nation participated in the America's Farmers Grow Communities event from 39 states and 1,245 counties, including 72 in Texas. A farmer from each county

that participated in the program, sponsored by Monsanto, a global provider of agricultural products, was awarded a \$2,500 check through the Monsanto Fund.

Rodney and Marcey Oden of Post was the local family selected to receive one of the awards. The Oden's also received the award last year.

"Last year, we chose to give the money to our local 4-H chapter," Rodney Oden said. "So this year we thought the girls

track program would be a worthy cause to support. It was greatly needed."

Second-year Athletic Director Steve Smith said when he first came to Post, the equipment for the girls track team was in bad shape.

"We had sweats that didn't math. They badly needed new uniforms," Smith said. "We've done a little work to help improve the program, but this money will really go a long way in helping improve our program and facilities."

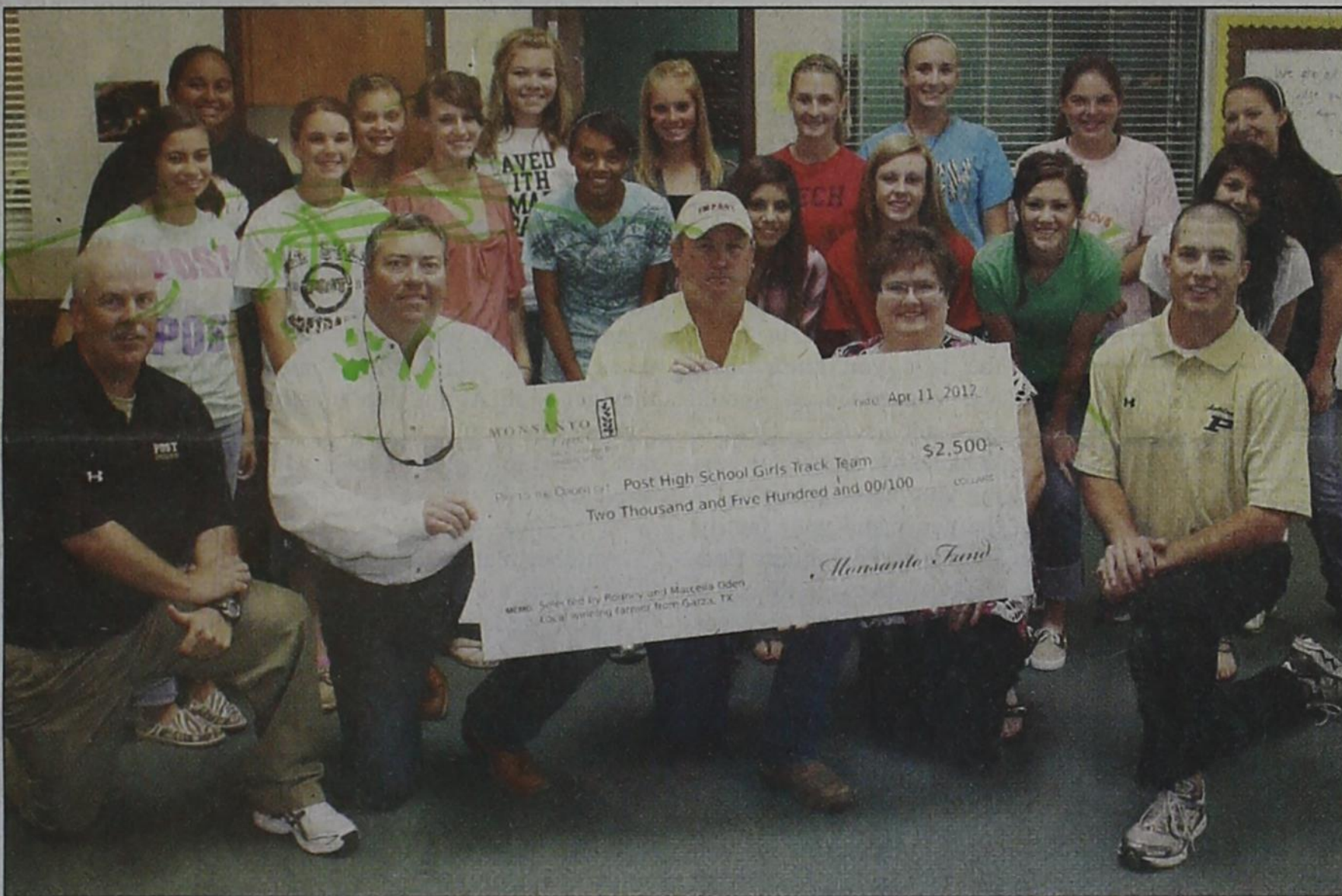


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Rodney and Marcey Oden, center, accept a \$2,500 check from Monsanto representative Rhett Brewster, second from left, on Wednesday at Post High School. The Odens will donate the money to the girls track team, represented here by the team, Athletic Director Steve Smith, left, and head track coach Beau Riker.



Lill Jacob Crawford

Man convicted of indecent exposure near local School

By Wayne Hodgin
The Post Dispatch

A 34-year-old Snyder man was convicted and sentenced to 90 days in the Garza County jail Monday for an indecent exposure incident nearly two years ago just feet away from Post Junior High School.

According to reports, Lill Jacob Crawford was sitting in a gray 2005 Chevrolet pickup parked at a convenience store facing the school about 7:35 a.m. May 18, 2010, when a passerby saw him exposing his genitals inside the truck and fondling himself while watching a group of children outside the school.

The man noticed the witness and left the scene in his truck, but not before the witness called in the

truck's license plate to law enforcement.

Crawford evaded arrest until June 1, 2011, when he was stopped for a traffic violation in Colorado City, and law enforcement saw there was a warrant for his arrest.

After a number of delays, the case was brought before Garza County Judge Lee Norman this past Monday.

Crawford agreed to a 90-day sentence in a negotiated plea with County Attorney Mike Munk. The indecent exposure charge is a class B misdemeanor, which could have carried up to a 180-day sentence.

Post ISD police officer Dave Tyler, who led the in-

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Inmate health costs to decrease

New policy allows
county to bill hospitals at
minimum federal rate

By Wayne Hodgin
The Post Dispatch

The medical costs of inmates at the Garza County jail became less of a burden on local taxpayers this week as county commissioners resolved to pay only the rate at which the federal Medicaid program will reimburse health-care providers.

The new policy went into effect Monday and authorizes the county's indigent health-care coordinator to notify all area hospitals of the measure.

"This alleviates part of the financial burden of not only our own taxpayers, but also that of the taxpayers of surrounding and area counties that house inmates in our facility," County Judge Lee Norman said.

Norman said Garza County is responsible for paying the costs associated with the medical needs of all inmates housed in the county jail, whether they are from Garza County

or not. Then, he said, the county will be reimbursed by the counties from where other inmates originated.

"It's a good and financially responsible policy to have in place," Norman said.

In the last six months — the first half of the 2011-2012 fiscal year — Garza County has incurred nearly \$9,000 in medical costs from sending inmates to area hospitals for treatment, although some of those costs will be recouped through reimbursement by other counties.

In a presentation to commissioners Monday, Brandy Fannon, administrator for the Garza County Health Care District, noted one billable expense March 12 to Lynn County Hospital could have saved Garza taxpayers more than \$500 if it was billed at the Medicaid rate.

As the coordinator for indigent care in the county, Fannon will be responsible for overseeing the new billing rate and ensuring Garza County tax money is being spent wisely.

Fannon said the billing

rate would affect only those inmates who were taken or seen at an area hospital. The county contracts with Dr. Ben Edwards for routine care at the jail.

"With our economy and state and local budgets in the shape they're in, this is going to help all of us who pay taxes in this county and those taxpayers in outlying counties as well," she said.

Fannon said she would track expenses over the next few weeks and report back to commissioners any cost-savings from the new billing rate.

In other business, Commissioners on Monday also heard presentations from Chris Atkinson, director of the Community Recovery Center, on the facility's 30th anniversary plans and scholarship fund; and from Trent McDonald from the local U.S. Department of Agriculture office on the county's predator removal and elimination program.

The board also accepted a high bid of \$1,251 from David Welch for a 1971 International fire truck the county was selling from its Justiceburg department.

Ivie rivals Alan Henry in record largemouth bass

By Wayne Hodgin
The Post Dispatch

Lake Alan Henry in Garza County is in danger of losing its title as the second-best place in the state to catch some really big largemouth bass.

State wildlife officials this week said two Texas anglers recently have caught bass weighing more than 13 pounds from the O.H. Ivie Reservoir, located about 170 miles southeast of Post in Concho, Coleman and Runnels counties.

The most recent catch places Lake Alan Henry and O.H. Ivie Reservoir in a second-place tie in the state's catch-and-release program to selectively breed trophy largemouth bass.

The news really caught attention this week because O.H. Ivie Reservoir is just at 17 percent capacity because of the record drought throughout the state.

Although at least 25 anglers at both lakes have reported catching bass weighing 13 pounds or more, one hasn't been reported at Lake

Alan Henry since April 29, 2007, when Nathan King of Lubbock reported a 13-pound fish at 25.5 inches long and 20.5 inches around. Eleven days prior in 2007, Philip Pool, also of Lubbock, reported catching a 13.2-pound bass that measured 26 inches long and 20.5 inches around.

Steve Campbell of Snyder seems to hold the local record of a 14.94-pound bass caught at Lake Alan Henry in April 2000.

"What has seemed to happen at Lake Alan Henry is what we call the 'new lake effect,'" said Larry Hodges, spokesman for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens. "Basically what happens is when a new lake is impounded, the lake fills up and all that flooded vegetation decays and releases nutrients into the water which help feed the fish that the big fish feed on."

Hodges said that first 10 years of a lake's life is like "a really rich soup to live in and fish tend to grow fast."

But once that initial vegetation is gone, it takes another 10 years or so to get a new pulse of nutrients, he said.

"It's all a part of the cycle of freshwater lake," he said.

The record number of catches of largemouth bass weighing 13-plus pounds has been at Lake Fork east of Dallas, which has seen about 249 reported catches.

Lake Alan Henry is about 9 feet below capacity. The lake has seen a steady decline in water levels since October 2010 when it was near capacity.

Last year was Texas' driest ever. Much of the state is now out of the worst stage of drought, but West Texas still has large swaths in exceptional drought.

The last fishing report on April 4 stated the water was lightly stained at between 64 and 68 degrees. Black bass are biting fair on swim jigs, Texas rigs and spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

Obituaries



FISHER WYNNE

POST — Services for Fisher Wynne, 103, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Pleasant Home Baptist Church with the Rev. Arthur Kelly and the Rev. W. C. Sapp officiating. Burial in Terrace Cemetery will be under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Mrs. Wynne died Monday, April 9, 2012, in Lubbock. She was born July 27, 1908, in Crockett to William and Nellie Davis

Cooper. She married Hosie Wynne on July 3, 1926, in Crockett. He preceded her in death on June 4, 1980. She was a homemaker and a resident of Post for many years.

Survivors include sons Marvin Wynne of Lubbock and Melvin Wynne of Dallas, three grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, 22 great-great-grandchildren and one-great-great-grandson.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Alphenus Wynne.

JAKE DIGGS

LUBBOCK — Dennis "Jake" Diggs died Monday, April 9, 2012, after a long battle with lung disease.

He was born July 27, 1955, in Lubbock to Lee and Billie Diggs. He was in law enforcement for many years but was always a cowboy at heart.

Survivors include daughter Jackie Diggs-Carroll;

brothers David and Mike Diggs, their spouses, children and grandchildren.

Jake was well respected and is leaving behind many loving and caring friends.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Cowboy Church of the South Plains, 406 114th St., Lubbock.



CAROLYN GRAY GRAHAM — Carolyn Gray, 70, died Sunday, April 8, 2012, in Georgetown.

Funeral services were

Wednesday at First United Methodist Church of Graham. Burial was in Pioneer Cemetery, under the direction of Morrison Funeral Home.

She was born Sept. 15, 1941, in Post to the late Walter and Reba Doggett Jones. She married Junior Gray on Jan. 3, 1958, in Post. He preceded her in death on Feb. 16, 2002.

Carolyn was a secretary for the West Central Texas Cutting Horse Association for 25 years and a member of National Cutting Horse Association and the National Greyhound Association. She was a loving mother and "Mimi."

Survivors include daughters Caren Birdwell and husband, George, of Graham and Cammie Mullins and husband, Gregg, of North Richland Hills; sisters Marilyn Johnston and husband, Donny, of Slaton and Kathy Lee and husband, Joe, of Lafayette, Calif.; brothers Bill Jones and wife, Sandra, of Waco, Danny Jones and wife, Lynn, of Mans-

field, and Jimmy Jones and wife, Carolyn Atchley, of Post; grandchildren Blake Birdwell and Taylor Mullins; great-grandchild Evaline Birdwell; and by a host of friends and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Trey Birdwell, in 1998.

Memorials may be made to Cutters in Action or the Pulmonary Hypertension Association.



BIL HEDRICK

POST — Services for Bil Hedrick, 83, of Post were Wednesday at First United Methodist Church of Post with the Rev. Ricky

Carstensen of Lockney and the Rev. Scott Richards of Post officiating.

Burial was in Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home of Post.

Mrs. Hedrick was born June 27, 1928, in Post to L.P. Jr. and Ruby Thomas Kennedy. She died Saturday, April 7, 2012, at her home in Post. She married J.L. Hedrick in 1961 in Hale Center. He preceded her in death on April 7, 1975.

She was an original member of the Girls Rodeo Association, which later became the W.P.R.A. She attended Texas Tech, where she was on the rodeo team and was the first queen of the Texas Tech Rodeo in 1946. Her passion for many years was teaching kids correct horsemanship.

Survivors include daughter Natha Jo Arnold and husband, Bob, of Post; son, John Bill Hedrick, of Post; sisters Betty Young of Leander and Anita Payne of San Angelo; and grandson Shawn Henderson of Kerrville.

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Cryptogram

A cryptogram is a puzzle where a sentence is encoded by substituting the actual letters of the sentence with different letters. The challenge of the puzzle is to 'decode' the sentence to reveal the original English sentence. We have provided a few of the decoded letters to help get you started.

Hint: Quote by Robert Redford

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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6	9	3	7	2	4	1	5	8
5	8	6	9	7	2	1	3	4
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7	3	8	5	2	9	4	6	1
8	4	5	7	6	1	2	9	3

ANSWER:

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The Paperboy
By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Someone got after me the other day for running a crime story in one of the newspapers. I've got news for you: if you don't want your name in the newspaper for committing a crime, don't commit the crime!

It's not my fault nor is it the fault of the editor that your name appeared in the newspaper in a less than flattering light. When you make a decision to break the law, you know there are consequences should you get caught. One of those consequences is having your name published in the paper and your family, friends and neighbors finding out what you did.

Of course, the fact you can go to jail for the crime should have crossed your mind at some point. After all, shouldn't going to jail and/or prison be a deterrent?

With some, the mentality is, "I did it, but I don't want it in the paper because my sick Mom is going to find out about it."

Killing the messenger should be the least of your worries.

Speaking of crime, there is not a one of us that is unaffected by deadbeat dads.

Soon I hope to make their names a regular feature in your newspaper. If reading that made you cringe because you owe child support, good. We have a lot of men in this world that are nothing more than sperm donors and they need to take care of what should be their top priority.

I know people who refuse to work because a chunk of their wages are taken from them when they get a job. Again, don't commit the action if you don't want to face the consequences.

Another feature coming your way is a map and list of sexual predators.

We have run the names and addresses of convicted sex offenders, but we need to be much more consistent in doing so.

Our readers have a right to know who their neighbors are. If there is a predator living nearby, maybe the map will help them protect their children.

Oh no - the pink slime is going to kill us! How dumb are Americans? What do the people having a fit over pink slime think hotdogs are, prime rib?

Boy, I hope they don't learn how sausage is made. I'm sure they'd have a fit and try and take it off the market.

Honestly, sometimes it seems like government talking heads and pundits are just looking for something to regulate.

So, instead of doing their homework, they're driving American beef processors to the unemployment line. That hurts an already ailing industry.

Funny how you can say whatever you want about certain things while other topics are too taboo to speak negatively about.

We live in some very strange times.

One of the jobs of a newspaper (and other mass media) is to act as a watchdog over government. That's why the industry is known as the fourth estate. What that means is that newspapers are supposed to inform the reader what is happening in local, state and federal governments.

Nationally, the fourth estate should do a better job of explaining how inefficient our government is. It is failing to do so and that is wrong.

Perhaps one day the pendulum will swing back to objective journalism. We can only hope...

Christopher Blackburn is the president of Blackburn Media Group, owner of this publication.

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Post Notes

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Listings will run through the date of the event. Emailed submissions are preferred to the postcitydispatch@gmail.com.

Homestead exemptions

Anyone who turns 65 in 2012, or has a birthday of 1947 or earlier, is eligible for the homestead exemption on their property taxes. Anyone with business personal property is required to file a rendition with the Garza Central Appraisal District. If a rendition is not filed, a 10-percent penalty will be added to the total tax. For information, contact the Garza Central Appraisal District at 495-3518 or visit 124 E. Main St., Post. Due date is April 16.

Primary election

Sample ballots for the May 29 general election primary are available for public inspection at the Garza County elections office. For information, call 495-4430.

Voter registration

The last day to register to vote in the May 29 primary election is April 30. For information or to print a registration application, visit votetexas.gov or contact the Garza County Registrar of Voters at 495-4430.

State Fair validations

If you have a steer, lamb or goat that needs validation for the State Fair, contact the Extension Office before April 18 to order your tags. Each tag will cost \$10.

Revival

Pastor Yolanda Jimenez will lead a revival at 7 p.m. April 20 and 6:30 p.m. April 21 at the Post Community Center, 129 W. Main St. For information, call 806-405-4284.

Graham Ole Opry

The Graham Ole Opry will be from 7 to 9 p.m. April 21 at the Graham Community Center, five miles west of Post on U.S. 380 and two miles south on FM 399. No admission charge, but donations will be accepted. Concessions available. For information, contact Noel White at 806-495-3261.

Dinner theater

Members of the Post High School Theater Department will have a dinner theater at 6:30 p.m. May 5 in the school cafeteria.

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investigation, said if it wasn't for the wary eye of a public citizen, Crawford might still be wandering the streets.

"We appreciate all the public's help over the last several years in keeping an eye out for our children around the school, especially after hours," Tyler said. "We continue to urge the public's help in paying attention to what goes on around the schools and around town and call 911 to report any suspicious activity."

At the time of his arrest, Crawford was on probation for a similar charge out of Burleson County, according to reports.

Other agencies that assisted included the Garza County Sheriff's Office and the Texas Rangers.

Show begins at 8 p.m. in the auditorium. The play, "The Pirate Show," is a hilarious comedy with a band of English pirates (women) trying to beat a band of Spanish pirates (men) to a buried treasure. For tickets, contact Tim Tatum at ttatum@postisd.net. All proceeds will allow the students to attend the state one-act play competition in Austin.

Art exhibit

The O.S. Museum, 201 E. Main St., Suite 3, is now exhibiting "The Color of Spring," a display of birds, flowers and eggs through May 31. Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For information, email osmuseum_mneff@yahoo.com 495-3570.

Donations needed

Five-Stone Ministries, a nonprofit 501c3 organization, is in need of the following items: men's work clothes, men's work shoes, workable washers and dryers. Some women's items also are needed. For information, contact O.L. Ferguson at 806-781-1156. Monetary donations welcome at P.O. Drawer 669, Post, Texas, 79356. All donations are tax deductible.

Horse validations

4-H Connect is now open for horse validations. Contact the Extension Office at 806-495-4400 for information.

Trap shoot

The Garza County 4-H Shotgun Sports Trap Shoot will be April 28. Early registration is going on through April 23 and is \$15 plus \$5 per round. Late registration is \$25 plus \$5 per round. Trap shoot practice is at 5 p.m. every Monday at the Palmer Gun Club. Anyone interested in joining Shotgun Sports, should contact Ray Mason at 781-8022 or Mark Kirkpatrick at 787-5104.

FUMC praise service

First United Methodist Church, 216 W. 10th St., Post, has begun a new praise and worship service on Wednesdays. A meal will be served at 6:15 and the service will follow. Music, teaching and discussion as well as a time for prayer. For information, call the church at 990-2942.

State 4-H Roundup

The State 4-H Roundup will be June 11-15 at Texas Tech University. For information, call the Extension office at 806-495-4400.

Post Elementary School

April 10-13 is National Library Week. Grades are due April 13, and report cards go home April 18. Third-, fourth- and fifth-graders will complete STARR testing April 24-26. It is now the time of year elementary students go on field trips. Please look for information to come home in your student's folder for more information. Please make sure permission slips are signed and returned in a timely manner so that your student may participate with their class.

Grant-writing workshop

The Texas Leadership Institute will sponsor a grant-writing workshop from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 17 at Heritage House, 109 N. Ave. N. The program will be hosted by the Caprock Cultural Association in conjunction with the Texas Center for Rural Entrepreneurship. Cost is \$129 and includes lunch. Register online at texasleadership.org.

Play days

Horse play days will be May 12, 19 and 26 at the Post Stampede Rodeo Grounds. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and events start at 10 a.m. \$2 per event or \$12 for all events. For information, contact Danya Peterson at 520-405-0221 or the Garza County Extension Office at 806-495-4400.

4-H camp

4-H'ers interested in attending 4-H Camp are urged to contact the Extension office at 806-495-4400. Leadership Lab will be May 29-31 for ages 9-12 in Leveland; Electric Camp will be June 25-29 for ages 14-18 in Cloudercroft, N.M.; Golf Camp will be April 27-28 for ages 12-18 in College Station; Prime Time I will be July 2-25 for grades 5-8 at Lake Brownwood; Prime Time II will be July 25-28 for grades 25 at Lake Brownwood; Horizons will be July 3-7 for grades 4-8 at Lake Brownwood.



Madison Cash



Skylar Jones

Rotary Club Students of the Month

The Post Dispatch

Madison Cash and Skylar Jones, both seniors at Post High School, were chosen as students of the month for the Post Rotary Club.

Cash, the daughter of Rex and Terri Cash, is active in basketball, track, cross country, gold, cheerleading, student council, yearbook and 4-H photography. She also is a senior class representative.

She is a member of the First United Methodist Church and active in the youth ministry and enjoys reading, working on her family's ranch, scrapbooking and baking.

Cash has been chosen as a member of the Academic All-District teams for golf, basketball and track. She also has received a scholarship from the Lions Club.

She plans to attend Texas Tech and major in exercise and sports science, then attend occupational therapy school.

Her career inspiration comes from a friend.

"I love to spend time with my friend Bobbie, who is a special needs kid at our school and the reason why I want to go to occupational therapy school," she said.

Jones, daughter of Greg and Channa Jones, is active in basketball, cheerleading,

track, cross country, yearbook and student council. She also is a senior class representative and member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Outside of school, she is an active member of 4-H, serving as club president, and is involved with stock shows, photography, vet science and food and nutrition.

She is a member of the First United Methodist Church and active in the youth ministry. She enjoys singing, wakeboarding and scrapbooking.

Jones was chosen as honorable mention to the All-District basketball team, was named to the Academic All-District team for basketball, cheerleading and golf and recognized by the All-Tournament Varsity Girls team. Her 4-H honors include the Gold Star Award and won Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Steer in Garza County and Reserve Breed Steer in Fort Worth.

Jones said she has chosen to go into nursing.

"My passion is helping people, and I know the nursing field will assist me in achieving that goal."

She plans to attend McMurry University in Abilene.

Wayne Hodgins

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Monday night brought us a half-inch of rain here at the gin. Mike Aten got 4/10 in the Grassland area; Bill Case reported about an inch and Neal Clary got 8/10 at his house and Daymon Ethridge reports 6/10. Thank the good Lord above and keep those rain prayers going.

Many had family fun for the Easter holiday. I know my neighbors had a blast, confetti eggs and all, eh Mandy? Also it was garden-planting weekend. Hope y'all got yours planted. Robbie got ours done. My mouth is already watering for some fresh squash.

Sympathies go out to the Natha Jo Arnold and John Bill Hedrick on the loss of their mother, Bil Hedrick. Bil passed away Saturday. Her funeral was Wednesday at the Methodist church. Bil was always so kind to bring cookies to the gin for us to munch on. She will be missed by many. Thoughts and prayers go out to her entire family.

We had a few visitors out the past few weeks. Ronnie and

Addi came by on their way to the Feed Bunk and brought me back some okra seed. Thanks y'all!

Gene King came and entertained us a while Tuesday morning.

Y'all come out and see us sometime now, ya hear???

Check us out on Facebook under Close City Community, and feel free to post your photos on there.

Quote of the week: "I'd rather have an honest enemy than a fake friend" (taken from Mark Odom's Facebook page.)

Did you know: Snails breath through their feet.

Close City birthdays

April 13: Valerie Melton, Sarah Freeman

April 14: Caelan Thuett

April 16: Doris Fluitt

April 17: Garron Magby

April 18: Judy Ballentine Bush

We do have some a few families with those who are not feeling well and some that have had some minor procedures done. Please keep these people in your daily thoughts and prayers.

Ragtown folks in the nursing homes we need to remember are Claudine Tipton; Carmen Abraham; Mary Gayle Young in Post; Jean Tipton in Robert Lee; Jewel White in Lubbock. Others are, Mack Ledbetter in Slaton; Doris Wilson in Post; John and Mary Gist in Lubbock in Lubbock. Please let me know if there is anyone I need to add to this list.

Everyone have a great week. Keep rain, the crops and our country in your daily prayers. See ya next week!

Traci Freeman is a resident of the Close City community. Email her at close.city.gin@pcca.com.

Weekly Inspirations

Below the Surface

Read Luke 7:36-50

Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw [the woman weeping and bathing Jesus' feet with her tears], he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him — that she is a sinner."

- Luke 7:39 (NRSV)

Recently as we traveled the familiar road toward our home, I took time to look beyond the front yards of the houses we passed and to focus on what lay behind them. I was surprised to see rose gardens and gazebos that I had failed to notice before, as well as garages, shops, and even a trash pile that wasn't readily obvious.

Reflecting on this, I realized that usually I look only at the surface of both places and people. I judge by outward appearances, often not taking time to look behind the exterior.

The Bible tells us that Jesus saw more than the obvious. He recognized "flower beds" in lives deemed ugly.

Too often we do not see what lies in the "backyards" of other people. But when we strive to look closely at the people we meet, we can grow to love them as Christ does.

Joette McDonald (Ohio, USA)

Prayer: Dear Lord, help us to see the hidden worth of the people we encounter each day. Lead us to love as you love. Amen.

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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Deuteronomy 6:5

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The Doctor Is In By Dr. Benjamin Edwards

Omega-3 fatty acids decrease many common afflictions

By Ben Edwards
The Doc Is In

This week we will continue our tour through the various ingredients, or building blocks, God intended our bodies to have in order to fight and cure infection and disease.

Some of these ingredients are missing in our bodies now because of our modern American diet high in processed grains and sugars that prevent absorption and utilization of many of the nutrients we used to get from food.

Also, since most of our fresh fruit and vegetables are picked a week or more before they are ripe, we miss many of the key enzymes, vitamins and minerals that aren't fully produced until that fruit is fully ripe. Therefore, we need to supplement some of these key ingredients in order to be healthy and disease-free.

As we discussed in the last two articles, vitamin D and iodine are essential for health and are lacking in most people's bodies.

Another important building block in our body is docosahexaenoic acid, or DHA, found in omega-3 fatty acids. Ome-

ga-3 fatty acids are found in fatty layers of cold-water fish and shellfish, plant and nut oils, English walnuts, flaxseed, algae oils and fortified foods. DHA has been widely studied and has been shown to decrease cancer, asthma, depression, cardiovascular disease, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and autoimmune diseases, such as rheumatoid arthritis.

One of the reasons DHA is so important is related to iodine. As you may recall, iodine is essential in killing all the bad critters floating around our blood stream. There is an attachment site on every cell in your body for iodine. The place where iodine attaches to the cell wall is DHA.

So, go eat a healthy daily portion of fish, such as salmon, sardines, halibut, anchovies, tuna and other fish from deep, cold ocean waters. If you don't regularly eat these fish, then you should supplement with 2,000 milligrams of DHA a day from a fish oil supplement.

Dr. Benjamin Edwards is a physician with the Garza County Health Clinic, an affiliate of The Physician Network Services of University Medical Center.



The 501 by Hanaba Munn Welch



The good news: The Geiger counter didn't go off.

The odd news: If you sell scrap to a salvage dealer, you might get checked for radioactivity.

Who knew? Not me. Scrap now being a significant cash crop on the farm, my husband and I gathered a mixed load. Our precarious stack was mostly sheet metal, barbed wire, smooth wire, hog wire, a stovepipe, a water heater tank feed trough, two old tubs of odds and ends, a bathroom scale and something resembling a trailer chassis made from oilfield pipe.

Don't mourn the bathroom scale. Yes, it was Art Deco from the 1940s, but too many years in the storage shed had dashed any hope it might end up bringing a hefty price on eBay.

EBAY CHECK. Nobody's bidding on old bathroom scales. I feel better.

Also I feel good about not being radioactive.

Radioactivity and I go back to circa 1960, when Geiger counters ticked in movies, 4-H programs were about how to build fallout

shelters and the local Civil Defense contingent kept food and water in the basement of the courthouse in case we all had to go spend two weeks there if somebody dropped a bomb anywhere close instead of right on top of us. Something like that. Or maybe it was city hall. Since we didn't live in town, it hardly mattered. Mother and Daddy and I would end up, I supposed, in our cellar, despite its lack of an entrance with a right angle, incorrect ventilation and not enough dirt on top. The 4-H instructions said we needed three feet. Or maybe it was four.

At school, we bomb-conscious country kids mused about the possibility of being targeted by the Russians. Wouldn't chances be slim they'd pick us? Then we remembered the missile base just four miles away - a 12-story sophisticated pit housing an Atlas presumably aimed at Moscow. We considered our proximity to Altus Air Force Base, 20 miles distant. Unsettling thoughts.

As seniors, my classmate Butch and I comprised the debate team. He was good; I wasn't. Our topic:

"Resolved: There Should Be an International Organization for the Control of Nuclear Weapons." More radioactivity.

Anyway, when the woman at the salvage yard fearlessly scrambled atop our pile of junk to scan all oilfield pipe with her Geiger counter, memories returned. Despite lots of duct tape on the device, it looked genuine. And she was all business.

We strained to hear ticks. I heard only my own heart-beat accelerating.

OK, I exaggerate. But I did hold my breath.

They must be putting isotopes in oilfield pipe these days. Maybe they always have.

I remembered a late-night WGN Radio ad long ago for a money order Geiger counter with a money-back guarantee if it didn't work. How would you know?

If I'd ordered one anyway, I could have kept the '60s clicking. Instead, fears born of the nuclear age went dormant.

Nostalgia, you are a mixed bag. Who'd have thought a Geiger counter could set you off?

Yesteryears

April 10, 1952
50 years ago

Construction on a near \$125,000 expansion program is expected to get underway at Postex Cotton Mill in the near future. The expansion will include the enlargement of the bleaching and finishing departments and an addition to the weave room.

A freak accident late Wednesday afternoon took the life of Charlie H. Bradley, 66, when he became entangled in barb-wire that caught in a revolving post-hole digger attached to a tractor.

Juanella McClellan and "Topper" Bilberry have been chosen Queen and Sheriff, respectively, for a day at Post High School. The students elected Jack Kirkpatrick and W.O. Fluitt Jr. as deputies.

A party was given Thursday for Belinda Diana Lee and Charles Wallace on their third birthday by Mrs. Elton Lee and Mrs. Harley Wallace.

Football is in the air at Post High School. Spring training began Monday afternoon as 30 players reported to coaches Bing Bingham and Vernon Ray to begin the 30-day grind.

The Sunset Drive-In theater will have a grand opening at 6:45 p.m. Sunday. The first picture to run at the new and modern drive-in will be "Finders Keeper" with Julia Adams and Tom Ewell. Admission is 44 cents for adults and 9 cents for children.

April 12, 1962
40 years ago

Tommy Bouchier, a senior at Post High School, placed first in the physical science division Saturday at the annual South Plains

Regional Science Fair in Lubbock.

The Post school board on Monday night re-elected E.R. "Buster" Moreland as president of the board for the fifth consecutive year.

Coach Charles Hopkins' five-man golf team at Post High School won the District 3AA championship for the third consecutive year. Members of the team include Teddy Scott, Tommy Bouchier, Leslie Acker, Lee Williams and Roger Camp.

The Post City Council voted unanimously Monday to step up its law enforcement by employing Elton Corley.

Julie Edwards, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Edwards, required hospital treatment Tuesday after being bitten and mauled by a German shepherd dog.

April 6, 1972
30 years ago

Highway patrolmen yesterday afternoon were looking for a driver who left the scene of an accident after his automobile and an ambulance from Hudman Funeral Home were involved in a collision northwest of Post at U.S. 84 and FM 211.

Miss Nancy Norman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Norman of Post, attended the 17th National Dangel Flight Conclave in Dallas. The Angel Flight is

an honorary service organization for college women that support objectives of the Arnold Air Society.

George Pierce has been selected by the newspaper staff as Teacher of the Month at Post High School.

April 8, 1982
20 years ago

The singing group Sisters in Song and several other members of First Baptist Church, including Glenn Reece, Don Smith and William Wilson, recently returned from conducting a weeklong revival service at First Baptist Church of Juneau, Alaska.

Trushel Marts won first place at the Post Relays in the 1,600-meter run and will advance to the regional meet at Texas Tech.

Mr. and Mrs. Epifanio Garcia announced the birth of a baby girl, Vanessa Ester, born at Garza Memorial Hospital.

April 8, 1992
10 years ago

The third annual Fiesta Rancheras will be Saturday at Post City Park.

Navy Seaman Damian Hampton has completed the electronic warfare signal intelligence Moresse interceptor course at Fort Devens in Ayer, Mass.

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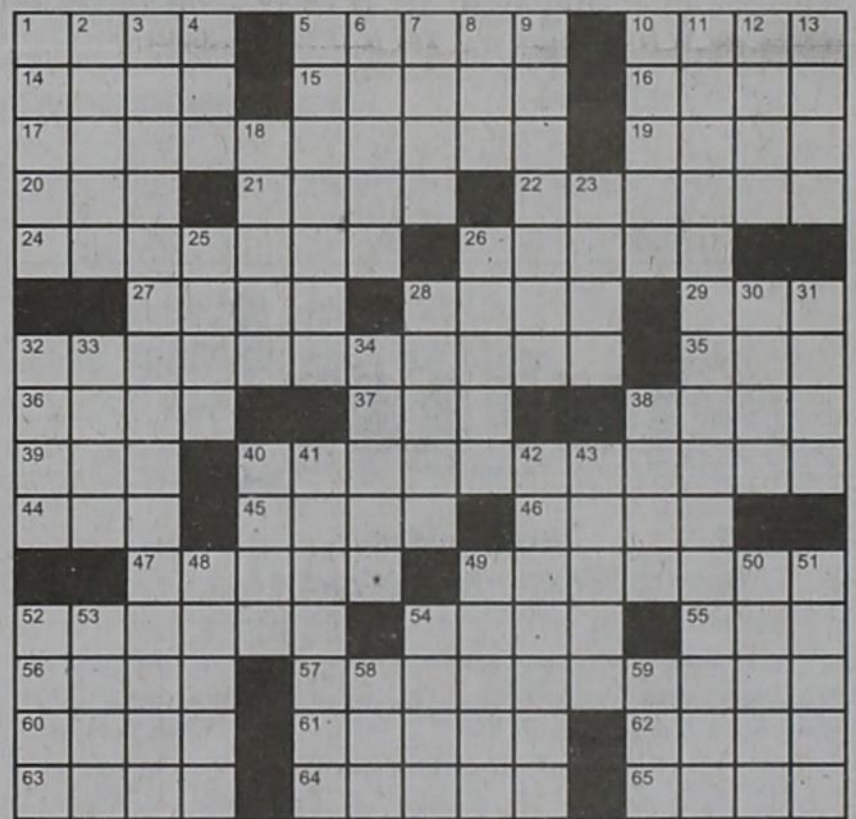
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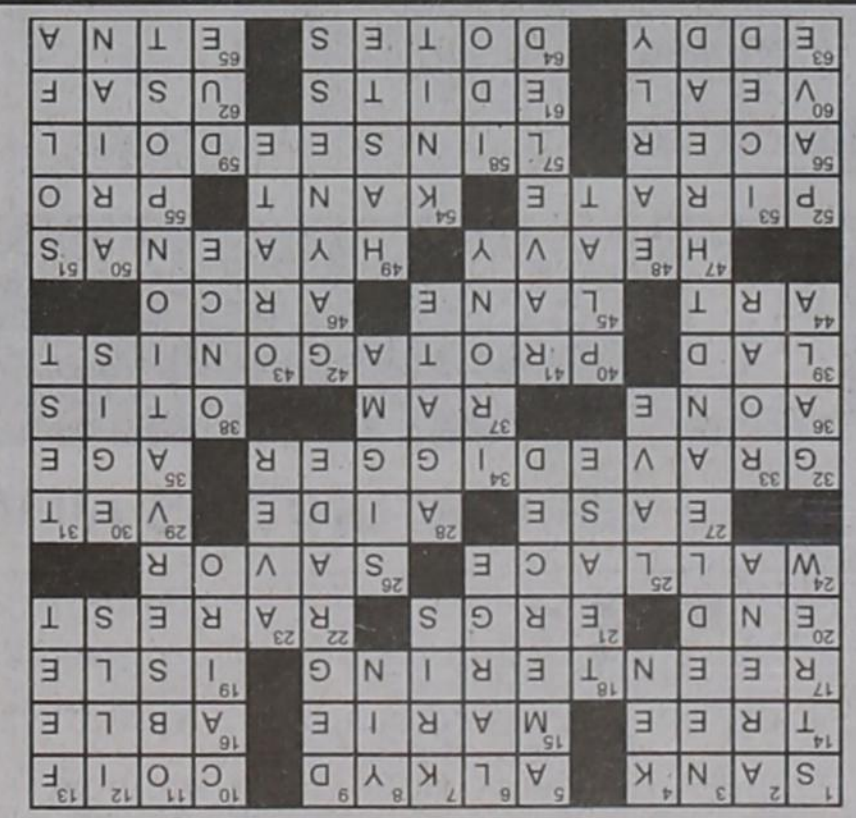
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Post Dispatch Weather Summary

Post's Seven Day Forecast

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Partly Cloudy 86 / 60	Mostly Sunny 84 / 56	Mostly Sunny 77 / 48	Mostly Sunny 70 / 43	Mostly Sunny 69 / 41	Mostly Sunny 74 / 45	Mostly Sunny 76 / 44

Local UV Index

0-2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11+

0-2: Low 3-5: Moderate 6-7: High 8-10: Very High 11+: Extreme Exposure

Weather Trivia

What is the driest spot in the United States?
Answer: Death Valley, California, with an average of 1.63 inches of rain per year.

Weather History

April 13, 1986 - A major spring storm quickly intensified, bringing blizzard conditions to much of the Northern Plains region. Up to 18 inches of snow was reported in North Dakota. In South Dakota, winds gusting to 90 mph whipped snow into drifts 15 feet high.

April 14, 1987 - A storm system moving slowly northeastward across the middle of the Mississippi Valley produced severe thunderstorms which spawned three tornadoes around Ottumwa, Iowa and produced up to four inches of rain in southeastern Nebraska.

Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 86°, humidity of 18%. South southwest wind 15 to 20 mph. The record high temperature for today is 101° set in 1972. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 60°. South southwest wind 15 to 20 mph. The record low for tonight is 24° set in 1997. Saturday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 84°, humidity of 18%. Southwest wind 25 to 30 mph. Skies will be mostly clear Saturday night with an overnight low of 56°.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	AM	PM	Day	AM	PM
Fri	5:06-7:06	5:36-7:36	Tue	8:12-10:12	8:42-10:42
Sat	5:56-7:56	6:26-8:26	Wed	8:54-10:54	9:24-11:24
Sun	6:44-8:44	7:14-9:14	Thu	9:37-11:37	10:07-12:07
Mon	7:28-9:28	7:58-9:58			

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Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Last 4/13	7:17 a.m.	8:15 p.m.	2:40 a.m.	1:29 p.m.
Fri	7:16 a.m.	8:16 p.m.	3:21 a.m.	2:30 p.m.
Sat	7:15 a.m.	8:17 p.m.	3:57 a.m.	3:29 p.m.
Mon	7:13 a.m.	8:17 p.m.	4:30 a.m.	4:26 p.m.
Tue	7:12 a.m.	8:18 p.m.	5:01 a.m.	5:22 p.m.
Wed	7:11 a.m.	8:19 p.m.	5:31 a.m.	6:17 p.m.
Thu	7:10 a.m.	8:20 p.m.	6:02 a.m.	7:11 p.m.

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days
4/3	71	40	71/41	0.00*	4/3 6 4/7 13
4/4	72	37	72/42	0.00*	4/4 4 4/8 14
4/5	81	38	72/42	0.00*	4/5 10 4/9 18
4/6	88	50	72/42	0.00*	4/6 19
4/7	70	56	72/43	0.00*	
4/8	76	51	73/43	0.00*	
4/9	84	53	73/43	0.44*	

Growing degree days are calculated by taking the average temperature for the day and subtracting the base temperature (50 degrees) from the average to assess how many growing days are obtained.

Soto deploys to South Korea



Courtesy Photo
Senior Airman James Soto of Post received an achievement certificate during a recent ceremony at Laughlin AFB in Del Rio.

Senior Airman James Soto, son of Jesse and Lydia Soto of Post, has been serving the U.S. Air Force at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio for the past four years.

In January, Soto was presented with an achievement certificate and medal.

He was deployed Sunday to South Korea for a one-year stint.

Soto is a 2005 graduate of Post High School and later attended the University of Texas-Permian Basin in Odessa before he joined the military.

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Spring at the O.S. Museum

By Wayne Hodgkin

Spring has sprung at the O.S. Ranch Museum, where "The Color of Spring" is now on display through May 31.

The exhibit, featuring a variety of beautiful birds, flowers and eggs, also showcases the museum's spectacular Faberge collection.

Museum director Marie Neff said the exhibit in the main gallery changes not only from season to season, but also year

to year.

"What someone saw last year and even the year before is not what is on display now," she said. "It is constantly changing. So those who haven't been to see us in a while — and even those who have — should come by."

The museum is open for public viewing from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday at 201 E. Main St.



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A late-18th century plate with a spring design, a glass egg in a basket-weave design from Herand of Hungary and a bird and iris porcelain sculpture from Lenox USA is showcased in one of the many display at the O.S. Ranch Museum.

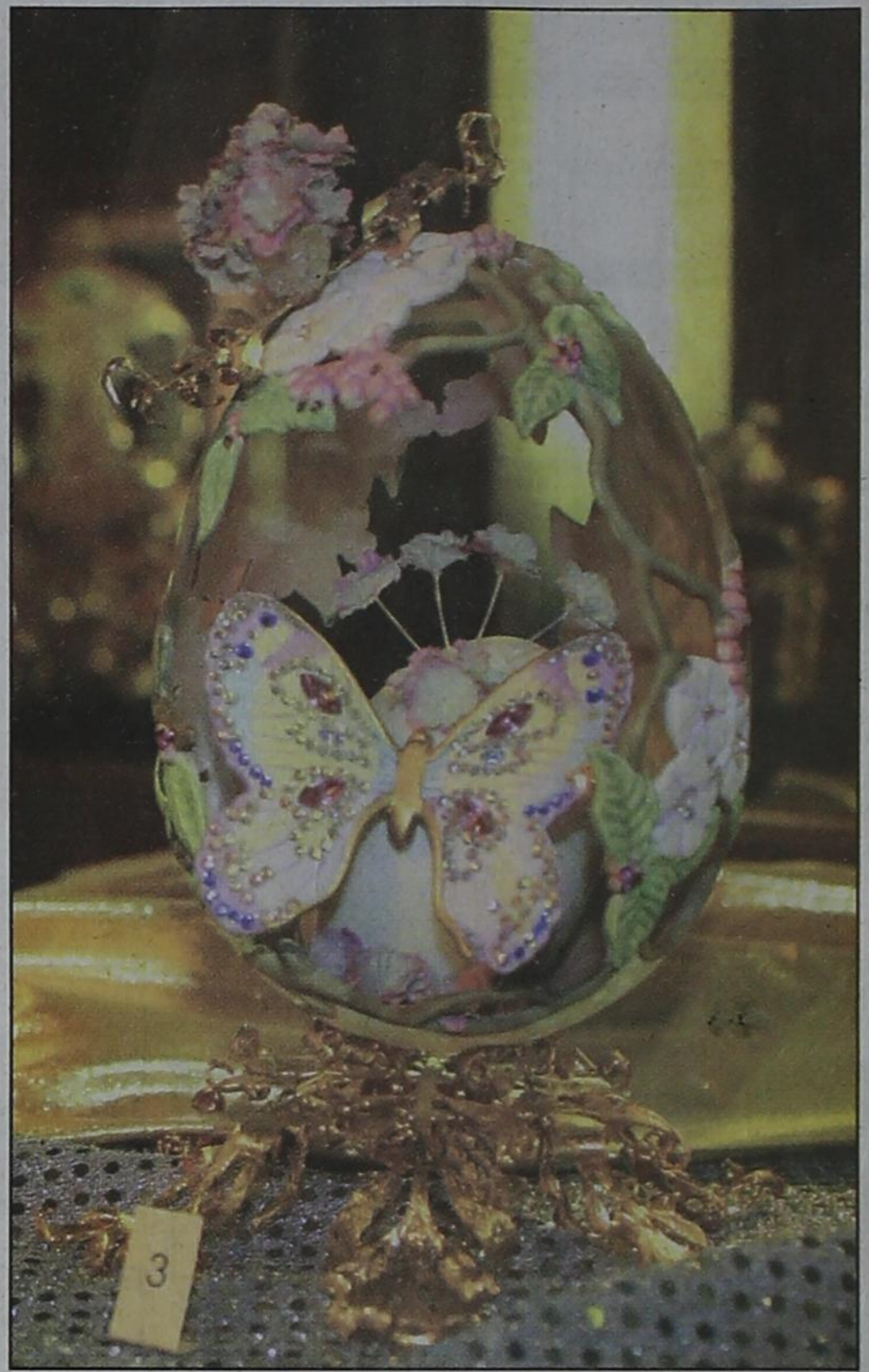


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This contemporary Faberge egg from Russia, called "The Secret Garden," is porcelain and Australian crystal.

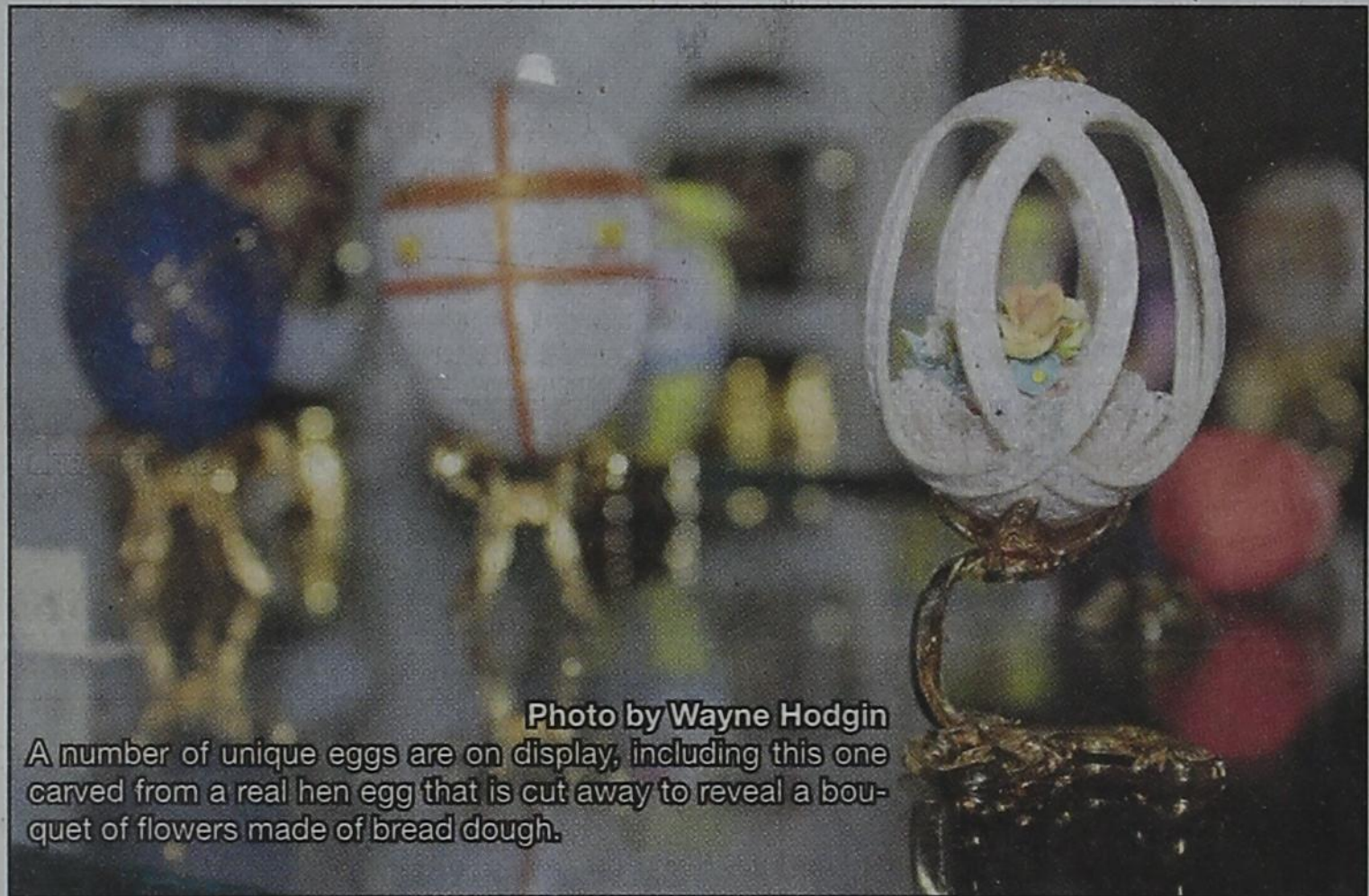


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A number of unique eggs are on display, including this one carved from a real hen egg that is cut away to reveal a bouquet of flowers made of bread dough.



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This fantastic sculpture by John Christopher White of Loveland, Colo., is carved from a single piece of juniper.



Citizen's Bank recognizes Kari Dunn, the only senior on the Post High School softball team.

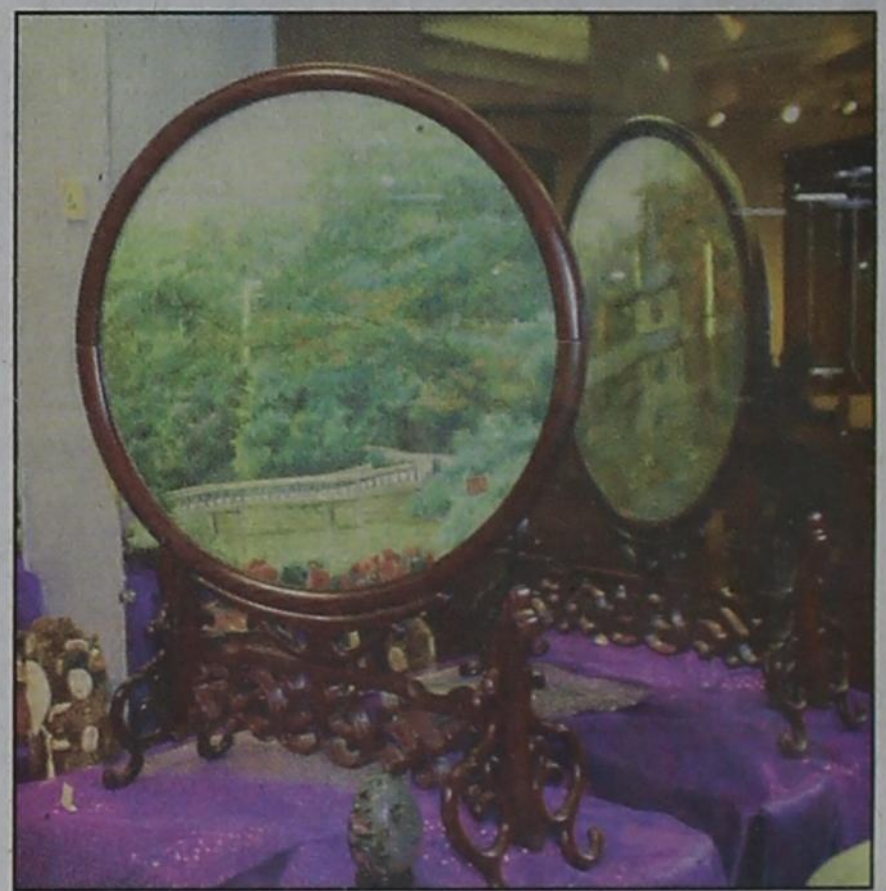


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