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12 to compete in 16 events at regionals

By Wayne Hodgin
The Post Dispatch

The Post High School track teams will venture into the region track meet in Odessa next weekend with no less than 12 competitors in 16 events.

At the District 3-AA meet April 13 in Denver City, both the varsity boys and girls teams placed second with 103 and 123 points, respectively.

For the boys team, once again senior standout Corbin McDonald lead the team individually with first-place finishes in the triple and high jumps. He also will advance in the 100-meter dash with a second-place finish in the district meet.

The top three finishers in each event will advance to the region meet.

McDonald also competed in two relay teams that will advance to region, including the 4-by-100, along with teammates Darren Brown, Nathaniel Gill and Steven Howard, and the 4-by-200 with Vance Blair, Matthew Soto and Brown.

Brown also will advance individually in the 200-meter dash with his second-place finish at the district meet.

In field events, Travis Greathouse will compete at region after placing second in the discus. Blair will join him at region in the pole vault event, in which he also placed second at district.

The girls also had a fine showing with top individual performances by Haily Berry in the 200-meter dash, triple jump and long jump.

Matti Smith will join Berry at regionals in the 200-meter dash as she placed third in the district meet. Kelbie Oden also will join Berry in the long jump event as she also placed third at district.

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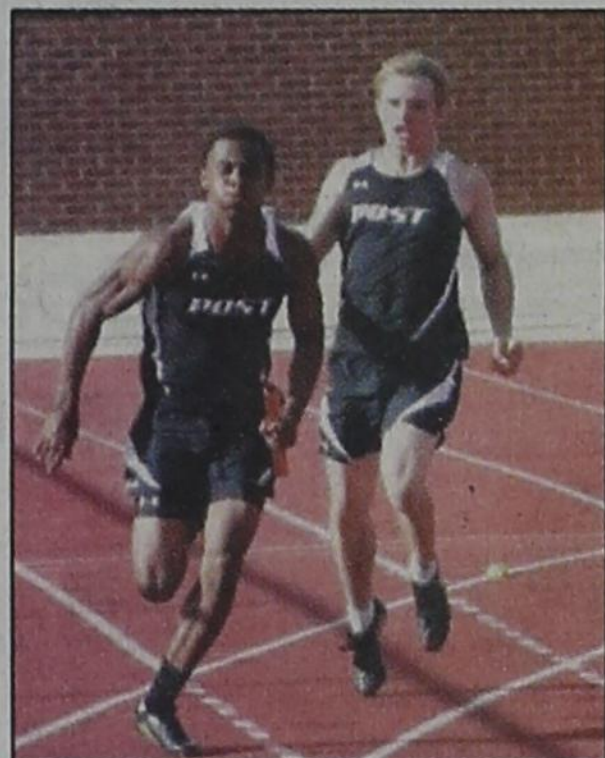
Corbin McDonald takes his last leap in the triple event at the District 3-AA track meet April 13 in Denver City. McDonald placed first in the event and will advance to the region meet.



(Above) Haily Berry and Mattie Smith make the last exchange in the varsity girls 4-by-100 sprint relay at the District 3-AA track meet April 13 in Denver City. The team, along with Bethany Curtis and Kelbie Oden will advance to region with a second-place finish at the district meet.



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Steven Howard and Corbin McDonald make the last exchange in the varsity boys 4-by-100 spring relay to place first in the event at the District 3-AA meet April 13 in Denver City.



(Above) Haily Berry takes a leap during the triple jump April 13 at the District 3-AA track meet in Denver City. Her jump of 37 feet, 4.5 inches broke her own school record.

(Left) Sophomore Alexis Ramirez set a school record and was named the District 3-AA champion in the shot put competition April 13 in Denver City.

Doling of hotel-motel tax funds questioned

By Wayne Hodgin
The Post Dispatch

The process by which local entities acquire their share of the city's hotel-motel tax dominated the Post City Council meeting Thursday night.

Local businessman Jackie Cruse, owner of J. Cruse Christmas Gallery and president of the Post City Festivals organization, called into question the city's policies when it comes to not only distributing the tax dollars but also how it's decided which organizations receive the money.

Entities wishing for funding are advised of the guidelines and must apply for funding, and then a tax-over-sight committee approves the application and sends it on to the City Council for final funding approval.

Cruse was approved to receive \$4,500 this current fiscal year for the Post City Festivals' Christmas light show. Although the show did not happen this past Christmas, he was told by city officials his organization still could use the funding.

However, when word circulated Cruse was going to use the money for a themed event his organization is planning in May, the news didn't sit well with some members of the hotel-occupancy tax committee.

Mayor Thressa Harp, who chairs the committee, at Thursday's meeting told Cruse the money was allocated based on a specific proposal he pitched to the tax committee and that he would need to submit a new proposal.

"The only thing he had to do, or that we requested he do, was to come back to the

committee with a new proposal," Harp said. "There's a certain protocol that we follow to ensure the system is fair to all organizations wishing to receive a slice of the pie. I feel this is the fairest way. I don't think we could do it any better."

Cruse also questioned the guidelines by which the committee, or the council for that matter, oversees how the money is spent.

"To me it seems the process is more subjective than not," Cruse said after the meeting. "Yes, there are certain guidelines the committee says must be met, but there also seem to be some unspoken guidelines not exactly spelled out in the criteria."

"It seems to me and to others in this community, especially to some of our downtown businesses, that the rules are being applied to certain individuals and entities but not on the whole."

During the meeting, Cruse also questioned the makeup of the committee.

"There is no one on that committee that represents the downtown merchants or business in general," he said.

Mayor Harp said while there might not be anyone specifically that represents businesses in general, "there are people that are business-minded."

"My heart is not against any one of any organization," she said. "There is a certain protocol to be followed to ensure fairness."

After a few unsettling minutes of lively discussion during the council meeting, Cruse abruptly left the podium and walked out of the room, apparently unhappy

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Rotary's barbecue event receives statewide acclaim



Photo by Wayne Hodgin/The Post Dispatch

Kerry Dixon, chairman of the Smokin' in the Park fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Post, presents President Marie Neff with a signed proclamation Tuesday from Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, recognizing the annual barbecue event as an official state championship cookoff as sanctioned by the Lone Star Barbecue Society.

By Wayne Hodgin
The Post Dispatch

Members of the Rotary Club of Post received a surprise during their weekly luncheon and meeting Tuesday in the form of a proclamation by State Sen. Robert Duncan, proclaiming the organization's annual barbecue a statewide event.

Kerry Dixon, chairman of the now second-annual Smokin' in the Park event, said the designation will allow the event to continue growing bigger and better each year.

"This is really a big deal," he said. "You can't have a state championship event without a proclamation from the state."

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Water negotiations in jeopardy

By Wayne Hodgin
The Post Dispatch

As far as Post officials are concerned, it's back to the drawing board in negotiations with the White River Municipal Water District on a new contract that will carry city water customers through the next few years.

During Thursday's City Council meeting, City Manager Arbie Taylor told council members that water officials had notified him of a change to the contract that may have thrown the entire negotiations in jeopardy.

"We were so very close to an agreement, and then we got nailed with this new stipulation that they want all the municipalities to agree to a minimum monthly payment for the water

district's debt service fund and a minimum monthly payment to the district operations and maintenance fund," Taylor said after the meeting. "That's something we just can't abide by."

At issue, Taylor said, is if in the unforeseeable future the White River Reservoir dries up, the city would be contractually liable to continue making payments for water it is not receiving.

"The district's bond attorney has made significant fundamental changes to the contract, which was nearly ready to be approved, taking us back several steps in this long, arduous process," Taylor said. "We're now having to trudge back through issues that were hammered out months ago."

The five-year contract expired last summer, and the city has been operating on a month-to-month basis under the old contract until a new one can be approved.

Tom Fulton, general manager of the water plant, said the board continues to make progress on a contract that will enable all four of the municipalities the reservoir serves — Post, Crosbyton, Ralls and Spur — to be in a better bargaining position to be a major player in the West Texas water wars.

"To be able to position ourselves to better serve our district, we have to secure funds to make major infrastructure improvements to

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New Rotary member



Photo Special to the Dispatch

Wayne Hodgin, right, editor of the Post Dispatch was inducted as a new member of the Rotary Club of Post during the civic club's weekly luncheon and meeting Tuesday. He is pictured with Membership Chairman Bill Pool and President Marie Neff. The club meets at noon every Tuesday.

City sales tax revenue up nearly 7 percent

Numbers for the first quarter show a near 62 percent gain

By Wayne Hodgin
The Post Dispatch

Total sales tax collections in March for the city of Post jumped about 6.8 percent, compared with March 2011.

Total collections were \$78,918, up more than \$5,000 over the same period last year.

Although collections for March increased, compared with last month's collections are down considerably. February numbers showed collections at \$109,197, a more than \$15,000 increase over February 2011, or a 16.2 percent.

January numbers also showed a substan-

tial increase.

Statewide, total sales tax collections for March jumped 16.9 percent, compared with March 2011, marking the 24th consecutive month of year-over-year gains.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs attributed the gains to strong collections in oil and gas-related sectors, as well as growth in revenues from retail and restaurants.

The comptroller will distribute \$488.7 million in sales tax allocations to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, an increase of 17 percent compared with April 2011.

Total collections for the quarter — January through March — in the city of Post were up 61.5 percent over the same period in 2011, or \$106,109.

By the numbers

A look at sales tax collections for the city of Post: March 2012 compared to March 2011.

	2011	2012	% change
January	\$71,307	\$90,654	27%
February	\$93,963	\$109,197	16%
March	\$73,900	\$78,918	7%

OBITUARY

A.J. Baumann, 78, of Post died Wednesday, April 12, 2002. Survivors include wife, Norma, of Post; three children; six grandchildren. Services were Saturday at Holy Cross Catholic Church with burial in Terrance Cemetery.

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Board OKs new computers for mid-, upper-level students

Policy could allow seniors to purchase machines upon graduation

By Wayne Hodgin
The Post Dispatch

The Post ISD school board has approved allowing system officials to lease 265 new computers for the junior high and high school for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Superintendent Mike Comeaux told school board members during their regular meeting Thursday the system received a grant a number of years ago to purchase a new Apple Macbook for each junior high student, but the computers were now outdated and causing more upkeep issues than feasible.

"The computers they have now are pretty outdated and are routinely needing maintenance and upkeep," Comeaux said.

The four-year lease for the new Dell laptops comes with "bumper-to-bumper warranties," Comeaux said, at a cost for about \$75,000 a year.

"Although the cost is 26.4 percent higher than it would be if we purchased the machines outright, the complete

bumper-to-bumper warranty throughout the lifespan of the lease agreement I believe is well worth the extra cost," Comeaux said.

Of the computers, 205 will go to the junior high, with 25 of those to teachers, and 60 new laptops will go to each new freshman at the high school.

Comeaux said his staff was exploring options such as providing one computer for each freshman to use throughout his or her high school years, and then possibly offering those students the chance to purchase that computer at a reduced rate upon successful graduation.

"That way they'll have the same computer their entire tenure through high school and wouldn't have to become accustomed to a new one each year," Comeaux said. "After they've had it for four years, the lease would be up, and they could have the opportunity to purchase the machine for use in college, and we can recoup some of the money to put toward a new set of computers."

No firm decisions were made on a computer take-

home policy, although Comeaux said in the past when students were allowed to take computers home, the school's information technology department would receive more work orders for computer maintenance.

"That's something we can explore on down the line," he said.

In other business, the board:

- Approved the acceptance of an energy-efficient grant from the State Energy Conservation Office in the amount of \$100,000 that will be used to purchase new heating, ventilation and air-conditioning units for the campus.

- Approved deferring implementation of a state law that required end-of-course tests for high school students to count as 15 percent of their final grade. The action is just for the current academic year and follows similar action by Southland ISD and other systems throughout the state.

- Approved hiring the Lubbock-based accounting firm of Terry & King to perform the system's annual audit.

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 Suzanne Somers

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

ANSWER:

Ministry helps family



Photo Submitted by Mike Holly

Unchained Ministries recently presented the family of J.D. Forder, center, with a check for \$2,500 to go toward his medical expenses. He was scheduled to have a hip-replacement surgery Wednesday in Lubbock. The ministry raised money through a raffle for a 42-inch, flat-panel television and through a bake sale during Trade Days earlier this month. J.D. is shown her with his mother, Lakeisha Jones, sister Vivian

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4-H fashion show



Photo submitted by Nancy McDonald
Audree Williams, shown here in a unique and versatile dress of her own pattern and design, placed second in the Construction Dressy category recently in the District 2 4-H Fashion Show Story Board Contest in Abernathy. Williams also took first place in the non-wearable category, and Kelbie Oden received third place in the wearable category. Both girls will advance to state competition in June at the 4-H Roundup at Texas Tech University.

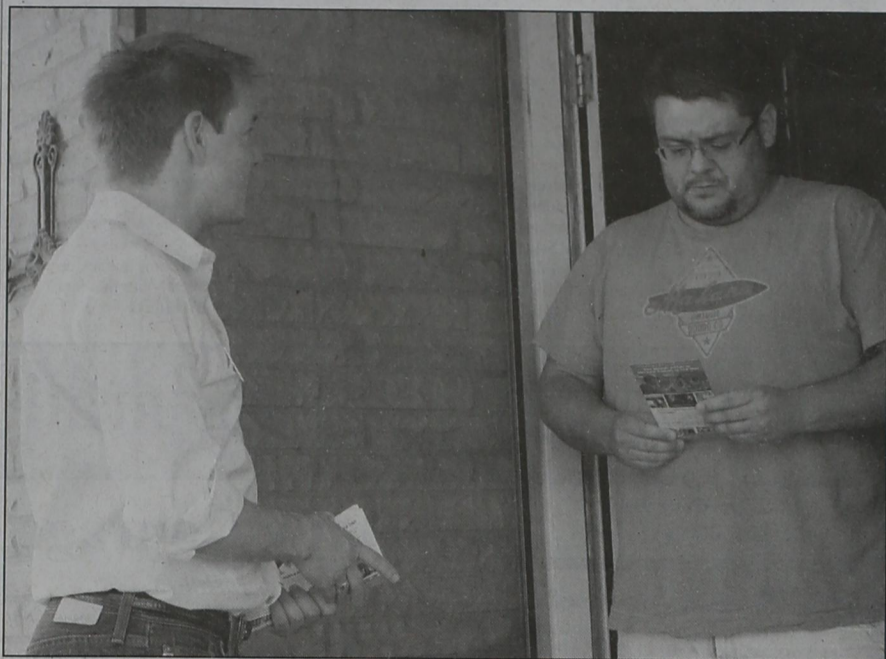


Photo by Elizabeth Moreno
Trent McKnight, left, of Throckmorton was in Post on Sunday afternoon going door-to-door meeting voters, such as Mitch Day, shown here, and distributing information about his candidacy for Texas House District 68 representative.

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Thank You

The family of A.J. Baumann wants to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to each and everyone for all they have done during our long ordeal. To all the churches that added us to their prayer list, for prayer is what sustained us. All the calls, cards, visits, food, and floral arrangements are greatly appreciated. What a GREAT community we live in!

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

We have had some pretty good weather lately and gotten a little moisture, although we can always use more. We are thankful for what we have gotten. Saturday night's little hail storm was a surprise. We didn't see that one coming. Keep good weather and moisture in your daily prayers.

Odee Roberts Kemp enjoyed a full weekend of celebrating her 96th birthday. Many of her family members gathered to attend the show at Ragtown Theatre, where her son Jimmy performed Saturday night. Afterward everyone gathered back at Johnny and Nancy's for cake and gifts. Sunday after church they all met at Joe and Beth's for lunch.

Helping Odee to celebrate were her children; Johnny and Nancy Kemp, Joe and Beth Cook and Jimmy Kemp; grandchildren Becky, Jana and husband, Scott, and Krista; great-grandchildren Grant, Rachel, Ben and Klyde; nephew Barry and his wife.

Krista asked Odee what she has done to live such a long productive life, and without missing a beat she flippantly

replied, "I just kept breath'n."

Odee only has one complaint in life — she doesn't like using her walker. She says it makes her look old.

Happy birthday, Odee, from all of us in Close City, also known as Ragtown. We can't wait to see how you celebrate No. 97.

I left out Ronnie and Diane Graves as a contributor to our bingo. They were supposed to come and help, but Karsen ended up having a game that day so she won out over bingo. Anyway, thanks to Ronnie and Diane for donated the baked goods and the watch as one of our prizes.

Bobby Terry came out with his brother Mack. It was good to see both of them. Jake came in with Pawpaw Jack to have a snack. So glad Mr. Jake is back to his ol' self.

Quote of the week: "Let your faith be bigger than your fear."

Did you know: The fear of touching money is called chrematophobia. Seriously, who really has that fear?

April 21: Susan Gonzales, RayDon Underwood

April 22: Ronnie Gradine, Dalton Thuett

April 23: Kristi Morris, Jane Terry

April 25: Kenith Bullard

We do have some a few families with those who are not feeling well and some who 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.

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

Weekly Inspirations

Daily Courage

Read *Joshua 1:1-9*

Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.
- *Joshua 1:9 (NIV)*

As I waited for my husband to complete his rigorous physical-therapy regimen, a poster in the office caught my eye. It said, "Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, 'I will try again tomorrow.'" (words of Mary Anne Radmacher)

Few of us will be called to do something as heroic as saving a child from a burning building, donating our bone marrow, or giving our life for our faith. But many of us will be called to live patiently with a handicap, to do our best at a frustrating job, or to love as Christ would even those whose apparent aim is to cause us misery. Those situations call for daily courage.

Whatever our circumstances, we can take heart from God's words to Joshua: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Whether our daily challenge is a stressful job, a stubborn child, or the struggle to recover from an illness or addiction, God is with us. We can turn to God for the courage to try again tomorrow.

Lisa Stackpole (Wisconsin, USA)

Prayer: Dear Lord, give us the courage to live as you would have us live, every day. 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."

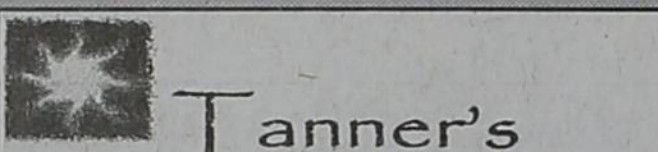
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The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch



The Paperboy

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

All four women at the next table have had knee replacements. That's how I'm hearing it. I feel left out.

If I came to this coffee-house to gain inspiration, it's working.

They're sharing the cards they carry. Apparently, if you've got metal knees, you need an "I've-got-metal-knees" card to get through airport security. Makes sense.

They're comparing other cards, each trying to trump the other with the most impressive medical condition. If they weren't laughing, I might be able to hear better. Or if I had a hearing aid.

I could use a knee too. A left knee.

Now they're gone. Except for me, the only people left are serious-looking young people interacting with their laptops.

But what do I know? Maybe the somber young latte-sippers are connecting with their own kind via social media and for some reason they're not smiling about it. They look sad compared to the jovial silver-haired women, who sat at their table so long they had trouble straightening out

their creaky bones to hobble out.

Nothing beats ... PHONE CALL.

Well, we'll never know how I meant to finish that sentence. That's how it is with short-term memory loss.

As for the call, I got looks from some other customers when I answered too loudly to suit them. Not to worry. I promptly took my conversation outside to keep from disturbing their peace.

Is it my imagination, or is the current generation a bit on the introverted side? Or do they simply give that impression because they prefer texting to talking and Facebooking to being face to face? Maybe they are absolutely the most social generation ever, but could they keep that title if they didn't have smart phones and computers?

Where do the rest of us fit in the overall scheme? Would we have conventional social skills if we hadn't been forced to develop them in the absence of smart phones? And are we losing them?

Here's a litmus test: Given the choice, would

you rather check yourself out at Wal-Mart or deal with a cashier?

I'll admit to preferring self-checkout. No interaction required.

A friend of mine once confessed to paying more for gasoline at the only place in town that took her debit card because she liked the impersonality of the whole process. That's when credit and debit card-accepting gas pumps were the exception. Now they're the rule.

Comparing today to even longer ago, would you really want to pull into a gas station now to have some eager friendly young guy smiling at you and asking if you want regular or ethyl before attacking your windshield with water and a raggedy chamois and asking how much air goes in your tires and pointing to your dipstick to prove you're a quart low? Where are those guys today?

Wherever they are, a lot of them probably don't still have their original knees or their pocket air gauges.

If there's one thing they do still have, I'm guessing it's social skills. Just guessing.

Sometimes you get to enjoy something special. Something that catches you off guard in a good way.

I serve on the Childress Chamber of Commerce Board and had the privilege Monday to serve lunch to a couple of hundred visiting FFA and 4-H students from across the state of Texas.

To say I was impressed with the behavior of these individuals would be an understatement. They were courteous, professional, confident ... everything positive you can imagine was encompassed by these individuals.

Don't get me wrong. I see plenty of good kids in every town I'm familiar with. I guess the difference is I usually don't see that many strong personalities concentrated in such a small area.

I suppose I'm old-fashioned, but I firmly believe our society is stronger when our youth are continuously surrounded by adults who place expectations upon them.

I have yet to meet a small child who did not respond positively to love, encouragement and discipline.

In our society, we have a multitude of single moms. I have three in my own family, and I see the struggles of raising children under these circumstances first hand. Since this is part of our society, it is imperative that the men in our communities take the lead and become involved with our youth.

When you think about it, we have no excuse for our children to achieve any less than what their God-given abilities allow them to. I encourage every single hard-working man out there to consider getting involved and staying involved with our youth. It is impossible to realize the difference we can make when children understand they have not only our support, but our love.

My hat is off to the FFA and 4-H organizations for helping students reach a level of maturity that gives them a leg up when dealing with adults and other matters.

It us up to us as fathers and grandfathers to see that all children are held to such stan-

dards and are given the tools and support to get there. The longer we wait, the more children we lose...

If you text and drive, or conduct other business on your mobile phones, you need to stop.

We've all done it. Sometimes it's hard not to. But I promise it is far better to make someone wait on a text or to call them than it is to kill someone.

Distracted driving is a big deal, and we cannot get this bad habit corrected soon enough.

What is distracted driving? All distractions endanger driver, passenger, and bystander safety. These types of distractions include:

- Texting
- Using a cell phone or smartphone
- Eating and drinking
- Talking to passengers
- Grooming
- Reading, including maps
- Using a navigation system
- Watching a video
- Adjusting a radio, CD player, or MP3 player

However, text messaging requires visual, manual, and cognitive attention from the driver, it is by far the most alarming distraction.

• In 2009, 5,474 people were killed in crashes involving driver distraction, and an estimated 448,000 were injured.

• 16 percent of fatal crashes in 2009 involved reports of distracted driving.

• 20 percent of injury crashes in 2009 involved reports of distracted driving.

• In the month of June 2011, more than 196 billion text messages were sent or received in the US, up nearly 50 percent from June 2009.

• Teen drivers are more likely than other age groups to be involved in a fatal crash where distraction is reported. In 2009, 16% of teen drivers involved in a fatal crash were reported to have been distracted.

LEGENDS: Dentistry in Garza County continued

By Linda Puckett

(Editor's note: The following column is part two of a two-part series.)

In the mid- or late-1930s the Dental Division of the U.S. Health Department together with the State Dental Department were making surveys over the state to determine the effect of fluorine in the drinking water.

Dentists throughout the state were asked to examine school children's teeth for cavities. One survey disclosed that in one sixth-grade class, there was an average of 12 cavities per child. At that time, the only known remedy for excessive fluorine in the water was distillation, and parents might be advised to use bottle water for pre-school age children.

I'm probably the only person in Post that is irritated by the consistent "fashion fad" of carrying around a bottle of water. Some bottles are even prettier than others. What is the deal? Most of us have a water machine in our business, every restaurant and home has water available, yet at every meeting or gathering it seems people fear dying of thirst, for there they are with their trusty bottle of water to last through a one-hour meeting or function.

I'm not oblivious to the need to show caution when drinking water in foreign countries such as Hua-Hin, Thailand, or Cancun, Mexico, or in blistering heat — that's when bottle water is a necessity. Just had to share that opinion, sorry. Now back to the story.

Then along came the war years of the Second World War. Dr. Young was declared unavailable for military service from the Procurement and Assignment Branch of the National Draft Board, stating he was needed at home more than the armed services. At the beginning of the war there were five dentists in Snyder, but before the war was over there weren't any. For some two years or more Dr. Young was the only dentist between Sweetwater and Lubbock on the main line of the Santa Fe.

One story that happened during the war years was when a woman called from

another town saying she had some dental trouble and could Dr. Young possibly see her that day. She said she could come down on the train.

"Madam, I cannot possibly see you before 11:30 tonight," Dr. Young told her after looking at his appointment book.

"Good," she said, "I'll be there," and hung up before he could reply. She came. Trains were running then, but gasoline was rationed.

After the war, there was a trend for dentists to locate in the metropolitan areas, and one after another of the smaller towns were left without dental care. Since the death of the two dentists in nearby Spur, they were faced with the need of a dentist to locate there.

One of the nicer things to happened to Dr. Young in his practice was the coming of Dr. Fred Willard, who was associated with him for about a year in 1964 and 1965. The doctor and his wife, Colleen, and young son William were making a real place in our community. Then in 1965 an opportunity to buy an office in New Braunfels was offered to him. The offer was too good to turn down. Needless to say the Young family and the community accepted their loss with regrets and wished the Willard's God-speed in their new venture.

Dr. Young served the community well in his chosen profession. It had been satisfying work in many ways, in that he has lived up to the oath he took when he passed the Dental School Board, promising to serve his patients to the best of his ability, in caring for their dental needs, regardless of the hour of the day or day of the week.

Then later, along came Dr. Charles McCook.

Hmmmm, that's another story about a man who brings character to every visit, so much that you forget why you are there. That really is a good thing. See you next week.

Linda Puckett is the director of the Garza County Museum.

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- Away from wind
- Japanese socks
- Maidenhair or staghorn
- Miniature racing vehicle
- The absence of war
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- A single unit
- Auditory organ
- Engaging in war
- "16 Candles" actress Curtis
- Haywire
- Relating to endocrine secretions
- Lake Champlain Fort
- Spiced hot milk with rum
- Small children
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SCHOOLS

7 advance in UIL academics

Seven students from Post High School will advance to the University Interscholastic League Regional Academic Meet today in Odessa.

Each student placed in the top three in their events at the April 3 district contest. Only the top three finishers advance.

• Audree Williams, junior, first place in literary criticism and social studies and second

place in computer applications.

• Katie Dunn, sophomore, third place in news writing.

• Kari Dunn, senior, third place in features writing.

• Taylor Osborn, sophomore, second place in headline writing.

• Haily Berry, junior, second place in current events and issues

• Steven Howard, junior,

second place in persuasive speaking.

• Zach Hinkle, second place in accounting.

Those students who also participated in the district meet were junior Isaac Stern, who placed fourth in persuasive speaking, and sophomore Sara Greer, who placed sixth in prose interpretation.

Wayne Hodgins



Photo by Amanda Chapa/Special to the Dispatch

A number of Post High School students competed recently in the District UIL Academic Meet in Denver City. Students who placed in the top three of their event will advance to the regional meet Saturday in Odessa. Pictured are: Isaac Stern, Audree Williams, Sara Greer, Katie Dunn, Kari Dunn, Taylor Osborn, Haily Berry, Steven Howard. Not pictured is Zach Hinkle.



Photo submitted by Cheryl Gill

The Post ISD fifth- and sixth-grade girls basketball team placed third in the Tri-County All-Star Basketball Tournament in Abernathy last weekend. Pictured are: (top row) Sydney Quinn, Paige Ayala, Kamryn Perez, Shailey Miller and Miranda Perez; (bottom row) Willow Gray, Brianna Casillas, Krystal Rodriguez, Jessica Farris, Cayce Holson and Leslie Gill.

Post team takes third in hoops tourney

By Chrystal Holson

Special to the Post Dispatch

The Post fifth- and sixth-grade girls basketball team played in the Tri-County All-Star Basketball Tournament last weekend in Abernathy.

The girls won third place in the tournament out of 11 teams.

In the first game, Post defeated Hale Center and went

on to beat Cotton Center in the second game April 13. On Saturday, the girls' team won the first game against Abernathy but lost the second game to Idalou.

The girls returned to Abernathy on Sunday to play for a chance to go to the championship game, but lost to Lubbock Roosevelt by a score of 27-17, which resulted in the team winning third place

over all.

The Post team will see action again this weekend as they make the trip to Lubbock to compete in the Southwest Hoops Tournament.

Players include Paige Ayala, Kamryn Perez, Willow Gray, Krystal Rodriguez, Jessica Farris, Caycee Holson, Shailey Miller, Leslie Gill, Brianna Casillas, Sydney Quinn and Miranda Perez.

Menus

Week of April 23-27

Southland ISD

Breakfast

Monday: Waffles, bacon, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday: Breakfast

quesadilla, fruit, juice, milk
Wednesday: Breakfast pizza, cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

Thursday: Breakfast burrito, fruit, juice, milk

Friday: Biscuits, sausage, gravy, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday: Hamburger, ranch-flavored potatoes, lettuce, pickles, tomatoes, carrots with ranch, chocolate pudding, milk

Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, fresh fruit, bread stick, milk

Wednesday: Nachos grande, refried beans, lettuce and tomatoes, fruit, chocolate cake, milk

Thursday: Frito pie, corn, lettuce and tomatoes, fruit

cup, milk

Friday: Barbecue on a bun, baked beans, baked chips, pickle spear, pineapple, milk

Post ISD

Breakfast

Monday: Biscuits, sausage, gravy, fruit, milk

Tuesday: Doughnuts, sausage links, fruit, milk

Wednesday: Oatmeal, bacon, toast, fruit, milk

Thursday: Cinnamon toast, syrup, fruit, milk

Friday: Cereal, graham cracker, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday: Popcorn chicken, broccoli and rice with cheese, garden salad, blushing pears, cornbread, milk

Tuesday: Pizza, garden salad, orange wedges, gingerbread, milk

Wednesday: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy,

green beans, hot roll, juice bar, milk

Thursday: Chicken quesadilla, pinto beans, seasoned corn, apricot cobbler, milk

Friday: Sloppy joes, pickle spear, corn on the cobb, fresh apple, multigrain chips, milk

Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center

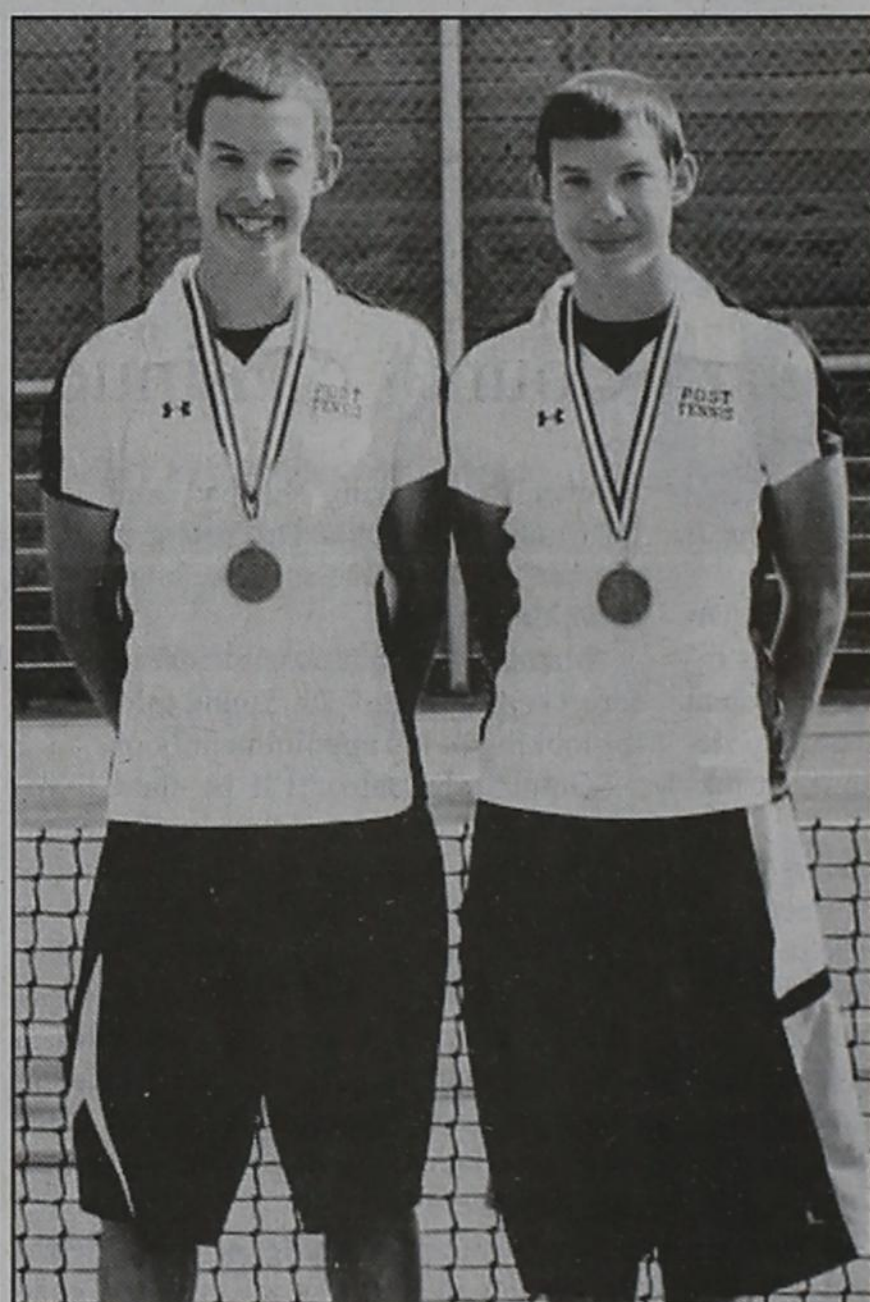
Monday: Chicken strips, baked potato, peas and carrots, strawberries, milk

Tuesday: Lasagna, garlic bread, Brussels sprouts, pears, milk

Wednesday: Roast beef, baked potato, carrots, roll, chocolate pudding, milk

Thursday: Sloppy joes, potato salad, carrots, zucchini, ambrosia, milk

Friday: Beef taco bake, Spanish rice, cauliflower, salad, apple crisp, milk



Courtesy Photo

Regional tennis qualifiers Tavish and Taylor Soto were named district champions in doubles tennis. They competed Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week at the regionals event in Odessa.



Coach's Corner

by Steve Smith

RESPOND, DON'T REACT TO LIFE

"Our lives are not determined by what happens to us. But by how we react to what happens. Not by what life brings to us, but by the attitude we bring to life."

You go to a doctor and he prescribes a medicine and then tells you to come back in a few days. When you return, he tells you "Oh, no, you are

having a reaction to the medicine, we must change your prescription," that is a bad thing. If, however, when you return, the doc says, "Good, you are responding to the medicine," that is good.

It is not what happens to us that causes us to succeed or fail, it is the attitude and the method we use to respond that contributes to success or

failure.

If a baseball player strikes out and he throws his helmet down and mopes back to the dugout, is he reacting or responding to the situation?

If a baseball player, after he strikes out, hustles back to the bench, encourages a teammate, and after the game takes extra batting practice, then he is responding posi-

tively to the situation.

If you were about to get on a plane and an announcement came over the speaker that the flight was being delayed, most people would groan and get cranky, but if you jumped up and yelled yippee, you would probably garner some weird looks.

You see, if a flight is being delayed, there is probably

something wrong with the plane, the person flying the plane, or with the weather where the plane is going. If that is the case I would be thrilled to be safely on the ground until the problem is resolved.

You know, there are a lot of things we cannot control. If we were born white, we are going to stay white. If we were born black, we are going to stay black. In fact, we cannot change where, when, how or to whom we were born.

You can't even change a

whisper about yesterday, but when something happens in your life that is not favorable, you can choose to react — negative — or you can choose to respond — positive.

Your response will determine your attitude the rest of the day, week and year, but if you choose to react, you just put a barrier on what you are able to do.

Steve Smith is athletic director for Post ISD. Email him at ssmith@postisd.net.

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Yesteryears

10 Years Ago
April 22, 1992

After almost 30 years of guiding the Post Independent School District, superintendent Bill Shiver announced last week his plans to retire. Post High School senior, Shannon T. Scott, chose the three years in the Army on March 27. PHS senior Shannon, the 18 year old son of William and Grace Scott of Post, delayed his active duty, U.S. Army Service, until June after his high school graduation.

Jimmy Baker, serviceman at Post, will be retiring from SPS Company on Thursday, April 30, 1992 with 40 years.

The Post Antelopes varsity and junior varsity track teams won the district 4AA championships last Thursday at Sundown as the varsity captured the trophy with 117 points. Henry Reed and Ricky Jefferson broke school records during the meet as Reed shattered the 100 meter record and Jefferson setting a new triple jump record.

Congratulations went out to the district 4AA champion's varsity girls' golf team. The team consisted of Raeline Bagby, Misty Bartlett, Cathi Cash, Cara Cash, Tony Harp and Holly Hardin.

Marine Pvt. Benjamin Vargas son of Felipe G. and Aurora S. Vargas of Post, recently completed recruit training. Vargas was a 1991 graduate of PHS.

20 Years Ago
April 22, 1982

Miss Candance McConnell drama and speech teacher at Post High School has been honored by being chosen by the State UIL Executive Council as one the judges for

UIL State meet. Winning the Little Mr. and Mrs. Post contest last Saturday night were Brandy Morris, runner-up; Amanda Holly, Little Miss Post; Roger Daugherty, Little Mr. Post, and Jayson Fry, runner-up. Taking honors home for Post's Mini Mr. and Miss Post were Heather Mason, runner-up, Devin Odom, Mini Miss Post; Aaron Woods, Mini Mr. Post and Cody Ferguson, runner-up.

Remember Mumble Ty-Peg? Well the game was renewed this year at Post High and following a tournament, which included 16 boys and one girl. Patti Ann McClellan, 18 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mason McClellan reigns supreme. Keith Dwaine North, and employee of the Texas Department of Highways, was killed in an accident when he was hit by a pickup pulling a two-horse trailer. Mr. North was repairing pot-holes at the time.

30 Years Ago
April 20, 1972

Burlington Industries is purchasing approximately 197 acres, immediately adjoining its Postex Plant on the southeast from Post-Montgomery Estate for construction of its new waste treatment facility which will be ready for use in about six months. Grand Lott will hold a one-day grand opening sale Saturday for his White Auto Store in its new and larger quarters at 207 East Main. "Little Mr. and Miss Post" winners this year are Stacy Kendrick and Arthur Striblin, with Melissa Striblin and Wade Giddens as runners-up. Sherry White was elected Post High School Choir queen in a penny-a-vote contest that ended Saturday night, the same night of the choir's talent Contest.

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Dixon said the event is sanctioned by the Lone Star Barbecue Society and is governed by that organization's rules.

Last year, the club raised about \$4,000 that went toward buying new dictionaries for elementary students and also for scholarships for seniors.

Dixon said with this year's designation, he hopes

to double the number of contestants to about 40, thereby bringing in more festival-goers, more money for local charities and more recognition for the city of Post.

Winners of this year's local event, because it will now be a state championship, will automatically receive a spot at two national barbecue cookoff events, including the Kansas City

Royal and a chance to enter the much-coveted drawing for the Jack Daniels Invitational in Tennessee.

This year's event will be Aug. 24-25 at Post City Park. The public will be able to purchase barbecue plates on Friday night, and are encouraged to also attend on Saturday to sample different types of barbecue.

TAX FUNDS continued from page 1

Out of the \$64,000 budgeted allotment for the hotel occupancy tax fund for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, requests of nearly \$129,000 were made. The Post Chamber of Commerce received the lion's share of the funding at 59 percent. According to its spending proposal, Chamber officials used \$25,000 for advertising purposes and \$13,000 for ensuring brochures about the city of Post were maintained at locations near Lake Alan Henry and around Post.

Organization	Requested Amount	Recommended Amount	% of Amt •	Received % of Amt Requested
Visitor's Center/Chamber	\$53,160	\$38,000		59%
Hotel Garza	\$5,564	\$4,800		8%
Ragtown Theater	\$40,000	\$5,000		8%
Caprock Cultural Association	\$7,500	\$4,700		7%
Post Merchants Association	\$6,000	\$2,000		3%
Post City Festivals	\$10,350	\$4,500		7%
Post Stampede Rodeo	\$6,000	\$5,000		8%
Total	\$128,574	\$64,000		

Source: City of Post

with the direction the discussion had taken.

"I went to the meeting to address my elected representatives with two questions: One, how the money was distributed and an assurance on how it was equally distributed; and two what criteria are used to chose which entities receive money. Those questions were not being answered. The discussion wasn't being productive, so I left," Cruse said. "My questions were circumvented, I believe, because the committee itself isn't governed by a strict set of guidelines."

Mayor Harp said the committee is bound by Texas law to adhere to certain guidelines, but City Manager Arbie Taylor said there are some gray areas.

"The attorney general has admitted there is very big gray area in this law because the state shouldn't be telling the city government how to spend their own money," Taylor said.

Ian Torrens, who sits on the tax oversight committee and is owner of the Hotel Garza, stood up during the meeting and said he didn't agree with Cruse's plan to use money.

"My issue was that the

application, the proposal, for the tax money was for a Christmas event and that money wasn't used," said Torrens, whose business received nearly \$5,000 for advertising in Lubbock movie theaters. "If the money wasn't used for that event, then it should be forfeited."

Downtown business owner Donna Degan said she also felt the committee was one-sided in doling out funds.

"You have a business owner who sits on that committee, who requested money and received it, and it benefits his business directly," she said. "His advertising for his own business doesn't directly impact the city as a whole. It benefits him."

"I wouldn't feel comfortable asking for that money to go to a business expo or trade show when it doesn't benefit the whole city."

After Cruse left, the discussion during the meeting morphed into the issue of how entities that received money were to be held accountable for spending the money.

Councilwoman Melba Cimental said as far as she was concerned as long as

receipts show the money was spent on what was spelled out in the application, there was no real way to monitor every penny that's doled out.

"There's not much we can do about exactly how the money is spent after it leaves our hands," she said. "We have to trust that the organization lives up to its end of the bargain."

Cimental said some of the issues brought out during the meeting might require the council to take a second look at the tax-oversight committee, including its makeup and guidelines that spell out how and to whom money is distributed.

"The whole issue needs to be completely revisited, I think," she said. "The point in distributing the funds is to bring in more revenue. The funds should be used to promote the city of Post, not just one business or entity."



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Events are listed free of charge for non-profit 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 thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com.

Fish fry

The Garza County Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center will have a fish fry from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at 205 E. 10th St. \$6.50 a plate.

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.

Revival

Pastor Yolanda Jimenez will lead a revival at 7 p.m. today and 6:30 p.m. Saturday 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. Saturday 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. 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 Monday 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

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.

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 Levelland; Electric Camp will be June 25-29 for ages 14-18 in Cloudford, 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.



The Doctor Is In By Dr. Benjamin Edwards

Artificial sweeteners trigger fat-storing insulin

Over the next few weeks we are going to discuss hormones.

Hormones type on your DNA to express certain messages. Hormones are like keys, and the keyholes that the keys fit into are called receptors. When the key fits in the keyhole, the receptor is turned on, the keyboard on your DNA is typed on and a message is sent.

There are a group of hormones I call "fat hormones," whose main message they type on the DNA is to store fat. If you have a lot of these hormones floating around in your blood, you will be storing lots of fat and won't be able to burn fat.

The three "fat hormones" are insulin, estrogen and growth factors.

Today we'll focus on insulin.

The insulin hormone is produced by the pancreas in response to grain or sugar ingestion. So, whenever you consume corn, wheat or rice, your insulin will spike.

Whenever you consume sugar, cane syrup or high-fructose corn syrup, your insulin also will spike.

Spikes in the insulin hormone tell your body to store fat.

Read the labels on any packaged food, and you will find one of these grains or sweeteners in most everything. Also,

all those products that say "sugar free" on the label most likely have artificial sweetener in them. These sweeteners are 800 to 1,600 times more sweet than sugar. Your tongue basically just distinguishes between sweet, sour and salty, so when Splenda hits the tongue, the sweet receptors are turned on and a signal is sent to secrete insulin — even more insulin than regular sugar because these artificial sweeteners are hundreds of times sweeter than sugar.

You will not be able to lose weight as long as the "fat hormone" insulin is being secreted. So, steer clear of grains and sugars. Stick with veggies, veggies and more veggies along with some meat, nuts and non-tropical fruit.

Use xylitol, Stevia or coconut sugar instead of sugar, brown sugar, Splenda, NutraSweet, or aspartame.

Next week we'll discuss some of the other "fat hormones."

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ensure White River Reservoir remains a viable water source," Fulton said. "In order to do that, we've got to have a contract that ensures our bond issuers will get their money back."

Crosbyton city officials were expected to meet to discuss the issue Tuesday

night, City Administrator Margot Hardin said.

"We haven't had a chance to discuss it yet, but my feeling is they're (City Council members) aren't going to be too thrilled with it," Hardin said.

Rhett Parker, city manager for Ralls, did not return a phone call.

TSCRA PAC Supports McKnight for HD 68

FORT WORTH, TEXAS — The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Political Action Committee (TSCRA PAC) today announced its support of Trent McKnight for election to the Texas House of Representatives, District 68. Trent is a former national president of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) and an active co-manager of McKnight Ranches in Throckmorton County.

"Trent and his family have been TSCRA members for decades and have a long and successful ranching history. Trent understands the issues facing landowners and will be a valuable addition to the Texas legislature," said Joe Parker Jr., TSCRA president and TSCRA PAC co-chairman.

"We are confident Trent will be a strong voice for property rights and free enterprise in Austin and the TSCRA PAC is proud to support him," Parker continued.

District 68 serves 22 counties in West and North Texas: Childress, Collingsworth, Cooke, Cottle, Crosby, Dickens, Fisher, Floyd, Garza, Hall, Hardeman, Haskell, Jack, Kent, King, Montague, Motley, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Wheeler, Wilbarger, & Young Counties.

TSCRA PAC is the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association's political action committee.

TSCRA is a 135 year-old trade association and is the largest and oldest livestock organization based in Texas. TSCRA has more than 15,000 beef cattle operations, ranching families and businesses as members. These members represent approximately 50,000 individuals directly involved in ranching and beef production who manage 4 million head of cattle on 76 million acres of range and pasture land primarily in Texas and Oklahoma, but throughout the Southwest.

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Spur Mayor Deborah Harris was out of town and couldn't be reached for comment, but City Secretary Nancy Hale said the council had not discussed the issue and likely wouldn't at its meeting Tuesday night.

Fulton, on Monday, however, was adamant the

new contract would, in the end, be beneficial for all taxpayers of the district.

"We're coming out of the worst drought in Texas history. If we were going to run out of water, it would have happened last summer," Fulton said. "But it didn't, and we're still ticking."

"You know, the city of Post has to look out for the city of Post and its residents, and the same for the cities of Crosbyton, Ralls and Spur. But our board is looking out for the best interests of our entire water region and all the taxpayers in that area."

Legal Notice

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Post's Seven Day Forecast

Friday Partly Cloudy 73 / 48	Saturday Sunny 74 / 50	Sunday Sunny 82 / 52	Monday Sunny 86 / 58	Tuesday Sunny 89 / 58	Wednesday Mostly Sunny 85 / 54	Thursday Partly Cloudy 83 / 55

Local UV Index

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

Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature for today is 96° set in 1987. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 48°. North northeast wind 10 to 20 mph. The record low for tonight is 35° set in 1966. Saturday, skies will be sunny with a high temperature of 74°, humidity of 27%. North northwest wind 10 to 20 mph.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	10:20-12:20	10:50-12:50	Tue	1:56-3:56	1:26-3:26
Sat	11:05-1:05	11:35-1:35	Wed	2:45-4:45	2:15-4:15
Sun	11:50-1:50	---	Thu	3:35-5:35	3:05-5:05
Mon	1:08-3:08	12:38-2:38			

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Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri	7:09 a.m.	8:20 p.m.	6:34 a.m.	8:06 p.m.
Sat	7:08 a.m.	8:21 p.m.	7:07 a.m.	9:00 p.m.
Sun	7:06 a.m.	8:22 p.m.	7:44 a.m.	9:54 p.m.
Mon	7:05 a.m.	8:23 p.m.	8:25 a.m.	10:47 p.m.
Tue	7:04 a.m.	8:23 p.m.	9:09 a.m.	11:37 p.m.
Wed	7:03 a.m.	8:24 p.m.	9:58 a.m.	Next Day
Thu	7:02 a.m.	8:25 p.m.	10:50 a.m.	12:25 a.m.

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days
4/10	81	55	73/44	0.00"	
4/11	81	58	73/44	0.28"	4/10 18 4/14 22
4/12	83	56	74/44	0.00"	4/11 20 4/15 8
4/13	83	54	74/45	0.00"	4/12 20 4/16 6
4/14	88	57	74/45	0.07"	4/13 18
4/15	70	45	75/45	0.00"	
4/16	71	41	75/45	0.09"	

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 attained.

Weather Trivia

What do meteorologists consider to be a trace of precipitation?
Answer: A trace of precipitation is less than .01 inches.

Weather History

April 20, 1989 - The temperature at Las Animas, Colo. soared to 100 degrees to establish a state record for April. Twenty-two cities in the central and southwestern United States reported record high temperatures for the date.

April 21, 1958 - Portions of Montana were in the midst of a spring snowburst. Snowfall amounts ranged up to 55 inches at Red Lodge, 61 inches at Nye Mine, and 72 inches at Mystic Lake.

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On April 3 the following students placed high enough in their contests to advance to the UIL Regional Academic Meet in Odessa, Texas on April 21st:



Pictured are: Isaac Stern, Audree Williams, Sara Greer, Katie Dunn, Kari Dunn, Taylor Osborn, Haily Berry, Steven Howard. Not pictured is Zach Hinkle.

Audree Williams, Junior-1st Place in Literary Criticism, 1st Place in Social Studies, 2nd Place in Computer Applications
Katie Dunn, Sophomore- 3rd Place in News Writing
Kari Dunn, Senior- 3rd Place in Features Writing
Taylor Osborn, Sophomore- 2nd Place in Headlines Writing
Haily Berry, Junior- 3rd Place in Current Issues and Events

Steven Howard, Junior- 2nd Place in Persuasive Speaking
Zach Hinkle, Senior- 2nd Place in Accounting

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Bethany Curtis will compete at region in the 400-meter dash with a third-place finish at district.

The relay teams of Oden, Curtis, Smith and Berry in both the 4-by-100 and 4-by-400 events will advance as they placed second and first respectively in the district event.

In field events, Alexis Ramirez' first-place finish in the shot put and second-place finish in the discus will also allow her to compete at the next level.

Girls track coach Richard Soliz said working with the student athletes and seeing them do well is what makes his job rewarding.

"I am proud of the fact he girls' 4-by-100- and 4-by-400-meter relays advanced to regionals," Soliz said. "It is awesome that Haily will advance in all five events she competes in. And I am glad Corbin is having success in his senior year. Hopefully the kids will do great in Odessa, and we'll have a few qualify for state."

Varsity Boys
District Runner-Up with 103 points

4-by-100-meter relay
 First — Darren Brown, Nathaniel Gill, Steven Howard, Corbin McDonald

110-meter hurdles
 Sixth — Taylor Soto

Seventh — Tavish Soto

100-meter dash
 Second — Corbin McDonald

4-by-200-meter relay
 First — Vance Blair, Corbin McDonald, Matthew Soto, Darren Brown

200-meter dash
 Third — Darren Brown

400-meter dash
 Seventh — Isaac Stern

Eighth — Caden Dean

4-by-400-meter relay
 Fourth — Caden Dean, Troy Copeland, Matthew Soto, Isaac Stern

Triple jump
 First — Corbin McDonald

High jump

First — Corbin McDonald
 Fourth — Taylor Soto

Discus
 Second — Travis Greathouse

Pole vault
 Second — Vance Blair

Varsity Girls

District Runner-Up with 123 points

3,200-meter run
 Fifth — Kimberly Rivera

4-by-100-meter relay
 Second — Kelbie Oden, Bethany Curtis, Matti Smith, Haily Berry

800-meter run
 Fourth — Andi Soliz

100-meter hurdles
 Sixth — Kayla Comeaux

100-meter dash
 Eighth — Anahica Duren

4-by-200-meter relay
 Seventh — Anahica Duren, Cheyenne Gill, Andi Soliz, Callie Odom

400-meter dash
 Third — Bethany Curtis

Fourth — Kelbie Oden

200-meter dash
 First — Haily Berry

Third — Matti Smith

1,600-meter run
 Fourth — Kimberly Rivera

4-by-400-meter relay
 First — Haily Berry, Bethany Curtis, Matti Smith, Kelbie Oden

Triple jump
 First — Haily Berry

Long jump
 First — Haily Berry

Third — Kelbie Oden

Discus
 Second — Alexis Ramirez

Shot put
 First — Alexis Ramirez

Fourth — Sara Greer

Good forage grows 'bittersweet' situation for ranchers

By Robert Burns

COLLEGE STATION — Many livestock producers continue to make hay while the sun shines, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service reports.

With rains and warmer-than-average weather, cool-season grasses and small grains con-

tinued to show rapid growth, according to the reports. Producers throughout the state were taking advantage of the situation to bale as much as they could and rebuild hay supplies depleted in the 2011 drought.

Moreover, with the warm weather pushing maturity of warm-season grasses, producers in his area may be able to start haying Bermuda grass and coastal as much as a couple of weeks early, said Rick Maxwell, AgriLife Extension agent for Collin County, northeast of Dallas.

But it's sort of a "bittersweet" situation, Maxwell said, for as welcome as the hay is, most producers wish they had enough cattle to take advantage of the greatly improved grazing. As did many in other parts of the state, Collin County producers were forced to drastically reduce cattle herd or sell out completely in some cases.

"It's going to be really difficult to buy back in (the cattle market) because of the short supply," he said. "The demand is there, which means prices are high. It probably will be this way for quite some time."

AgriLife Extension agents from other parts of the state had similar reports.

"The (dryland) winter wheat crop is growing as if it is being irrigated," said Rick Auckerman, AgriLife Extension agent for Deaf Smith County, west of Amarillo. "A large majority of the wheat crop this year is going for silage or hay, with little going to grain, with the exception of the seed-wheat going to the various seed men in the area."

In other areas, where warm-season grasses were beginning to come on and were in need of fertilizer, the outlook was not so rosy.

"Nitrogen fertilizer prices are going through the roof," said Clint Perkins, AgriLife Extension agent for Wood County, about 100 miles east of Dallas. "Urea is pushing \$800 per ton and ammonium nitrate is in very short supply — if you can get it. Hay producers are very worried."

More information on the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>.


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