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Southland ISD joins anti-testing movement

By Wayne Hodgin
The Post Dispatch

SOUTHLAND — The Southland ISD board of trustees is taking a stand against standardized testing in Texas public schools.

In a resolution passed at their regular meeting Monday evening, board members lambasted the state Legislature for bogging down students and teachers in a quagmire of "relentless test preparation and boring memorization of facts" that "steals the love of learning from our students and assuring we fall short of our goals."

Superintendent Toby Miller said the measure doesn't necessarily call for an end to high-stakes testing as much as it calls on legislators to scale down the high degree of emphasis placed on such exams.

The school district on Monday was one of about 453 of those across the state so far to make similar statements asking state officials to re-examine public school accountability. There are 1,265 school districts in the state.

"This resolution basically asserts that the current testing system is strangling our public schools," Miller said. "It embraces accountability, but calls for a new system — one that uses multiple measures rather than just one test and results in a truer picture of the performance of each student, school and district."

This spring, students in Southland ISD and across Texas are taking the state's newest standardized test, called the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness, also known as STAAR.

In March, the Southland school board — acting on the recommendation of state education officials and following a measure many other districts across the state had already done — waived a state law that would have required end-of-course test for

high school students to count as 15 percent of their final grade.

The waiver was put in place for the 2011-2012 academic year only, and must be followed next year unless the Legislature changes course.

"All this accountability and all these exams are putting a lot of pressure on these students," Miller said. "In fact, with the implementation of the STAAR, the number of testing days has doubled."

Early this month, it was announced that Texas Education Commissioner Robert Scott would resign his office effective July 2 — the fifth anniversary of his appointment to the state's highest public education post.

Throughout the last few months, Scott has drawn increasing fire over his remarks suggesting Texas needs to reform how it uses standardized testing to hold schools accountable and called it a "perversion of its original intent."

Miller echoed those sentiments saying, "Public education has gotten away from what it should be. This isn't an all-out call to abandon accountability. The system of the past will not prepare our students to lead in the future, but neither will all this testing that dominates their instructional time."

Miller said the increased accountability standards in Texas were borne out of President Bush's No Child Left Behind legislation, of which the Obama administration had vowed to alleviate some of the pressure the law was placing on states in the form of unfunded mandates and harsh accountability goals.

But there has been no real change other than a provision that would allow states to apply to the federal government for a waiver that would stave off implementing some ac-

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Post ISD board approves employee pay raises

Employees of the Post Independent School District will be receiving an across-the-board 2-percent cost-of-living increase beginning July 1, the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Superintendent Mike Comeaux made the recommendation to the school board

during its regular meeting Tuesday night, and it was approved unanimously.

Requests for more information had not been received as of press time this week. We'll have complete coverage in next week's edition.

Wayne Hodgin

Austin man arrested in pot bust

Deputies confiscate 13 pounds of marijuana with a street value of \$36,000

By Wayne Hodgin
The Post Dispatch

A 34-year-old Austin man was arrested during a traffic stop May 11 in Post during which about 13 pounds of marijuana was confiscated.

Garza County sheriff's Sgt. Marcus Lively said during stop about 3:24 a.m. last Friday morning, Deputy David Reyes pulled over a 2003 gray Chevrolet Silverado pickup in the 800 block of South Broadway (U.S. 84).

According to reports, the vehicle, being driven by Dylan Aldridge, 34, of Austin,

was traveling in excess of 35 mph over the posted speed limit.

Aldridge was arrested for driving on an invalid license.

Lively said during a subsequent search of the pickup, 12.5 pounds of suspected marijuana was found inside a red duffel bag in the truck. The drugs had an estimated street value of about \$36,000, Lively said, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety Narcotics Division.

Aldridge was booked into the Garza County jail and charged with possession of marijuana greater than 5 pounds but less than 50 pounds — a third-degree felony — and driving while license invalid.

He was arraigned Monday morning, and bail was set at \$55,000 for both offenses. As of Monday afternoon, Aldridge had not posted bail and remained in custody of sheriff's officials.



DYLAN ALDRIDGE



Photo courtesy of the Garza County Sheriff's Office

Garza County sheriff's Deputy David Reyes is shown in this photo with the nearly 13 pounds of suspected marijuana he confiscated during a traffic stop May 11 on U.S. 84 in Post. The driver of the vehicle, an Austin resident, was arrested and jailed.

McDonald elected to first school trustee term

Incumbents Holly, Williams returned to board

By Wayne Hodgin
The Post Dispatch

Longtime educator and political newcomer Nancy McDonald claimed an open seat on the Post ISD school board Saturday that will ensure it continues to have a female voice among trustees.

McDonald was running for one of three seats during the at-large election, which also saw incumbents Mike Holly and Milton Williams returned to the board.

McDonald will replace outgoing board member Alexa Collier, the only female

board member, who had served about 18 years on the board. Collier chose not to seek re-election.

According to voting records, only 414 of the school district's 2,628 registered voters cast ballots either in early voting or on the day of the election. That's a turnout of only about 16 percent.

McDonald said she was grateful for those who did turn out to vote.

"I am humbled and thankful for the community's support," she said. "My focus will be on academics and how we as a board can assure the best education for the youth of Post to prepare them for the future."

A 19-year veteran of the local school system, McDonald taught middle school

math from 1986 to 1993 and high school math from 1994 to 2002. She was the family and consumer sciences teacher from 2002 to 2006. Since that time, she has been the family and consumer science agent for the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Garza County.

The candidates-elect were sworn in at Tuesday's regular school board meeting. Board terms are three years long.

Election results

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Mike Holly	354	86%
Nancy McDonald	395	95%
Ted Thomas	180	44%
Milton Williams	297	72%

Rain Totals

City of Post
May 10 — 1.81
May 11 — Trace
May 12 — 0
May 13 — .07
May 14-15 — 0
Month to date — 1.79

Year to date — 6.56
Normal — 6.15

Lake Alan Henry
May 10 — 1.81
May 11 — Trace
May 12-13 — 0

May 14 — .07
May 15 — 0
Month to date — 3.26
Year to date — 9.45
Normal — 5.8

Source: National Weather Service in Lubbock

Aspermont senior dies in crash days before graduation

By Wayne Hodgins
The Post Dispatch

ASPERMONT — Just 10 days before graduation, an 18-year-old Aspermont High School senior was killed in a vehicle accident early Tuesday morning.

Matthew Zinn Lindsey of Jayton was one of 15 seniors scheduled to graduate May 25 from the Class 1A school, about 60 miles northwest of Abilene.

"Our whole campus is just devastated," said Principal Darrian Dover, who broke the news to students and faculty Tuesday morning. "Our students, faculty and staff are a very tight-knit family, and this is very hard to deal with."

Dover said Lindsey was a member of the school's FFA organization and loved participating in rodeos.

Lindsey this past Saturday won the junior division of the Ranch Horse Association of America competition at the Western Heritage Classic in Abilene.

"He was heavily involved with our agriculture program here and was a big rodeoer," Dover said. "He was a good, hardworking kid."



Wayne Hodgins/The Post Dispatch

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers investigate the crash scene Tuesday on U.S. 380 near U.S. 83 in Stonewall County in which an Aspermont High School senior died earlier that morning.

Dover said grief counselors and pastors were on hand throughout the day at the school for anyone who needed to talk.

Enrollment in the school district is 255 students.

About 7:45 a.m. Tuesday, Lindsey was driving a Chevrolet utility pickup eastbound on Highway 380 near its intersection with Highway 83, a few miles northwest of Aspermont, Texas Department of Public Safety Sgt. Jodie Tullos said. Lindsey clipped the left rear end of a tractor-trailer

— carrying gravel, registered to Grimmett Brothers Inc. of Snyder — traveling in front of him.

Tullos said Lindsey's truck apparently veered into the westbound lane of U.S. 380 and struck a passing tractor-trailer licensed to MCG Drilling & Completing of Coppell, which was carrying an oversized load of oil derrick equipment.

Tullos said Lindsey was ejected from the vehicle. DPS officials reported he was not wearing a seat belt.

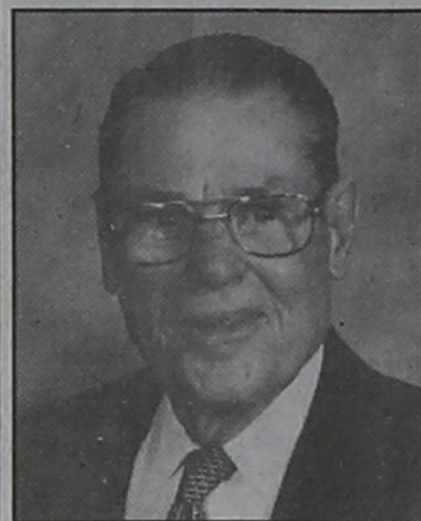
"We're still investigating the accident, but it appears the gravel truck in front of him had slowed down. As to why, we're not sure," Tullos said.

Lindsey was pronounced dead at the scene shortly after 8 a.m. by Stonewall County Judge Ronnie Moorhead.

No other injuries were reported.

Traffic was rerouted on Highways 380 and 83 until after 11 a.m. while the accident was being investigated and debris could be removed from the roadway.

OBITUARY



JOHN FRANCIS LOTT

John Francis Lott Sr. of Lubbock, Texas, age 98, died Wednesday, May 9, 2012. Family graveside services were Saturday followed by a memorial service at 3 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Lubbock with a reception that followed in the church parlor. Visitation was at Rix Funeral Home on Friday until noon Saturday.

Mr. Lott was born in Kansas City, Mo., on March 24, 1914, to Mamie Slaughter Lott and Frank E. Lott. He graduated from Wentworth Military Academy and served as a First Lieutenant, G2, in the U.S. Army Reserve.

He married Ryla Tizard Lott on Dec. 28, 1935. Mr. Lott was employed at the Ford Motor Co. accounting department from 1933 to 1945, at which time he moved his family to Post, Texas, and assumed leadership of the family ranching and farming operations of the U Lazy S Ranch.

He became an active and valued member of the Post community where he served in various capacities at First United Methodist Church, the Boy Scouts of America Post Troop 16, and experimental ranching organizations.

After turning over the ranching operations to his son in 1958, he and Ryla

moved to Lubbock where his interest in civic and philanthropic activities expanded to include regional, national and international Boy Scouting (Silver Beaver, Silver Antelope, Silver Buffalo, Bronze Wolf, Rylan and John F. Lott South Plains Boy Scout Office); Methodist Hospital (Board of Trustees 1959-1988, Ryla and John F. Lott Neonatal Unit); the Louise Underwood Center (John F. Lott Gallery); and the National Ranching Heritage Center (co-founder, done of first structure, 2000 Boss of the Plains).

Mr. Lott's other interests included international travel, model railroading, art and his large family.

He is predeceased by his wife Rylan, who died in 1994, and his sister Mary Belle Lott Macy, who died in 2005.

On July 7, 1998, he married Sue Bledsoe Scott Lott, who survives him. He also is survived by his son, John F. Lott Jr. and wife, Molly, of Santa Fe, N.M.; Patricia Lott Kirkpatrick and husband, K.W., of Post; Linda Lott Bouchier and husband, Ronnie, of Houston; grandchildren Kim Lott Peacock and husband, Joe, of San Antonio; Jay Lott and wife, Kim, of Post; Jeff Lott and wife, Gena, of Post; Mark Kirkpatrick and wife, Lisa, of Post; Cindy Kirkpatrick Hughes and husband, Robert, of South Lake; Richard Kirkpatrick and wife, Kim, of Lubbock; Drew Kirkpatrick and wife, Tonya, of Post; Kathy Kirkpatrick Burt and husband, Jon, of Kaufman; Blair Bouchier and wife, Janice, of Taos, N.M.; Ryla Bouchier of Houston; Lew Bouchier of Austin; 28 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; nephew Bob Macy and wife, Debbie, of Post; nephew David Bennett and wife, Patty, of Jermyn; and Sue's sons Jeff, Blake and Brent Scott.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to South Plains Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the National Ranching Heritage Center or the charity of your choice.

New billing policy saves taxpayers \$6,000 in April

By Wayne Hodgins
The Post Dispatch

Garza County commissioners Monday heard a report from the county's health care administrator who said taxpayers were saved nearly \$6,000 in unnecessary billing expenses for inmate health care at the county jail during the last month.

In a presentation to commissioners during an April meeting, Brandy Fannon, administrator for the Garza County Health Care District, told commissioners the county could be billing at the rate at which the federal Medicaid

program will reimburse health-care providers.

Commissioners subsequently passed a resolution during the April 9 meeting avowing to bill only at the Medicaid rate.

Reporting back to the board as promised each month, Fannon said the new policy saved taxpayers about \$5,667 during the month of April, which saw more than \$7,500 in health-care costs for inmates.

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.

For those inmates not from Garza County, those counties from where the inmate originated will be responsible for the health-care costs for those inmates and will be billed accordingly by local officials.

In other business Monday, commissioners appointed Trevor Thuet to the Garza County Public Facility Board and also approved a number of resolutions, including one for county road repair and mental health patients.

County Judge Lee Norman said the resolutions would be sent to state officials in a collaborative effort by many other

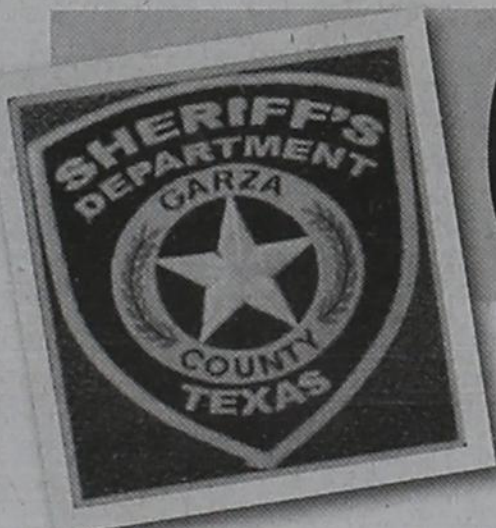
counties throughout the area and state to solicit more state funding for county road repairs and for local mental health needs.

These resolutions, Norman said, request the state take a look at the funding mechanisms and formulas for both programs.

"We need more help from the state in both of these areas," Norman said. "We're grateful for the oil industry in our county, but the tractors and oil-field trucks that travel our local roads, for example, cause a great deal of wear and tear on them. We need more money to improve this infrastructure, and the tax allotment hasn't changed in 30-plus years."

"Eight or 10,000 dollars a year just won't cut it any more."

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Wilson graduates magna cum laude from LCU

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Timothy Wilson, son of Robert and Julie Wilson of Post, graduated magna cum laude May 5 from Lubbock Christian University with a Bachelor of Science in biology.

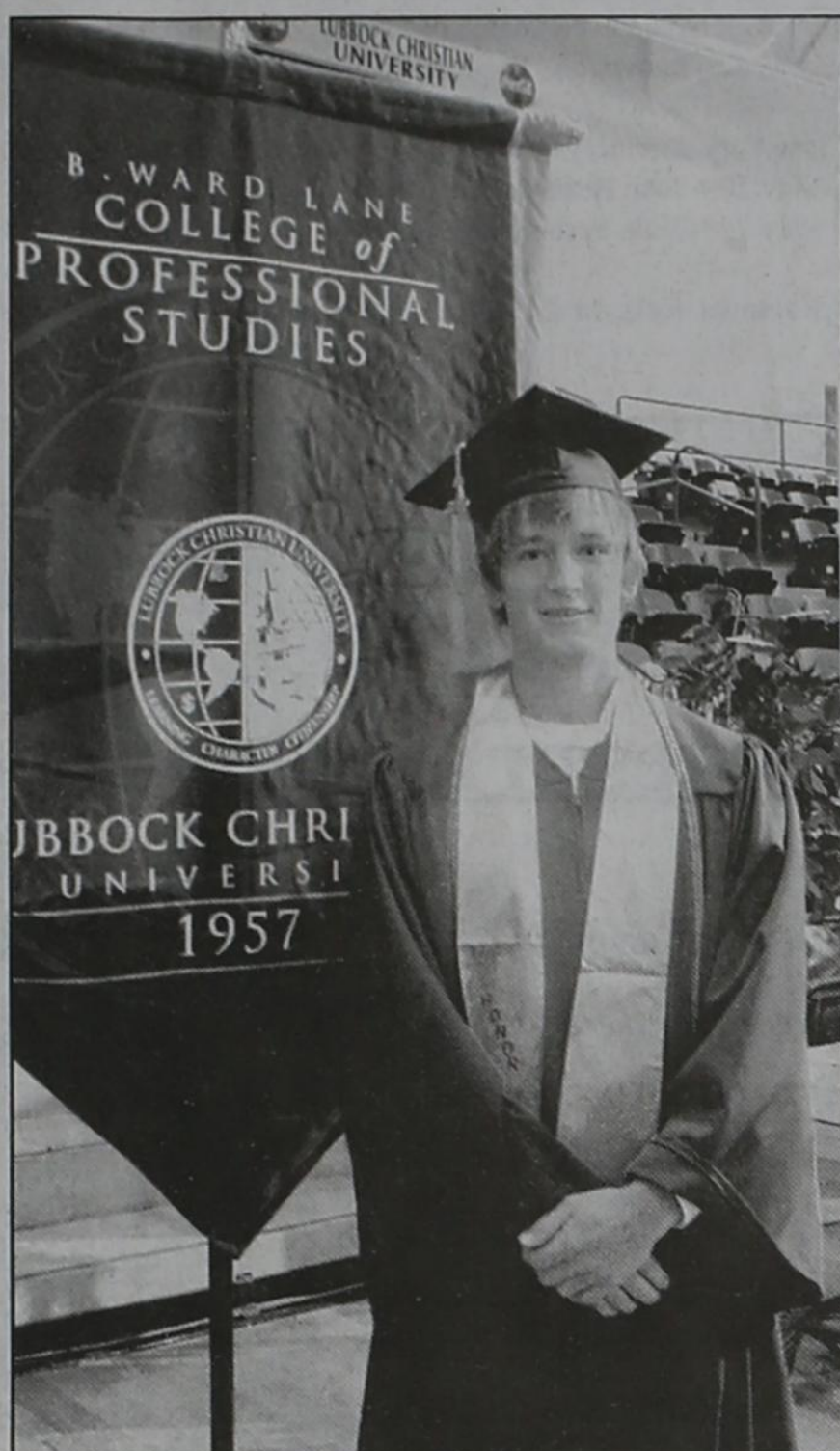
While at LCU, Wilson was involved in numerous activities: an organizations, including president of the Pre-Health Professionals Club; president of Koinonia, the largest men's social club at LCU; a member of the LCU Presidential Search Committee; Student Leadership Council; Alpha Chi Honor Society; and the Student Honors Advisory Council.

He was also a campus ambassador in the Honors Program, a member of the Student Senate and was voted homecoming king by the faculty and student body. Each semester, he was on the Dean's List.

Wilson has taken three weeklong mission trips to Nicaragua and spent one month there as a medical mission intern. He has been active in working with the homeless in Lubbock and through Carpenter's Kitchen and Collide.

Wilson plans to attend medical school.

He is a 2008 graduate of Post High School.



(Special to the Dispatch)

Timothy Wilson recently graduated magna cum laude from Lubbock Christian University. He is the son of Robert and Julie Wilson of Post.

YARD OF THE WEEK



Photo by Wayne Hodgin/The Post Dispatch

The home of Bill and Joy Pool at 1009 Camden Circle was named Yard of the Week by members of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce Women's Division. Pictured is homeowner Bill Pool, flanked by Women's Chamber representatives Elizabeth Moreno and Donna Degan.

Pet of the Week

"Greta" was found out in the country last week. She is an older Chihuahua, and from the looks of her nails, hasn't been outside much. If you recognize her, please let us know. If no one claims her, she will be ready for adoption after she completes treatment for tick fever. If you are interested in adopting her, or fostering her through her treatment, contact the Post Animal Refuge Center at postarc@yahoo.com or on Facebook at Post Arc.

Janice Plummer



Janice Plummer/Special to the Dispatch

This older female Chihuahua was found last week and turned into the Post Animal Refuge Center.

Weekly Menus

May 21-25

Post ISD

gurt, fruit, juice, milk

Friday

Churros, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday

Hot dogs

Tuesday

Hamburgers

Wednesday

Corn dogs

Thursday

Ham and cheese sack lunch

Friday

Peanut butter and jelly sack lunch

Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center

Monday

Roast turkey, bread dressing, candied sweet potatoes, pineapple, white bread

Tuesday

Barbecue chicken, mashed potatoes, carrot/raisin salad, bread

Wednesday

Baked ham, lima beans, corn, chocolate chip cookie, white bread

Thursday

Beef goulash, navy beans, broccoli, oatmeal-raisin cookie, bread

Friday

King Ranch casserole, Spanish rice, pinto beans, brownie, tortilla

Southland ISD

Breakfast

Monday

Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

Tuesday

Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

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Biscuits, sausage, gravy, fruit, juice, milk

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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 Bill Clinton

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Hi y'all! I hope everyone is having a great week so far. The rain has been wonderful; it sure helped to put these farmers out here in a better mood! I think all together we have gotten a little over 2 inches.

We are very thankful for what we have received. Say thanks to the good Lord and keep praying for the rain we need to continue to have a great crop year.

We had our annual stockholders meeting for the Close City Gin last week, and had a good turn out, we fed 102 people, gave some great door prizes and got to catch up with people we hadn't seen since last year. I am very proud to be a part of it all.

Gene King came out last week and brought me the book by Helen Mangum Fields, "Walking Backwards In The Wind." I had read it along time ago but wanted to read it again, so he loaned me his copy. For those of you who don't know, Mrs. Mangum-Fields grew up and went to school here in Ragtown. The book is about her life here. The Charles and Sharron Morris family had their annual fishing trip at Brownwood last week. Enjoying the family fun were Charles and Sharron; Tim, Barry, Amy, Kayla, Brooke and Hayden; Chuck, Kristi and Dylan. Oh, by the way, Kristi now has a "fish story," y'all be sure and ask her about it.

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

Quote of the week: "It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed," Theodore Roosevelt.

Did you know: Not only did Theodore Roosevelt have the nickname of "Teddy," but he was also known as "Trust Buster."

Close City Birthdays

May 20 - Josh Bush, Janet Justice
May 24 - Kale Yarbrow, aka Kalebob!

Ragtown folks in the nursing homes we

need to remember are Claudine Tipton; Carmen Abraham; Mary Gayle Young, Velma Long Brown 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/Ragtown community. She can be contacted at close.city.coop@pcca.com.

Weekly Inspirations

Labels and Categories

Read Psalm 8

[Mortals] look on the outward appearance,
but the Lord looks on the heart.

- 1 Samuel 16:7 (NRSV)

A foul mood is spreading across our society and the world these days. Dialogue seems to have been replaced by name-calling that is little related to truth. Broadcasters fill the air with divisive labels designed to wound. Sometimes we see the same malice in the arena of faith and religion. This kind of talk reduces difficult issues to slogans and stops us from seeing others as worthwhile individuals. However, each of us has the choice and ability to move beyond labels and categories.

What changed for me is meeting people who are different from me. I discovered that they have hopes and dreams like mine. My study of scripture revealed that all people are of sacred worth. I learned that labels and categories can be used to lie and hide the truth, to injure and wound, to create fear and manipulate people. Words that make us suspicious of anyone who is different can make people into adversaries and enemies.

We read in Hebrews 13:1-2, "Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." This counsel allows no exceptions. Any label or category that diminishes the worth of another person also diminishes us. As believers in Christ, we are called to honor every individual we meet as a person of sacred worth — nothing less.

F. Richard Garland
(New Hampshire, USA)

Prayer: O God, help us to love and respect one another as your children. In Jesus' name we pray. 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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Graham Chapel United Methodist Church 495-3492

Nazarene

Post Church of the Nazarene 202 W. 10th, 495-3044
Grassland Church of the Nazarene 327-5656

Non-Denominational

Family Harvest Church 111 N. Avenue I, 495-1400
Caprock Springs Fellowship 12th & Ave. I 495-2171

Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church 910 W. 10th, 495-2135

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Deuteronomy 6:5

Visit any one of these businesses and churches and you will find wonderful Post City people and those who support Post.

COLUMNS



The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch



One of my favorite "Mad" magazine cartoons, circa 1963, shows a guy reading the instructions for a hand towel dispenser: **PULL DOWN, TEAR UP.**

The following frames of the cartoon show him doing just that. He rips the dispenser from the wall, and then he tears it up. Then he walks off.

The cartoonist was the late Don Martin. I always liked his cartoons. Not only were his creations outrageous and comical; his characters had long supple feet that were funny to see.

Sometimes even today -- especially today -- the paper towel scenario comes to mind. If Martin could create a memorable cartoon based on one person's experience with an innocent inanimate traditional towel dispenser, what would he do with one of today's electric eye-controlled I'm-smarter-than-you models?

You know the kind. You want a paper towel, but first you've got to do the proper hand signal. Only then does it roll out a small towel just about right for drying one hand, which is hard to do without the other hand. To simultaneously dry both dripping hands -- which is what two-handed people do -- you need one more towel.

But to get the second towel right after the first, you have to wait a couple of seconds for the dispenser to regroup. As soon as the little light goes off, you pretend to be another person in need of a little towel. The dispenser doesn't know any better, and it gives you one. You've outsmarted it, but the one-eyed device has wasted your time and tried your patience.

Life has enough patience-trying expe-

riences without the recurring paper towel ordeal.

Question:

Are those dispensers factory-set to give people half as much towel as needed? If so, can the installer change that setting? Can the time between activations be shortened? Or is the pause precisely calculated to discourage children from playing with the dispenser just to see the towels come out?

We could pause now to search for the answers you-know-where. But I'm just as content to remain ignorant and complain.

Now for some good news. Only yesterday I figured out how to get a big enough towel to dry both hands without waiting for the second towel. Yes! You simply take matters into your own hands.

Once the dispenser acknowledges your presence and starts rolling out the first paltry towel, just grab it and pull the old fashioned way until you have a big enough length to dry your hands. No waiting for a second towel. It's over.

DISCLAIMER:

My method may not work everywhere with every dispenser, but it worked for me yesterday, no problem.

PROVISO:

If this information is new to you, feel free to try it. Just don't be wasteful, not that you would be. Show the paper towel gods you can, all on your own, judiciously extract just the right amount of toweling to dry your hands.

You'll get a good smug feeling -- the next-best thing to ripping the dispenser off the wall.

Here's to Don Martin anyway.

Yesteryears

30 Years Ago
May 20, 1982

The Post Middle School band brought home the sweepstakes trophy in the recent Petersburg Junior High Band Festival.

Happy Birthday today to Timmons Bull, Mrs. Monta Moore, Carol Grisby, Janet Justice, Dr. William C. Wilson and Joy Dickson.

40 Years Ago
May 18, 1972

The Close City Community, at one time better known as "Ragtown," has won the \$100 first-place prize in District 2 of the Texas Community Improvement Program Contest.

Paula Criswell, Post High School valedictorian, received a scholarship from West Texas State University.

The Cub Scouts of Den 1 were taken on a tour of the Garza County Historical Museum recently. The Cubs attending were Russell Fluitt, Ronnie Bilbo, Gerald Seals, Kirt Robinson, Drew Kirkpatrick, Kevin Craig, Chester Robinson, Allen Carpenter and Mark Short.

See "Gone with the Wind" this weekend at the Tower Theater.

50 Years Ago
May 17, 1962

Connie Cockrell, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cockrell, has been elected VFW Buddy Poppy Queen.

PHS elects Cheerleaders for 1962-63 year. They are Sharon Isaacs, Pamela Owen,

C.T. Mason, Linda McMahon, Janith Short and Mary Ford.

City Councilman Ray Baker died yesterday at Garza Memorial Hospital.

When you see leading lady Patricia Neal riding horseback in the movie "Hud," it won't be her. It will be Sandee Cross, a 20-year-old Justiceburg woman.

60 Years Ago
May 15, 1952

Grade school students will present "Hansel and Gretel." The leading stars are to be Sharon Brooks as Gretel and Butch Wilson as Hansel.

The Post Rotary Club presented a one-year college scholarship to Haskell Odom.

Mrs. Walter Boren and Mrs. George Tracy were the hostesses for the Woman's Culture Club meeting last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Kirkpatrick celebrated their 25th anniversary last Saturday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. Stoker, parents of Mrs. Kirkpatrick.

Prices at the grocery store this week are fryers 49 cents a pound, coffee at 85 cents a pound, catsup for 20 cents a bottle and squash at 12 1/2 cents a pound.

70 Years Ago
May 22, 1942

Larry Close, president of the Postex Mills of New York is visiting Post this week.

Robert Hall Davis will teach in Tahoka next year. He will receive his degree from Tech in August.



The Paperboy

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

Remember when you were a child and you were free to roam around the car or take off on your bike and ride where you wanted? What happened?

Seat belts were improved and wearing them became enforced by law. Concerning bicycles, helmets are now required, and bike riding is more restricted than it used to be.

I remember riding down the highway with my sister in the back of my parents station wagon facing the cars behind us. I don't think Mom and Dad minded because there was a larger buffer between our loud voices and their ears.

Time changes faster than most parents would like. Today, we have to be aware that your voice can be drowned out with the flip of a switch.

When armed with the latest electronic device, parents can lose touch with their children in a matter of seconds. But it also works both ways.

I've been in mid-activity with my children and let my device seize the moment from them. When I think of some of those instances, I was setting a bad example right there. One they attempt to copy from time-to-time.

The world is evolving so rapidly that before you know it, it has control of us and eats our time up. We don't even know the longterm effects our technology may or may not have on us both mentally and physically.

I'm seriously thinking of some sort of iPhone rehab. Maybe I'll start turning it off at night or go camping a couple of days without it. Can you imagine?

My wife tells me I need to unplug and find a hobby. In my heart, I know she's right.

I once had an employee tell me that Facebook was the devil. When I asked why, she told me of the relationships it had destroyed. She had a point.

Facebook is amazing technology. So much so that its inventor became the youngest billionaire in history, and as his company goes public, he could earn as much as \$100 billion, making him the richest person in the world. Just a poor little 28-year-old.

When I think of Facebook and some of the societal issues it has caused, I think of addictive behavior. You can become addicted to devices and software. That has been the case since the radio and phonograph were invented.

I really don't know if I should even be on Facebook. I don't keep up with it and, I feel guilty when I miss a birthday or an illness. And truthfully, it's nobody's business what I'm doing or where I am. One could argue that posting your location means bad people know you're not at home.

I guess for now, I'll continue to use Facebook for business purposes (although study after study shows consumers don't use advertising on Facebook and that is not effective).

Personally, if I miss an important post or event, don't judge me for it. It's not that I don't care about you, I simply didn't log on that day and didn't see your life scroll by.

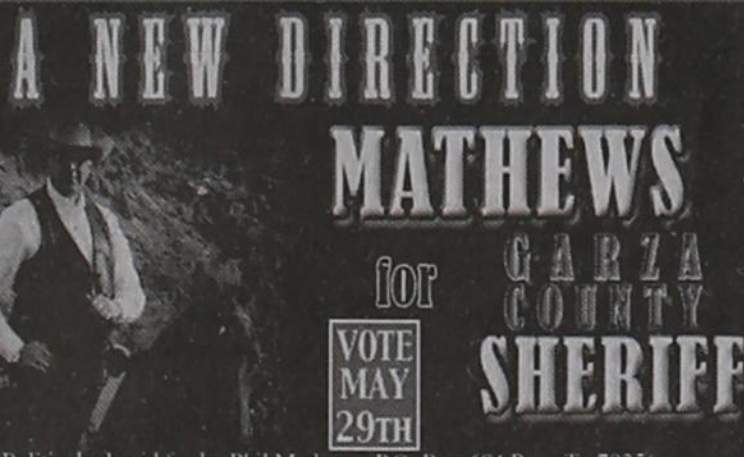
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 10. Summon over a speaker
 12. Plural of 14 across
 14. Anjou or Bartlett
 15. Rivulet
 16. City in Sweden and Indonesia
 17. Snakelike fish
 18. More thin
 20. Plucky
 22. Inquisitorial
 23. Nurse-patient relation
 24. Anwar __, Egyptian statesman
 26. Imposed & collected a tax
 29. Microgram
 30. Infirmary sleeping place
 34. Swiss river
 35. Big Blue
 36. Not new
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 44. Jeans
 45. Annual TV awards
 47. Lump of slimy stuff
 48. Latin for England: An ___
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 56. Genie
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33. Banned insecticide
38. Car motor
39. Mesotron
40. Implants
41. Criminals
42. Pistons forward Johnson

46. Parts of matched pairs
48. Crook (Yiddish)
49. So. Sicilian city
50. Two-toed sloth
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53. Winter melons: Cas ___
54. Dead-end streets
55. Hit lightly
57. Marsh elder
59. Norway

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1. Easter month (abbr.)
2. Bucket
3. Leer at
4. Watery-eyed
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7. Look furtively
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11. African antelope
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SPORTS

Southland's Arguello places third in state track meet



Photo courtesy of Benny and Leslie Arguello

Southland High School senior Travis Arguello in mid-toss during the boys discus throw in the Class 1A state track and field meet May 11 in Austin. Arguello placed third in the event.

By Wayne Hodgins
The Post Dispatch

Southland High School senior Travis Arguello took home a bronze medal in the state 1A track and field meet last weekend in Austin.

Arguello's throw of 167.04 feet in the boys discus was enough to garner third place. His throw was 4.04 feet shorter than the second-place finisher, Casey Lantelme of Stratford, and 11.03 feet shorter than the first-place finisher, Austin Cook of Overton. Arguello beat out competitors from Munday, Rock Springs, Ganado, Rice and Balmorhea.

Head coach Craig Hamilton said Arguello deserved his trip to the state meet and was rewarded greatly.

"Travis won at every track meet he competed in this year except at regionals, where he took second place," Hamilton said. "This is a really great accomplishment for someone who just learned to throw during his junior year."

During the qualifying event, Arguello placed second with a throw of 153.10 feet, second to Lantelme. Cook, who would win the final event, came in sixth in the qualifying event.

This was Arguello's second trip to state. Last year, he qualified in the discus and placed seventh.



Photo courtesy of Benny and Leslie Arguello

Southland High School senior Travis Arguello poses with his bronze medal for coming in third place in the boys discus throw in the Class 1A state track and field meet May 11 in Austin.

This year, Arguello was sitting in sixth place in 1A in the boys discus event going into the state finals last weekend.

Hamilton noted Arguello's winning throw

was enough to beat out the top four competitors in the Class 2A event.

"We were really pleased that Southland once again was represented at the state 1A meet again this year, and Travis made us all proud," Hamilton said.

Post tracksters excel at state meet

By Wayne Hodgins
The Post Dispatch

Post High School senior Corbin McDonald may have fallen a hair shy of his goal of winning outright the gold medal in the triple jump at the Class 2A state track and field meet last weekend — but he sure didn't miss by much less.

McDonald's leap of 45 feet, 9.75 inches was only 1.5 inches shorter than the top finisher, Luis Vega of San Saba.

McDonald, who was sitting in first place going

into the state meet, set a number of school records this year.

Junior Haily Berry and sophomore Alexis Ramirez also landed berths in the state track meet last weekend at Mike A Myers Stadium at the University of Texas at Austin.

Berry, who was sitting in the No. 4 spot in the girls triple jump in Class 2A, ended her season with a fifth-place finish with a jump of 36 feet, 10.25 inches — about 3 feet shy of the first-place finisher,

Kenija Collier of Tatum.

This was Berry's first state berth and likely again will compete at state next year as a senior.

Sophomore Ramirez, a first-year transfer from Idalou, went into the meet as one of the youngest — but definitely one of the best girls discus throwers — in Class 2A. Her throw of 110 feet, 7 inches — nearly 17 feet shorter than the first place finisher — was enough to garner a seventh-place finish. First place went to Amber Graham of Cisco.

FINAL RESULTS

Class 2A Girls Discus

1 Amber Graham	Cisco	127-05
2 Megan Shaw	Refugio	127-04
3 Sydney Shelstead	Krum	125-04
4 Brittany Lancaster	Sadler S & S Cons	119-03
5 Brooke Daily	Abernathy	118-11
6 Jessica Spelling	Linden-Kildare	118-08
7 Alexis Ramirez	Post	110-07
8 Konnor George	Winn. E.Chambers	106-11
9 Kacie Tuerck	Little River Aca	106-10

Class 2A Girls Triple Jump

1 Kenija Collier	Tatum	39-00.00
2 Rausalyn Miller	Crane	38-02.75
3 Terralynn Williams	East Bernard	37-03.00
4 Tyneshae Lewis	Marlin	36-11.75
5 Haily Berry	Post	36-10.25
6 LaShandra Eldridge	Franklin	36-10.00
7 Ti'ler Barnes	San Augustine	36-09.00
8 Lauren Bedrich	Rogers	36-08.75
9 Lauren Phillips	DA Life OakCliff	35-03.50

Class 2A Boys Triple Jump

Finals		
1 Luis Vega	San Saba	45-11.25
2 Ashton McDonald	Post	45-09.75
3 Wykeyhe Walker	San Antonio Cole	45-06.25
4 Xavier Broussard	Winn. E.Chambers	45-01.75
5 Dominique Wheeler	Crockett 4	4-10.00
6 Eric Heinrichs	Hico	44-02.25
7 DJ Brown	WF City View	43-10.00
8 John Alford	Wallis Brazos	43-08.00
9 Montrel Roberts	Cooper	43-04.00



Drew Kirkpatrick/Special to the Dispatch

Post High School junior Haily Berry takes a leap during the girls triple jump event at the Class 2A state track and field meet at the University of Texas at Austin.

Drew Kirkpatrick/Special to the Dispatch

Post High School senior Corbin McDonald lands in the triple jump pit at the Class 2A state track and field meet at the University of Texas at Austin.



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Post High School sophomore Alexis throws the discus during the Class 2A girls event last weekend at the University of Texas at Austin.



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LOANS FOR Real Estate

Southland ISD will hold an open house on **May 21, 2012** for those who are interested in transferring their children to Southland. You may visit the school and request a transfer application anytime between **8:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** School officials and students will be on hand to give tours and answer any questions. In conjunction with open house, Kindergarten Roundup will be held for any child that will be five years old on or before September 1, 2012. Parents and students are invited to meet the Kindergarten teacher and participate in activities with the current Kindergarten kids.

Please bring your child's birth certificate, social security card, immunization record, and your child's current report card.

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Texans can save sales tax on energy-efficient appliances

Special to the Dispatch

AUSTIN — The opportunity for Texans to save money on energy efficient appliances is fast approaching. The state's annual Energy Star Sales Tax Holiday is May 26 through May 28.

"As Texans focus on their household budgets, they can save twice on energy-effi-

cient appliances purchased during Memorial Day weekend," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said. "Shoppers do not have to pay sales tax on the appliances, and those energy efficient products will also help them save on their utility bills."

The sales tax break applies to Energy Star-qualified air-

conditioners priced at \$6,000 or less; refrigerators priced at \$2,000 or less; ceiling fans; fluorescent light bulbs; clothes washers; dishwashers; dehumidifiers; and programmable thermostats.

More information on the sales tax holiday can be found at www.texaspowerfulsmart.org.

Estimated annual energy and water savings for eligible products are as follows.

Appliance Type	Energy Savings	Water Savings
Central Air Conditioners	14%	
Room/Window Air Conditioners	10%	
Refrigerators	20%	
Ceiling Fans	50%	
Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs	75%	
Clothes Washers	30%	50%
Dish Washers	10%	12%
Dehumidifiers	15%	

Source: U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

GOP racks up ballots in local early voting

By Wayne Hodgins
The Post Dispatch

Early voting continued this week for the May 29 general election primaries throughout the state.

In Garza County, on the first two days of early voting — the only days for which numbers were available at press time — 101 voters had cast ballots in the Republican primary, and only three voters had cast ballots in the Democratic primary.

There are 2,786 registered

voters in Garza County.

Early voting began Monday and continues through 5 p.m. today.

Area residents in all six voting precincts who are already registered to vote, may cast a ballot early and without reason in either the Democratic or Republican primary vote.

Ballots can be cast at the Garza County Courthouse, 500 W. Main St. Polls are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., including the noon lunch hour.

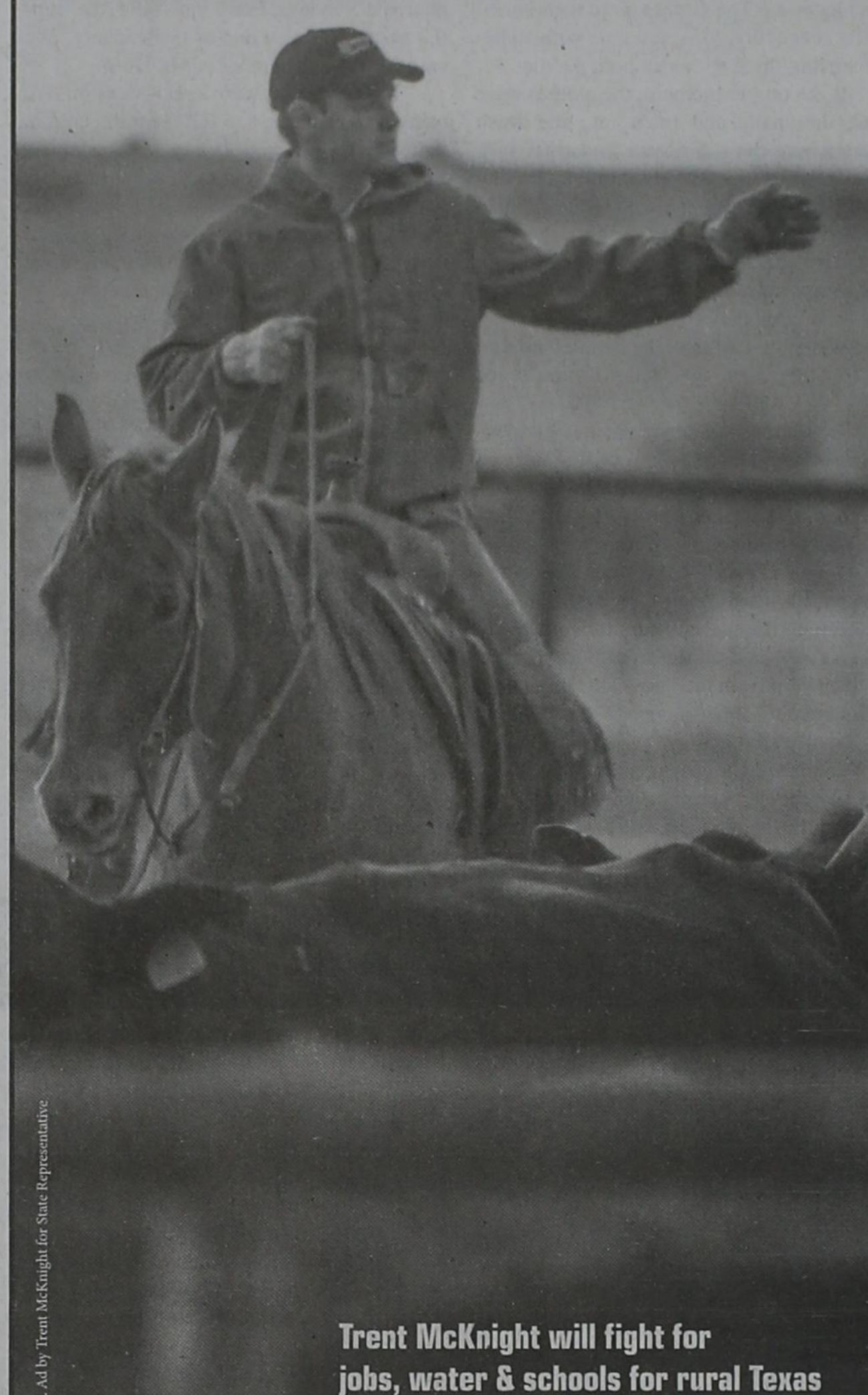
A current voter registration card, or other acceptable form of identification, including a valid state-issued photo identification card, birth certificate or passport, must be presented to be eligible to vote.

For information, contact the Garza County Elections Office at 806-495-4430.

Voters also may view sample ballots for their precinct at garzacounty.net. More voting information can be found at VoteTexas.org.

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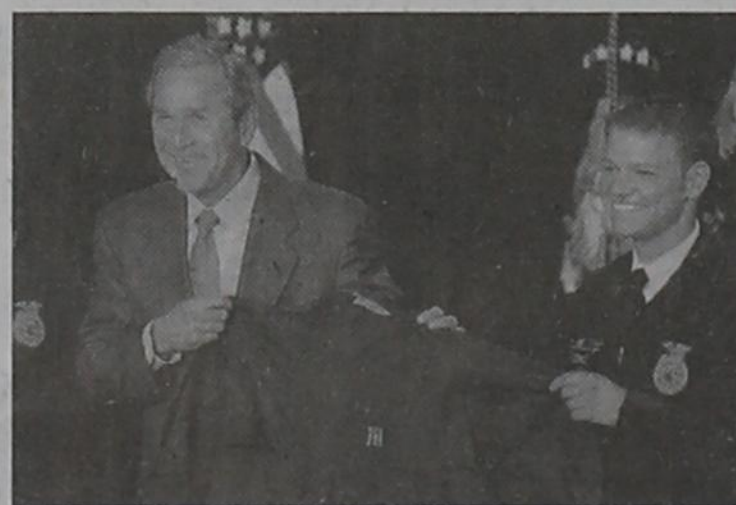
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Legends: Wash day on the Caprock

By Linda Puckett

Part two of the Cearley family history by Geraldine Butler continues, as she describes how wash day was usually Wednesday at their house.

"We heated the water in a huge iron kettle in the back yard. After it was hot, lye was added to 'break' the water, and then lye soap was melted in. The clothes were then boiled in this concoction for some time with someone stirring them with a smooth paddle.

"At the proper moment, the clothes were lifted into pails and toted into the wash house where the rub-boards and rinse tubs were. After much rubbing, wringing, rinsing and wringing, they were toted to the clothes-line and hung to dry.

"It was an all-day job, and, even then, you weren't through. The wash house floor was then scrubbed down with the clearest rinse water, and all the tubs emptied around the fruit trees and then hung on the fence to dry.

"The ironing was done on a heavily padded board resting on the tops of four kitchen chairs. Heavy sad irons were heated atop the cook stove three at a time. After testing 'ready' for use (my Mom would spit on her finger and gently touch the iron, with a good sizzle, it was ready) one was removed and used until it was too cool to work easily and was replaced on the front burner and a hot one taken from the back. This procedure continued until the ironing was done, which was usually all day.

"Mama used a coal cook stove at first. One day the stovepipe caught the wall paper afire, so the next day she bought a four-burner kerosene stove with a portable oven.

We could take the oven off and use all four burners when we needed the space for large kettles during the canning season.

"We attended church at Close City Friendship Baptist Church. It was organized shortly after my family and the hosts of others came into the community in 1915. Before that, I believe they used the school on alternate Sundays. For a long time, the Baptist pastor was also one of the teachers. The earliest one I remember is Mr. Horn.

"Trips into Post were a real occasion. We went in on Saturdays to sell the milk, cream, butter and eggs, and to buy a few staples. Since ice at home was rare, a Saturday afternoon ice cream from Collier Drug was the most delightful concoction one could imagine. If for some reason Mama and we children didn't accompany Papa to town, he always brought us a bag of jellybeans.

"Sometimes tragedy struck. I'll never forget the night the Nelsons' barn burned. It was the only barn in the community with a loft and a solid board fence around the lot. It was only a quarter mile away, and I woke with the light of it in my face. The sound of running feet as the adults at our house ran to help was mingled with the roar of the fire and the screams of the cattle that were trapped behind the solid fence.

"It was a perfectly calm night, but the bucket brigade of neighbors couldn't save the barn or the stock. The only cow to be saved was the one that had the sense to jump over the fence.

"The Lubbock highway went up the Caprock on what is now West 15th Street, directly west of Close City and west another mile before turning toward Southland.

"At Close City there were two general stores, a blacksmith shop, a doctor's office, two churches, a tourist court called 'Uncle Tom's Cabins,' and I believe a barber shop and for a time a post office. The doctor's name was Tweak, and he was the one who brought me into the world.

"We always took pride in the appearance of our place. Everything — house, barns, sheds and chicken houses — were painted every few years. In the summer we would go down to the breaks and hunt plums on Mr. Allison's ranch. With all those chickens, hogs, milk, eggs, butter, food from the garden, fruit from the orchard and with all that plum jelly, you can tell, we never went hungry during the Depression.

"Mama only had to buy such things as flour, coffee, spices, etc., at town. We only had ice tea on company days in the summer, for the only ice was in town. We kept our milk and butter fresh in a window cooler on the north side of the house. This involved a large pan, water, crock jars and large thick cloths to cover it all and hang down in the pan of water. Finally an ice route was started by T.L. Jones, and we bought a small icebox and used ice when Mama thought we could afford it.

"We never wasted anything; even all the bent or used nails were picked up and stored. Flour, sugar, salt and meal came in cloth bags. The string stitching was carefully unraveled and rolled into a ball. The bags were washed in such a manner as to remove all lettering and put into service as dishrags and dish towels. We made our own laundry soap from hog fat and lye, in the same iron kettle used for the weekly wash.

"I think Mama enjoyed soap making, it always turned out so pretty. We kids always like to munch on a few cracklings. The hog skins of today bought in the grocery stores are no comparison. Hominy making was another interesting and rewarding experience. It also included the use of lye. Lye was also used to unclog drain pipes.

"Papa did his own blacksmithing, having a forge, anvil, grindstone, drills, and various tongs and hammers. We never bought anything we couldn't pay cash for. Papa was a firm believer in 'making every edge cut.' Perhaps this philosophy is why we were able to survive the Great Depression when so many others lost their farms.

"When Papa and the family arrived in Post, they found one of Mr. Post's employees still occupying the house. He had not believed 'those crazy farmers' would actually come, even though they had made a down payment. Having no choice, they had to move over and let the Cearleys in, and in a few days they moved out.

"I don't know how long they stayed in Garza County, but, those 'crazy farmers' are still here, and have turned the Plains into the largest agricultural area in the nation."

Having read this wonderful recollection by Geraldine, you can see the importance of recording family histories. I hope this inspires you to set down and compose your family's story, otherwise it's lost forever. Geraldine is now in heaven, but she left her story at the museum. I miss you, Geraldine; it's time for the spring art show, wish you were here.

Linda Puckett is director of the Garza County Museum.

Post Notes

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.

Early voting

Early voting for the May 29 general election primary

is being conducted from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., including the noon hour, through May 25 at the Garza County Courthouse, 500 W. Main St. The last day to apply for a ballot by U.S. mail is Tuesday. For information, contact the Garza County Elections Office at 495-4430.

CRC open house

The Community Recovery Center, 405 S. Ave. C, Post, will have an open house from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 17, to celebrate its 30th anniversary. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited to attend. For information, call 495-3173.

Fish fry

Holy Cross Catholic Church, 205 W. Main St., Post, will have a fish fry benefit dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. today for Christina Aguilar. Plates include beans, potato

salad, cole slaw, hushpuppies and tea and will be sold for \$8. Donations also will be accepted. Call-in orders will be taken. For information, contact Gina Rodriguez at 806-438-8183 or Diana Basquez at 806-283-1640.

Graham Ole Opry

Event will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Graham Community Center, 5 miles west of Post on U.S. 380 and 2 miles south on FM 399. No admission charge, but donations will be accepted. Concessions available. For information, contact Noel White at 805-495-3261.

Memorial Day breakfast

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6797 in Post will have its annual Memorial Day breakfast from 7 to 9 a.m. May 28 in the VFW Hall, 1006 E. Main St. All

veterans and their families are invited. The Memorial Day program will begin at 10 a.m. at the Garza County Courthouse. All are encouraged to attend.

Retirement reception

Post Elementary School will host a retirement reception for two of its educators, Dorothy McCook and Kathy Fluitt, from 3 to 5 p.m. May 31 in the teacher's lounge. The public is invited. For information, call the school at 806-495-3414 or email Nancy Norman at nnorman@postisd.net.

Fish fry

Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center will have a fish fry from 5 to 8 p.m. June 8. \$7 a plate.

Post Elementary

There will be a miniature zebra presentation at 12:30 p.m. May 23 for all grade levels. There will be no school May 28. The awards ceremony will be at 10 a.m. May 30 in the auditorium. Last day of school is May 31; students will be released at 12:30 p.m. Summer school starts at 8 a.m. June 4. The school cafeteria will be open from 8 to 9 a.m. for breakfast and from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. for lunch through June 29.

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.

Parkinson's support

The West Texas Parkinsonism Society meets at noon the first Tuesday of each month in the library at the Covenant Neuroscience Institute, 3610 22nd St., Lubbock. Lunch provided.

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.

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 Danaya 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 Cloudcroft, 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.

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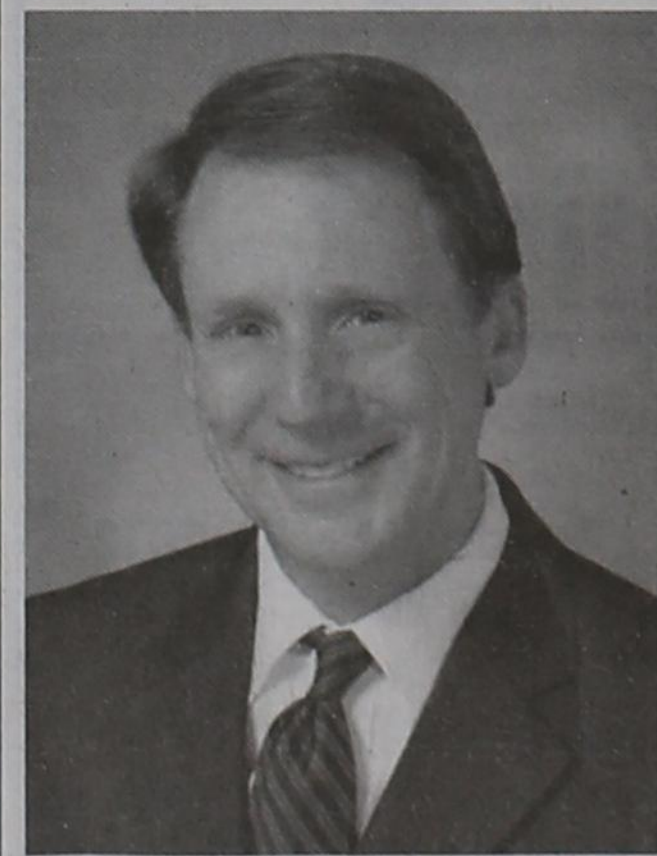
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Cruise through Post



David and Carol Deutsch, center, of Midland, were the first-place winners in Saturday's Cruise Through Post Island and Pirate Adventure hosted by Post City Festivals. They won a 47-inch LG LED television with sound bar and 3D glasses worth \$2,000. Also pictured are downtown business owners who helped put on the event to bring awareness to downtown Post.



John Goen, far left, Laura Goen, center, and Lance Goen, second from right, all of Post, display a pirate flag signed by former Texas Tech football coach Mike Leach. The trio won the flag Saturday during the Cruise Through Post Island and Pirate Adventure hosted by Post City Festivals. Also pictured are downtown business owners who helped put on the event to bring awareness to downtown Post.

Post Dispatch Weather Summary

Post's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Weather	High / Low
Friday	Sunny	90 / 63
Saturday	Mostly Sunny	92 / 62
Sunday	Mostly Sunny	87 / 61
Monday	Mostly Sunny	83 / 62
Tuesday	Mostly Sunny	88 / 64
Wednesday	Mostly Sunny	89 / 61
Thursday	Partly Cloudy	84 / 65

Local UV Index

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

Weather Trivia

On average, what is the wettest place in the United States?

Answer: Waialeale, Hawaii gets about 460 inches of rainfall per year.

Weather History

May 18, 1889 - Low pressure anchored over eastern Virginia kept showers and thunderstorms over the Middle Atlantic Coast Region. Flash flooding was reported in Pennsylvania. Up to five inches of rain drenched Franklin County, Penn. in 24 hours.

May 19, 1780 - This is the infamous "dark day" in New England tradition. At noon, it was nearly as dark as night. Chickens went to roost, and many people were fearful of divine wrath. Forest fires to the west of New England were responsible for the phenomenon.

Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 90°, humidity of 18%. South wind 20 to 25 mph. The record high temperature for today is 102° set in 1978. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 63°. South wind 15 to 25 mph. The record low for tonight is 44° set in 1986. Saturday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 92°, humidity of 18%. South southwest wind 15 mph. Skies will be mostly clear Saturday night with an overnight low of 62°. South southwest wind 15 to 20 mph.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times
Fri	9:03-11:03 AM, 9:33-11:33 PM
Sat	9:48-11:48 AM, 10:18-12:18 PM
Sun	10:35-12:35 PM, 11:05-1:05 PM
Mon	11:23-1:23 PM, 11:53-1:53 PM

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri	6:43 a.m.	8:41 p.m.	5:09 a.m.	6:55 p.m.
Sat	6:43 a.m.	8:42 p.m.	5:44 a.m.	7:49 p.m.
Sun	6:42 a.m.	8:43 p.m.	6:24 a.m.	8:43 p.m.
Mon	6:41 a.m.	8:43 p.m.	7:07 a.m.	9:34 p.m.
Tue	6:41 a.m.	8:44 p.m.	7:54 a.m.	10:23 p.m.
Wed	6:40 a.m.	8:45 p.m.	8:46 a.m.	11:08 p.m.
Thu	6:40 a.m.	8:45 p.m.	9:40 a.m.	11:50 p.m.

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip
5/8	69	52	81/53	0.01"
5/9	77	46	81/53	0.00"
5/10	62	54	81/54	0.35"
5/11	67	53	81/54	0.00"
5/12	73	51	82/54	0.00"
5/13	68	49	82/55	0.08"
5/14	60	53	82/55	0.80"

Farmer's Growing Degree Days

Date	Degree Days
5/8	10
5/9	12
5/10	8
5/11	10

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



Second-place winner in Saturday's Cruise Through Post Island and Pirate Adventure was Chris Atkinson, who won \$325 cash. He is pictured with Jackie Cruse, founder and president of Post City Festivals, which hosted the event to bring awareness to downtown Post. Also pictured are downtown business owners who helped put on the event.

Thanks
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Marika Strivens/Special to the Dispatch Clyde and Meg Bailey of Midland present a \$2,000 check to Post City Festivals founder and president Jackie Cruse during Saturday's Cruise Through Post Island and Pirate Adventure hosted by the nonprofit organization to bring awareness to downtown Post. Also pictured are downtown business owners and PCF board members Mike and Dana Holly and Chuck and Michelle Gibson

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