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Post Notes

Founders Day typesetters needed

Volunteers with Microsoft Word (IBM compatible) are needed to help prepare for publication of the Official Souvenir Book for the Black/Gold Celebration. Please contact Bobby Cowdrey at 495-3391 or Louella Bilberry at 495-3746.

Class of '68 reunion

The Post High School Class of 1968 reunion will be held Oct. 10. Reunion coordinators are looking for Larry Rosas, Glenda Watson and Micki Sterling. Please call Voda Gradine at 495-2070.

Church collecting school supplies

The First United Methodist Church is collecting school supplies through the month of August. There are school supply lists at Family Dollar, Ammons Printing & United. Drop-off boxes are located at Family Dollar or at the church office. Supplies collected will be divided between the elementary and middle schools at the end of the month.

Let's keep it clean!

Hey, Post, let's keep it clean — your storefronts, windows, sidewalks and other areas around your place of business. Kathryn Johnson was so gracious to take her time and supervise a few young people who did a nice cleanup job last week. Now it's time for all of us to help keep it clean. We have a big Founders Day celebration coming up next month and Post will be visited and talked about by a lot of out-of-town people. Let's hope that when they talk about us it is in a positive, complimentary way.

Medical fund for A.E. "Tiny" Coleman

Friends of Tiny Coleman have established a medical fund to assist him with heart problems and diabetes. He remains in St Mary Hospital undergoing treatment. A long-time oil industry worker, Tiny has lived and worked in West Texas for many years. The medical fund is at South Plains Bank in Levelland under the name of A.E. "Tiny" Coleman, P.O. Box 1559, Levelland, Texas 79336.

'48 reunion plans under way

The Post High School Class of 1948 will observe its 50-year reunion Sept. 11-12. Activities set for Friday, Sept. 11, include attending the pep rally as a group, followed by a tour of the school. The group will also attend the PHS football game and be recognized. An after-game fellowship is planned. On Saturday, Sept. 12, a 9:30 a.m. brunch will be held at the Hotel Garza, followed by a time of fellowship (bring pictures!). At 7 p.m. a dinner will be held at the hotel at a cost of \$10 per person. Classmates planning to participate should send the \$8 registration fee (to pay for the football game, snacks, drinks, etc.) to Marilyn Mason, 711 W. 5th Street, Post, or Joyce Tyer, Box 395, Hale Center, 79041.

Roping set for Saturday

A pre-county roping will be held Saturday, Aug. 22, at the Jerry Forgerson Arena. Anyone planning to participate in the county roping should attend the pre-county event as there will be a meeting. Also planned is a novice round robin and an open round robin. Books open at 12:30 p.m.

Hunter's ed course offered

A hunter's education course will be offered Aug. 24-26 beginning at 6 p.m. nightly at the 4-H barn. The course will be conducted by Game Warden Benjie Smith. Cost will be \$10 per person. Call 495-4029 for more details.

PHS to host open house Tuesday

Open house for Post High School will be conducted Tuesday, Aug. 25. Activities will begin with refreshments and parent registration in the student commons at 7 p.m. This event affords parents and the community the opportunity to show support for local students and their efforts. Everyone is invited to attend and encourage Post students to have a great year.

United Way seeks requests

The Garza County United Way, in preparation for the 1998 fund raising campaign, is seeking budget requests from participating organizations. A letter has been mailed to last year's participants requesting written budgets and requests. The deadline for written requests for funding is Tuesday, September 8. Organizations which intend to participate with United Way should mail written budgets and requests for funding to United Way, P.O. Box 425, Post, Texas 79356.

Band Boosters to meet Sept. 8

The Post Band Boosters will observe their next meeting on Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. in the band all. Parents of all senior high and junior high band members are encouraged to attend.

New program to aid victims

The newly-established Victims Advocate Program in Garza County is designed to assist victims of any crime. The program will require volunteer man hours from interested Garza County residents. Anyone interested may come by the Garza County Probation Office, 225 West Main, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and speak with Jayta Crary.

Veterans' names needed for project

Work is currently under way to gather the names of all veterans buried in Garza County. The names will be used as part of a monument to be erected at the Garza County courthouse by the local VFW. Check the list of veterans' names at city hall, the courthouse and at both banks. Names may be added to the list at any of the above locations.

Tight budget puts gym plan on hold

Post ISD trustees face \$500,000 less revenue this year

by Sheri Lewis

Plans for construction of a new high school gymnasium were postponed Thursday, Aug. 13, when trustees for the Post Independent School District held their regular monthly meeting.

In light of the district's loss of approximately \$43,000,000 in mineral values coupled with a significant decrease in enrollment which will translate into fewer tax dollars from the state, trustees agreed to "shelve" the gymnasium project, according to Superintendent Dr. Bobby Bain.

The district stands to lose an estimated \$600,000 in tax revenues with the drop in mineral values and the decrease in enrollment — 43 students fewer than were enrolled a year ago — will compound the loss by another \$120,000-130,000, Bain said.

"The board decided to wait and see what the future holds," the superintendent said Tuesday morning. "They decided to wait until financial considerations clear up some."

Bain said the board hopes to reevaluate the project in a year. The need for a new gymnasium remains, he said, and the drawings and environmental studies necessary for such a project have already been completed and paid for.

In another response triggered by the anticipated loss of revenues, the board lauded administrators for the many cuts made to the budget being crafted for the 1998-99 school year but asked school officials to go back and review the numbers again, trimming out "anything that's not a necessity," Bain said.

"I think we can cut it some more but I don't think revenues and expenditures will balance," he said, noting that the current budget proposal is still some \$500,000 more than anticipated revenues. "We will probably have to dip into our fund balance."

"It's going to be a very lean year... but it's not going to impact the quality of the education of students in the Post school district."

Local United Way campaign gets national recognition

The Garza County United Way has been recognized by United Way of America for its "significant increase" in the 1997 campaign. The United Way campaign results showed Garza County's campaign with a 19.14 percent increase over the previous year, putting the local unit in first place in its division (goals of less than \$25,000).

Total contributions to last year's campaign was \$17,749 and put the Garza County unit ahead of Harlan, Iowa with 6.57 percent increase and Eagle Pass, Texas with 6.30 percent over the previous year.

"We are very pleased to be nationally ranked," Garza County United Way president Carol Tobias said, "this is the second year that we have been recognized for this achievement." Tobias emphasized that the contributions reflect the well-known reputation of Garza County citizens, "the United Way board of directors are of course proud, but the real winners are all those people and businesses which gave so generously to our campaign."

A letter from United Way of American South Central Regional Director Henry P. Zimmer added to the luster, "I want to congratulate you on your significant increase in last year's results. All the United Ways across the nation with at least a five percent increase above the previous year were recently highlighted in the United Way of America's Executive Newsletter, News & Views. Your 19.14 percent over 1996 is truly fantastic!"

The Garza County United Way campaign begins next month when participating agencies will submit written budgets and requests for funding by September 8.

More Post Notes

Pre-game taco supper set Sept. 18

A pre-homecoming game taco supper, sponsored by the Post Band Boosters, will be conducted in the school cafeteria.

Meet the Antelopes Aug. 24

The annual Meet the Antelopes event, sponsored by the Antelope Booster Club, will be held Monday, Aug. 24 at Antelope Stadium. A hamburger supper will kick off activities at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Meet the Antelopes events at 7 p.m. Tickets for the meal are currently available at a cost of \$3 each from Diana Collier, Larry Mills, Victor Ashley or Jamie Cooper. Tickets will be \$4 at the door.

In other business, board members:

- Accepted bids from Bell for milk, Walker-Sims for fuel and Post Automotive for bus services.
- Adopted policies dealing with personnel, classroom assignments and Internet use.
- Accepted and approved the 1998-99 property values as submitted by the Appraisal District. The accepted value was \$273,161,000, down about \$43 million to \$44 million over last year.
- Accepted the resignations of first grade teacher Loretta Alaway and Sherry Pool and hired two new teachers, Leah Howell and Peggy Lott.
- Set the date for the budget hearing for Tuesday, Aug. 25, at 7 p.m.

The board's next regular monthly meeting, which will likely include the setting of the tax rate, is set for Sept. 8.

GHD hears from Covenant officials on future of clinic

Garza Hospital District (GHD) board members heard a report from Covenant Health Systems during its regular meeting Thursday, August 13. Jim Bullard, Vice President of Regional Services for Covenant, predicted that with the recent merger between Methodist and St Mary, "the situation here should only get better."

GHD accepted the transfer of the "Rural Health Clinic Operations Agreement" with Methodist to Covenant for providing indigent care in Garza County.

Editor's Note: Neither the original contract, dated Jan. 13, 1998, nor the assigned contract were submitted for competitive bidding as required by law.

Bullard emphasized that the availability of the pool of physicians will be an advantage in case of emergencies. Bullard also said that the rural health clinics that had been under Methodist supervision are being transitioned to Covenant.

Bullard introduced Jason Markham, the new supervisor for the clinic in Post.

In regards to a "Level V Trauma Designation," Bullard said the issue was back in the committee and is available for public comment. Bullard suggested "blending" the EMS in with the Level V plans.

In other business, the board approved indigent status for three Garza County citizens, providing medical care and up to three prescriptions per month.

A letter from GHD attorney Calloway Huffaker informed the board that estimates on the cost of amending the enabling legislation have not been received. The issue will be presented at the September 10 board meeting.

The board approved monthly reports, collection agency reports, a letter to county commissioners regarding "Tobacco Litigation Settlement" funds (which go directly to the hospital district) and revised the 1998-1999 budget proposal.

Attending the meeting were board members Jack Alexander, David Tyler, David Nichols, Zoe Kirkpatrick and Michael Travis.

Total enrollment decreases for Post school campuses

Enrollment figures are down in the Post Independent School District for the 1998-99 school year.

According to Superintendent Dr. Bobby Bain, a total of 911 students — 413 at the elementary school, 225 at the middle school and 273 at the high school — reported for classes last Thursday on the first day of school. As of Monday of this week, the total enrollment figure had climbed to 927 but the number is still well short of the 965-970 students the district reported this time a year ago. The biggest loss has been reported at the elementary school level.

Bain attributes the drop in enrollment primarily to the loss of students who moved from the Post area over the summer.

Many local families depend on oil-and ag-related incomes and with the current downward trends in those areas, employment opportunities may have disappeared.

• Weather in Post •

Date	High	Low	Precip
8/12	100	66	—
8/13	94	69	—
8/14	84	66	—
8/15	90	67	—
8/16	94	68	—
8/17	94	69	—
8/18	92	69	—
August rainfall — 0.10			
Year-to-date — 7.251			
(Records courtesy Garza County Sheriff's Department)			



Jacky and Thressa Harp

Jacky and Thressa Harp celebrate 25th anniversary August 15

Mr. and Mrs. Jacky Harp celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Saturday, Aug. 15, 1998, at the Citizens Bank meeting room.

Harp and the former Thressa Palmer were united in marriage at the First Baptist Church in Welch, Texas, on Aug. 18, 1973. They are the parents of Mr. and Mrs. Dustin Massey of Abilene and Sonya Harp and Tonya Harp, both of Lubbock, and the grand-

parents of Ashlee D'Shea Massey and Allison Paige Massey, both of Abilene. Hosting the event were the couple's children and the friends and family members Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Self, Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. Don Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Morris and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Terry, all of Post, and Mr. and Mrs. Bubba Smith of Slaton.

Garza County clan attends Tucker family reunion

The descendants of Henry Mack and Virgie Geneva (Lawrence) Tucker held their 20th annual family reunion at the Sons of Hermann Hall near Clifton, Texas on July 18, 1998.

The Tucker families were longtime residents of the Garza County area.

Family members attending the reunion began gathering at 9 a.m. Those attending the event included Juanita McBee of Brownwood; Maxine and Jerry Conoly of Ivan; Cloves and Ada Tucker of Lubbock; Robert and Sharon Shedd of Garland; Staci (Shedd) Barsuhn, Grant, Dustin, Blayne and Monika of Gainesville, Florida, along with a friend, Joan Khouri, also of Gainesville; Jerry and Donna Moffett of Rotan; Don Tucker and friend Pat Smith, Odessa; Doris Tucker of Clifton; Jerry and Heather Tucker and Sydney Cheyanne of Texas City; and Mike and Vicki Bernhardt of Clifton.

Also, J.O. and Cheryl Cummings, Trey, Rich and Brittney of Slidell, Louisiana; Joe E. and Melanie Tucker, Chase and Trent of Texas City; Robert and Karen Tucker of Houston; Joe P. and Connie Tucker with granddaughters Elizabeth and Tiffany Pena, Texas City; Max Rutherford of Clifton; Sean Bernhardt of Clifton; and Steve and Cheryl Tucker and Andy of Odessa.

The family's business meeting was called to order by President Robert Shedd with reports from the secretary and treasurer, as well as discussions regarding the possibility of finding a new location. All attempts to locate something within a decent price range have been thwarted. Marriages, births and graduations were announced, applauded and praised.

The annual family auction was held to aid in defraying the costs of the reunion. The bidding was heavy on T-shirts with "Tucker Reunion '98" on the front. There were several handmade items which also brought good prices.

The reunion was only for a single day this year but everyone had a good time and it is hoped that the future of this reunion will continue.

Births

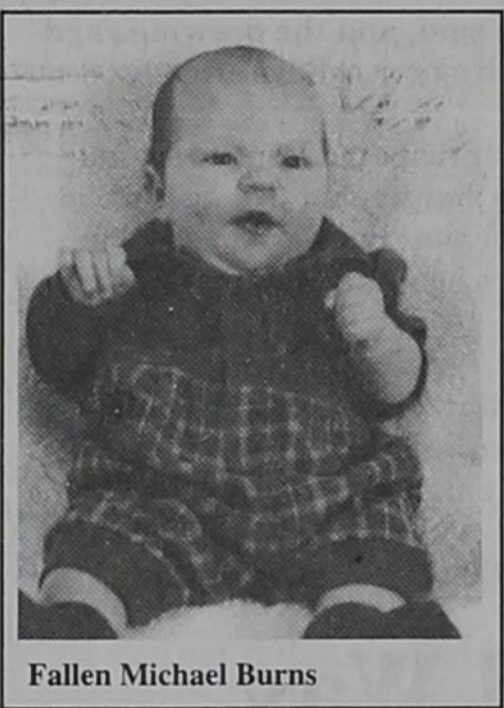
Tallen Michael Burns

J'Lynn Burns of Post and Sherman Hodgers of Lubbock are proud to announce the birth of their son, Tallen Michael Burns, on June 28, at University Medical Center.

Tallen weighed seven pounds and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Allen and Tammie Burns of Post.

Great-grandparents are Jim and Rose Burns of Lorenzo.



Fallen Michael Burns



There are about 4,000 kinds of mammals.



1st Lt Michael Radle

1st Lt Radle promoted

Michael Radle, stationed at Ali Al Salem Air Base in Kuwait, was promoted to 1st Lieutenant Aug. 10. Radle is serving both as a weapons director and a mission crew commander.

He is a member of the Air Control Squadron deployed in that region from Eglin Air Force Base in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida.

Radle is the son of Darrell and Susan Radle of Post. He is a 1991 graduate of Post High School and a 1996 graduate of Texas Tech University. His wife, Kathy, is currently teaching first grade in Fort Walton Beach.

Xi Delta Rho Chapter plans programs

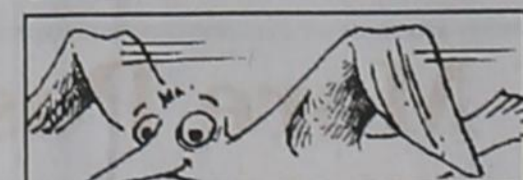
by Celia Mason
The Xi Delta Rho Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Monday, Aug. 17, in the home of Mary Edwards.

Members enjoyed a meal of club sandwiches, chips, fruit, brownie swirl cheesecake and iced tea. Hostesses for the evening were Mary Edwards and Celia Mason.

Everyone present signed up for programs and hostess duties for the new year. Members also discussed new rushes.

The organization's next meeting will be Sept. 14 with a revealing of Secret Sisters.

Members present at this month's meeting included Mary Edwards, Sherry Dorner, Jan Acker, Celia Mason, Angie Babb, Dana Babb, Amy Morris, JoAnn Stelzer, Jody Whisenhunt and Trevah Yarbro.



An adolescent sooty tern can remain aloft for up to ten years before landing to breed.

The Post Dispatch will not be responsible for photos left at the office more than 30 days.

Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush

Hello for one more week. Hope everyone had a great weekend. The school kids have a whole five day week to face, so I'm sure the reality that summer is over is about to hit!

Get Well Wishes

I just want to send out get well wishes to Verle McBride, Mary Martin and my buddy Joe Williams. I hear through the grapevine that Mr. Joe was about to return to the Dr. and thought I better let him know I'm keeping my ears open. Verle and Mary are both at home recuperating, hope you are both up and about real soon

Happy Late Birthday

Seems that Suzanne, down at the Post Office., tried to keep it a secret that she had a birthday last week. Suzanne, don't you know it is impossible to keep a secret?

Anyway, her big day was last Friday so, late or not, Happy Birthday Suzanne! Hope you had a great day.

Suzanne is always so nice to help when I need it, we really do appreciate her here at the Dispatch.

Visitor from Germany

Jimmy and Hildegard Marlin are blessed to have Hildegard's nephew, Stephen Staudt, here from Nuernberg, Germany. Stephen will get to be here for nearly a months stay. He will return to Germany on September 10.

Last week, after picking him up at DFW, Jimmy and Hildegard treated Stephen to Six Flags, Hurricane Harbor and then a week of camping out at Ruidoso.

I hope that Stephen has a wonderful time while here, and hopefully I will get a chance to meet and visit with him.

Birthdays This Week

Thursday 20: Ronnie Riggs, Happy 46!; Anniversary; Guy and Brenda Nelson; Friday 21: Joe Neal Clary, Joy Conoly, Lauren Taylor and Pricilla Torres, Anniversary; Larry and Kim Mills and Barbara and Al Lindemann. Saturday 22: Chuck Terry, Sunday 23: Savannah Hood, Nell Morris, Toby Torres, Jr. and Bobby Dean; Anniversary; Whitey and Nell Morris. Monday 24: Felipe Gutierrez, Teraka Cowley and Logan Gregory, Anniversary; Ivan and Debbie Line. Tuesday 25: Ray Mason, Keith Hill and Denise Rackley; Anniversary; Don and Betty Davies. Wednesday 26: Camille Blevins, Anniversary; Jim and Sharla Wells.

Yesteryears?????

I have to relate the cutest story that comes from our new addition of Yesteryears photos in the Dispatch.

Now I am not really sure how the conversation came about, but Billie Windham in visiting with Darla Doss (formally Darla Pierce) told Darla that she did not realize that her brother Scotty was about to remarry.

Well, to say the least, Darla did not realize it either! She told Billie that she must be mistaken but Billie said no, that she had seen the picture in the Dispatch and that she was sure about it.

Darla said that maybe it was another Scotty Pierce, "No," said Billie, "it said son of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Pierce".

To cut to the chase, Billie came in the Dispatch and ask if the picture had been from Yesteryears. When told that it was, she got a copy and faxed to Darla.

We all have had a really good chuckle from this, and I thank Billie for letting me tell this story.

On addition, Darla and I were best friends in school, so I could just see her face when Billie reported this to her.

Needless to say, I have laughed and had more fun with this story just thinking of Darla!!! I miss her alot.

Band Calendars

For those of you who do not know, I obtain all of the birthdays for my "Jabberin" from the calendar that the PHS Band students sold last year.

Well the kids are out selling again for this year, so I thought everyone might like to know so that your birthdays and anniversaries could be included.

The calendars are five dollars and you can list four birthdays and one anniversary. If you have more, there is a 25 cent charge for each additional listing.

If interested call Jaquita Blevins at 495-2517 or contact any band member.

Till Next Week

Guess that had better be all for this week. Maybe the Lord will see to it that we get a little more rain. May God bless each one of you. See you next week.

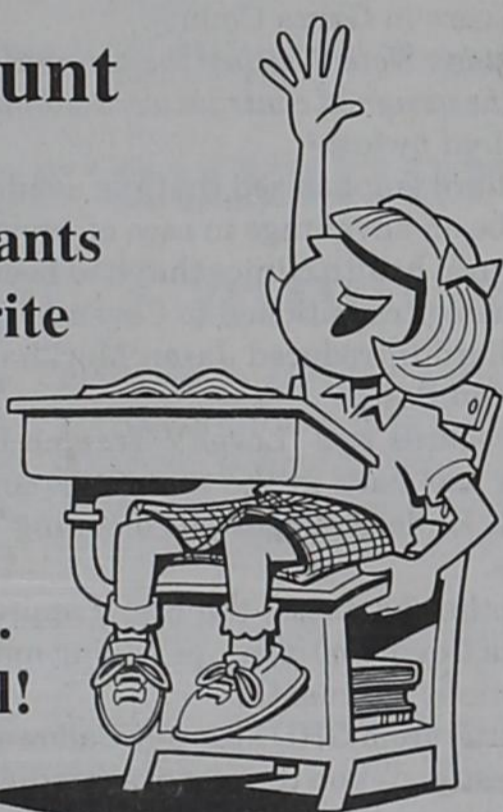
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4. Post ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.
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Gladys Blair in the glitter of lights at Branson, Missouri

Gladys Blair gets the spotlight on Branson, Missouri stage

Some say that life begins after 40, but according to Gladys Blair, it begins after 70.

Blair performed her standup comedy routine last Saturday night at the Celebrity Club located between the Roy Clark and Mickey Gilley Theatres in Branson, Missouri. Steve Crawford and his Original After Hours Band played host to Blair when she made a guest appearance and brought the house to their feet with her comedy show and recent jokes about the drug Viagra.

At a time in life when most people are retiring, Blair is just beginning with a new career. She has performed in the 1998 Ms. Senior

Texas Pageant; with Alvin Crow, the western swing fiddler from Austin; and for the Arts a la Carte luncheon at the Algerita Arts Center in Post.

Following her performance in Branson, she has been invited to perform with Crawford in Las Vegas, Nevada, on New Year's Eve.

Blair and her late husband, George, lived in Lubbock for more than 30 years while he was employed with the Avalanche-Journal. In 1976 they moved to Post to establish Blair Printing & Office Supply.

Blair's motto is, "Life is too short not to have fun."

MAD DADS plans '5th Quarter' fun

Several new activities are being planned for "Da House," the youth activity center operated by the local MAD DADS chapter.

Starting Monday, Aug. 31, Monday Night Football Night will be observed, according to MAD DADS' Rodney Tidwell. "Da House" will be opened at 7 p.m. and the evening's activities will center around a football theme. Free popcorn will be served during the game and the snack bar will be open with ice cream and cokes, along with any variation floats and other snacks.

The snack bar will also be open during the center's regular daily hours.

Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 1, and on each Tuesday night during the football season, "Da House" will be open from 7-10 p.m. for high school students only.

"This will be a time for the big dogs to have Da House to themselves," Tidwell said. "This is going on, one of the gyms at the high school or middle school will be open for b-ball, hockey or whatever."

Tidwell said more definite plans as to the gym's opening and scheduled activities will be announced in coming days.

On Wednesday evenings, the youth center will be observing After Glow from 8-10 p.m. following youth services.

"This is a time where students come in to play games and during the night we stop all games and have a short talk or Bible study," Tidwell said. "Usually these talks are focused on the struggles that are in the world today and how to overcome them. The talks are for encouraging and lifting our spirits and helping us focus on the only real strength of the world — Jesus Christ."

Post Middle School gets recognition

Post Middle School has been singled out for recognition among schools with Title I or "at-risk" programs, according to information released this week by the school district.

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) recently named the middle school as one of the 10 highest-ranked schools in the state in terms of the percentage of eighth grade students passing the TAAS (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills) mathematics test in 1996-97. The school earned the honor in a comparison of other schools districts with Title I programs and a high number of low socioeconomic students, Dr. Bobby Bain, Post ISD superintendent, said Tuesday. Post Middle Schools falls in that category of Texas schools with a poverty rate of 50-74 percent.

Bain said the school's latest accomplishment is due to several factors, including the "leadership of Principal Marita Jackson, the hard work of the staff, a tremendous effort on the part of the kids and the cooperation of parents."

As a result of the TEA recognition, the school will likely be visited by the Council of Chief State School Officers in an attempt to determine what makes successful high poverty schools different; why Post Middle School student achievement scores outpaced their high-poverty, lower-achieving counterparts; and the role of Title I in the effort to reach higher levels of student achievement, according to the school district report.

This is not the first high mark from the TEA for the local middle school. In 1996-97 and 1997-98, Post Middle School was designated as a TEA "recognized campus."

I competed in the long jump, because it seemed to be the only event where afterward you didn't fall down and throw up.
—Dave Barry

Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society.
—Mark Twain

Play is one of the main bases of civilization.
—Johan Huizinga

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George July Graduate

Susan B George graduated from South Plains College School of Respiratory Therapy, July 23, 1998.

The graduation ceremony was conducted at the Knipling Conference Center at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Susan is currently employed at Saint Mary's Hospital in Lubbock. She is married to Rodney George and they have two children, Morgan and Ben.

Forget injuries, never forget kindnesses.
—Confucius



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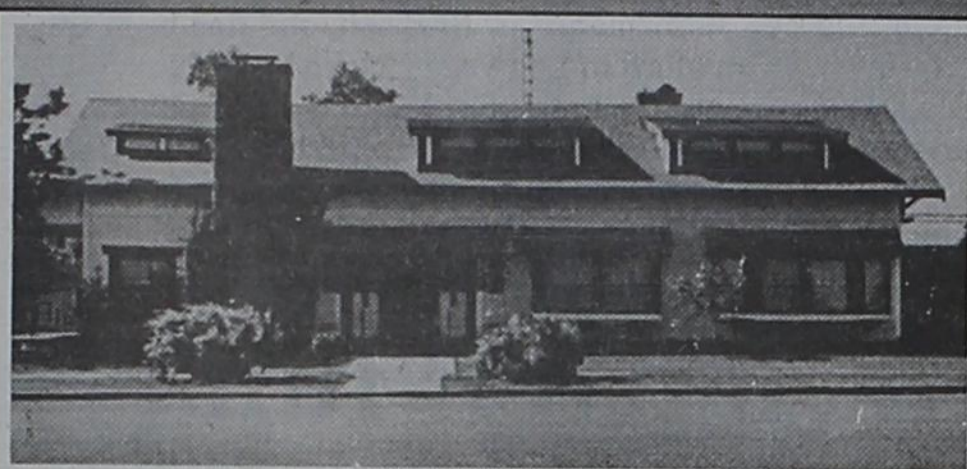
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Bountiful Peach Tree

Mrs. Biddy Braddock has a slight problem with her peach tree this year... it is so full the branches have to propped up to keep them off the ground. This magnificent crop is at 401 N. Avenue O. (Photo by Judy Bush)

Sales tax rebate drops 1.63% for year

Year-to-date sales tax revenues in Garza County remain close to the figures reported a year ago, according to numbers released recently by the state comptroller's office.

Post has received a total of \$159,374.61 in the first eight months of 1998. Compared to the 1997 payments to date of \$162,029.88, the city has seen a decrease of 1.63 percent, according to the report.

The City of Post received a monthly sales tax payment of \$24,035.38 this month, compared to last August's payment of \$27,301.12. The difference is a decrease of 11.96 percent.

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Marcelina Flores

Mass for Marcelina Flores, 76, of Post was held Monday, Aug. 17, 1998, at 11 a.m. in the Holy Cross Catholic Church with the Rev. Malcolm Neyland officiating. Burial was in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Justice-Mason Funeral Home. Rosary services were held Friday, Aug. 14, at 7 p.m. at the church and Sunday, Aug. 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

She died Thursday, Aug. 13, 1998, at her home. Born July 1, 1922, in Childress to Savas and Refugia (Madrid) Bocanegra, she came to Garza County in 1928 with her family. She married Nicholas Flores on July 5, 1940, in Post. She was instrumental in starting the Catholic Church in Post, hosting church services in her home prior to having a church building. She was very active in the church and was always willing to help others.

Survivors include her husband, Nicholas Flores of Post; four sons, Ramon Flores and Juan Flores, both of Plainview, Tim Flores of Houston and Frank Flores of Post; four daughters, Placida Guerrero of Post, Georgia Martinez of Lawrence, Kansas, Leonarda Asebedo of Syracuse, Kansas, and Pauline Espinoza of Lubbock; one brother, Leo Bocanegra of Wichita, Kansas; one sister, Isabel Soto; 44 grandchildren; 94 great-grandchildren; and 30 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Juanita Flores, on Oct. 25, 1965. Pallbearers included A. Flores, Sammy Asebedo, Mario Flores, Henry Salas, Nick Martinez and Alex Flores.

The advantage of keeping family accounts is clear. If you do not keep them you are uneasily aware of the fact that you are spending more than you are earning. If you do keep them, you know it.

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Back to Basics

by David Graves, Calvary Baptist Church
"Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thy eyes, that thou shouldst take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger?"

As you read this, school will be underway almost everywhere. The colleges and universities will be open in just a few days. As we think about the start of another school year, we find ourselves running here and there gathering up the items that will be needed for the start of the new school year.

One of the brand of school supplies that I have noticed is simply called Basic. These supplies are pens, pencils, and notebooks with no frills, just the needed item, which we cannot do without. There are also some basics of the Christian Faith.

The verse from the book of Ruth speaks to us about grace. Grace is the undeserved favor of God. There is no way that we can earn it. Grace cannot be bought. We can never be good enough to have the grace of God poured out to us. Grace is the gift of God. Ruth had the right idea.

When she realized that grace had been poured out on her, she fell on her face. We too would do well if we acted accordingly, as we are humbled by the grace of God. We, like Ruth were at one time strangers to the ways of God.

You may be reading this page today and it may all be new to you. May the grace of God be very real to you as it is revealed to you through the person of Jesus Christ. For those of you who have been a Christian for many years, may we return to the basics as we experience anew, God's abundant grace.

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If you have PMS you are not alone, up to 40% of women of childbearing age suffer mild to severe symptoms, usually a week or two before their period starts. Some bad enough to miss school or work.

The cause is unclear, however it is known that some women have chemical changes within the brain that causes mood changes as their cycle approaches. Changing levels of hormones that play a role in reproduction may cause PMS. Most women on birth control, whose hormone levels are controlled, do not have PMS. It has been found those women with low levels of some vitamins and minerals have increased symptoms.

There are treatments for PMS. Limiting your caffeine, salt and sugar may help. An approved vitamin and mineral program, as well as moderate, regular exercise program may improve symptoms.

The more you understand your PMS symptoms and how they affect your life, the better you'll be at dealing with the things that make your symptoms worse. If you have questions about your symptoms or a particular treatment ask your medical provider. Why suffer when treatment is available?

Michael Travis PA-C, UMC Emergency Center

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Letters to the Editor

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The problem with deregulation

Many utilities are behind in addressing Y2k issues because they are focused on deregulation. In 1996, the Federal Regulatory Commission issued order #888, which compelled all public utilities to open up their transmission systems to electric power brokers. The purpose being to "remove impediments to competition in the wholesale bulk power marketplace..." What bad timing!

Since the beginning of the electrical distribution industry, most electric utilities have enjoyed what amounts to monopolies. The term is regulated monopolies. You will remember the phone companies enjoyed a similar situation, until a judge forced the breakup of AT&T some years ago.

Without getting into a debate about the merits of regulation versus deregulation, the utility companies are under considerable competitive pressure, and many of them see this as the first issue to be addressed, rather than Y2k. This is a serious mistake.

What good will it do for a utility to tighten up its business processes, reduce its costs and make itself more ready to meet new competitors, if Y2k forces major power outages on it? Better to prepare to remediate Y2k, as much as possible, knowing that customers who are well treated through the Y2k crisis will remember who served them when the competition heats up.

There is a second problem being caused by deregulation. It is the reluctance of utilities to discuss their Y2k problems publicly because of the impending threat of new competition. Utilities are afraid they will lose customers if they admit they are not Y2k compliant.

Since the decision to deregulate, a number of companies have decided to sell their generating power plants and related facilities. Do you think these companies are spending the money required to make their plants Y2k compliant? Will the new owners have the time or resources to make the newly acquired generating plants compliant in time?

Deregulation could not have come at a worse time. It is very similar to the problem faced in Europe. Most European countries are moving to a new common currency called the Euro. They must be ready to do business in Euro by January 1, 1999.

The people who should be working on Y2k compliance, are working on the Euro conversion. It is extremely bad timing. Even though the Y2k problem has been known about for years, it seems that the political agenda always comes first. Interestingly, the British have decided not to participate in the Euro at this time. What a wise decision!

What can be done?

- Request by letter that your elected officials, state and federal, delay utility deregulation for at least three years.
- Request by letter that Texas utility companies publicly disclose their costs and timetable for achieving Y2k compliance.
- Contact your home and business power company suppliers, asking them to give you written confirmation they will be Y2k compliant in time.

Tom Hurley

Editor's Note: Federal rules and regulations concerning "deregulation" of the utility industry is a major misnomer... it is not a deregulation effort, it is more regulation on top of what already exists. Deregulating would be to eliminate the tangled web of thousands, if not millions of minute details in the regulatory books. That is not being done, and therein lies the biggest problem consumers face. Instead of demanding more government control, it is time to get the government completely out of regulating businesses, all businesses, not just electric power companies. It is a shame that people still believe that government can solve problems. No amount of cajoling or regulating can force the solving of this Y2k problem. The sooner people face the stark reality that there is no salvation through government, the sooner people will see the need to prepare for the worst.

Liberty ...

Every individual has the inherent right of liberty, which is the unrestrained exercise of free will, which shall never be infringed provided the exercise thereof does not violate the rights of any other individual.

**Article 1, Section 3
Texas Constitution 2000**

(For a link to the entire constitution go to this web site:
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Local Government Meetings

- Monday, August 24**
- Garza County Commissioners' Court, 9 a.m., 3rd floor court-house.
- Tuesday, September 1**
- Post City Council, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.
- Tuesday, September 8**
- Post ISD board of trustees, 7:30 p.m., administration building.
- Thursday, September 11**
- Garza Hospital District board of directors, in the clinic building, 7 a.m. (Thursday after 10th of each month)
- Monday, September 14**
- Garza County Commissioners' Court, 9 a.m., 3rd floor court-house.
- Monday, September 28**
- Garza County Commissioners' Court, 9 a.m., 3rd floor court-house.



Fact: we do not have a hospital

by Wesley W. Burnett

We do, however, have an excellent volunteer Emergency Medical Services (EMS) unit, staffed with highly qualified, experienced and dedicated folks. They may be a tad short of help right now, but they still give all they have in response to individual emergencies.

Whether or not there is a hospital in Garza County, we still have EMS crews willing to carry on.

For that reason, I am befuddled when I hear that some people still think that "if they close our hospital we'll lose our ambulance service." Those who believe that are just plain misinformed.... we have been without a hospital for more than a year, and our ambulances are still running and taking care of business.

EMS not part of any government

Fact: the EMS organization is not, and never was, a function of the hospital (or the hospital district). The EMS is a separate, private organization of volunteers. The county, city and hospital district have in the past shared the cost of buying and equipping new ambulances, but the EMS is a self-supporting, privately operated service.

Fact: we do not have a hospital in Garza County... yet we still pay hospital taxes. That is fact, and it continues to boggle the mind that there are tax payers here who think that is okay.

They apparently are the same folks who think it's okay to pay taxes to support the international oil companies who have invested trillions of dollars in the Middle East... and have the political clout to see the U.S. military protect and defend their property in that volatile part of the world.

No authority to support private business

Fact: The Garza Hospital District (GHD) does not have authority to spend one thin dime on any medical care for anyone other than the indigent of this county. Yet, almost 1/2 million dollars a year in tax funds are expended through a contract with a privately owned business which provides medical care to indigent and non-indigent alike.

Continuing to ignore the limitations of their duties as specified by law, the GHD directors obviously either (1) believe they are not violating the law or (2) it doesn't matter because there is no major uprising among the "subjects" paying the tax.

Petition elected officials to amend law

Meanwhile, petitioners calling for an election to decide the future of the hospital district have called on State Senator Robert Duncan and State Representative David Counts to settle this issue in the next legislature by amending the enabling legislation for the GHD.

In a letter sent to both elected officials, petitioners presented the following proposal for the amended legislation (HB 1325):

"For the purpose of determining the dissolution of the Garza Hospital District, the board of directors of the Garza Hospital District shall comply with provisions of Chapter 286.102 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. Petitions signed and submitted by Garza County voters in May, 1998 to the Garza Hospital District shall be recognized as fulfilling the requirements specified in Chapter 286.102 of the Health and Safety Code."

We don't need to spend valuable tax payer funds to hire some fancy law firm in Austin to satisfy this demand... that's what we pay our elected officials to do.

We'll see if they understand their duties.

If not, we'll need to see about their removal from office.

Mark Twain on loyalty to government

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"You see, my kind of loyalty was loyalty to one's country, not to institutions or its office-holders. The country is the real thing: it is the thing to watch over and care for and be loyal to; institutions extraneous, they are its mere clothing, and clothing can wear out, become ragged, cease to be comfortable, cease to protect the body from winter, disease and death. To be loyal to rags, to shout for rags, to worship rags, to die for rags — that is a loyalty of unreason; it is pure animal; it belongs to monarchy; was invented by monarchy; let monarchy keep it. I was from Connecticut, whose constitution declared "That all political power is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on their authority and instituted for their benefit, and that they have at all times an undeniable and indefensible right to alter their form of government in such a manner as they think expedient." Under that gospel, the citizen who thinks that the Commonwealth's political clothes are worn out and yet holds his peace and does not agitate for a new suit, is disloyal; he is a traitor. That he may be the only one who thinks he sees this decay does not excuse him; it is his duty to agitate, anyway, and it is the duty of others to vote him down if they do not see the matter as he does."

From the Congressional Record, April 9, 1934

Editor's Note: The Texas Constitution 2000, Article 1, Section 1, says it this way: "All political power is inherent in the people, and all governments exist by the will of the people. The people of Texas retain the right of altering, reforming or abolishing their government in any manner they believe proper, at any time." Similar wording is contained in Texas Constitutions of 1836, 1845, 1861 and 1876.

And thereafter, yours or mine?

by Walter E. Williams

During a many-years-ago heated exchange, a congressman told me that each American owned public property. As an example, he insisted that I was part-owner of the Washington Monument. I insisted it was none of mine.



We insisted back and forth until he asked me for the why of my position. My answer was a question, "Can I sell my part?" My test of whether I own something is whether I can sell it. Indeed, the working definition of private property is the rights held by the owner to keep, acquire and dispose of property.

Private property serves a vital social function often ignored or trivialized. You don't have to be a keen observer to notice that privately owned property tends to receive better care than communally owned property. I've often said that I don't care that much about future generations. After all, what has a kid who's going to be born in 2050 done for me? If he hasn't done anything for me, how then am I obliged to do anything for him? Where's the quid pro quo?

My actual conduct belies that sentiment. I own a nice home that is well cared for. Trees have been planted, rooms added, and many other improvements have been made that will outlast me and be available for that kid born in 2050. Part of the reason I made sacrifices in current consumption to improve my house is that the longer it provides housing services, the more I get when the house is sold.

Would there be the same set of caring and improvement incentives if the government owned my house, or if there were a 75 percent transfer tax when I sell? Obviously, anything that reduces my property rights in the house weakens my incentives to do the socially responsible thing: use carefully and conserve scarce resources. If the house is cared for, the market rewards me with a high selling price. If it's not,

the market punishes me with a low selling price. Private property rights, coupled with a free market, forces me to behave as if I actually did care about that 2050 kid.

That's one of the blessings of the free market: People serve their fellow man without coercion or caring. For example, I think it's a wonderful thing that Texas cattle ranchers and Idaho potato farmers take the time and effort to ensure that New Yorkers have beef and potatoes. Do you think they do it because they care about New Yorkers? They may hate New Yorkers, but they make sure there's beef and potatoes on New York supermarket shelves.

The why is easy. They want more for themselves. In a free market, the best way to have more for yourself is to serve others. How much beef and potatoes do you think New Yorkers would have if it all depended on love and caring? I'd fear for New Yorkers.

Think about the millions of goods and services that others produce for us, whether it's cars, clothing, food, entertainment or shelter, and think about their motives. You'll conclude that most good things get done as a result of self-interest, profit motive, private property rights and exchange opportunities. Think about the things that we are dissatisfied with, such as public schools, post office, police services and vehicle registration. There's an absence of profit motive and private property rights.

The free market and private property rights do not produce a Utopia; we'll have to wait for Heaven for that. But here on Earth, private property rights and free markets beat any other social arrangement in serving mankind's needs.

To find out more about Walter Williams, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

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Personal from the Sheriff

by Kenny Ratke

This week I was asked to talk about credibility. Pastor Graham asked me, "In a day when credibility seems to have been thrown out the window by many elected officials, how do you feel about the credibility of your department?"

The credibility of the sheriff's department has come under fire on numerous occasions during the time I've been your sheriff. At times, some of these attacks seem to be justified. There is a certain amount of human error that goes with any job. Law enforcement, a very controversial issue, is very complex. Some feel we should have less and most feel that we should have much more, even though budgets and available funding say otherwise.

Officers are not always able to do everything I would like to see done or handle things exactly like I would. Every officer is different. What I try to look at is the attitude of the officer. If the attitude is one of interest and commitment to working on the problems of others, I soon realize that the officer is worthy of my respect. Once mutual respect has been established, I realize in time this officer will get the experience to impact people on a personal level and hopefully make a difference. If I have led by example, the resulting effect on the office is positive. This is the main philosophy at my office.

There are certain things that neither the officer or I can control. As much as we would like to, we cannot decide civil disputes or other problems beyond the scope of our authority. We cannot fix all the social problems that plague our society.

I have had several conversations with my police chaplain, Jim Graham, concerning things that we as peace officers do that detract from our public credibility. We diligently work to improve these situations when they arise. What equally concerns me is when the department's credibility is in question because of a misunderstanding or false rumor that is spread. Although we do not always know when we're being misled, we can check these rumors out. We can look at the sources of these rumors. We can call or go by the sheriff's department and get an explanation or more details. I applaud those who have done just that. As most people know, false rumors are usually spread by unhappy people with an overabundance of idle time on their hands. I have always thought this energy spent could be better served working at one of our many local volunteer organizations such as Boy Scouts, Little League, MAD DADS, church or at our schools.

I feel it is vital that rumors alleging a criminal act be met openly and aggressively. For example, if a staff member was falsely accused of taking a bribe from a drug dealer I would challenge the person spreading the rumor to call the Texas Rangers at 806-747-4491. I feel that credibility is developed by living every day in such a way that you do not fear being investigated by an independent outside agency.

On Aug. 16, lawmen responded to a report of an automobile accident in the 100 block of West Main (no other details were recorded); a report of criminal mischief at an 8th Street business (newspaper machine was damaged); an assault in the downtown area; theft of service at a North Broadway restaurant; drag racing between 12th and 15th Streets on Avenue I; a possible overdose in the 100 block of North Avenue N (ambulance called out); and a possible suicidal individual in the 100 block of West 14th.

Incoming calls on Aug. 17 included a report of a medical emergency in the 500 block of West 11th Street (ambulance called; transport made to Methodist in Lubbock); a theft in the 100 block of North Avenue R (no further details recorded); and a request for an ambulance at a business in the downtown area (a customer had fallen outside of the business).

On Aug. 18, dispatchers fielded a request for an ambulance in the 600 block of West 11th Street (no further details recorded) and a report of several Rottweiler dogs loose and wandering in a yard in the 600 block of 4th Street.



Motor Scooter Rally

South Plains Area Texas Cushman Club members stopped in Post last Saturday during a "rally," having lunch at Babb's BBQ. There were 28 members of the club on the one-day tour, coming from Abilene, San Angelo, San Antonio, Lamesa, Tahoka, Lubbock and Clovis, N.M. Club members

specialize in restoring Cushman motor scooters. They met in Tahoka, took a ride to Wilson and Close City and to Post. After lunch they "scooted" back to Tahoka by way of Graham Chapel and Grassland.



Church softball players are (back row, left to right) Mary Lou Ward, Joey Ward, Israel Perez, Armundo Duran, (middle row) Lena Duran, Grace Paiz, Chris Belongia, Lillie Duran, (front) Greg Williams, Bridget Griffin, Ginger Oglesby and Rance Sappington.

Co-ed Church softball league closes season

The Post Co-ed Church Softball League finished its second season July 22.

A total of 16 teams from eight different churches competed in the "friendly" league which played its games on Sunday and Wednesday nights for six weeks this summer.

The first place team with an undefeated season was the Holy Cross Catholic Church B Team. Team members included Bridgett Griffin, manager, Greg Williams, coach, Ginger Oglesby, Rance Sappington, Grace Paiz, Chris Belongia, Mary Lou Ward, Joey Ward, Tillie Duran, Armando Duran, John Armendariz, Lina Duran, Israel Perez and Elizabeth Armendariz.

The league was sponsored by the First Baptist Church and helped raise money for its summer mission trip. Pastor Darryl Smith expressed his appreciation to all who participated and for their Christ-like attitudes in the league play this year.

It is one of the beautiful compensations in this life that no one can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.

—Charles Dudley Warner

NOTICE

Garza Hospital District will use the following rules to comply with its responsibility under the Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act.

608 West 6th St.,
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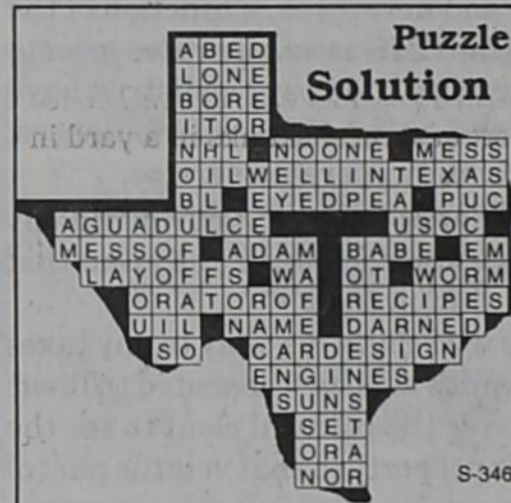
Garza Hospital District will use rules and procedures found in the County Indigent Health Care Program Handbook published by the Texas Department of Health. In summary, these rules are:

1. Application forms must be completely filled out.
2. Verification of income, residence, household composition, and resources is required, if questionable.
3. Maximum countable income cannot exceed:

Family Size	Single Adult and Adult with Children	Couples and Couples with Children	Minor Children Only
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3	\$188	\$206	\$130
4	\$226	\$231	\$154
5	\$251	\$268	\$198
6	\$288	\$294	\$214
7	\$313	\$330	\$267
8	\$356	\$356	\$293
9	\$382	\$399	\$337
10	\$425	\$425	\$363
11	\$451	\$468	\$406
12	\$494	\$494	\$432
13	\$520	\$537	\$475
14	\$563	\$563	\$501
15*	\$589	\$606	\$544

* Add \$43 for each additional household member if the household exceeds 15 persons.

4. Liquid resources and assets cannot exceed \$1000. The equity value of a car greater than \$1500 is counted against the \$1000 limit. Personal property and homestead are exempt assets.
5. Eligible persons must be a resident of Garza County.
6. Applicants must provide all information and documentation which is requested.
7. Applicants must apply for any other program for which they are potentially eligible. The county program is payor of last resort.
8. Applicants have the right to appeal adverse decisions.



Five Generations

Five generations gathered for a photo recently with (standing, left to right) Donny Windham, Greg Windham, (seated) great grandmother Billie Cowdrey Windham holding Mary Blake Windham, daughter of Greg and Sara Windham and great-great grandmother Mary Cowdrey Peel.



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Extension Extras

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Ag Improvement Committee.....

..... will meet Friday, August 21 at Noon at L.D.'s Daughters restaurant.

4-H Achievement Banquet

The 1998 Garza County 4-H Achievement Banquet will be 6:30 P.M. Saturday, August 22 at the Post Community Center. All 4-H'ers and their families and other interested persons are welcome to attend. Please call 495-4400 with the number in your family planning to attend.

Hoof Trimming

A county-wide hoof trimming for all steer projects will be held Monday, August 31 at 5:30 at the show barn.

Band boosters open up '98-99 campaign

The Post Band Boosters held their first meeting Aug. 13. Officers for the 1998-99 school year include Jaquita Blevins, president; Melinda Morgan, vice-president; Carol Tobias, secretary/treasurer; and Mary Edwards, publicity.

There were 15 members present to discuss fundraisers and other planned activities. It was decided that Community Calendars will once again be sold by band members to help fund their spring trip. Five dollars will buy a 1999 calendar and listings for up to four birthdays and one anniversary. Additional listings may be purchased for a quarter each. Band boosters also scheduled a taco supper to be held Sept. 18 prior to the homecoming game.

The organization would like to thank the Ince Fina Oil Company for its generous donation. The support of the community and businesses like Ince Fina are greatly appreciated.

The group's next meeting will be Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. and subsequent meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of every month in the band hall. Parents of all senior high and junior high band members are encouraged to attend.

No license, DWI lead arrests here

Eight arrests were made by local law enforcement officials during the past week, according to reports at the Garza County Sheriff's Department.

Three arrests for driving while license suspended were made early in the week, including that of a 30-year-old male and a 35-year-old male, both picked up on Aug. 12 (each man was released on the same day on \$1,500 bail bonds). Arrested for the same offense on Aug. 13 was a 44-year-old male (released on the same day he was arrested on a \$2,500 surety bond).

Three arrests were made on Aug. 14, including that of a 43-year-old male picked up for DWI (released the next day on \$1,500 bail bond); a 25-year-old male arrested on a warrant/failure to appear; and a 42-year-old man, commitment (released two days later on time served).

Arrested on Aug. 16 was a 40-year-old male, who was charged with unlawfully carrying a weapon, possession of marijuana and DWI (released the next day on three bail bonds).

Arrested Aug. 18 was a 29-year-old man picked up on a Hale County warrant/theft by check, no insurance and speeding (released the same day on two bail bonds).

The Sheriff's department handled about 90 calls for service during the past week, including, on Aug. 12, a report of burglary of a vehicle in the 200 block of East Main and a report of stolen and forged checks at a Clairmont Highway business.

Incoming calls on Aug. 13 included a report of a three-vehicle accident with injuries on U.S. 84, about one mile north of the Southland community (ambulance and wrecker responded; at least one individual was said to have suffered a back or neck injury and was transported to Methodist Hospital). Authorities were also called out to handle a reported suicide attempt in the 600 block of South Avenue I (ambulance was called).

Calls recorded on Aug. 14 included a domestic dispute at a residence on West 15th Street; a report of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle in the 700 block of West 10th; a grass fire north of the Chimney Creek Ranch headquarters (fire department notified); and a request for an ambulance in the 600 block of East Oak.

Calls recorded on Aug. 15 included an automobile accident on U.S. 84 south near Justiceburg (only one car involved; no other details recorded); a reported threat in the 800 block of West 8th; a possible case of child abuse at the Burlington Apartments; and a report of several skunks in a yard in the 700 block of West 10th.



Ready for School

Ready for another school year at Post Elementary are teachers (back row, left to right) Dorothy McCook, Nancy Norman, (front) Martha Baker and Donna Aten. School started in Post last Thursday. (Photo by Judy Bush)



Back at School

Post Elementary School teachers (left to right) Norma Gafford, Susan Radle and Edna Mae Owen were ready when youngsters poured through the doors last week for another year of school. (Photo by Judy Bush)

Golden Plains News

Last week on Thursday we had exercise at 9:30 then piano music at 10:00. We had a lot of fun singing and would like to thank Olive Shaw's daughter, Janet Jaurros, from Colorado Springs, Colorado. She was down visiting and took the time to come in and play the piano for us on Thursday and Friday. The residents really enjoyed singing.

We played bingo Thursday and Friday, and Mary Graves read the newspaper to everyone on Thursday catching them up on current affairs.

Monday was exercise again, then nail care and bingo. Tuesday Dana Babb from Sophisticutts opened the beauty shop for the residents who wanted their hair fixed. We also were visited by the Calvary Baptist Church that morning and later another game of bingo. Our winners were Judy Howard, Ione Hughes and Pearl Moreman.

Some of the residents are busy in their rooms. One gentleman is putting wooden birdhouses together for other residents to paint.

On Wednesday there will be a volleyball game and Dana will be here to fix hair again. At 2:30 it will

be movie and pop corn time.

We have new residents, Bennie Wilks and Domingo Villa, and we are happy to have them join our family. Also, we send get well wishes to Mildred Shumard who in the hospital in Lubbock. Dewey Chapman is out of the hospital and doing much better.

Thanks to Bert Fluitt for the wonderful watermelon, and to Chester Morris for the squash and peaches. We really appreciate how thoughtful the community is.

Till next week.
Bunny

Neighbor to Neighbor

by Kelly Ahrens, CEA-FCS

Prevent bicycle crashes

Every school year thousands of children ride bicycles to school. Many students ride without helmets and do not practice good road safety rules. A bicycle is not a toy, it is a child's first vehicle! Bicyclists of all ages compete with all kinds of traffic and due to the size and speed of the bicycle, there is great risk to the rider.

The bicycle, like any other vehicle, needs to be in top condition and fit the rider. A bike that is too big or too small will be hard to control.

The bike seat needs to be at the proper height, reflectors should be on the front and rear of the bike, the bike chain should be clean and lubricated, the brakes should have even pressure and the tires need to be properly inflated. Just as adults maintain their vehicles, children should be taught the importance of proper bicycle maintenance.

Attention should be paid to clothing. Roll up, clip or tuck the legs of loose clothing into socks so they won't get caught in the bicycle chain or pedals. Shoelaces need to be tied and the ends tucked into shoes so they don't get caught in the chain. Secure book bag and straps so that they do not catch in the wheels of the bike. Always wear appropriate shoes.

Last but not least - wear a helmet. Helmets can prevent head injuries, the main cause of death and disability. A helmet is as much a part of the bicycle as the handlebars and tires. Tip: Put the child's name and phone number inside the helmet in case it gets lost or the child is involved in a crash.

Everyone who drives or rides a vehicle must obey the rules-of-the-road. Parents can model good road behavior and when improper behavior is observed, point it out.

Rules-of-the-road are:

- Before entering a street from a sidewalk or driveway, STOP. Look LEFT-RIGHT-LEFT again
- Ride on the RIGHT side of the road with traffic, NEVER against it

- Ride 2-3 feet from the curb
- Stop at all red and yellow lights
- Stop when a school bus has flashing red lights
- Ride in a straight line, never weave in and out of traffic
- Make correct hand signals before stopping or turning
- Watch out for cars coming out of driveways and parking spaces
- Never hitch a ride by holding onto another vehicle
- If a siren is going off, stop at the side of road, get off the bicycle and wait until the emergency vehicle has passed.

All kinds of people ride all kinds of bicycles all over the world. A bicycle is a vehicle and the following are important facts to remember:

- The bike needs to be in top condition and fit the rider
- Wear the proper clothing
- Always correctly wear a bicycle helmet
- Follow the rules of the road.

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—Seneca



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FREE & REDUCED PRICED MEALS FOR POST ISD STUDENTS

Post Independent School District announces its policy for providing free and reduced price meals for children served under the National School Lunch Program. Each school and/or the central administration office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The household size and income criteria identified below will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduced price benefits. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Foster children that are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court are also eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Eligibility for the foster child is based on the child's income.

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	14,893	1,242	287
2	20,073	1,673	387
3	25,253	2,105	486
4	30,433	2,537	586
5	35,613	2,968	685
6	40,793	3,400	785
7	45,973	3,832	885
8	51,153	4,263	984
For each add'l member			
add	+5,180	+432	+100

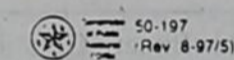
Application forms are being distributed to households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced price meals for their children. Applications also are available at the principal's office in each school. To apply for free and reduced price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced price benefits, households receiving food stamps or AFDC only have to list their child's name, food stamp or AFDC case number and an adult household member must sign the application. Households who do not list a food stamp or AFDC case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member who signs the application. If neither household member has a social security number, the household member must indicate that a social security number is not available. The application must be signed by an adult household member.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced price meal policy, principals will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision and may make a request either orally or in writing to the principal.

Households that list a food stamp or AFDC case number must report when the household no longer receive these benefits. Other households approved for benefits based on income information must report increases in household income of over \$50 per month or \$600 per year and decreases in household size. Also, if a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household income falls at or below the levels shown above.

In the operation of child feeding programs administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, sex, national origin, age or handicap. If any member of a household believes they have been discriminated against, they should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.



Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The GARZA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll by 1.9785 percent. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on AUG. 27, 1998 9:00 AM COURTHOUSE - 3RD FLOOR

FOR the proposal: LEE NORMAN, MASON MCCLELLAN, JOHN VALDEZ
AGAINST the proposal: NONE

PRESENT and not voting:
ABSENT: ROYCE JOSEY

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Average taxable value	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Tax rate	.38000 \$1.00	.43500 \$1.00 (proposed)
Tax	\$ 114.00	\$ 130.50 (proposed)

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would INCREASE by \$ 16.50 or 12.65 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would INCREASE by \$.055 per \$100 of taxable value or 14.47 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Criminal Justice Mandate (for counties):

The GARZA County Sheriff certifies that GARZA County has spent \$ -0- in the previous 12 months beginning JULY 1, 1997 for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. GARZA County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

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ACROSS

1 TXism: "hot as _____ of mesquite coals"

5 Star State

6 TXism: "windbelly"

7 in TX: "Ripley's Believe _____ Not"

8 Dallas Stars league

9 TXism: "nary a soul"

14 "Don't _____ with TX"

18 TXism: "if it ain't true, there ain't an _____"

21 ex-Cowboy Lilly (init.)

22 Athens hosts Black-Jamboree

23 TX utility commission

24 in Nueces Co. on 44 this committee picks TX Olympians (abbr.)

32 TXism: "a whole _____ 'em" (lots)

33 TXism: "wouldn't know 'em from _____" (never met)

36 TX athlete Didrikson with "Hook" or "Gig"

40 worker cutbacks by TX companies

42 retired Dallas minister: _____ Criswell

43 Cowboys "sudden death" period (abbr.)

44 TXism: "wiggle like a _____ on a hook"

46 Kiowa chief Satana was called "_____ the Plains"

48 can find a mess of 'em in "TX Country Reporter Cookbook"

50 TX interscholastic league (abbr.)

DOWN

1 rare bison shot near Snyder in 1870s (2 wds.)

2 outlaw cemetery

3 how to get in UT

4 Llano is "_____ Capital of Texas"

9 eccentric Texas sculptor Elisabet

10 Mexican cheer

11 TXism: "cold as a week-_____ enchilada"

12 TXism: "_____ it in the bud"

13 to College Station from San Antonio

14 TX George Jones tune: "Take _____"

15 Wharton hosts TX Beef _____ in the fall

16 TXism: "_____ and blowed" (cool coffee)

17 Ellis Co.'s lost atom collider project (abbr.)

19 TXism: "tumble territory" (poor land)

20 Houston's Ben _____ Hospital

24 TX Charley Pride's "Then Who _____?"

29 in Morris Co. on 11

31 Arlington has the Antique _____ Machine Museum

34 Gov. Ann's T-shirt: "_____ place is in the dome"

35 1st female governor (with nickname)

36 TX newspaper named for Gail's county (2 wds.)

37 military command they melt in mouth, not in hands

41 _____ Worth

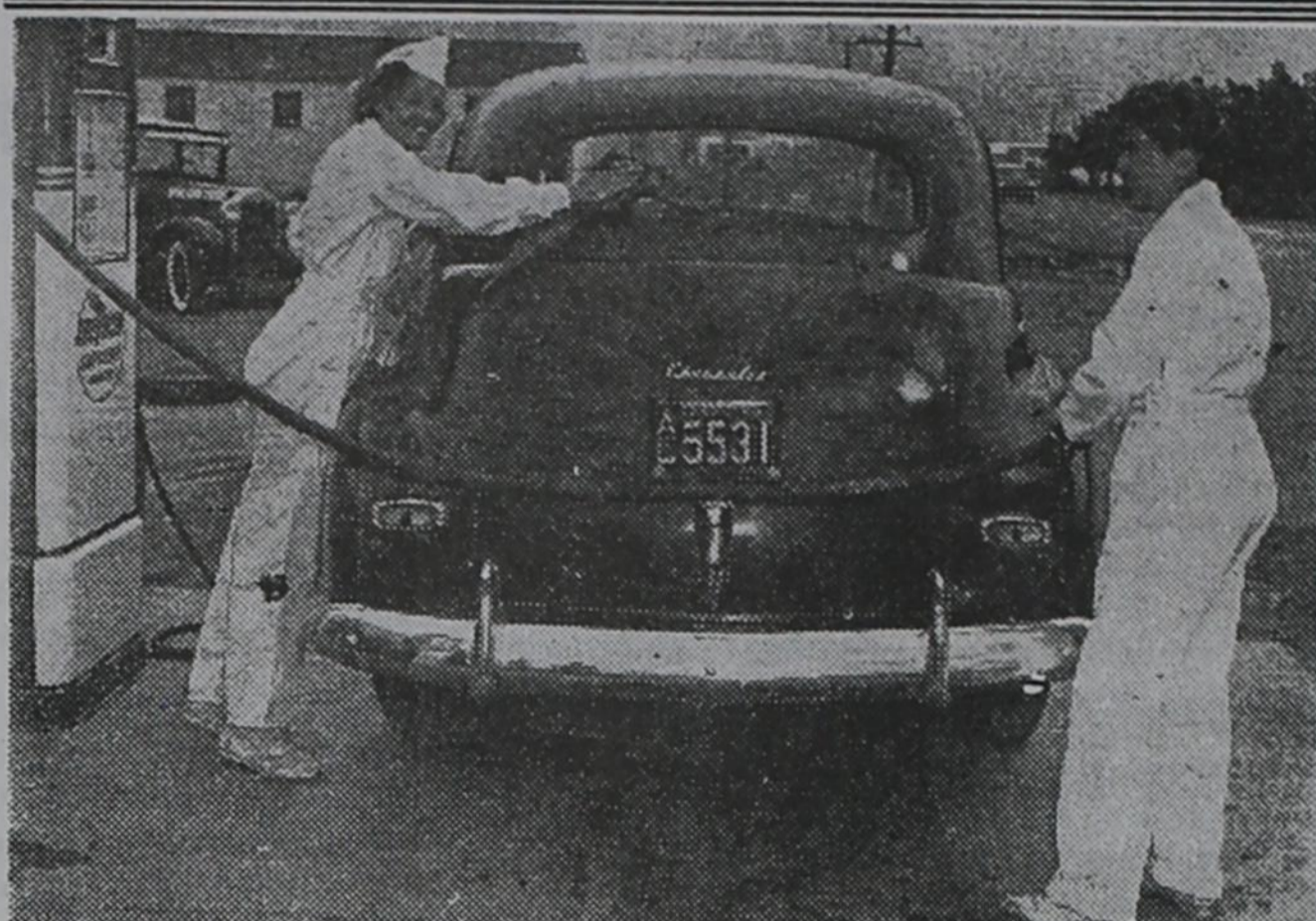
45 restored Capitol has an _____-air rotunda

47 Orange's "Gumbo Cookoff" features a crab _____

49 former Houston Oiler CB Dishman

55 TXism for "money"

POST FOLKS AT WORK:



Posts' only women service station attendants, Mrs. C. R. (Doris) Wilson, left, and Mrs. Gordon (Bobbie) Wilson, are shown at work in the Wilson Brothers Station, which is owned by their husbands. Wearing immaculate white coveralls, these pleasant young women are adept at changing tires and attending to many other phases of the service station business, and the service is always rendered with a smile.

Editor's Note: It's Dorace Wilson (not Doris).
From The Post Dispatch, August 19, 1948

Lunch Menus

- Trail Blazer**
- Friday, Aug. 21, 1998**
Baked Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Zucchini, Tossed Salad/Ranch Dressing, Biscuit or Roll and Plum Cobbler.
- Monday, Aug. 24, 1998**
Roast Turkey, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/1000 Island Dressing, Wheat Roll, Cranberry and Fresh Fruit.
- Tuesday, Aug. 25, 1998**
Beef Tips with Brown Gravy, Hominy, Brussel Sprouts, Carrot Sticks, Cornbread and Peach Cobbler.
- Wednesday, Aug. 26, 1998**
Burritos Verdes, Lime Rice, South Tx. Squash, Casserole, Lettuce and Tomato Salad, Chilean Salad Dressing and Pumpkin Fruit Pie.
- Thursday, Aug. 27, 1998**
Chicken Fried Steak with White Gravy, Corn, Peas and Carrots, Hot Roll and Pineapple Dessert.
- Post ISD**
- Friday, Aug. 21, 1998**
Sandwich, Chips, Salad, Pickle Spears, Orange and Choice of Milk.
- Monday, Aug. 24, 1998**
Sloppy Joe, Slaw, Fried Okra, Pork N Beans, Ice Cream and Choice of Milk.
- Tuesday, Aug. 25, 1998**
Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Pudding and Choice of Milk.



Post student is among McMurry summer graduates
From The Post Dispatch, August 22, 1968

- Wednesday, Aug. 26, 1998**
Pizza, Corn, Salad, Apple Crisp and Choice of Milk.
- Thursday, Aug. 27, 1998**
Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Salad, Pears, Spanish Rice and Choice of Milk.
- Southeast ISD**
- Friday, Aug. 21, 1998**
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice and Milk.
Lunch: Cheeseburgers, Curly Fries, Salad Fixings, Rice Krispy Treats and Milk.
- Monday, Aug. 24, 1998**
Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Juice and Milk.
Lunch: Spaghetti, Green Beans, Corn on the Cob, Garlic Bread, Cake and Milk.
- Tuesday, Aug. 25, 1998**
Breakfast: Pancake Pups/w Syrup, Fruit and Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Fruit Salad and Milk.
- Wednesday, Aug. 26, 1998**
Breakfast: Cream of Wheat, Toast, Fruit and Milk.
Lunch: Beef Stew, Fried Okra, Cheese Sticks, Cornbread, Cookie and Milk.
- Thursday, Aug. 27, 1998**
Breakfast: Pancake w/Syrup, Bacon, Juice and Milk.
Lunch: Soft Beef Taco, Toss Salad, Rice, Fruited Jello and Milk.

Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

Aug. 24, 1988
10 Years Ago
Gina Basquez placed first in a 4-H State Recordbook competition and has been selected as an official Texas delegate to the 67th National 4-H congress in Chicago the latter part of the year... Lannie Lee gained a total of 162 yards and picked up the only two touchdowns at the Lopes first scrimmage last Friday with Floydada... Seaman Apprentice Kristi Radle graduated from the Recruit Training Command in Orlando, Florida.

Aug. 19, 1948
50 Years Ago
All Norris, trucking contractor, received a broken ankle several days ago when he fell from a truck while on business in Oklahoma... An Elk was born last week at the U Lazy S Ranch... Imogene Jewell

accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ira Clary, Alfred and Carol Gene left Wednesday for a two week vacation in California with relatives... Mr. and Mrs. Conor Howell have sold their farm home here to A.H. Nelson... At the Garza Theatre this week you can see "Black Bart" with Yvonne De Carlo and Dan Duryea and "Two Guys From Texas" with Dennis Morgan and Jack Carson.

Hay Net helps match farmers and ranchers

Hay Net, a new effort to match farmers and ranchers suffering from hay shortages with producers having hay surpluses, has been created, according to Victor Ashley, executive director of the Garza-Borden Farm Service Agency (FSA).

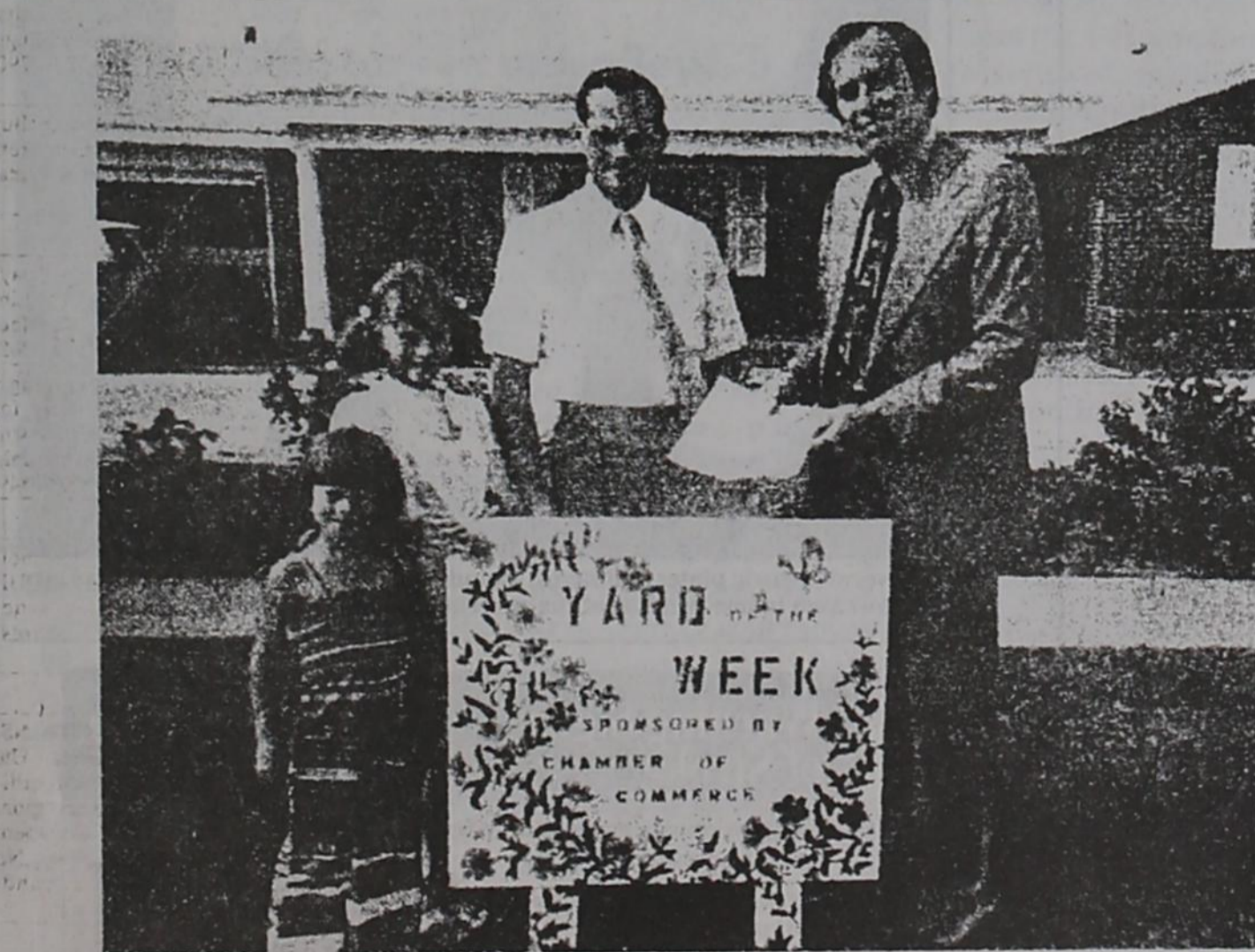
"Some areas have surpluses and some have severe shortages," Ashley said. "This is a way to get producers in both situations in touch with each other."

Hay Net is a national clearinghouse for producers with shortages or surpluses of hay. Farmers and ranchers are encouraged to sign up and register their hay situation at the Garza-Borden FSA office. FSA will use its nationwide computer network to share the information. Producers in need of hay will be provided with lists of the closest producers with hay to spare, and vice-versa, allowing them to contact each other and make arrangements.

"I'm very pleased to be a part of this effort," said Ashley. "It's a great tool for getting badly needed hay to people who need it as quickly and efficiently as possible. I encourage everybody to participate who can and to come in as soon as possible. The more people sign up, the better the system will work."

Hay Net will remain in operation for six months.

For further information on Hay Net, contact the Garza-Borden FSA office, 208 W. Main, in Post or call 495-2801.



YARD OF THE WEEK — Jack Alexander is shown receiving the Chamber of Commerce "yard of the week" certificate in his front yard at 514 West 10th from Chamber president Larry Willard. Standing along side Alexander are his two daughters, Tyra and Sara.

From The Post Dispatch, August 27, 1978

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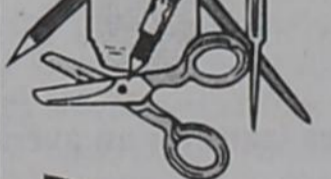


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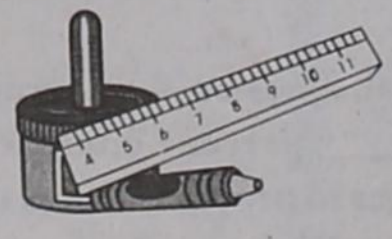


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OS Museum displays "Images from the West/The Illustrators"

by Sheri Lewis

"Images from the West/The Illustrators" Art c. 1829 - 1916" is the exhibit currently being offered at the OS Museum.

The exhibit, which features a variety of samplings of western art, objects and artifacts from the collections of Tom Ryan C.A., will run through the second week in October. The exhibit opened last month with a brief gallery talk given by Ryan at a reception opening held July 19.

Included in the exhibit are more than 60 images depicting the Old West, such as:

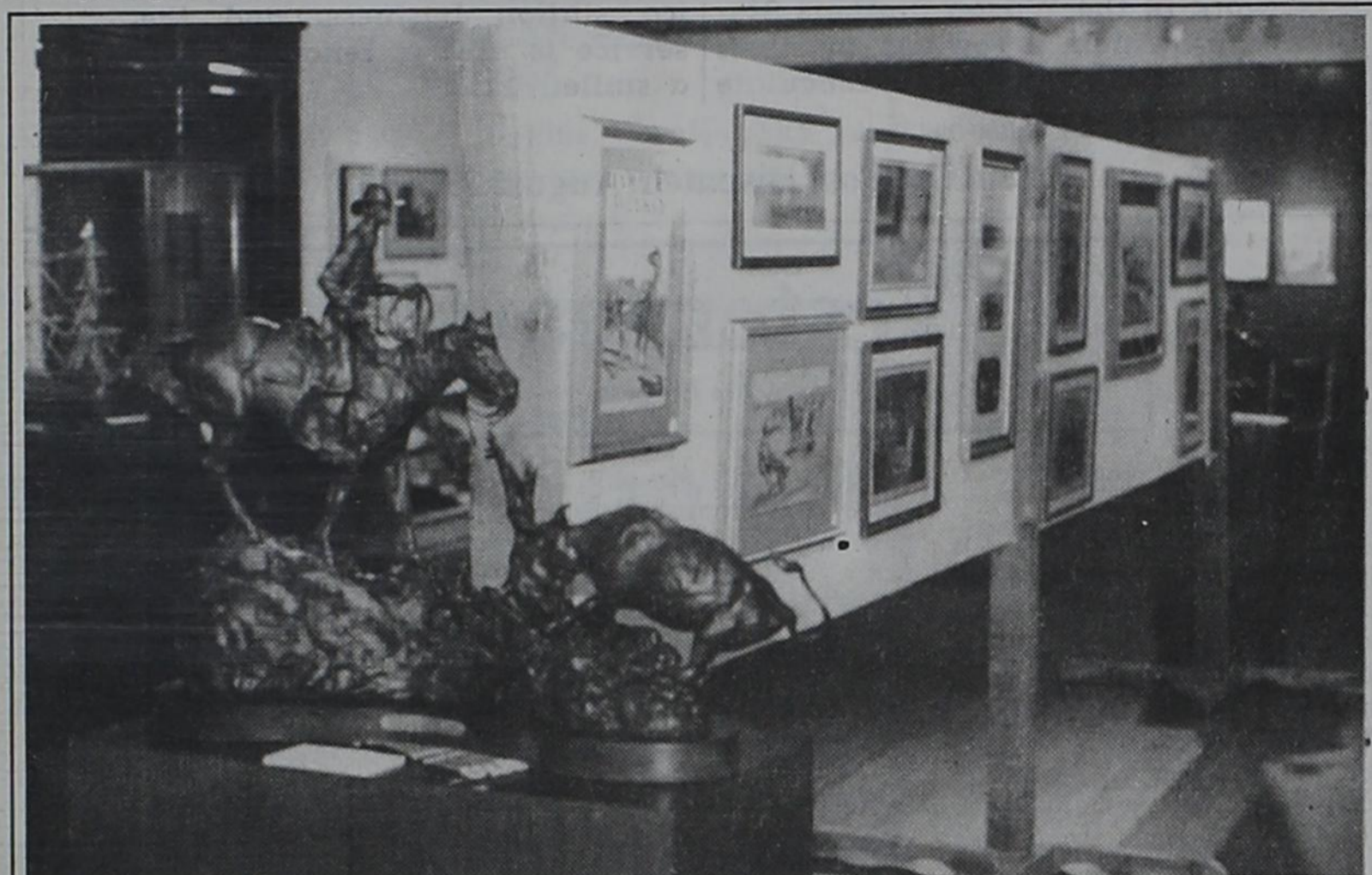
- Sioux Warrior Charging — A stone lithograph for The American Turf Register and Sporting Magazine, Oct. 18, 1929.
- The Pony Express — From a sketch by G.H. Andrews in, The Illustrated London News, Oct. 12, 1861.
- Pilgrims of the Plains — Painting by A.R. Waud, woodblock print, A. Bobbett, Harper's Weekly, Dec. 23, 1871.
- Thanksgiving Dinner for the Ranch — Woodblock print from a drawing by Frederic Remington, Harper's Weekly, Nov. 24, 1888.
- Hands Up — Woodblock print, artist R.F. Zogbaum, Harper's Weekly, Aug. 29, 1885.

- Combat Between a Comanche and a Kiowa — Drawn in color by a Comanche boy, print of a colored drawing.
- Hunting the Pronghorn Antelope in California — Harper's Weekly, 1889.
- The Buffalo Dance — Drawn by Frederic Remington, steel engraving, Harper's Weekly, May 7, 1887.
- The Scouts — Halftone print in full four-color process from a painting by Frederic Remington, Collier's National Weekly, 1908.

Beautiful items from around the world are showcased in the museum's many windows. Included in Window 1 are many items commonly found in the Old West.

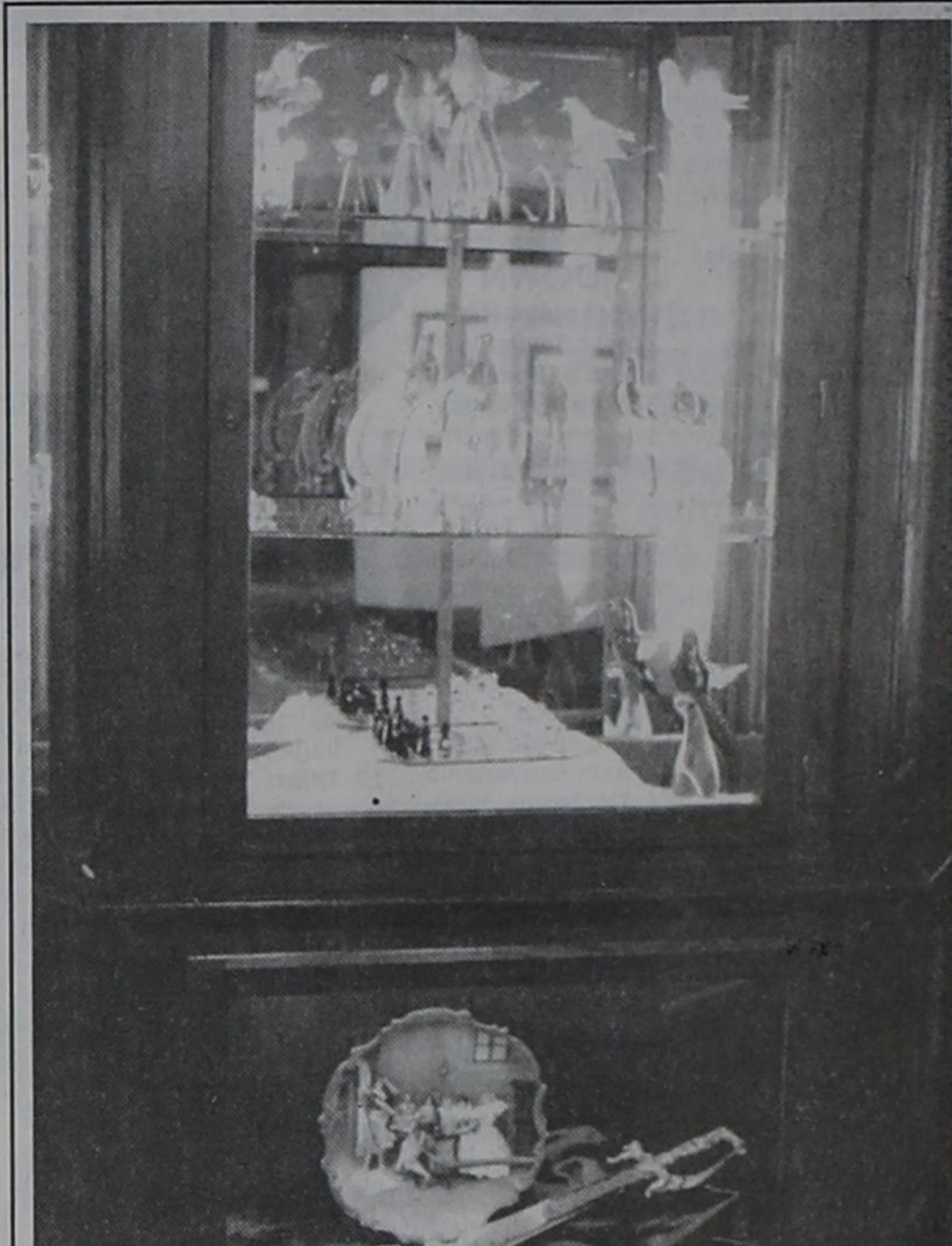
Other windows are dedicated to different themes, including Window 5 which depicts Camelot and Window 6, which bears artifacts from the native headhunters of Papua, New Guinea, and Indonesia. Dozens of other unique items are on display as well.

There is no admission fee to visit the OS Museum at 201 E. Main in Post, which is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m.

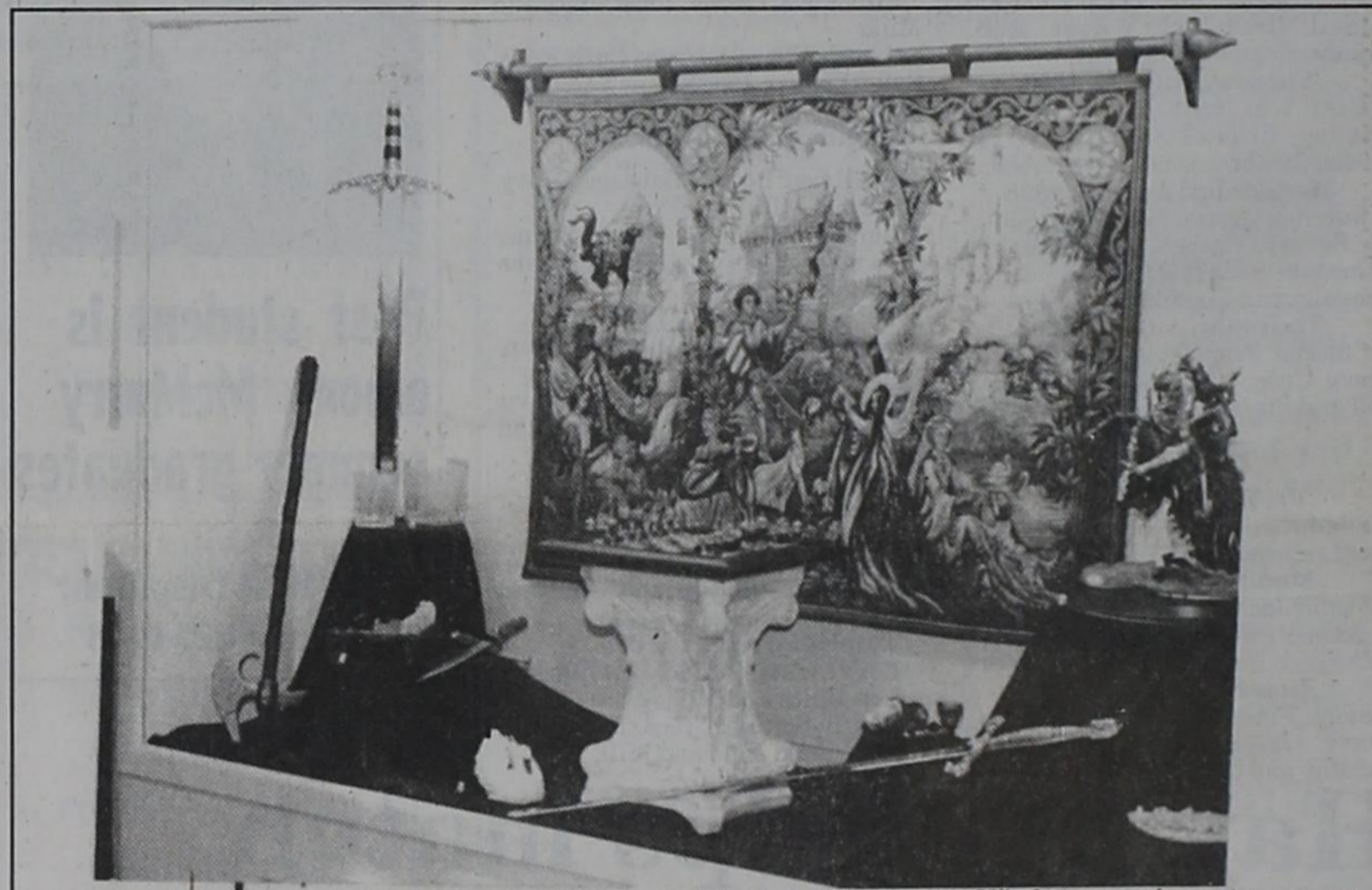


Several dozen pieces of historic art pieces inspired by the Old West are on display at the OS Museum. Many of the framed works are samples of artwork published in newspapers and magazines from the late 1800s.

Photos by Sheri Lewis





The beautiful artistic pieces shown above are just a sampling of the many items currently on display at the OS Museum. The current exhibit will run through the second week of October.

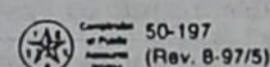


"Camelot" is the theme of this window currently on exhibit at the OS Museum. Windows carrying out numerous themes help round out the current exhibit.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Southland I.S.D. will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll by 0.81 percent. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on Thursday, August 27, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. at Southland I.S.D. Superintendent's Office

FOR the proposal: Bill Jones, Tommy Binford, Stanley Wheeler, Valton Wheeler,

AGAINST the proposal: Joe E. Basinger, Arturo Lopez, Joe Patterson

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	\$ 20,000.	\$ 20,000.
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$(15,000.)	\$(15,000.)
Average taxable value	\$ 5,000.	\$ 5,000.
Tax rate	1.41	1.50
Tax	\$ 70.50	\$ 75.00

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would Increase by \$ 4.50 or 6.38 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would Increase by \$ 0.09 per \$100 of taxable value or 6.38 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.



Several historic plates and items, including several from early Post days, are showcased in one window of the current exhibit at the OS Museum.

Warning Signs of Stroke



- Sudden weakness or numbness of the face, arm or leg on one side of the body
- Sudden dimness or loss of vision, particularly in only one eye
- Loss of speech or trouble talking or understanding speech
- Sudden, severe headaches with no known cause
- Unexplained dizziness, unsteadiness or sudden falls with no previous symptoms



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