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Snyder man drowns at Lake Alan Henry

by Sheri Lewis

A 40-year-old Snyder man died Sunday after jumping into Lake Alan Henry to pull a frightened child from the water. Fermin Arreola had joined his brother, Alonzo, and his brother's girlfriend, Josie Guzman, and her three children for a day at the lake. The group had been lakeside for several hours when Arreola spotted Guzman's 5-year-old daughter struggling in the water, Garza County Constable Daniel Yarbro said. Arreola jumped into the lake and managed to pull the child to safety at the shoreline. While the other two adults tended to the frightened child, Arreola disappeared. A man and woman in a canoe heard the calls for help from Alonzo Arreola and Guzman, as did a pair of Lubbock firefighters and an emergency room nurse from Covenant Medical Center traveling in a motorized boat. They began searching for Arreola, Yarbro said.

The man in the canoe located Arreola about 15-20 minutes after he had disappeared under the water.

The firefighters and the nurse immediately began administering CPR and used lifesaving equipment to push oxygen into Arreola's lungs. Garza County EMS was notified and arrived in about five minutes. They continued lifesaving measures on the way to the Covenant ER, Yarbro said, but Arreola was pronounced dead upon arrival at the hospital.

"At this point, the best we can figure is he was exhausted or possibly got tangled up in branches or weeds or something," the constable said. "Evidently he had not planned on swimming. He was wearing jeans."

Yarbro called Arreola's death "a horrible accident" and said there are no indications that foul play was involved. Of the group of Snyder residents, which included Guzman's two

pre-teen sons, Fermin Arreola was the only adult who knew how to swim, Yarbro said.

The group had set up day camp at about 11 a.m. one mile west of the public boat ramp and the parking lot. The water depth in the area where the group was situated is approximately 20 feet.

"Swimming in a lake is a whole lot different than swimming in a pool," Yarbro said. "There were two deputy constables on patrol, but there could have been 100 on patrol and we still probably wouldn't have been able to do anything (to prevent the drowning)."

On any given weekend during the warm weather months, Lake Alan Henry draws an average of 750 to 1,200 visitors. Arreola's death marked the first drowning at the lake in five years, and the only drowning that was not boat-related.

The girl Arreola pulled from the water prior to his death was not injured.

Post Notes

Contemporary Praise, Worship Saturday

A contemporary praise and worship event will be held Saturday, August 17 at the city park beginning at 7:37 p.m. Bring a picnic and enjoy an evening of worship with The Thousand Hills Band at "The River," a praise and worship experience.

'Meet the Antelopes' Monday

The annual "Meet the Antelopes Night" is set for Monday, August 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the stadium. Sponsored by the Post Antelope Booster Club, the event includes homemade ice cream at 50 cents per cup and the introduction of Post Antelope middle school and high school players. The booster club will also take orders for 2002 t-shirts and caps.

Middle school football equipment

All Post Middle School football players should be at the middle school locker room Monday, August 19 for issuing of equipment. Eighth graders will be issued equipment from 1-2 p.m. with seventh graders from 2-3 p.m.

Lawn chair concert Tuesday

The final summer free Lawn Chair Concert will be held Tuesday, August 20 at 7:30 p.m. on the courthouse lawn (under the trees on the south side of the building). Lynn Childress, who has entertained in West Texas for 20 years, will sing popular and country music. The Post Commerce and Tourism Bureau is hosting the free concert and offers homemade ice cream and plans to recognize new Post ISD teachers.

Couples needed for foster care

Catholic Family Services Inc. of Amarillo is seeking couples who are interested in fostering or adopting children with special needs who are currently in the Texas foster care system. Training for prospective families will be held August 17 at the Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street in Lubbock from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please contact Danny Wampler at 877-924-KIDS or Susana Garcia at 806-637-1118 or 806-637-1118 to assist in this program.

School supply packs available

The Post Elementary School is offering supply packs at the office, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. The supply packs are for kindergarten through fifth grade and prices begin at \$15 for kindergarten.

Reward offered on downtown damage

The Garza County Sheriff's Office is offering a \$75 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for damage to the OS Ranch Shop on East Main Street. Call the Sheriff's Department at 495-3595.

Free Texas Forum August 20

The monthly Free Texas Forum will be held Tuesday, August 20 beginning at 6 p.m. at Chapa's Family Restaurant. All Garza County citizens interested in learning more about the ratification of a new Texas constitution are encouraged to attend. Call 495-0122 for more information.

Post Bold Gold Antelope football

KPOS Radio and The Post Dispatch are offering a combination advertising and promotion package for the 2002 Post Bold Gold Antelope football season. The promotion begins Thursday, August 29 and includes live, play-by-play action for every game throughout the season on KPOS Radio and a full page every week in The Post Dispatch. Call Kerri Dean at 495-2816 to reserve advertising for this popular promotion.

KPOS Colgate Country Showdown

Tickets are now on sale for the August 24 KPOS Radio sponsored Colgate Country Showdown at the Garza Theatre. The professional talent show features the best talent in West Texas. Winner of the event will advance to the state finals in Abilene. Reserved seating tickets are \$5 each, call the Garza Theatre box office at 495-4005.

Church collects shoes for orphans

The First United Methodist Church, in cooperation with Free 107 Radio and Buckner's Children's Home is collecting children sized shoes for the "Shoes for Orphan Souls." The shoes will be distributed to orphanages in Russia, China, Romania and Kenya. Donations may be taken to the church office. Coupons redeemable at Chick-fil-A and Great American Cookie will be given to those who donate shoes for the event.

Spiritual Series at Post Church of Christ

Each Wednesday in August the Post Church of Christ is hosting a series of spiritually uplifting lessons from the book of Philippians. Sessions begin at 7 p.m. Speakers for this series are Joe Keyes of Crosbyton, David Hooten and ron Bontrager of Lubbock and Mark Hackett of Lamesa. The church is located at 108 N. Avenue M, the public is invited. For more information call 495-2326 or 495-0887.

Town hall meeting September 17

A town hall meeting is scheduled at 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 17 at the Post Community Center to answer questions and share information about the future of health care in Garza County. The event is hosted by the Garza Health Care District steering committee.

Pre-enrollment at Elementary School

Classes start August 20 for Post ISD schools, and the Post Elementary School is now accepting pre-enrollment for pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and new students. The office is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Parents are reminded to bring children's birth certificates, shot records and social security cards.

City taxpayers look at doubling of tax rate

Post City Council members, after agonizing over a huge proposed tax rate increase at the regular meeting Tuesday, August 6, agreed to accept the certified evaluation of property for an effective tax rate of \$.778.

The current rate is \$.3772 and the increase, if approved, represents a more than doubling of the property tax rate. The new rate reflects debt service for the emergency water supply project, or \$.3707 of the total projected increase.

The annual debt payment on the project is \$310,000 per year.

The appraised value of property decreased approximately \$5 million, for a total of \$84,1674,130. "All of that decrease in taxable property value came from mineral values," city manager Fred Stephens informed the council.

During the discussion council members heard from a citizen, who suggested that the water project debt could be paid for without tax increases if the city council removed itself from law enforcement.

"The city is not responsible for law enforcement," Wes Burnett explained, "the sheriff is responsible for enforcing the law in Garza County, all of the county, which includes the city."

"Law enforcement is a county function," Burnett added, "the city is limited to enforcing its codes and ordinances." He pointed out that the city's projected share of law enforcement cost is almost \$300,000, "that money could be used to pay for the water project, and eliminate the need for a tax increase."

In another related issue, council members balked at sharing the cost of hiring a new sheriff's deputy to supervise prisoners for maintaining grounds outside of the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility. The council voted to table the matter until additional information could be provided.

Lake Alan Henry growth gets attention

by Wes Burnett

Growth at Lake Alan Henry, a potential economic boon for Garza County, carries with it additional burdens for government, as county commissioners are discovering. The matter consumed a big chunk of Monday morning's regular meeting.

Constable Daniel Yarbro and Brazos River Authority lake manager Joe Smith outlined some of the problems that they

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It was suggested that the county might consider advertising for bids for a private contractor to maintain the grounds. "That surely wouldn't be as expensive as hiring another deputy," council member Harold Craig said.

15 talented acts on tap for Showdown

A total of 15 acts are scheduled to appear in this year's KPOS Radio Colgate Country Showdown. The biggest professional country music talent show in West Texas will be held in Post on August 24 at the Garza Theatre, featuring two Garza County talented contestants.

Jose Ladinos and Vance Guthrie of Post will appear on stage here, in their first step toward winning the national award prize of \$100,000. Ladinos competed last year with Guthrie making his first appearance at the Country Showdown.

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a year or more before the EMS could be self sustaining.

The EMS is currently receiving temporary funding from the city, county and health care district.

Stephens informed the council that health insurance premiums are increasing. After a detailed discussion about the costs and reviewing potential changes, the council agreed to continue the current policy.

The U.S. Highway 84 paving project was briefly discussed, with Stephens explaining that the overlooked sewer lines are being replaced. "Moving those overlooked lines is costing us more than all the others combined."

The emergency backup water supply project is proceeding on

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Delighting audiences at the Garza Theatre are "How the West Was Fun" cast members (back row, left to right) Emily Hataway, Aaron Jones, Patricia McCaleb, Mikey Gonzales, Patrick Ryan Jones, Jeff Conner, Chris Davis, Rocky Wilkins, Anna Wilson, (front row) Katie McNeil, Melissa Stambaugh, Ginny Andrews, Kathy Kidder, Mickie Klafka and Heather Bullard. The play completes its run this weekend, call the box office at 495-4005 for reservations.



One of the highlights of the Post Stampede Rodeo parade are the Post Vounteer Fire Department fire trucks, loaded with happy and excited children. The parade Saturday featured area riding clubs and local floats.

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Enjoying the recent Graham Community Center fellowship ae (left to right) Nell Mathews, Lucille Bush and Juanita Peel. The "National Night Out" was celebrated with an ice cream supper, hosted by the community center board. Approximately 50 friends and neighbors enjoyed 12 varieties of homemade ice cream, cookies, cakes and brownies and a lot of visiting. Special guests included District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht of Lamesa and Dan Daughtery of Folsom, N.M., father of Kathy Fluitt.

'How West was Fun' is really fun!

by Louella Bilberry

"How the West Was Fun" – and a good crowd found out Friday night! They came in happy and smiling and left out the same way!

Our stage was an old west saloon, The Red Stocking Dance Hall in Prairie Dog, Kansas, complete with red swinging doors.

Jeff Conner, our master of ceremonies, began the fun with his rapid-fire jokes, stories and songs. He introduced multi-talented Emily Hataway. She belted out some songs and then brought the house down with her yodeling – a lady of many talents. Jeff asked us to join him in singing Woody Guthrie's "This Land is Your Land, This Land is My

Land..." We started out a little timid but we warmed up! Sounded good!

The dance hall/saloon was complete with a bar, tables, the local drunk and painted ladies! Toby is moaning and groaning over his love for one of the dance hall girls. We go from there to love potions to a "cat fight" between two of the lovely ladies!

We had great fun! The candy sale went quickly.

Christy Morris and her cast did a great show. I hope they had as much fun practicing for this as we had watching their performance. You've got two more chances to catch this old Harley Sadler Tent Show play. Come! Enjoy!



2002-2003 Post Middle School cheerleaders attending a camp at Extreme Cheer are (back row, left to right) Keisha Odom, K'Nell Dalby, Steffi Norman, Rachel Gray, Claire Kirkpatrick, (front) Lori Jones, Lauren Gonzales, Marlee Plummer, Kelsey Sanderson and Samantha Hoover.

Steering committee plans town hall meeting

by Elizabeth Quiroz-Eureste

The Garza Health Care District Steering Committee met in the Dalby Cattle Company conference room July 24.

Those present were Don Tatum, Janie Davis and Elizabeth Q. Eureste.

Plans for the Sept. 17 town hall meeting were discussed. The group discussed the different ways to distribute the information prior to the meeting. The radio station and newspaper will be used and also visiting with the Rotary Club and Lions Club members. Also discussed were different means for distributing the information to agencies at the Barn.

The format of the meeting was also discussed. Everyone reviewed the proposed agenda. After discussion,

the committee recommended a change in the order of presentation.

The committee discussed the different ideas and suggestions for the content for presentation at the town hall meeting.

The committee discussed the upcoming visit to the newly constructed hospital building in Portales, N.M.

The committee discussed plans for the next GHD Steering Committee meeting. The Steering Committee, at the direction of the Garza County Healthcare District board of directors, has been working toward the goal of an informative and meaningful town hall meeting.

The result of the Community Healthcare Assessment done earlier this year was that this community wanted their hospital reopened. The architectural firm of Chapman-Harvey out of Lubbock has been working toward presenting the cost of upgrading the present building to meet hospital standards of the Texas Department of Health.

Recently, the GHCD board and steering committee members visited a modular-type building put up in Portales, N.M. Mike Travis, Larry Harvey (architect), Janie Davis, Nelda Daby, Giles McCrary, Tanya White, Elizabeth Quiroz-Eureste were all very impressed with the new hospital there.

The administrator, James D'Augustino, gave everyone a little history of healthcare delivery in their community as well as the steps and cost incurred to open the hospital.

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Neighbor to Neighbor

by Julie Neitsch,
Garza County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Science

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Reading Reaps Excellent Benefit

Reading aloud to children has several benefits. It helps kids acquire skills and information they will need to succeed in school and life. Reading also provides the opportunity for the child to learn the meaning of many new and different words and how to use vocabulary in everyday conversations. Listed below are several ways to maximize your child's learning experiences through reading.

Make reading an enjoyable experience for your child! Read to your child in a comfortable setting, and be excited about reading to them.

Read to your Child Frequently. *Establish regular times for reading during the day. *Start or end the day with a book. *Read to children after a play period. This will give the child a chance to rest and settle down. *Help Children Learn as You Read *Explain words the child may not know. *Talk about the different pictures in the book and how they relate to the story. *Talk about the actions and feelings of the characters.

Ask Questions Question children on how the book compares with other books they have read or how the story relates to their own lives.

Read a Variety of Books Read books with both similar and different themes, characters, and situations. This will help your child learn about the different aspects of the world.

Choose Books That Teach Use a variety of books like alphabet, letter, number, sounds, and counting books.

Reread Favorites Children love to hear their favorite stories over and over again. Children may understand and notice new things about the book each time it is reread. U. S. Department of Education Community Update May/June 2002

Investments for the Future

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The Texas Tomorrow Fund can be a great financial relief to families, seeing that college tuition and fees have increased 460% since 1985. For more information on the Texas Tomorrow Fund, visit the Web site at www.texas tomorrowfund.org.



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Extension Extras

Clothing Project

Any 4-H age (8-19) youth interested in completing a Clothing project please attend the first meeting at the Extension Office at 4:30 August 15.

EPC Executive Board Members of the Extension Program Council Executive Board will meet Monday, August 19th., at Noon in the Extension Office Conference Room. Please bring a sack lunch, tea will be provided.

EPC Family & Consumer Science Committee... will meet Wednesday, August 21st. at Noon at the Extension Office Conference Room. Lunch will be provided.

Southland 4-H Meeting...

...Wednesday, August 21, 6:30 p.m., Southland Cafeteria

4-H Fall Forum

District 4-H Council and 4-H Leaders meetings, Saturday, August 24, 9:00 a.m., Ag Education & Communication Building, Texas Tech University

4-H Achievement Banquet

Tuesday, August 27, 6:30 p.m., Post Community Center. Banquet decorating Monday, August 26, 4:00 p.m.

Thanks...

...to all volunteers that helped with the 4-H concession stand at the Post Rodeo. Special thanks to local businesses for their donation of ice and supplies: George R. Brown, Brady's Package Store, Nothing Butt Smokes, Palmer's Oil Company, Rocker A, Allsups and Holly's. We really appreciate your support.

Wheat/Cattle/HIP Seminar

There will be a Wheat Production, Stocker Cattle and Horse Identification Program Seminar beginning at 8:45 a.m., Wednesday, August 28 at the Fluvanna Community Center. For more details call Greg Jones at 495-4400 or Dennis Poole at 756-4336.

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Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by Greg Jones, CEA-AG

West Nile Virus advances westward

A horse in Haskell County, about 50 miles north of Abilene, tested positive Wednesday, August 7, for the mosquito-borne disease West Nile Virus (WNV). This is the 21st horse to test positive for WNV in Texas, and is the westernmost detection of the virus in the state.

"Previously, WNV had been detected only as far west as Travis County," reported Dr. Joe Garrett of the Zoonosis Control Division of the Texas Department of Health. "The virus was confirmed in a dead blue jay submitted from southwest Austin on July 17." He noted that infected birds have been found in seven counties: Collin, Dallas, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Tarrant and Travis. Infected mosquitoes have been detected in Dallas, Fort Bend, Harris, Orange and Jefferson counties.

"We credit the Texas Department of Health with confirming infection in the Haskell County horse. The private veterinary practitioner, suspecting that the animal might have rabies, submitted the brain to the TDH laboratory, where rabies testing is conducted.

After ruling out that disease, health department laboratory technicians tested the tissue for West Nile Virus and confirmed infection," said Dr. Linda Logan, Texas' state veterinarian and executive director for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency.

She said unless rabies is suspected, WNV testing for horses is usually conducted at the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) at College Station. WNV testing for humans, birds and mosquitoes are conducted by the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

"We're continuing to urge owners to have their horses, donkeys, mules and other equids vaccinated against this form of 'sleeping sickness' which continues to spread westward," said Dr. Linda Logan, Texas' state veterinarian and executive director for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC). "To gain protection against the virus, however,

equids need two injections of WNV vaccine administered at least three to six weeks apart.

The animal will not develop full immunity for about four to six weeks after the second injection." Dr. Logan advised owners to further protect horses with insect repellents, and if possible, house the animals at night in stalls with screens to prevent contact with potentially infected mosquitoes.

"Likewise, we urge residents to apply insect repellents if they are going to be outside when mosquitoes are active," commented Dr. Joe Garrett of the Zoonosis Control Division of the Texas Department of Health.

"There is no vaccine for humans, so disease prevention is our only option. Drain all sources of stagnant water, keep pools optimally chlorinated, and change water in birdbaths daily to prevent mosquitoes from using these sites for breeding grounds. Because some mosquitoes breed in grassy areas, it's also a good idea to keep areas around homes mowed."

Although blue jays, crows and more than 70 other species of birds carry the virus, they do not pose a direct WNV health risk to humans or horses, stressed Dr. Logan. She explained that the disease cycle must involve mosquitoes that feed on the infected birds, then transmit the disease to humans or horses.

"We want receive samples of dead blue jays and crows, particularly from areas west of Houston, so that we can track the progression of this disease as it advances westward," said Dr. Garrett. "For surveillance testing at the Texas Department of Health, we need 'freshly' dead birds that have not begun to decompose. If you have

The greatest ideas, the most profound thoughts, and the most beautiful poetry are born from the womb of silence.

—William A. Ward

a dead bird to submit, call your local health department, or the state office at 1-512-458-7255 for instructions.

If you handle the bird, wear gloves to protect yourself against any possible parasites or other diseases the bird may have contracted, and double-bag the carcass. Prior to laboratory submission, it's best to

place the bird in a cool place, such as an ice chest, to slow decomposition."

"WNV will continue to spread, but like the veterinarian in Haskell County, we need always to consider rabies or other diseases, if animals stagger, are unable to rise, or become disoriented," said Dr. Logan.

Birthdays This Week

August 15-Giles Dalby Jr., Maria Contreras, Dillon Poe
August 16-Scotty Gaydos, Devin Halford, Sandy Eaton
August 17-Fabian Contreras, Macee Mills

August 18-Anthony Bishop
August 19-Debbie Cowley, Clay Ashley, Joe Marts, Sonny Mason
August 20-Katrina Britt Steggs
August 21-Lauren Taylor, Tommy Binford, Pricilla Cruse, Jessica Montanez, Joe Clary, Rusty Morris

Menus

Post ISD

August 20-Breakfast-Breakfast taco, fruit, milk
Lunch - Corn dog, mixed vegetables, french fries, milk

August 21-Breakfast-Malt-0-meal, toast, sausage, fruit, milk
Lunch - Tacos, lettuce & tomatoe, pinto beans, pears, cornbread, milk

August 22- Breakfast - Cinnamon roll, sausage link, fruit, milk
Lunch - Steak fingers, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, jello, milk

August 23-Breakfast- Cereal, toast, fruit, grape juice, milk
Lunch - Fish, macaroni and cheese, carrot sticks, sweet peas, hushpuppies, apple, milk

Garza County Trailblazers
August 19-Chicken pot pie, tossed salad, green onion, hot roll, raisin pie

August 20- Brisket, potatoe salad, turnip greens, cornbread, cobbler

August 21- Baked ham, mixed vegetables, broccoli-rice casserole, wldr. salad, hot roll, peach shortcake

August 22- Sloppy joe on a bun, oven fries, fried squash, tossed salad, banana pudding

August 23- Chicken fry, cream gravy, baked potatoe, green beans, wheat roll, fruit



Putting it all together for this year's 62nd Annual Post Stampede Rodeo are rodeo association directors (back row, left to right) Roger Daugherty, Phil Mathews, Scooter Lynch, Barry Morris, Lane Jones, Rooster Swartz, Danny Robertson, (front) Robbie Williams, Bruce Sanderson, Kirt Stevens, Casey Zachary, Mike Babb and Ken Young.

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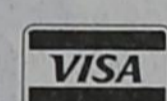
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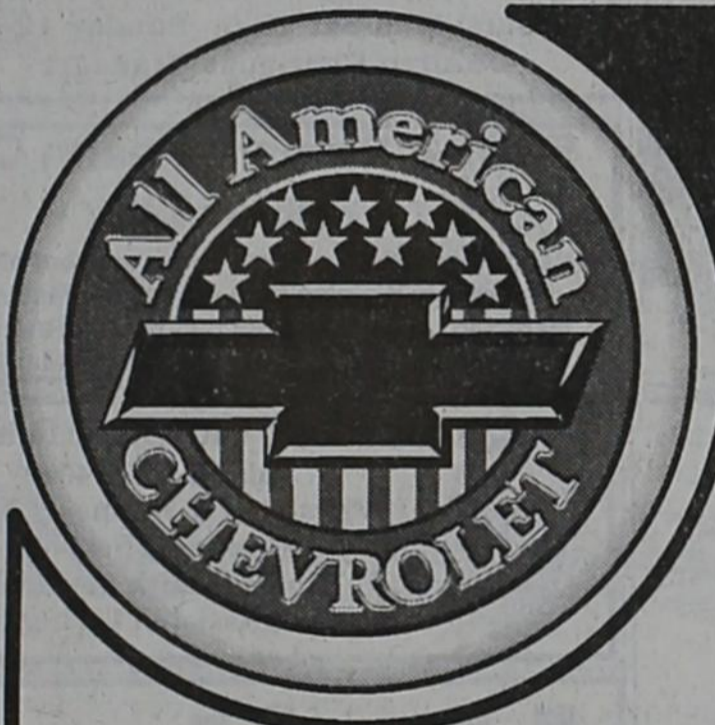
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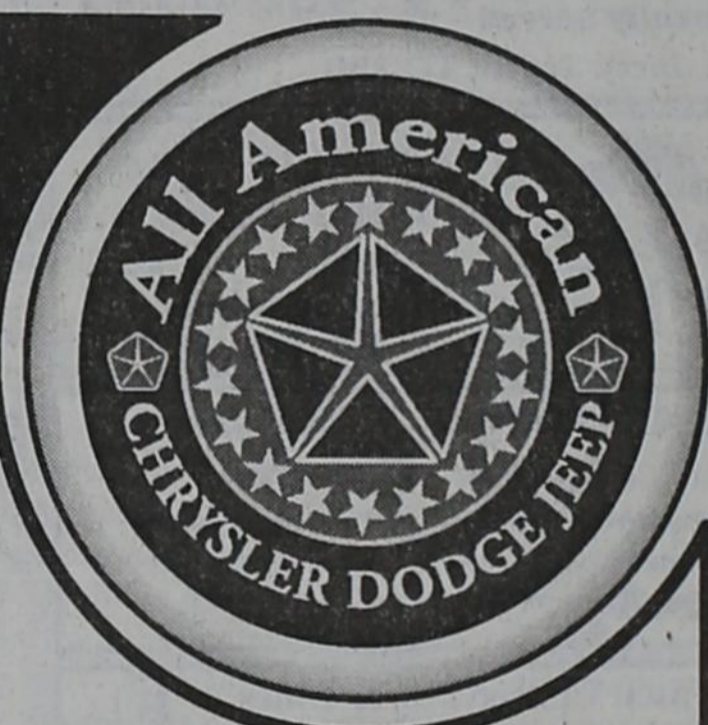
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Obituaries

Bobby Gene McKamie

Services for Bobby Gene McKamie, 63, of Bryan were held at 10 a.m. Monday at the Hillier Funeral Home in Bryan with the Rev. David Greene officiating. Burial was in the Kurten Cemetery. He died Thursday, Aug. 8, in Waco. Born in Walnut Springs, he was a retired truck driver. Survivors include his wife, Francine McKamie of Bryan; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis Gene and Jaye McKamie of Bryan and Richard and Angie McKamie of Katy; a daughter and son-in-law, Sherry and Damon Wise of Wheelock; one brother and sister-in-law, Billy Joe and Weaver McKamie of Post; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Margie and Gerald Allen of Meredith and Patricia and John Haberland of Ohio; and nine grandchildren.



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—Henry David Thoreau

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Garza County Commissioners Court is proposing 5% salary increases for elected officials. Current and proposed salaries and supplements are as follows:

2001-2002 Elected Position	CURRENT			2002-2003 PROPOSED		
	Salary	Longevity	Supplement	Salary	Longevity	Supplement
County Judge	24995	1680	**10000	26245	1740	**10000
County Sheriff	31656	900	0	33239	960	0
County Tax A/C	27002	960	0	28352	1020	0
County Treasurer	29417	600	0	30888	660	0
County Clerk	26667	0	0	28000	60	0
Peace Justice #1	23059	1260	0	24212	1320	0
Peace Justice #2	23059	1080	0	24212	1140	0
Constable #1	18366	240	***10000	19784	300	***10000
Constable #2	6119	0	0	6425	60	0
County Attorney	26087	300	**16950	27391	360	**16950
Comm Pct #1	21919	480	0	23015	540	0
Comm Pct #2	21919	360	0	23015	420	0
Comm Pct #3	21919	720	0	23015	780	0
Comm Pct #4	21919	120	0	23015	180	0

**State funded supplements for County Judge & County Attorney
***City of Lubbock supplement for Constable #1/Lake Alan Henry

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Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

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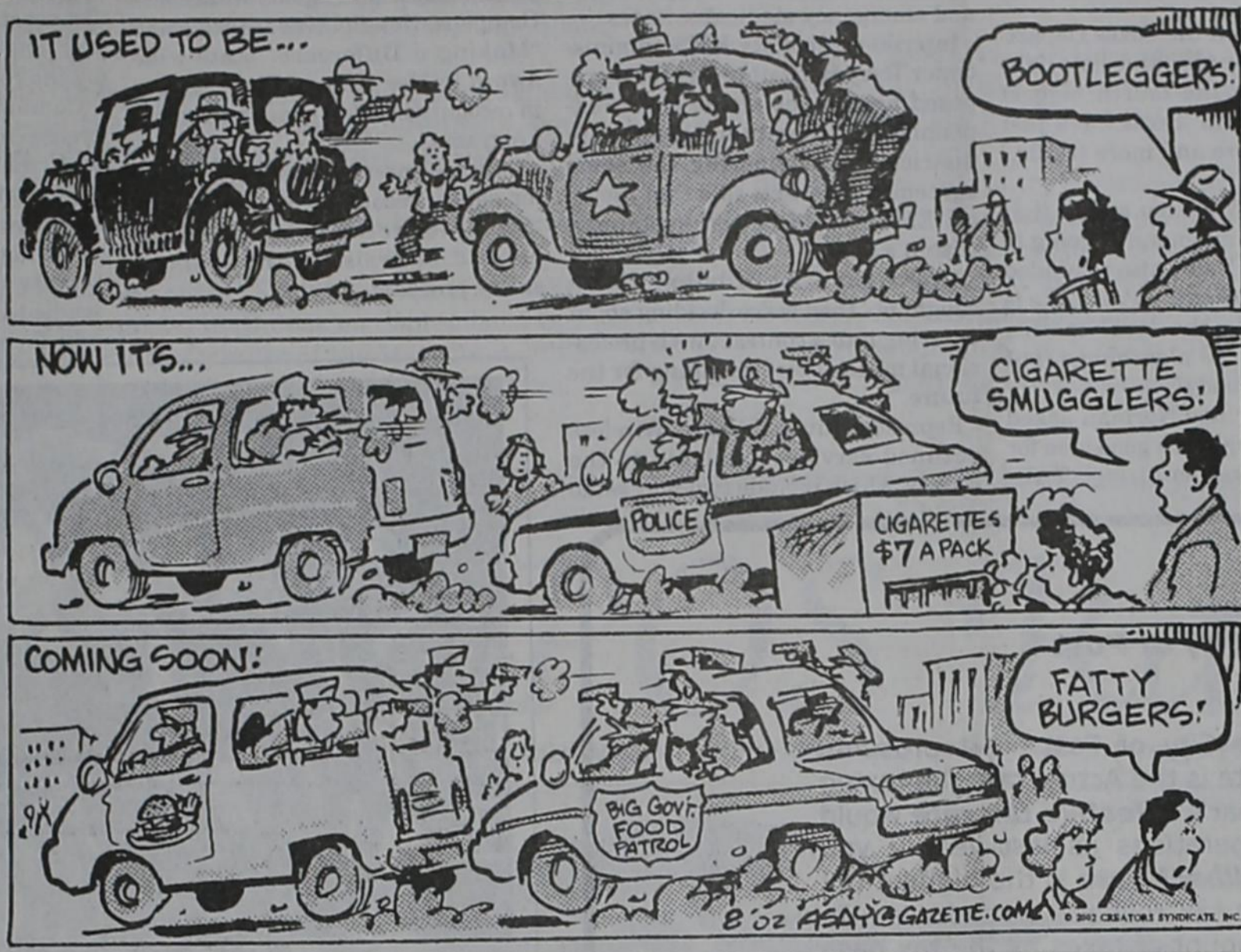
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City needs to take care of its business

by Wesley W. Burnett

The Post City Council needs to take care of its own business, and let the county take care of its business. Making that decision is not an easy one, because like most "long standing" traditions, the almost 20 years of jointly funding county and city projects has its supporters.

No matter, the city council has an obligation to its "stockholders," that's those of us who pay property taxes in Post, to hold the line on taxes.

Facing the possibility of doubling the tax rate is just downright untenable, and unnecessary. If the Post City Council will limit its functions to those which are essential for maintaining streets, water, sewer and sanitation, there will be no need to impose draconian tax rates.

All the city council has to do is recognize that law enforcement is a county function, and divorce itself from that expensive and unnecessary business. The Texas constitution requires the county sheriff to enforce the law for all of the county, not just that part which is outside the city limits.

By eliminating that \$300,000 budget item, the city could easily pay the emergency water supply debt without raising the tax rate at all. The city already has an employee assigned as "code enforcer," so there will be no additional burden for that duty.

The current mixing of funds between government units is at the very least poor management, and at the worst, creates a false sense of financial well being. In fact, neither the county nor the city have any idea what the "real" cost of providing those services are ... because neither can figure out what each other is contributing with any certainty.

As for the joint funding of law enforcement, the city has absolutely no say as to how those funds are to be used ... and rightly so, for the city has no constitutional authority to dictate to the sheriff.

There just doesn't seem to be any justifiable reason for the city to continue funding law enforcement.

Let Spontaneity Rule

by Bart Frazier

As a conservationist and a libertarian, I always find it interesting to think how similar ecology and political economy are. Both are products of nature — self-sustaining phenomena resulting from the aggregate of millions of unrelated events.

The Nobel-laureate economist Friedrich Hayek coined a term for such phenomena — the "spontaneous order." Spontaneous orders arise without the specific human intention to create them. Examples abound: the predator-prey population cycle, the even spacing of cars across freeway lanes, the use of money in society, and social rules of etiquette are just a few.

All are the result of individual actions that were never intended to gain the end result. Or as Hayek put it, they are "the result of human action, but not of human design." A notable feature of spontaneous orders, however, is that they do not function as well, and sometimes not at all, when they are tinkered with. Conservationists understand this well.

This is why they make concerted efforts to prevent the development of ecologically rich areas. They realize that when humans interfere with ecology, it simply doesn't function as well. Unfortunately, the same people who are so committed to letting the spontaneous order reign free within the environment fail to recognize the damage and distortions to the environment caused by government's interventions.

For example, taxpayer-subsidized highways flooded our economy with (polluting) cars, a phenomenon that then led environmentalists to call for nationwide emission controls on automobiles. Moreover, in their attempt to save natural habitats, all too many environmentalists fail to recognize the fundamental wrongfulness of using government regulations to prevent landowners from using their own property in their own way or of using taxation as a way to purchase such property from landowners.

Though the conservation of wildlife habitat, clean air, and outdoor recreational areas are considered by many of us to be laudable goals, they should not be achieved through the coercive methods of government.

The spontaneous order of the market will provide these things if that is what people place a value on, which obviously they do. For one thing, most property owners take care of their own property because it's in their self-interest to do so. Moreover, there are millions of dollars donated to conservation organizations by private individuals who wish to conserve those ecological jewels that are not already owned by the government.

Thus, the moral and efficient approach would be to privatize conservation. The government should place all federal lands, including national parks, wildlife refuges, national forests, and wilderness areas into private hands, including simply donating them to such nonprofit organizations as the Audubon Society or the Nature Conservancy.

Not only would such an approach be based on moral principles, the spontaneous order of the market would ensure a better and freer environment for everyone.

Bart Frazier is program director at The Future of Freedom Foundation.

And thereafter, parting company

by Walter E. Williams

Each July 4, we celebrate the founding of our nation, but how many Americans understand, much less respect, the founding principles?

I fear that, for most Americans, July 4 is a celebration of a day off of work, an excuse for fireworks and feasting on barbecue but not a day to celebrate and enshrine the liberties the Founders sought for us.

Some of this is the result of dumbed-down schooling, but a large part, I fear, is simple contempt for our founding principles. Let's look at a few founding documents to see what's your take on them. On June 26, 1788, Virginia's elected delegates met to ratify the Constitution.

In their ratification document, they said, "The People of Virginia declare and make known that the powers granted under the Constitution being derived from the People of the United States may be resumed by them whenever the same shall be perverted to their injury or oppression and that every power not granted thereby remains with them and at their will."

When New York delegates met on July 26, 1788, their ratification document read, "That the Powers of Government may be resumed by the People, whenever it shall become necessary to their Happiness; that every Power, Jurisdiction and right which is not by the said Constitution clearly delegated to the Congress of the United States, or the departments of the government thereof, remains to the People of the several States, or to their respective State Governments to whom they may have granted the same."

On May 29, 1790, the Rhode Island delegates made a similar claim in their ratification document: "That the powers of government may be resumed by the people, whenever it shall become necessary to their happiness: That the rights of the States respectively to nominate and appoint all State Officers, and every other power, jurisdiction and right, which is not by the said constitution clearly delegated to the Congress of the United States or to the departments of government



thereof, remain to the people of the several states, or their respective State Governments to whom they may have granted the same."

Here's a couple questions for you: Has the United States Congress usurped powers that were not delegated to it by the Constitution? From their ratification statements, isn't it clear that the nation's Founders assumed that States and the people have a right to take back powers they granted Congress in the Constitution?

All but your highly trained legal scholars, politicians and bureaucrats, and others having contempt for the founding principles, will agree: Yes, Congress has exceeded its delegated powers, and yes, states have a right to take back (resume) powers delegated to the federal government — in a word the right to secede from the Union.

The Founders, who feared federal consolidation of power, saw secession as the ultimate brake on federal abuse and usurpation. However, President Abraham Lincoln, through nothing less than brutal military force, settled that issue. He acted unconstitutionally and with ruthless contempt for the founding principles.

Have you ever wondered why Jefferson Davis and other Confederate leaders were never tried for treason? The easy answer is that plaintiffs would have been laughed out of court because the right of state secession had been taken for granted.

What can be done now? Are there any signs that those Americans who want to unconstitutionally control the lives of others are going to let up soon? I say no, but there's a peaceful resolution proposed by Free State Project (www.freesateproject.org), whose motto is, "Liberty in our lifetime."

Twenty or thirty thousand Americans who love liberty would move to one state, possibly New Hampshire, peaceably take over the legislature, negotiate with Congress to obey their oath of office to uphold the Constitution and, if necessary, secede from the Union.

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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The newest medical threat

by Sheldon Richman

How would you like it if every time you went to your doctor, for whatever reason, he asked: Over the past two weeks, have you felt down, depressed, or hopeless?

Have you felt little interest or pleasure in doing things? Get ready for a further medicalization of the common tribulations of life. The U.S. Preventative Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommends that primary-care physicians ask their adult patients those questions, or use some other depression-screening method, whenever they visit.

The USPSTF, "a panel of independent, private-sector experts in prevention and primary care," is part of the federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Under the recommendation, if a patient answers yes to the questions, it would trigger "full diagnostic interviews that use standard diagnostic criteria ... to determine the presence or absence of specific depressive disorders, such as major depression and/or dysthymia," which is defined as "a chronic low-grade depression."

If a "disorder" is found, "treatment may include antidepressants (drugs) or specific psychotherapeutic approaches (e.g., cognitive behavioral therapy or brief psychosocial counseling), alone or in combination." The USPSTF says the recommendation is valid because "depressive disorders are common, chronic and costly."

The task force estimates that 5 to 9 percent of adults in primary-care settings suffer from depression and that primary-care physicians miss half of them. The prime candidates are said to be "women, those with a family history of depression, the unemployed, and those with chronic disease." I have two questions of my own.

What if a patient refuses to answer the questions? Or, having been diagnosed with depression, what if he refuses to be treated? These aren't smart-aleck questions. As psychiatrist Thomas Szasz has pointed out, in the regular medical context, it is well recognized that there is a difference between being ill and being a patient.

Illness refers to an objective medical condition, ascertainable by diagnostic tests that reveal a problem with cells, tissues, or organs. Being a patient is a social role that isn't established until freely undertaken. A diabetic is not a patient until he chooses to be treated by a doctor.

Just as one can be ill without being a patient, so one can be a patient without being ill (by faking, say). The rules are different in the mental health context.

First: "There are no objective diagnostic tests to confirm or disconfirm the diagnosis of depression.... Psychiatrists do not even perform physical examinations," writes Dr. Szasz in *Pharmacocracy*. Despite all the pharmaceutical commercials on television about chemical imbalances, depression and other "mental illnesses" are not detected through analyses of brains or body fluids.

That's because they are metaphorical illnesses, like homesickness. As the USPSTF indicates, diagnosis is based on what people tell doctors. (This doesn't mean depressed people don't suffer, only that they don't

have a disease.) Another difference is that in the mental-health context the patient role does not require consent. It can be imposed through commitment to a mental hospital and, now, "outpatient commitment."

Thus, someone who does not regard himself as sick and does not wish to take potent, even risky drugs can be legally forced to do so at a psychiatrist's command rubber-stamped by a judge. However, as Szasz writes in his newest book, *Liberation by Oppression*, "the belief that mental diseases are curable with antidepressants and antipsychotics is founded on faith, not fact."

Hence, policies based on it are destined to fail." Policies such as the one being pushed by the USPSTF. These considerations along with a final element make this a potential horror story. As tort law now stands, a psychiatrist in private practice can be held liable if a patient kills himself or someone else.

This is the so-called "duty to warn" principle. Under the USPSTF recommendation, if a person commits murder or suicide, will others be able to sue his primary-care physician for not asking the depression-screening questions or for not imposing treatment? If so, a patient who refuses to answer the questions or accept treatment will pose a threat to his doctor's practice.

This will assuredly be detrimental to the confidential doctor-patient relationship. As Dr. Szasz writes, "Every psychiatrist has been transformed into an undercover agent." The USPSTF recommendation would make every primary-care physician an undercover agent too.

Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation (www.fff.org) in Fairfax, Va., author of *Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State*, and editor of *Ideas on Liberty* magazine.

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County growth ...

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believe need attention.

Yarbro said that emergency services are stretched, and suggested that a fire station and emergency

medical services be provided. Most of the emergency service needs are on weekends, but additional housing around the lake is a reminder of the

future needs.

Smith, who had experience in the early days at Lake Granbury, emphasized that Garza County is seeing the beginning of a major growth pattern, and suggested that the court plan ahead.

Yarbro said that the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife lists Lake Alan Henry as the fourth biggest lake attraction in Texas. "It's just going to get more and more traffic," he said.

Judge Giles W. Dalby added that "water is like a magnet, it's going to attract people." Dalby also reminded commissioners that the Post Lake is going to add to the local traffic. "We've got time to plan ahead, but we'd better be ready."

Commissioner Lee Norman asked Smith if he thought it a good idea for the county to consider hiring a Lake

Alan Henry coordinator. Smith agreed that would be a good idea, to coordinate all the various county functions, such as zoning, septic system inspections and site evaluations, law enforcement, fire department and emergency medical services.

Interim city/county EMS administrator Terry Bartlett presented a proposed agreement to the court, explaining that the city and health care district are considering the same agreement. Bartlett said that the local EMS should be self sustaining within a year.

"We've got a lot of billing to get caught up, then we're deciding about entering into a contract with professional medical service billing for the future."

Representatives of Nextel Wireless outlined services available to the county, which include two-way radio

communication on each digital phone unit. The court accepted the offer to test a few demonstration models.

James Cain, Texas Association of Counties Loss Control Coordinator, presented the prestigious Workmen's Compensation Self Insurance Fund "Making a Difference" state-wide award to Meg Nelson. The award is in recognition of her consistent safety programs.

Cain also presented a Fifth Award for safety record to Garza County. "I'm sure there will be more of these," he said in praise of the county's safety program.

Commissioners approved a zoning change in the Lake Alan Henry area from agriculture to boat storage. The property is n Laguna Vista Dr in the North Ridge addition.

Terry Morris was the lone bidder for construction of a storage building. The bid of \$5,965 was awarded by the court.

Commissioners approved an increase in mileage reimbursement from the current 28 cents per mile to 36 cents per mile, the same rate used by the State of Texas.

A budget workshop followed the regular meeting, as commissioners studied a proposed five percent pay hike for all county staff.

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Notice of Effective Tax Rate 2002 Property Tax Rates in the City of Post

This notice concerns 2002 property tax rates for the City of Post. It presents information about three (3) tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the Actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's **effective tax rate** would impose the same total taxes for Maintenance and Operations as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's **rollback rate** is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 338,791.00
Last year's debt taxes	-0-
Last year's total taxes	\$ 337,940.00
Last year's tax base	\$89,817,390.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$.3772 per / \$100.00

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes.....	\$ 337,940.00
divided by this year's adjusted tax base of	\$83,609,330.00
equals this year's effective tax rate.....	\$.4041 per / \$100.00
X's 1.03% maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.	\$.4162 per / \$100.00

This years rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures).....	\$ 337,940.00
divided by this years adjusted tax base.....	\$83,609,330.00
equals this years effective operating rate...	\$.4041 per / \$100.00
X's 1.08 = this years maximum operating rate...	\$.4364 per / \$100.00
Plus (+) this Year's debt rate.....	\$.3683 per / \$100.00
= This year's rollback rate	\$.8047 per / \$100.00

Statement of Increase or Decrease in Property Taxes

If the City of Post adopts a 2002 tax rate equal to the effective rate of \$.4041 per \$100.00 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2001 taxes by -0-

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances:

The following estimated balances will be left in the units property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund - None	Balance -0-
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Schedule B - 2002 Debt Service:

Description of Debt:	Principal or Contract Payment to be paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be paid	Total Payment
New Borrowing of \$5.2 Million 20 year Certificates of Obligation for Alternate Water Supply	\$243,000.00	\$243,000.00	\$ 67,000.00 to Sinking Fund	\$310,000.00
Total Required for 2002 Debt Service.....		\$310,000.00		
- Amount if any paid from funds in Schedule A.....		-0-		
- Amount if any paid from other resources		-0-		
- Excess Collections from Last Year.....		-0-		
= Total to be Paid from taxes in 2002		\$310,000.00		
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2002.....		-0-		
= Total Debt Levy.....		\$310,000.00		

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from additional Sales Tax:

Additional Sales tax is not collected by the City of Post.

Schedule D - State Criminal Justice Mandate:

This Schedule is for counties only.

Schedule E - Transfer of Department, Function or Activity:

The City of Post spent \$-0- the past twelve months discontinuing any existing or previous department, function or activity.

Schedule F - Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures:

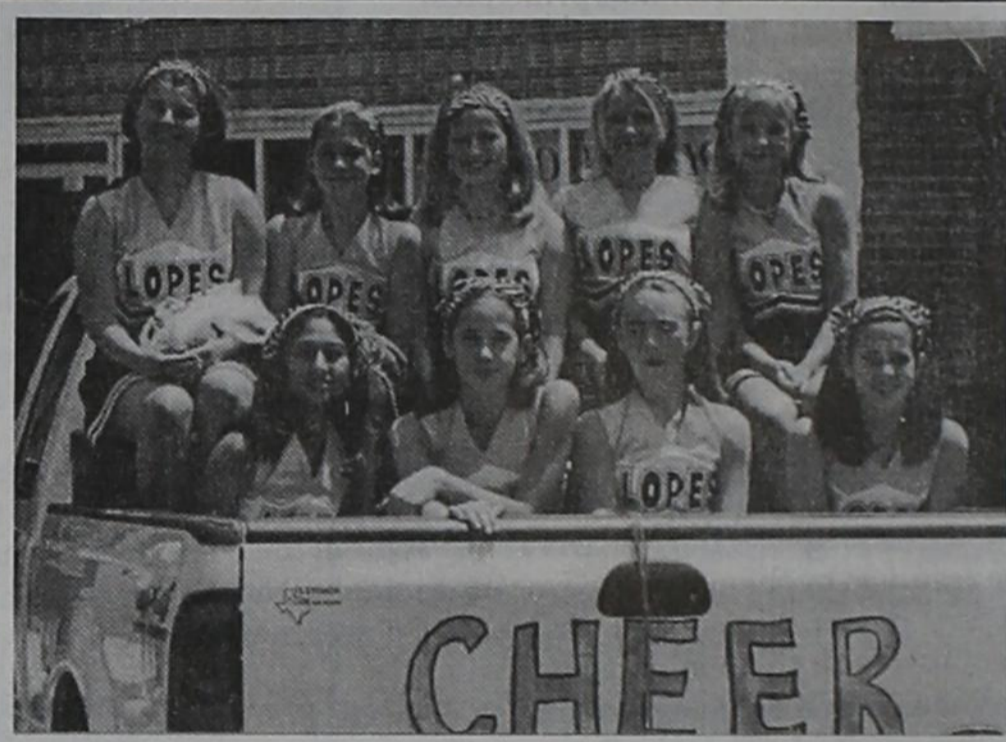
The City of Post spent \$-0- on Enhanced Indigent Care in the past 12 months and will spend \$-0- the next 12 months for the same purpose.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 105 East Main Street in Post, Texas.

Name of person preparing this notice: Deana Gunn
 Title: City Clerk, RTA
 Date prepared: August 05, 2002



Post High School cheerleaders performed snappy numbers during last Saturday's Post Stampede Rodeo parade downtown.



Post Middle School cheerleaders in last Saturday's rodeo parade are (back row, left to right) Keisha Odom, Rachel Gray, Steffi Norman, K'Neil Dalby, Claire Kirkpatrick, (front) Lauren Gonzales, Samantha Hoover, Kelsey Sanderson and Marlee Plummer. Not available for photo was Lori Jones.

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
by Tumbleweed Smith

A Summer Camp for Little Dudes



Kids get to experience the old fashioned western way of life at Time Walkers Ranch, located near the community of Hobson, 50 miles south of San Antonio. "We have an eighteen hundreds summer camp for kids," says Cassie Gotthardt, the owner and director of the camp.

"Our campers actually get to experience life in the eighteen hundreds either for a one or two week camp session." The camp started last year as a family project.

"We were looking for a new way to make a living on our ranch. We also have a love and interest in Texas history. It just seemed a perfect match."

Cassie was a teacher before she decided to become a stay at home Mom. "I was looking for something to use my education and all of those things came together to start Time Walkers Ranch."

Camp sessions are for boys and girls ages 9 through 15. Boys, ages twelve through fifteen, can attend a two week session called Trail Driver Camp. Girls ages 9 through 13 can attend a week-long Pioneer Camp where they join a pioneer wagon train and live like early settlers of South Texas.

Boys ages 9 through 12 may attend a one week Settler Camp where each boy will re-live settling one of Stephen F. Austin's first colonies.

"The boys do everything from archery to knife and tomahawk throwing, camp fire and Dutch oven cooking, riding horses and driving wagons. At our girls' camp, they make rag dolls, do some knitting and quilting. At trail drivers' camp they learn to ride and rope and move cattle. They actually go on a two day cattle drive where they sleep under the stars at night just like the old cowboys did."

Campers do chores and learn to identify plants and animals. The ranch has lush pastures.

"It has two creeks that run through it. There's nice tree cover and things like that." The kids get to use items from the eighteen hundreds. They wear period clothing at the end of camp.

"The boys when they come get an eighteen hundreds style shirt that they get to wear on Saturday when their families come. We do all our photos and everything like that while they're wearing eighteen hundreds shirts along with their blue jeans and boots and hats. For the girls, we actually have skirts and things they can put on with their long sleeve shirts and we take pictures of them in those."

The camp is limited to eighteen youngsters. "That way, everybody gets to participate in all the activities. It's just great being able to develop that personal relationship with everybody who comes into the camp."

Time Walkers Ranch is properly named. "We thought about what we were doing was taking people in a walk back in time."

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KPOS Radio Colgate Country Showdown
(Continued from Page 1)

They will be joined on stage with other talented contestants: Bailey Boyd, Idalou; Rachel Cave of Snyder, Priscila Fulcher, Bangs; Paul Aaron Hughes, Lubbock; Allison Mullins, Norman, Oklahoma; Debbie Nelson, Lubbock;

Raelin Ogle, Tahoka; Debra Lynn, Burleson; Jeff Stacey, Lubbock; Karla Todd, Lubbock; Dave Turner, Lubbock; Junior Vasquez, Shallowater and the duet "When Boy Meets Girl" Danielle Powers of Borger and Barry Alan Bruce of Pampa.

The popular band "The Classics" will provide backup music for the contestants.

Winner of the KPOS Radio Colgate Country Showdown will advance to the West Texas Regional in Abilene on September 7 at the Taylor County Expo Center. The winner of the state final will advance to national regional competition and then to the national final in Nashville, Tenn.

The 21st Annual Colgate Country Showdown is America's largest talent showcase. Some of country's biggest stars are part of the Country Showdown tradition, such as Barbara Mandrell, Kenny Rogers, Ricky Van Shelton, Lorrie Morgan, Mark Chesnutt, John Michael Montgomery;

Kathy Mattea, Crystal Gale, Lee Greenwood, Loretta Lynn, George Jones, Tanya Tucker, Willie Nelson, Kris Kristofferson, Steve Warner, Neal McCoy, The Oak Ridge Boys, Ray Stevens, Billy Ray Cyrus and Sawyer Brown.

KPOS Radio's Colgate Country Showdown starts at 7 p.m., Saturday, August 24. Reserved seating is \$5 per person and are available at the Garza Theatre box office, 495-4005.

Local sponsors for the event are CitizensBank, McDonald's, Old Mill Trade Days, Main Street Mercantile, Wells Fargo, Med Hunt for Turkey Ridge, Hudman Furniture Co., Tea Rose Quilts & Gifts, Farmer Motor Company, Justice-Mason Funeral Home and The Post Beverage Barn.



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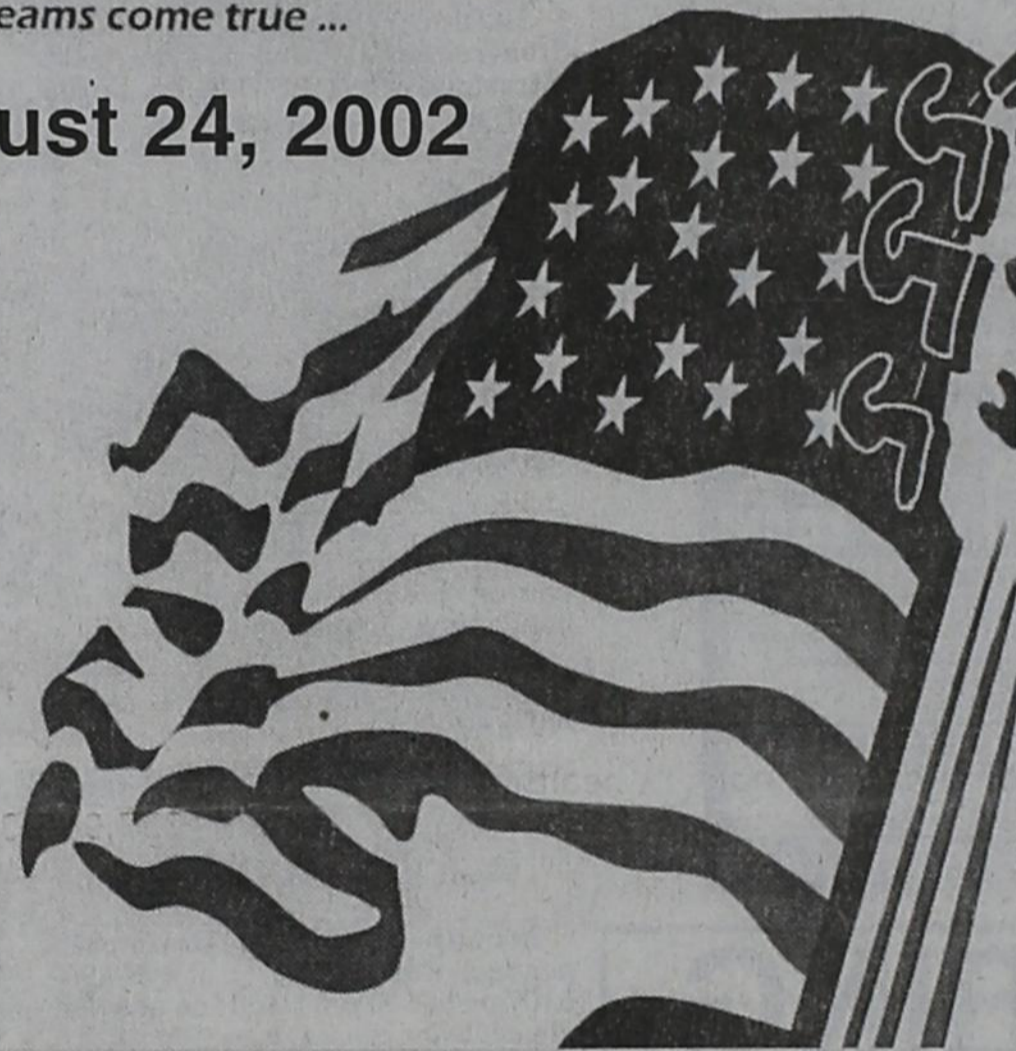
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Moving sale: 310 N. Ave. K, Wed. evening thru Fri. at noon. Couch, 3 chairs, recliner, sewing machine, coffee table, dishes, misc.

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Legal Notices

Notice is hereby given by the Garza County Commissioners Court and the Garza County Juvenile Board, joined by the Garza County Juvenile Court, that a Request for Proposal from qualified Offerors to provide all things necessary for the operation, maintenance and management of a

96 bed Juvenile Detention Center is duly authorized pursuant to Sections 62.001 and 141.042 of the Human Resources Code, Section 51.12 of the Texas Family Code, and Sections 252.025 and 351.103 of the Texas Local Government Code.

All proposals, to be considered as responsive, are due and must be received by 2:00 p.m., September 3, 2002, at the office of Judge Giles W. Dalby, Garza County, 300 W. Main, Post, Texas 79356. For additional information, please contact Judge Giles W. Dalby, 300 W. Main, Post, Texas 79356, (806) 495-4405.

Authorized by: Hon. Giles Dalby, County Judge, Garza County, Texas on behalf of the Commissioners Court of Garza County, Texas, the Juvenile Board of Garza County, Texas and as Juvenile Court Judge of Garza County, Texas.

Garza County Commissioners will be accepting bids on a 1976 double-wide trailerhouse to be sold as is, and moved within 30 days of acceptance of the bid. Cash or money order only, will be accepted before moving and the buyer will be responsible for all moving cost. Bids will be accepted until August 23, 2002 at 4:00pm in the Garza County Judge's office, 300 W. Main, Post, Texas.

For all inquiries, please call 806-495-4405.

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1. el poste de la Escuela Distrito ofertas Carrera Independiente y la educacion de Tecnologia programa en La introduccion a la Ciencia Agricola Mundial y Tecnologia, Ciencia Agricola Aplicada y Tecnologia, Introduccion a las Mecanicas Agricolas, Mantenimiento de la Casa y Mejaora, Desarrollo de Habilidad Personal, Tecnologia de las Estructuras Agricola, Tecnologia de Fabricacion de Metal Agricola, Plan del Paisaje, Construccion y Mantenimiento, las Mecanicas Agricolas, Desarrollo Persona y Familiar, la Preparacion para Parenting, Desarrollo del Niño, Nutricion y Ciencia de Comida, Ciencia de Comida y Tecnologia, Anatomia y Fisiologia de Sistemas Humanos, la Contabilidad yo, los Sistemas de Informacion de Computadora Comerciales yo e II, Introduccion al Negocio asi como Recordkeeping. Hay ningun requisito a ser admitido en estos programas.

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4. el Poste ISD tomara los pasos para asegurarse falta de habilidades del idioma inglesas no sera una barrera a la admision y participacion en los programas todo educativos y profesionales.

5. para la informacion sobre sus derechos procedimientos de agravo, avise el Titulo IX Coordinador, y la Seccion 504 Coordinador, Dr Bobby Bain, a 501 Avenida Sur K, o llama (806) 495-3343.

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Anatomy and Physiology of Human Systems, Accounting I, Business Computer Information Systems I and II, Introduction to Business as well as Recordkeeping. There are no requirements to be admitted into these programs.

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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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—Dodie Smith



Post Antelope football practice opened last week. The team is preparing for a Saturday 10 a.m. scrimmage at Snyder. The 10 a.m. scrimmage includes freshmen, junior varsity and varsity action. The second scrimmage is set for Thursday, August 22 here with Stanton. The season opens Friday, August 30 with the Denver City Mustangs, game time 7:30 p.m.

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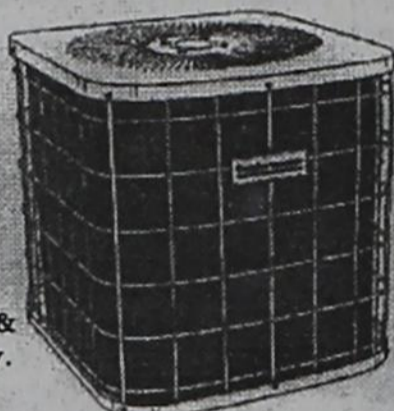
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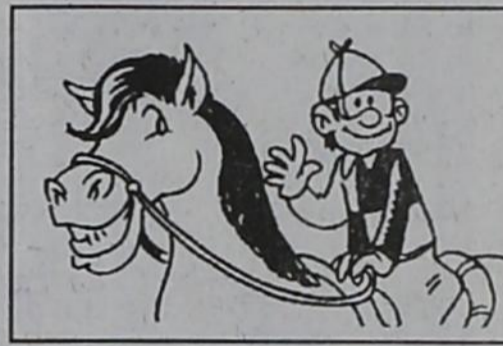
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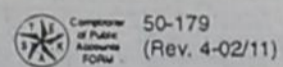
2002 Property Tax Rates in GARZA COUNTY & HOSPITAL DISTRICT

This notice concerns 2002 property tax rates for GARZA COUNTY & HOSPITAL DISTRICT. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	HOSPITAL
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,368,467.	\$	\$ 441,754.
Last year's debt taxes	\$ -0-	\$	\$ -0-
Last year's total taxes	\$ 1,368,467.	\$	\$ 441,754.
Last year's tax base	\$ 433,059,220	\$	\$ 430,643,880
Last year's total tax rate	\$.316 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$.10258/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes	\$ 1,368,760.	\$	\$ 441,847.
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)			
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 389,019,052	\$	\$ 386,335,730
(after subtracting value of new property)			
= This year's effective tax rate	\$.35184/\$100	\$ /\$100	\$.11436/\$100
for each fund			
Total effective tax rate	\$.35184/\$100		.11436/100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$.36239/\$100		.11779/100
This year's rollback tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted operating taxes			
(after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 1,368,760.	\$	\$ 441,847.
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 389,019,854	\$	\$ 386,335,730
= This year's effective operating rate	\$.35184/\$100	\$ /\$100	\$.11436/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.37998/\$100	\$ /\$100	\$.12350/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ -0- /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ -0- /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.37998/\$100	\$ /\$100	\$.12350/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.37998/\$100		.12350/100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If GARZA COUNTY adopts a 2002 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.35184 per \$100 of value, taxes would **DECREASE** compared to 2001 taxes by \$ 36,000.



Statement of Increase/Decrease

If GARZA HOSPITAL DISTRICT adopts a 2002 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.11436 per \$100 of value, taxes would **DECREASE** compared to 2001 taxes by \$ 34,000.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
GENERAL FUND	612,932.
R & B #1	49,985.
R & B #2	23,237.
R & B #3	32,795.
R & B #4	24,001.
GARZA HOSPITAL DISTRICT	400,349.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at GARZA COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR OFFICE, 300 W. MAIN, POST, TX 79356

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Title GARZA CO. TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR

Date prepared AUGUST 12, 2002

Antelopes get ready for 2002 season

The 2002 Post Antelope football team began practice last week, and continues workouts, getting in its first scrimmage Saturday morning at Snyder.

"We had 72 young athletes on the field for practice," head coach Richard Gorman reports, "and for the most part we've had good practices, although I thought Monday we were a bit sluggish."

Gorman said that for now there will be a freshmen, junior varsity and varsity teams. "We may have to make some adjustments if we have injuries or other problems, but we're going to try to keep it like that."

The scrimmage Saturday opens at 10 a.m. with freshmen and junior varsity sharing the field. "Freshmen will be on one end and the j.v. on the other," Gorman explained. Those scrimmages are expected to be completed by 11:30 a.m.

The varsity scrimmage with Snyder will begin at approximately noon.

"This is going to be good for our team," Gorman added, "Snyder uses the option, and we need to see that and work on it." The Class AAA Snyder team also uses a five man front defense, "which we need to work against," Gorman said.

The scrimmage will be at Travis field, not at the Snyder high school stadium. The field is east of Snyder's downtown square and then south.

The football teams will scrimmage again Thursday, August 22 at 5 p.m. with Stanton coming to Post. The 2002 season opens Friday, August 30 as the Antelopes host Denver City here, 7:30 p.m. kickoff.

Tractor raffle tickets on sale

Tickets are now available for the Women's Protective Services' Third Annual Tractor Raffle - Planting the Seeds for Change.

Women's Protective Services will host its third annual raffle Saturday at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center beginning at 7 p.m. Raffle tickets are on sale now, and all proceeds benefit Women's Protective Services of Lubbock.

A 150-hp 2002 7810 John Deere tractor will be raffled off. Only 2,000 tickets will be sold. Cost for tickets is \$100 each.

The ticket price includes admission for two, a raffle entry, a barbecue dinner provided by J&M Barbecue, a silent auction and live entertainment by the Rex Thomas Band.

Tickets are available locally at B&T Feed in Post; Graham Co-Op in Graham; Wells Fargo Bank in Post; Citizens Bank in Post; and Mason's Farm & Ranch in Post.

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