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## Pastor Ordained at Calvary Baptist

It's nice to know some news can still be good. On Sunday, January 23, 2011, Calvary Baptist Church of Post ordained Reverend Darren Weaver to the Gospel ministry. He and his wife Holly have been pastoring Calvary Baptist since March of 2010, having come from Oakwood Baptist Deaf Mission in Lubbock, where he served as Associate Pastor for the prior year. The ordination service is a follow-up to ministerial licensing, which was done for Reverend Weaver at Oakwood Baptist

in Lubbock on March 29, 2009. Many churches were represented at both segments of the ordination, including those from Calvary Baptist, Oakwood Baptist in Lubbock, Oakwood Deaf Mission, First Baptist of Post, Trinity Baptist of Post, Monterey Baptist of Lubbock, Westmont Christian of Lubbock, and the Lubbock Area Baptist Association, as well as the Dean and professors from Wayland Baptist University in Lubbock, where Reverend Weaver is currently completing a Bachelor's

Degree in Christian Ministry. The services on the 23rd included an Ordination Council which convened at 5:00 P.M., the purpose of which was to ask questions of Reverend Weaver as a candidate for ordination. The 6:00 P.M. segment included special music by Oakwood Baptist Deaf Choir, the Calvary Baptist Choir, and speakers from several of the represented churches.

"It was an amazing time of unity and worship," commented Reverend Weaver. "This was not

about me; it was about God's work."

In the state of Texas, ministerial licensing conveys the authority to perform weddings, funerals, and the administering of Lord's Supper and baptisms. Licensing is done by the church where the minister is serving, and recognized by the state as binding and legal. Ordination is done typically by the first church where the minister serves as pastor, and

Weaver...

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## Former Post resident graduates LCU with honors



Photo by Julie Wilson

Ashley Bufe, shown here with her husband, Ryan and her three sons, Camden, Brock and Ryder, graduated from Lubbock Christian University, Magna Cum Laude, with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. She graduated in June of 2010 but participated in the commencement exercises on Dec. 11, 2010. Ashley was

in the honors program at both Lubbock Christian and West Texas A&M University in Canyon. She made the President's List and the Dean's list numerous times. Ashley is a 2006 graduate of Post High School, and is the daughter of Robert and Julie Wilson. She and her husband and three sons live in Abernathy



Photo by Janice Plummer

Jaynie Dickson, of Post, won the 42" television given away last Saturday by the Post Area Chamber of Commerce. The TV was given away in addition to cash and prizes as part of the Chamber's "Shop at Home" promotion.

## Post Notes

### Brown Bag Book Talk

Friday, Feb. 25th bring your lunch to The Heritage House and talk about books! Peggy Ashley will lead the informal discussion. You'll hear about new books, old favorites and enjoy time shared with others. We'll begin at noon and end no later than 12:50. The Book Talk group will meet the last Friday of every month. Call 495-4148 (The Heritage House) or 990-2149 (Post City Library) for more information.

### 22nd Annual Mayors' Beans and Cornbread Luncheon

Hospice of Lubbock will host the 22nd annual Mayors' Beans and Cornbread Luncheon on Friday, March 4th. This luncheon will raise funds and community awareness. Hospice of Lubbock, serving 19 area counties, is our regions ONLY non-profit adult and pediatric hospice. General Admission is \$10. Recognition Business Tables are \$1,500 for 8 people. For

more information please call Lindsay Webb at 762-6020.

### 16th Annual Chili Supper to be held by Post Volunteer Fire Department.

The Post Volunteer Fire Department will have the annual Chili Supper Saturday, February 12th from 6:00 pm until the chili is gone. Come by the Post Fire Station. Donations are accepted. Everyone is being invited to attend so bring the family and your friends and come out and join us for some good chili and help support the local volunteer fire department.

### Valentine's Day dinner and movie fundraiser

The Post Community High School Youth group is hosting a Valentine's Day Dinner & Movie fundraiser on February 12th at 5:30. This fundraiser assists students attending summer camps and mission trips this summer. The dinner will be held at The Heritage House along with two complimentary tickets

to the Tower Theater. The menu will consist of steak, baked potato, salad, homemade bread and dessert. Cost for the event will be \$50 a couple. Save yourself from the long lines at the restaurants in Lubbock and treat your sweetheart to a romantic night out here in Post. We appreciate your support.

Contact Tonya Kirkpatrick at (806) 787-1547 or Sandra Jones at (361) 676-8298 by Feb. 10th.

### The Stitchin' Club to meet

The Stitchin' Club will meet at The Heritage House the first and third Thursday night, 6 to 7:30 p.m. and the second and fourth Thursday morning, 10 to 11:30 a.m. There is no charge and everyone is welcome! Bring whatever project you are working on or want to begin: crochet, knitting, cross stitch, quilting, etc. Call 495-4148 for more information.

Class of 61  
The Post High School

class of 1961 will be having a 50 year reunion on July 2, 2011. Please contact Jane Mason at 495-2980 or Beth Cook at 990-9120 for more information.

### Harlem Ambassadors Basketball Show

Just a reminder about the Harlem Ambassadors Basketball Show at Antelope Arena on February 27. We still have the following sponsorships available:

- Game Sponsors - 3 @ \$500
- Event Staff Sponsors - 4 @ \$500
- Concession Sponsors - 1 @ \$250
- Quarter & Intermission Sponsors - 5 @ \$150
- Assembly Sponsor - 1 @ \$500

We also have tickets available at the PACC office. The game will be Sunday, February 27, at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$9 (adults) \$7 (students) and \$5 (children 6 & under).

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## Dog of the Week



Courtesy photo

This is Tom. He is a three month old lab mix puppy. He is at the Post Animal Refuge Center with Tillie & Titan, his brother and sister. All three puppies are available for adoption. You can contact the shelter by email at postarc@yahoo.com or on facebook - Post Arc.

Get your Valentines Day Ads in by 5 p.m. Monday! \$25 per ad, will be featured in Friday, Feb. 18 issue of The Post Dispatch!

### Trailblazers Menu

<b>Feb 14<sup>th</sup> - Feb 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Taco Salad, Salsa, Rice, Peach Crisp	<b>Thursday</b> Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, Cobbler
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, California Veggies, Roll, Fruit Salad	<b>Friday</b> Fish, Beans, Coleslaw, Hushpuppies, Potatoes, Fruit
<b>Tuesday</b>		

### Southland ISD Menu

<b>Breakfast Menu for February 14 - February 18</b>	Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Jelly, Fruit, Juice, Milk	<b>Wednesday</b> Crispy Beef Tacos, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Pudding, Fruit, Milk
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Lunch Menu for February 14 - February 18</b>	<b>Thursday</b> Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Corn, Tossed Salad, Bread Stick, Sliced Peaches, Milk
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Monday</b> Grilled Cheese, Chicken Noodle Soup, Carrots w/ Ranch, Strawberries & Bananas, Milk	<b>Friday</b> Submarine Sandwiches, Baked Chips, Lettuce, Pickles, Tomatoes, Fruit Cup, Animal Crackers, Milk
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Applesauce Cake, Fruit, Milk	
<b>Thursday</b>		
<b>Friday</b>		

### Southland ISD Menu

<b>Breakfast Menu Feb 14<sup>th</sup> - Feb 18<sup>th</sup></b>	sage, Syrup, Fruit, Milk	Milk
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Friday</b> Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk	<b>Wednesday</b> Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tortilla Soup, Broccoli/Ranch, Strawberries & Bananas, Crackers, Milk
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Lunch Menu Feb 14<sup>th</sup> - Feb 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thursday</b> Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Corn, Salad, Bread Sticks, Peaches, Milk
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Monday</b> Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Carrot Coins, Fresh Apple, Hot Roll	<b>Friday</b> Chicken Burger, Tater Tots, Western Beans, Orange Smiles, Milk
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> Pizza, Tossed Salad, Fresh Banana, Chocolate Cake,	

## Obituary



**J.C. (JOYCE) STEEL**

J.C. (Joyce) Steel, 89 of Post, died Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at the Golden Plains Care Center in Post.

Services will be 2:00 pm Saturday February 5, 2011 at the Justice-Mason Funeral Home. Linda Runkles, long time friend of the family officiated. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery. Arrangements were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Born at Clinton, Oklahoma to Robert Lewis and Ruth May (Allen) Steel. He came to Garza County with his grandfather and married Jewel Caywood June 17, 1939, here in Post. Two children were born to this marriage and he went into the army January 20, 1945. He served in the 1<sup>st</sup> US Infantry Division in the European Theater during WW II. After discharge from the service he farmed and later went into the oil field business. Joyce worked for Rocker and also was a partner in many oil leases. He completed the first triple pumping oil well here in Garza County. After working 37 years he retired and started traveling.

Survivors include his wife: Jewel of Post; one daughter: Marilyn Steel of Stillwater, Oklahoma; one son: Curtis and his wife Judith Steel of Oracle, Arizona. Two grandchildren: Lisa and her husband Don Johnson of Stillwater,

Oklahoma and Amy and her husband Troy Case of Tahina, Oklahoma. Two great-grandchildren: Josh Darrido of Fort Worth and Will Koneman of Stillwater, Oklahoma.

**EFFIE CHRISTINE SMITH**

Effie Christine Smith 87 of Post died Sunday February 6, 2011 at the Golden Plains Care Center. She was born to Riley Grege and Jettie Olie (Fugua) Smith in Kent County. She moved to Post just before Golden Plains Care Center opened and went to work there in the laundry. No services are planned. Cremation is under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home. Survivors include: One sister: Doris Caldwell of Arlington, Texas and a brother: Alvis Smith of Rogers, Arkansas. Also among survivors are two cousins: Doylene Willborn of Post and Arnold Fry of Lubbock.

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## Letter to the Editor

Letter to the Editor:

I would like to thank the good samaritans who came to my aide in Post on Saturday Feb 5.

I was in town to attend J.C. Steel Funeral and my

car slipped off in the mud at Maurine's Flower Shop and two young men pulled it out. They would not accept any pay.

I don't know their names but I want them to know how

much this kindness means to me.

Post, be proud of these two young men. Thank you and God bless you.

**Jimmie Pettigrew Slaton, Texas 79364**

## Chamber News

Congratulations to Jaynie Dickson - winner of the 42<sup>nd</sup> television given away by the Chamber last Saturday. Thanks to everyone who participated and especially to those who donated to make our drawing so successful.

The Annual Fire Department Chili Supper will be this Saturday at 6:00 p.m. Get out and enjoy a great bowl of chili.

Ragtown Gospel Theater and The Garza Theatre will

both have performances this weekend.

Ragtown Gospel Theater will have "Heaven - A Divine Comedy". Performances will be Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 3:00 p.m. "The Weir" will open at the Garza with performances Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

The Harlem Ambassador Basketball Show will be back on February 27, 2011. We have tickets available at

the Chamber office and we do still have sponsorships available - call 495-3461 or email [chamberofcommerce@postcitytexas.com](mailto:chamberofcommerce@postcitytexas.com) for more information.

The Annual Chamber Banquet will be April 9 at 6:30 p.m. In addition to great food and a silent auction, we will award Business and Citizen of the Year

Congratulations to our members of the week:



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# Yesteryears

## 10 Years Ago

Natalie Pollard and Zachary Husen exchange wedding vows. Natalie is the daughter of Sherry and Jay Pollard and the granddaughter of the late Sammie and James Pollard of Post.

Clell Knight and Joel Rivera were the only winners for the U.S. Air Force in a boxing match held in Reno, Nevada.

Four Post residents earn degrees at Texas Tech; Amber Joy Basinger, Cynthia Ruth Dillard, Isidor Morales and Devin Denise Odum.

## 20 Years Ago

Post Junior Varsity Lady Lopes closed out the 1990 basketball season with 16 wins and 5 losses, losing only one district contest to claim the district title. The team was coached by James East-erling.

Angela Cruse of Post was named on the Dean's Honor

List for the 1990 semester at South Plains College.

## 30 Years Ago

Seniors Davie Foster and Luann Kennedy were named Basketball Beau and Sweet-heart.

Sheriff Jim Pippin added Bruce Ledbetter as a third part-time deputy to his staff.

Sherri Morris and Robert Davis exchanged wedding vows Jan. 24.

## 40 Years Ago

Mrs. Helen Livingston announced her retirement as secretary of the Post Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Livingston was secretary for nine years.

Christi Morris, a junior from Post, will be a member of the chorus in the Broadway Musical, "Fiddler on the Roof," presented by Wayland Baptist College Theatre.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Ammons announce the birth of a son,

Dustin, born Feb. 9.

## 50 Years Ago

Post fire trucks make their first run from the new fire station at the rear of city Hall. The fire was in front of Levi's Ranch Café.

Jane Maxey and Jimmy Minor have been elected by the high school student body as "Mr. and Miss PHS of the 1960-61 school year."

Sandra French and Dale Alexander wed in double ring ceremony.

## 60 Years Ago

Garza County's 1951 March of Dimes ended triumphantly with a total of \$2,713.70 raised.

West Point Style Band Uniforms Selected at PHS.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hudman were honored with a dinner on their first anniversary.

Women's Culture Club chooses Mrs. Charlie Bird President.

## Legends...Garza County Historical Museum

By Linda Puckett

The Arthur Tuffing family started out from Ohio in 1901, with a plan to settle somewhere in West Texas. They had heard stories of how one could come to the vast unsettled country and have the opportunity to take up land and have something of their own.

They sold their farm and struck out for Texas with a few personal items and \$1,900.00. They had two children, both sons, named Forrest and Lee. Mr. Tuffing told his boys stories of the west, and promised Forrest a donkey to ride as soon as they got to their destination, so he was very eager to come. As soon as they got off the train in Colorado City, Forrest was quick to demand his donkey. Of course he didn't get one immediately, but later on, his father true to his word did get him a donkey.

At first the Tuffings rented a furnished house in Colorado City. Among the things they brought from Ohio, was a Cylinder phonograph with several good records and a camera.

In a few weeks, Mr. Tuffing learned of some land in Garza County on which the lease would soon be up. A man, woman, or a family had to stay overnight on the school land, cook a meal, and when the lease ran out, then they could make application for it and have it awarded to them.

The land the Tuffings had in mind was under lease by a big rancher, but the lease was due to expire in October, so they moved out to live on the property. The boys drew straws to see who got to go on the trip out to the place, the one getting the long straw would go and the other got to stay with his mother in Colorado City. Lee drew the long straw and got to make the first trip. Forrest got to make the second trip with his father when the household goods came from Ohio.

The application had been filed with the County Clerk in Gail after quite a battle just to get in the door and to reach the clerk's desk. The application was sent to Austin, and when approved would be mailed back. The Tuffings waited anxiously for days to see if they had been approved, and sure enough in due time they were awarded two sections of land. Mrs. Tuffing told stories of the land rush in Gail, she had made Mr. Tuffing a new shirt of heavy material, and when he got through that ordeal, the shirt was torn off him, but he made it through, that was the main thing.

When they came to see the land they were to file on, they chose for the site of their new house. The area was an old prairie dog town with a few mesquite trees that they hoped would make good shade trees someday. The prairie dogs had moved out, but the rattlesnakes

had moved in. They had some chickens and turkeys and every few days they would lose one or more from snake bite.

They had taken a small tent top keep their bedding and wearing apparel in. They slept out in the open until it rained, then they would rush into the little tent where there was standing room only. Eggs was scarce and quite a treat. Once when the Tuffings were to be away, they told the boys they could eat the two eggs they had on hand. One of the boys cooked the eggs and the other knocked the pan of the stove, spilling the eggs on the sand. Another scarcity was milk, having only range cows to milk. They didn't have much luck with that either. Once they got the cow tied and milked her, getting about a quart of the precious commodity of which they entrusted with Forrest to take to the house. He stubbed his toe and spilt it. The drinking water was bad, it was hauled in a burned out whiskey barrel from a cattle tank two miles away. The barrel stood in the sun, so you can imagine how it tasted. Mrs. Tuffing recalled how the flour and meal had to be sifted more than once because of the bugs.

The nearest post office was sixteen miles away at Light. They only got mail when a cowboy would ride over and bring it to the settlers. This didn't happen very often, so finally when Mrs. Tuffing had stood it as long as she could without mail, Mr. Tuffing loaded the family in the wagon and drove through the canyon to Light for the mail. When they inquired at the window for their mail, the Postmaster said, "a cowboy took your mail out a few days ago." If

this wasn't bad enough, this fellow who brought out the mail lived five miles from the Tuffings, and when he did come by their place, he said "by the way, I brought your mail the other day but forgot to bring it to you."

Relatives in Ohio sent the Tuffings barrels filled with good food to eat and presents. Oh how the enjoyed getting those barrels. Once when Mr. Tuffing was bringing one of the barrels home, he made camp and kept a fire going all night to keep the contents of the barrel from freezing. Another time an aunt in Ohio sent a dollar for them to buy something special. They voted for Irish potatoes so Mr. Tuffing drove all the way to Colorado City in the wagon only to learn they were out of potatoes.

After being in the county for a while, the Tuffings and their neighbors decided they needed a post office, so they made an application and were given permission for one. Mrs. Tuffing had the post office in her home and Mr. J.M. Boren carried the mail from Fluvanna. The need for a school arose, so a one-room school house was built on their land. The school and the post office were both named LeForest after the Tuffing sons, Lee and Forrest. The Smith, Nance, Justice, Tuffing and the Knox children attended the school. Miss Ellen Kelly was the first teacher. The second year Miss Ada Stimson taught. In the front of the schoolroom, Miss Stimson put the words "God sees me", made of crepe paper.

Next week part-II of the Tuffing family history continues from the archives of the Garza County Historical Museum.



# The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

What do you wear to an auction?

It depends on what image you wish to convey. I try to look underprivileged. That's an outdated euphemism for poor.

I'm not talking about an estate auction where everybody knows you anyway, auctioneer included, and where you should look nice out of respect for the deceased. Nor am I referring to a livestock auction at the local sale barn, where it's best just to blend in with the farmer set and wear Redwings if you have any or some equivalent thereof.

The kind of auction I'm talking about is one where you can truly be anonymous. I went to one last weekend.

An old John Deere wheat drill drew me to the miscellaneous monthly sale for all sorts of stuff, as in junk and ladders, drywall screw guns, RV air conditioners, a vintage tractor with an ominous oil leak, toys, a bicycle, a round baler, electrical odds and ends,

assorted chains and some cars. You get the picture.

I'd been the day before to see the drill. It was like one my daddy had when I was little and also like one I bought from my late friend Roger who got it from his neighbor Joe, also my friend, who inherited it from his Uncle Drew, whom I knew. But the drill at the auction was in much better shape and even had an owner's manual tucked in the grain box. I wanted that drill, even minus a pedigree.

You could say I collect drills. My husband indulges me. He has to. I told him drills are like guitars.

In fact, even he agreed we should buy one at an auction last year. It's a newer John Deere. It works on just one side. I'd like to see what it would bring at an auction.

Regarding last weekend, I started out wrong. The day before, on my initial visit to the site, I had mentioned to an auction employee that I was interested in the drill. I thought he was a farmer.

More important than proper auction attire is that you never tell the auctioneer, Heaven forbid, or any of his sidekicks that you want something.

The day of the sale I considered disguising myself but figured it wouldn't do any good unless I dyed my hair. I settled for looking nondescript in jeans and a faded blue plaid shirt.

At the auction, I ran into Ronnie, a relative of a relative. He recognized me despite my shabby look.

Eventually the auctioneer came to the drill. I like to think his spotter was scanning the crowd, eyes narrowed, looking for the short gray-headed lady who'd said she wanted it. I was hiding in the barn. Ronnie, bidding for me, got the drill at a good price, even though he looked mildly remarkable in his orange shirt and didn't look underprivileged.

So ladies, it's good to know how to dress for an auction, but it's even better to find a man to do your bidding.

## Operation Gratitude Extends its Outreach to Our Wounded Warriors

Encino, CA--February 3, 2011: Having already shipped more than 600,000 care packages to service men and women deployed in combat zones, Operation Gratitude is pleased to announce a new program tailored to those wounded in service to their country.

Operation Gratitude will begin providing spe-

cial Wounded Warrior Care Packages to service members recovering in Military Hospitals and Wounded Warrior Transition units located on military bases throughout the United States.

Prior Wounded Warrior helps others heal at Brooke Army Medical Center WWTU

Further, in recognition

that the Wounded Warrior often expresses deep concern for their buddies remaining on the front line, Operation Gratitude will send care packages on behalf of the Wounded Warrior to the rest of his or her unit still deployed down-range.

"We hope that sending those packages to their deployed comrades will help the wounded feel they are still contributing to the mission and supporting their buddies" according to Operation Gratitude founder, Carolyn Blashek.

Wounded Warrior Transition Units ("WWTU") provide critical support to the wounded and their families, focusing on those requiring six months or more of rehabilitative care and complex medical management.

Operation Gratitude Wounded Warrior Care Package deliveries will begin in February. Patients at Bethesda National Naval Medical Center and soldiers in the WWTU at Ft. Polk, Louisiana will be among the first to receive the shipments.

"Here at the Soldier and Family Assistance Center (SFAC), we provide the non-medical support to the Wounded Warrior and their



Prior Wounded Warrior helps others heal at Brooke Army Medical Center WWTU

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# In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

**Weather**  
Wednesday was pretty cool wouldn't ya say? Hear it's gonna be quite nice this weekend, maybe that will make up for the 5 degrees on Wednesday morning. We did get a little moisture out of it but could really use quite a bit more. GB said he had 6 tenths in his gauge.

**News**  
Stock Show season is in the air.....Rhaeden Bland attended Fort Worth; Russ Morris is in San Antonio this week at the

stock show. San Angelo, Houston and Austin are still coming up. Maybe I'll have results to post later. Good Luck to everyone.

I have to say congratulations to my daughter, Raegan and the rest of her team. The Lady Coyotes at Gail are District Champs; they will start the playoffs next week. Congrats and good luck girls!

Billie Jean Cross had lunch with Shirley Sappington McInroe on Tuesday. They

do this every year for their birthdays, which are 5 days apart.

**Visitors**  
Steven Payton; Corky and Iva Lee Bullard; Lupe Valdez and Derrick were our visitors for the week. Ya'll know we love visitors so come out have a snack and visit with us sometime. =)

**EYI**  
OurCloseCityCommunity BINGO night tentatively set for March 19th ..... we'll let you know the exact details as it gets closer. Anyone

wishing to help in anyway give Nancy or I a call.

We'd like to add some pics to our Facebook page. We have several left from doing the cookbook but if you have some of your "Close City" family let us know so that we can put them on there.

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**Close City Birthdays**  
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February 12th - Debbie

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February 15th - Danny Gonzales

February 17th - Tommy Young, D'Lynn Young Barnhart, Ronnie Morris  
**Close City Anniversaries**

February 17th - Daniel and Trevah Yarbro; Ronnie and Andra Dunn

If you or your family are not on our birthday calendar shoot me a line and I will add them.

**Get Wells**  
We want to send out a get well wishes to Joe Abraham who has been in the hospital in Lubbock. Hope you are feeling better, Joe!  
Ragtown folks in the

nursing homes we need to remember are.....W.C. and Marj Caffey in Marble Falls; Doug and Claudine Tipton; Carmen Abraham and Joyce Nelson in Post; Odie Kemp in Tahoka; Jean Tipton in San Angelo; Jewel White in Lubbock. Others are, Mack Ledbetter in Slaton; Doris Wilson in Castorville; John and Mary Gist in Lubbock; Lula Jo Stewart also in Lubbock. Please let me know if there is anyone I need to add to this list.

Everyone have a great week, be safe and keep rain and our troops in your daily prayers! See ya next week.

## Weekly Inspirations

**YES, SIR I DID SAY THAT!**

By: Michael F. Taylor

A few years ago, I was serving as a police officer in a town not too far from here. And it appeared that one of our patrol officers and his Sergeant didn't seem to get along together very well. After one particularly heated discussion between the two officers, the Lieutenant called the subordinate patrol officer into his office to discuss the matter. The Lieutenant began, "Is it true that you called the Sergeant a LIAR?"

To which the officer quickly responded, "Yes Sir, Lieutenant. That is true." The Lieutenant then asked, "Well, did you call him STUPID?" Without hesitation, the officer replied back, "Yes Sir, Lieutenant. That is true." "A SLAVE DRIVER?" The response once again from the patrolman was "Yes Sir, Lieutenant. That is true".

"Well did you call him a bull headed, opinionated egomaniac?" in exasperation the Lieutenant asked. "Oh, no Sir, Lieutenant! But if you'll give me your pen, I'll write that down so I can remember it next time", the officer exclaimed.

Isn't memory funny that way? The older I get, the more I realize that if I fail to write important things down, I often forget what I should have remembered! Maybe it's just me. But isn't it wonderful how our Lord is willing to forget our sins and trespasses. I love how King David put it in Psalms 103, *"Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits— who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us."* NIV

What a wonderful message David gives to us that as high as the heavens are above the earth, is God's love for His people. And, as far as the East is from the West, He (God Himself) has removed the blotch of our transgressions from us. And I am so thankful for it! God didn't even write it down to remember later against me! What a joy it is to know that God loves us so much that he cast away our sins as Far as the East is from the West. And that is a never ending distance. My prayer for you this week is to remember that God loves you and if you accept His grace and forgiveness, HE IS WILLING TO FORGET ALL OUR TRESPASSES. God bless and have a glorious week in Christ Jesus.

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# Texas counties receiving 2 to 6 inches of moisture

**COLLEGE STATION** -- Since New Year's, some Texas counties had received from 2 to 6 inches of moisture, but much of the state remains behind as far as long-term accumulations go, said Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

From the Panhandle to South Texas, the lack of moisture affected winter wheat and other crops and caused concern about the future success of spring plantings, according to county reports from AgriLife Extension agents.

"Producers have had a productive week in the field this week with above average temperatures but no moisture in the area," reported Rick Auckerman, AgriLife Extension agent for Deaf Smith County, west of Amarillo. "Winter wheat continues to deteriorate with the lack of moisture and extreme drying conditions in our area."

"Soil moisture is very

short with no measurable rainfall since late October," said Jay Kingston, AgriLife Extension agent for Kent County, east of Lubbock. "Wheat is in poor to very poor condition along with native pastures."

"Pecos County has gone 120 days without any measurable precipitation," said Norman Fryar, AgriLife Extension agent for Pecos County, south of Odessa. "Continued winds and diverse temperature ranges are impacting the overall agricultural industry of the county."

"Conditions remain dry in Foard County. Producers are debating on whether to top-dress wheat," said Seth Manney, AgriLife Extension agent for Foard County, west of Wichita Falls. "Many would like to contract wheat, but are reluctant with this weather pattern."

"It has been very cold this week, we still have not received any rain," reported

Greg Gruben, AgriLife Extension agent for Scurry County, west of Abilene. "Rangeland and wheat were really struggling due to the lack of rainfall. We certainly do not have any underground moisture to start next season's crop."

"We had from 0.5-1.5 inches of snow Sunday and Monday with some scattered rainfall late Monday," said Rick Hirsch, AgriLife Extension agent for Henderson County, west of Tyler. "Hay supplies are rapidly depleting with increasing cold weather. Soil-moisture conditions were helped by snow and rain but it was not enough to sustain production."

"We went from a 100-percent topsoil moisture shortage to a 100-percent adequate topsoil moisture," said Larry Perez, AgriLife Extension agent for Jim Hogg County, east of Laredo. "A 1- to 2- inch rainfall event will do that in this

area. Very cool temps with significant moisture and lots of clouds means no evaporation and moisture retention; lots of smiling faces in the county."

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

**Central:** Most of the region received rain in the past week. Livestock producers were providing cattle with hay and feed. Wheat producers were applying fertilizer on those wheat fields that developed good stands. Corn producers were also applying fertilizer to fields they plan to plant in the spring. The cold, wet weather was hard on beef cows.

**East:** The region had very cold days and nights, but received moisture in the form of snow, sleet and rain. Where rainfall was significant -- as much as 3.5 inches -- soil conditions were improved. However, many areas were still well below

normal accumulations for the year. With average yearly precipitation more than 20 inches below long-term averages, San Augustine County reported that 2010 was the driest in 41 years. In nearly all the region, much more precipitation was needed to replenish stock ponds and improve winter pasture growth. Livestock were in fair to good condition with producers providing supplemental feeding. Many producers were searching for hay to buy.

**Far West:** The region has had no measurable amount of precipitation in more than 120 days. The lack of moisture in conjunction with high winds has put the region at very high risk for wildfires. Pecan growers were pruning dormant trees. Fall-planted onions and alfalfa were dormant as well. Farmers were preparing fields for spring planting of cotton, chiles and corn.

**North:** Soil moisture ranged from short to adequate. From 2 to 9 inches of snow fell with temperatures dropping into the teens and low 20s. The cold temperatures meant the snow did not melt for a few days. Though the snowy, cold weather brought needed moisture, it forced livestock feeders to use a lot of hay supplies. Winter pasture growth slowed with the low temperatures, but the snow was expected to have insulated young wheat from freezing. With the inclement weather, there is not much field activity other than feeding livestock. The pecan harvest was complete, and winter wheat was in fair to good condition. Rangeland and pasture conditions ranged from poor to good.

**Panhandle:** The region remained very dry. Soil moisture was short to very short, which adversely affected all winter wheat but particularly that grown with-

out irrigation. Field activities across most of the area were at a standstill due to weather. In a few counties, producers were preparing fields for spring plantings. A large increase in acreage destined for cotton planting was anticipated. Supplemental feeding of cattle was the norm for most livestock producers. Some had to routinely break ice in tanks and ponds due to the severe cold.

**Rolling Plains:** Cold and dry conditions continued, and wildfire danger was high. Some wheat fields under center-pivot irrigation made good progress. Other fields were in severe need of moisture. The farmers nearly had the cotton harvest finished with only a few modules of cotton needing to get picked up. All things considered, 2010 was a very good year for cotton farmers. Many were shredding and plowing the last remaining of their fields. Eventually, they plan to prepare beds for spring planting, but currently, soils were rock hard due to the lack of moisture. Livestock were in fair condition with supplemental feeding. Feral hog movement and destruction increased.

**West Central:** Extremely cold weather and dry conditions continued. All counties needed rain to keep winter pastures and crops going. The cotton harvest was completed in most areas. Winter wheat was in poor condition due to lack of moisture. Farmers were preparing fields for spring plantings. Rangeland and pasture conditions continued to decline. Forage availability was very low.

Livestock were in fair condition with continued supplemental feeding. The pecan harvest was completed in many areas with average yields reported.

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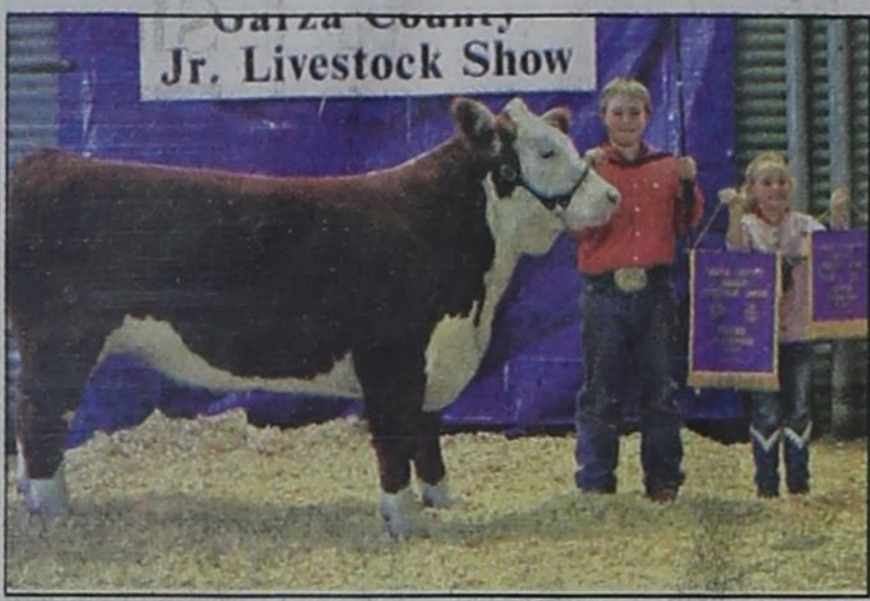
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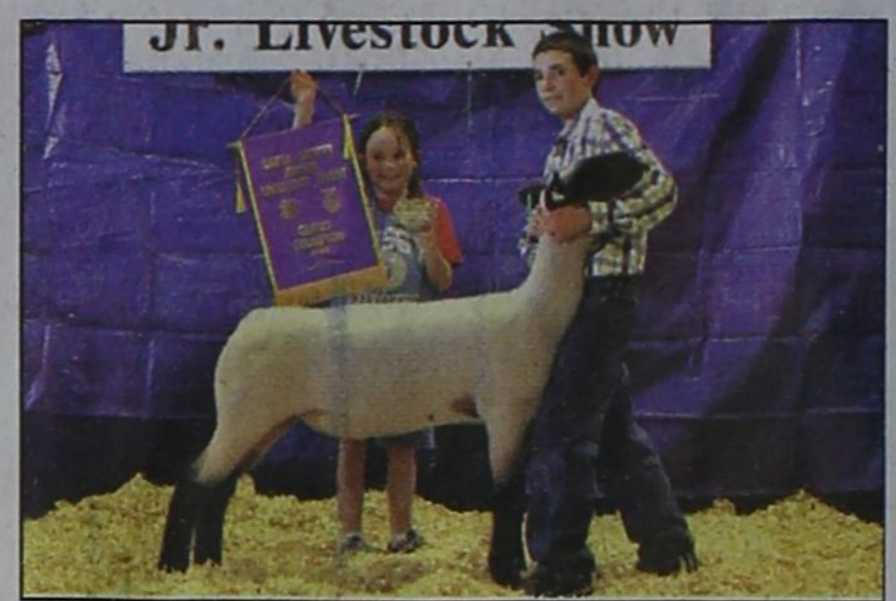
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Garza County 4-H member Colton Thompson with his Grand Champion Steer and little sister Emma



Garza County 4-H member Pake Jones exhibited the Res. Grand Champion Steer



Garza County 4-H member Raden Bland with the Grand Champion Lamb



Garza County 4-H member Skylar Jones showing her Breed Champion steer



Post FFA member Brittney Miller with the Grand Champion Goat



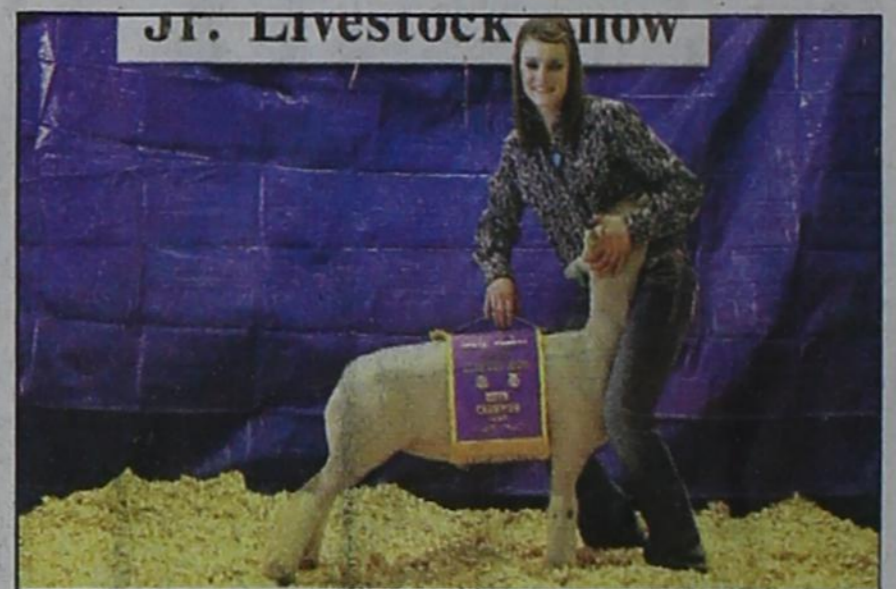
Post FFA member Kari Dunn showing to judge Aaron Cooper for the champion crossbred



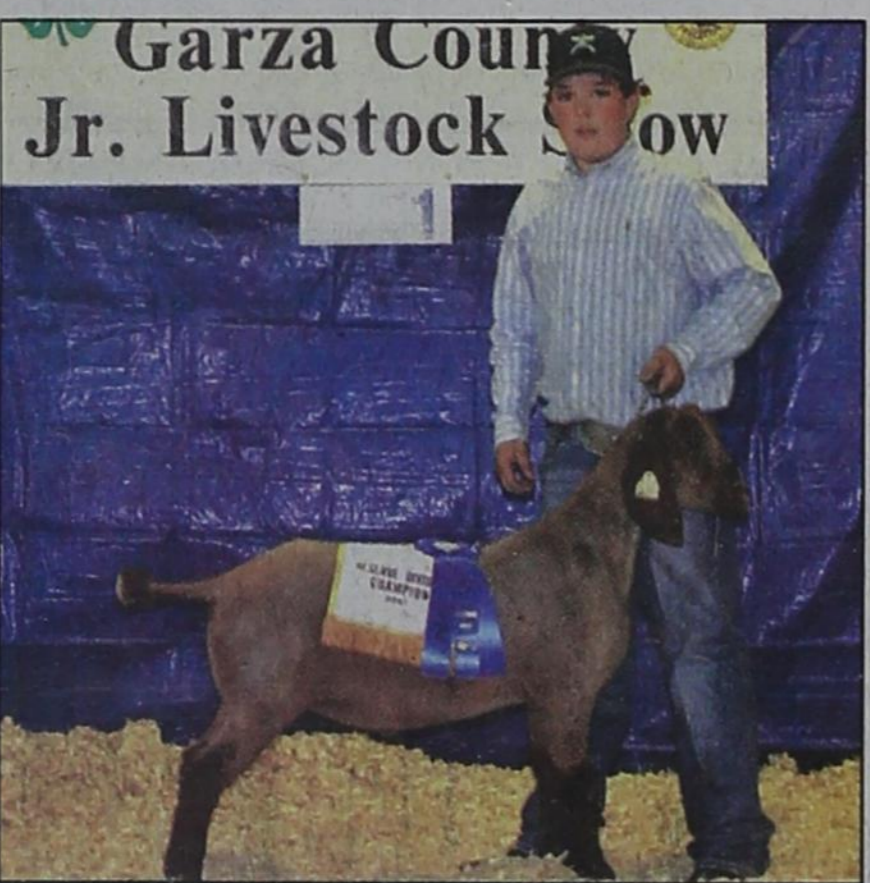
Post FFA member Kari Dunn with her Grand Champion



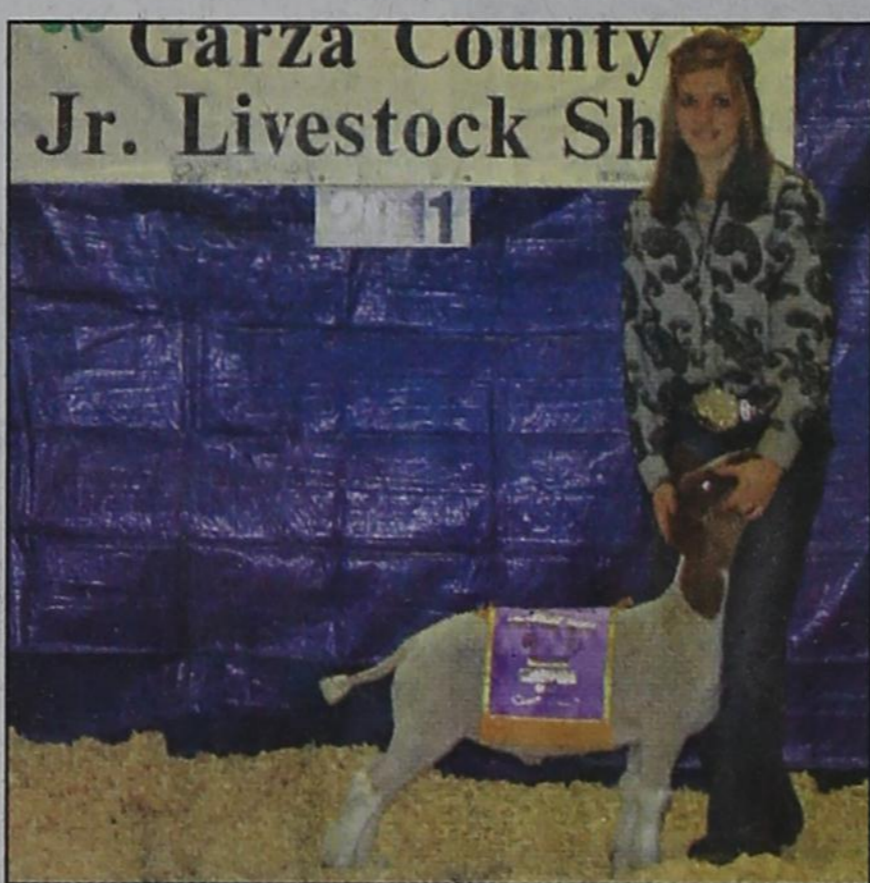
Post FFA member Katie Dunn with her Res. Ch. Yorkshire.



Post FFA member Matti Smith with the Champion South-down



Post FFA member Nick Bryant exhibited the Res. Division Champion



Post FFA member Taylor Osborn with her Division Champion goat



Post FFA member Taylor Osborn with her Res. Grand Champion goat



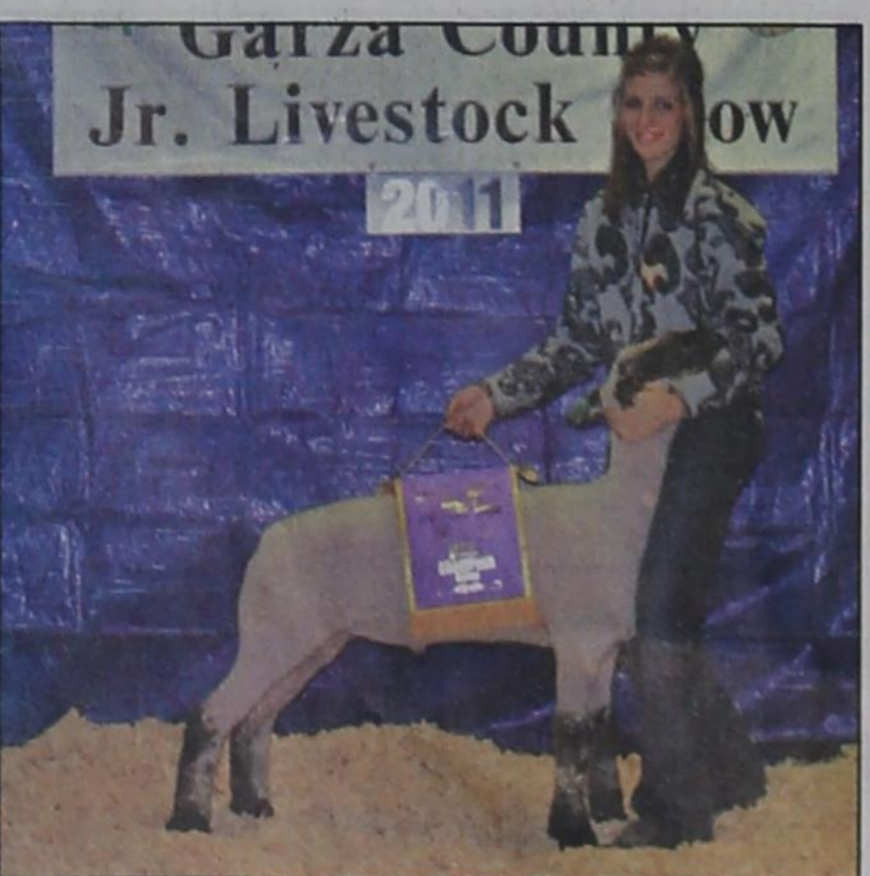
Post Jr. FFA member Bandy Osborn exhibited the Ch. Yorkshire and Res. Grand Champion



Post Jr. FFA member Addison Rodriguez and her Res. Champion OPB



Post FFA member Sara Greer exhibited the Res. Grand Champion



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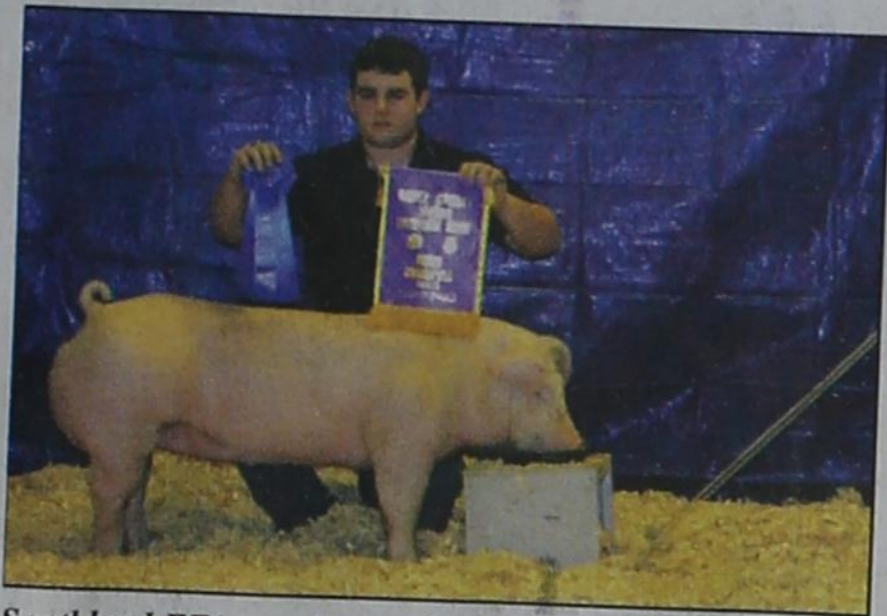
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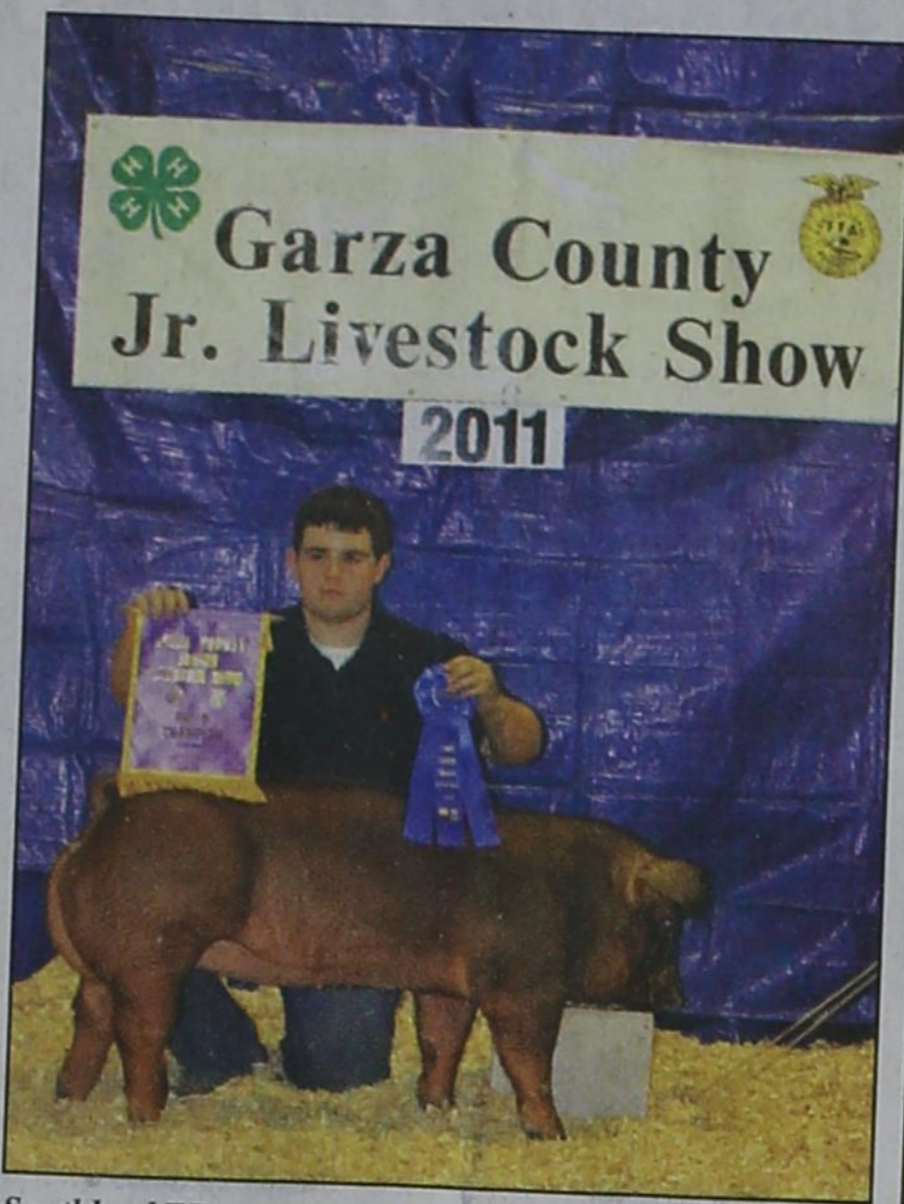
Post Jr. FFA member Russ Morris exhibited the Champion Hampshire

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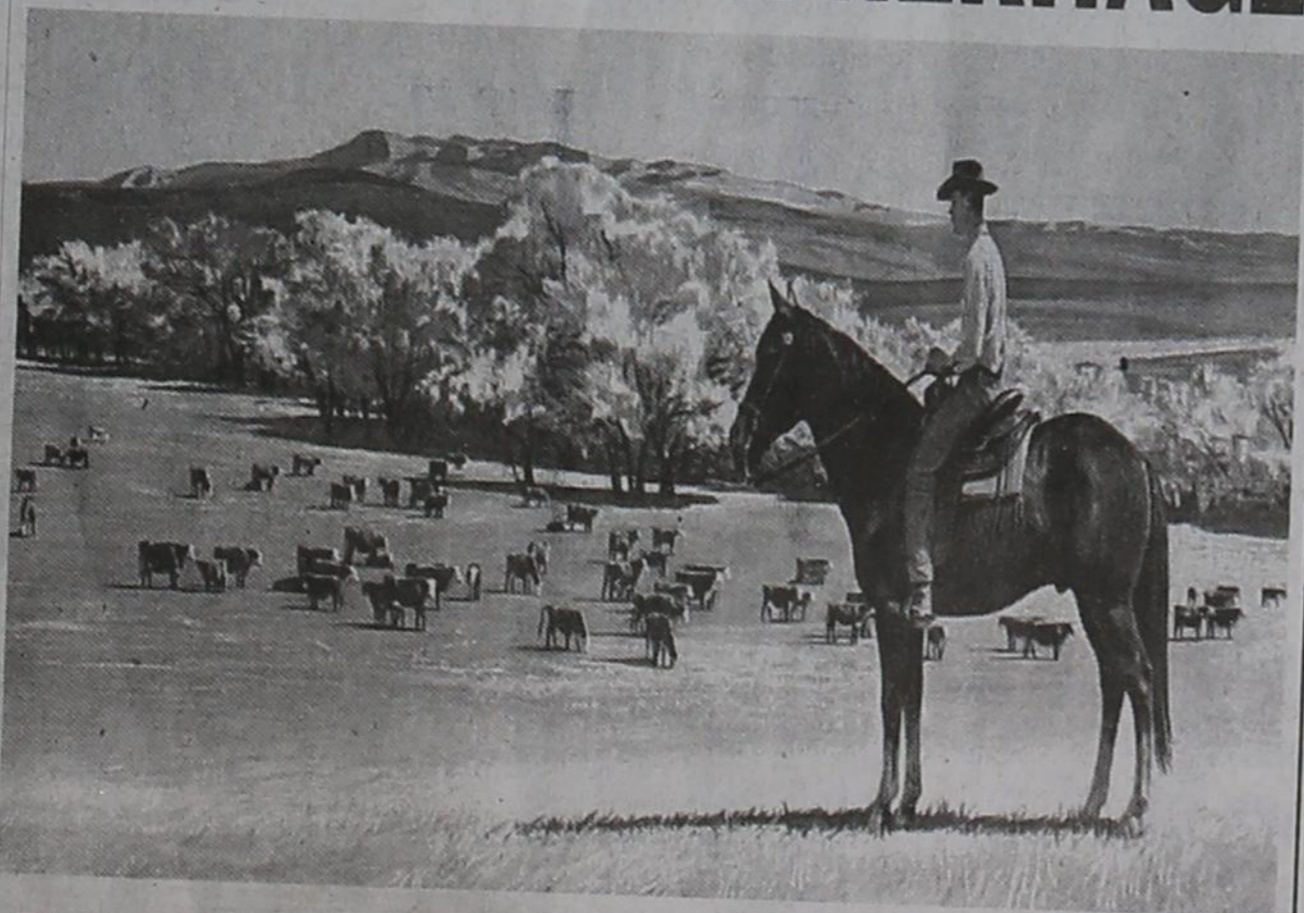


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## Williams leads Post to first district win

By Jim Plummer

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The Lady Lopes played a well rounded game to control and maintain the lead through out the contest against the Stanton Lady Buffs, 58-49, on February 2 at Antelope Arena.

Late in the District 3-2A game the closest Stanton could get to Post was a nine point difference. The Lady Lopes handled a Buffs full court press without problem to keep a lead until the end.

Post was led by senior Morgan "Tiny" Williams with 13 points, scoring 9 of the Lopes 21 third quarter points which gave her team a 19 point spread going into the final period.

The Does received good support from the post position players with Shirley Araiza's ten points and Amber Wilson's eight. The two also dominated in the rebounding category.

Sophomore Haily Berry added eight points including four-of-six from the free throw line.

### POST 58, STANTON 49 (2/2/11)

Stan 4 13 12 20 - 49

Post 12 15 21 10 - 58

Scoring: Stanton - Hale 12, Patterson 10, Beasley 8. Post - Williams 13, Araiza 10, Berry 8, Wilson 8, Short 7, Cravy 6, Osborn 6.

### SLATON 47, POST 34 (2/4/11)

Post 8 8 3 15 - 34

Slat 21 8 10 8 - 47

Leading scorers: Post - Berry 10. Slaton - Ch. Heinrich 13, Felton 13.

### JV GIRLS

### SLATON 51, POST 25 (2/4/11)

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## Antelopes fall to Stanton, 53-42

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#### STANTON 53, POST 42 (2/7/11)

Stan 8 15 12 18 - 53

Post 11 12 11 8 - 42

Scoring: Stanton - Fulton 20, Gray 13, Evans 6. Post - McDonald 16, Tay. Soto 8, Tav. Soto 8, Postell 5, Osborn 5.

#### SLATON 75, POST 40 (2/4/11)

Post 6 16 8 10 - 40

Slat 18 15 26 16 - 75

Scoring: Post - McDonald 9, Apolinar 6, Holly 4, Postell 4, Tay. Soto 4, Perez 4, Tav. Soto 4. Slaton - Patino 15, Samuels 12, Fitts 12. Records: Post 0-11 in district; Slaton 5-6.

### JV BOYS

#### SLATON 73, POST 23 (2/4/11)

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Post Scoring: Pake Jones 8, Tyler Jones 5, Nathaniel Gill 3, Dakota McDonald 2, Campbell Kirkpatrick 2, Mondo Martinez 2, Chris Yarbrough 1. Post Record: 9-14.

### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BOYS, A-TEAM

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Post Scoring: Freddy Araiza 13, Blake Boren 2, Ricky Fontenot 1, Carson Kirkpatrick 1. Post Record: 7-8.

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Post Scoring: Carson Kirkpatrick 13, Ricky Fontenot 8, Blake Boren 7, Ethan Self 3, Erik Gomez 3, Jayson Walden 2. Post Record: 7-7

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Post Scoring: Cambry Gilbert 15, Kyle Jones 13, Jordan Solorzano 5, Blaine Reece 3, Jarred Curtis 2. Post Record: 11-4 overall, 6-3 in district.

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#### DENVER CITY 37, POST 15 (2/7/11)

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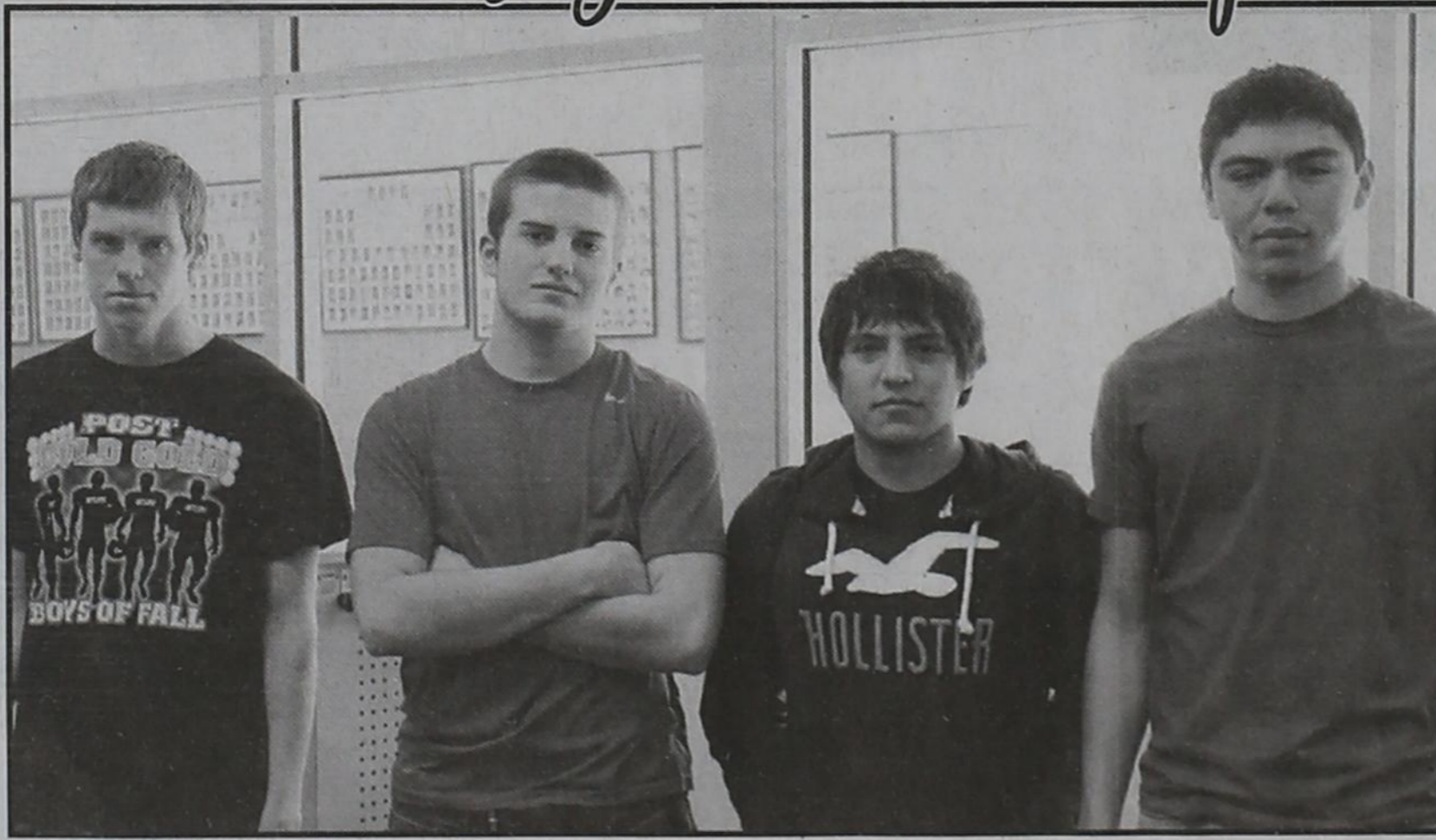
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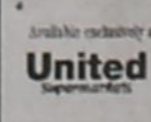
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### Filling the void

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

I guess in a way, we never escape the voices of our parents.

Three years have passed since my mom passed, but the echoes of her voice still ring in my ears.

When Mom would call, and I would answer, she always said, "It's just me..." That always ticked me off a bit. I didn't like the fact that she would discount herself as if it wasn't important that she was calling.

When my Dad would call, he would say, "Christopher!" He always said it like he was glad to hear my voice. It always made me smile.

There was no guessing who was on the line when either of my parents called.

My father is still alive, but he has no knowledge of his life. Dementia, likely Alzheimer's, claimed his memory for good not long after Mom died. At the time, he didn't know she had died. Now he doesn't know he was ever married.

Perhaps one of the greatest gifts we are given in this life is our memory. I cherish too many memories of my parents to mention in this small space. Sometimes I wonder if I will

always have them. For now I do and this time of year always brings them flooding back.

It's impossible to come up with a favorite memory of my parents. That's because there were so many good ones.

I remember a trip to Six Flags Over Texas when I was 10. We had a blast. Morning thunderstorms meant the park was shut down for a couple of hours. I recall it was also a weekday, so the crowd may have been lighter to begin with, but the weather made the park virtually empty.

We spent the whole day riding whatever we wanted, whenever we wanted. Mom and Dad were 33 and 34 respectively then so they were up for riding with my sister and me. What a day!

Before you become a teenager, you need your parents. You depend on your parents. Of course you also need them when you're a teen, you just don't want to admit it. You want to be independent and point out how much you know, especially compared to Mom and Dad.

I recall having to get an occasional attitude adjustment. I also recall Mom giving me the old tried and true guilt trip. Every once in awhile I'd receive a guilt vacation.

For the most part, as long as my grades were good and my

mind was right, I got along great with my parents. I now see how lucky, and how sheltered I was.

When Dad really started slipping, I felt the impact immediately. Almost overnight, the advice I had depended on was gone. The progression of his disease was so rapid, his digression was staggering. At that point, I began to babysit my Dad during the day to give Mom a break. I'd pick him up in the morning, and we'd spend the day together. While those memories are still painful, we did share some good times on our daily adventures.

When Mom died, my source for knowledge on child rearing, a job she was very good at and very serious about, disappeared as well. Being an older father with a wonderful wife helps in that regard, but there's not a day that goes by that I don't miss the support.

We try and fill the voids in our lives the best we can. God, the love for family, precious friendships ... all play a key role in balancing our lives. At least they do for me ...

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### Deepwater Spill Was Just an Excuse

By BILL WILSON

We have to get our priorities straight.

When even Cuba, which minus Chinese assistance lacks the technological capability to do so, is looking to drill for oil in the deep waters just 50 miles off the coast of the U.S., but we refuse to do so, clearly the nation is falling behind in the global energy race.

Writing for Politico, U.S. Rep. Vern Buchanan (R-FL) raises the alarm bells: "We cannot allow this project to move forward." Buchanan has introduced legislation that would deny oil permits to any company that does business with Cuba.

That's a start, and if Republicans can force votes in both houses of Congress, the American people may gain some insight into the Obama Administration's intentions. Is the White House going to block U.S. domestic energy production and then allow the communist thugs in Cuba to do it?

This could be one of the most telling decisions Barack Obama will make. It will show clearly what side he is on.

The problem the U.S. faces, of course, is not too much overseas competition per se from adversaries like Cuba or China. It is domestic restrictions and regulations that restrict the na-

tion's ability to drill for its own oil and natural gas. This has been a long time coming.

According to data collected by the Energy Information Agency (EIA), in 1970 the U.S. produced 9.6 million barrels of oil every day. Now only 5.5 million barrels are produced a day, a 42 percent decrease. So precipitous has this decline been that the U.S., which was once energy independent, now imports more than half of its energy.

Making matters worse, since the deepwater Gulf oil spill of 2010, government's iron grip around drilling has only tightened.

"[N]ot a single deepwater permit has been issued in nine months," said Offshore Marine Service Association President Jim Adams in a report by Bloomberg News. The association is calling it an informal moratorium, even though Department of Interior Secretary Ken Salazar supposedly lifted a second government moratorium on deepwater drilling.

In fact, so rampant has the Obama Administration's obstruction of U.S. drilling been that federal Judge Martin Feldman blocked Salazar's first moratorium from being implemented, and then found the government in contempt of court because it refused to follow the order.

But it's even worse than that. As noted by the editorial board of Investor's Business Dai-

ly, "The moratorium is driven by ideology and not safety. Its purpose was to further the administration's war on domestic energy production, including a seven-year ban on offshore drilling off both coasts and the eastern Gulf."

In other words, the Obama Administration is exploiting the oil spill as an excuse to shut down domestic oil production, something the Hard Left has sought for decades.

These restrictions will mean thousands of lost jobs and billions of dollars in lost revenue for American companies, and have the unfortunate added effect of increasing the nation's dependence on foreign sources of energy. The effects are already being seen in EIA's data, which projects that domestic crude oil production "declines by 20,000 bbl/d in 2011 and by a further 130,000 bbl/d in 2012 (U.S. Crude Oil Production Chart)".

How does this advance American interests? As the nation is learning by the ongoing turmoil in the Middle East, the U.S. cannot afford to be dependent on foreign sources of fuel. Today, we are at the mercy of hostile regimes in Venezuela and the Middle East, and unstable nations like Nigeria, Mexico and in others in Central and South America.

The shame is that we have enough energy and other resources in America to provide for

our own needs as a nation, but we choose not to. Federal restrictions are in the way. Those restrictions should be lifted to open 650 million acres of federal lands and to dramatically expand oil, mineral, rare earth metals, and nuclear leasing and permitting.

The Obama Administration could do this immediately, for example by reopening the Gulf to drilling, expanding drilling leases in Alaska, rescinding the EPA's endangerment finding, and allowing Texas refining to go forward unhindered. Additionally, we must begin exploiting our oil shale, coal, and nuclear capabilities.

A rapid expansion of the nation's natural resources production would create tens of thousands of jobs and investment opportunities, increase revenues through economic growth, and reduce our dependency on foreign natural resources.

Instead, Cuba and China are drilling for those resources right in our backyard, and Obama is busy making sure that we can't. It compels one to question just why it is this Administration and the leftists that support it are so opposed to America being energy independent and able to produce its own resources. Whose side are they really on?

### Bubbles Galore In Lives Lived In The Abstract

By VICTOR DAVIS HANSON

The 2008 financial crash originated with a housing bubble.

Not long ago, the cheap-money policies of the Federal Reserve, the infusion of trillions of dollars in new foreign investment, and the misguided policies of Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae all conspired to extend to millions of Americans lots of easy cash for inflated houses that they could hardly afford.

Owning a house was seen as a "right" rather than the just rewards of household sacrifice, delayed gratification and budgetary discipline.

Builders, lenders, realtors and bureaucrats all got in on the easy-money Ponzi scheme — until a few noticed that the emperor had no clothes and that rather pedestrian homes were hardly worth what unqualified purchasers had paid for them.

Financial hysteria followed when shaky borrowers began to miss exorbitant mortgage payments, walked away, and lenders panicked. The subsequent meltdown is history.

There is a similar pension bubble rising as well. There is perhaps as much as \$6 trillion owed in retirement pledges to Americans, \$500 billion in California alone. That tab under present conditions simply cannot be met.

For the last 30 years, politicians outbid each other to offer more lavish retirement packages to union members and public employees — more eager for their votes than for ensuring the payment of what they had promised. Receiving a generous retirement package was considered a right rather than an investment predicated on past savings coupled with modest interest and dividends.

There may already be an immediate \$1 trillion shortfall in

meeting what is owed current retirees. Pensioners on the receiving end are becoming more numerous, older and more affluent, while the younger workers on the paying end are becoming less numerous and poorer.

At some point, a city, a state or perhaps the Social Security system itself is going to announce there is no more money. Then, if there is not another financial crisis and Wall Street meltdown, the fantasy will end with workers paying higher contributions, retiring later and receiving less.

Then there is the higher-education bubble, as collective student debt nears \$1 trillion with no guarantee that it will be paid back. Lots of poor college students and their strapped parents are floating huge government-subsidized student loans to pay for ever more costly bachelor's degrees that no longer ensure that the recipients are either well educated, will find a job upon graduation or, if employed, will be better-paid than the vocationally trained.

Going to college has somehow become seen as a national right rather than a privilege predicated on superior academic achievement, financial sacrifice and continued academic discipline.

There are disturbing commonalities to these expanding bubbles — and others like the recently enacted health care entitlement on the way. The rich and connected seem exempt from the impending reckoning, and the poor assume that government will offer them debt relief. Those in between are on their own and will have to pay more for receiving less.

America is not creating enough wealth to justify the notion that everyone should go to college, get a higher-paying job than their parents, buy a nice, affordable house and retire earlier and

with more money than did prior generations.

We have forgotten what wealth is — and how tenuous the good life is. Riches are created by educated and skilled workers who directly translate natural resources into commodities that make life easier. The nonproductive sector in government, law and banking must facilitate that process with efficient and transparent financial and political systems.

Instead, we are failing to provide our college graduates with unique skills that make them rare assets in the global competitive arena.

Meanwhile, our more talented and better-trained workers are suing, subsidizing and regulating more than ever — instead of searching for more oil and gas, supplying more water to productive farmland, fast-tracking nuclear power plants, manufacturing machines and consumer goods, or devising new and more efficient ways to help others to produce such food, fuel and products.

In other words, we are living the good life in the abstract that we have not quite earned in the concrete.

America is a naturally rich country. Unlike Russia, China, Egypt or Greece, it is stable, transparent, tolerant and free of civil strife. The result is that we are not doomed to see these bubbles expand and burst with the attendant social unrest. We need only return to our old American creed that wealth is created only with hard work and delayed gratification.

In other words, America must get back to producing real, rather than imaginary, riches and ignore pleasing rhetoric that masks unpleasant reality — the faster the better.

### Social Security and the Fallacy of Government Compassion

By DAVIS BOZEMAN

The chatter is becoming a roar. With the first baby boomers approaching the legal retirement age and concern mounting over the solvency of Social Security, the first solution on the table is to raise the age even higher.

Republicans such as House Speaker John Boehner, governors Tim Pawlenty (MN) and Mitch Daniels (IN) have expressed support for upping the age to 70. Bush 43 spokeswoman Dana Perrino recently proposed on Fox News phasing in, not affecting anyone now at or near retirement, an increase to age 69. Fox News analyst John Stossel, a staunch libertarian, echoes the same idea as the first solution to saving the program.

Social Security, of course, remains the vaunted third rail of American politics, the crown jewel of Roosevelt-era liberalism. Even conservative-minded Americans consider the program the one saving grace keeping the elderly out of the poor-houses. Like a national institution or memorial, it will be saved come whatever. Just the mere concept is an American value unto itself and we will make it endure, regardless of the costs or the puny payouts or the toll on the American worker.

Nothing written here is meant to endorse the privatization of Social Security, but I do submit that the American worker should not be coerced into planning his or her future on the edicts of

Washington politicians and policy wonks. Social Security, like most government programs, offers one-size-fits-all solutions for a diverse nation of 300 million-plus and fosters dependency and conformity. From where in the Constitution does government derive the power to set my retirement age?

Furthermore, Boehner, Pawlenty, Perrino and the rest of the raise-the-age-nowers make their livings in the halls of government and in temperature-controlled studios opining on the issues of the day. Consider that millions of Americans work with their hands. Pipe fitters, bricklayers and construction crews labor in the most intense heat and extreme cold. Factory workers spend eight, nine, ten hours a day on concrete floors, lifting heavy boxes and other materials, leaving hundreds of thousands of Americans with back and knee problems as early as in their thirties.

How many of those who publicly advocate raising the retirement age plan to cut six-inch thick telephone wire or load tractor trailers when they are approaching 70? How many would take comfort in their parents or grandparents forgoing precious leisure time late in life to continue punching the time clock? Is this the brand of government compassion for which agency officials are always beating their chests?

The point is not to lament poor working conditions. Most honest work confers honor, dignity and great benefit for the em-

ployee, and advances in technology and freedom (with a modicum of government oversight) should offer a promising future for the American worker. What we require is greater choice and flexibility in planning our retirement. One need not advocate the abolishment of Social Security to see that while some of us enjoy careers we want to continue through our 70's and 80's, some of us have jobs.

We must further discard the conventional wisdom that we must follow the dictates of a bi-partisan blue-ribbon commission in planning when to retire. Our individual lives and the financial markets still offer options for early retirement (as tall an order as it is), which we can explore while we still enjoy the freedom.

Greater market-based choice would tailor plans to suit the needs of workers and their families, lest the customer go elsewhere. Government plans, by contrast, are predicated upon their own survival, and it is the worker bee who must sacrifice so that a noble endeavor can endure. Government cares little about your aching back, broken knees or frayed sanity, so unless 70 miraculously becomes the new 40, I'd like to enjoy my golden years while I can still walk. Still, if there's an opening for a congressman or a pundit on a cable news channel, I'll consider it.

## What to do when it's not the flu

HOUSTON — Coughing, sneezing, fever — they're all signs of the flu, or are they? According to experts at Baylor College of Medicine ([www.bcm.edu](http://www.bcm.edu)), not only are there three different strains of influenza virus circulating that can cause the flu, but there are also several other viruses floating around during flu season that could be invading your immune system.

"The predominant virus that appears to be circulating right now is respiratory syncytial virus, or RSV, which is quite commonly spread among infants and young children, but people of any age can get infected with it," said Dr. Gail Demmler Harrison, professor of pediatrics-infectious disease at BCM and Texas Children's Hospital ([www.texaschildrens.org](http://www.texaschildrens.org)).

Infants with this virus can have flu-like symptoms such as a cold, stuffy nose, ear infection and bronchiolitis, which is inflammation of the small airways that causes wheezing and difficulty breathing. This can cause infants to have trouble nursing or taking a bottle, resulting in dehydration, said Demmler Harrison. It can cause serious problems in premature infants or infants who have underlying lung or heart conditions.

RSV in older children and

adults can have symptoms including a cold and bronchitis. Physicians can determine if the virus is RSV through rapid tests, cultures or special molecular tests, and the treatment usually involves drinking plenty of fluids, getting rest and taking medications for mucus relief. Antivirals for RSV are only used in special cases.

However, the effects of RSV can be lessened through a vaccine. Parents should seek out the vaccine for high-risk infants.

Other viruses circulating now during this flu season include parainfluenza, adenovirus, rhinovirus and human metapneumovirus. Parainfluenza usually causes respiratory infections and can cause croup, which causes swelling around the vocal cords, difficulty breathing and cough. Adenovirus can mimic many other viruses and can last for days to weeks. Rhinovirus is the common cold and is fairly minor, but can be worse in high-risk children. Human metapneumovirus is similar to RSV.

Currently, rapid tests can determine whether the infection is RSV, the flu or adenovirus, and more specialized tests can be done to determine exactly which virus is causing the infection. When experiencing symptoms of one of these

infections, such as a runny nose, congestion and fever, Demmler Harrison suggests staying home to avoid spreading the infection, drinking plenty of fluids and taking over-the-counter decongestants or cough medications.

"Your immune system is smart enough to help you get over these viruses in most instances," said Demmler Harrison.

However, treatment for influenza virus is recommended in individuals who are at high risk for complications based on their age or underlying medical condition. Warning signs that it may be something more than one of these seasonal viruses include a fever that lasts for more than three days, feeling listless or having a severe cough that cannot be controlled. Parents of young children should always touch base with the pediatrician, especially if they have any underlying health issues.

Those who have not sought out the flu vaccine still have time to do so, and it's important for adults and children to be vaccinated, said Demmler Harrison. Practicing good hygiene, such as covering your mouth when you cough and washing your hands frequently, are also good ways to prevent the spread of these viruses.

## Bovine Brucellosis found in Texas herd

Austin — For the first time in over five years, a cattle herd in Texas has been diagnosed with bovine brucellosis (Bangs disease). According to Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) officials, a small beef herd in South Texas (Starr County) has been determined to be infected. Brucellosis is a bacterial disease of cattle that can cause abortions, weak calves and low milk production. Humans can also catch brucellosis (undulant fever), most commonly by consuming unpasteurized milk products, or handling contaminated birthing material when assisting with difficult calving situations in infected cows.

Routine surveillance (blood testing) at a livestock market led to the discovery of the infected herd. TAHC rules

require all adult sexually intact cattle to be tested negative for the disease prior to change of ownership. "This herd may have been affected for some time and not detected due to lack of sales of adult test eligible cattle," stated Dr. Andy Schwartz, TAHC state epidemiologist. For that reason a full disease investigation is underway to find the possible source of infection, and to identify any exposed animals that may have left the herd. Though it has been five years since cattle brucellosis was last detected in Texas, there was on-going concern among industry and regulatory officials that infected herds might still exist. "The discovery of this herd is a reminder of the value of continued surveillance efforts, and the importance of

an effective system for tracing exposed animals," further added Dr. Schwartz.

The federal brucellosis eradication program began in earnest in 1959, with Texas being the last state to be declared "Free" of the disease in 2008. The good news is that Texas will not lose its Class Free status as designated by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). USDA issued an interim rule in 2010 that suspended the provision for possible reclassification of any Class Free State or area to a lower status, and instead encouraged a localized risk based disease management approach. Currently, the only known reservoir for bovine brucellosis in the United States is the Greater Yellowstone Area (GYA) located in parts of Montana, Idaho and Wyoming. The GYA is not considered the likely source of the newly detected Texas herd however, based upon the epidemiological information received to date.

Producers desiring more information on brucellosis may call their local TAHC office, or visit the website at [www.tahc.state.tx.us](http://www.tahc.state.tx.us).



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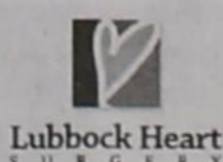
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## Don't Mess with Texas scholarship open to high school Seniors

High School seniors who care about the environment have the chance to win a college scholarship. The 8th annual Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship, sponsored by Dow Chemical Company in partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful, is accepting essays through March 28, 2011.

The first-place winner will receive \$3,000. The second- and third-place winners will receive \$1,000 each.

Don't Mess with Texas is a litter prevention campaign sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation. The scholarship is one of TxDOT's efforts to generate more youth involvement in the campaign.

"The scholarship is easy to apply for because we ask students to simply tell a personal story about their role in preventing litter," said TxDOT Travel Information Division Director Doris Howdeshell.

Eligibility:

- Any high school senior graduating spring 2011, currently residing and attending school in Texas.

- Seniors planning to further their education at an accredited two- or four-year college or university (public or private) in Texas.

- Timeline: February 1, 2011 – March 28, 2011.

Requirements:

- A 300 to 350 word-essay identifying a litter problem in the student's school or community and the action he or she took to address it.

- A completed Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship application online or by mail. For the application, mailing address or further details, visit [www.DontMessWithTexas.org](http://www.DontMessWithTexas.org).

Don't Mess with Texas is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a Celebrity Face-Off. Anyone can vote for favorite Don't Mess with Texas TV ads an unlimited number of times at [www.DontMessWithTexas.org](http://www.DontMessWithTexas.org).

[DontMessWithTexas.org](http://DontMessWithTexas.org)/celebrityfaceoff through February 20. Voters' favorite ad will air on TV all year.

Don't Mess with Texas has been educating Texans about litter prevention since 1986. TxDOT's litter prevention program includes Adopt-a-Highway and a grassroots partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful. Don't Mess with Texas activities also include a spring "Trash-Off," community outreach, a scholarship, a corporate partner program, and a photo album where Texans can share their iconic Texas images. For more information, visit [www.DontMessWithTexas.org](http://www.DontMessWithTexas.org). TxDOT's goals are to prepare for the future, enhance safety, maintain the transportation system, relieve congestion, enhance connectivity, and work with partners to identify funding strategies. For more information, visit [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov).

## USDA to release new long-term agricultural projections

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will release new 10-year agricultural projections Feb. 14 at 11 a.m. local time.

The "USDA Agricultural Projections to 2020" report will be released on the Office of the Chief Economist Web site at [www.usda.gov/occe](http://www.usda.gov/occe). USDA publishes the projections each year in February.

The long-term projections are developed by interagency committees in USDA, with the Economic Research Service (ERS) having the lead role in the preparation

of the report. The new projections cover crop and livestock commodities, agricultural trade and aggregate indicators such as farm income, and food prices through 2020. The projections do not represent a USDA forecast, but a conditional, long-run scenario based on specific assumptions about farm policy, weather, the economy and international developments. Provisions of the 2008 Farm Act are incorporated into the projections and are assumed to remain in effect through 2020. Normal weather also

is assumed throughout the projection period.

Background on USDA's long-term projections and past issues of the report are available on the ERS Web site at [www.ers.usda.gov/briefing/projections](http://www.ers.usda.gov/briefing/projections).

The report will be available in printed form on Feb. 24-25 at USDA's 2011 Agricultural Outlook Forum in Arlington, Va. (Conference details are found at: [www.usda.gov/occe/forum](http://www.usda.gov/occe/forum)). Copies also can be ordered from the National Technical Information Service at [www.ntis.gov](http://www.ntis.gov) or 1-800-999-6779. Request document OCE-2011-1.

## DPS warns about telemarketing

The Department of Public Safety is warning Texans to be wary of any private charitable solicitations by telemarketers on behalf of the department.

"It should be absolutely clear that the Department of Public Safety will never solicit financial contributions from private citizens. DPS is funded by tax dollars and will never call your home or business to solicit donations," said Steven C. McCraw, director of DPS.

DPS has received a number of complaints over the years from citizens complaining of rudeness and high pressure tactics being used by individuals using the good name and/or logo of the department and often times in conjunction with the untimely death of a state trooper.

Private organizations cannot use names, symbols or statements that are similar

to those used by the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Rangers or other police agencies in a manner that is intended to confuse or mislead a person being solicited. Violations are criminal offenses and punishable by a fine of up to \$4,000, a jail term up to one year, or both.

DPS advises citizens not to give money to these groups as the funds are not likely to go to the causes that are claimed. Some groups include in their names the terms, "Texas Rangers," "State Troopers," "Texas Highway Patrol," or "Department of Public Safety."

While some current or former officers may be members of some of these associations on their own time, these organizations are not affiliated with the DPS nor do they represent the department. Many of these organizations

provide only a small percent of their donations for good causes, with the majority of the donations going to administrative and operational purposes.

Some of these organizations suggest that official looking decals placed on personal vehicles that resemble official DPS affiliation may somehow keep the individual from receiving a traffic citation from law enforcement. There is also a lack of public accountability and transparency by many of these organizations.

If you are contacted by a group you believe is misrepresenting itself as part of the Texas Department of Public Safety, contact the Consumer Protection Division of the Texas Attorney General's Office at 1-800-621-0508.



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## Harlem Ambassadors Basketball Show

Just a reminder about the Harlem Ambassadors Basketball Show at Antelope Arena on February 27th. We still have the following sponsorships available:

Game Sponsors - 3 @ \$500

Event Staff Sponsors - 4 @ \$500

Concession Sponsors 1 @ \$250

(3) Quarters & (1) Intermission Sponsors - 5 @ \$150

We also have tickets available at the PACC office. The game will be Sunday, February 27, at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$9 (adults) \$7 (students) and \$5 (children 6 and under).

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families assigned/attached to the Warrior Transition Unit at Fort Polk," explained an SFAC Specialist. "Your care packages will go a long way in letting the Wounded Warriors here at Fort Polk know that people care."

Operation Gratitude's annual goal is to provide 10,000 of the Wounded Warrior Care Packages filled with specially selected items donated through the generosity of corporate sponsors and supportive citizens, and assembled by the organization's dedicated volunteers. More packages will be assembled and shipped if requested.

According to representatives at Wounded Warrior facilities, the most needed items are: Healthy Snacks, Entertainment items, Hygiene products, iPods and Gift Cards from chain stores such as supermarkets, drugstores, Target and Walmart.

As with its Care Packages to deployed troops, Operation Gratitude will provide every

American a way to express their appreciation and encouragement to our heroes wounded in combat by donating items, contributing funds, crafting hand-made items and writing letters.

Operation Gratitude is particularly requesting personal letters of support and encouragement in order to include several in each package. For information on writing letters: Letter Writing Flyer

For those wishing to thank a Wounded Warrior, letters and items can be sent to:

Operation Gratitude  
17330 Victory Boulevard  
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Attn: Wounded Warrior Program

For more information on how to support Wounded Warriors and troops deployed in harm's way, visit:

How You Can Help

Financial donations can be made online here: Donate to Wounded Warriors or by check made payable and addressed to:

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About Operation Gratitude

Operation Gratitude annually sends 100,000+ care packages filled with snacks, entertainment items and personal letters of appreciation addressed to individually named U.S. Service Members deployed in harm's way and to Wounded Warriors in Military hospitals and Transition Units. The organization's mission is to lift morale, bring a smile to a service member's face and express to our Armed Forces the appreciation and support of the American people. Each package contains donated product valued at ~\$125 and costs the organization \$15 to assemble and ship. For safety and security, assembling of packages occurs at the Army National Guard armory in Van Nuys, California. Since its inception in 2003, Operation Gratitude volunteers have shipped more than 600,000 packages to American Military deployed overseas.

## Weaver...

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is recognition by the church and ministerial peers that the minister is set aside for God's work.

"It's an affirmation of God's calling," Reverend Weaver stated. "I am both humbled and uplifted."

Darren says, "while there are a

number of pastors in my family, it was my Uncle Freddy Weaver who spent hours answering my questions that influenced me the most." Darren adds that he spent many hours in the home of his aunt and uncle and his uncle was always patient and willing to answer his questions about God and the Bible. He

didn't brush him off as adults will sometimes do and his uncle knew his messages were finding fertile soil in Darren.

Darren and Holly have been married for 19 years, and are expecting their first child, Matthew Isaac, on the date of their first Calvary Baptist anniversary.

## Post Notes...

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**Graham Chapel Food Pantry And Clothes Closet**

For those who need assistance, Graham Chapel Church of Christ has a food pantry and clothes closet available. To obtain either food or clothing, contact Noel or Orabeth White at 495-3261, Jane Mason at 495-2980 or Frank Tobias at 495-3057.

**Post High School Calendar**

Feb. 12 - Powerlifting at Levelland  
Feb. 12 - 12 PM JV/V Softball vs. Muleshoe  
Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day  
Feb. 14 - 5 PM V Softball vs. Idalou  
Feb. 14 & 17 OAP Play Practice, 7 PM  
Feb. 15-17 OAP Festival at Post

Feb. 15 - B/BB at Coahoma, 4:30/6:00

Feb. 16 - 9:40 AM, NHS Mtg. Library

Feb. 17 - 9:40 AM, NHS Bake Sale, Library

Feb. 17 - 7 PM NHS Banquet, Graham Church of Christ

Feb. 19 - Band UIL Solo & Ensemble, Coronado HS, LBK

Feb. 19 - 12 PM JV/V Baseball at Levelland

Feb. 19 - Girls Softball TBA

Feb. 21 & 22 - OAP Festival, Post

Feb. 21 & 24 - OAP Play Practice, 7 PM

Feb. 22 - 5 PM JV/V Softball at Brownfield

Feb. 23 - Boys Golf Tourn. at Denver City

**Post Middle School Weekly**

**Calendar**

2/14/11-MS Basketball

Boys Vs Coahoma Here 4:30

2/25/11- End of 4th 6 weeks-Early Release 12:00

Buses run at 12:30

**FACULTY BIRTHDAYS**

2/1-Irene Perez

2/13-Peggy Graves

2/16-Bill Coltrane

2/26-Jessie Collazo

**Post Elementary Calendar**

Monday, February 14th- 3:00 p.m.- Valentine's Day parties in classroom.

Friday, February 25th- 12:30 p.m.- Early dismissal. Buses will run.

School pictures have been rescheduled for Friday, March 11th. As with the previously scheduled pictures, money will be due on the day the pictures are taken.

## North Texas unclaimed property list coming

(AUSTIN) — One in four Texans has missing money waiting to be claimed from the state's unclaimed property fund. Are you the one?

Folks in the North Texas region have a chance to check the annual Unclaimed Property List in regional newspapers on Sunday, Feb. 13. Every person and business on the list has at least \$250 they can claim, or abandoned stock certificates or safe deposit box contents of unknown value.

"This is an opportunity

to get money back from the state government," said Texas Comptroller Susan Combs. "It's yours — claim it."

Combs returned more than \$163 million to its owners in fiscal 2010, a \$16 million increase compared to 2009.

The North Texas Unclaimed Property List will appear in the Sunday, Feb. 13 editions of the Dallas Morning News, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Sherman Herald-Democrat, Tyler Morning Telegraph, Longview News-Journal, Texarkana Gazette,

Henderson Daily News and Waco Tribune-Herald. It will include names of unclaimed property owners in 50 counties stretching from the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex to Texarkana.

"Even if you don't find your name on the newspaper list, the publication should serve as a reminder to check the Unclaimed Property website at [www.ClaimItTexas.org](http://www.ClaimItTexas.org)," Combs said. "In our online database, you can find any amount of unclaimed property, large or small, from any year."

## AEP gives precautions when using space heaters

As extremely cold temperatures approach, AEP Texas reminds electricity users to keep safety in mind when taking steps to keep warm, especially when using space heaters.

Space heaters and similar equipment are the leading cause of home fires during December, January and February, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

Most accidents involving space heaters are the result of human error such as heaters being placed too close to combustible material like drapes and furniture. Improperly maintained equipment is another contributing cause.

To ensure safety, use the following tips and share them with your friends and family:

- Give space heaters plenty of space. Space heaters pose a higher risk of fire and death than central heating systems. Keep the space heater at least three feet away from anything that can burn, including walls.
- Unplug the heater every time you leave the room and when you go to bed.
- Plug electric space heaters into an outlet with sufficient capacity and never into an extension cord.
- Make sure the plug fits snugly in the outlet since a loose plug can overheat. If

you're using the space heater in the bathroom, be sure to use a ground-fault circuit interrupter. Remember, electricity and water do not mix.

- Don't hide the cord under a rug or carpet. This can cause the cord to overheat and start a fire.
- Keep it stable. Don't put your space heater on plush carpet or other surfaces where the space heater may tip over easily.
- Check the tag. Make sure an independent testing laboratory (Underwriters Laboratories) has approved your new space heater.
- Space heaters should be on timers when you're at home.

Power outages can be reported to AEP Texas by calling 1-800-277-2177. Outages also can be reported through the [www.aeptexas.com](http://www.aeptexas.com) website, which also features additional information regarding electric safety and energy efficiency during extreme weather conditions.

Portable fuel-burning generators may be used to supply electricity for the operation of small electrical appliances in the event of a power outage. While a generator can be convenient during an outage, potentially serious hazards exist if a generator is not used or connected properly. No matter how you plan to use a generator, always

review the manufacturer's recommendations for safe use and maintenance of the system.

AEP Texas serves more than 900,000 electric consumers in the deregulated Texas marketplace. As an energy delivery (wires) company, AEP Texas delivers electricity safely and reliably to homes, businesses and industry across its nearly 100,000 square mile service territory in west and south Texas. AEP Texas also builds new power lines, restores service following outages and handles electric metering REPs throughout its service territory. The company also connects or disconnects service upon the orders of the REPs.

AEP Texas is part of the American Electric Power (AEP) system. AEP is one of the largest electric utilities in the United States, delivering electricity to more than 5 million customers in 11 states. AEP ranks among the nation's largest generators of electricity, owning nearly 38,000 megawatts of generating capacity in the U.S. AEP also owns the nation's largest electricity transmission system, a nearly 39,000-mile network that includes more 765-kilovolt extra-high voltage transmission lines than all other U.S. transmission systems combined.

## Winter-kill of wheat could be a problem

By Kay Ledbetter

**AMARILLO** — Record cold temperatures during the first week of February, coupled with drought conditions in the area, could lead to winter-kill of wheat in some fields, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialists.

"Winter-kill is not the same thing as freeze damage that we occasionally experience in March and April after wheat has broken dormancy and has entered the reproduction stage of development (jointing)," said Dr. Brent Bean, AgriLife Extension agronomist.

Winter-kill occurs when the crown of dormant wheat is damaged by freezing conditions, Bean said, and it is very unusual for the Texas Panhandle to have true winter-kill in wheat.

Typically, he said, wheat becomes vulnerable to winter-kill when temperatures get into the single digits for a significant period of time.

"As of 3 p.m. Wednesday, the Panhandle region has not had air temperatures above 10 F. since Monday night, and temperatures are not expected to rise above freezing until sometime Friday," Bean said.

Wheat that will be most susceptible to winter-kill will

be wheat with little tillering and with poor root systems and planted dryland, he said. Typically this will be later-planted wheat. The dry soil conditions will increase the risk. Soil moisture tends to provide a buffer against cold temperatures around the crown region of the plant.

Wheat planted under clean tillage conditions will also be at more risk since there will be little crop residue to help insulate the soil, Bean said.

"The lack of snow cover, along with the dry soil conditions, is what is potentially putting the wheat crop at risk as a result of these record-low temperatures," he said. "Even an inch of snow will have some insulation benefits to wheat."

Assessing winter-kill damage will not be easy in the short term, Bean said.

"Initially we are likely to see desiccated leaves. This will cause the wheat to look very bad, but does not necessarily mean the crown is damaged. If the crown is not damaged, the wheat will grow back," he said. "We will likely need at least a week of warm temperatures before the wheat crowns can be examined for damage, and it could very well take several weeks to know the true extent of any damage."

"As always, never give up too quickly on wheat," he said. "We really do not know if, or how much, wheat winter-kill has occurred or will occur in the Texas Panhandle. Wheat varieties we grow here are typically very winter-hardy."

"Probably the more critical problem we are having is the ongoing drought," he said. "If we can get precipitation fairly soon, and spring weather is favorable, the Panhandle as a whole could still have a decent wheat crop."

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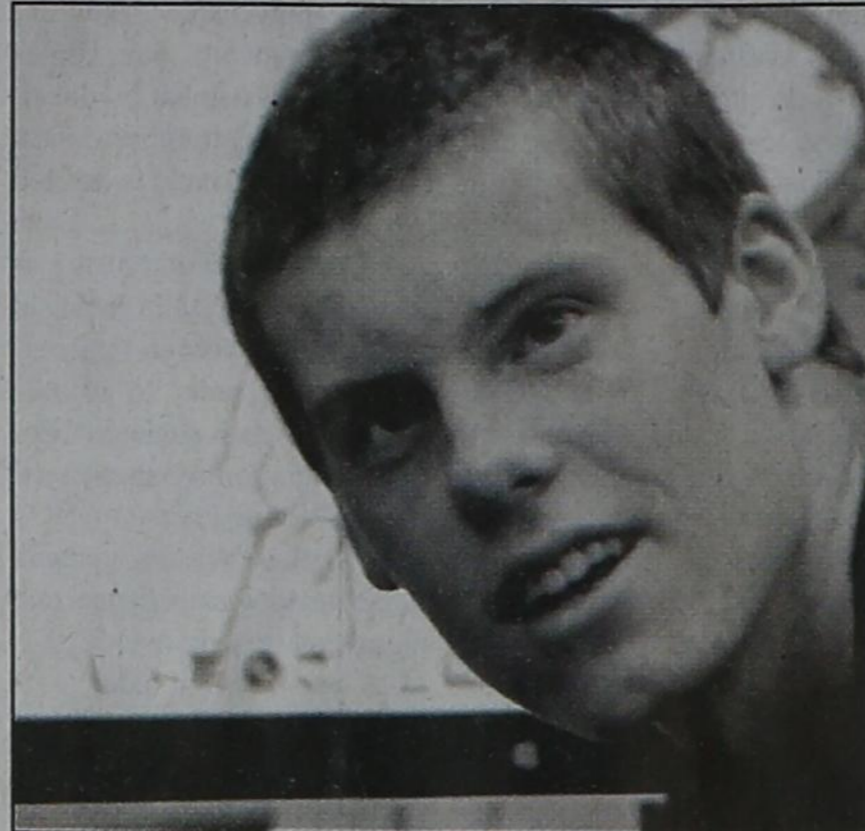
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## Students of the Week

Alissa is the daughter of Will and Lisa Morrow. She has attended Post schools for twelve years. She has been active in UIL Spelling, basketball, track, tennis, and 4-H. After graduation, Alissa plans to attend WT in Canyon, and major in Business.



Brian Osborn is the son of Delton and Dusti Osborn, and the grandson of Jerry and Wanda Osborn. He has attended Post schools for twelve years. He is active in Varsity Basketball and track. He enjoys listening to music, hanging out with friends, and watching television. After graduation, he plans to attend Lubbock Christian University or Texas Tech University.



## Lake Level—Rain report

Gauge Reading	Feet below spillway	Rise	Rainfall past week	Rain to date
2355.85	16' 7"	0"	.17"	0.17"
Rainfall for 2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
15.57"	28.85"	24.19"	33.61"	12.70"
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### DID YOU KNOW?

White River Lake has 3,945,403,908 billion gallons left available at the intake or 40% capacity or 12,108 acre feet. Subtract 11,772,681 MG for evaporation this week in January that leaves 3,933,631,227 BG available as of today.

White River's daily average demand for 2010 was 1.40 million gallons per day for all White River Customers.

The Oil Company using water for mining has been stopped until the Lake Level rises.

White River Municipal Water District is in stage 1 of its Drought Contingency Plan, which is Voluntary Water Conservation.

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