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Thank a Teacher

By Darren Weaver

Contributing Correspondent

Gas prices are soaring. The economy is still struggling, despite prognosticators insisting that America is recovering. Earthquakes and tsunamis are striking in heavily populated regions of the world. The Middle East is wrapped in protests, government overthrows, and what we perceive as almost constant violence. Piracy is rampant along the Somali coast. None of this is news to those of us who live in the peaceful surroundings of Post. However, one particular bit of news has been more locally difficult to swallow than we care to admit: Budget shortages in

the Texas legislature have resulted in inevitable cuts in education funding, forcing school districts everywhere to seek ways to absorb the shortfall.

What are we to do in this economic climate? I have a suggestion: Be grateful.

I grew up in a time where jobs were easy to come by, but as age has begun to gray my temples and dim my eyesight, those jobs are becoming less frequent and more difficult to find. How far removed we are from such times as when my father was growing up; when people would go to work for a company and actually stay until retirement. Good pensions, medical insurance, and generous

vacation time were the norm. Now most companies can only afford a ceiling of a two-week vacation, retirement plans are fading, and family medical coverage through an employer is almost as costly as paying for it individually. While this is not the case everywhere, it has become more of an expected reality than an exception.

What can we do to shine a brighter light on such a time as this? Again, be grateful.

So many of our professionals deserve a pat on the back for the hard work they have done to provide for their families, to

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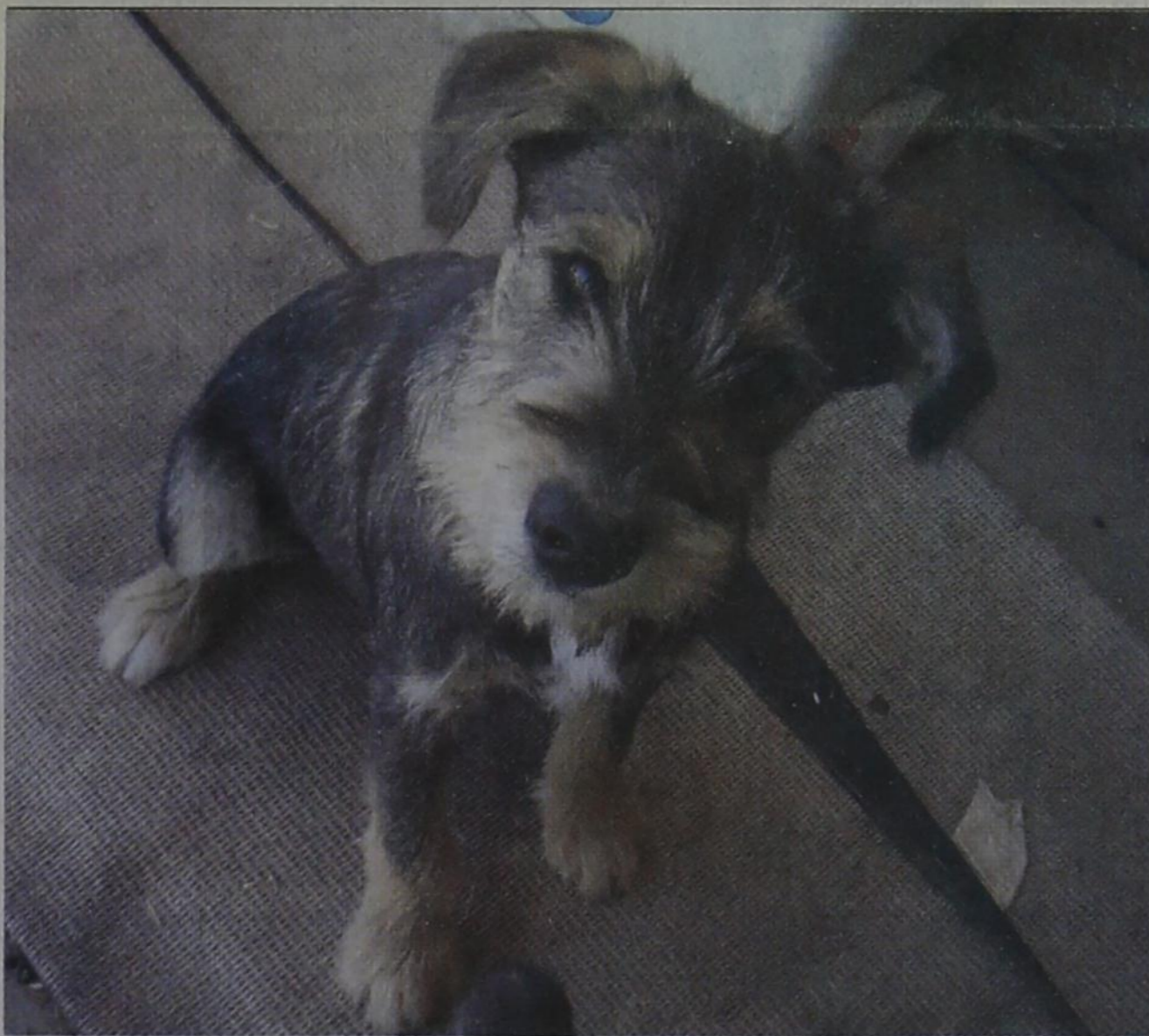
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Girl Donates Hair For Good Cause



This is Rachel Arant, daughter of Scott and Jana Arant, of Vernon, Texas. She is the Granddaughter of Joe and Beth Cook of Post, and the Great-Granddaughter of Odele Kemp of Post. She donated 11 inches of hair to Locks of Love.

Here's our newest "Pet of the Week"



This is Simon. He is a 5 month old Schnauzer/Miniature Australian Shepherd mix. He is at the Post Animal Refuge Center with 3 of his sisters. The shelter currently has these four plus 11 other dogs available for adoption. Please contact us at postarc@yahoo.com or on Facebook at Post Arc.



If you drive very much in the area of the Sheriff's Office, Juvenile Detention Center or Dalby Prison, BE CAREFUL!!! In my daily passing, I routinely see drivers "roll through" the stop signs at 15th St. & Hwy. 207, 15th St. & Ave. F and exiting the parking lots of the above. Some seem to believe they have the right-of-way as they hardly slow down at all! NEVER have I witnessed

anyone being stopped for running these stop signs and you'd think being so close to our law enforcement's office that at least a few of them would be noticed. Wake up officers! It's only a matter of time until someone has an accident at one of these intersections...but it won't really be an "accident" as it could have been prevented if the drivers would actually make a STOP to look for traffic there! Come on, folks! Let's STOP at the STOP signs!!!

"Speak Up" is a way for readers to send their opinions

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Post Notes

Taba'na Yuan'e Ceremony, March 22

The traditional Taba'na Yuan'e or Sunrise Wind ceremony will take place in the Post city park Tuesday, March 22. This historical ceremony will begin approximately thirty minutes before sunrise. Sunrise is predicted for 7:47 a.m. the morning of the event. Post City Celebrations, Inc. will serve a free breakfast at the park for all visitors and participants.

Holy Cross Catholic Church will be hosting their annual Fish Fry with all the trimmings March 11th-March 22nd. 5:00pm-7:00pm \$7.00 a plate. For more information please call Juanita Pantoja at (806) 495-3059.

Homestead Exemption Available:

Anyone who becomes 65

in 2011, or has a birthday of 1946 or prior, is eligible for the over 65 homestead exemption on school property taxes.

Anyone with business personal property as required to file a rendition with the Garza Central Appraisal District. If rendition is not tiled, a 10% penalty will be added to the total tax. Please call Garza Central Appraisal District at (806) 495-3518 or come by the office at 124 East Main, Post, Texas to file a homestead exemption or rendition. Due date is April 15, 2011.

Voter Registration:

Encouraging all registered voters to update their address information for the May Election. If you have a card that belongs to someone that no longer lives here, including children that have moved away, please return

it to the Tax Office in the Courthouse.

Quilt Exhibit Saturday, March 19

The community is invited to the Garza County Quilt Exhibit, sponsored by the Caprock Cultural Association, at The Heritage House, 109 No. Avenue N, Saturday, March 19, 1 to 5 p.m. Come and enjoy the craftsmanship of vintage and new quilts. This is a great opportunity to introduce the art of quilt making to your young children. No admission charge. Call 495-4148 for more information.

Graham Ole Opry:

The Graham Ole Opry will be held Saturday March 26 from 7:00pm till 10:00pm at the Graham Community Center, five miles west of Post on US 380 and two miles south on FM 399.

There is no admission charge; hat will be passed for donations to help with upkeep on the center. Concession stand with drinks and snakes will be available.

For more information contact Noel White at 806-495-3261.

Post High School Calendar Monday, 21

8:00 AM - Girls Golf at Roosevelt
6:30 PM - OAP Practice Tuesday, 22
4:30 PM - JV/V Softball vs. Slaton
4:30/7 PM - JV/V Baseball vs. Slaton
5-8:00 PM - GED Classes Begin, room 18. Entrance on Southwest of HS bldg
Wednesday, 23
Ag Judging Contest
8:00 AM - Boys Golf at Roosevelt

Thursday, 24

OAP Zone - Post plays start at 12:00

MS Track at Abernathy
5-8:00 PM - GED Classes Begin, room 18. Entrance on Southwest of HS bldg

Friday, 25
8:00 AM - Tennis B/G at Levelland
HS Track at Abernathy

Looking Ahead:

Mar. 19 - OAP Festival in Seminole
Mar. 21 - OAP Play Practice at 6:30 PM
Mar. 21 - Girls Golf at Roosevelt
Mar. 22 - JV/V Softball & Baseball vs. Slaton at 4:30/7 PM
Mar. 23 - Boys golf at Roosevelt
Mar. 24 - MS Track at Abernathy
Mar. 25 - HS Track at Abernathy
Mar. 25 - B/G Tennis at

Levelland

Mar. 25 - End of the 5th 3 Weeks

Mar. 26 - JV/V Softball at Roosevelt, 12 PM

Mar. 26 - JV/V Band at Roosevelt, 12 PM

Mar. 28 - JV/V Softball & Baseball at Colorado City, 4:30/7:00 PM

Mar. 29-30 - Academic District UIL Meet at Denver City

Mar. 31 - HS Track Meet at Colorado City

March Faculty Birthday:

3/10/11-John Berry

Post Elementary Calendar

March 14-18- Spring Break. Have a safe, fun holiday!! We will see students back at school before the tardy bell rings at 8:00 on Monday morning, March 21st

Chamber News

Spring is here and with it comes a wealth of activities for our community. Ragtown will have two shows this weekend. Friday night at 7:30 and Saturday afternoon at 3:00. Tuesday, March 22, will be the annual Tab'a Yuan'e ceremony at sunrise at the City Park. March 31 is our Small Business Seminar. Lubbock SCORE will be pre-

senting a program regarding the importance of developing and managing a solid business plan. We will also have a representative from USDA to discuss some programs available to help small businesses. Please let the Chamber office know if you would like to attend this seminar - 495-3461. Don't forget the Annual Chamber Banquet on April

9 and the Chamber Bingo Night on April 19. A Memorial Golf Tournament has been scheduled for April 29 in memory of Trooper Jonathan McDonald. The tournament will be at Meadowbrook Golf Course and entries are due by April 22. For more information, please call 777-6415. Congratulations to our Members of the Week:



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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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ANSWER:

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Improve your land through USDA's Conservation Reserve Program

You can enroll your land in the USDA's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) between March 14 and April 15, 2011. If you are a landowner or agricultural producer who meets the eligibility requirements and needs financial assistance to establish or enhance wildlife habitat on your property, you could get paid for taking part in this highly competitive program.

If eligible, you can apply to participate in CRP at your local USDA Farm Service Agency county office/service center.

The purpose of this pro-

gram is to retire environmentally sensitive cropland from agricultural production and convert it to conservation covers to provide long-term benefits to soil, water and wildlife.

For the past 25 years CRP has contributed to wildlife population increases in many parts of the country and has provided significant opportunities for hunting and fishing on private lands by enhancing habitat, restoring wetlands, and protecting groundwater, lakes, rivers, ponds and streams.

USDA estimates that con-

tracts on 3.3 million to 6.5 million acres are scheduled to expire annually between now and 2014. Converting these expiring acres back into agricultural production could potentially harm soil, water and wildlife resources, particularly in states with the most acres set to expire including Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Washington.

Don't miss the opportunity to take part in this extraordinary program.

Yesteryears

10 YEARS AGO

Ashley Hair and Adam Guerrero are proud to announce the birth of their son Addison Dale, born February 12, 2001.

"Chief" Frank Runkles was honored with a certificate of recognition from the Millennium Commission for his many years of dedication to preserving the Plains Indians' annual Ta'bana Yuan'e ceremony.

20 YEARS AGO

Bolstered by sold-out crowds, Garza Theatre director Will McCrary has announced that "Steel Magnolias" will be extended for two additional performances Friday and Saturday.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Charles R. Johnson of Post recently reported for duty with Coast Guard Fleet Activities at Yokosuka, Japan. A 1984 graduate of PHS, he joined the Navy in August 1984.

30 YEARS AGO

Coach James Easterling's PHS tennis team defeated Ralls in a dual meet on the local courts, 9 to 5 with Post

winning nine of the 14 one-set matches.

The Post Girl Scouts annual Father-Daughter Banquet is held at the Community Center. The theme for the banquet was "Girl Scouts Together." Approximately 145 fathers and daughters were present for the banquet and award ceremony which followed.

Reece Air Force Base will salute Post March 25 during the second annual Community Day observance at Reece. The purpose of the Community Day observance is to form a close relationship between the base and surrounding communities.

40 YEARS AGO

Tom Boucher was awarded a 50-year pin from Grand Lodge of Texas at the annual roll call of Post Masonic Lodge No. 1058.

Rhonda Case, a senior class candidate, was crowned choir sweetheart.

Shirley Bland was presented a rosette for scoring the most points in the adult division of the Garza County Fair.

50 YEARS AGO

"King and Queen of the Week" at the Post Bowling Center was Claude Collier Jr. and Georgia Woods defeating O. C. (Oscar) Garner and Reba Hays.

E. A. Franklin caught a 9 foot and 2 inches long, 102 lb. sailfish during his fishing trip in Acapulco, Mexico.

Georgie Wilson, vocal musical instructor at Post ISD was named Teacher of the Week.

60 YEARS AGO

M. K. Bingham caught a 50lb. yellow cat on a fishing trip to Sugar Lake, Mexico.

Mrs. Ralph Welch is named President of the PTA.

C. I. (Stony) Wall was named to succeed R. F. Hinchey as president of West Texas Gas Co.

Services for Charles Thompson, 79, were conducted at the Church of the Nazarene.

Western Cowboy Star Ray Whitley is scheduled to appear here April 6, on stage at the Tower Theatre.



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Lake Alan Henry Report

1. Conservation pool elevation - 2220.00 feet above mean sea level
2. Elevation as of March 14, 2011 - 2217.34 feet, 2.66 feet below conservation pool elevation
3. Water Temperature March 14, 2011 - 52 - 55 degrees Fahrenheit
4. 2011 cumulative precipitation as of March 14 - 0.29 inches
5. 2011 cumulative evaporation as of March 14 - 15.66 inches

Reports of several bass in the 7 to 11 lb. range being caught along with some nice stringers of crappie.

Obituaries

Mary Kathryn Lively Clyatt

Mary Kathryn Lively Clyatt of Irving, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on Friday, March 4, 2011. She fought a long, courageous fight against COPD. She was born in Irving on January 15, 1923 to Leo L. and Mary Fields Lively. Her family was early settlers, dating back to the 1850's. Her great-grandfather built the first school. Her mother was Irving's first music teacher. She

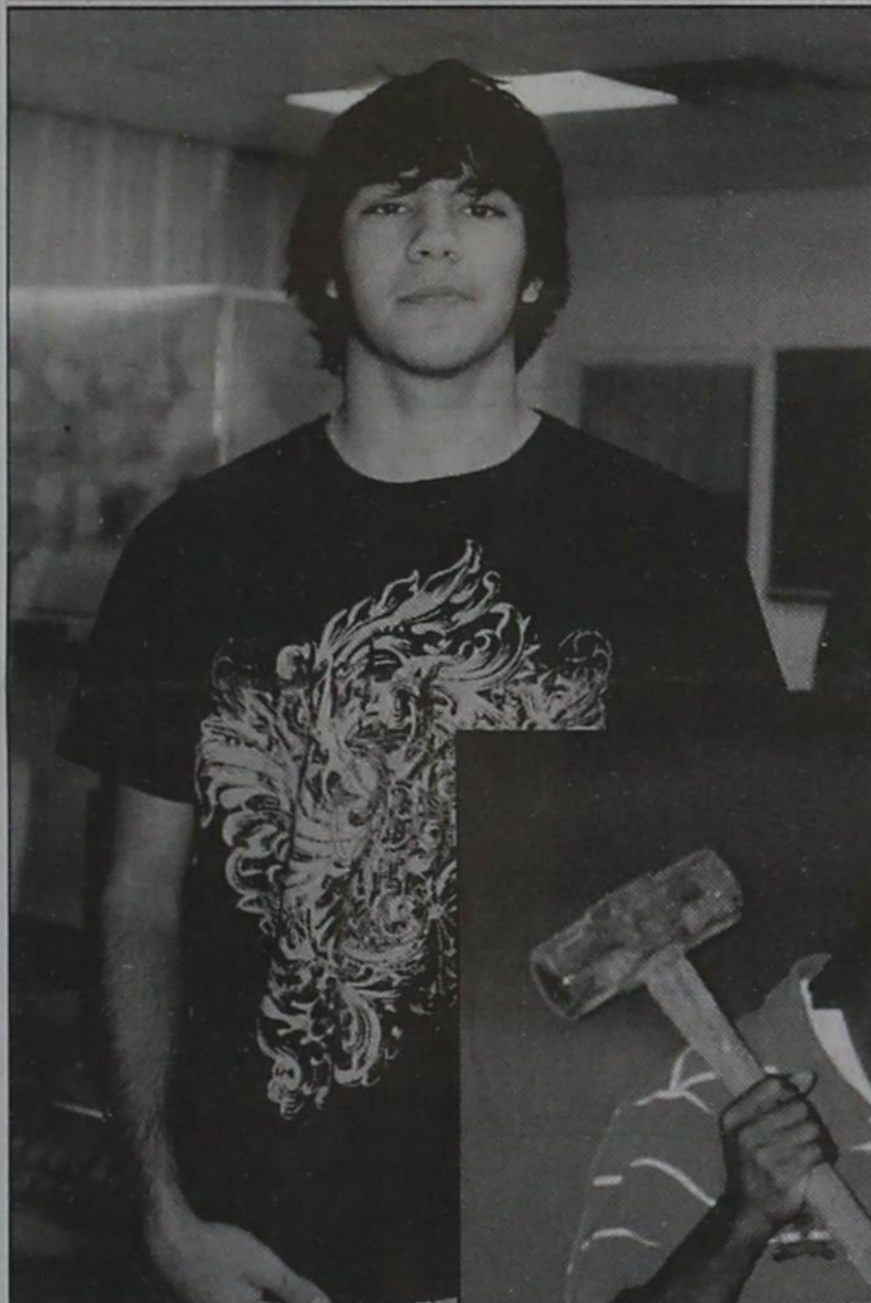
was an excellent student and a cheerleader at Irving High with 50 in her class. She continued her education at the University of Texas. She married the love of her life, Bill Clyatt, November 8, 1943 and had recently celebrated their 67th anniversary. She then devoted herself to her husband and their three daughters.

Kathryn was a lifelong

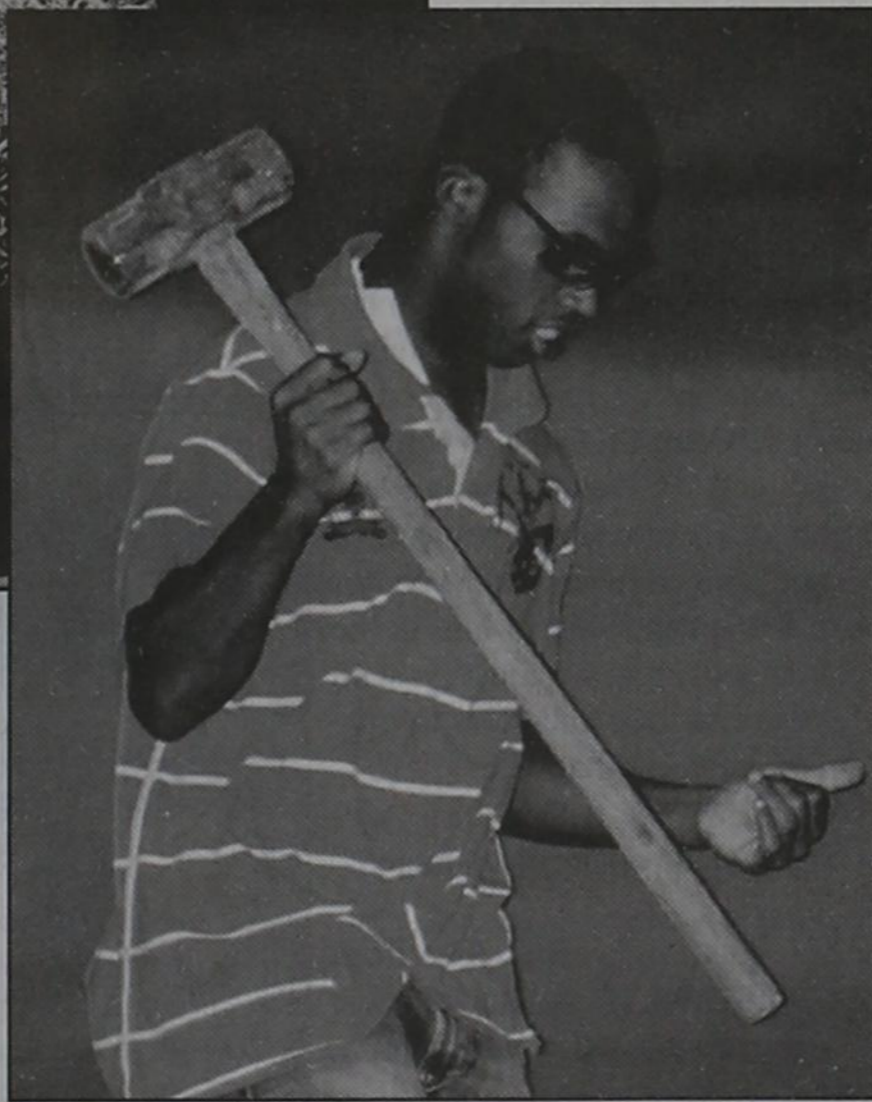
member of First United Methodist Church of Irving and was proud that five generations of her family were members. She was a founding member of the Irving Woman's Club, a charter member of PEO, DV and the Heritage Society. She belonged to many bridge clubs and played for over 50 years in a couples duplicate club. They were faithful supporters of the Dallas and Irving Symphonies. They took wonderful trips with the FUMC Travel Club, traveling by train over the Canadian Rockies, visiting London, Ireland and the Caribbean, Hawaii, and more. They loved spending time at their second home in Woodland Park, CO, at the bottom of Pikes Peak Mountain. She was a wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, who was loved and will be remembered by many. Survivors include

her husband Bill Clyatt of Irving, daughters Kathie Rankin and husband Dan of Post, Texas. Nancy Smith and husband Hans of Irving, and Cindy Wiley of Irving; grandchildren Bill and Gina Rankin of Post, Molly Jordan, Kelsie, Jordan, Nic Wiley, Shane Wiley, Brian Smith, and Rhonda Smith; 5 great grandchildren including Madison, Emily, and Carter Rankin, of Post; aunt Charlene Fields; and numerous cousins. Funeral services were held at 10am Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at First United Methodist Church Sanctuary. Burial was at the Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Memorial donations can be made to a charity of one's choice. We would like to extend a very special thanks to our dear daughter and sister, Nancy Smith, for her love, devotion and care that made Mom's last year's more comfortable.

Students of the Week



Ernest Saldivar is the son of Ernest Saldivar Sr. and Cathi Cash. He has attended Post ISD since Kindergarten. Ernest has played Varsity PHS baseball for the past 4 years, varsity football for the past 3 years, and has been a member of the FFA the majority of his life. He likes to play video games, hangout with friends, ride around, and listen to music. Ernest plans to attend Texas State and study Computer Science after graduation.



Chase is the son of Gloria Curtis and Ricky Graves. He has attended Post schools for twelve years. He has played football, baseball, track and basketball for Post High. He has also been a participant in UIL One Act Play and FFA. He enjoys "kickin' it with the boys," and attending parties. After graduation he plans to live life to the fullest.

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Extension Extras

Did you know that 4-H is free to join and open to all kids in 3rd grade or 9 years old to 19 years old in Garza County?

Shotgun Project

We will have our first meeting on Monday, March 21 at 5:00 pm at Palmer's Gun Club. That is located 9 miles West on 380. For more information please contact Ray Mason at 781-8022 or Mark Kirkpatrick at 495-2235.

Cookbooks

Hometown Holiday Cookbooks are available at the Extension Office for \$8.00

Photography Project

If you are interested in the County Photography Contest, pictures are due to the office Tuesday, March 22.

Upcoming 4-H Connect Openings

March 14-Fashion Show and Photography. These events will only be open until March 25, 2011.

Club Meeting

Our next club meeting will be Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 6:30 at the Extension Office.

Congratulations to Houston Competitors

Rhaeden Bland placed 2nd with his Med Wool Lamb, Pake Jones placed

2nd with his Hvy Wt ABC Steer, Maegen Bland placed 8th with her Med Wool Lamb and Skylar Jones and Colton Thompson also participated

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White River Municipal Water District

Gauge Reading	Feet below spillway	Rise	Rainfall past week	Rain to date
2355.60	16' 10"	0"	.0"	0.99"
Rainfall for 2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
15.57"	28.85"	24.19"	33.61"	12.70"
				32.16"

DID YOU KNOW?

White River Lake has 3,857,424,138 billion gallons left available at the intake or 38% capacity or 11,838 acre feet. Subtract 23,545,362 MG for evaporation this week in March that leaves 3,833,878,776 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.

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19th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Weather
We need rain, rain and more rain! Keep those prayers a going, we have a chance this weekend so think positive. We need that moisture so that everyone can get planted.

News
For it to be spring break it is pretty quiet around here this week; however I did see a welcome site the other day. I was headed home and here come the Ellis grandkid walking down the road. They were headed to the old school to swing and play on the yard. I stopped and asked them if they

wanted a ride, Abby hopped on the tailgate but Raul and TJ said they needed the exercise.

Whitney McNeely Baker posted something on facebook the other day that I thought was pretty cool.

This was her posting: Tuesday is National Ag Day. I'm proud to work in an industry that provides food and fiber for our country and the world. Make sure your kids know that milk doesn't come from the grocery store and cotton doesn't come from sheep.

This is so true, and I am also proud to work in such an

industry. You would really be surprised what some children think about certain things that have never been out of the city. Some may think we are a bunch of podunks out here and that is fine with me; I am one proud podunk!

Did you know?
The average 4 year old asks 437 questions a day? WOW

Visitors
Reed Williams and Cody Dean came by to visit for a bit on Tuesday. Reed is going to school in Canyon and Cody is at LCU; they are both home this week for spring break. Ya'll

come out and see us sometime and remember, you are guaranteed to be entertained.

Close City Birthdays

March 19th - Neal Clary;
Laura Norman Many
March 21st - Dylan Morris;
Andrew Quintana
March 24th - Janell Jones

Anniversaries

March 21st - Ronnie and Diane Graves

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

EYI
The Close City Community Bingo night is officially set for APRIL 2ND at the VFW Hall

on east 380 from 5:00 - 8:00. Mark it down and come out play Bingo, enjoy some good food and visiting with good neighbors. Everyone is welcome. Let us know if you can help in any way.

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.

Get your cookbooks and T-shirt order forms at Cocara. AOs downtown or you can come by the gin and pick one up.

Get Wells
A get well go out to Susan Gonzales, Aó mom, Nan.

Hope you are feeling better real soon!

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 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 and send me your news! See ya next week.

Weekly Inspirations

WHEN YOU NEED A LOCKSMITH

By: Michael F. Taylor

Several years ago, I heard a story about a young mother who received a call at her office from her son's fifth grade teacher informing her that he was sick and had been sent home with his aunt. She immediately phoned her sister and was told that the young boy was running a low-grade fever and that the aunt had already called the pediatrician and a prescription was waiting at the local pharmacy. Mom hurriedly closed her office apologizing to her boss and frantically drove to the pharmacy to pick up the medications. Unfortunately when she tried to get back into her car, she realized that the keys were locked inside the car still in the ignition. Now, almost in a panic, she called her sister back, telling her of the problem. Her sister told her that the boy's fever was increasing and asked, "Well, do see an old hanger around anywhere? I have heard that you can use a hanger to unlock car doors." And, sure enough after looking around for a few moments, the nervous mother found an old rusty hanger lying in the grass just about fifteen feet from her car. Happily she picked it up while talking to her sister on the cell phone. "Well, what do I do now?" she anxiously asked. "Well, I am not a car burglar, honey. I don't know how to use it!" her sister exclaimed. Not knowing what else to do, the now distraught mother bowed her head and began to pray. Not more than thirty seconds after she ended her prayer, a dirty, greasy biker road up to the parking spot right next to her car. As he put the kickstand down and stepped off the bike, she thought to herself -This must be the answer to my prayers. Seeing her distress, the biker asked, "Ma'am, can I help you with something?" Without missing a beat, she blurted out her problem and gingerly offered the rusty old hanger to him. "Sure, I think I can help", he said as he ran the end of the hanger down between the door and the glass. Twenty seconds later, he had successfully popped the door lock and opened the door. "Oh, sir thank you so much for what you have done. You are a very nice man in spite of your appearance", she replied back.

"Well now, really I am not a very nice man. You see, I was just released from prison today. I was in prison for car theft and car burglary", he answered back. At that the woman could contain herself no longer and hugged him for all he was worth. "Thank you Lord! You truly are a good God. You even sent me a professional!" she blurted out with a loud shout.

Isn't it good to know that the Lord is interested in us all of the time. Twenty four hours a day, seven days a week, three hundred and sixty five days a year! And that when we come into a time of Need or Discouragement, He cares enough to send a PROFESSIONAL to help us! And we do not need to be in fear! We are taught in Deuteronomy 31:6-8 "6 Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you". 7 Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the LORD swore to their ancestors to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance.

8 The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." NIV

What words of encouragement for each of us this week! The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with You! And, He will never leave you nor forsake You! Never forget when you are in need of a locksmith, the Lord is willing to send a professional.

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Post 8th Grade Girls, 2nd place team finish

100 M Dash: 1st, Kelbie Oden
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 800 M Run: 1st, Kortnee McKee
 2400 M Run: 3rd, Fatima Trinidad
 400 M Relay: 3rd, R. Perez, A. Duran, Chelby Morris, K. Oden
 1600 M Relay: 2nd, A. Duran, R. Perez, K. Griffin, K. Oden
 Long Jump: 1st, K. Oden
 Triple Jump: 2nd, R. Perez
 High Jump: 1st, K. Oden
 Discuss: 1st, T. Moore; 2nd, A. Duran

Post 8th Grade Boys, 3rd place team finish, 111 points

100 M Dash: 4th, Christian Perez; 6th, Blake Boren
 200 M Dash: 5th, C. Perez; 6th, B. Boren
 400 M Dash: 4th Ethan Self
 400 M Relay: 3rd, Freddy Araiza, Carson Kirkpatrick, Christian Perez, Allen Perez
 800 M Relay: 3rd, F. Araiza, E. Self, Dylan Pearson, A. Perez
 1600 M Relay: 2nd, A. Perez, E. Self, Keaton Collins, F. Araiza
 110 M Hurdles: 1st, K. Collins; 5th, Carson Kirkpatrick; 4th Erik Gomez
 300 M Hurdles: 2nd, K. Collins; 5th C. Kirkpatrick; E. Gomez
 Long Jump: 2nd, K. Collins; 5th, E. Self
 High Jump: 3rd, K. Collins, 5th Freddy Araiza; 6th, Dylan Pearson
 Shot Put: 6th, F. Araiza
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Post 7th Grade Girls, 3rd place team finish

100 M Dash: 3rd, Madison Carr
 400 M Dash: 2nd, Ali Whitfill
 800 M Run: 2nd, Kaitlin Walden
 400 M Relay: 3rd, S. Scott, M. Carr, K. Walden, Quincey Quintana
 Triple Jump: 3rd, Sierra Scott
 High Jump: 2nd, Dakota Perez
 Shot Put: 3rd, Tori Collins
 Discuss: 2nd, T. Collins

Post 7th Grade Boys, 1st place team finish, 299 points

100 M Dash: 1st, Jordan Solarzano; 2nd, Blaine Reece; 3rd Joel Lopez
 200 M Dash: 1st, J. Solarzano; 2nd, B. Reece; 3rd J. Lopez
 400 M Dash: 2nd, J. Solarzano; 5th J. Lopez
 800 M Run: 2nd, Alonzo Armendariz; 3rd Sammy Soto, 4th Chris Rosas
 1600 M Run: 1st, A. Armendariz; 2nd C. Rosas; 4th S. Soto
 400 M Relay: 1st, Christian Saucedo, Kyle Jones, Cambry Gilbert, Aaron Lopez
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 1600 M Relay: 1st, C. Saucedo, K. Jones, C. Gilbert, A. Lopez
 110 M Hurdles: 1st, J. Curtis; 2nd, C. Gilbert; 3rd, Shandon Wiley
 300 M Hurdles: 1st, Wyatt Gray; 2nd, S. Wiley; 3rd, J. Curtis
 Long Jump: 1st, J. Solarzano; 2nd, C. Gilbert, 5th B. Reece
 Triple Jump: 1st, Jared Curtis; Shandon Wiley; 5th J. Solarzano
 High Jump: 1st, C. Gilbert; 2nd K. Jones; 5th B. Reece
 Shot Put: 1st, Rafael Gonzalez; 3rd, Jaybren Rodriguez
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Ag Students attend San Angelo Stock Show

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Price of food rapidly increasing

By RYAN MILLS

After several years of steady food prices the retail food industry is beginning to see an increase that is reflected on grocery shelves. These increases are due to numerous factors including rising fuel prices, high demand of commodities and a short supply in certain commodities. Some commodity prices have risen sharply in upwards of 50% gains compared to the previous year.

"There are three main areas that supermarkets are realizing the greatest impact of inflation in food prices more so than any other," United Supermarkets store director Justin Pierce said. "These areas are in produce, meat and dairy/ coffee. The main reason we are seeing rising prices in food of course would be the high cost of fuel and the short supply of product.

Transportation costs have risen dramatically in the last two to three years. There is also a major shortage in supply in some areas of the food chain."

The meat industry is hit with inflation based off of short supply of both cattle and feed. Some factors that are affecting the beef prices include:

- Grain (feed) costs are rising due to limited supply and high demand, in part due to ethanol being produced from corn.

- Limited cattle supply as a result of very high corn prices from 2008. Many ranches, including cow-calf operations, liquidated their herds. Some ranchers were also forced to liquidate herds due to the drought conditions the last couple years.

- Export markets are strong (more beef leaving the U.S.) due to a weak

U.S. dollar, worldwide.

Beef prices are driving all other proteins up as well, as many consumers and retailers will be forced to push pork and chicken as alternative, cost effective options.

Dairy is seeing rising inflation due to similar factors as noted in the beef industry. There have also been price increases in the coffee bean due to weak crops in Brazil for the last several years. Brazil is where America imports a majority of its supply and there is demand for coffee worldwide.

Fruits and vegetables have seen price increases due to limited supplies out of many of the major growing areas. Weather has been a significant factor in this area. It appears that very heavy damage has occurred in most of the vegetable growing areas of

Mexico. This could cause future produce prices to rise until more local producers are ready to harvest.

"Analysts are showing that we are running anywhere from 2-2.5% inflation currently," Pierce said. "The predictions by year end (2011) estimate inflation to be anywhere from 3-5%. Based off of commodity price increases it is just a matter of time that the true price will be reflected on the shelf caused by inflation. With the recent increase in fuel it is just a matter of time that we will see those inflation numbers by year end. Supermarket retailers are working diligently to offer the best possible prices to the customer. It is a global economy and we are always looking for alternative suppliers to help us achieve the best price. The local, home grown, farmer and rancher will benefit most in this economy."

Driver Responsibility Program amnesty ends April 17

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Drivers are not required to make a payment when they sign up, however they must pay off all money owed by April 17 to retain their driving privileges. Eligible drivers have until April 7 to sign up for this program and must pay all surcharge amounts by April 17.

This one-time amnesty applies to drivers who had a surcharge assessed between Sept. 30, 2004, and Dec. 31, 2008, and are delinquent on those payments.

Once the online or telephone application is approved, the surcharge suspensions will be cleared on the applicant's driving record within three business days.

After three business days, the applicant can review the reduced amount on line and begin making the necessary payments.

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The Driver Responsibility Program, which assesses fees for a variety of driving-related offenses, was passed by the Legislature in 2003 and directed the Department of Public Safety to administer the program. Traffic offenses that carry an automatic surcharge for three years include DWI-related offenses, no insurance, driving while license suspended, driving without a license and point accumulation. For example, the fee for a first-time DWI offender is \$1,000 per year for three years. The revenue generated by DRP goes to trauma centers, emergency medical services and the General Revenue Fund.

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Those who attend will learn the facts on how to appreciate, cope and manage feral hogs as well as understand the laws and regulations for hunting and trapping.

Attendees will also discover the biology, disease concerns, and impacts of interaction with feral hogs; and interact with the landowner discussion panel to uncover perceived impacts, success of control efforts and opportunities for marketing hogs.

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The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

What does a French rooster say?

Ask a beginning French class, and puzzled looks cloud the students' faces. Then it dawns on them (pun intended) that it's probably not "cock-a-doodle-do."

Sure enough, only English-speaking roosters say "cock-a-doodle-do." French ones crow "cocorico." Sounds delightful, doesn't it? But if you're asleep by an open window in a charming French country cottage, a light breeze ruffling the curtains, "cocorico" probably sounds just as bad as "cock-a-doodle-do" if you're not ready for your bare feet to hit the floor.

At this point, are you wondering what French cows and pigs say? Maybe not. Don't worry. I don't know. I've never met a French pig. My only close encounter with a French-speaking cow was in 1972 in Belgium. I wasn't on the moo end of things. I don't remember what the cow said when I grabbed her by the tail to encourage her and her cohorts to leave the confines of

the youth camp where I was a counselor. They'd wandered onto our section of the creek via a weak spot in the fence. It fell my lot to drive them out — not that I spoke Belgian cow French but because all the other camp workers were clueless city dudes. So there I was, the only American, literally pushing those gentle dairy cows back onto their own turf. "Yee-ha!" wouldn't have worked.

INTERNET PAUSE.

OK, I looked it up. French cows say "meuh." If we could convince all animals to switch to Esperanto (not likely in view of Esperanto's universal failure to catch on with humans), cows would all say "muu."

Regarding pigs, instead of "oink, oink" it's "groin, groin" when French pigs belly up to the feed trough.

All this to say that we do animals a disservice when we assign them just one word, whatever their language, even if they get to say it twice, like pigs, who have trouble snorting just once.

Pigs also squeal. When they do, it's not an "oink" nor a

"groin." Cows have all sorts of moos. We have one that can sound just like my cell phone on vibrate. I fall for it every time.

If you have a dog, you know they have barks for all occasions. Our dog Fritz had a snake bark — "wow-oh-wow-oh-wow-oh." Thankfully he seldom had reason to use it.

When I brought home a fresh rattlesnake skin from the Mangum Rattlesnake Hunt for tanning, it still had a piece of meat sticking to it. Looked like a chicken neck to me. When I tossed it to Fritz, he started to devour it. Then he backed off and did his snake bark instead.

If Fritz was trying to tell me something, it was too late. I'd had rattlesnake for lunch the day before in Mangum, breaded and fried. Tasted like chicken to me.

Closing thought: Even if you don't speak any other languages but you understand your dog, count it. You can add the usual disclaimer.

"I don't speak dog, but I understand it."

New study to look at economic

AMARILLO — Biofuel feedstock production in the Texas High Plains could significantly change the crop mix, which could affect regional income and groundwater consumption, according to Texas AgriLife Research and Texas AgriLife Extension Service economists.

Dr. Steve Amosson, AgriLife Extension economist in Amarillo, and Dr. Seong Park, AgriLife Research economist in Vernon, are joining other economists to model the socio-economic effects of climate change on the Ogallala Aquifer.

The project, Economics and Groundwater-Use Implications of Bioenergy Feedstocks Production in the Ogallala Aquifer Program Region, is funded by the Ogallala Aquifer federal research program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service.

"The High Plains' crops, livestock and meat processing sectors, as well as oil and gas production, literally run on water from the Ogallala Aquifer," Amosson said. "However, this region is facing an uncertain future, after significant pumping for the past 50 years has caused water tables to fall generally across the aquifer."

With water demand so strong and the aquifer serving as the primary source of that water, it is important to know how climate change and biofuels development in the future could affect availability, Amosson said.

"Projections of a warmer and drier future for this region threaten to raise cropping water needs and thus, the rate of aquifer depletion, while also lowering the natural recharge," he said. "The current biofuels policy and associated high commodity prices contribute additional pressures on those water resources."

The information generated from the study will

present a comprehensive characterization of the economic and groundwater implications regarding allocation of limited agricultural land and water between crops and biofuel feedstock production, Amosson said. Then they can determine potential implications for farm income and regional activity.

Park said if more farmers begin producing a cellulosic feedstock or a drought-tolerant one, those changes would affect the Ogallala Aquifer water use.

"We want to look at the effects, look at the changes of land use, and see what the regional impact will be both economically and socially," he said. "In addition to the job creation aspect, we want to look at the environmental or carbon footprint as related to water use. We want to see what water consumption versus greenhouse gas production is."

"What if carbon emission rates change, how does that affect things?" Park said. "This is a key point for our stakeholders."

It will be important for producers to know how to adjust water use, cropping and land-use practices, and water-management practices to adapt to climate change and increasing agricultural demands to provide sustainability of the Ogallala Aquifer, he said.

Through the study, Park said, they hope to be able to outline the implications of climate change for the region and biofuel feedstock production possibilities. They will look particularly at cellulosic production using perennial grasses such as switchgrass on marginal land with fewer inputs of water and fertilizers.

"We think this study

will make a contribution to science addressing the issues of groundwater sensitivity to climate change that are explicitly called out as needing further work in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change special report on water," Park said.

The two-year project began in January with the assimilation of information already gathered by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and local scientists, he said.

The plan is to develop over the next two years a dynamic multi-county land allocation model that integrates agriculture, hydrology, climate and geography, he said. This has already been completed for Dallam County, which is serving as the test county.

The economists will use land distribution of crops from 2009 as a baseline in each county, Park said. With that, they will calculate groundwater consumption and project the optimal land allocation or crop mix at the county level over the 2010-2050 period using IPCC climate change scenarios and projected regional mandates for crop ethanol production.

Another component of the study will include greenhouse gas emissions and carbon sequestration, based on the Forest and Agricultural Sector Optimization Model-Greenhouse Gas Version developed by a team led by Dr. Bruce McCarl, Nobel laureate and Texas A&M University Distinguished and Regents professor of agricultural economics.

"Once it is developed, this linked hydrological land-use regionalized groundwater model can be used to address a variety of future issues regarding land-use and water-use planning," Park said.

Volunteers needed for Trash-Off

AUSTIN — Fed up with roadside litter and fired up to do something about it, thousands of volunteers will fan out across Texas on April 2 to participate in the state's largest one-day cleanup.

The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off is Texas' largest one-day cleanup event that occurs annually. It is a partnership between Keep Texas Beautiful and the Texas Department of Transportation.

"There is still plenty of time to register and top the more than 74,000 volunteers we had last year," said TxDOT Travel Information Division Director Doris Howdeshell. "One of the best ways to

show your Texas pride is to participate."

Research shows there are approximately 1.1 billion pieces of litter on Texas highways.

The number of people and the amount of traffic continue to rise in Texas so more volunteers are needed to help pick up litter and debris. Help showcase Texas roadsides and take part in this event.

"Trash-Off continues to grow each year, and we couldn't be more excited about this year's program," said Cathie Gail, Executive Director of Keep Texas Beautiful. "In addition to beautifying our great state, Trash-Off helps educate and change the attitudes

and behavior of would-be litterers. The impact of the events has a lasting effect on everyone involved and the state."

Interested Trash-Off volunteers can sign up online at www.ktb.org or call 1-800-CLEAN-TX. The registration deadline is March 25.

2011 Trash-Off Goals: Quick Facts

- 2010 volunteers: 74,100
- Pounds of trash collected in 2010: 8 million
- Number of miles cleaned in 2010: 6,219

This year, Don't Mess with Texas celebrates its 25th anniversary. Volunteers are encouraged to share their favorite Texas images from the Trash-Off or from any time of the year at <http://dontmesswithtexas.org/programs/photo-album/>.

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Courtesy Photo (Back Row) Ernesto Esparza, Brian Osborn, & Tavish Soto; (middle row) Amando Chapa, Heather Yarbrough, Minnie Soria, Ruby Rodriguez, Moriah Morales; (front row) Bethany Curtis, Breana Alvarado, Maritza Alaniz, Tabitha Martinez, Sara Greer, Kayla Comeaux.

Students that advanced to the Area Competition and received a gold medal for their piece. They are: (back Row) Amando Chapa, Ernesto Esparza, Brian Osborn, Tavish Soto; (Seated) Bethany Curtis, Ruby Rodriguez, Tabitha Martinez, Sara Greer, Kayla Comeaux. Others that medaled but not pictured are Crystal Hernandez and Fernanda Contrares.

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Holly, Dalton	97
10	97
McDonald, Corbin	91
12	91
Postell, Chess	91
12	91
Dunn, Katie (Student Trainer)	91

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2/21/2011 2-4, 3 Wks
Prog. Rep.

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11	95
Berry, Haily	92
10	92
Blair, Macy	96
12	96

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Deen, Morgan (Manager)	93
10	93
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Jones, Skylar	92
11	92
Mason, Kambry (Manager)	94
11	94
Osborn, Taylor	96
9	96
Short, Katelynn	94
12	94
Williams, Morgan	96
12	96
Wilson, Amber	97
12	97

Plains Wrangler Relay, Junior High

(March 7, 2011)
Post 8th Grade Girls, 3rd place team finish, 79 points
100 M Dash: 2nd, Kelbie Oden
200 M Dash, 3rd, Anahica Duran
400 M Dash: 6th, Rebecca Perez
800 M Run: 6th, Kortnee McKee
1600 M Run: 6th, Lupita Ceja
2400 M Run: 3rd, Fatima Trinidad
400 M Relay: 2nd, R. Perez, A. Duran, Kelsey Griffin, K. Oden

800 M Relay: 4th, Dakota Greer, Tamara Moore, K. McKee, Rose Taylor
1600 M Relay: 3rd, A. Duran, R. Perez, K. Griffin, K. Oden
High Jump: 3rd, K. Oden; 5th, K. Griffin
Long Jump: 1st, K. Oden
Triple Jump: 2nd, R. Perez
High Jump: 1st, K. Oden
Shot Put: 6th, T. Moore
Discuss: 6th, A. Duran
Post 8th Grade Boys, 5th place team finish, 89 points
200 M Dash: 5th, Blake Boren
800 M Dash: 5th, Ricky Fontenot
1600 M Relay: R. Fontenot
400 M Relay: 2nd, Freddy Araiza, Carson Kirkpatrick, Christian Perez, Allen Perez
800 M Relay: 2nd, F. Araiza, Ethan Self, Dylan Pearson, A. Perez
1600 M Relay: 5th, A. Perez, E. Self, Keaton Collins, F. Araiza
110 M Hurdles: 1st, C. Kirkpatrick; 2nd, K. Collins; 4th, Erik Gomez
300 M Hurdles: 2nd, K. Collins; 6th, C. Kirkpatrick
Long Jump: 2nd, K. Collins; 5th, E. Self
Triple Jump: 5th, D. Pearson
High Jump: 3rd, K. Collins
Shot Put: 4th, B. Boren; 6th, F. Araiza
Discuss: 4th, Alejo Rodriguez; 6th, B. Boren

Seira Scott
1600 M Relay: 4th, Maelyb Gomez, S. Scott, A. Whitfill, K. Walden
Triple Jump: 5th, Sierra Scott
Shot Put: 2nd, S. Scott
Discuss: 1st, T. Collins; 6th, S. Scott
Post 7th Grade Boys, 1st place team finish, 246 points
100 M Dash: 2nd, Joel Lopez, 3rd, Blaine Reece
200 M Dash: 2nd, Rafael Gonzalez; 4th, J. Lopez
400 M Dash: 1st, Rafael Gonzalez; 5th, J. Lopez
800 M Run: 1st, Alonzo Armentariz
1600 M Run: 2nd, A. Armentariz; 5th Chris Rosas; 6th Sammy Soto
3200 M Run: 3rd, C. Rosas; 5th, S. Soto
400 M Relay: 1st, B. Reece, Kyle Jones, Cambry Gilbert, Aaron Lopez
800 M Relay: 1st, C. Saucedo, K. Jones, B. Reece, A. Lopez
1600 M Relay: 1st, C. Saucedo, K. Jones, C. Gilbert, A. Lopez
110 M Hurdles: 1st, C. Gilbert; 2nd, Shandon Wiley; 3rd, Jared Curtis
300 M Hurdles: 1st, S. Wiley; 2nd, J. Curtis; 3rd, Wyatt Gray; Long Jump: 1st, C. Gilbert; 3rd, J. Curtis; 5th, B. Reece
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The Paperboy



Epic tragedy unfolds before our eyes

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

What can I say about our friends in Japan? When you're seeing the footage of nature wiping towns off the face of the earth, words cannot bring justice to the catastrophe. Honestly, it looks like scenes from one of those "end of the world" movies.

In the decades following World War II, Japan has been an incredible success story. With our help, a conquered Japan rose from the ashes like a Phoenix and is now the third largest economy on the globe. Honestly, what Japan has accomplished in the past 65 years is incredible.

They are also a prime ally and business partner. I would say Japan is right there with the England and Australia as our closest allies.

Now our friends are in desperate need of help. I know many of you are anxious to provide help in some way. That's one thing I will always love about this country: we are a giving people.

Unfortunately, in today's society, you have predators ready to pounce and profit off of generous people attempting to help the cause. Don't be fooled! Check the source and confirm that the cause is worthwhile and will directly benefit Japan.

One thing I've noticed during these past few days in Japan is the lack of looting. You have to admire a society where

honor rules the day. I've also been impressed with how prepared the Japanese Government is in attempting to manage and begin to cleanup.

I'm thankful for the thousands of Americans helping. Servicemen, volunteers, engineers - we've got feet on the ground making a difference. That makes me proud to be an American.

I'm no expert on Japan so I did some research on the country and people. Society there is far different from ours. The Japanese culture is fascinating. If you'll indulge me, I've provided some interesting facts:

Sometimes the trains are so crowded railway staff are employed to cram passengers inside.

Japanese celebrate Christmas, but it is more like Valentine's Day in the western world.

More than 70% of Japan consists of mountains, including more than 200 volcanoes.

Mt. Fuji, the tallest mountain in Japan, is an active volcano.

There are four different writing systems in Japan, romaji, katakana, hiragana, and kanji.

Coffee is very popular and Japan imports approximately 85% of Jamaica's annual coffee production.

Japan's literacy rate is almost 100%. Sumo is Japan's national sport, although baseball is also

very popular.

When you use the restroom in some one's home, you should put on special bathroom slippers so as not to contaminate the rest of the home.

Japan is the world's largest consumer of Amazon rain forest timber.

Vending machines in Japan sell beer, hot and cold canned coffee, cigarettes, and other items.

There are around 1,500 earthquakes every year in Japan.

Average life expectancy in Japan is one of the highest in the world. Japanese people live an average of 4 years longer than Americans.

Japan is the largest automobile producer in the world.

Raised floors help indicate when to take off shoes or slippers. At the entrance to a home in Japan, the floor will usually be raised about 6 inches indicating you should take off your shoes and put on slippers. If the house has a tatami mat room its floor may be raised 1-2 inches indicating you should take off your slippers.

Some traditional Japanese companies conduct a morning exercise session for the workers to prepare them for the day's work.

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The Real Green Agenda

By RICK MANNING

The logic of climate change-driven policy continues to elude anyone with a rational mind who is actually concerned about the environment.

Professional environmentalists continually bleat about how we only have one planet, and we have to save it from man-made pollution. They have even gone so far as to declare some penguin species, which live in Antarctica as "endangered" under the U.S. Endangered Species Act in order to use that law as a hammer to stop supposedly dangerous greenhouse gas emissions in the United States.

While these advocates may or may not be well-meaning, the one thing we can be certain of is that their policies are actually increasing pollution around the world.

The United States and Western Europe have the most stringent anti-pollution policies in the world. This means that when a widget is manufactured in the U.S., the environmental impact is far less than when it is produced elsewhere in the world.

Additionally, when a theoretical widget is manufactured and sold in the United States,

that widget doesn't create other environmental impacts through the burning of fossil fuels as it is loaded and shipped across the ocean to the U.S. consumer.

Yet, the impact of various global warming policies is to force manufacturing overseas to those very countries which have the least effective environmental laws, not only creating more pollution per widget, but increasing that exponentially due to the transportation of said widget.

At the height of the cap and trade debate, economists at The Heritage Foundation Center for Data Analysis estimated that the movement of the manufacture of goods away from the U.S. due to this "greenhouse gas" proposal would cost 400,000 U.S. manufacturing job due to the projected increased costs, shifting manufacturing away from the clean U.S. environment to less clean ones around the globe.

Currently, Obama EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson's global warming war on the U.S. industrial base is using the Clean Air Act as a cudgel against the domestic manufacturing base, discouraging U.S. production, and as a result, encouraging manufacturing in less environmentally friendly political regimes.

The obvious illogic of forcing the world's cleanest manufacturers to offshore their production facilities to China and other less environmentally friendly causes one to question if a cleaner environment is truly the objective of the professional greens.

A simple Google search reveals that the real green agenda is to lower the standard of living in the U.S. to deal with something that they call - ecological debt - a concept developed by a group called the New Economics Foundation.

The theory is that mankind is consuming more from the earth on an annual basis than the earth can replenish, and hence there is an ecological deficit.

Of course, the United States is the guiltiest of the guilty, as the New Economics Foundation claims if everyone consumed at the level of the U.S., we would need more than five earths to sustain the current world population. Great Britain would only take just over three earths, and so on.

When you understand the mentality that capitalism and the standard of living created by the free enterprise system is viewed as the enemy of the environment, the Obama Administration green policies make perfect sense.

While they cannot say it and survive politically, they want America's standard of living lowered for the sake of the world, and they will hide behind a cloak of green rhetoric to accomplish this agenda.

So, the next time you hear one of these government funded "scientists" railing about supposed global warming or climate change or whatever the next public relations iteration is, just remember that environmentalism is not at its core about cleaning up the environment. It is nothing more than an attempt to transfer wealth from the United States to third world countries around the world.

Perhaps the real genius of the green movement is that they have succeeded in putting a smiley face on policies designed to lower the standard of living of those who support them as they continue to push economic suicide.

After all, if they truly wanted less global pollution, the greens would be pushing for eliminating corporate taxes on all items produced in the U.S., encouraging the manufacture of goods in a place where dumping waste in the streams and the air is frowned upon, instead of places where it is accepted and ignored.

Big Labor Rallies for Big Government

By RICK MANNING

George Soros' puppet group MoveOn.org, along with the AFL-CIO, SEIU and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and a laundry list of far left groups are staging rallies across the United States to try to stop the tea party/limited government momentum that has surged across the nation.

MoveOn's fear based rallying cry contained in the announcement e-mail tells the story of someone who purports to be a mother and college student who cannot get a job now, and worries when the mean old Republicans are done, it will be next to impossible to get one. With a baby who has had multiple heart surgeries, which the mean old tea party wants to deny her, she is just afraid for the future of America.

Not surprisingly, no mention is made in the e-mail or the flyer that the purpose of these rallies is to ensure that the U.S. government budget deficit will continue to balloon out of control. It is merely the common fear of someone who feels as though they benefit from the existing out of control spending and fears what will happen if things are changed.

Also, not surprisingly, the e-mail never mentions that in just a few years, that heart surgery will likely not occur due to the

ObamaCare-induced shortage of qualified surgeons to do it. Somehow by bringing the budget into alignment with our nation's revenues, the dreams of Americans will be shattered, at least that is the theme of the rallies.

The special interests behind the rallies are truly the shock troops of the hard left, and this is anything but a mom and pop operation.

In the 2010 election, AFSCME, representing public employees, spent more than any other group on elections, a whopping \$87 million. After they were soundly defeated at the polls, they are now back with a vengeance, funding rallies at times when public employees get off work (in Fairfax, VA the rally is at 4:30 pm), to try to stop elected officials from taking the financially necessary steps of reducing the size and scope of government.

The AFL-CIO has spent hundreds of millions of dollars over the past few election cycles to elect big government oriented politicians who are beholden to them. Representing 600,000 federal and DC dues paying government workers through the American Federation of Government Employees, the AFL-CIO has millions at stake in keeping government large and in charge.

The SEIU has its own government employee union arm, the National Association Government Employees with more than

42,000 dues paying members and a multi-million dollar budget.

The massive growth in public sector unionization has seen the number of public employees who belong to a union exceed private sector union members within the past year for the first time in history.

Growing government is good business for organized labor, as private sector industrial job creators flee the high costs of unionization to either right to work states or overseas.

Now you know the dirty little secret that Big Labor has been trying to hide. They are the ultimate beneficiaries of big government, and with their near uniform rejection in the private sector, their long-term survival depends upon government growth, and compulsory union membership.

Do you have doubts about why the Wisconsin protests became so virulent and over the top, as elected officials decided to take a step toward getting their budgets under control by limiting the power of public employee unions?

Expect more in the weeks ahead, as Big Labor struggles to maintain their government cash cow at a time, when America can no longer afford it.

Europe's Gathering Storm

By BILL WILSON

On Mar. 12, the European Union (EU) reached an agreement to create a permanent €440 billion bailout fund to support troubled sovereigns like Portugal, Ireland, Greece, and Spain (PIGS). Despite a lot of talk of making the "senior bondholders" pay part of the loss in government bonds from the PIGS, ultimately this was not included in the agreement.

The European Central Bank (ECB) and the elite insisted that these holders be protected and paid back everything. But why? Ultimately, the issue revolves around who these bond holders are: mostly German and French banks that have lent about \$922.9 billion to these nations, according to a report by the Bank for International Settlements.

That represents 57 percent of the total \$1.613 trillion foreign exposure to the PIGS nations. And it explains the outcome of this agreement lacking any apparent haircut for the bondholders.

It also explains why the newly elected Prime Minister of Ireland, Enda Kenny, was unable to secure a deal with the EU to have his nation's 6 percent interest rate owed on €67.5 billion bailout loan lowered. Germany and France are insisting that Ireland increase its lowest-in-Europe corporate tax rate from 12.5 percent.

Since German and French banks are making the rules, they are not willing to accept getting paid less than was lent out, by taking a haircut on the bad loans through debt restructuring. They are not even willing to lower the interest rate on the debt

owed — except in return for Ireland eliminating the one economic advantage it has in its corporate tax incentives.

Instead, the banks have gotten essentially everything they wanted, a permanent bailout fund so they can sell existing debts that cannot be rolled over to the European Central Bank.

In some cases, these are the same banks that have lent to the U.S. and other sovereigns throughout the world. So, if the banks take losses on anything, it limits the amount of money that can be lent to other states. It is for this reason that the astronomical debts being held by governments throughout the world pose the greatest systemic risk to the global economy — everyone has skin in this high stakes game of musical chairs.

Losses in one group of those bonds would lead inevitably to losses elsewhere, since the initial losses limit the funds available to for others to refinance existing debts. That is why the central banks are stepping up and just printing the money needed for the sovereigns to refinance their debts. Which is exactly what is happening now in Europe.

What the ECB and others are afraid of is that defaults or even just debt restructuring will result in a deleveraging of government debt not unlike what was seen with the housing bubble popping the U.S.

The goal therefore is to create a "soft" landing for these financial institutions, which can then reposition themselves and probably limit future purchases. Also, since the expansion of government debt has become the most efficient means of increasing the money supply, if losses start occurring, the central banks worry this will slow down money creation and velocity,

leading to "deflation".

If these banks are anything like the Federal Reserve, they are counting these debt securities on the assets side of their ledgers. Which means, adding to the risks posed, these major banks may have leveraged these bonds to back borrowing. It is also possible that these debts are held as part of their reserve, which the Fed does, which is just as bad.

Why wouldn't they? These are supposed to be the "safest" investments in the world. If governments will just agree to monetize the debts if anything goes wrong, there is no risk in lending to even the most irresponsible of governments.

The only problem, of course, is that there is no such thing as a safe investment. That is the only reason why the German and French banks are so vehemently opposed to any restructuring occurring — it breaks the unspoken agreement between the banks and the governments. They cannot afford for the terms of that agreement to change.

Instead, the banks prefer that it is the citizens who are left holding the bag if these bills ever come due — in the form of inflation, higher prices, higher interest rates, and eventually, higher taxes. Unfortunately, these same banks are risking the collapse of whole currencies, like the euro and dollar, under the weight of these astronomical debts.

Such is the state of the social contract during the current sovereign debt crisis. No longer is the arrangement between the governed and the government, as the Irish people are quickly learning. Now it is between governments and their lenders. The governed, sadly, lack any representation in that arrangement.

Hay supplies critical in some areas, adequate in others

COLLEGE STATION -- Got hay? It depends upon where you are, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

In the Coastal Bend and South Plains, hay and forage supplies were reported to be plentiful, but in large swathes of the state, it was a different story.

Throughout East Texas and parts of North Texas, stocks were either short or critically low, according to AgriLife Extension agent reports.

East and North Texas hay production got hit by a double whammy. An unusually wet, cool winter and early spring delayed summer grasses coming out of dormancy. A mid-summer drought followed, along with an extended triple-digit heat wave, bringing hay production to a halt, said Aaron Low, AgriLife Extension agent in Cherokee County, south of Tyler.

"That's what happened here, and it's pretty much the same story throughout East Texas," Low said.

Galen Logan, AgriLife Extension agent in Camp County, northeast of Longview, gave a similar account. Though many of the producers in his area got a second cutting, the season started late and supplies are low.

Logan said that producers in his area might offset low supplies by planting winter pastures, but unless his area gets more rain they will just be wasting seed in dry ground.

"It's bad. I don't know what we're going to do," Logan said.

North of Dallas, the answer to "Got hay?" would be, "Yes and no," said Rick Maxwell, AgriLife Extension agent for Collin County.

"No, we are short of high

quality grass hay," Maxwell said, "but a lot of producers are baling up corn stalks, so I imagine we'll be okay."

Maxwell noted that though supplies of corn stalk hay will be plentiful, it is low on energy and protein compared to grass hay. Producers will have to feed more of it and add supplements, but he believes most will get through the winter without having to bale hay.

In his area, rains have been hit and miss, with only some areas getting enough moisture for another cutting.

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

CENTRAL: High aflatoxin levels became more prevalent in corn. Cotton looked very good. Sunflower yields were very good, but pastures badly needed rain. Hay producers were hoping for a third cutting, but without rain soon, that won't happen. Stocker operators sold off most of their calves as soon as the grass played out. Some cow-calf operators had already weaned and sold calves.

COASTAL BEND: Hot and humid weather persisted. Heat stress continued to be an issue for both humans and livestock. The corn harvest came to a close with the best yields in years in the northern part of the district. Quite a bit of grain sorghum was left in the field and was cased out for insurance due to head sprouting. However, later-planted sorghum had good yields. The cotton harvest was ongoing with very good yields reported. Some producers began preparing land for winter plantings. Hay producers were taking a third cutting and, in some instances, a fourth.

EAST: No measurable rain was received during the reporting period. Because of the extreme heat and

dry weather, many counties posted burn bans. Forage growth in pastures came to a halt in most areas and slowed in others. Producers were searching out-of-area for hay to buy. Some producers made preparations for winter pastures but will need rain before proceeding further. Grasshoppers and armyworms were still being reported. Feral-hog activity slowed in some areas, but the invasive species continued to cause damage throughout the region. Livestock were in fair to good condition.

FAR WEST: A cool front brought scattered rainfall with accumulations of 0.2 inch to 5 inches to the region, but many parts of the region remained dry. Cotton may not have enough moisture to fill bolls. Area ranchers were worried about wildfires in rangeland. A rainy spring resulted in a lot of dry grass for fuel in the pastures. Grass was heading out and beginning to cure. Spider mites were reported in some dryland cotton fields.

NORTH: Soil-moisture levels ranged from very short to adequate. Several days of temperatures above 100 degrees took a toll on grain crops and pastures. The corn harvest was nearly complete with yields below earlier expectations. The excessive rains that prevented planting until mid-April, along with the two-week stretch of high temperatures, were the main reasons for the blow-average corn yields. Only about 25 percent of the normal acreage was planted in the spring because of extremely wet weather. Of those fields that did make a grain crop, the best yields were only 50-60 bushels per acre. Many yields were far lower, in the 20-30 bushel per acre range. Some fields were too poor to harvest, and produc-

ers just baled the stalks for hay. Grain sorghum was in good condition, with yield at about average or a little below. Soybeans were in fair condition and should be harvested soon, but the total acreage is lower than average this year. Cotton was in fair condition, and peanuts were in very poor condition. Pastures and hay meadows have also suffered from the hot, dry weather. Producers were preparing ground to plant winter annuals for grain and for grazing. Most producers reported a very short hay season, and even though some areas have had marginal rains, production remained limited. Livestock were in fair to good condition, but some producers were selling head due to the shortage of grass and hay. Many were feeding full hay, as they would in December or January. Some producers reported their hay supplies are adequate and expected to be okay, unless there is not a wet and cold winter like last year's.

PANHANDLE: Temperatures were below average with scattered showers. A cool front dropped nighttime temperatures into the mid 40s, setting a record low for August. Soil moisture varied from short to surplus with most areas reporting adequate levels. Corn was in mostly good condition. Cotton was in mostly fair condition, but needed more heat units. Sorghum was in fair to good condition. Producers were either preparing wheat fields for planting or had already planted them. Rangeland and pastures were mostly in fair condition. Cattle were in good condition.

ROLLING PLAINS: A cold front came to the region, relieving area producers, crops and livestock from the 100-degree-plus temper-

atures. In some parts of the district, soil moisture-levels approached critically low levels, with many pastures turning brown due to lack of moisture. A burn ban was enacted in Stonewall County. Cotton progressed well, with some producers reporting cracked bolls. Growers were harvesting grain sorghum. Many producers kept busy plowing and fertilizing fields in preparation for wheat planting. Haskell County peanut producers were busy defending their crops from feral hogs. Prussic acid poisoning in forages has been a major concern in Wise County and other surrounding counties. Fly and mosquito populations were extremely high. Livestock were in good condition.

SOUTH: In the eastern part of the district, a cool front brought scattered showers and from the heat wave. Soil moisture levels in that area were adequate but short to very short in the rest of the region as a result of high temperatures, high winds and no precipitation. Rangeland and pastures began to show signs of stress due to temperatures of 100 to 109 degrees. With the high temperatures and high evaporation rates, stock-tank water levels declined, and producers had to increase supplemental feeding as a result. Despite the adverse conditions, cattle body condition scores remained good to fair. In the northern part of the region, the corn harvest wound down, the sorghum harvesting was finished, the cotton harvest was poised to begin and peanuts were doing well. In the eastern parts of the region, the corn and milo harvests were completed, with corn yields of 100 bushels per acre and milo yields of 4,000 pounds per acre. Also in that area, cotton yields were between

1.25 and two bales per acre. In the western part of the region, producers were actively irrigating cotton and pecans, and the corn and sorghum harvests were completed. In the western part of the region, the harvesting of soybeans and hay was ongoing.

SOUTH PLAINS: Temperatures across the region were considerably cooler with highs in the upper 70s to lower 80s and a record low of 51. Soil moisture was short to adequate. Corn was in good condition. Cotton was in good condition and moving toward cutout. Earlier-planted cotton was opening bolls. Grain sorghum was in good condition, ranging in growth stage from bloom to mature. Pastures and rangeland were in good condition. A lot of forage was produced but will need to cure prior to freezing weather. Cattle were in good to excellent condition.

SOUTHEAST: Parts of the area saw isolated showers, but much of the area remained very dry. Many mature trees were dying. Producers continued to bale hay in spite of short moisture conditions. Livestock were okay, but ponds levels were down.

WEST CENTRAL: Hot, dry weather with temperatures in the triple digits continued until the middle of the reporting period when a cool front brought rain and dropped temperatures down. The cooler temperatures reduced heat stress on crops. Cotton continued to do very well, and the grain sorghum harvest was under way. Producers were cutting and baling hay. Peanuts were doing well under continued irrigation. Growers continued to work fields in preparation for fall planting. Where there was rain, pastures greened, but stock-tank water levels continue to drop elsewhere. Livestock were in good condition.

Teacher...

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bolster a fading economy, and pave the way for a brighter future. This is certainly true regarding the profession of teaching. Out teachers are responsible for providing a learning environment where our children can prepare to face the times ahead. These individuals, both primary and secondary educators and those teaching in our uni-

versities perform an almost thankless task, caring for and nurturing our future generations.

Ask any educator why they chose teaching as a profession, and their initial answers may vary from wanting to help children learn to this being a dream of theirs since they were in school. While their answers may vary, one thing is certain, the money

will not be that answer. Perhaps their parents were educators, or perhaps they were influenced by a teacher in their past. What we admire about those who impact our lives is not their ability to teach, it is their loving care and concern for us as individuals.

We should make an effort to thank these wonderful people for their labors, and Post is an excellent place to do just that. The formula is simple: Think back on a teacher that has made an impact on your life. Go through a mental checklist of the reasons that educator influenced you in a positive way. Maybe you would not be able to reach that person, but there are plenty of teachers here in Post who would appreciate your gratitude. A simple gesture of thanks can go a great distance in helping them to see the tremendous worth of their chosen profession.

Teachers, thank you for all you do. May God bless your future and see you through these uncertain times.

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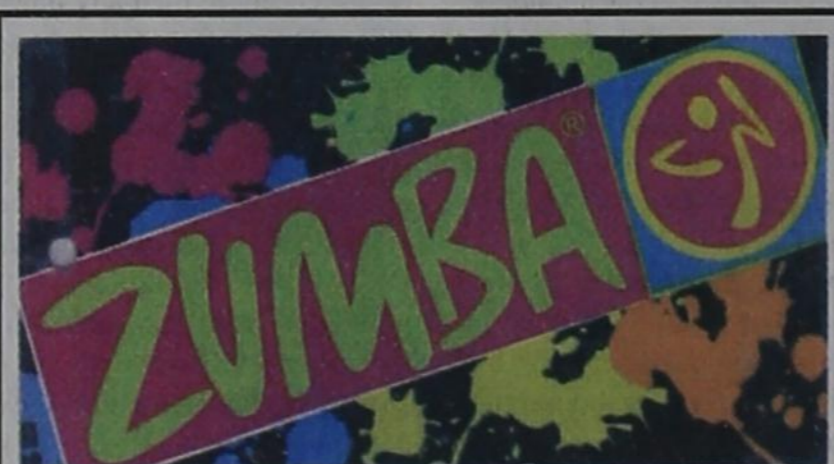
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