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Despite Budget Cuts, Post ISD Maintains Positive Outlook

by Darren Weaver
Correspondent

Everyone is acutely aware of the lagging funds available for the Texas Education System. As the legislature in Austin irons out the specifics for the 2011/2012 year, the administration in Post is taking a "business as usual" approach. Absorbing the reduction is no easy task, but educating our students remains the number one priority of those in the district offices. In order to maintain this focus, steps have already been taken to address the shortfall.

The first question that arises when funding is reduced from the state is an obvious one. Will educators keep their jobs? The next question is also on the minds of

parents and other concerned residents of the community. Will the programs currently offered by the district suffer? Each question is valid in today's economic downturn, and each was expertly addressed in an interview with School Superintendent Mike Comeaux.

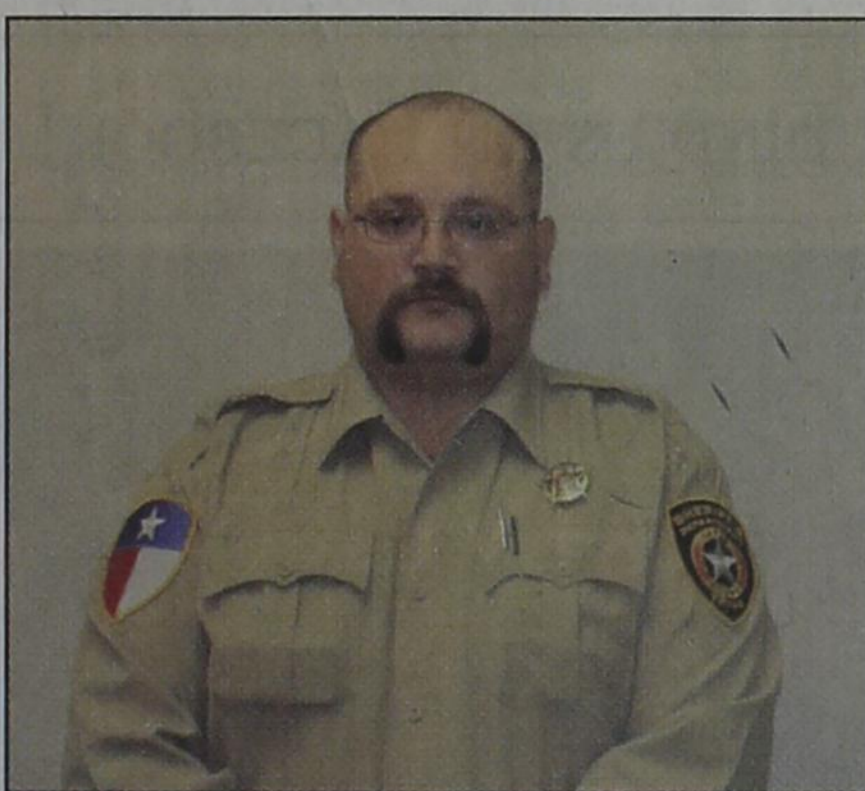
The first answer was a confident one. Any educator that desired to remain in the district was able to do just that. When funds are short of course our first thought goes to the salaries paid to those educators, and whether teacher jobs will be cut to try to manage the loss. What will that mean to our local economy, and what will it

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Garza County Deputy Commended For Saving a Life

On June 1st, The Garza County Sheriff's Department, the Garza County Constables Department and The Post Fire Department responded to a medical call in the 500 block of South Ave. G. Garza County Sheriff's Deputy Kerry Clay and Deputy Constable Brian Smith responded to assist. Deputy Clay was the first unit on scene and within moments, began to administer CPR life saving procedures. Subsequently, the patient was airlifted to Lubbock for emergency medical care. In June of 2011, Sheriff Cliff Laws received a letter of appreciation from Post/Garza County EMS Administrator Rodney Tidwell on behalf of Deputy Clay stating in part, "When Kerry Clay arrived he immediately took action by performing CPR while requesting additional responders and AeroCare air support. Kerry Clay's Immediate action saved the life of a citizen of Post and Garza



County." Administrator Tidwell continued, "Doing a job you get paid for is one thing. But responding to "assist" on a medical call and being the only one there and taking immediate life saving action is another and Kerry Clay is to be commended for his actions on this day. Kerry Clay is an outstanding asset to the Garza County Sheriff's Department and to the Citizens of Post and Garza County." Lt. Michael Taylor added, "Deputy

Clay is a full time officer of the Garza County Sheriff's Department assigned to the Jail Division. He is also a Reserve Patrol Deputy and has faithfully served for the last year and a half. Deputy Clay is a professional and caring officer who does not need to be asked when carrying out his sworn duty, he simply goes in whenever and wherever needed. The Garza County Sheriff's Department is proud to have professional officers such as Deputy Clay."

Re: Kerry Clay
Sheriff Cliff Laws,

I would like to take the opportunity to recognize one of your deputies for outstanding service to our community and going above and beyond the call of duty to assist on a medical call.

On May 1, 2011 reserve deputy, Kerry Clay responded to an unconscious/unresponsive patient. Our ambulance had just left the hospital and was responding from Lubbock and no other EMT's were in town at the time. When Kerry arrived he immediately took action by performing CPR while requesting additional responders and AeroCare air support. Kerry's immediate action saved the life of a citizen of Post and Garza County.

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Thank you,
Rodney Tidwell
Rodney Tidwell NREMT-Paramedic
Administrator

Post Notes

Ragtown Gospel Theater play resumes after holiday break

Ragtown Gospel Theater will resume the play Abraham's Promise beginning this Friday evening Ragtown Gospel Band opening with an hour of gospel music at 7:30 pm and a Saturday afternoon matinee at 3:00 pm. The play will continue to run through July 23rd. If you haven't been out to see this play and hear this band, you don't know what you are missing.

Covenant sponsors children's grief camp Hospice of Lubbock will host its 21st annual children's grief camp entitled "The Mystical, Magical Wonder of Grief" on Friday, July 22 from 6 - 10 p.m. and Saturday, July 23 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The camp is for children 5 to 17 years of age, who have experienced the death of a family member or friend within the past two years. Hospice of Lubbock employees, counselors and volunteers will be available to offer their support and help attendees through the grieving process.

Friday, July 22 is movie night. Children will enjoy a movie, snacks and fun. Saturday will revolve around crafts and games based on the movie shown.

Summer Rec Students:



My son was going from his home to town in his wheel chair. It is not a power chair like you see a lot of people in going down the street; it

Students who attended summer rec and have movie passes can use them until the end of July. The deadline has been extended. Please use your movie passes if you have them. Call Lorie Rivera at 495-3253 or 441-8465 for more information.

Graham Chapel Church of Christ Has Summer in the Park VBS every Wednesday night in July from 7:00pm-8:00p.m. Classes for all ages with refreshments following!

A FAMILY THAT...

July 6: **Does.** Peter walks on the water. (Matt. 14:22-33)

July 13: **Cares.** Jesus feeds the 5,000. (Matt. 14:13-22)

July 20: **Accepts.** Jesus heals a leper. (Matt. 8:1-4)

July 27: **Asks.** Jesus heals two blind men. (Matt. 20:29-34)

Graham Ole Opry:

The Graham Ole Opry will be held Saturday July 16 from 7:00p 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 snacks will be available. For more information contact Noel White at 806-495-326.

First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School

First Baptist Church- Post will hold Vacation Bible School July 17-21 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All children who have completed Kindergarten through 6th grade are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, or if you need to schedule for the van to pick up your child(ren), please call 928-0664.

Centennial Plaza Brick Order

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce will be placing an order for bricks at Centennial Plaza on July 22. Please have your order to the Chamber office by July 21. Order forms can be downloaded at www.postcitytexas.com or picked up at the Chamber office at the Historic Depot.

Bingo Night

A bingo night will be held on August 4 at the Community Center hosted by the Post Area Chamber of Commerce. The Women's Division is in charge of the concessions so plan on some good food and good fun along with prizes.

Rodeo Parade

The Post Stampede Rodeo will be here on August 11, 12 & 13 which means the Rodeo Parade will be at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 13. If

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is just a plain wheel chair. Due to the lack of use of his arms, he is not able to push it like most people would, he has to push it backwards with one leg. Someone saw him going down the street and offered him a ride. The Wheel Chair was put up next to the tennis court at 6th and Avenue K. When he

returned a few hours later to pick up the wheel chair it was not there. I can't believe someone would steal a person's wheel chair. Would you please call 790-0725 or return the wheel chair to 811 W. 6th Street. Thank you very much.

Wanda Dooley
495-3579

PACC NEWS

We have two new Chamber members to welcome this week:

Lubbock Area Foundation/ Post-Garza County Endowment

Tom Butler Memorial Bronc Ride
These are two great organizations that we look forward to having as part of our Chamber.

The Rotary Club will have its annual flea and tick dip this Saturday at the firehouse from 9 a.m. – noon. Dr. Wink from the Garza County Animal Hospital will also be available to offer reduced rates on all shots.

The Cactus & Crude Bike Ride benefiting multiple sclerosis will be ending up in Post again this year. This 150 mile race starts in Midland and takes two days to get to Post. Come to the City Park the morning of Sunday, July 17, to cheer for the partici-

pants as they cross the finish line.

We will be placing a brick order for Memorial Plaza on July 22. If you need an order form, you can download one at postcitytexas.com or contact the PACC office. All orders need to be turned in by July 21.

The city is offering curbside pickup the second full week of July. Items should be placed by the curb the week of July 11 by 9:00 a.m.

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Bingo Night on August 4. Make plans to come for an evening of fun and prizes.

The Post Stampede Rodeo will be here before you know it. The annual parade will be on Saturday, August 13. Call the Chamber office if you would like to enter.

Congratulations to our Members of the Week:



Gold Member – GARZA ABSTRACT



Silver Member – McDONALDS

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Local Post student graduates from University of North Texas

DENTON (UNT), Texas - The following students from your area received degrees at the University of North Texas' spring 2011 commencement ceremonies: Jerica Lee Tyler, MS in Speech-Language Pathology UNT is one of Texas' largest universi-

ties, offering 97 bachelor's, 88 master's and 40 doctoral degree programs. Many of these programs are nationally and internationally recognized. A student-centered public research university, UNT is the flagship campus of the UNT System.

Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Heading to Clovis, NM, July 14-16

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will hold a wild horse and burro adoption in Clovis, N.M., July 14-16, 2011. The three-day event at the Curry County Events Center will feature over 50 spectacular animals. These are adult and yearling horses and burros that once roamed free on public lands in the West. The BLM periodically removes excess animals from the range in order to maintain healthy herds and to protect other rangeland resources. The adoption program is essential for achieving these important management goals.

Adoption Schedule

Adoption begins with a competitive bid Thursday July 14, at 2 p.m. First-come-first-served adoptions follow until 6 p.m., then again Friday, July 15, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, July 16, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Adoption Qualifications

Application approval is required and can be done on site. To qualify to adopt, one must be at least 18 years old with no record of animal abuse. Adopters must have a minimum of 400 square feet of corral space per animal, with free access to food, water and shelter. A six-foot corral fence is required for adult horses and five feet for yearlings. All animals must be loaded in covered stock-type trailers with swing gates and sturdy walls and floors. BLM staff will be on hand to assist with the short ap-

plication process, answer any questions and load horses.

Adoption Fees

The standard adoption fee is \$125, as set by law. Bidding will start at that amount.

\$500 Adoption Incentive

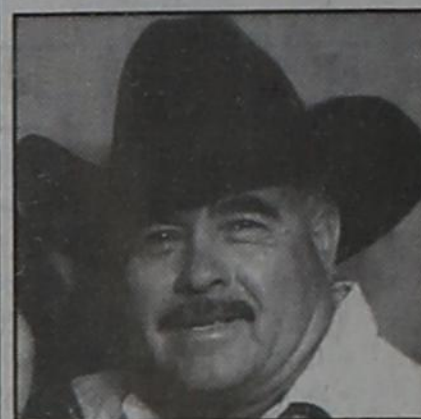
BLM pays a one-time \$500 care-and-feeding allowance to adopters of horses at least four years old. The allowance is paid in full after one year when adopters receive official ownership title for their horse(s). All standard adoption conditions and fees apply. A limited number of eligible horses will be available at Canutillo. Younger horses, burros and trained animals are not eligible for this incentive.

Wild horses and burros - iconic symbols of America's western heritage - are renowned for their strength, endurance, agility and intelligence, characteristics bred into them in the wild that make them ideal for work or recreation. Since 1973, the BLM has placed more than 220,000 of these "living legends" in approved homes across the country.

For more information, call toll-free 866-4-MUSTANGS (866.468.7826) or visit www.blm.gov/nm.

Directions to the Curry County Events Center (1900 E. Brady Ave.): In Clovis, at the intersection of U.S. Hwy 70 and County Rd. 9 (Brady Ave.), go east approximately ¾ of a mile. The Events Center is on the left.

OBITUARIES



MANUEL ZUBIA

Mass for Manuel Zubia, 62, of Post will be held at 11 AM Friday, July 8, 2011 at Holy Cross Catholic Church with Fr. Hugh Thekkell officiating. Burial in Terrace Cemetery will be under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home. Rosary will be Thursday at 7 PM at the funeral home.

He died Friday, July 1, 2011 in Lubbock. He was born January 10, 1949 in Camargo, Chihuahua, Mexico to Librado and Consuelo Zubia-Lopez. He had been a resident of Post for many years where he worked for Rocker A until an accident forced his retirement.

Survivors include his wife: Rachel Zubia of Post, 5 Sons: Raul Zubia of Colorado, Sammy Zubia of Colorado, Frankie Villarreal of Lubbock, John Rodriguez of Wichita Falls and Josh Rodriguez of Lubbock, 3 Daughters: Alana Zubia of Lubbock, Victoria Rodriguez of Post and Vanessa Rodriguez of Post, his Mother: Consuelo Zubia of Mexico, 8 Brothers including Jaime Zubia of Post, 10 Sisters and 8 Grandchildren.

His Father, 2 Brothers, 1 Sister and 2 Grandchildren preceded him in death

Trailblazers Menu

July 11th-July 15th

Monday

Beef Enchiladas, Rice, Salad, Pineapple Cake, Crackers

Tuesday

Roast Beef, Mash Potatoes, Carrots, Roll, Banana Pudding

Wednesday

Swiss Steak, Potatoes, Beet Salad, Roll, Chocolate Cake

Thursday

Ham, Sweet Potato Casserole, Cream Peas, Roll, Jello

Friday

Turkey & Dressing, Green Bean Casserole, Mashed Potatoes, Roll, Fruit Salad

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The 501

by
Hanaba Munn Welch

Breezes don't ruffle curtains like they used to. That's because you have to open the window to make it happen. Who opens windows?

In North Central Texas, the newer the house and nicer the suburb, the less likely the windows open. I could be wrong. That's my impression.

When I was a kid in the drought of the '50s, evaporative coolers ruled. They fit in windows. You hooked them up to a water supply, and they kept you cool and made your wallpaper want to fall off. If a little oil boom hadn't come along, my folks wouldn't have been able to upgrade to refrigerated window units. I sort of liked the old coolers better. I liked the water in the bottom and the excelsior-looking stuff in the sides and the drum fan that looked like something you'd see in cartoons with an animal making it spin.

Mother, however, much preferred the new units. They rumbled on 220 volts. Impressive. They cost fifty cents a day to operate. Ouch. We

used them sparingly, leaving them off until late morning. They ran during the heat of the day and into the evening. At bedtime we turned each unit off, turned all lights off, opened the double-hung windows, wide at the bottom and a little at the top, and jumped into bed, in that order. You didn't dare open a window with the lights on. Various insects loitered outside, some of them capable of getting through less-than-perfect window screens to zoom around inside. It was their purpose in life.

Intrusive insects sometimes came in after curfew despite our precautions. I remember hearing one bug buzz in and land on my bed with a thud. He sounded huge. I lay very still, waiting for him to leave. I waited long. Finally it dawned on me that he wasn't going to rev his engines for take-off. I turned the light on to investigate. Sure enough, he was gone. His identity remains a mystery. He lives in my imagination.

All who reside in today's hermetically sealed houses

miss all that. No mysterious night bugs. No breezes. No listening to distant thunder and smelling the rain through a dusty window screen.

Today's cars similarly shut out the natural world. We zip down the road at 74 degrees and miles per hour, occasionally checking an ambient temperature gauge just to see what we're missing.

The other day, when the outside reading was 109, my car began to overheat from the strain of towing a trailer. I turned the air conditioner off, and things went back to normal, except for me.

I opened my window to catch the breeze, thankful that car windows still open. I bought ice next and put cubes on my head and down my neck. I balanced cubes on both knees, which is not as bad as texting.

The ice melted. The water evaporated. Shades of the past and evaporative coolers. I was almost cool. All I needed was a breeze-filled curtain.

Maybe next time.

Yesteryears

10 Years Ago
"Electrical Misfits" entertained during July 4th activities at the City Park. Band members were: Jeff Redman, Casey Griffin, Derek Guthrie and J.M. Olson.

Tonya Harp and Gregory Smith exchanged vows July 7, 2001.

Jennifer M. Morgan was one of 67 outstanding high school graduates awarded a Carr Academic Scholarship in 2001 at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

Randy Owen, lead singer for the famous "Alabama" country band stopped in for lunch at Holly's Drive In.

20 Years Ago
A Harley Sadler Show' opened for a 16 performance at the Garza Theatre.

July 11, 1991 was a partial solar eclipse was visible throughout the Southwestern U.S.

The Post Dispatch completed 65 years of business as told by the founder and former publisher Eddie Warren. He pointed out that the first edition was the first week of June in 1926. Thanks went out to Eddie and Pauline, Jim and Helen, and all those people through the years who have worked at The Post Dispatch giving of themselves to help

maintain such a strong influence in our town.

30 Years Ago
Syd Conner was installed as president of the Post Rotary Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Epley celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple was married July 13, 1931.

Melisa Tatum and Brent Mason made the Dean's List at Lubbock Christian College out of 180 students.

40 Years Ago
Dr. Charles G. Tubbs "returned home" July 1 to become associated with the Medical Center and Laboratory in general family practice. His wife, Ann Tubbs who is a registered nurse will also be associated with the Medical Center and Laboratory.

Norm Cash belted two home runs each with two mates aboard in Detroit to lead Detroit Tigers to a 12-7 victory over New York Yankees and put himself into the American League home run lead with 19.

50 Years Ago

Jerry Gerner and Neal Francis received the State Farmer Degree in Dallas at the annual state convention of FFA.

Mary Louise McCrary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Giles McCrary moved to Lubbock to attend the second semester of summer school at Texas Tech.

Post Archery Club hosted a registered shoot of the West Texas Archery League on the local range just south of town.

60 Years Ago
1951 Third driest year in Post in 43 year history. With only 3.91 inches of rainfall had fallen in Post since January 1, 1951.

Two Cases of Polio hit Post. Roland Rose, the 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rose, and Cherry Dadson, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon "Mutt" Dadson, was in an Iron Lung and still in serious condition.

Two of Garza County's outstanding 4-H club members, Miss Sybil Lois Smith and Cater Gene White were married by Rev. D.W. Reed.

LEGENDS...

GARZA COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

By Linda Puckett

Part four of the Jack Alley story continues.

On one of these raids, the Indians came upon Chet and Charley Dockum, sons of the postmaster at Dockum ranch, near the breaks of the Plains and captured them; but they soon turned the boys loose, even giving their horses back on which to ride home. It was a wonder they didn't kill the boys.

We were bothered but very little from cattle thieves, partly because of the fact that we were on the extreme frontier, and most of the lawless element was back a little farther nearer towns.

Back in those days we never lost any cattle to amount to anything from cold weather or blizzards. It has been since the coming of fences that the cattle froze to death. Then, when a blizzard blew up, the cattle would turn-tail to it and head south. As they kept moving they never froze. The problem then was for the cowman to get his cattle back from ranches to the south of him, and they were likely as not scattered over many miles. Since the coming of the wire fence, cattle drift to the fence line, stop, and freeze to death.

Other important Indian

fight of West Texas fit in here very well. These have been told before, but I may be able to add a few facts. Even West Texas has an interesting historical background, and I'm telling you these facts in order that our citizens may know more of the actual truths concerning this background of our country and the pioneers who made possible its development.

Jim Chick, a Texas Ranger, with whom I use to work and know very well back in Palo Pinto County, told me the story that follows. He was a participant in the expedition and fight and knew the details.

Sul Ross, later governor of our state, on one of his trips out to West Texas to fight Indians that were raiding the frontier, captured an Indian boy, carried him back to Waco and raised and educated him. His white captors gave him

the name Pease Ross, the first name for the Pease River where he was taken, and the last for Sul Ross.

Cynthia Ann Parker, whose name is better known to the reading public, was taken in the same battle. That was in 1860. About three years previously, the Indians had captured Cynthia Ann as a small girl during a raid in Central Texas. She grew up, learned the Indian language and ways of living, forgot her native tongue, married the Indian Chief Nocona, and was the mother of the late Chief Quanah Parker of the Comanches, for whom Quanah, Texas is named.

Ross and about a hundred or more rangers, soldiers, and other Indian fighters surprised the band of Comanches at their camp on the Pease, killing men, women and children before the Indians knew what

was taking place. Noticing a woman with blue eyes and light hair among the Indians, Ross saved her and the small child she carried in her arms. Although she was returned to her white relatives, she was never satisfied living with her own race. The Indian boy was also picked up from the battle field by one of the rangers and carried to camp. Ross took a liking to the boy and adopted him.

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Summer in the Park!

Lessons From Matthew on Being God's Family

Hey Jeeder! It's Time for VBS!

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Weather

This crazy west Texas weather.....Rob and I got caught out on the motorcycle Tuesday evening and got hit by a few rain drops. I said a few. It sure did smell good but it really wasn't anything measurable. Keep praying for rain!

News

We didn't get to set off any fireworks this year but there were plenty "gatherings" out here...all on the same road. The Smith family had their annual reunion at Bunny's house; Four and a half miles east on the Bullard farm was another gathering with approximately 50 people. Back down the road west at the Childs/Ellis place was another get-to-gather with all of Jim and Nedra's kids; Janet; Skipper, Connie and Connie's mother, Pat; Dennis and Diane

Custer and their granddaughter, Jordan of Colorado. Jordan, Ally, Abby, Raul and Emily had a great time...even making their very own swimming pool!

Dylan Morris spent a sometime in with his aunt and uncle, Tim and Diane Morris, while in Lubbock he attended the Texas Tech basketball camp. Dylan did great the first week and the second week his coach said he improved even better! The second week Dylan's team came out the champs by winning the whole tournament. Way to go Dylan....we are very proud of you! Dylan is the son of Chuck and Kristi and Grandson to Charles and Sharron.

Ya'll don't forget to mark your calendars for July 30th, that is our 3rd annual ice cream social. Hanks and Company along with Foley Bluegrass will play again. Watch for details as the date gets closer.

Did you know...

Alfalfa is the oldest known plant used for livestock feed.

Visitors
Grant Bright came in last week; Kenith Bullard stopped in Tuesday; Russ both Jakes and Lexi also got to come visit. Ya'll come see us now....remember we have the cheapest snacks and drinks in the county!

Don't forget to check out our page on Facebook under Close City Community. Feel free to write on our wall or post pictures. It's a fun place to keep up with friends and happenings.

Close City Birthdays

July 8th - Brandi Gunn Pleasant, Jon Page
July 12th - James Melton
July 13th - Nancy Morris
July 14th - Ken Young, Ronnie Graves

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The Poor Preacher

BY: Michael F. Taylor

Young Billy had been restless throughout the Sunday Morning service and his mother had chastised him several times about sitting still and not causing a ruckus while the Pastor was speaking. His father would sternly look at him as mom scolded in her quite but decidedly emphatic way! Finally, the Pastor asked all the congregation to stand and said the closing prayer. Billy happily bounded up and down the aisle now talking to his friend Johnny who had probably just experienced the same scolding from his mother that Billy had.

After about ten minutes of Mom and Dad visiting, it was time to leave the Sanctuary. The Pastor was standing in the back of the church vestibule near the exit as the each member departed. As Billy's parents shook hands with the pastor and began to walk out the door, Billy looked at the minister and said in his loudest, outside voice, "Preacher, I really did listen to you about giving money to the Lord. And when I grow up, I am going to give you some money too." To which the Pastor smiled and replied, "Well, Billy thank you so much. God will bless you for giving to the church. And I will appreciate it too. But why do you want to give me money?"

The Preacher should have left it alone, because little Billy immediately exclaimed, "Because my Daddy says your one of the POOREST PREACHERS THIS CHURCH HAS EVER HAD!!!!"

Well, I'm not sure that monetary wealth or the lack thereof was what Billy's father was addressing, but at least Billy had good thoughts in his heart. And it doesn't really matter how much money you have in the bank to God. Because He provides for our needs!! And even more important than just our physical needs, God provides for our spiritual needs as well. We are told in John Chapter 6, "31 Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" 32 Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." Here in this scripture, Jesus is affirming to you and I that He is the Bread of God and He gives life to the World!!!!

And just one verse away, Jesus DECLARES in John 6:35 "Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty." Do you know what a declaration is? Dictionary.com defines the word DECLARATION:

- 1. The act of declaring; announcement; a declaration of a dividend.
- 2. A positive, explicit, or formal statement; proclamation; a declaration of war.
- 3. Something that is announced, avowed, or proclaimed.

So here in John Chapter 6, each of us is assured by the Son of God, that our needs; physical, emotional and spiritual are taken into account by the Savior Himself. Jesus has proclaimed it, avowed it and announced it for all to know that He is truly our Salvation and He is truly our deliverance. God bless each of you and remember that POOR OLD PASTOR this coming Sunday!!!!

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

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Deuteronomy 6:5

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PARVO – Fact or Fiction continued...



By Dr. Kerry Wink, DVM
Correspondent

To finish up our two part series, we are now going to talk about Rabies. We are going to be discussing the importance of vaccinating against Rabies, pathogenesis, clinical signs and requirements for Rabies vaccine in Garza County.

Rabies virus is a highly fatal disease in virtually all warm-blooded animals, this includes humans as well. The main reason that we vaccinate our animals is to prevent human exposure to Rabies. There is a vaccine available for most of our domestic animals that does a very good job of protecting them.

Rabies virus is transmitted in the saliva into a deep bite wound. From there it enters into the body and attacks our nervous system. From the time of the bite wound until noticeable signs are exhibited is ex-

tremely variable, but is usually in the range of 2-8 weeks.

Clinical signs of Rabies virus are broken down into three main phases. The first phase is the Prodromal phase, which is often undetected by the owners. Here, there may be subtle signs of strange behavior, fever, slow eye movement and chewing at the bite site. The second phase is the Furious phase that we most often think about. Here the animal shows signs of erratic, unusual behavior including aggression. The last phase is the Paralytic phase where paralysis develops and shortly after that death.

In Garza County the law states that every dog must be vaccinated every year for Rabies. On Saturday, July 9th from 9am - noon, the Rotary Dog Dip and Shot clinic will be held at the fire department here in Post. This annual event is a wonderful service to the

community offering low cost vaccines and dog dips for flea/tick treatment. My staff and I will there offering vaccines for rabies, parvo, etc to all dog owners. Come out and support the Post Rotary club and ensure your pet the best protection possible from Parvovirus and Rabies.

It is my pleasure to serve our wonderful community as your veterinarian. I am happy to be

writing this column each week to help pet owners understand not only their pet's needs, but also the 'backstage' aspect to my career choice. If you have questions or would like to see a particular topic covered, you can email the clinic at gcab@windstream.net, post on our facebook page. (www.facebook.com/GarzaCountyAnimalHospital), or give us a call, 806-495-3726.

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Thank You
Our Dearest Friends:
Thank you dear friends, for your every kindness showed to us while we were there for a celebration of life service and to Larry Duke's remains. Thanks to each one who did some little thing or big, to make our trip a little easier in every way. Thank you for the use of the church, the flowers, the food, and so many other things. I hesitate to name names or things for fear I will forget some. Thanks to Dee and Janet who were so thoughtful in every way. To Nancy Gordon for playing, and Janetta for singing to us so beautifully. I know we are of all people most blessed.

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Letter of Thanks:
I would like to take time to thank a group of men who have been helping during all of these wildfires in Garza County. This group goes out any time day or night with Post and Lake Alan Henry Fire Departments to help any way they can. Here is a list of names: Louis Abraham, David Quintana, Bradley Cimental, Joe Cimental, David Sparlin, Lamar Jones, Willard Yarbrow, Gary McDaniels, Jerry Benham, and Judge Lee Norman. These men are doing this just to help the people of Garza County and if you see one of them, please give them a big thank you for a job well done!

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Help Wanted
Post ISD is now accepting applications to fill three teacher's aide positions. Applicants may pick up an application in person at 501 South Avenue K, Post, or by downloading from the school website, www.postisd.net, and returning it to the above address. Applications are also being accepted for substitute teacher positions. Post ISD does not discriminate against any individual with respect to compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment on the basis of any of the following protected characteristics: race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability or any other genetic information.

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Bid specifications may be obtained by contacting Shellee Odom, Post ISD Business Manager, 806-495-3343 or at Post ISD Administration; 501 So. Ave K; Post, Tx. 79356 Post I.S.D. reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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mean for the individual student in the classroom? In truth, the student to teacher ratio in the district has been very low compared to other similar districts in the region. Last year's classroom ratio hovered between 8 to 1 and 9 to 1, and the coming year's goal is 12 to 1 or 13 to 1. State Legislation dictates a 22 to 1 ratio, so Post is still well within numbers that will lend toward more personal attention for the individual student. While this will mean an increased workload for teachers, a somewhat larger class can even lead to better opportunities for educators to break students into small groups for cooperative learning efforts.

The better news comes in the answer to the second question of program cuts. Will students attending Post Schools still have the same choices and be offered the same programs as before? The student-first attitude that lies at the heart of the administrative offices has proven to be the prevailing theme. Not only will current programs be

safe from cuts, but new program offerings such as volleyball are being added. This focus on the students will insure that no matter what happens in Austin, Post Schools will continue to provide a positive and productive learning environment.

So how is this possible? The cuts will be substantial, to be sure. In order to manage the shortfall while continuing to provide a quality education for our students, nothing short of a juggling act will be required. Every aspect of the district budget has been examined and evaluated for possible cuts. The current estimations, however, have already been largely absorbed through voluntary attrition and combining positions within the district. As much as 75% of the shortfall has already been taken care of in this respect. The remaining 25% will be more than manageable without carving into travel, expenses, or equipment that would directly affect the students. In simple terms, absorbing the last of the shortfall will be a surmountable hill in-

stead of an impossible mountain.

Important to note within these parameters are programs that Post offers in comparison with other districts in 2A. For example, Post offers a full day of Pre-K classes while most other districts offer only a half-day or no Pre-K at all. This is a critical program for socializing younger children and preparing them for the Kindergarten classroom. Many children leave Pre-K with the ability to recite the alphabet, count, and write their name. Compared to children who first encounter the structure of a classroom environment in Kindergarten, those who have attended a full day of Pre-K the previous year need very little in the way of instructional socialization.

Also of importance is the new testing program mandated by the state, which will hopefully make it easier for educators and students alike, and provide a more accurate way of evaluating the student's overall progressive learning. These programs cost money to implement, and cutting costs in those other areas will provide the avenue to concentrate funds toward success for the students and the district in the new testing format.

Certainly, the district will need the continued support of its students, educators, and citizens of the community to help them realize this goal. Yet it is encouraging to say the least that Post ISD can keep offering the same programs and quality education without ever having had a bond issue. High morale will remain a priority as well as the entire district strives for the high level of learning needed to prepare our students for life beyond the environs of Post ISD. The show must go on, and for the students, administration, and educators of Post, it will soar.



All-Star Major League Softball team. Team Members are: Coaches: Howard Alford, Scooter Lynch and JJ Harris Back Row: Herston Alford, Ericka Solis, Morgan Lynch, Laurkyn Fluitt, D'Kota Walls, Victoria Gutierrez, Brooke Blair and Yvette Armendariz Front Row: Lauren Lynch, Kally Comeaux and Katie Quintana.. not pictured is Lexi Antillon.

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Parade will be at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 13. If you would like to participate in the parade, please contact the Chamber office at 495-3461.

Rotary Dog Dip Set for July 9th

On Saturday, July 9th from 9am - noon, the Rotary Dog Dip & vaccine clinic will be held at the fire department here in Post. This annual event is a wonderful service to the community offering low cost vaccines and dog dips for flea/tick treatment. My staff & I will there offering vaccines for rabies, Parvo, etc to all dog owners. Come out and support the Post Rotary club and ensure your pet the best protection from Parvovirus.

MS Bike Ride

The MS Cactus & Crude Bike Ride 2011 will end in Post at the City Park on July 17. They need volunteers to come out to the park and cheer for the riders as they finish the race.

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DATED the 1st day of July, 2011.

Cindy G. Hill
CINDY G. HILL
ATTORNEY FOR THE APPLICANT

OPINION

Trains, Planes, and...Motorcoaches?

By REBECCA DIFIDE

In the wake of our looming debt ceiling and the millions of dollars wasted every year on Amtrak's less-than-stellar service, Republicans in Congress have proposed that Amtrak be privatized so as to maximize not only revenue, but also efficiency.

Amtrak's popular and lucrative Northeast Corridor route, running from Boston down to Washington, D.C., would be sold to the highest bidder and would give a company an opportunity to expand as the market dictated. According to the Wall Street Journal, several companies that manufacture Europe's high speed trains are eyeing the prime piece of travel real estate like a pack of hungry dogs as they stand to engage in a bidding war in the hopes of future profits.

Since its creation in 1970, Amtrak has had more than its share of mishaps. Going beyond just chronic lateness and the uncanny ability to break down more often than a rusty Model T, Amtrak has an astonishing track record of hitting objects such as cars, trucks or people. While no system is perfect it would seem that Amtrak has failed to maintain a standard of even remotely satisfactory or reliable service, which is one of the many reasons they barely manage to turn a profit, despite being in charge of the most densely populated route in the country.

One downside of traveling with Amtrak that could be remedied by privatization is the high cost. For example, to travel from Washington, D.C., to New York City one way costs

an average of \$140, depending on what time you leave and whether or not the train is an Acela, Amtrak's fleet of high-speed trains, which are more expensive. The biggest competitor to the comfortable yet pricey Amtrak trip are Delta and other flight shuttles that service the Northeast Corridor. Business travelers needing to make a round trip in a day could very easily take this route, without having to risk the threat of track issues or engine trouble. Although planes come with added wait time and various invasive Transportation Security Administration (TSA) inspections, this is a small inconvenience in exchange for cheaper fares.

Another route that is often forgotten about, but is relied on by college students and many tourists as the cheapest of all options is the bus route. A bus trip on any one of a number of private motorcoach companies that service the route of D.C. to New York (BOLT! Bus, Greyhound, megabus, Peter Pan, etc), you can make that same trip for as little as \$15. And even if you book last minute, you won't pay more than \$25. Sure, some would say that a train or airplane offers more amenities, however these bus companies now come equipped with expanded leg room, outlets at every seat, and even free WiFi, and their travel times are extremely comparable.

The idea to create private bus routes was absolutely genius because they provide a competitive service for a fourth of the cost, and because buses are essentially autonomous (all that is needed is a driver, unlike a train which maintains a hefty amount of employees to run effectively), it is much easier to garner a profit because they have less expenses. Also, by

traveling on local roads and highways they are more able to adapt to changes in weather or construction via detours, while trains are bound to their fixed track. However by the same token, trains are less likely to be delayed (assuming there are no weather or mechanical difficulties) because there is no traffic and the routes can be timed very accurately. Especially with the economic structure the way it is, they can corner a large portion of the market who only wants to go from point A to point B as quickly and as cheaply as possible.

If the Northeast Corridor route is privatized, it too can boast lower, more financially accessible prices. Also, the issues with crashes and break downs can be dealt with internally, rather than taking taxpayer dollars to pick up the slack where the government was negligent. Although the removal of the Northeast Corridor would likely dissolve Amtrak, that in itself is a good argument to go on with it because if the other routes don't make enough to support themselves and rely on the profits from the Northeast Corridor to stay in service, why do they exist in the first place?

It is safe to say that the incentive to keep subsidizing Amtrak, when the only route that makes any money is being overrun by competitors, is officially gone. There is no reason to spend countless millions of dollars on a trip that can easily (and much more cheaply) be made by using a different method of transportation. Any way you travel you're going to have to make sacrifices, but wasted taxpayer dollars shouldn't be one of them.

MSNBC Analyst Suspended for Crude Truth Telling

By RICK MANNING

The first presidential press conference in three months brought the real Barack Obama clearly into focus and what America, and even the liberal press corps witnessed was not pretty.

Rather than the uniter, visionary leader who they manufactured and sold to the American public, one MSNBC analyst used an off-color pejorative that is a synonym for jerk to describe Obama. Of course, after receiving complaints from the White House, that analyst has been suspended indefinitely. Somehow I don't remember swift suspensions following various attacks that were far cruder against Sarah Palin, but that is another story.

Even more important than the revelation that the anointed one is actually a jerk who talks down to anyone who doesn't bow to his commands, was the incredible site of a president who is renowned for playing basketball and golf demanding that Congress "get to work."

This is audacious even for someone who "wrote" two autobiographies before he had ever done anything.

The "get to work" order comes from a man who submitted a budget to Congress this year that garnered zero votes in the Senate. Not one member of the U.S. Senate was willing to vote for Obama's vision for America. Harry Reid voted no. Barbara Boxer voted no. Even socialist/independent Bernie Sanders voted no. Obama could not lead anyone to vote for

his vision.

The "get to work" order comes from a man who has studiously attempted to avoid involvement in the day to day negotiations over the fiscal future of the nation.

Ironically, the "get to work" order was directed at Republicans in Congress who have passed a budget in the House of Representatives, proposed a plan to deal with the looming Medicare bankruptcy, and have had the courage to tackle sacred cows.

In contrast, the Senate Democrats have not even bothered to offer a budget, let alone pass one, for more than two years. The Senate Democrats and Obama himself have sought to use Republican attempts to begin addressing and saving Medicare for their own political advantage through a campaign of deliberate misrepresentation and knowingly false scare tactics.

Rather than being the adult in the room, Obama showed himself to be the churlish child who stomps, pouts and spits invective when he doesn't get his way. Hardly helpful in an already tense discussion pressed against a short time frame before the United States government runs out of money to pay all of its bills.

Of course, Obama's attitude did cheer one person, former Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who applauded his performance, which probably says more about why she is the former speaker than anything else.

Over the past few months it has become fashionable to

compare Obama's presidency to the disastrously incompetent Jimmy Carter years. I have begun to think this is too kind to Obama as he begins to look more and more like James Buchanan, a man overwhelmed by circumstances whose deer-in-the-headlights approach led to the inevitability of the civil war.

However, the one thing that can be counted upon with this president is that unlike Buchanan, he will not go away easily. Right after his incredible demand that Congress "get to work," Obama flew off to Pennsylvania, a key electoral state where his approval ratings have been in the dumpster lately, to raise a little campaign cash. It is reassuring that in this world where every assumption about our nation's future seems to be in question that one thing remains the same.

The modern politician seems to always think of the American people first, at least those Americans who have check books big enough to fund his re-election ambitions.

The Declaration of Independence concludes with the words, "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor."

It sure would be nice if the occupant of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue took those words to heart and served as a leader rather than a bullhorn-wielding community organizer.

Other Opinions

Clearing the air

By PAUL DRIESSEN

Ever since public, congressional and union anger and anxiety persuaded the Environmental Protection Agency to delay action on its economy-strangling carbon dioxide rules, EPA has been on a take-no-prisoners crusade to impose other job-killing rules for electricity generating plants.

As President Obama said when America rejected cap-and-trade, "there's more than one way to skin the cat." If Congress won't cooperate, his EPA will lead the charge. Energy prices will "skyrocket." Companies that want to build coal-fired power plants will "go bankrupt." His administration will "fundamentally transform" our nation's energy, economic, industrial and social structure.

EPA's proposed "mercury and air toxics" rules for power plants are built on the false premise that we are still breathing the smog, soot and poisons that shrouded London, England and Gary, Indiana sixty years ago. In reality, US air quality improved steadily after the 1970 Clean Air Act was enacted.

Moreover, since 1990, even as US coal use more than doubled, coal-fired power plant emissions declined even further: 58% for mercury, 67% for nitrogen oxides, 70% for particulates, 85% for sulfur dioxide – and just as significantly for most of the other 80 pollutants that EPA intends to cover with its 946-pages of draconian proposed regulations.

It's time to clear the political air – and scrub out some of the toxic disinformation that EPA and its allies have been emitting for months, under a multi-million-dollar "public education" campaign that EPA has orchestrated and funded, to frighten people into supporting its new rules. PR firms, religious and civil rights groups, environmental activists and college students are eagerly propagating the myths.

EPA's "most wanted" outlaw is mercury. But for Americans this villain is as real as Freddy or Norman Bates. To turn power plant mercury emissions into a mass killer, EPA cherry-picked studies and data, and ignored any that didn't fit its "slasher" film script. As my colleague Dr. Willie Soon and I pointed out in our Wall Street Journal and Investor's Business Daily articles, US power plants account for just 0.5% of mercury emitted into North American's air; the other 99.5% comes from natural and foreign sources.

Critics assailed our analysis, but the studies support us, not EPA – as is abundantly clear in Dr. Soon's 85-page report, available at www.AffordablePowerAlliance.org. The report and studies it cites fully support our conclusion that America's fish are safe to eat (in part because they contain selenium and are thus low in biologically available methylmercury, mercury's more toxic cousin), and blood mercury levels for American women and children are already below FDA's and other agencies' safe levels.

Not only are EPA's mercury claims fraudulent. They are scaring people away from eating fish, which are rich in essential fatty acids. In other words, EPA is actively harming people's nutrition and health.

One of the more bizarre criticisms of our analysis contends that mercury released in forest fires "originates from coal-burning power plants," which supposedly shower the toxin onto trees, which release it back into the atmosphere during arboreal conflagrations. In fact, mercury is as abundant in the earth's crust as silver and selenium. It is absorbed by trees through their roots – and their leaves, which absorb those 0.5% (power plant) and 99.5% (other) atmospheric mercury components through their stomata.

Another bizarre criticism is that mercury isn't the issue. The real problem is ultra-fine (2.5 micron) soot particles. So now the "power plant mercury is poisoning babies and children" campaign was just a sideshow! Talk about changing the subject. Now, suddenly, the alleged health benefits and lives saved would come from controlling soot particles. That claim is as bogus as the anti-mercury scare stories.

Even EPA and NOAA data demonstrate that America's air already meets EPA's national standard, which is equivalent to disseminating an ounce of soot (about one and a quarter super-pulverized charcoal briquettes) across a volume of air one-half mile long, one-half mile wide and one story high. That's less than you're likely to get from sitting in front of a campfire, fireplace or wood-burning stove, inhaling airborne particulates, hydrocarbon gases and heavy metals. (Search the internet for Danish, EPA and Forest Service studies and advisories on these popular "organic" heating and cooking methods.)

Simply put, EPA's proposed rules will impose huge costs – for few health or environmental benefits, beyond what we are already realizing through steadily declining emissions under existing regulations.

Besides bringing mythical health benefits, EPA claims its lower national emission standards will simply put all states and utility companies "on the same level playing field." This pious rhetoric may be fine for states that get little electricity from coal. However, for states (especially manufacturing states) that burn coal to generate 48-98% of their electricity, the new rules will be job, economy and revenue killers.

Energy analyst Roger Bezdek estimates that utilities will have to spend over \$130 billion to retrofit older plants, under the measly three-year (2014) deadline that EPA is giving them, under a sweetheart court deal the agency brokered with radical environmental groups. On top of that, utilities will have to spend another \$30 billion a year for operations, maintenance and extra fuel for the energy-intensive scrubbers and other equipment they will be forced to install.

Many companies simply cannot justify those huge costs for older power plants. Thus Dominion Power, American Electric Power and other utilities have announced that they will simply close dozens of generating units, representing tens of thousands of megawatts – enough to electrify tens of millions of homes and businesses. Illinois alone will lose nearly 3,500 MW of reliable, affordable, baseload electricity – with little but promises of intermittent pixie-dust wind turbine electricity to replace it.

Electricity costs are set to skyrocket, just as the President promised. Consumers can expect to pay at least 20% more in many states by 2014 or shortly thereafter. According to the Chicago Tribune, hard-pressed Illinois families and businesses will shell out 40-60% more! How's that for an incentive to ramp up production and hire more workers? How's that "hope and change" working out for families that had planned to fix the car, save for college and retirement, take a vacation, get that long-postponed surgery?

For a mid-sized hospital or factory that currently pays \$500,000 annually for electricity (including peak-demand charges), those rate hikes could add \$300,000 a year to its electricity bill. That's equivalent to ten full-time entry-level employees ... that now won't get hired, or will get laid off.

And it's not just private businesses that will get hammered. As the Chi Trib notes, if the Chicago public school system wants to keep the lights on and computers running for two semesters, by 2014 it will get hit for an extra \$2.7 million it doesn't have, to pay for skyrocketing electricity costs.

Carry those costs through much of the US economy – especially the 26 states that get 48-98% of their electricity from coal-fired power plants – and we are talking about truly "fundamental transformations." Millions will be laid off, millions more won't be hired, millions of jobs will be shipped overseas – and millions will endure brownouts, blackouts and increasing social unrest.

EPA generally refuses to consider the economic effects of its regulations, except to insist that even its most oppressive rules will generate benefits "far in excess" of any expected costs. Perhaps it will at least consider the obvious, unavoidable and monumental adverse physical and mental health impacts of its rate hikes and layoffs – on nutrition, healthcare, depression, family violence and civil rights progress.

The Environmental Protection Agency has always had a horse-blinder attitude about environmental policy. Under Administrator Lisa Jackson, it has become a truly rogue agency. It's time for Congress, state legislatures, attorneys-general, courts and We the People to bring some balance and common sense into the picture. Otherwise 9.1% unemployment – with Black and Hispanic unemployment even higher – will soon look like boom times.

USDA Authorizes Emergency Haying of CRP Acres for 73 Texas Counties

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In response to drought conditions, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) authorized emergency haying use of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres for 73 Texas counties.

The following counties are approved for emergency CRP haying: Armstrong, Bailey, Baylor, Borden, Briscoe, Callahan, Carson, Castro, Cochran, Coke, Coleman, Collingsworth, Concho, Cottle, Crosby, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Duval, Ellis, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Gaines, Garza, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hardeman, Hartley, Haskell, Hemphill, Hill, Hidalgo, Hockley, Howard, Jones, Kent, King, Kinney, Knox, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lynn, Martin, Maverick, Medina, Mitchell, Motley, Nolan, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Pecos, Potter, Randall,

Roberts, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Sherman, Starr, Stonewall, Swisher, Taylor, Terrell, Terry, Tom Green, Uvalde, Wheeler, Wilbarger and Yoakum Counties. Haying authorization will end on August 31, 2011.

"Eligible producers who are interested in emergency haying of CRP must request approval before haying eligible acreage," said Ashley. "It is also important for producers to obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service that includes haying requirements," he said.

Upon approval of emergency haying, producers must leave at least 50 percent of each field or contiguous field unharmed for wildlife. For those counties that are eligible for emergency haying and grazing, the same CRP acreage cannot be both hayed and/or grazed at the

same time. For example, if 50 percent of a field or contiguous field is hayed, the remaining unharmed 50 percent cannot be grazed; it must remain unharmed and ungrazed for wildlife.

In addition, participants are limited to one hay cutting and are not permitted to sell any of the hay. There will be a 25 percent CRP payment reduction depending on the number of acres actually hayed.

To take advantage of the emergency haying provisions, authorized producers can use the CRP acreage for their own livestock or may grant another livestock producer use of the CRP acreage for the purpose of haying.

For more information on and to request approval for emergency haying of CRP acres contact the Garza-Borden County FSA office at 806-495-2801.

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After Pease had grown up, he left Ross and came out to Palo Pinto County and went to work for the Slaughters in 1874 or '75. I knew him well and worked with him there for several months in 1876. He was a good cowhand, but he soon left and we never heard from him again.

When we came to Crosby County, the trail Gen. Mackenzie and his men made on their expedition through that country in 1874 was still visible. The wagons had been driven two abreast in order that they might be close together for use as breastworks in case of an Indian attack.

The slaughter of the buffalo was then on. An attempt was being made to keep the Indians confined in Indian territory, but the killing off of the buffalo probably irked the redskins a little and they were giving more and more trouble among the settlements. The U.S. Government set about to stop these Indian depredations and commissioned Gen. Nelson A. Miles and Gen. Mackenzie to make war against all Indians caught off the reservations.

Miles worked up in Kansas and the Northern Panhandle and drove many Indians back to the Territory.

But one large tribe, instead of going back to the Territory, headed south down the Palo Duro Canyon. Mackenzie, who was the best Indian fighter in the Southwest, and his company of 650 or 700 men, came up from the south by way of Fort Griffin and Blanco Canyon, going out on the Plains just above Silver Falls. Marching on to the Palo Duro, he met this large tribe and soon the famous Mackenzie battle was on. Many of the Indians got away, but Mackenzie captured and

killed about 1500 head of their horses, those killed being left almost in one pile. He killed the horses to put the Indians afoot so that they would have to return to the Territory.

After the battle, Mackenzie and his men went on north to the Tascosa country. At this time both Mackenzie and Miles were rising Army officers and full of ambition. Miles possibly had a strong political pull at Washington; at least he was in line for advancement. There was possibly a bit of rivalry and enmity between the two.

Following one of the raids on the down-state outposts by Indians, in about 1875, I think, Capt. Nolan and his company of Negro soldiers, the 10th U.S. Colored Cavalry, set out in pursuit of the trouble-makers. In addition to the soldiers, Nolan had a Mexican guide, Jose by name, and several buffalo hunters. Among the latter were Dick Wilkerson, Jim Harvey, and Bill Chris, who told me the story of their expedition and its fatal ending.

The party followed the Indian trail across the rough country east of the Plains and out onto the prairie of Lynn and Terry counties. It was summer this time-hot and dry-and all the water the party had was in their canteens. Jose was supposed to know the country. But, the Indians knew it better, and through

their cunning, starved out their foe and "gave them the slip". With Nolan well to their rear during the chase, the Indians, knowing the country perfectly, would take turns dropping away from the main tribe in small parties to nearby lakes for water. This kept up for about two days. Nolan and his men, not knowing the close proximity of water or the meaning of the Indians' antics, soon were almost starving. This led to dissention in the party. Some wanted to turn back. Jose said water was closer to the west than the east. Nolan wanted to go on and gave the order to do so. Wilkerson, Harvey, Chris, and other civilians said they were their own bosses and would turn back. Whereon, the Negro soldiers also refused to go ahead. Thirst-crazed, the party split up, with each man attempting to return to water and civilization on his own hook.

At least 14 Negroes starved to death or were never accounted for. Some of the men killed a horse and drank the blood to keep from starving until they could finally straggle to watering places. Some of the Negroes were said to have starved near lakes of Lynn and Terry counties where they could have gotten water from springs.

This continuing saga, memories of Jack Alley, as told to Frank Hill, continues next week.

Masons Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Lewis and Jane Mason celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception on Saturday at the Graham Chapel Church of Christ. Hosting the occasion were their sons Brent, Brad, Bart and their families.

The couple were married June 25, 1961, in the home of the honoree's parents, Quannah and Sue Maxey, with Henry Lynch presiding. The approximately 140 guests called between two and three-thirty and were registered by granddaughters, Kenzie and Mallory Mason of San Angelo.

The registry table featured an ecru linen cloth had-embroidered by Mrs. Mason's mother, the late Sue Maxey. A three tiered brass stand held three brass pots containing fresh floral arrangements surrounding white candles and a picture of the couple. The milk glass punch bowl

and candelabra were used on the table at their wedding reception. A fresh flower arrangement of orchid and lilac flowers, gold tapers and the three-tiered anniversary cake topped with a gold "50" atop glass blocks entwined with a lilac sheer and clear twinkling lights, adorned the serving table. Cake, punch teas, mixed nuts and wedding bell mints made by Jennie Cowdrey, were served. The cake was cut with a family cake knife belonging to Noel and Orabeth White and used by the couple at their wedding and at their children's weddings. Coffee was served from a brass coffee service on a round table layered with a white cloth topped with a gold lame cloth and draped with a lilac sheer. Lilac napkins were held in a brass stand. Grandchildren assisting with serving duties included Jessica Mason, Zane

Reiter, Tye Mason, Madison Mason and Chloe Mason. The flowers for the event were arranged by Penny Mason and Xane Reiter. Seven guest tables were set up with each covered in a white cloth and a gold sheer topper featuring a glass rose bowl holding orchid and lilac flowers and a white votive. A video entitled "The Way Were" with wedding pictures of the honorees and family pictures thru the years was shown throughout the afternoon. Old and new family pictures were also displayed. Members of the house party included Michelle Mason, Jennie Cowdrey, Orabeth White, Diane Graves and Cynthia Williams. Graves was also photographer for the event. Out-of-town guests registered from Albuquerque, N.M., San Angelo, Abilene, Midland, Lubbock, Kress, and Austin.

Lake Alan Henry

Data as of June 20, 2011

1. Conservation pool elevation - 2220.00 feet above mean sea level
2. Elevation - 2215.38 feet, 4.62 feet below conservation pool elevation
3. Water Temperature 82

degrees Fahrenheit

4. 2011 cumulative precipitation - 0.73 inches
5. 2011 cumulative evaporation - 70.11 inches

Fishing is fair for all species

Pet of the week

My name is Tom. I am an 8 month old lab. I came to the shelter when I was 10 weeks old with my brother and sister. I am very smart and can sit and lay down on command. I love the other dogs, but I'm a little too big and rough to play with the little puppies at the shelter. I am very well behaved and would be a great family pet. I have been neutered and am up to date on all my shots. Please contact PARC at postarc@yahoo.com if you would like to adopt me.



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