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Church revival

The Post Church of the Nazarene, 202 W. 10th St., Post, will have revival services with the Rev. Pat Burkhalter from Jan. 29 through Feb. 2. Services through Saturday

will begin at 7 p.m., and Sunday services will be at 11 a.m. and 6 pm. All are welcome to attend. For information contact the Rev. Chuck Gibson at 806-928-

Post Downtown Trade Day is slated for Feb. 1 throughout the East Main Street business corridor and also at the Post Community Center.

The annual chili supper ben-

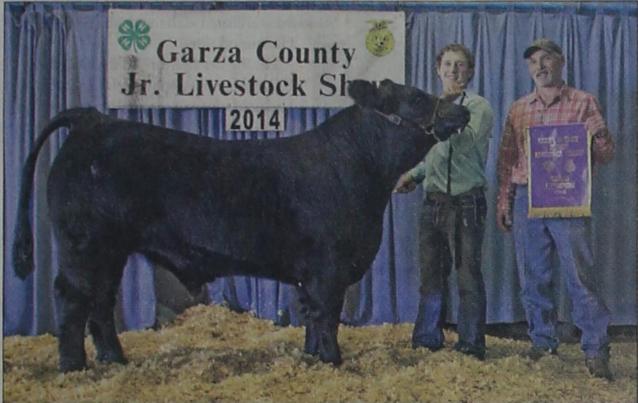
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Trade Days

Chili supper

50-year milestone



Grand Champion and American Champion Steer Pake Jones



Grand Champion and Cross Breed Champion Callie Odom

off to a great start

Livestock Association show was Saturday. The event'began Thursday with the weighing in of animals. Friday was a work day for exhibitors to prepare their animals for Saturday's show.

The show was kicked off at 9 a.m. with the Swine show. Eighty-nine swine were entered in this year's show, judged by Ashlei Mason.

Breed winners are as follows: Duroc: Zach Smith; Hamp: Auggie Menchaca; OPB: Katie Dunn; York: Jessi Isbell; Cross: Callie Odom. Reserve Breed winners are as follows: Duroc: Callie Odom; Hamp: Blaine Osborn; OPB: Addisen Rodriguez; York: Drew Porter; Cross:

The 50th annual Garza County Junior Callie Odom. The Swine Grand Champion ABC steers. The judge went to Callie Odom with her Cross. Auggie for the beef show was Menchaca won Reserve Grand with his Greg Pruitt. Hamp.

The Beef show followed with Elizabeth morning was the Payton with her Grand Champion Heifer. Six steers were entered in this year's show. Pake Jones had the Breed and Reserve Breed ABC steers. Taylor Graves won Breed for English. Blaine Graves had the Exotic Breed Champion. The Reserve Breed winner for English was Ashlee Graves. The Reserve Breed winner for Exotic was Corbin Mason. Pake Jones won Grand and Reserve Champion Steers with his

Next for Market Rabbits. Five market rabbits were

entered into this year's show. Latham Huckaby had the Light and Heavy Division Champions. Victoria Huckaby had the Light Division Reserve and Kelson Lee had the Heavy Division Reserve. Grand Champion went to Latham Huckaby and Victoria Huckaby had See **STOCK SHOW**, Page 6

See more STOCK SHOW photos on pages 4 & 5

Feb. 8.

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Clarification

The County Energy Reinvestment Transportation Zone designation will not necessarily raise property taxes on land within the boundaries designated by the county commission. Knox County Judge Lee Norman further explained, "The idea was to pick a reinvestment zone that has energy activity, then the increase in value would go to the Road & Bridge Fund instead of the general fund. After a zone is designated, the tax rate is frozen." The rules governing the CERTZ program and its funding is standardized from county to county.

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108 Texas counties declared disasters due to drought

By Wayne Hodgin

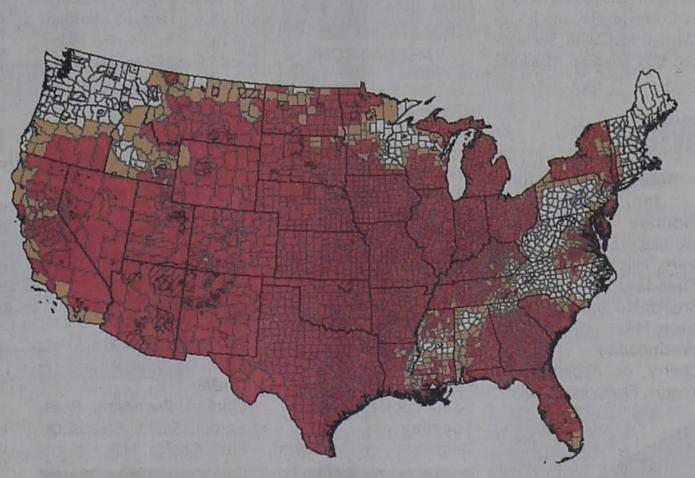
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Federal officials over the last week have designated 108 Texas counties — including Garza — as primary natural disaster areas, highlighting the financial impact the lack of rain likely will have on agricultural producers in those areas.

The announcement by the U.S. Department of Agriculture also included counties in a dozen other states across the country, including Arkansas, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Nevada, North Carolina, Minnesota and Utah.

The disaster designation declaration is issued when a county has experienced a drought intensity classified by scientists and other experts as "severe" for eight consecutive weeks during a crop year. The data is based on that provided by the U.S. Drought Monitor.

The designation means eligible farmers and other agricultural producers in those counties can qualify for low-interest emergency loans from the federal government. In addition, producers in any county contiguous to one that has been declared also are See **DROUGHT**, Page 6



Map shows designations due to drought across the country under USDA's amended rule. Any county declared a primary (red) or contiguous (orange) disaster county makes producers in that county eligible for certain emergency aid.

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Deaths

Harriett Sue Cornell

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Harriett Sue Cornell was born Harriett Sue Davis November 26, 1922 in Spur, Texas. She was the second of four children of Lee W. and Estelle Davis.

She was raised in a ranch in East Garza County, Texas; attended high school in Post, Texas and college at West Texas State College in Canyon, Texas.

Sue met and eventually married Jess M. Cornell in 1941. They had three sons; J. Michael, a vascular surgeon in San Angelo, L.D. (Pat), a real estate developer in Fort Worth, and Donnie, a rancher in Garza County, Texas.

Sue passed peacefully on January 19,2014 at the age of 91, in San Angelo, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her beloved Jessie in 1983, her parents, a brother and a sister.

She is survived by her three sons and their wives, six grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. She has one remaining brother; L.W. (Bud) Davis Jr. and his wife of Post, Texas.

She is also survived by hundreds of her other children she taught in Post as a public



HARRIETT CORNELL

schoolteacher for 35 years.

Sue received her B.S. in Education at Texas Tech University in 1960 and also had a master's degree in Special Education and another master's degree in Library Science. She received multiple teaching awards and recognitions for her dedicated

Jess and Sue traveled extensively prior to his early death and afterward she traveled with friends for many years.

She retired in 1994 and moved to Kerrville, Texas and finally moved to San Angelo in 2004 to be near family.

She was a master bridge

player and was an awesome game person throughout her life. She loved reading and music and had tremendous book and music collections. She also loved costume jewelry and maintained a tremendous collection of pieces to the end.

Even as her eyesight began to fail, Sue would always try to dress elegantly.

She will be interned next to her beloved Jessie at Terrace Cemetery in Post, Texas. A quiet graveside service will be planned by her family with a date to be determined later.

Special thanks go to The Springs at San Angelo and Odyssey Hospice that made her last days safe and comfortable. A special thanks goes to her beloved physician Carl "Dusty" Anderton for ten years of dedicated fantastic care.

Most of all thanks go to her daughter-in-law Lois Cornell for her love and care for ten long years.

We will miss Suebaby but will have years of fond memo-

Family and friends may sign an online register book at www. johnsons-funeralhome.com.

Herman Guthrie

Services for Herman Guthrie, 69, of Post were held at 2 PM Wednesday at Trinity Baptist Church with Ivon Williams officiating. Burial in Terrace Cemetery was under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home. Herman died Saturday, Jan-

uary 18, 2014 in Post. He was born October 5, 1944 in Post to John and Esstle (Snow) Guthrie. He worked at Postex



HERMAN GUTHRIE Cotton Mills and the Texas Highway Department. He

married Diann Foster on

March 17, 1965 in Post. Survivors include his wife

Diann Guthrie of Post, 2 Daughters: Kim House of Post and Tracy Boland of Lubbock, 1 Son: Rodney Guthrie of Edmond, Oklahoma, 1 Sister: Mildred Massey of Post, 1 Brother: John Guthrie of Littlefield, 5 Grandchildren and 1 Great Grandson: Raymond Eric Bennett of Post.

Melba Rose Stone

Services for Melba Rose Stone, 83, of San Antonio will be at 2 PM Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at the Graham Chapel Methodist Church with John Hedrick officiating. Burial in Terrace Cemetery will be under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home of Post.

She died January 18, 2014 in San Antonio. Melba Rose was born June 6, 1931 in Garza County to Ray and Juanita (Mason) McClellan. She married Billy Stone on March 25,



MELBA STONE

1950 in Post. He preceded her in death on Aug. 8, 2006. She was also preceded in death by a son Michael Stone in 1951 and by a brother Mason McClellan in 2005.

Survivors include 1 Daughter: Julie Johnson of San Antonio, 2 Sons: James Stone of Lavernia and Jay Scott Stone of San Antonio, 3 Sisters: Nita Ray Aimo of Kingsland, Katy O'Neil of Buchanan Dam and Kim Pinda of Tucson, Az., 9 Grandchildren and 5 Great Grandchildren.

Breakfast Menu for Jan. 27-Jan. 31

Monday Waffles, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Tuesday Breakfast Burrito, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Wednesday Cherry or Apple Frudel, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk

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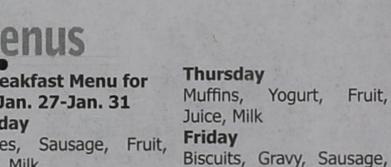
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Lunch Menu for Jan. 27-Jan. 31

Fruit, Juice, Milk

Monday Ravioli, Corn, Garden Salad, Cookie, Fruit, Milk Tuesday Tangerine Chicken,

Noodles, Carrots, Broccoli, Fruit, Pudding, Milk Wednesday

Tex-Mex Stack, Pinto Beans, Garden Salad, Salsa, Fruit, Milk

Thursday Fajita Chicken Salad, Beans, Tortilla Chips, Fruit, Milk

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The Paperboy 30 years later, Madonna still sets trashy standard

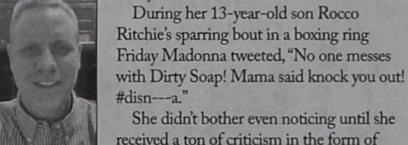
"m not going to shock many of you by this statement, but there's a double standard in the media.

The great and powerful Madonna sent out the N-word Saturday in the caption of an Instagram photo of her son. Did you hear about it? Me neither. I stumbled across it while reading another story deep inside the World Wide Web.

I seem to remember Paula Dean getting raked over the coals for admitting she'd used the word. It ruined her career. What's the difference?

The difference is the media in this country is run by the

far left, and Madonna is affiliated with the media elite — or Hollywood elite.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

received a ton of criticism in the form of By Saturday, Madonna had deleted the photo from Instagram and posted an

During her 13-year-old son Rocco

apology of sorts. "I am sorry if I offended anyone with my use of the N word on Instagram," Madonna wrote. "It was

not meant as a racial slur. I am not a racist. There's no way to defend the use of the word. It was all about intention. It was used as a term of endearment toward my son, who is white. I appreciate that it's a provocative word, and I apologize if it gave people the wrong impression. Forgive me." A term of endearment for her white son? Wow.

Where's Jesse Jackson? Where's Al Sharpton?

Where's the public outcry?

Can you imagine the backlash had someone like Sarah Palin done the exact same thing?

Madonna is expected to appear at the Grammy Awards on Jan. 26. I'm willing to bet the backlash will remain largely nonexistent.

Since there is a double-standard by the mainstream media when it comes to one of their own having to face real scrutiny, I'll give you my honest thoughts on Madonna and how she has influenced youth during her career.

Madonna has been, and always will be a piece of trash. She has demeaned her own gender, poked fun at Christianity and is now unveiled to be a racist.

I don't think for a minute Madonna would have given her post a second thought had people not replied negatively. I hope Madonna's children are sheltered from the poison our

youth of today are subjected to, thanks to people like Madonna continuously pushing the envelope. Madonna is simply living up to the low standards she

worked so hard to set in her career.

As Americans, we need to be cautious of our public figures. Madonna should have been called out for her actions just as any conservative should be.

The Left should be shocked. The outcry should be loud. But discrimination is alive and well in this country, and it's clear which segment of the population is discriminated against.

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Chamber banquet The Post Area Chamber of Commerce annual awards banquet will be Feb. 22. Make plans to attend now. Business and Citizen of the Year ballots will be sent soon.

Tabana Yuane The annual sunrise wind ceremony predicting the upcoming crop season will be March 22 at City Park.

Military exhibit The Garza County Historical Museum, 119 N. Ave. N, Post, has a new exhibit of more than 100 cast-dyed military warplane models on display as part of the 72nd anniversary of the 1941 bombing of Pearl Harbor. The planes were donated by U.S. Marine Corps veteran Patrick Reilly and will be part of the museum's permanent collection. This county museum is housed in an old sanitarium built in 1912 by C.W. Post. Exhibits feature artifacts significant to the county and of general

interest to visitors. For information, call 806-495-2207.

Taxpayer clinic Students at the Texas Tech School of Law conduct free clinic for low-income taxpayers throughout the year to assist them with federal tax issues related to individual tax matters. Eligibility is determined by the federal poverty guidelines. For information or schedule an appointment, call Nancy Mojica at 806-834-7972 or 800-420-8037.

GED classes Instructional sessions for the GED test are 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 18 at Post High School. Call the school at 495-2770 for information. The Post Public Library website now offers life-learning resources for GED test preparation, job search and workplace skills. Visit wtls.tsl.state.tx.us/ pplib to register. For information, contact librarian Peggy Ashley at 990-2149.



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Rule principal, husband involved in wreck

Kenneth Brown of Sagerton killed on Fisher County road

By Wayne Hodgin

The Stonewall Courier

A 62-year-old Haskell County man died at the scene of a two-car accident a few minutes after 7 p.m. Friday near Roby.

Trooper Frederick Biddle, spokesman for the Department of Public Safety in Abilene, said a 2009 Nissan Altima being driven by Jill Lefevre Brown of Sagerton was traveling west on U.S. 180 about 6 1/2 miles west of Roby in Fisher County when her vehicle struck a 2001 Chevrolet Tahoe traveling south on FM 1657.

Biddle said the driver of the Tahoe, Julia Dawn Wilson, 19, of Big Spring, apparently disregarded the stop sign at the intersection and continued into the line of traffic on U.S. 180 when she was hit by the Browns' oncoming Altima.

Both units continued southwest and came to rest in a cotton field, Biddle said.

Kenneth Wayne Brown, 62, of the Sagerton community in southwest Haskell County, who was a passenger in the Altima driven by his wife, was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Tammy Morton. His body was taken to Adams-Foster-Ray Funeral Home in Hamlin and later transferred to Tankersley Funeral Home in Stamford.

Mrs. Brown, who is the principal at Rule ISD, sustained serious injuries as was transported to University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Ms. Wilson also was taken to UMC in Lubbock with critical injuries.

According to reports, all three were wearing safety belts at the time of the accident. The weather was partly cloudy and the road-



KENNETH BROWN

way was dry. The posted speed limit is 75

It was unknown if charges were pending against Ms. Wilson for failure to stop or yield to oncoming traffic, and an updated report on her condition was not available.

Mrs. Brown reportedly was released from the hospital Monday.

Mr. Brown was a 1970 graduate of Hawley High school and was a self-employed paint

Survivors include his wife of 29 years and their four children, Brandi Robertson and Kinsey Brown, both of Abilene, Tully Brown of Hermleigh and Cade Brown of Lubbock; brother Bobby Brown Jr. of Abilene, sisters Linda Shott of San Angelo and Joyce Beard of Midland; and mother- and father-in-law Delbert and Joyce Lefevre of Sagerton.

Funeral services were Tuesday at First Baptist Church of Rule with the Rev. Stephanie Gilkey officiating. Burial was in Sagerton Fairview Cemetery in Haskell County under the direction of Tankersley Funeral Home of Stamford.

Reading Rewards

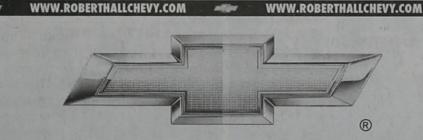


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Grand Champion and Cross Breed Champion Callie Odom



Heifer Grand Champion Elizabeth Payton



Breed Champion Fine Wool Cross Lamb Taylor Osborn

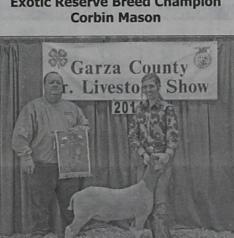




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Exotic Reserve Breed Champion



Grand Champion and Medium Division Champion Goat Taylor Osborn



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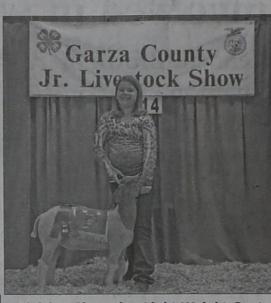
English Breed Champion Ashlee Graves for Taylor Graves



Grand and Division Market Rabbit Latham Huckaby



Grand Champion Medium Wool Lamb Matti Smith



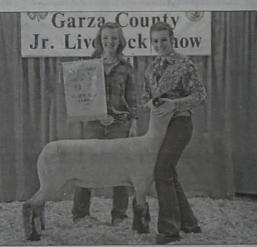
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English Reserve Breed Champion Ashlee Graves



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Grand Champion Medium Wool Lamb Mattie Smith and Katie Dunn

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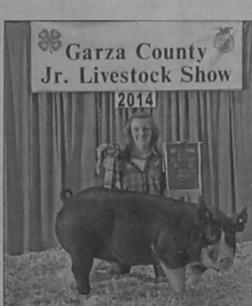
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Peewee Goat Johnny Paul Winkle



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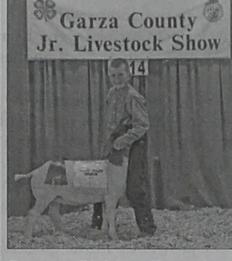
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Peewee Rabbit Rylan Morris



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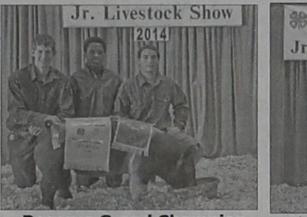
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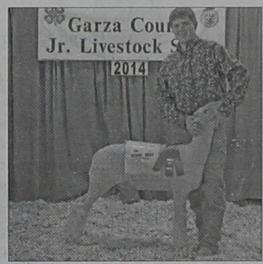
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Reserve Grand Goat Taylor Osborn



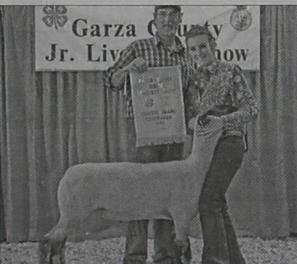
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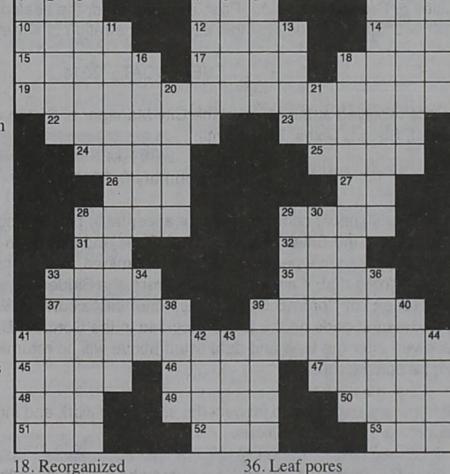
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- 25. Surprise greatly 26. Japanese apricot tree
- 27. Reichsmark
- 28. VI
- 29. European swift genus
- 31. Article
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- Moore 48. Mature female deer
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- 52. Pitch 53. A pig enclosure

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- 3. Leaseholder
- 4. Town (French)
- 5. ___trooper: soldier
- 6. Albanian river
- 7. Skulls 8. Native of New
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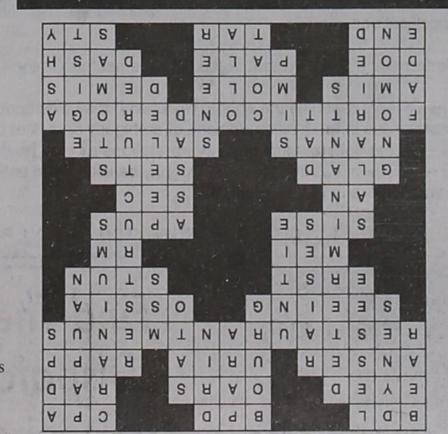


- 18. Reorganized
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- president
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- 34. Digital audio tape
- 30. Skinned an orange
- 39. Derisive face
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Rock collecting for the ambidextrous

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Just don't reveal you collect chickenshaped pitchers or hotel soap, my first

Regarding pitchers, my late lefthanded cousin Nancy collected lefthanded pitchers. If you don't know what one is, you're probably not left-handed. I myself collect, among other things,

rocks. Always have. Can't help it. I have some right-handed ones and some left-handed ones.

Do you know the difference? Not to worry. I made that up. I do collect rocks, but they're all

HANABA ambidextrous.

That said (I collect MUNN transitional wording), WELCH isn't the consummate collector one who focuses on one thing

long enough to build an impressive collection of whatever, even if it's vintage toothbrushes?

Bummer. I just tossed one. I also gave up on hotel soap long ago. My rocks are unremarkable. I can't find my Mickey Mantle card. Time hasn't been kind to my dolls. And where are those comic books?

I should have peddled my modest collections of collectibles back when Baby Boomers were still collecting collectibles. Now, like me, they're all divesting. Bad for the market.

My husband keeps a few too many things too. His penchant for organization puts me to shame. He has a vast collection of his children's soccer trophies, complete with the memories. He's joked about buying a cemetery plot to bury them. He could be serious.

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Speaking of cemeteries, and at the risk of sounding morbid, I wonder if today's trend toward cremation signals that Americans are generally in more of a mood to let go rather than to preserve, keep and collect - to scatter ashes into the wind instead of hanging on to the departed in marked graves or even in a vase on the mantle.

Life in general is increasingly less tangible. Hefty Sears catalogs no longer set the tone; Internet shopping does. We still eat, but more often on flimsy paper than fine china. We communicate much, but our cyber-talk is cheap. Who takes pen in hand to write a thoughtful letter? Our photographs are fleeting too, stored on our cell phones. Even America's love affair with the automobile is on shaky ground. Why actually go anywhere if you can connect with your friends and the world via a smartphone?

So what's to cherish and collect when society revolves around things that can't be touched?

Could the answer lie in the question? The newest fad may be collecting technology-threatened tangibles printed photographs, books, pens and pencils.

An anecdote:

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My friend Charmaine, circa 1975, worked in an office with all pushbutton phones, leading-edge telephony. When she got home, she went straight to the phone and made a call.

"It feels so good to dial," she said. There you have it. Human nature. She wasn't ready to let go of the familiar.

And, yes, I still have two rotary-dial phones. I'm keeping both.

Two is the minimum number of anything to make you a collector.

Hanaba Munn Welch is a columnist and contributor to Blackburn Media Group

DROUGHT From Page 1

eligible for those same low-

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said he and President Obama understand the nation's economic successes and failures are largely dependent on the health of its agriculture sector.

"USDA stands with you and your communities when severe weather and natural disasters threaten to disrupt your livelihood,"Vilsack said in statement.

Counties adjacent to those affected also are eligible for

Also last week, the National Weather Service in Fort Worth released a report exacerbating the bleakness that has seemed to follow most every weather forecast over the last three

While the report of "more of the same" comes during the time of year on the Southern Plains that is historically the driest months of the year, the lack of precipitation further propels the region into increased drought status.

Although this time last year saw more than 21 percent of the state of Texas experiencing extreme drought, only 7 percent of the state remains in that category, including those hardest hit in the Panhandle and northwest Texas and portions of southwestern Texas.

So while short-term drought has improved, the long-term drought scenario remains for the state as a whole. Statewide reservoir capacity is only at 64 percent of capacity, below the 67 percent capacity from this time last year.

Farmers across the High Plains continue to closely monitor winter wheat for lowtemperature stress in addition

to dry conditions that threaten dryland crops.

County Disaster List The USDA last week designated 108 counties in Texas as Primary Natural Disaster Areas, including: primary disaster

counties include: Andrews Concho Haskell McCulloch Scurry Aransas Cottle Hidalgo Martin Shackelford Archer Crosby Hockley Medina Sherman Bailey Dallam Hutchinson Midland Starr Bandera Dawson Tack Mills Stephens Baylor Deaf Smith Jim Hogg Mitchell Sterling Bee Dickens Jim Wells Moore

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STOCK SHOW From Page 1

the Light Division Reserve and Kelson Lee had the Heavy Division Reserve. Grand Champion went to Latham Huckaby and Victoria Huckaby had the Reserve Champion. The Market Rabbit judge was Melyssa McDonald.

Concluding the morning's portion of the stock show were the Pee Wee rabbits. There were 15 exhibitors ranging in age from one to seven. Each exhibitor received a trophy sponsored by

Judge Lee and Marsha Norman. To kick off the afternoon portion of the 50th annual show, Peoples Bank sponsored the airplane game. For a \$1 donation kids were given a paper to make an airplane and were given several chances to hit the inside of a barrel. Winners received a \$10 bill. There were nine winners in this year's game. We apologize to the two winners names who were missed in all of the fun but the ones we had were Cory, Trea Peterson, Brandon Matteson, Erik Matteson, Payton Smith, Addee Williams and Kelley Allbright.

The lamb show had thirty-

five entries. Matti Smith had both the Breed and Reserve Breed champion Southdown lambs. Sara Greer had the Fine Wool Breed Champion. Taylor Osborn had the Cross Breed Champion. Matti Smith also had the Medium Wool Breed and Reserve Breed Champions. Landon Greer had the Fine Wool and Cross Reserve Breed champions. Matti Smith won Grand and Reserve Champion Lambs with her Medium Wool lambs. Mr. Pruitt was also judge for the lambs.

The Goat show had thirty-four entries. Haley Krauser had the Light weight division Champion and reserve division champion. Taylor Osborn had the Medium weight division and reserve division champions. Shailey Miller had the Heavy weight division champion and Kolton Wink had the Heavy weight reserve division champion. Taylor Osborn won Grand and Reserve Champion Goats with her Medium weight division goats. The goat judge was Mr. Pruitt.

The day's show concluded with 18 Pee Wee goat exhibitors. Ages ranged from 3 to 8. Mr. Pruitt also talked to the Pee Wee exhibitors and then Sheriff Morgan, their sponsor, gave each exhibitor a

trophy. Ribbon presenters for the day were Taylor Osborn, Haley Krauser, Addisen and Alexus

Rodriguez, MaKaylee Butler and Victoria Huckaby. Show organizer Janeece Williams, who also serves on the board of the Garza County Junior Livestock Association, thanked previous exhibitors who

"It is always great to have previous exhibitors to come back and work the ring for the shows," she said. "Tanner Hill, Devin Blanton, Reed Williams and Trent McDonald, thank you for returning and helping out this

came back to help prepare for the

Williams also expressed appreciation to Jimmy Blanton, Milton Williams and Keith Williams for their help in the

Thisyear's show superintendents were Nancy Morris and Ronnie Dunn (Swine); Milton William (Beef); and Sum Butler (Market Rabbits, Lambs and Goats).

The buyer's appreciation supper, awards and sale will be held at 6 p.m. Jan. 23 at the Post ISD cafeteria. Trena Woods and Debbie Line are catering the meal.

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Sunny

55 / 24

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Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week



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The independence of Mama ack years ago when Mama was widowed, it

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became suddenly and shockingly clear that she wasn't completely capable of being on her own. This was news to us because she had always stepped up and did whatever it took to look after our family. She was quite ingenious and hard working.

"Ronda," she said one day. "I need you to call the doctor's office and make my annual appointment." "Why can't you call?" I asked.

> "Because I'm afraid to get nervous, and I'm afraid I'll say something wrong." This, of course, was a complete fib.

My mama never worried about saying anything wrong which is why she said whatever she wanted to say whenever she wanted to say it.

As I recall it now — and I'm sure I recall it correctly - this crupted into a fuss between us. I complained I didn't have time to do it while all she had was RICH time. We both firmly stood our ground. She, as usual, outwitted me by calling my

sister and getting her to do it. There was a lot of time and disagreement put into what amounted to a threeminute call, which included the time it took to look up the phone number.

Things like that kept popping up. "Can you call the insurance company?" "Could you write the check for my house taxes?" "Will you write a note to Sarah and thank her for the gift?"

"Mama, what is wrong with you? You have plenty of time to do all this. All you do is eat, sleep and read the newspaper. And go to church on Sunday."

Finally, she told the truth, and I know it was a piece of truth hard to tell. "Well, I'm just not good at doin' these things. Your Daddy always took care of everything, and I never had to look after things. I don't know what I'm suppose to do.

I nodded, smiling. "OK, then I'm goin' to teach you how to be a grown-up. It'll benefit both of us."

Little by little, Mama, somewhat begrudgingly, learned to do a few things on her own. One day I dropped her off at the front door of the doctor's office for some blood work. "Go in that door, turn to the right and go to the waiting room. I'll park and be right

A few minutes later, I went bedopping in, passed Mama who was already seated and headed straight to the sign in sheet. As I picked up the pen Mama called out, "I've already signed in."

I'm telling you that no mama has ever trained a child out of diapers who was more proud - or more shocked - than I was. I dropped the pen. A look of happy delight spread from cheek to cheek. I clapped loudly and did a happy dance.

"Oh, Mama, I'm so proud! You're such a big girl now!" Mama, her posture always perfectly erect, lifted her head and grinned beatifically while the rest of the elderly ladies in the waiting room looked bewildered.

Mama clasped her hands together triumphantly and said, "Thank you." She was proud, too.

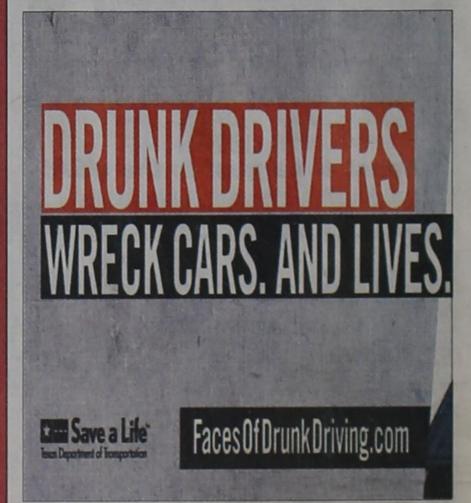
Over lunch recently, Maggie told me that when her daughter was 7, the girl's godmother died suddenly, which gave Maggie an epiphany. "I told my daughter, 'OK, I'm going to teach you as much as I can as fast as I can because if I die, I want you to be able to take care of yourself." She showed her where the Christmas card list was, how to wash dishes, call for appointments and to cook. By the time, she was in the fourth grade, Hailey was practically in charge of the house.

"Independence," Maggie said, "was the most

important gift I ever gave her."

Having helped raised Mama to independence, I agree. Be it teenagers or elderly mothers, independence is a good thing for everyone.

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