



The oft-quoted, unofficial U.S. Postal Service creed is a challenge for Imperial rural mail carriers to observe lately.

However, those words, "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds" have been hard to meet by just about anyone traveling the country roads these days.

A winter with more snow than most here like to remember, and continuing rains and snow this week have made it a tough several days for those using the rural roads.

Both rural mail carriers, Jon Welch and Janie Mullanix, got stuck on their rounds this week. So did a school bus.

Imperial's UPS man isn't even venturing out on rural roads lately.

And, local cattlemen trying to get to newborn calves are having to resort to alternate forms of travel.

Chase County was even included in a flood watch through Tuesday night, warning of a slow but steady rise of water levels that could lead to minor flooding on some rivers.

In an area where moisture is often prayed for, many are suggesting that the rain and snow take a break.

Rural mail carriers Welch and Mullanix rank their current difficulty on rural roads among the worst they've seen.

Welch, who's been a carrier for nearly 25 years, ranks it among his top 15. Mullanix, who's worked part or full-time since 1991, put it No. 3 among the worst.

"Monday was as bad as you'd want it," Welch said.

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