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Texas Supreme Court Rules Landowners Own Groundwater

The long-awaited decision from the Texas Supreme Court on the Edwards Aquifer Authority v. Day McDaniel makes it clear that the landowner owns the groundwater in place as part of their land, according to Kenneth Dierschke, president of the Texas Farm Bureau.

"This is another in a long line of recent successes defending private property rights, including key eminent domain reforms," Dierschke said. "The ruling recognized the passage of SB 332—Texas Farm Bureau's priority legislation on groundwater ownership passed

in the last legislative session—that says a landowner's interest in groundwater in place cannot be taken for public use without adequate compensation."

Dierschke said the ruling goes beyond state water codes, giving landowners a constitutional protection under takings laws regarding private property. However, the president of the state's largest farm organization noted that ownership of groundwater does not preclude the regulation of groundwater for conservation purposes.

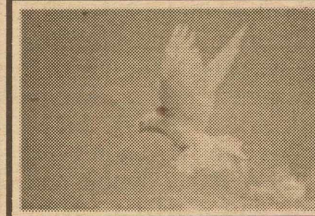
"The court recognized the

authority of the Edwards Aquifer Authority and groundwater conservation district to regulate groundwater, even though it is the private property of the landowner," Dierschke said. "The Texas Supreme Court decision provides a critical balance between the state and local entities' authority to conserve this precious resource and the landowner's right to use it."

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Pictured is the new cafeteria salad bar. The back wall of the serving line depicts a mural of the Gail mountain. The Borden County ISD emblem of excellence and the counties' diversified resources are also depicted in the mural.



Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Getting Out of a Rut

It's so easy to get into a rut yet difficult to get out. A rut is a regular habit, pattern, or expectation. There is a certain degree of comfort associated with being in a rut. It is consistent, familiar, and safe. We can fall into a rut unintentionally without realizing it.

Although dwelling in a rut can induce feelings of frustration and dissatisfaction, not all people are unhappy being in one. There are those who are happy and satisfied with a regular, dependable pattern. If you are happy with your circumstances — great. But if you want to break out of a routine, this article is for you.

Any aspect of your life has the potential to fall into a rut. If it does, you have the power to pull yourself out. Ruts are an insidious trap because it's easier to stay in familiar territory than to venture out into the unknown.

How do you know if you're in a rut? An unending routine, a job without any perceivable chance of change, or a situation that appears to have no potential for change are all situations that qualify.

Pay attention to your feelings, they can identify a rut. Are you bored, frustrated, or apathetic? Do you feel a lack of excitement or challenge? Is it tough getting started each

day? Do you lack motivation? Some or all of these emotions may be indicative of a rut.

You can get used to being in a rut and accept it as an inevitable part of life. Once this happens, your drive and ambition begins to wane. Getting out of a rut can then seem unattainable. The good news is that a rut doesn't have to be permanent and you possess the ability to get yourself out. The key to extricating yourself is being proactive and taking initiative.

You can't get out of a rut by waiting for things to change. A rut will only become deeper with the passage of time. Only you can change your situation. To do so you need to recognize that you are in a rut, have a desire to get out, and be willing to put in the effort necessary to do so.

Once you have decided to get out you are ready to begin. You can't just jump out of a rut, you have to climb out one step at a time. It took time to get in and it will take time to get out. Unrealistic expectations create frustration and may cause you to abandon your efforts altogether.

Climbing out necessitates changing engrained habits. You want to take small suc-

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The Coyotes Make History in First Official Game and Victory Over the Loraine Bulldogs

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes got great pitching and great hitting in their first ever baseball game in their new and only baseball stadium.

The Coyotes scored runs in each of their 4 official innings to bat, getting 4 runs in the 1st, 6 runs in the 2nd, 4 more runs in the 3rd and 6 more in the 4th inning on their way to a 20 to 1 victory over the visiting Loraine Bulldogs.

Collin Telchik was the winning pitcher in this contest giving up 1 unearned run on 1 hit and 7 strikeouts. Austin Tyler pitched a perfect 4th inning and Jared Smith pitched a scoreless 5th inning.

Meanwhile the Coyotes got a history making day by TJ Basquez at the plate as he

smoked the first ever homerun out of the park to center field on his way to a 4 for 4 day and 6 RBI's on a single, 2 doubles and the homerun. Tanner Richey was also 4 for 4 with 2 doubles and 3 RBI's. Collin Telchik was 3 for 5, Jared Smith was 2 for 4, Austin Tyler was 3 for 4 with a double and a Triple and 3 RBI's. Kurt Shafer was 2 of 4, Helio Rolales was 3 of 4, Frank Banman was 1 of 2, Cayden Vaughn was 1 of 1.

The Win marks the first official victory in the new stadium. One of what hopes to be many. Congratulations guys on the fantastic showing. I would also like to thank everyone for coming out to watch the game.

BC Track Teams Begin Season at Long Sleeve Relays

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes and Lady Coyotes began the 2012 track season by traveling to Hamlin to participate in the Long Sleeve Relays. Seven young ladies and 20 young men participated in this opening track meet. The Field events were canceled because the lady Pipers were still playing basketball.

Some highlights for the Lady Coyotes were as follows, Aubree Lester opened the season with a nice 27.95 in the 200 to finish second. Hanna Forbes completely stopped just

before a hurdle and ran a very good 50.19 to also finish 2nd place. The women's relay team of Forbes, Kalyn Massingill, Tye Basquez and Lester finished 2nd overall in the relay after winning their heat of the 800 relay in a time of 1:55. Also participating for the ladies was Claire Shafer, Taylor Gass and Sydney Day.

On the boys side, the highlights were the 3rd place finish of the varsity boys 800 relay consisting of Austin Fields,

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Borden County Coyotes [more stats](#)

Batting	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
C Telchik	5	2	3	0	0	1
T Richey	4	1	4	3	1	0
J Smith	4	3	2	0	1	2
T Basquez	4	4	4	6	0	0
R Torres	1	2	0	1	0	0
A Tyler	4	3	3	3	0	1
K Shafer	4	3	2	0	0	1
H Rosales	4	1	3	1	0	1
T Benavidez	0	0	0	0	2	0
F Banman	2	0	1	1	1	1
C Vaughn	1	1	1	0	0	0
M Taylor	1	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	34	20	23	15	5	8

Batting
2B: T Richey 2, J Smith, T Basquez 2, A Tyler, K Shafer, H Rosales
3B: A Tyler
HR: T Basquez
TB: C Telchik 3, T Richey 6, J Smith 3, T Basquez 9, A Tyler 6, K Shafer 3, H Rosales 4, F Banman, C Vaughn
RBI: T Richey 3, T Basquez 6, R Torres, A Tyler 3, H Rosales, F Banman
FC: R Torres
SB: C Telchik 2, T Basquez, F Banman
CS: T Benavidez
PO: H Rosales

Borden County Coyotes [more stats](#)

Pitching	O	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	S%
C Telchik	9	3.0	1	1	0	2	7	0	66.0%
A Tyler	3	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	53.3%
J Smith	3	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	83.3%
Totals	15	5.0	2	1	0	2	10	0	66.2%

Pitching
Win: C Telchik
Hit batters: C Telchik
Pitches-Strikes: C Telchik 50-33, A Tyler 15-8, J Smith 12-10
Groundouts-Flyouts: C Telchik 0-0, A Tyler 0-1, J Smith 1-0
First-pitch strikes-Batters faced: C Telchik 9-15, A Tyler 2-3, J Smith 4-4

Revised: February 14, 2012

2012 Borden County Baseball Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Location	Scores
Feb. 13 th - 14 th	Mon/Tue	Scrimmage:	TBA		
Feb. 17 th	Thurs.	Scrimmage: Idalou	4:00	Gail	9 to 4
Feb. 20 th - 21 st	Mon./Tues.	Loraine	4:00	Gail	20 to 1
Feb. 25 th	Saturday	Sundown	12:00	Gail	
Feb. 27 th - 28 th	Mon/Tues	Open	TBA	TBA	
March 1 st - 3 rd	Thurs. - Sat	Tourney @ Sundown	TBA	Sundown	
March 1 st	Thursday	Crosbyton	11:00	Sundown	
March 1 st	Thursday	Sundown	5:00	Sundown	
March 3 rd	Saturday	Muleshoe	2:00	Sundown	
March 3 rd	Saturday	Morton	4:30	Sundown	
*March 6 th	Tuesday	Ira	4:30	Gail	
March 10 th	Saturday	Open	TBA	TBA	
*March 15 th	Thursday	Ralls	3:00	Gail	
March 16 th	Friday	TBA	TBA	TBA	
*March 19 th	Monday	Tahoka	4:30	Gail	
*March 24 th	Saturday	Crosbyton	4:30	Crosbyton	
*March 27 th	Tuesday	O'Donnell	4:30	Gail	
March 31 st	Saturday	Lubbock Cooper JV	4:00	Cooper	
*April 2 nd or 3 rd	Mon. or Tues.	Ira	5:00	Ira	
*April 6 th	Friday	Hermleigh(double header)	5:00	Hermleigh	
*April 10 th	Tuesday	Ralls	5:00	Ralls	
*April 13 th	Friday	Tahoka	5:00	Tahoka	
*April 17 th	Tuesday	Crosbyton	4:30	Gail	
*April 21 st	Saturday	O'Donnell	4:30	O'Donnell	
April 27 th	Friday	Open	TBA	TBA	
	Mon-Tues.	Rain out dates			
	Thurs-Sat.	Tie Breaker Date			

* - District Game

Track Season Begins in Hamlin

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Quint Shafer, Collin Telchik and Riley Smith in a time of 1:40.44. Also medaling was the lone gold medal of the meet, Tanner Richey in the 110 high hurdles with a winning time of 15.63. Austin Tyler placed in both hurdle races and Austin Fields running the 300 hurdles just missed a medal as he hit the final hurdle of the race to finish 4th. Luke Burkett also placed in the 3200.

Also contributing to the meet were Dalton Thuett, Helio Rosales, Jared Smith, Matt Proulx, Kurt Shafer, Tristen Benavidez, Ricky Torres, Matt Ham, Nathan Ham, Cayden Vaughn, Frank Banman, TJ Basquez, and Sean Tucker. Below are the times and placing of those that were in the top 7 of their respective events. The Coyotes will next be in action in Klondike next Friday, March 1st.

Girls:

200 Meter: Dash-2nd-Aubree Lester-27.95.

800 Meter Run: 5th-Taylor Gass-2:42.39.

300 Meter Hurdles: 2nd-Hannah Forbes-50.19.

800 Meter Relay: 2nd-Borden County (Hanna Forbes, Kalyn Massingill, Tye Basquez and Aubree Lester).

JV Boys:

400 Meter Dash: 7th-Ricky Torres.

110 Meter Hurdles: 6th-Kurt Shafer.

300 Meter Hurdles: 7th-Kurt Shafer.

400 Meter Relay: 7th-Borden County (Matt Ham, Helio Rosales, Ricky Torres and T.J. Basquez).

800 Meter Relay: 4th-Borden County (Matt Ham, Helio Rosales, Jared Smith and T.J. Basquez).

1600 Meter Relay: 5th-Borden County (Matt Ham, Jared Smith, Ricky Torres and Kurt Shafer).

Varsity Boys:

400 Meter Dash: 7th-Matt Proulx.

3200 Meter Run: 4th-Luke Burkett.

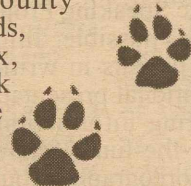
110 Meter Hurdles: 1st-Tanner Richey and 4th-Austin Tyler.

300 Meter Hurdles: 4th-Austin Fields and 6th-Austin Tyler.

400 Meter Relay: 5th-Borden County (Riley Smith, Quint Shafer, Austin Fields and Collin Telchik).

800 Meter Relay: 3rd-Borden County (Austin Fields, Riley Smith, Quint Shafer and Collin Telchik).

1600 Meter Relay: 6th-Borden County (Austin Fields, Matt Proulx, Collin Telchik and Luke Burkett).



Tentative Schedule: Updated 1/19/12

2012 Borden Track Schedule High School

Day	Date	Meet	Location
Friday	February 24 th	Long Sleeve Relays	Hamlin
Friday	March 2 nd	Cougar Relays	Klondike
Friday	March 9 th	Blackwell Hornet Relays	Blackwell
Saturday	March 17 th	Piper Relays	Hamlin
Friday	March 23 rd	Rolling Plains Relays	Jayton
Friday	March 23 rd	Dawson Dragon Invitational	Weich
Friday	March 30 th	Coyote Relays	Gail
Thursday	April 5 th	District Meet	Gail
Thursday	April 12 th	Area Meet	TBA
Thurs./Fri.	April 20 th or 21 st	Regional Qualifiers Meet	TBA
Fri./Sat.	April 27 th - 28 th	Regional	Abilene (ACU)
Fri./Sat.	May 11-12	State Meet	Austin

Junior High

Day	Date	Meet	Location
Thursday	February 23 rd	TBA	TBA
Thursday	March 1 st	Cougar Relays	Klondike
Thursday	March 8 th	Wildcat Relays	Grady
Thursday	March 22 nd	Rolling Plains Relays	Jayton
Thursday	March 22 nd	Dawson Dragon Invitational	Weich
Thursday	March 29 th	District Meet	TBA

Tough Day for the Coyotes As They Suffer First Loss to Sundown Roughnecks

By Coach Richey

The Borden county Coyotes had a rough day Saturday when they hosted a 3 time play-off baseball team Sundown Roughnecks.

The score was not a clear example of this game. Mistakes allowed the visitors to jump out to an early lead and a few more mistakes allowed the Roughnecks to bring a close to the Coyotes first loss of the season shortened by the mercy rule.

With the score 1 to 0 after a perfectly placed slow roller up the middle allowed a run to

score the Coyotes seemed poised to answer right back. Lead-off hitter Collin Telchik laid a perfect bunt down to get the bottom of the 1st started, but on the steal attempt on the next pitch, a perfect throw erased Telchik and the early threat was over.

In fact, the Coyotes did not collect another hit until TJ Basquez reached on a single in the 3rd. After a strikeout, Tanner Richey smoked a ball to left field. Hoping to get on the board, Basquez headed home but was gunned down at the plate to end the inning and the only threat the Coyotes had on the day. The Roughnecks got 6 unearned runs in the 2nd inning after two quick outs a walk and a fly ball to center

field was misplayed which then allowed the visitors to take off and score 6 runs to push the lead to 7 to 0.

In the 4th, two quick errors allowed runners on that could have easily been erased and then a few more timely hits followed which allowed the Roughnecks to score 4 more runs. Austin Tyler was the hard luck pitcher for all of this mishap which translated to his first loss of the season even though he only allowed 1 earned run in the process, giving up 5 hits and striking out 6 batters. Richey followed in the 5th inning and he gave up a couple of hits but did not allow a run as he had two strike outs and TJ Basquez teamed up with Hurricane Richter to throw out

School Lunch Menu

Feb. 5-9, 2012

Monday - Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice & Milk. Lunch: Fish Strips, Macaroni & Cheese, Garden Salad, Fruit, Hush Puppies and Milk.

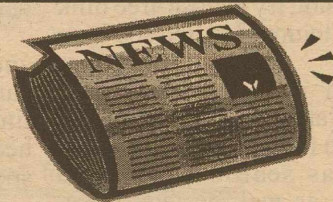
Tuesday - Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Beef & Bean Burrito, Spanish Rice, Corn, Apple Slices and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: BBQ on a Bun, Sliced Potatoes, Pickle Spears, Pineapple Cherry Delight and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Cereal & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Meat & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Pears and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Poptart, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Hamburger, Lettuce & Tomatoe, Baked Chips, Baby Carrots, Rice Crispy Treat and Milk.

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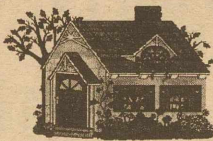
a base runner trying to steal 3rd. The Coyotes will next travel to Sundown to participate in the Sundown Tournament next Thursday and Saturday.

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Heart and Home ...

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Get Your Plate in Shape During National Nutrition Month

Before you eat, think about what goes on your plate or in your bowl. Foods like vegetables, fruits, whole grains, low-fat dairy products and lean protein foods contain the nutrients you need without too many calories. Over the day, include foods from all the food groups. Try the following tips to "Get Your Plate in Shape."

Make half your plate fruits and vegetables.

Eat a variety of vegetables, especially dark-green, red and orange vegetables plus beans and peas. Fresh, frozen and canned vegetables all count. Choose "reduced sodium" or "no-salt-added" canned vegetables.

Add fruit to meals and snacks. Buy fruits that are dried, frozen or canned in water or 100% juice, as well as fresh fruits.

Make at least half your grains whole. Choose 100% whole-grain breads, cereals, crackers, pasta and brown rice.

Check the ingredients list on food packages to find whole-grain foods.

Switch to fat-free or low-fat milk. Fat-free and low-fat milk have the same amount of calcium and other essential nutrients as whole milk, but less fat and calories. If you are lactose intolerant, try lactose-free milk or a calcium-fortified soy beverage.

Vary your protein choices. Eat a variety of foods from the protein food group each week, such as seafood, nuts and beans, as well as lean meat, poultry and eggs.

Twice a week, make seafood the protein on your plate. Keep meat and poultry portions small and lean.

Cut back on sodium and empty calories from solid fats and added sugars.

Drink water instead of sugary drinks. Select fruit for dessert. Eat sugary desserts less often. Choose 100% fruit juice instead of fruit-flavored drinks.

Look out for salt (sodium) in foods you buy. Compare sodium in foods and choose those with lower numbers. Add spices or herbs to season food without adding salt.

Make major sources of saturated fats such as desserts, pizza, cheese, sausages and hot dogs occasional choices, not every day foods.

Select lean cuts of meat or poultry and fat-free or low-fat milk, yogurt and cheese.

Switch from solid fats to oils when preparing food.

Enjoy your food but eat less. Get your personal daily calorie limit at www.ChooseMyPlate.gov. Keep that number in mind when deciding what to eat.

Avoid oversized portions. Use a smaller plate, bowl and glass.

Cook more often at home, where you are in control of what's in your food. When eating out, choose lower calorie menu options. Choose dishes that include vegetables, fruits and whole grains. Write down what you eat to keep track of how much you eat.

If you drink alcoholic beverages, do so sensibly. Limit to 1 drink a day for women or to 2 drinks a day for men.

Be physically active your way.

Pick activities that you like and start by doing what you can, at least 10 minutes at a time. Every bit adds up and health benefits increase as you spend more time being active.


Children and teens: Get 60 minutes or more a day.

Adults: Get 2 hours and 30 minutes or more a week of activity that requires moderate effort such as brisk walking.

Find more healthy eating tips at:

- www.eatright.org
- www.kidseatright.org
- www.ChooseMyPlate.gov

Source: Let's Eat for the Health of It, www.ChooseMyPlate.gov.



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER

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Have you read the story of "Frosty the Snowman?"

Frosty came to life and went to town with the boys and girls. He was bad and he broke some rules. This bothered the policeman.

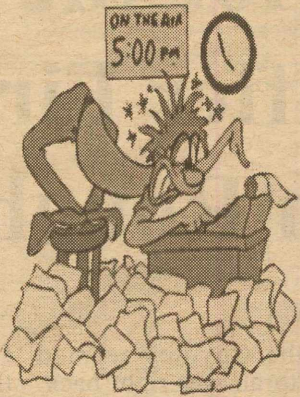
"But you've got to excuse him," cried Karen. "He just came to life, and he doesn't know much about such things."

That's a beautiful attitude to take with newborn believers.

Too often we criticize and ostracize, when we ought to sympathize.

St. Paul said, "Dear brothers, if a Christian is overcome by sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help him back onto the right path, remembering that next time it might be one of you who is in the wrong."

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Borden County 4-H News

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4-H Photography Project

4-H Photography project will meet again on Tuesday, March 6th from 3:45 to 5:00 p.m. in the Home Economics Lab. We will also meet on Tuesday, March 20 from 3:45 to 5:00 p.m. For more information contact Julie Smith at the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or e-mail at julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu

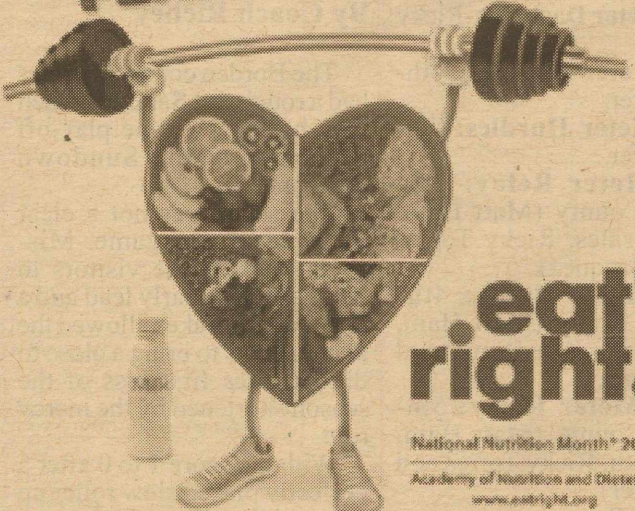
4-H Fashion Design

Youth interested in learning about Fashion Design and how to enter the Fashion Storyboard competition should contact Julie Smith at the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or e-mail at julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu

County Educational Presentation Contest, Share-the-Fun Public Speaking Project

4-H'ers and parents interested in learning more about the Public Speaking Project should contact the Extension Office as soon as possible. Information is available to assist 4-H'ers and their parents in writing, presenting and preparing visuals for educational presentations (method demonstrations); as well as covering information about the public speaking contest and share-the-fun's. Share-the-fun categories include: Celebrate 4-H, choreographed routines, poet, vocal, band and musical. This project provides youth an excellent opportunity to develop public speaking skills, even if they hate to talk in front of others. 4-H'ers will present their prepared presentations at County 4-H Roundup. Participants will advance to District 4-H Roundup, which will be held on May 5th at Levelland Middle School in Levelland. **The deadline for entering a Public Speaking Contest is Wednesday, April 11.** For more information contact Julie Smith at the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or e-mail at julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu

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Two South Plains Medically Challenged Toddlers Band Together to Help Other's on the South Plains

Local Toddlers Pay it Forward

Lubbock, Tx—Lubbock toddler, Connor Perryman, is donating his fourth birthday to a local organization that has helped his family cover partial travel expenses for several medically necessary trips. Now the little guy wants to pay it forward by asking everyone to eat at McAlister's Deli—the 82nd location only—on Tuesday, March 6, between 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. A portion of every meal will go to Brynne's Smiles.

"Connor has an undiagnosed auto immune syndrome," said Vangelia Perryman, the toddler's mother. "He has had this since birth. Then in 2010, he was also diagnosed with type I diabetes, which really complicates his other medical problems. We have been to both Cook Children's Hospital as well as Texas Children's Hospital searching for a diagnosis. We will be going back to Houston in June to see a different set of doctors. We couldn't have made these trips without the help from Brynne's Smiles."

According to the organization, Connor is the first Smiles Kid to receive on-going funding for medical issues.

"We have been where Vange and Connor are," said Brynne's Smiles' Executive Director Maggie Bigham. "I remember what it was like when we were trying to find answers for Brynne. We had so much help and support from our community, friends, and family. Our family knew we had to pay those blessings forward."

Brynne's Smiles was started by the Bigham family in honor of their daughter, 3 year-old Bryne Bigham, who fights are rare genetic disorder—trichohepatoenteric syndrome.

"This is our way of thanking all of those people that

trusted us with their gifts," said Bigham. "Our focus is to share more in the everyday struggles—not just medical—although we do help with that, too."

For more information about the McAlister's event or Brynne's Smiles contact Brynne's Smiles' Executive Director Maggie Bigham at 806/781-9264 or Vangelia Perryman at 806/535-4346.

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Brynne's Smiles was started in the spring of 2011 by Craig and Maggie Bigham with the proceeds donated by the Trooper McDonald Memorial Race. Because of the blessings, generosity, support and most importantly prayers, the Bigham family has received since 2008, they wanted to pay it forward and find a way to help others. Brynne's Smiles is their way of spreading the love of Christ and supporting other families with similar struggles. Their struggles began with the

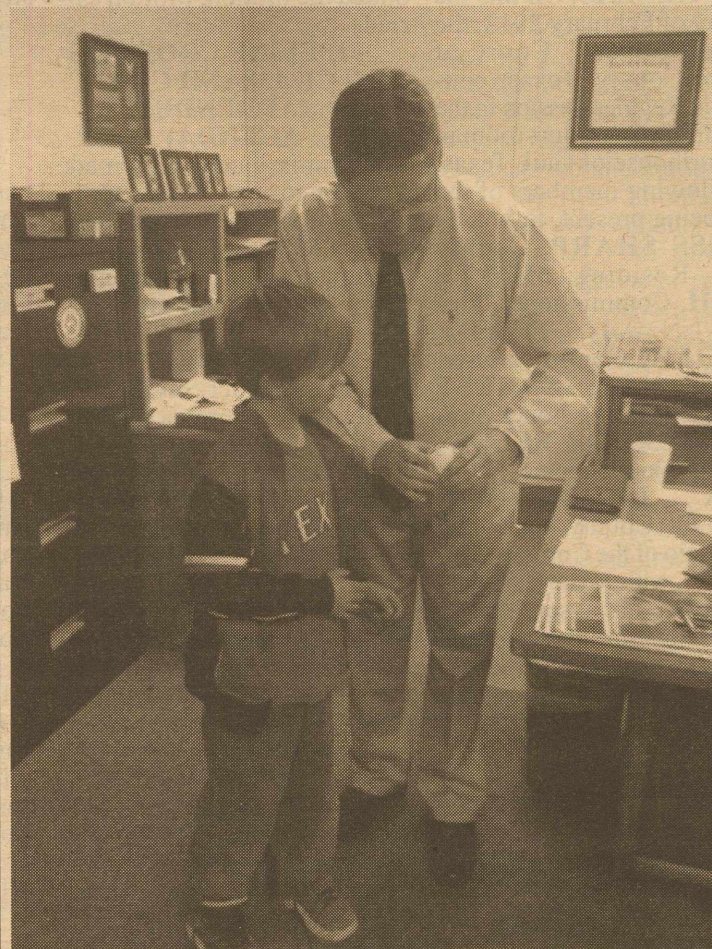
enormous amount of medical bills relating to their daughter Brynne's rare genetic needs. Through all of the trials since Brynne's birth in 2008, the Bigham's have seen many families they have wanted to help but were not able to do so by themselves.

The foundation of Brynne's Smiles is based on I Peter 4:10 which says "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

The focus of Brynne's Smiles is to allow families and individuals to help other families and individuals who are struggling with everyday needs. An opportunity to SMILE will be presented each month through our website at www.brynnessmiles.org and on our Facebook page.

Our faith in Jesus Christ is the guiding factor in how we share SMILES and the reason we have such joy in doing so.

Borden 3rd Grader Wins Drawing for Ranger Ball



Borden County Principle, Bart McMeans, presents 3rd grader, Justin Willborn with a baseball the he won in a drawing held last week. The ball was signed by Texas Rangers' owner and CEO, Nolan Ryan, pitching coach, Mike Maddux and outfielder, David Murphy. The Texas Ranger representatives visited Gail last Wednesday for the new field dedication.



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WHEREAS, On this the 14th day of February 2012, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

ROSS SHARP, County Judge, Residing; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner, Precinct N. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JANA UNDERWOOD DEPUTY** County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court, with Joyce Herridge, Clerk of Court absent due to illness, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

Billy Gannaway, Sheriff, and Joseph Bertolino, with the Sheriff's Department; Ben Smith, County Attorney; Sharlot Stone, County Treasurer, and Joseph Davis and Chad McNelly with SM Energy were present.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meetings of January 24, 2012 were read. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of January 30, 2012 were read. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TRAFFIC RESTRICTION ON CEMETERY ROAD

Commissioner Belew made a motion to lift the No Truck Traffic restriction on Cemetery Road and impose a No Thru Truck Traffic Restriction. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PIPELINE CROSSING ON CR 247 (ADDENDUM AGENDA)

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the pipeline crossing request from Crownquest Operating, LLC. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve two applications for pipeline crossings from SM Energy Company. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PIPELINE CROSSING ON CR 138 AND CR 128 (ADDENDUM AGENDA)

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve appointment of Joseph Bertolino as Deputy Sheriff. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY SHERIFF

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve county officer reports as submitted to court and to be filed in the County Clerk's office. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY OFFICER REPORTS

Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept bid proposal from Hurst Farm Supply, Inc. to purchase a tractor. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PRECINCT 3

TRACTOR PURCHASE

Commissioner Reyes made a motion to accept bid proposal from Hurst Farm Supply, Inc. to purchase a tractor. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BURN BAN

Margaret Ray visited with the Court on the possibility of lifting the burn ban that is now in effect. Commissioner Belew made a motion to lift the burn ban for a period of 14 days, starting February 14, 2012 to February 27, 2012.

Voting for: Commissioners Smith, Reyes, Belew, Reyes and Judge Sharp.

Voting against: Commissioner Adcock.

Commissioner Adcock.

2011 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

No action taken.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2011

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the report as submitted. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

INDEGENT HEALTH CARE APPLICATION

No action taken.

PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve request from Randy Lewis in Pct 1 for road construction. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOIL CONSERVATION WORK

Commissioner Belew made a motion to table request for soil conservation work. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined. A motion was made by Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

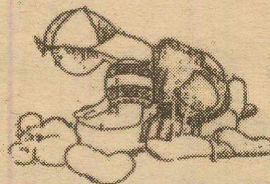
ADJOURN

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 28th day of February, 2012.

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Dist/Div: Abilene
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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available form TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

Getting to Know a Friend

Gary Humphreys has a gun shop in Del Rio. In the lot next to his shop is a piece of sculpture that has become a Del Rio landmark. It's a giant silver pistol two stories high. I must tell you that Gary is a likeable guy and knows nearly everybody in Del Rio. He can't go outside his home or shop without running into all sorts of people who know him. He has tons of friends. Gary is short and stocky, totally unremarkable in appearance. His wife Ginger says he's just not very impressive. Despite that, Gary has managed to get on just about every important board or committee in Del Rio. He's been a friend of mine for about half a dozen or so years and I keep peeling off layers of his unique personality.

Some sculptors who were having a workshop in Del Rio built his big silver pistol. Gary, who is on the city's Arts Council, asked them to build him something. So they went out and found all sorts of stuff. "The barrel is PVC pipe," says Gary. "The cylinder of made from a 55 gallon oil drum. They worked with wood and cement and just sorta made it out of junk."

It is not unusual to see people taking pictures of it. Years ago when the sheriff made news by commenting on some gun laws, a USA Today reporter came to town and took a picture of the sheriff by Gary's gun statue. The photograph turned up on the front page of the newspaper. Soon Gary's big gun was showing up in newspapers from the New York Times to the San Francisco Chronicle and on network TV. A female reporter

from the ABC television network went down to Del Rio and stayed three days, most of it in Gary's shop. She had never fired a gun before, so Gary took her out to a gun range and gave her some practice.

Gary, who loves Model A's, is always looking for some mischief to create. His brother had a funeral home so Gary had some caps made with the words HUMPHREYS GUNS AND CASKETS, DEL RIO TEXAS printed on them. Somehow a picture of one of those caps ended up on a cruise ship publication and Gary was flooded with orders. "I bought a hundred or so just to give away," says Gary. "But everybody who came in the shop wanted one and they got scarce in a hurry. One guy called from New York and asked me how much a cap would cost. I told him they cost me \$12.50 and I'd charge him that plus postage. He ordered a dozen."

Once Gary ran a small ad in the classified section of the Del Rio newspaper with only three words and a telephone number. The words were GUN FOR HIRE. Gary said he got some strange phone calls that usually started out with the caller talking in a low voice.

Gary met a Wrangler executive and started selling Wrangler jeans south of the border. He became the largest Wrangler dealer in southwest Texas. One order in Brazil was for 50 thousand pairs. Gary is so full of surprises I've just about stopped being amazed and amused at all the things he does.

Borden County ISD Board Meeting

Regular Board Meeting February 20, 2012

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas, met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Borden County I.S.D. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole, and Mike Valentine. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas and principal, Bart McMeans were also present. No guests were present.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 P.M. by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the minutes

of the January 16, 2012, board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Joe Harding and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the

February 2012 bills. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to set the regular March board meeting for March 26, 2012, at 7:00 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Mike Valentine to extend the contract of Bart McMeans through June 30, 2014, and increase his salary by \$200 per month with the tax sheltered annuity to be added to this increase for a total increase of \$2,640. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the 2012-2013 school calendar as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Mike Valentine to approve the 2012-2013 textbook adoptions. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made

by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the 2011-2012 Borden County I.S.D. Budget Amendments as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Mr. Thomas reported that 209 students were enrolled as of February 15, 2012, gave a financial report, gave a personnel report, and reported recent legislative developments pertaining to End Of Course Test Requirements. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joel Dennis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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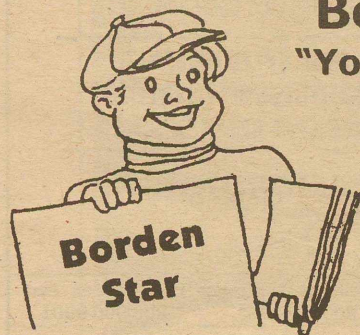
New Student Area



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Early Release

Borden County ISD classes will be released at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, March 9th, 2012 for Spring Break. Classes will resume on Monday, March 19th at 8 a.m.



Profitability Workshop Set for March 20

Comparing possible profits from South Plains crops for the 2012 season will be the focus of a Texas AgriLife Extension Service workshop set for 9 a.m.-3 p.m. March 20 at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 1102 East Farm-to-Market 1294, Lubbock.

"Each year, we offer producers the tools, data and skills they'll need to find the potential profitability of alternative crops here on the South Plains," said Dr. Jackie Smith, AgriLife Extension economist at Lubbock.

He said only one workshop will be offered this year and he urges producers to take advantage of it. The workshop will offer printed proceedings, crop budgets, a CD of Excel crop budgets, breakeven tables, reference files and Internet links to participants.

"Workshop attendees will essentially be getting instruction on everything they'll need to make sound crop decisions before the tractor ever enters the field," Smith said.

"We have designed the support material so producers can easily use the spreadsheet on their own computers," he said.

"The Excel spreadsheet will also let users examine the impact of different crop-share rental or cash-lease arrangements on the landlord's and renter's net income."

Other topics will include

input price trends and projections for 2012 along with basis, cash contracts and forward pricing using futures and options.

The workshop is funded through a grant from the Texas State Cotton Support Committee. Smith said the grant enables the workshop team to develop a crop-budget projection tool, conduct the training workshop, keep updated data and make the information readily available to producers.

"Producers can use their spreadsheet to fine-tune their own cost analysis to make accurate comparisons of the dollar potential of cotton, grain-sorghum, corn, peanuts and other crops," he said. "In all, there are four cotton budgets and 23 for other crops that can quickly be evaluated with expected input costs and projected crop prices."

Smith said participants will also be introduced to the iPhone/iPad app the team developed for producers to use in the field.

AgriLife Extension risk management specialists Jay Yates and Jeff Pate of Lubbock will assist Smith with the workshops.

Individual registration is \$20 by check at the door. The fee includes lunch and refreshments.

To RSVP or for more information call Smith or Viki Bartlett at 806-746-6101.

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Dare to Live...

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Successful steps that will motivate you to keep going. So pick something that is relatively easy to alter and not overwhelming. Some ideas: take a different route to work, do something different during lunch, vary your daily schedule, or change your evening routine. No aspect is too insignificant.

The goal is to build confidence in your ability to successfully make changes. With each successful alteration you make, you will be building strength to tackle bigger challenges. It's the same process as getting into shape physically. You start out with easy exercises and make them more challenging as you get stronger.

As your confidence builds you can tackle bigger ruts. Every aspect of your life has the potential for adjustment. If you believe you are stuck in a rut and can't get out, you are right. If you believe you can get out of any rut, you are also right. The choice is yours, get started today.

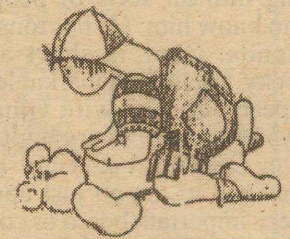
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Thought for the Day

What is charity?
It is silence, when your words would hurt.
It is patience, when your neighbor's curt.
It is deafness, when a scandal flows.
It is thoughtfulness, for other's woes.
It is promptness, when a duty calls.
It is courage, when misfortune falls.
-Unknown

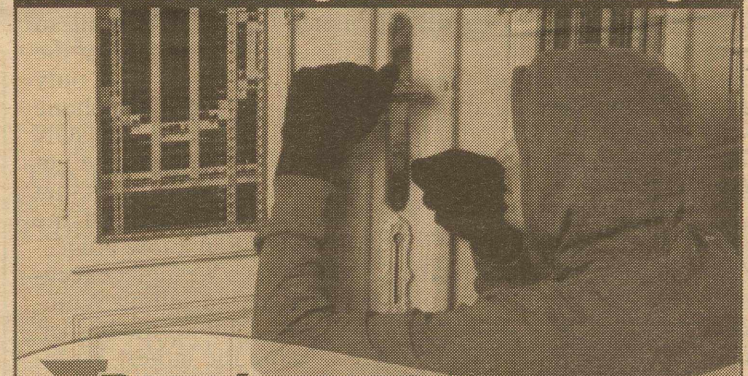
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