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FY13 Agriculture Appropriations Delayed

From the National Cotton Council

The FY13 House Agriculture Appropriations bill was delayed and has not been rescheduled.

Meanwhile, House Agriculture Committee Chairman

Lucas (R-OK) announced that committee's markup of the farm bill will be on July 11.

According to a news story in AgriPulse, Chairman Lucas said he made it very clear to leadership that he preferred not to have the agriculture appro-

priations bill at the same time. "As of this moment, I don't anticipate having ag appropriations in the House at same time as the farm bill markup in the committee," he said.

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Demolition Begins on Old School



Crews are pictured knocking away the outer wall of the Home Economics department as they began the demolition of the old school building this week.

Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Is The Grass Always Greener

The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence. We've all grown up hearing this expression. But is it true? Should you be dissatisfied with your situation because you think others have it better?

Regardless of one's circumstances, chances are that they are jealous of someone else. The wealthy may yearn for the days when their lives were simpler and without the worry of losing what they have attained. Those of modest means might dream of how all their problems would disappear if they only had more money.

People who think they're too tall wish they were shorter. Those who feel they are small wish for larger stature. People with curly hair want it straight while those with straight hair get it curled. People who are single think marriage is preferable while married folk think back on the excitement of being single.

Someone who is famous can mourn the loss of the privacy they had when they were unknown. An employee dreams of fame and fortune and the life of bliss it would surely bring.

Young people are eager to be older and those who are older long for the days of their

youth. Students can't wait to get out of school and begin their careers. Then several years after graduating, they will reminisce about their care-free school days.

So it really doesn't matter which side of the fence you are on, the other side often appears better. When you become jealous of another's situation it's because you only see what you perceive as benefits. It's pointless to compare your situation to others. You tend to only see the advantages without recognizing the accompanying problems.

Let's say you work close to home. You are not wealthy but live comfortably. Each day you are home from work by 5:30 and are able to spend evenings and weekends with your family. Although you work hard, your neighbor, Ralph, appears to live the good life. He has a nicer, bigger house and two expensive new cars.

What you may not realize is that Ralph works 70-hour weeks and commutes over four hours round trip. Ralph is frustrated about having little or no time to spend with his wife and kids. Although you think he has it made, Ralph is envious of your situation.

Both you and Ralph are jeal-

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Heart and Home ...

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Fruits of Summer

Sinking your teeth into a lush, juicy and audibly crunchy slice of watermelon is one of life's sweetest joys. It does not take much to get the cream of the crop, finding that perfect watermelon, peach, nectarine, or other summer fruit simply requires good detective work and an active use of all your senses.

Here are a few tricks of the produce trade every smart shopper should know:

* Follow the Golden Rule of Choosing Fruits: Your nose knows. If fruit is supposed to be sweet, it should smell sweet. Sometimes though, we find it necessary to poke and shake, prod and squeeze fruit to determine if it is ripe.

* Pick the fruit toward the bottom or at the back of the rack. It tends to be fresher because the produce department regularly rotates fruit when new stock is added.

* Separate your fruit from other groceries in the cart, and ask for the sacker to bag it separately as well. This will prevent it from being bruised while shopping and when transporting it home.

* Avoid fruit with visible blemishes, bruises and discoloration. These are warning signs of spoilage.

* Beware of buying fruit in bulk. You will spend less initially, but waste more in the long run because of spoilage. However, if you do buy fruit in bulk, inspect each bag/carton thoroughly for bruises or signs of mold.

* Wash and clean your fruit thoroughly to get rid of any pesticides and dirt. Remember to eat it right away or let it dry before you put it back in

the refrigerator because wet fruit is more apt to spoil.

* Refrigerate melons, seed fruit and berries (especially raspberries and blackberries) to extend their freshness.

* Ripen bananas and stone fruit (peached, plums, nectarines and other pitted produce) at home by placing them in a brown paper bag away from direct sunlight and at room temperature for a day or two.

* You can easily freeze fresh fruit by washing thoroughly and drying well then freezing in appropriate freezer bag or container. Thaw and enjoy or use frozen in smoothies, ice cream or in fruit salads.



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER
Michael A. Guido
Meeter, Georgia

One morning a mother was running late for an appointment. Wanting to look her best, she asked her son to polish her shoes. He did such a good job that she wanted to reward him. So, she gave him a dollar.

As she was putting on one of the shoes, she felt something strange. She reached into the shoe and discovered her dollar bill. With it was a note that read, "Here's your dollar back, Mom. I did it for love."

Love has ears to hear the sigh of the sorrowing. It has eyes to see the needs of those who are suffering. It has feet that run to others to show mercy. It has hands that extend themselves to help others heal. It has a heart that can feel the pain that others are enduring. Love always forgets self to serve others.

If we are not serving others, we are not loving. God's Word tells us to "love in deed, not words alone."

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Dare to Live...

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ous of each other's circumstances. While you are envious of what someone else has, someone else may be jealous of what you have. Concentrate on what you have. Count your blessings, you probably have many more than you realize.

You have to appreciate your own situation for the benefits it has. There are usually many things in your life that you have overlooked that you should be grateful for. As you can see from the above examples, the grass isn't always greener somewhere else.

When you think someone else has it better than you, you are distracted from appreciating all the good that is in your life. You can even start resenting your situation if you are

jealous of others. It's a shame that so many people waste time thinking someone else has is better than them.

Ambition and goals are good as long as they are based on what you genuinely want and not designed to obtain what someone else has. The other side of the fence isn't any greener than yours. Everyone has different needs and circumstances. What matters is your life and happiness. Cultivate your side of the fence and make it as green as you want it to be.

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Commissioners Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 26th day of June, 2012, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special 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, Presiding; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 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 attending continuing education conference, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

Sharlot Stone, County Treasurer, was present. Visitors present: Mrs. Pat Porter.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meetings of June 12, 2012 were read. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

QUANAH PARKER TRAIL

Pat J. Porter made a presentation to the court concerning the Quanah Parker Trail.

BORDEN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

Commissioner Smith made a motion to leave number of directors for the Appraisal District as is. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT REGULATING LITTER NEAR A PUBLIC HIGHWAY

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to table the order. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

No applications submitted to the court.

SOIL CONSERVATION WORK

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the application received from Scott Clayton, Precinct No. 1. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BORDEN COUTNY WATER SYSTEM

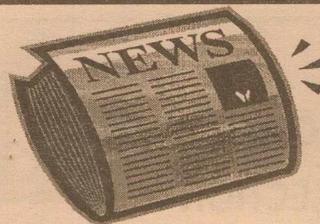
Discussion held on water system.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

Discussion held on budget.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Training on open records and open meetings for appraisal district. Sale of county surplus equipment.



Got News?

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Place: First Baptist Church Gail, Texas

Date: July 29th - August 2nd

Time: 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Amazing Word

BORDEN COUNTY ISD BID REQUEST

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive bids and/or quotes for propane, diesel, and gasoline for the 2012-2013 school year.

Proposals shall be addressed to Jimmy Thomas; Borden County Independent School District, Box 95, Gail, Texas 79738, and shall be delivered in a sealed envelope marked appropriately as "Propane Bid" and/or "Gasoline/Diesel Bid". Proposals may also be submitted by fax and/or by e-mail to the numbers or address listed below. Proposals will be received up to but no later than 1:00 P.M. on Friday, July 13, 2012. Bids will be opened and read as they are received. Proposals will be tabulated, researched, and selected by the Board of Trustees or its designee as appropriate. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

The Borden County ISD Board of Trustees or its designee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposed bids, to waive any and all technicalities, and to accept the proposal that will best serve the needs of the District.

Questions regarding bid specifications and additional information shall be directed to Jimmy Thomas by writing the above address; by e-mail to jthomas@bcisd.net; or by calling 806/756-4313. Transmissions by fax may be sent to 806/756-4310.

By Order of the Board of Trustees
Borden County Independent School District
Mike Valentine, Secretary

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Prescribed by Secretary of State
Section 42.003(b), Texas Election Code
3/2007

NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT

Notice is hereby given to the registered voters of Precinct ALL that this precinct has been consolidated with Precinct 4. Voting in the Court House election will be conducted at 117 E. Wasson Gail TX (location)

for voters residing in Precinct ALL

[Signature]
Signature of County Judge

Date 6/6/12

AVISO DE PRECINTO CONSOLIDADO

Por lo presente se les da aviso a los votantes registrados del Precincto ALL que este precincto se ha consolidado con el Precincto 4. La votación en la elección Court House se manejará en 117 E. Wasson Gail TX (sitio)

para los votantes que residen en el Precincto ALL

[Signature]
Firma del Juez del Condado

Fecha 6/6/12