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## USDA Changes Help Farmers and Ranchers Impacted by Drought

Secretary Tom Vilsack announced another helpful change in August, this one made by the Risk Management Agency (RMA), that livestock producers especially should appreciate. For the 2012 crop year, RMA intends to allow haying and grazing of cover crops without affecting the insurability of planted 2013 spring crops. This means farmers and ranchers can plant a cover crop without foregoing crop insurance coverage in 2013, thus giving producers another opportunity to grow needed forage and feed for this fall and winter.

A second change announced during the Secretary's weekly update of the drought crisis of 2012 was the commitment from the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to change the emergency loan program so that farmers and ranchers are eligible to apply earlier in the disaster recovery process. Previous to this change, emergency loan eligibility was based on crop losses that were determined after the production cycle; loan amounts were based on production during normal years. With these changes, producers no longer are required to wait until the end of the production cycle to obtain a loan. That means livestock producers needing assis-

tance today to offset increased feed costs don't have to wait. However, before making any plans to plant crop cover, producers should consult with their insurance agent, according to RMA.

In the USDA news release issued Aug. 22, 2012, Secretary Vilsack announced that so far in 2012 he had designated 1,821 counties as disaster areas in 35 states. Of those, 1,692 were because of drought.

**For a review of the entire news release, go to <http://www.usda.gov>, click on Newsroom and look for Agriculture Secretary Vilsack Announces New Help for Livestock Producers with Changes to Emergency Loans, Crop Insurance.**

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## Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

### *Bad Relationships*

Have you ever been in or had a bad relationship? Perhaps you are involved in one now. Although a full, in depth analysis of relationship issues is beyond the scope of this column, there are some fundamental concepts that can be addressed here.

Your relationships exist on many levels. Relationships are as unique as the people who enter into them. One person may adore you while someone else avoids you. There will be times when you can't figure out why things don't click.

One of the most common misconceptions of any relationship is that you have the ability to change the way another person thinks or acts. Too many relationships are entered into with the anticipation that the other person will change with time and understanding.

Although any person can change, you can't make them do it. Everyone has the ability to improve him or herself, if they want to. If you enter into a relationship based on what you think the other person will become, you are doomed to frustration and

miseria from the start.

If you are not content with who someone is, don't pursue a deeper relationship. If you are already in a relationship with a person who has not changed as anticipated, you have a couple of options. First of all, remember no one is perfect. Your partner may also be disillusioned about you.

As with other aspects of life, every relationship has good and bad points. If the good points outweigh the bad ones, you might make a strong case for continuing in the relationship. But if you are unhappy with a relationship and the other person isn't inclined to make a mutual effort to improve it, you have to make some tough choices.

You have to balance a relationship with your happiness. If you so desire, you can choose to leave. Ending a relationship may not be easy but neither is living in misery.

Relationships with relatives pose unique challenges. You didn't select these people and you can't choose new ones. If your interaction with them is positive, great - there is no problem. But what about situations where there is friction

and acrimony?

Accept your relatives for who they are because you can't change how they think and act. There's no point to arguing or fighting. For those who are particularly troublesome or distasteful, minimize the time you spend with them.

Bad relationships can also occur at work. Keep in mind that you are not an indentured servant and changing jobs is always an option. It's a false premise to believe an employer can't get along without you or that you can't survive without them. It's much easier to resolve problems at work when you don't feel desperate.

In any relationship, if you give the impression that you will put up with anything, people will treat you accordingly. Demand respect and don't accept less. You are free to choose with whom you spend your time. Just saying no can get you out of many undesirable situations.

Often, in a bad relationship, one person will blame the other for all the problems. Don't allow someone to squash your self-esteem by belittling you.

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# Area Six-Man Clubs Making Good Progress With Coaches

Courtesy of Lamesa Press Reporter  
By Dwight Hines

If the past couple of weeks are any kind of sign it should be another good year for area six-man football teams.

Last season, three of the area teams reached the playoffs, with Borden County going all the way to the state title game.

Coach Trey Richey's Borden County Coyotes are ranked at the fourth best Division I six-man team in the state going into the new season. They looked like it again in a four-way scrimmage Thursday at Gail.

Even with all-stater Tanner Richey sidelined with an injury, the Coyotes shut out Lubbock's Christ the King nine touchdowns to none, Lorenzo 5-2 and Lubbock Harmony, 8-0.

"Our focus still wasn't where it needed to be but our kids stepped up without Tanner, which was good to see," Coach Trey Richey said.

"Defensively, we seemed to get better as it went on. We've still got a lot of growth we need to make in the next few weeks."

Borden County senior QB Jared Smith threw seven touchdown passes and also ran one against the three opponents. Smith threw three touchdown passes to Kurt Shafer and two each to Tristan Benavidez and Helio Rosales.

Junior T.J. Basquez ran for three scores and also threw at touchdown pass. Matt Ham and Cayden Vaughn ran for two scores each, and Ricky Torres ran for one touchdown.

Tanner Richey is expected to be back in the lineup when the Coyotes kick off their season at 6 p.m. Thursday against Crowell as part of Jayton's Gridiron Classic.

Cougars making progress Klondike head coach Chad Fouts continued to see progress out of his Cougars in Thursday scrimmage which saw Abilene Christian win three touchdowns to two.

"They were good-sized and physical," Fouts said. "We saw plenty of talent in this scrimmage. They had a move-in from Abilene High who's their back-up safety."

"We ended up getting them 2-1 in our live quarter. We've got some work ahead, but after watching the film everything's fixable."

The Cougars' touchdowns came in a 10-yard run by Nathan Sevedge and a fumble recovery in the end zone by Wyatt Tidwell.

Klondike's JV outscored Abilene Christian four touchdowns to none.

Erik Barkowsky and Chris Arismendez scored two touchdowns each for the Cougars' JV.

The Cougars kick off their season at 12:30 p.m. Saturday against Sanderson at McCamey.

"We've got to keep our focus on getting better every day."

Dawson gets 'passing' grade

The Dawson Dragons found

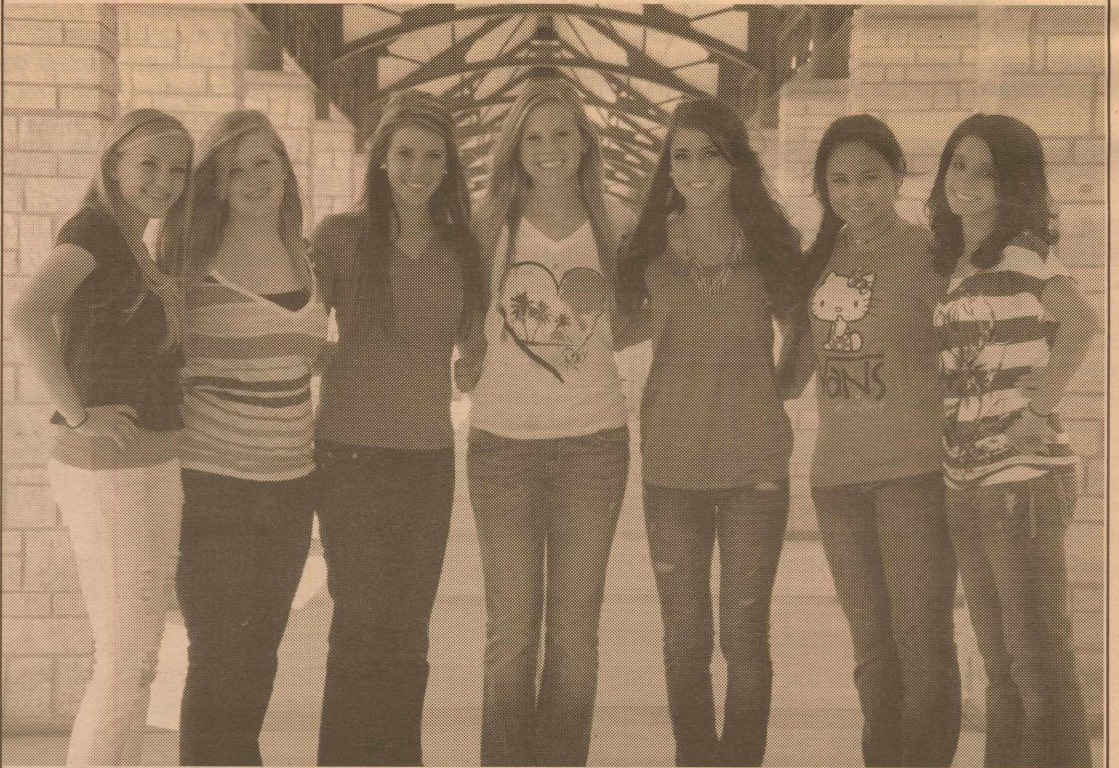
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## Borden County vs. Ropes Eagles



Borden County Coyote, Matt Ham (#6) hits an Eagle head on to stop any extra yardage in the recent scrimmage between the Coyotes and the Ropes Eagles.

## 2012-2013 Borden County Varsity Cheerleaders



The 2012-2013 Borden County Varsity Cheerleaders cheering on the Coyotes are (left to right) Tatum Richey, Cassie Gaines (mascot), Taylor Gass, Clair Shafer, Hanna Forbes, Tye Basquez and Kalyn Massingill.

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# Area Teams Show Progress in Pre-Season Games...

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their air game in Thursday's three-way scrimmage at Welch.

Dawson tied Grandfalls, with the Dragons and Coyotes scoring two touchdowns each.

The Dragons then tied Grady, again with each team scoring twice.

Dawson's David Valero threw touchdown passes to Michael Vera and Ernie Falcon. Nick Garcia threw touchdown passes to James Valero and Ernie Falcon.

"Both of these groups this week are better than what we faced last week, which tells us we're improving, too," Dawson Coach Ed Robinson said.

The Dragons kick off their season 7:30 p.m. Friday at Whitharral.

Mustangs showing muscle Sands head coach Wayne Henderson came home pleased from Westbrook Friday evening after his Mustangs scored 10 of that scrimmage's

11 touchdowns.

"We looked a lot better," Henderson said. "Our backs hit the holes harder and our line did a better job staying with their blocks."

"It's exciting getting closer to game time to see more things starting to work like you want."

Monty Timmons and Barry Norris scored three touchdowns each. Timmons scored on runs of 18, 48 and 18 yards. Norris scored on runs of 20, 40 and 17 yards.

Aaron Ragle threw a 60-yard touchdown pass to Erik Flores. Flores also scored on a 19-yard run. Ragle also threw a six-yard touchdown pass to Dyllon Tindol.

Devin Spivey scored on a two-yard run.

The Mustangs kick off their season at 6 p.m. Saturday against Lorenzo at Midland's Grande Communications.

Eagles outscore Wildcats A very young O'Donnell

football squad continued to make strides Friday evening at Wellman-Union where Coach Derrick Jones' Eagles outscored the Wildcats four touchdowns to none.

"We ran the ball well—four to five yards a carry—which is something we're going to have to do," Jones said.

Sterlyn Wilkie threw two touchdown passes, a 45-yard strike to E.J. Morales and a 15-yarder to A.J. Rivas. Rivas also ran one in from 40 yards out.

Dalton Guerra scored on a 20-yard run.

The Eagles host Southland Friday at O'Donnell.



## Special Needs Children

Who exactly is a child with "special needs"? We know that all children have needs and that every child is special. However, the needs of some children are greater than or different from those of the "typical" child. The special need might be in the area of mental, social, emotional, or physical development. If you are the parent or a friend of a child that might qualify for individual services, call Beck Nix, Special Education Director of Borden County ISD, Dawson ISD and Klondike ISD at 806/756-4313 ext. 269, or contact the Child Find Coordinator at the Education Service Center at 806/792-4000.



## 2012-2013 Borden County Jr. High Cheerleaders



The 2012-2013 Borden County Jr. High cheerleaders are (back left to right) Sydnee Jordan, Savannah Herridge, (front left to right) Ashlyn Tucker, Preslea Hall and Avery Price.

### School Lunch Menu

Menu Subject to Change  
August 27 - 31, 2012

**Monday** - Breakfast: French Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Nachos Grande, Refried Beans, Garden Salad, Orange Smiles and Milk.

**Tuesday** - Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Corndog, Baked Beans, Tomato & Cucumber Cup, Apple-Pineapple D'Lite and Milk.

**Wednesday** - Breakfast: Omelet & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Oven Fries, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fruity Gelatin and Milk.

**Thursday** - Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage & Gravy, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Beefy Macaroni, garden Salad, Baby Carrots, Fresh Grapes, Corn Bread and Milk.

**Friday** - Breakfast: Pop Tart or Muffin, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Cheese Pizza, Crunchy Broccoli Salad, Seasoned Corn, Fresh Fruit Bowl and Milk.

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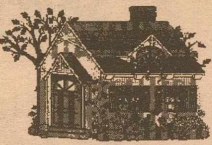
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**Heart and Home ...**

by Julie Smith  
Borden County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences



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### School Bus Safety for Motorists

Another school year has begun in Borden County, as well as in the majority of communities across Texas! With school beginning, that means that the school buses will be out and about on our Texas Highways and County Roads. We need to keep in mind as motorists that we should take precautions in order to provide a safe ride for our county and state's youth. Here are a few tips to remember:

- On county roads or rural highways, watch for school bus loading and unloading signs, as well as for children traveling to and from school (waiting for the bus at the end of a driveway, etc.).
- Drive slowly, especially if you know children live in the area.
- Watch for children playing or gathering near school bus stops.
- Be alert, children sometimes dart into the street or road without looking for traffic.
- Learn the flashing light system that alerts motorists that the bus will be stopping.
- \* Yellow flashing lights mean the bus is preparing to stop and load or unload children. Motorists need to slow down and prepare to stop.
- \* Red flashing lights and

extended stop arm mean the bus has stopped and children are boarding or exiting the bus. Motorists must come to a complete stop a safe distance from the bus and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the arm is retracted and the bus begins moving before they start driving again.


#### SCHOOL BUS SAFETY FOR CHILDREN

School bus safety starts with you! Every morning and every afternoon, keep these 10 rules in mind. They are easy to learn and simple to follow, and they start before the bus ever stops. So, be cool! Follow the rules!

1. Be on time.
2. Never run to or from the bus.
3. Stand at least 10 feet back from the curb or bus stop.
4. Don't push or shove.
5. Stay in your seat.
6. Don't yell or shout.
7. Always obey the driver.
8. Wait for the driver's signal before crossing the road or street.
9. Always cross at least 10 feet in front of the bus, never cross behind it.
10. Never crawl under a school bus.

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## Dare to Live...

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Many bad relationships are due to a basic incompatibility between two people. There are people who try to elevate themselves by stepping on others.

If you want to extricate yourself from a bad relationship, you don't need to first condemn the other person. Denouncing someone will only make them defensive and bitter and is counterproductive. If you need to scale back or end a relationship, try to do so without making the other person feel bad.

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*Thought for the Day*

Happiness is the legitimate fruitage of love and service. Set happiness before you as an end, no matter in what guise of wealth, or fame, or oblivion even, and you will not attain it. But renounce it and seek the pleasure of God, and that instant is the birth of your own.

-Arthur S. Hardy

## Borden County Booster Club Holds First Meeting

The Borden County Booster Club kicked off the new school year by holding their first meeting on Monday 27, 2012. It was a very exciting and successful meeting with 40 members present.

Many items as well as concerns were discussed. The election of officers was also on the agenda. Officers for the 2012-2013 school year are: President – Amanda Blissard, Vice-President – Penni Cribbs, Secretary – Lea Ann Hudson, and Treasurer – Jeanie Coor.

Room Moms were also appointed for each grade level. They will soon be in touch

with each of their appointed grade level parents to let them know important information and dates.

Some of the dates discussed in the meeting were for the upcoming events: Homecoming September 28<sup>th</sup>, Fall Festival October 20<sup>th</sup> (tentative), and Teacher Appreciation to be held in the spring. This is just a few of the many events to take place during the 2012-2013 school year.

Let's all pull together and make this 2012-2013 school year very exciting and uplifting for everyone. GO COYOTES!

## O'Donnell to Host Cotton Festival

Booth registrations for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual O'Donnell Cotton Festival scheduled on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> now are being taken.

Vendors who wish to reserve a spot at the City Park may contact Frances Stephens, at 806-428-3335, or go by Moore-Rains Insurance, 701 8<sup>th</sup> Street in O'Donnell, to fill out a registration form.

The Cotton Festival will begin at 10 a.m. with a parade. There is no pre-registration for the parade and anyone interested in participating may enter a float, a decorated vehicle

or a riding club.

Booths will open at 11 a.m. A softball tournament to benefit Wayne Mott will begin at 8 a.m.

Teams may contact Monty Barnett, at 806/782-6004 or [emai1montybarnett@gmail.com](mailto:emai1montybarnett@gmail.com), in regard to the softball tourney. Team registration fee is \$120.

The Cotton Festival will end with a dance that will last until midnight.

For more information, contact organizer Lidia Casarez at 759-3001.

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# Some Things Stay the Same

## *Longest serving employee and sister combine for over 60 years of service to school*

By Sue Jane Mayes

With the start of the 2012-2013 school year this week, a new era with many changes is on the Borden County landscape. Most noticeable to county residents and visitors is the soon-to-be completion of the new school facilities. Anticipation and excitement were definitely in the air Monday morning.

So was reassurance.

I knew when I saw Connie Hart and Kathy Underwood walking down the hall that we were going to be just fine.

The two sisters have long been the hallmark of the school district's janitorial staff. Students and faculty could take a lesson from these ladies: *there are no shortcuts when it comes to a job well done.*

Combined, their tenure surpasses sixty years. Connie (Underwood) Hart began her employment with Borden County ISD in 1974. Sister Kathy joined in 1989.

The Underwood family's ties to school employment did not begin with Connie and Kathy. Their father Raymond "Babe" and mother Patsy also worked for BCISD during the 1980s and 1990s.

Connie and Kathy came to Borden County from Jayton where their father was a welder. Connie was 14; Kathy entered the Fifth Grade.

It is this connection to the school, both as employee and former students, that provides one of the most touching reasons why these two special ladies have given so much tender loving care to things that many people overlook: the floors, the desks, the windows, the bathrooms, the carpet....this is their school and "their home" as they so aptly described the building.

"We take pride in it. It is not just a job to draw a paycheck," said Connie. "It makes me proud when people come from other schools and say this is the cleanest school they have

seen."

Of course, Connie and Kathy are referring to the now demolished old school. To many visitors, the word "old" was not applicable. Those visitors saw that we had a structure that, despite many years of wear and tear, had been cared for so professionally. That same care will now be transferred to the new school. Even Monday, Connie and Kathy were roaming the halls in search of black marks on the terrazzo floor, restrooms that needed cleaning, and enjoying the sights and sounds of the students whom they, too, claim as their own.

Throughout their careers, their jobs have not been confined to the indoors. For years, they mowed, they weeded, they painted fences around the ag farm, and once they even spent a few hot summer days taking the shingles off a roof and removing nails prior to the roofers coming to lay the new roof.

Both have driven buses. Kathy still has a bus route, and she is quick to point out that there are moments that have made her smile.

When one student insisted he couldn't wait to go the bathroom before the route was over, Kathy sympathetically pulled over and instructed the student to come outside where she would stand guard. She also told the other students to look elsewhere. She thought she had the situation under control until the student, after looking around outside, informed her that "there was no toilet."

Connie and Kathy have also worked in the kitchen, taking dishes and trays in the scullery. Connie did not hesitate when asked about the funniest thing she has ever witnessed at school. Ninth Grader Rhaeden Bland's first week of Kindergarten provided that moment when he entered the drop off

zone, took his tray, and threw it through the window and yelled, "Air Mail!"

"I love being around the little kids," said Connie. "They keep us laughing."

Among some of the kids at school are Connie's four grandchildren and Kathy's great-nieces and nephews: Kable, Kelby, Klancey, and Kell Kleck.

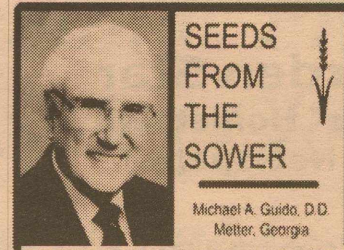
The days begin early for both sisters. Connie, who lost husband Sid this past spring, starts her day around 4:30 a.m. Sid was the retired transportation supervisor for 30 years with BCISD. Connie and Kathy are joined at various times of the day by Olivia Rhodes, Holly Benavidez, and Mary Rodriguez in helping keep the school looking fresh.

One of the busiest times for Connie and Kathy and the rest of the school maintenance crew is the annual Borden County basketball tournament. The three-day affair plays host to numerous schools, hundreds of visitors which equates to a lot of time on their feet cleaning up after folks.

So in concluding the interview, both sisters smiled with a sincere hope, knowing that if the Borden Coyote football team makes it to the state championship game, the tournament will be shortened to two days.

More than likely, the coaches and team would like nothing more to accommodate Connie and Kathy with that request.

After all, it's the least we can do for these two people who have left their mark by cleaning up everybody else's.



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My friend asked his date, "Do you think that you could learn to love me?"

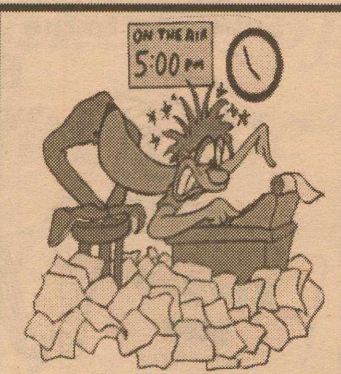
"That depends," she replied, "on how much you are willing to spend on me and my education."

Apparently she loved his money much more than she loved him.

Like that girl, there are many who look to God for what they can get. They expect Him to provide for all their needs: heal their bodies, calm troubled minds, comfort broken hearts, supply all of their wants.

Our Lord said, "You want to be with Me because I fed you, not because you believed in Me as your Savior and Lord. But you shouldn't be so concerned about things that are perishable - the things that have no eternal value like food and clothes. Rather, spend your time and energy seeking eternal things; by sharing the Gospel as good witnesses, caring for those in need and investing your time in reading my Word."

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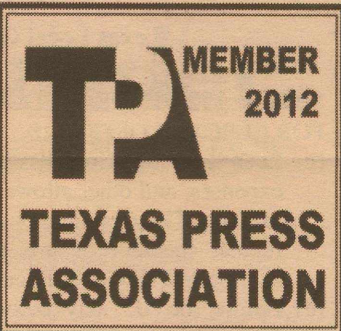
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COMM. PREC. #1	\$25,108	\$0	\$2,520	\$0
COMM. PREC. #2	\$25,108	\$0	\$2,520	\$0
COMM. PREC. #3	\$25,108	\$0	\$2,520	\$0
COMM. PREC. #4	\$25,108	\$0	\$2,520	\$0
SHERIFF/TAC	\$40,338	\$1,552	\$3,000	\$0
COUNTY TREASURER	\$37,096	\$1,427	\$3,000	\$0
COUNTY/DISTRICT CLERK	\$37,096	\$1,427	\$4,600	\$100
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**Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase**

The \_\_\_\_\_ County of Borden \_\_\_\_\_ will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 21.87 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on 9-11-12, 8:00 am at the County Courthouse.

The second public hearing will be held on 9-18-12, 8:00 am at the County Courthouse.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

- FOR: Commissioners' Smith, Adcock, Belew and Judge Sharp
- AGAINST: None
- PRESENT and not voting:
- ABSENT: Commissioner Reyes

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Borden County last year was \$ 19,160.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Based on last year's tax rate of \$ 0.28900 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$ 55.37

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Borden County this year is \$ 19,092.00

\_\_\_\_\_. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$ 0.21360 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$ 41.30

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$ 0.26360 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$ 50.33

**Special Provisions if Applicable**

**Criminal Justice Mandate (use for counties, if applicable):**

The \_\_\_\_\_ County Auditor certifies that \_\_\_\_\_ County has spent \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in the previous 12 months beginning \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. \_\_\_\_\_ County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

**Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures (use if applicable):**

The \_\_\_\_\_ spent \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \_\_\_\_\_.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.



## Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
Tumbleweed Smith

### A Short Bicycle Vacation

My son Kevin lives in Dallas and works in professional sports television. When you watch a Rangers, Stars or Mavericks game he is the technical director who puts the picture on the screen. Sometimes he mans the 60-yard Jumbotron in Cowboys Stadium. I've had the pleasure of watching him do a game. I must say watching the broadcast crew do its thing is more exciting than watching the game.

Kevin has produced some outstanding videos. Some are thoughtful, artistic pieces on Dallas Cowboy football players. He had a big part in putting together the highlight video of the Atlanta Olympics. He is a Yoga master and recently did a video titled ADVENTURES OF A PART TIME YOGI.

Kevin rides his bicycle. He doesn't just take pleasure rides.

Sometimes he'll leave the house and be gone for hours. He occasionally takes 60-mile bicycle rides around the Metroplex. For years he has wanted to ride the 77-mile loop around Fort Davis. He did it last month. It involved the whole family and was a wonderful experience.

Kevin, his wife Jill and their 9-year old son Caleb joined Susan and me for the trek to the mountains. On the way we stopped at Balmorhea and went swimming in the big natural pool. We had a sumptuous picnic under shade trees that set a nice tone for the whole trip. We continued on to Fort Davis and found our way to Indian Lodge. It had been years since we had stayed there and I had forgotten what a restful and relaxing place it is. A light afternoon shower was falling

when we arrived and it made the mountains look extremely appealing.

That night we went to McDonald Observatory. We were afraid that we wouldn't get to see anything because of the clouds and rain. But around 10 o'clock the skies cleared and we got to see dozens of galaxies and billions of stars.

The next morning Kevin started his ride at 6:30. Jill and I left two hours later to film his journey. We finally caught up to him past the Point of Rocks rest area. He had made 30 miles in two hours. He was in good spirits and after a short visit, some fruit and a long drink of water, he pedaled on. Jill was taking still photos, I was taking movies. We'd go miles ahead and set up the tripod so we could film him passing us. Kevin didn't sound or feel tired even at the 60-mile mark.

When we arrived at the 70-mile mark, highway crews were putting down fresh tar and gravel in Kevin's lane. That was hard to handle and at a short break, Kevin said he didn't have anything left. He was tired.

But somehow he rallied and made it back to Indian Lodge. He finished the ride in six and a half hours. We went to town and met Susan and Caleb, who had toured the Fort. After a snack at the drug store we went for a swim in the Indian Lodge pool. Kevin suffered no ill effects.

I'm so glad Kevin wanted to make that ride. It gave us an excuse to go to Fort Davis for three days and enjoy some of the activities the city offers. It is a fun place.

# USDA Reminds Producers of Sept. 4th Sales Closing Date For Noninsurable Crops

**(POST, TEXAS) – August 28, 2012** – Garza-Borden County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Victor Ashley reminds producers that they have until Tuesday, September 4, 2012, to purchase coverage through the Noninsurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). The sales closing date is actually September 1, 2012, but producers have until Tuesday, September 4, 2012, to purchase coverage this year because September 1 falls on a weekend and the following Monday is a holiday.

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to normal disasters.

"Purchasing a crop insurance policy is an easy way for producers to mitigate risk," said Ashley. "The past few years have shown that natural disasters can severely impact an otherwise successful operation," he said.

The following crops have a NAP application closing date of Sept. 4, 2012: All Small Grains (Wheat, Oats, Barley, Rye and Triticale).

In order to meet eligibility

requirements for NAP, crops must be noninsurable, commercially-produced agricultural commodity crops for which the catastrophic risk protection level of crop insurance is not available. If the Risk Management Agency (RMA) offers coverage for a crop in the county, then NAP coverage is not available for that crop.

In the event of a natural disaster, NAP covers the amount of loss greater than 50 percent of the expected production based on the approved yield and reported acreage.

Eligible producers can apply for coverage using form CCC-471, Application for Coverage. Producers must file the application and service fee by the Sept. 4 deadline. The service fee is the lesser of \$250 per crop or \$750 per producer per administrative county, not to exceed a total of \$1,875 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

For more information on sales closing dates and NAP, contact the Garza-Borden County FSA office at 806-495-2801 X 2.

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## Legal Notice

### ORDER OF GENERAL ELECTION (ORDEN DE ELECCION GENERAL)

An election is hereby ordered to be held on November 6, 2012, in Borden County, Texas for the purpose of electing the following county and precinct officers as required by Article XVI, Section 65 of the Texas Constitution.

*(Por la presente se ordena que se lleve a cabo una eleccion el dia 6 de November, 2012, en el Condado de Borden Texas, con el proposito de elegir los siguientes oficiales del condado y del precinto como requerido por el Articulo XVI, Seccion 65 de la Constitucion de Texas.)*

Sheriff/Tax Assessor-Colelector (Sheriff/Asesor Fiscal-Colector)

County Commissioner, Precinct 1 (*comisionado del Condado, Precinto 1*)

County Commissioner, Precinct 3 (*comisionado del Condado, Precinto 3*)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:

*(La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)*

County Clerks Office (*oricina del Secretatio del Destricto y Condado*)

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on October 22, 2012

*(entre las 8:00 de la*

*manana las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 22 de Octubre, 2012) and ending on November 2, 2012. (y terminando el 2 de November, 2012.)*

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

*(Las solecitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan enviarse a:)*

Joyce Herridge  
P.O. Box 124  
Gail, Texas 79738

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on:

*(Las solecitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el:)*

October 30, 2012

*30 de Octubre 2012.*

Issued this the 17th day of August, 2012.

*(Emitada este dia 17 de Augusta, 2012.)*

Ross D. Sharp, Borden County Judge

*(Firma del Juez Condado)*

## Life's Outtakes

By Daris Howard

### Uncle Hickory and the Model T

Being asked recently to make a presentation about journal writing at a genealogy conference made me think about my own genealogy. I remember a quote by a famous politician. He said there was no reason to go to the work of doing your genealogy. You could just run for political office and then those who were opposed to you would do it for you.

In that vein I have at times found interesting stories in my own ancestral past. I noted one recently about a great uncle and a great aunt. If it hadn't been for the guilt two young men felt for what they knew was an undeserved gift from my great aunt, the story probably would have remained untold.

For anonymity I will refer to my great aunt and great uncle as respectively, Aunt Hazel and Uncle Hickory, because some might say they were nutty. However, Uncle

Hickory and Aunt Hazel were good, down-to-earth people that everyone loved. Uncle Hickory did have one well-known bad habit. He drank too much. In fact, he was fondly known as the town drunk. Everyone knew of his habit and on the most part tended to overlook it due to Uncle Hickory's pleasant nature.

As one story goes, an early snow storm struck the area the first week of October. Imagine that here in Idaho. Anyway, two young men, who had been up country hunting, were fighting their way home through the blizzard, only to find Uncle Hickory lying snookered beside the road. Knowing they couldn't leave him there, they tossed him into the back seat of their Model-T.

Those old cars were light and they slid all over the road, eventually landing in the ditch by the road. Although the car

was light, it was too heavy for one person to push out while one drove, and Uncle Hickory was too soused to be roused. The young men could get no traction and there was nothing in the great white expanse that could be used to give the tires the grip they needed.

Finally, thinking they all would die if they didn't do something, they struck on an idea. They pulled Uncle Hickory out of the back seat and stuffed him under the tire. With the extra grab and one pushing and one driving, the car inched its way back up onto the road. Once they were finally into safe territory, and the tire had passed clear over Uncle Hickory, they carefully brushed him off and tossed him back into his seat again. Then they much more carefully headed on their way.

The young men took Uncle Hickory home and delivered him to Aunt Hazel who put him to bed. The next day the young men received a wonderful, home-made pie with a note from Aunt Hazel. It said, "Thanks so much for giving my husband a ride home. I'm sure he would have never made it on his own. He was so stiff and sore the next morning he couldn't even walk."

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## One Vehicle Rollover



Borden County EMS responded to a vehicle rollover on north FM 669 Monday morning around 8:00 a.m. The driver received only minor injuries and refused any medical treatment.

**Drive Safely**  
and please remember to buckle up!

**THANK YOU FOR READING THE BORDEN STAR**