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2013 Borden County Jr. Livestock Show a Success

Borden County 4-H and Gail FFA members recently participated in the 2013 Borden County Jr. Livestock Show at Gail, Texas. Forty-three 4-H and FFA members exhibited a total of 17 steers, 16 lambs, 25 goats, and 46 swine at this year's county stock show.

Judges for the event were:

Classifier: Greg Gruben - Snyder, Tx

Showmanship Judge: Scott Brewer - Ackerly, Tx

Steer Judge: Lee Howard - Tarzan, Tx

Lamb and Goat Judge: Jay Waller - Ira, Tx

Swine Judge: Rebel Royal - Garden City, Tx

Steer Show:

LW British:

1. J. W. Nix
2. Colbin Briley

HW British:

1. Myka Blissard
2. Dylan Murphy
3. Flint Roberts

Breed Champion: Myka Blissard

Reserve Breed Champion: Dylan Murphy

LW European:

1. Flint Roberts
2. Colbin Briley
3. Erin Nix

HW European:

1. Myka Blissard
2. Payton Merket
3. Payton Merket
4. Fallon Forbes

Breed Champion: Myka

Blissard

Reserve Breed Champion: Payton Merket

LW American:

1. Erin Nix
2. Colbin Briley
3. Thomas Nix

HW American:

1. J. W. Nix
2. Thomas Nix

Breed Champion: J. W. Nix

Reserve Breed Champion: Thomas Nix

Grand Champion Steer: Myka Blissard

Reserve Grand Champion Steer: Payton Merket

GRAND CHAMPION

STEER - Myka Blissard - received a jacket donated by Doyle & Shirly Newton; a buckle donated by Gerry & Julie Smith; \$100.00 and a monogrammed duffle bag given in memory of Borden Gray by the Borden Gray Family.

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION STEER -

Payton Merket - received a monogrammed garment bag donated by Brent & Pat Murphy and a buckle donated by Ralph & Dewey Fay Miller.

Donors of the class award are: Ben & Paula Miller, Scott & Inez Clayton, Mickey & Shirley McMeans, Tim & Carol Wilson, Phillip, Holly, & Baylee Benavidez, and BCJLA. Recipients of these awards were: J. W. Nix, Myka

Blissard, Flint Roberts, Payton Merket, Erin Nix and Thomas Nix.

Lamb Show:

Fine Wool Cross:

1. Kylie Voss
2. Maeghan Herridge

Breed Champion: Kylie Voss

Reserve Breed Champion: Maeghan Herridge

LW Medium Wool:

1. Kaci Hudson
2. Kylie Voss
3. Kylee Dean

4. Hayley Gray

HW Medium Wool:

1. Kylie Voss
2. Kaci Hudson
3. Kylie Voss

Breed Champion: Kylie Voss

Reserve Breed Champion: Kaci Hudson

Southdown:

1. Klancey Kleck
2. Maeghan Herridge
3. Kable Kleck
4. Katie Gray

Breed Champion: Klancey Kleck

Reserve Breed Champion: Maeghan Herridge

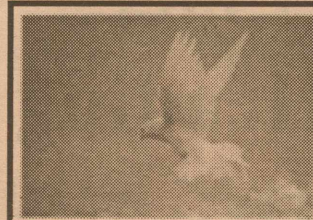
Finewool:

1. Kable Kleck
2. Kaylyn Dean
3. Klancey Kleck

Breed Champion: Kable Kleck

Reserve Breed Champion: Kaylyn Dean

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Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

You Can't Dig Your Way Out of a Hole

If you dig a hole, climb down into it, and keep digging, the hole will continue to get deeper. You will never dig your way out. The only way to get out of the hole is to climb out before it gets too deep.

A person starts digging a hole when they make a bad decision. We all make bad decisions at times. It doesn't mean you are stupid or inept. What's important is that you identify the bad decision and then change direction by making a good decision.

When one bad decision is followed by more bad decisions, the hole rapidly becomes deeper. As the hole grows, the chances of getting out diminish. Rather than stopping the digging and formulating a plan for extrication, the occupant of a hole often digs even more furiously.

An initial bad decision can be either major or minor. One bad major decision can create a deep hole in one step. One bad minor decision alone may not be that big a deal. But a string of bad minor decisions has a cumulative effect that will also create a deep hole.

No one makes bad decisions with the conscious intent to dig deeper, making things worse. The trap is that you either don't recognize a bad decision

for what it is or delude yourself into thinking you can dig your way out. Making another bad decision may be easier than doing what it takes to make a good one.

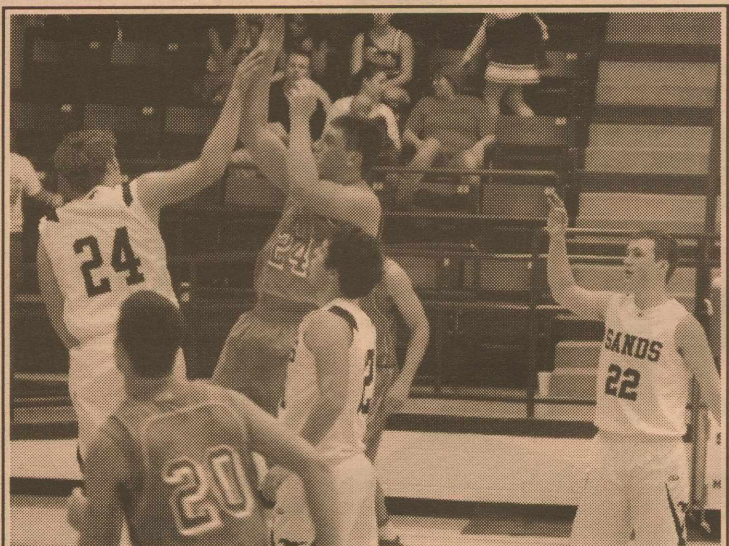
Inaction, with the expectation that a situation will improve on its own, can be a bad decision. Closing your eyes, hoping problems will vanish, isn't an effective strategy. Wishing or hoping without being proactive will not do much to help you.

Jim is a medical doctor with a successful practice. He's got some extra money to invest. Jim comes across a commercial plumbing business for sale. Al, the plumber, paints a glowing profit picture of a business that virtually runs itself.

Jim buys the business without thoroughly investigating Al's claims. As soon as Jim closes the deal, he discovers not all was as advertised. The business requires all of Jim's time. Since he knows nothing about plumbing, Jim has trouble managing the employees. He doesn't have the knowledge to determine if they are performing appropriately.

Jim spends so much time running his new business he

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Borden Coyote, T.J. Basquez, attempts to score for the Coyotes in last Fridays upsetting loss to the Sands Mustangs.

Ladies 2nd Place in District Heading Into the Turn

By Coach Skelton

The Lady Coyotes with their win over Sands are in second place after playing the first half of their district schedule. Kyle Voss (6) and Tye Basquez (8) lead the scoring effort for the Lady Coyotes in the first quarter of play against Sands. The sparked ignited a second quarter scoring barrage which saw six Lady Coyotes score 19 points, and take a 33-12 half time lead.

"I think the press set the tone of the night, and the willingness to take the turnover and go do something positive with the ball led us to taking high quality shots." Then once we had the game under control and didn't need the press the offensive output didn't suffer which is nice to see.

However the Lady Mustangs didn't lay down and was only outscored 3 points in the third quarter. Then the Lady Coyotes rallied and finished the game outscoring the Lady

Mustangs 17-8 in the final quarter. "I was happy to see all the girls get into the book tonight, and to see our bench players get out there and compete." In fact our bench played a lot of minutes, and scored 33 of our points tonight.

The final was Lady Coyotes 67 Sands 35. The Lady Coyotes next play Wellman-Union there on the 15th of January. The Lady Coyotes are currently sitting in 2nd place with seven games left. "We need to win the all, and not fall asleep against any of these teams." Seems like everyone is playing better, and having to go to Wellman, Klondike, and O'Donnell means it's far from over.

Scorers: Kylie Voss 13, McKenna Campbell 11, Tye Basquez 10, Tatum Richey 8, Taylor Gass Mallory McMeans Lexi Peterson 6, Clair Shafer 3, Teryn Soto Kaylyn Dean 2.

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Mustangs Use Size to Shut Down Coyote Defense

By Coach Edwards

The Sands Mustangs showed why they are the favorite of Region I last Friday night defeating the Borden County Coyotes, 59-31.

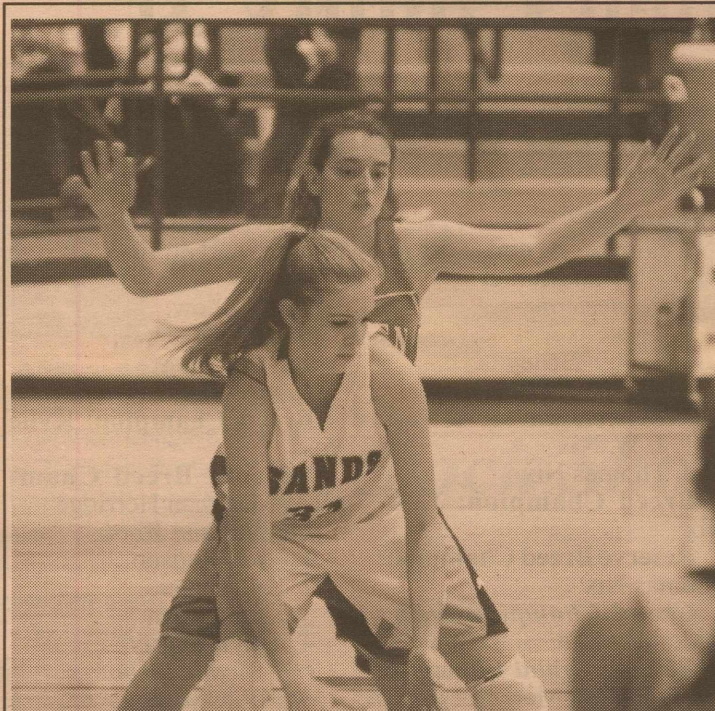
The Mustangs used their size and shut down all lanes to the basket and didn't allow a single point in the first quarter. Offensively, they used both an outside and inside game to score 15 points of their

own. Sands won the second quarter 18-10 to take a 33-10 lead at the half. The Coyotes came out of the half with some purpose as they showed the fans they could go toe to toe with #2 ranked Sands. The Mustangs only won the second half 26-21.

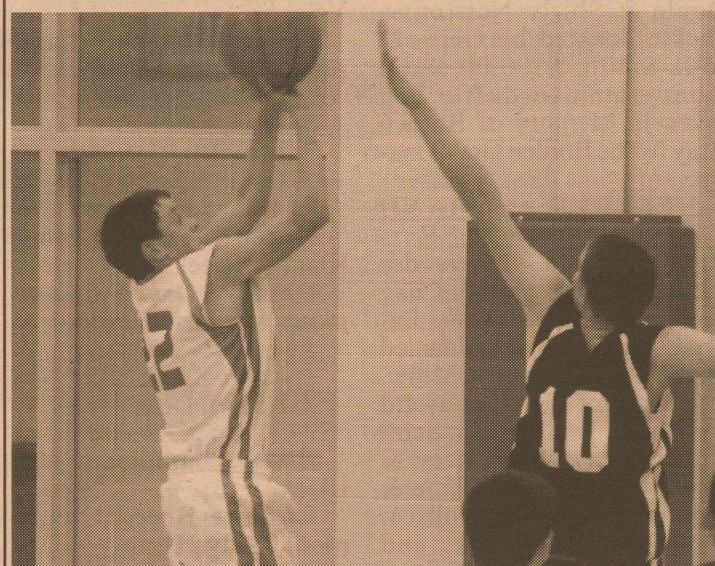
Seventeenth ranked Borden County was led by Tanner Richey in scoring with 20

points followed by Helio Rosales with eight points. Jared Smith added two points and Kurt Shafer chipped in a point.

The Coyotes(15-3)(4-1) will travel Wellman on Tuesday to face the Wellman-Union Wildcats. Tip-off is at 8:00 p.m.



McKenna Campbell stands keeps a Lady Mustang opponent away from the goal in last Fridays' game against Sands.



Borden Pup, Hunter Jones scores for the team against Dawson. The Pups remain defeated after beating the Dragons 39-25.

Jr. High Hoopsters Remain Undefeated Beating the Dragons

By Coach Edwards

Borden County Junior High hoopsters remained undefeated defeating the Dawson Dragons 39-25. The Coyotes move to 5-0 on the season.

Strong defense performances in the first and third quarters were key factors of the game as the Coyotes only allowed two points in each period. Borden scored 16 points in the first quarter which gave them a 14 point cushion and the difference in the game.

The Coyotes were led by Hunter Jones in scoring with 14 points followed by Trace Richey with nine points. Corbin Sumners added six while Kace Lott and Jayton Lewis each chipped in four points. Kale Yarbrow finished the scoring with two points.

The junior high will resume play January 17th at Loop.

Coyotes Secure 4th District Win Defeating the O'Donnell Eagles

By Coach Edwards

Despite a barrage of three point shots by the O'Donnell Eagles, the 17th ranked Borden Coyotes unselfish play offensively secured their fourth district win, 62-36

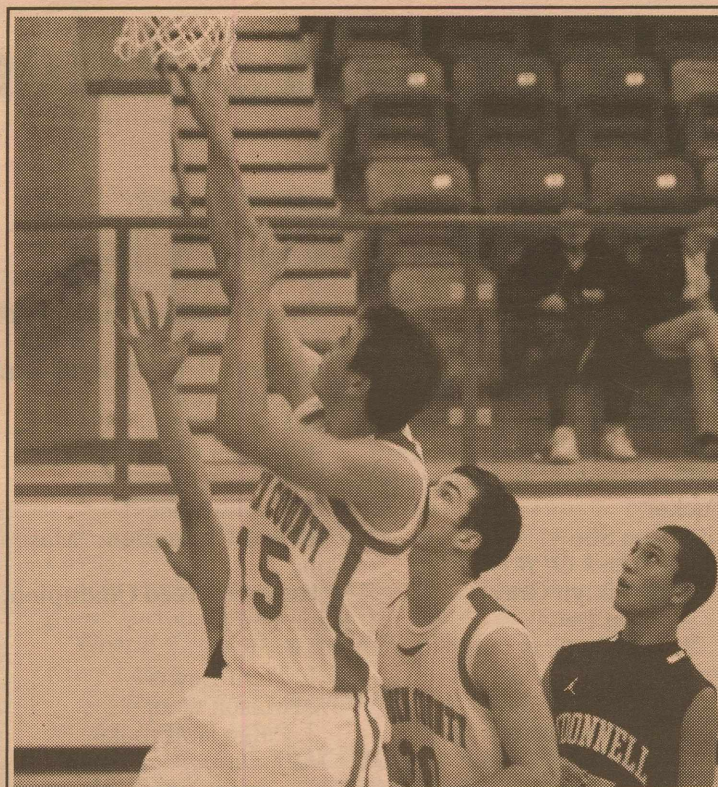
The Eagles got a hot hand in the first half hitting six of their seven three point shots, but the Coyotes continued to find the open guy to hold onto a 30-27 lead at the half.

The Coyotes found a since of urgency in the second half and did a much better job closing out on the perimeter shoot-

ers, and used their size to shut down the paint. Borden allowed only nine second half points and scoring 32 of their own to extend the lead.

Tanner Richey finished the game with 21 points. Korbin Martinez, Kurt Shafer, T.J. Basquez and Helio Rosales added eight points. Sean Tucker knocked in five points while Jared Smith and Matt Proulx contributed 2 points.

The Coyotes improve to 15-2 on the season and 4-0 in district play.



Coyote, Kurt Shafer puts the round ball into the goal in last weeks' game against the Eagles. The Coyotes defeated the Eagles 62-36.

Coyote JV Tames the Mustangs for Third Time

By Coach Edwards

For the third time this season, the Borden County junior varsity squad has found a way to defeat the Sands Mustangs.

Trailing 17-4 after a quarter of play, Borden chipped away in the second period closing the gap to 22-16 at the half. Borden got the score tied at 29 after three quarters, and wore down the Mustangs in the final period to secure a 47-43 victory.

Frank Banman led the team in scoring with 16 points followed by Tristen Benavidez with 14 points. Riley Herridge chipped in seven points followed by Matt Ham with six points. Jordan Martinez added three points while Colby Pennell contributed a point.

The junior varsity squad will take on the Midessa Warriors at Wellman on Tuesday. Game time is at 5:00 p.m.

Lady Coyotes Stall the Lady Eagles

By Coach Skelton

The Borden County Lady Coyotes came out sluggish against their opponent last evening which led to early turnovers and missed opportunities on offense. However, on the defensive end the Ladies were holding their own fairly well. "If our defense hadn't been playing as well as it was the first half that would have been the knockout punch of us" stated Coach Skelton. "The turnovers and lack of purposeful offensive aggression got us behind early, and that in turn put us on our heels." The Half time score was 19-17 in O'Donnell's favor.

Then with 4:27 left in the 3rd the Lady Coyotes were up three 24-21 when Coach Skelton asked his squad to start basically slow stalling. "There were a couple of reasons I wanted to do this." "One was to see if they would stay in their zone and allow us to dictate pace, second to take a minute to catch our breath from all the pressing we were doing, third because we had gotten into foul trouble and O'Donnell was already in the bonus, and lastly I wanted to

limit the other teams touches." The Lady Coyotes did just that, and more taking their three point lead and expanding it by ten by the end of the game. "I was really happy with everything after it was all said and done." We had players step up and make huge rebounds that keep ball alive for us, hit a huge shot on an inbounds play, made 7 out of 10 free throws in the second half, didn't allow them to score in the fourth quarter, and held a team averaging over 44 points a game to just 23 points." It was truly awesome to witness.

Scorers: Taylor Gass 12, Kyle Voss 9, Tye Basquez 5, Kaylyn Dean 3, Teryn Soto 2, McKenna Campbell Clair Shafer 1

School Lunch Menu

Jan. 21-25, 2012

Menu Subject to Change

Monday - Breakfast: Pancake, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Hamburger, Hamburger Garnish, Potato Rounds, Western Beans (9-12 grade only), Diced Pears and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Tangerine Chicken, Brown Rice, Baby Carrots Steamed Broccoli, Snowball Salad and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Biscuit & Sausage, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Tex-Mex Stack, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Garden Salad, Salsa, Hot Cinnamon Apples and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Egg Patty & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Stuffed BBQ Potato, Baby Carrots, Texas Toast, Fresh Fruit Bowl and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Breakfast Quesadilla, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Parmesan, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Fresh Apple Slices, Breadstick and Milk.

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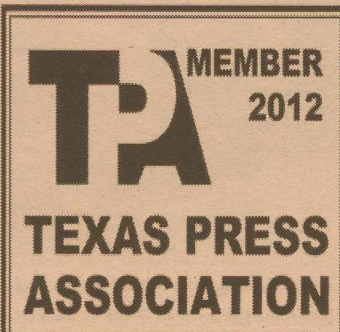
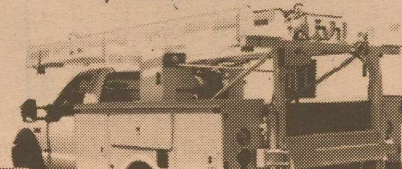
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Grand Champion Lamb: Kylie Voss

Reserve Grand Champion Lamb: Kaci Hudson

GRAND CHAMPION LAMB - Kylie Voss received a jacket donated by Hurst Farm Supply; a buckle donated by Mike & Tammy Valentine; and a monogrammed duffle bag given In Memory of Corky and Verna Ogden by the Ogden Family.

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION LAMB - Kaci Hudson received a monogrammed garment bag donated by Roy & Loveta Josey and a buckle donated by Valentine Show Lambs.

Donors of the class award are: Freddy & Lee Roberts, Gary & Connie Stipe, Cliff & Sandy Price, and Cody G. Hill. Recipients of these awards were: Kylie Voss, Kaci Hudson, Klancey Kleck, and Kable Kleck.

Goat Show:

Class 1:

1. Brooklyn Gray
2. Avery Price
3. Maggie Miller
4. Helio Rosales
5. Maggie Miller
6. Helio Rosales
7. Klancey Kleck

Class 2:

1. Ashlyn Tucker
2. Cheyenne Tucker
3. Cheyenne Tucker
4. Kaci Hudson
5. Ashlyn Tucker
6. Kennedy Tucker
7. Avery Price
8. Kable Kleck

Class 3:

1. Klancey Kleck
2. Kaci Hudson
3. Kennedy Tucker
4. Kable Kleck
5. Kable Kleck
6. Klancey Kleck
7. Maggie Miller

Grand Champion Goat: Ashlyn Tucker

Reserve Grand Champion Goat: Cheyenne Tucker

GRAND CHAMPION GOAT - Ashlyn Tucker received a jacket donated by Clayton Williams Ranch Company; a belt buckle donated by Creative Awards; and a monogrammed duffle bag given In Memory of Caden Nowlain given by the Caden Nowlain Family.

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION GOAT - Chey-

enne Tucker received a monogrammed garment bag donated by Freddy and Lee Roberts; and a belt buckle donated by Price Construction.

Donors of the class award are: Clay Cowart, Bob & Terri Buchanan, and Cliff & Sandy Price. Recipients of these awards were: Brooklyn Gray, Ashlyn Tucker, and Kennedy Tucker.

Swine Show:

LW Black OPB:

1. Brooklyn Gray
2. Trent Lewis
3. Hayley Gray

MW Black OPB:

1. Steeie Sanders
2. Steeie Sanders
3. Maddye Summers

HW Black OPB:

1. Brooklyn Gray
2. Maddie Benavidez
3. Tristen Benavidez

Breed Champion: Brooklyn Gray

Reserve Breed Champion: Brooklyn Gray

White OPB:

1. Mason Coor
2. Katie Gray
3. Rayme Jones

Breed Champion: Mason Coor

Reserve Breed Champion: Katie Gray

LW Duroc:

1. Trent Lewis
2. Mason Coor
3. Paige Holbrooks

MW Duroc:

1. Clayton Addison

2. Brooklyn Gray

3. Katie Gray

HW Duroc:

1. Steeie Sanders

2. Corbin Summers

3. Hayley Gray

4. Rayme Jones

5. Hunter Jones

Breed Champion: Steeie Sanders

Reserve Breed Champion: Clayton Addison

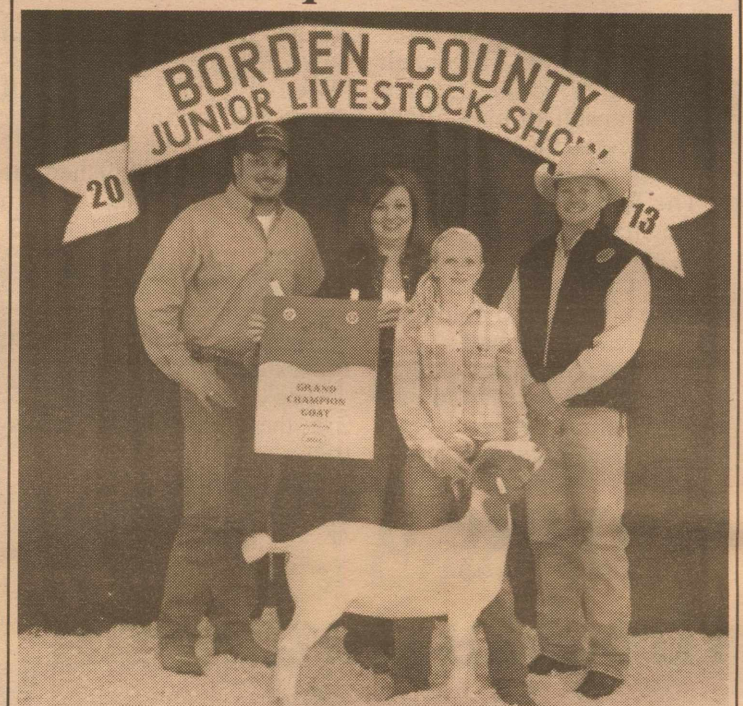
LW Hamp:

1. Riley Lewis

2. Clayton Addison

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Grand Champion Goat



Grand Champion Goat exhibited by Ashlyn Tucker. Also pictured is Gail Ag teacher, Adam Parker, Shela Tucker and Brent Tucker.

Grand Champion Steer



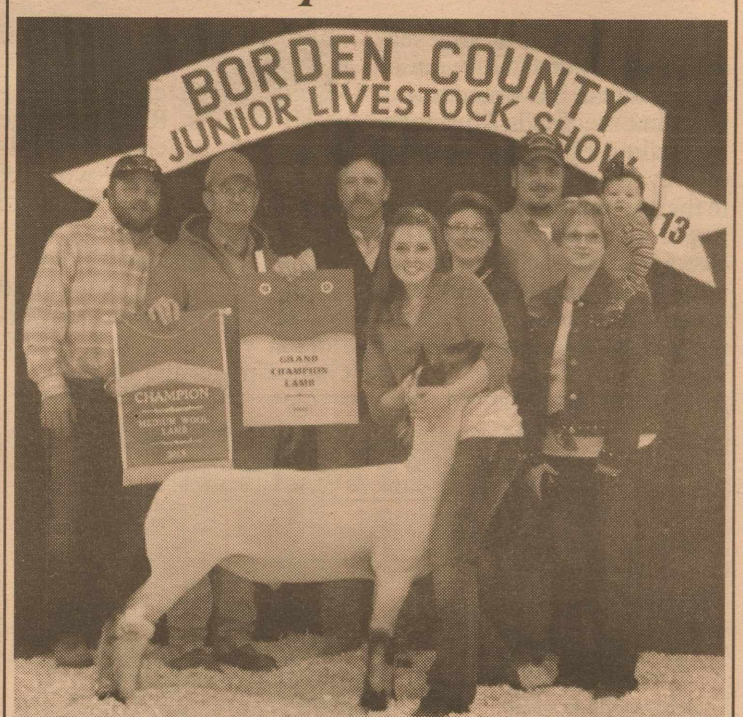
Grand Champion Steer exhibited by Myka Blissard. Also pictured is Steer Judge, Lee Howard and Aubrey Blissard.

Grand Champion Swine



Grand Champion Swine exhibited by Riley Lewis. Also pictured is (left to right) Randy Lewis, Jayton Lewis, Cassie Lewis, Zach Lewis, Trent Lewis and Swine Judge, Rebel Royal.

Grand Champion Lamb



Grand Champion Lamb exhibited by Kylie Voss. Also pictured is (left to right) Dusty Hart, Gary Stipe, Lamb Judge Jay Waller, Tammy Simmons, Gail Ag teacher, Adam Parker with daughter, Mackenzy.

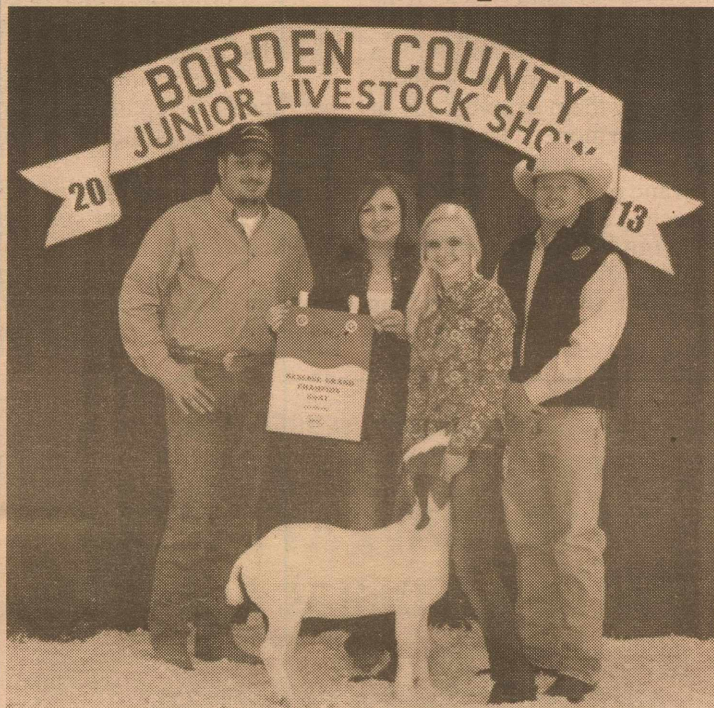
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- 3. Paige Holbrooks
 - 4. Keigan Benavidez
 - 5. Maddie Benavidez
- MW Hamp:**
- 1. Hunter Jones
 - 2. Jayton Lewis
 - 3. Braxton Coor
 - 4. Keigan Benavidez
- HW Hamp:**

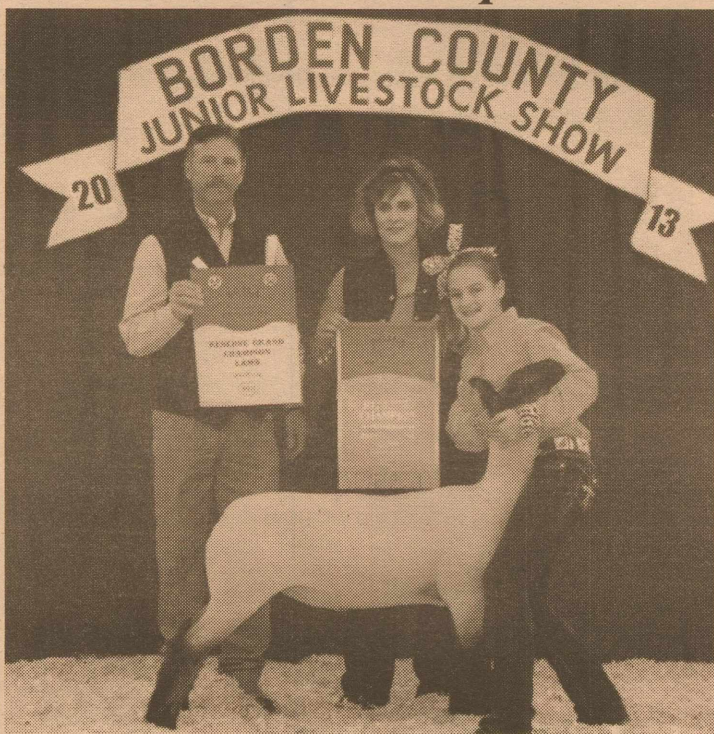
- 1. Hayley Gray
 - 2. Sydni Coor
 - 3. Kenley Dean
 - 4. Tristen Benavidez
- Breed Champion:** Hunter Jones
- Reserve Breed Champion:** Hayley Gray
- LW Cross:**

Reserve Grand Champion Goat



Reserve Grand Champion Goat exhibited by Cheyenne Tucker. Also pictured is (left to right) Gail Ag teacher, Adam Parker, Shela Tucker and Brent Tucker.

Reserve Grand Champion Lamb



Reserve Grand Champion Lamb exhibited by Kaci Hudson. Also pictured is (left to right) Lamb Judge, Jay Waller and LeeAnn Hudson.

- 1. Jayton Lewis
 - 2. Keigan Benavidez
 - 3. Maddie Benavidez
- MW Cross:**
- 1. Riley Lewis
 - 2. Katie Gray
 - 3. Corbin Sumners
 - 4. Braxton Coor
- HW Cross:**
- 1. Maddye Sumners
 - 2. Brooke Swaffar
 - 3. Tristen Benavidez

Breed Champion: Riley Lewis

Reserve Breed Champion: Jayton Lewis

Grand Champion Swine: Riley Lewis

Reserve Grand Champion Swine: Hunter Jones

GRAND CHAMPION SWINE - Riley Lewis re-

ceived a jacket donated by Lisa Ludecke; a belt buckle donated by Max & Jane Jones, Monte & Deidre Smith, and Buddy & Kip Wallace; and a monogrammed duffle bag given In Memory of Buddy Sharp by Ross & Sarah Sharp and Margaret Sharp.

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION SWINE - Hunter Jones received a monogrammed garment bag donated by Hurst Farm Supply; and a belt buckle donated by Scott & Brandi Brooks and Clayton Williams Ranch, Co.

Donors of the class award are: Randy & Donelle Hensley, Ross & Sarah Sharp, Lisa Ludecke, Chris & Victoria Green, Jimmy & Kim Thomas,

Jibber & Cindy Herridge, Benny & Angie Taylor, Frank & Joyce Herridge, Bob & Terri Buchanan, Randy & Verna Adcock, and William & Juna Roper.

Recipients of these awards were: Trent Lewis, Steelie Sanders, Maddie Benavidez, Mason Coor, Paige Holbrooks, Clayton Addison, Corbin Sumners, Riley Lewis, Hunter Jones, Hayley Gray, Jayton Lewis, and Katie Gray.

OTHER AWARD WINNERS

\$500 Big Country Electric Cooperative, Inc. Scholarship - received by Steelie Sanders

\$500 Don Cox Memorial Scholarship - received by Kylie Voss

\$500 E. A. Franklin Trust Scholarship - received by Kaylyn Dean

\$500 Aubrey Lankford Memorial Scholarship and belt buckle - received by Helio Rosales

Champion Duroc - Steelie Sanders received a monogrammed duffle bag given In Memory of David Holmes by the Kent Holmes Family.

Champion White OPB - Mason Coor received a monogrammed duffle bag given In Memory of Clint O'Brien by the Monte Smith Family.

Elementary Beef Showmanship Buckle - Erin Nix donated by Dr. & Mrs. Church, West Texas Animal Clinic, Snyder, Texas and C & R Livestock Inc.

Junior Beef Showmanship Buckle - Payton Merket donated by Daniel and Becky Nix

Senior Beef Showmanship Buckle - Flint Roberts donated by 44 Cattle Company and Steve & Becky Beaver

Top Beef Showman Buckle - Dylan Murphy donated by Van and Barbara York

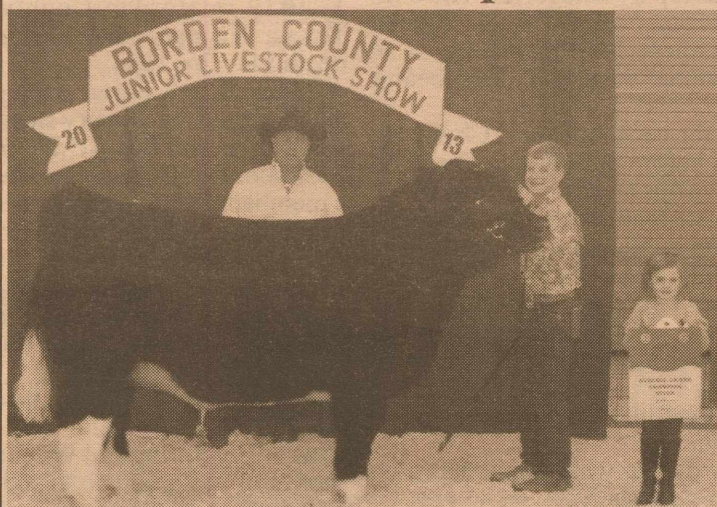
Elementary Lamb Showmanship Buckle - Kaci Hudson donated by Gavitte Creek, Inc. - Ralph Miller.

Junior Lamb Showmanship Buckle - Hayley Gray donated by Randy & Donelle Hensley and Rogers Ranch

Senior Lamb Showmanship Buckle - Kaylyn Dean donated by Brent & Pat Murphy and Rogers Ranch

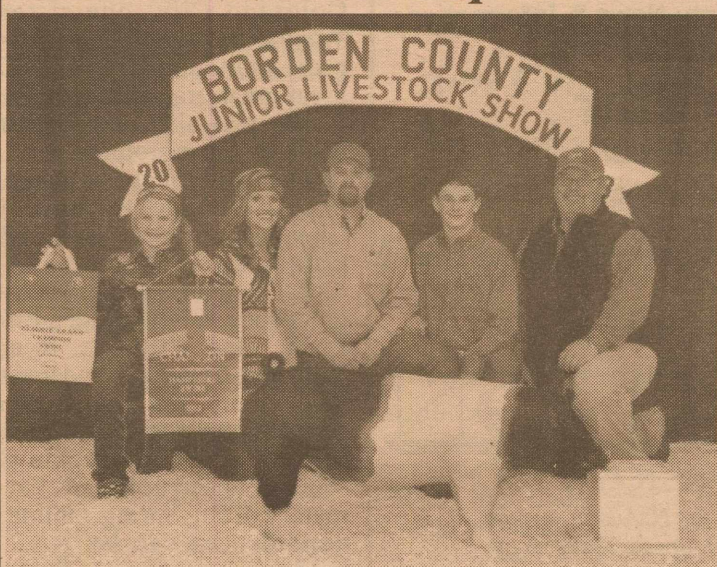
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Reserve Grand Champion Steer



Reserve Grand Champion Steer exhibited by Peyton Merket. Also pictured is Maddox Merket.

Reserve Grand Champion Swine




Reserve Grand Champion Swine exhibited by Hunter Jones. Also pictured is (left to right) Rayme Jones, Kembra Jones, Kirk Jones, and Swine Judge, Rebel Royal.

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Heart and Home ...

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

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How to Organize the Kitchen Pantry

Most of us think of ourselves as an organized person. However, most of us know we tend to have a problem with clutter (goodness know I do!). If you have not gotten to the back of your kitchen pantry in a long time, here is a step by step guide that is simple to use.

- Clear off and clean your countertops.
- Take everything out of the pantry including food storage containers and other junk that may have accumulated.
- Working from the top shelf down, wash and dry the pantry shelves including the corners or cracks, to remove crumbs and food particles.
- Evaluate the places you store food. Food stores best in cool dark spaces. Try to rearrange so that your food is kept in the cool dark spaces in your kitchen. Keep your pots, pans, utensils, and tableware in the cabinets near the oven, stove, hot pipes, or refrigerator exhaust.
- Sort your food on the countertop by categories. The ones I used were canned soups and broths, canned fruits, canned vegetables, canned legumes, condiments (catsup, pickles, salad dressing, canned sauces, etc.), canned meat/fish, dried beans, and rice and pasta.
- Find a place in the pantry for each category. Check the "used best by dates" on the food before putting them back on the shelves. Next week we will have tips on how to decide which foods should be discarded. If you are ready to get started, check the University of Nebraska online publication, "Cleaning the Kitchen Cupboard: Toss or Save".
- Use the same principles as we talked about in The Basics of Kitchen Organization last week. Create centers, get rid of what you are not using, and use your prime space for the most used items.
- Use bins and baskets for items like dry pudding mixes, sauce mixes, and bags of dry beans.
- Before you quit for the day decide what you what to do with the items you removed from your shelves.

Source: Iowa State University Research and Extension Outreach Spend Smart. Eat Smart. blog <http://blogs.extension.iastate.edu/foodsavings/2013/01/14/how-to-organize-the-kitchen-pantry/>

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Obituary

**Maurine
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Maurine Hanks, 100, of Big Spring, died Sunday, January 13, 2013, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 3:30 PM, Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Derrick Looney, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Monday, January 14, 2013, at the funeral home.

She was born July 8, 1912, in Rannels County, Texas and married Porter Hanks February 1, 1929 in Borden County, Texas. He preceded her in death May 26, 1964.

Maurine and Porter owned and operated the grocery store, gas station and Post Office in Vealmoor for 32 years. She was a member of Chapter 67 Order of the Eastern Star, Social Order of Beauceant and the American Business Women's Association. She was also a member of First Baptist Church of Ackerly

Survivors include two daughters, Glenodene Williams of Big Spring and Wilella Tucker of Vealmoor; six grandchildren, Sheryl Gass and Debra Lusk both of Big Spring, Kevva Anderson, Deidre Smith and Darin Tucker all of Borden County and Geary Williams of Colorado City; one sister, Wanda Clayton of Uvalde; 14 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers.

The family suggests memorials be made to Borden County EMS, P. O. Box 342, Gail, Texas 79738.

Pallbearers were: Great grandsons, Keith Monger, Eric Lusk, Jace Williams, Ryan Williams, Clay John Anderson, Riley Smith, and Sean Tucker

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com



Dare to Live...

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neglects his family and practice. Jim is overwhelmed and doesn't want to spend all his time with his business. He is desperate for any solution that will fix his problem. He contacts Bill and Ann, the owners of another plumbing company, offering them a partnership if they will manage his business. Again, Jim doesn't do a thorough background check on his potential partners.

Jim gives Bill and Ann a share of his business without requiring them to invest any of their own money. To Jim's dismay, his situation worsens. Bill and Ann mismanage the finances, alienate customers, and ignore opportunities to secure new accounts.

From the start, Jim has made one bad decision after

another creating an ever deepening hole. As Jim's desperation grows, his ability to make intelligent choices diminishes. On his quest for an easy way out, Jim continues digging.

Here are the steps you can take to get out of a hole.

1. Admit you are in one.
2. Understand how you got there.
3. Formulate a plan to get out that doesn't repeat the mistakes that created the hole.
4. Take action to implement the first step in your plan.
5. Keep going until you climb out.

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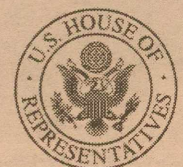
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How It All Began, the History of Borden County Schools

Part One in a Series: The Grape Creek School

(the following material was compiled by *Pauline Clark* and first appeared in the November 1965 edition of the *Borden County Historical Society Newsletter*; some minor edits have been made to the original publication.)

In about 1870, just after the Civil War, it was a common sight to see settlers with wagons, a milk cow tied on behind with a few head of cattle following on dusty buffalo trails or camped at rivers and creeks. These people had come from the Southern states as well as from South and East Texas. Before this time very few white people had come this far, as the Indians had occupied the area.

Some of these settlers migrated to what is now known as Borden County. As the population grew, there was a need for schools and churches. Neighbors banded together and pooled their resources, built schools, and hired teachers. Such was the case of the Grape Creek School.

In about 1878, a school was built on a section of land, about eight miles southwest of Gail on land that was later bought by J. M. Rogers. The teacher, a Mr. Jackson and a bachelor, lived in a half-dugout close to the school. This school was torn down before 1900, but remains of the dugout, nails, and planks are still in evidence. There is no record of who attended this school.

In the early 1900s, the families of J.M. Rogers, Bill Cranfill, and W. M. Jackson bought land adjoining one another. The first year, Flora Donaldson, a governess, taught their children in the Cranfill home. That summer the men decided to build the Grape Creek School on Cranfill land. After one year, they decided to move it to the Rogers' section. The school had one room—about 16 foot by 24 foot—built of boxing planks and stripped with 1 x 4's. The stove stood in the middle of the room and a big tank that held drinking water was in the southeast corner with a dipper hanging on the wall beside it.

Children were taught up to the 9th Grade by one teacher.

The teachers were hired by the Grape Creek School Board, the County School Board, and with the approval of the County Judge or Superintendent. Some of the school board members were H.E. Bennett, Will Cranfill, J.M. Rogers, and W.M. Jackson. The county board members included Sam Keen, Will Hamilton, J.H. Beal, and H. E. Bennett. Judge Searcy, Dr. Hannabass, Lee Pearce, and Dave Dorward served in the latter capacities.

The teachers who taught at Grape Creek throughout the years were Lela Stagner, Marie Love, May Kent, Laura Jagers, Ellen Johnson, Irene Hutcherson, Eupha Stacey, Viola Cherry, Lorene Pearce, Tama Hollar, Katie Wilbourn, and Naomi McIver. During this era, teachers boarded with different families in the com-

munity, and one-half their salaries was paid by the County and one-half by the State.

Pupils who attended this school were children from the following families: Rogers, Cranfill, Jackson, Mitchell, Williams, Clark, Randolph, Page, Pruitt, Green, Pearson, Moore, Smith, and Taylor.

The Grape Creek School had a beautiful location and was near a creek. Willow trees grew along its bank, and about a half mile away stood a hill where Comanche Indians had camped at one time. The charred rocks of many camp fires could be found, and the children delighted in digging among these ruins for arrowheads. Some of the children walked five miles to school. Others came in hacks or buggies or on burros. One family had a bicycle, which was shared by all.

Former pupils of Grape Creek loved to reminisce about their school days. Many recalled the plays they produced and remembered how hard they had to work before the final production was ready. One of the most outstanding of their efforts was *Deacon Dubbs*.


At recess and lunch, they would burn rat's nests, play baseball and such games as "Annie Over" and Picking Up Sticks." Then there was always the mud fights held down the creek after a rain! Most of the boys had trap lines that they ran on the way to and from school. Of course, everyone could tell quickly as they came into the room just what they had caught that day. Reports, however, said that the children stayed very well and had very few colds during the trapping seasons.

Grape Creek School

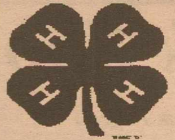
doubled as a church once a month. Services were held in the evenings by the Rev. J. A. Petty and Rev. Hart.

Three of the teachers married Borden County men: Naomi McIver married J.K. Mitchell, Katie Wilbourn married Alvin Jackson, and Tama Pratt married Elmer Hollar. Then there was Laura Jagers, who fell madly in love with Charlie Rowell, a cowhand on the Muleshoe Ranch. Miss Jagers taught one and half years but became ill and died the following summer of tuberculosis.


After the young people finished 9th Grade, they went on to Gail to graduate from high school. In later years, Grape Creek School ceased to exist, but the memory of pleasant days lingered in the hearts of the students.



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Borden County 4-H News



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4-H Food Challenge Texas

We will begin practice for the 4-H Food Challenge contest on Tuesday, January 22nd from 3:45 to 5:00 in the Extension Office Meeting Room. Please plan to attend if you wish to be on a team. The Food Challenge contest is made up of a team of 3-5 members work to prepare a dish with a set of ingredients in 40 minutes along with a brief presentation on nutrition, food safety, steps of preparation and cost per serving. Future practices will be determined and shared at the first meeting on the 22nd. The District Food Challenge contest will be held Monday, February 25th in Lubbock. For more information contact Julie Smith at the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or e-mail at

4-H Clothing Project

julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu
Youth interested in learning about fashion design, clothing selection, care, and basic construction techniques are invited to participate in the Clothing Project. We will begin meeting in late January. 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 Photography Project

4-H Photography project will begin meeting soon. For more information contact Julie Smith at the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or e-mail at

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County Educational Presentation Contest, Share-the-Fun and 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 4th at Levelland Middle School in Levelland. **The deadline for entering a Public Speaking Contest is Wednesday, April 10.** 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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Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference

The Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference is a direct result of producer requested educational programming. The 2013 conference will focus on topics that will assist our farmers in becoming successful producers. The conference will also feature some of the latest technology for dry land and irrigated production in cotton. Some of the best speakers from across the state and the South Plains area will make presentations concerning current research and production trials. Producers will have the opportunity to discuss their experiences with experts, specialists and other growers from across the Southern High Plains.

Six (6) Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

(3 General, 2 IPM, 1 Laws & Regs) will be provided for private, commercial and non-commercial applicators to fulfill continuing education requirements.

This conference will be held on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at the Forrest Park Community Center, located at 814 South Houston in Lamesa. Registration will begin at 7:45 a.m. and the program will start at 8:30 a.m. Early registration fee is \$40. Registration fee at the door will be \$45. The registration fee includes a complimentary gift, technical sessions, door prize ticket, lunch, refreshments, educational materials and access to exhibits. Registration forms and fees, payable to "Dawson Ag Fund", should be mailed to the Dawson County Extension office at P.O. Box 1268, Lamesa, TX 79331. Producers who wish to register early may do so by coming by the Dawson County Extension Office at 400 Sth 1st St. Suite 101 in Lamesa.

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The Lord did not give us the Ten Commandments to review, but to reveal; not to look at, but to live; not to admire, but to acknowledge in the way we behave.

There are many who say one thing with their lips but show another thing with their lives. There are those who say the right things but live the wrong way. And there are some who speak the language of faith but give no evidence of it in their lives. The proof of our faith is not our words but in our works.


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Elementary Goat Showmanship Buckle - Brooklyn Gray donated by Sharp Image Energy, Inc.

Junior Goat Showmanship Buckle - Avery Price donated by Jacquie Whalen and given In Memory of David Dennis

Senior Goat Showmanship Buckle - Maeghan Herridge donated by Andy & Lea Ann Hudson

Top Goat Showman Buckle - Cheyenne Tucker donated by Mack & Jane Terry and Ray Don, Jana & Raylea Underwood given In Memory of Caden Nowlain

Elementary Swine Showmanship Buckle - Maddye Sumners donated by Christeen Ledbetter and given In Memory of Herman Ledbetter

ship Buckle - Clayton Addison donated by R.M. Livestock, L.P.

Senior Swine Showmanship Buckle - Stealie Sanders donated by Tommy Woolam of Woolam Gin

Top Swine Showman Buckle - Hunter Jones donated by Dr. & Mrs. Church, West Texas Animal Clinic, Snyder, Texas

Over All Showman Buckle - Katie Gray donated In Memory of Don Cox by Donna, Rex and family

Top Hand Award - Kylie Voss Monogrammed rolling duffle bag given by BCJLA

Outstanding 1st Year Exhibitor - Brooklyn Gray Monogrammed duffle bag given by BCJLA

Caden T. Nowlain Memorial "Helping Hand" Buckle - received by Kylie Voss given In Memory of Caden Nowlain by Cindy & Jibber Herridge and Cody Nowlain.