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USDA Announces Ongoing Efforts to Assist Ranchers Impacted by Drought

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6, 2013 - As severe drought conditions persist in certain regions throughout the country, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Juan M. Garcia today announced temporary assistance to livestock producers through FSA's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Under limited conditions, farmers and ranchers affected by drought will be allowed to use certain additional CRP acres for haying or grazing under emergency conditions while maintaining safeguards to the conservation and wildlife benefits provided by CRP. In addition, USDA announced that the reduction to CRP annual rental payments related to emergency haying or grazing will be reduced from 25 percent to 10 percent. Further, the sale of hay will be allowed under certain conditions. These measures take into consideration the quality losses of

the hay and will provide needed assistance to livestock producers.

"Beginning today, state FSA offices are authorized, under limited conditions, to expand opportunities for haying and grazing on certain additional lands enrolled in CRP," said Garcia. "This local approach provides both the appropriate flexibility and ability to tailor safeguards specific to regional conditions. States must adhere to specific guidelines to ensure that additional haying and grazing still maintains the important environmental and wildlife benefits of CRP. These safeguards will be determined through consultation with the state conservationist, state fish and wildlife agency and stakeholders that comprise the state technical committee."

CRP is a voluntary program that provides producers annual rental payments on their land in exchange for planting resource-conserving vegetation on cropland to help prevent

erosion, provide wildlife habitat and improve the environment. CRP acres enrolled under certain practices can already be used for emergency haying and grazing during natural disasters to provide much-needed feed to livestock. FSA state offices have already opened haying, grazing or both in 432 counties in response to natural disaster this year.

Given the continued multi-year drought in some regions, forage for livestock is already substantially reduced. The action today will allow lands that are not typically eligible for emergency haying and grazing to be used with appropriate protections to maintain the CRP environmental and wildlife benefits. The expanded haying and grazing will only be allowed following the local primary nesting season, which already has passed in many areas. Especially sensitive lands such as stream buffers are generally not eligible.

FSA also has taken action under the Emergency Conservation Program to authorize additional expenditures related to drought response to be eligible for cost share, including



Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Wishing Won't Make It So

Everyone wishes for good fortune and a problem free life. Yet many people are disappointed with their situations. Is wishing effective or is it overrated? The answer is yes to both. So what's the catch?

Wishing alone is unproductive. If you want results, wishing must be followed by action. Wishing without action is as ineffective as leaving your car in neutral. Without being in gear, revving the engine at full throttle will make a lot of noise but won't move you an inch.

Whenever you were told to wish for what you wanted, you were given only half the story. People who pin their hopes on wishes coming true are invariably disappointed. They are disheartened when their wishing fails to generate results. Even wishing really hard isn't dependable. True, some wishes will come true on their own, but these are few and far between.

As much as patience may be a virtue, wishing and waiting is of no avail. Those who passively wait for wishes to materialize will be waiting for a very long time. Again, without the infusion of action, wishing yields little, if any, results.

Now that I've pointed out

the limitations of wishing, let me emphasize that wishing is an essential component of reaching your goals. Wishing puts seeds of desire into your mind. This process is the foundation of all achievement. Your mind, the most powerful tool known, will go to work nonstop to find a way to transform your wishes into reality.

Your mind is prepared to create an action plan for you. But without understanding the importance of following a wish with action, you will not benefit from your mind's work. If you are not looking for an action plan, you won't release the full power of your mind to find one.

Instead, you will be restricting the awesome capability of your mind to merely contemplating wishes. It's as if you are at the controls of a high performance jet, capable of supersonic flight, but are content to confine your travel to taxiing around the airport. Even though your jet is capable of taking you to any destination, you never even leave the ground.

Here's how to make wishes come true. Start with a wish, any wish. Don't limit yourself by only wishing for what you think is possible. The infinite

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Borden County Elementary School Supply List 2013-2014

Kindergarten: Elmer's school glue (not paste), 2-glue sticks, 2-boxes of 16 Crayons, Scissors (Fiskars for kids), 12-#2 pencils Big eraser, Towel for nap time, Baby wipes/wet wipes (2 box), 1 box-Kleenex, Gym Shoes.

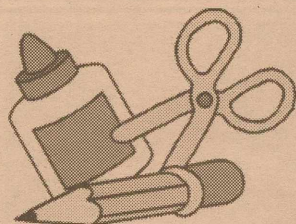
First Grade: 2-Boxes of 16 Crayons, 12-#2 Pencils, Scissors, 2 bottles Elmer's Glue, 2-Glue sticks, 2-Boxes Kleenex, 2-Pink eraser, Gym shoes, 1 bottle of sanitizer, 1 pkg baby wipes. **NO FOLDERS AND NO SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS PLEASE!**



Second Grade: 24-#2 Pencils, 2 boxes of 16 ct. crayons or more, 2 Bottles Elmer's Glue, 2 Glue sticks, Flexible ruler, Scissors (Fiskars for Kids), Erasers, 2 Boxes Kleenex, 1-Spiral Notebook, 1-Box Wipes, Gym shoes. **No folders or pencil sharpeners, please.**

Third Grade: 1-3"-ring binder, 1-Ruler (metric & standard), 4-Red pens, 1 Bottle school glue, 2-Glue sticks, 3-Pocket folders (no brads), 24-#2 Pencils, Crayons, Scissors, 1 Box Kleenex, 1 Box wet wipes, 8 dividers, 1 Pkg. notebook paper (wide ruled), 1 Pkg. 3X5 index cards, Composition book, Gym shoes. **Girls-Bring box**

of zip lock sandwich bags. **Boys-Bring box of zip lock quart size bags.**



Fourth Grade: 1-Large 3 ring binder, 1-Pkg. notebook paper, 1-Set of subject dividers, 2-Spiral notebooks, Markers, Crayons, 12- #2 Pencils, 1-Composition book, 1-Ruler (metric & standard), Glue stick, Scissors, 1-Bottle Elmer's school glue, 1-Box Kleenex, Gym shoes. **Girls-1 box of quart size zip lock freezer bags. Boys-1 box of gallon size zip lock freezer bags.**

Fifth Grade: 1-1 inch 3 ring binder, 1-set of dividers w/tabs (8), 1-Pocket folder of choice, 2-Composition notebooks (not spiral notebooks), 1-Box #2 pencils (may be mechanical), 1-Pkg. wide ruled notebook paper, 4-Red grading pens, 1-Black sharpie, 2-Large glue sticks, 1-Bottle Elmer's school glue, 1-Box 24 Crayons, Colored pencils, Crayola Washable Markers, Ruler w/ both inches and centimeters, Scissors, Highlighters, 1-Boxes of Kleenex, Gym shoes. **Girls-1 Box Quart size zip-lock bags and 1 container of hand soap. Boys-1 Box of Gallon size zip-lock bags and 1 container of hand sanitizer.**

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BCISD Registration Set for August 13th-14th

With August underway, it is just a few weeks before the start of the 2013-2014 school year at Borden County Schools. Classes resume on Monday, August 26th, 2013.

Borden County I.S.D. Junior High and High School students should plan to register for the upcoming school year. Registration has been set for Tuesday and Wednesday, August 13th -14th, 2013 in the BCISD Library. Students new to the district, including new elementary students, as well as current BJH & BHS students, should register on these days.

Registration will be open from 9:00-3:00 both days. Students will be seen on a first come, first-serve basis.

All students NEW to Borden County ISD will need the following items for registration: Social Security card, birth certificate, and shot record.

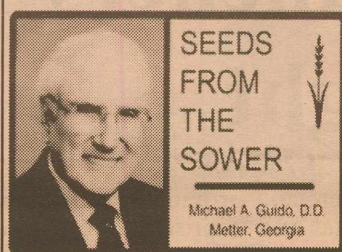
BJH students (grades 6-8) will receive their class schedules and will select their lockers. The process should be completed in about 5-10 minutes.

BHS students (grades 9-12) will pick up their class sched-

ule and select their lockers. Mr. McMeans will meet with all high school students to update or create their four-year graduation plan during tutorials once school is in session.

On a special note, football players need to register before/after practice depending on the football workout schedule. Registration is not an excuse to miss practice!

If you have questions concerning registration, please do not hesitate to call Mr. McMeans or Mrs. Stansell at the school during regular office hours at 806-756-4313



One day a television reporter received a letter from a young girl. It read: "When I grow up I want to do what you do. Please do it better!"

Often when we observe someone doing something, we can see many ways to improve their work. It only seems natural that we can always discover ways for others to improve on what they are doing.

It is much easier for me to want to improve or change someone - actually anyone - other than myself.

Jesus said, "Judge not," and He wondered how we could see the speck in our brother's eye in spite of the log that was in our own eye.

One sure way to improve the quality of our lives is to turn them over to Jesus and to measure whatever we do by what He has done. When He imparts His wisdom in our minds, implants His strength into our bodies, instills His truth in our hearts, endows our hearts with His love, we will be so busy doing His work that we won't have time to criticize others.

Visit us at: SowerMinistries.org

Garage Sale

The Borden County Speech team will
have a garage sale

**Aug. 9th in Lamesa
at 207 N. 16th
Starting at 8 a.m.**

Help raise funds for the team.
To donate items, please contact
Cindy Herridge at 806/759-3461



403 N. Austin Avenue
Lamesa, Texas 79331
806-872-8335 Fax: 806-
872-8336

3rd & 4th generations still serving this area.

Borden County Football 2013 Schedule

Week #	Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
Scrimmage	Aug. 17 th	Saturday	Ropes	Ropes	10:00
Scrimmage	Aug. 22 nd	Thursday	Lorenzo	Here	6:00
#0	Aug. 29 th	Thursday	New Castle	Jayton	6:00
#1	Sept. 6 th	Friday	Garden City	Here	7:30
#2	Sept. 13 th	Friday	Rankin	There	7:30
#3	Sept. 20 th	Friday	Hermleigh	Here	7:30
#4	Sept. 27 th	Friday	Dawson	There	7:30
#5	Oct. 4 th	Friday	Water Valley	Here	7:30
#6	Oct. 11 th	Friday	Open	TBA	TBA
#7	Oct. 17 th	Thursday	Plainview Christian	Here	7:00
*#8	Oct. 25 th	Friday	Klondike	There	7:30
*#9	Nov. 1 st	Friday	Grady	There	7:30
*#10	Nov. 8 th	Friday	O'Donnell	Here	7:30

** District Opponents for 2012 - 2013: O'Donnell, Klondike, and Grady

Head Coach: Trey Richey
Assistant Coaches: Peter Benavidez
Mike Skelton
Bubba Edwards

Borden County Football Junior Varsity 2013 Schedule

Week #	Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
Scrimmage	Aug. 17 th	Saturday	Ropes	Ropes	10:00
Scrimmage	Aug. 22-23	Thu-Fri	TBA	TBA	6:00
#0	Aug. 27 th	Tuesday	TBA	TBA	6:00
#1	Sept. 5 th	Thursday	Garden City	There	6:30
#2	Sept. 12 th	Thursday	Rankin	Here	7:00
#3	Sept. 19 th	Thursday	Hermleigh	There	7:00
#4	Sept. 26 th	Thursday	Dawson	Here	7:00
#5	Oct. 3 rd	Thursday	Water Valley	There	7:00
#6	Oct. 10 th	Thursday	TBA	TBA	TBA
#7	Oct. 17 th	Thursday	TBA	TBA	TBA
*#8	Oct. 24 th	Thursday	Klondike	Here	7:00
*#9	Oct. 31 st	Thursday	Grady	Here	7:00
*#10	Nov. 7 th	Thursday	O'Donnell	There	7:00

Coaches: Trey Richey
Peter Benavidez
Mike Skelton
Bubba Edwards

Borden County Football Junior High 2013 Schedule

Week #	Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
#2	Sept. 12 th	Thursday	Rankin	Here	5:30
#3	Sept. 19 th	Thursday	Hermleigh	There	5:30
#4	Sept. 26 th	Thursday	Dawson	Here	5:30
#5	Oct. 3 rd	Thursday	Water Valley	There	5:30
#6	Oct. 11 th	Friday	Lubbock Titans	Here	5:30
#7	Oct. 17 th	**Thursday	Jayton	There	6:00
*#8	Oct. 24 th	Thursday	Klondike	Here	5:30
*#9	Oct. 31 st	Thursday	Grady	Here	5:30
*#10	Nov. 7 th	Thursday	O'Donnell	There	5:30

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**Looking to change this site.

BORDEN COUNTY LADY COYOTES 2013 I-A DIVISION II TRACK AND FIELD STATE CHAMPIONS



Thank you for your donation towards the purchase of our state champion rings. We appreciate your support and generosity.

BORDEN COUNTY ISD BUS BID REQUEST

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District, will receive bids for one 14 passenger school bus and one 29 passenger school bus.

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 "BUS BID". Proposals will be received up to but no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, August 23, 2013. Bids will be opened and read as they are received. Proposals will be tabulated, researched, and presented to the Board Of Trustees for their consideration at the next scheduled meeting. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

The Borden County ISD Board of Trustees 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-mailing to jthomas@bcisd.net or by calling (office 806-756-4313), (cell 806-759-5467), or (fax 806-756-4310).

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

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for the visits, phone calls, prayers and other acts of kindness, after the boys accident. It is very comforting to know that we have so many friends and relatives who genuinely care during times like this. A special thank you to Randy Hardman and the First Baptist Church of Gail for organizing the benefit lunch.

We are happy to report that both boys are on the road to full recovery, however, we still need your prayers, it is going to be a long ole road for Tanner.

Thanks again for your kindness and generosity,

*Jill Freeman and Family
Gary and Connie Stipe and Family*

Dare to Live...

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power of your mind only recognizes restrictions you impose on it.

Next, imagine the wish coming true. How would you feel? How would you act? Maintain your mental focus on your wish. Don't just give it passing attention. The more you concentrate on your wish, the more you energize your mind to find a path to it.

Now you are ready to formulate an action plan. This will be your road map to bring you to your wish. Your plan will consist of specific steps you need to take, one by one, to reach your destination. Every journey, regardless of the length, is nothing more than a series of steps.

Once your plan is in place, you need to take action. This requires effort. Stay motivated by reviewing your wish daily.

Remind yourself how you will feel when it comes true. Each day you should take another step, no matter how small.

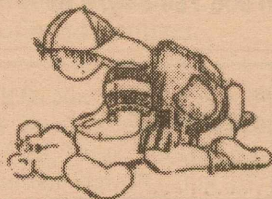
Don't give yourself a time limit. You never know how long it will take to get your wish. As soon as you stop, you guarantee your wish won't come true. Once your wish comes true, you won't care how long it took.

Although wishing won't make it so, wishing combined with action, produces amazing results. Go ahead and wish, and then get moving. May you make all your wishes come true!

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Thought for the Day

*Keep me, God, from
ever hardening
down into the state
of being just
another average
Christian.*

-A.W. Tozer

THANK YOU FOR READING THE BORDEN STAR



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BORDEN COUNTY 4-H



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4-Her's Attend Bat Camp



Nature seekers including members of the Borden County 4-H, walk through the entrance of the Carlsbad Caverns in Carlsbad, New Mexico.



More than 50 members of the Borden, Dawson, Garza, Gaines and Mitchell county 4-H clubs attended Bat Camp at the Carlsbad Caverns in Carlsbad, New Mexico. Borden County members attending were Paige and Jenna Holbrooks, Ashlyn and Kennedy Tucker, Kenley Dean, Hayley, Katie and Brooklyn Gray, Kelbie, Klancey and Kell Kleck, Ryann Phillips, Kaci Hudson, Kaitlyn Cribbs, Rae'lyne Clement, Braylee and Brittany Walker, Quinton Freeman and Tanner Harrison.

The Odyssey: 2013 Edition

By Sue Jane Mayes

Do not marvel at my adventurous spirit. I really get quite anxious.

Do not assume there is no fear. It travels with me.

And don't pity me for not having a travel companion. I like solitude.

This summer's old-fashioned road trip of four thousand four hundred and fourteen miles is in direct contrast to what I did in 2012, a summer that saw me be still while housesitting in Austin for six weeks.

My younger daughter married June 28. Now both girls have wonderful men who are their main loves, their caretakers, and their confidantes. My role as mother, of course, is not in any danger but will evolve into a less day to day posture. As it should be.

Their father remarried years ago, so now I find myself thinking about changing my name back to Sullivan. "Mayes" is no longer a part of my identity.

So what does that have to do with travel and this road trip?

Before she married, Emily bought me a t-shirt that had an old pick-up truck on it and the words "there's nothing a road trip can't solve." I don't know that I have anything to solve, but a road trip seemed to be what I needed to do this summer to turn the page to the next road map in my life.

Inspired by the work done at our local museum in the past few months, I set about thinking about visiting museums. However, I did not want to be tied down to a definite plan for this journey. Flexibility and freedom were what I wanted. Choices, spontaneity, and whim were on my list. Nor did I want to be burdened with luggage. One bag would do. Finally, expenses would be a consideration, so I borrowed a small cooler from my dad so I could eat in the car and keep drinks cold. All I really wanted was Parker the Stuffed Dog, my phone, good music, and a reliable map and GPS. And some cash.

Those who know my flaws know that the last one is not a particular strength, but I must say that I did quite well. I had

saved some money—even with a wedding—and had figured (1) approximate fuel expenses (easy to do by figuring mileage, how many miles per gallon my car gets, and estimating gasoline costs); (2) lodging; (3) museum fees, parking fees, toll road fees; and (4) food. Whatever I had left was to be for postcards, postage, and souvenirs for family and door prizes in the classroom.

I will reveal now that I came home with money and would have come home with more had I not bought souvenirs. Translation: a road trip is manageable, even for families. Mine lasted twelve nights and twelve days, but I stayed four of those nights with family and friends along the way.

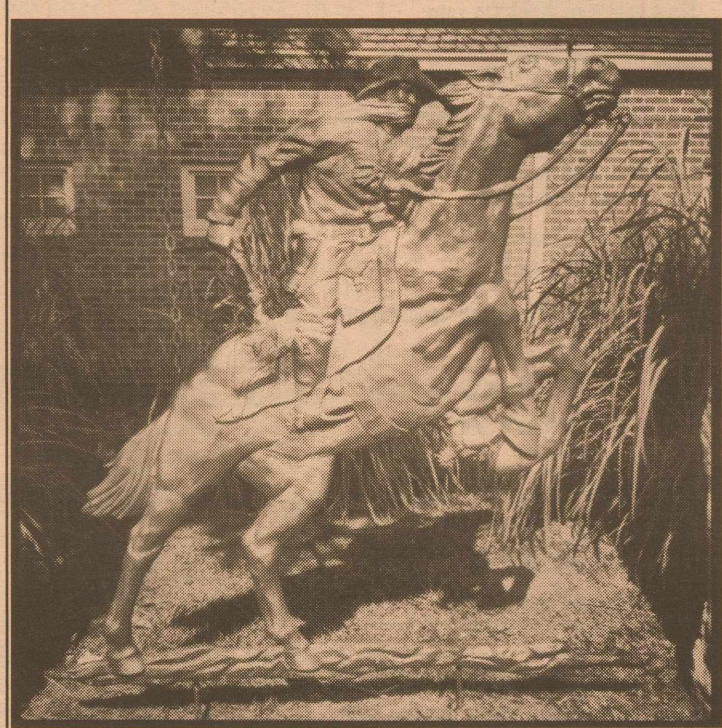
I chronicled the story of my journey on Facebook, listing the museums by number as I visited each of them. Between July 15-July 28, I visited twenty. The most amazing stretch was along a state highway in northern Missouri in which the Pony Express, J.C. Penney, General John Pershing, Walt Disney, and Samuel Clemens aka Mark Twain were either born or lived at some point. That road was a gold mine, and some of those stops had not been planned. The brown highway signs that

point out such historical sites would catch my eye and redirect my car to the museum—all in one day on that particular stretch of road.

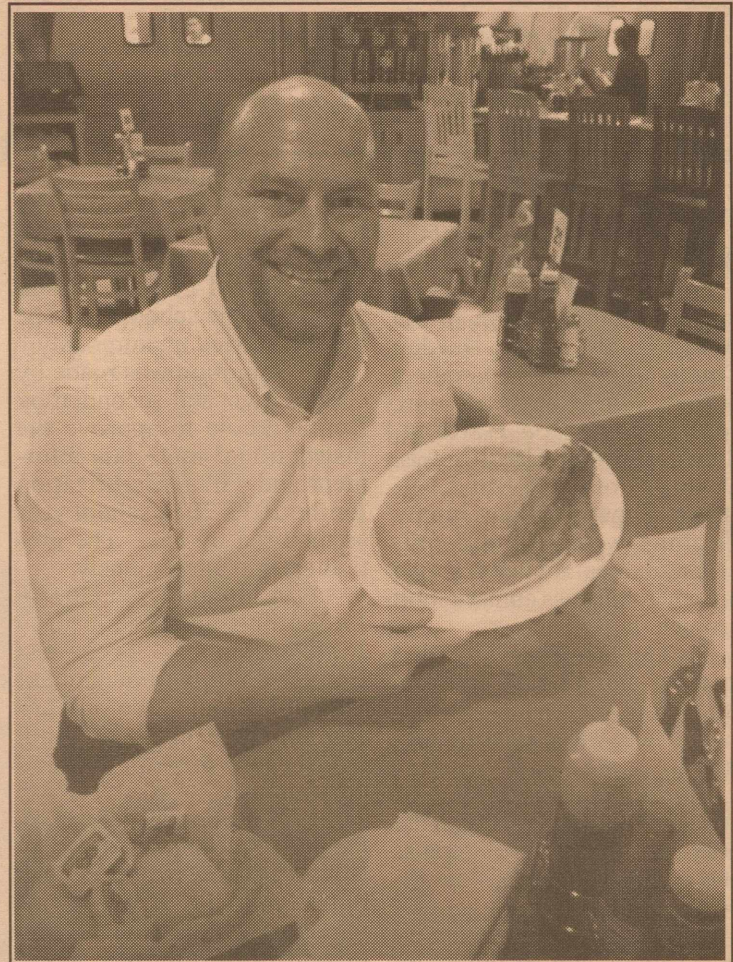
Other visits were strategically routed. Three of my favorites were the Air Force Aviation Museum in Dayton, Ohio, the Latrobe Country Club Golf Course where Arnold Palmer grew up helping his dad and learning the game of golf, and Ivy Green which was the childhood home of Helen Keller. Those I did plan, for various reasons, and these places did not disappoint.

At the aviation museum, it was moving to be greeted by men who were obviously veterans of the Air Force who now volunteered to serve as guides. Aviation history abounded here, from the likes of the Wright Brothers' contributions, to WWI Fokker planes, to WWII gliders, which my uncle flew, to the B-2. My new son-in-law is an aviation buff, so souvenirs were easy to get for him here.

Latrobe, Pennsylvania is in the southern part of the state on a beautiful stretch of road along the famous Lincoln Highway. Any one who knows anything about golf history should know that Arnold



The Pony Express Museum in St. Joseph, Missouri, the starting point for mail going out West.



On my visit to North Carolina, 2000 BHS graduate, Nick Flanigan bought my breakfast.

Palmer grew up and still lives in this town. My brother Scotty and I used to dig holes in our yard, use our dad's clubs, and pretend to be Arnie or Gary Player. Arnie ranks up there with Derek Jeter, Cal Ripken, Jr., and Jack Black in my book. I went to the Pro Shop, asked them to give Mr. Palmer some Borden County golf tees that I had brought as a gift, and bought my golfing son-in-law John an Arnold Palmer logo golf ball and ball marker.

And then Ivy Green in Tuscumbia, Alabama. Unfortunately, most students today know Helen Keller through Helen Keller jokes. Such a shame. With an IQ of 160, it was no wonder that when she lost her sight and her hearing as a toddler that she turned into a wild child whose parents were unable to control. She was frustrated. Helen had the intellect, but it took teacher Annie Sullivan to re-program her mind. The home at Ivy Green is exactly the same one, with the same furniture, the same rugs, the same place settings at the dining room, and some of Helen's own clothes hanging in the closet. As I posted on Facebook, the actual pump where Helen spelled w-

a-t-e-r into Annie's hand remains.

I would drive some days as much as 500 miles. Still, my museum stops were more than casual glances at memorabilia. I took time to read and to soak in our American story. At the Flight 93 Memorial in Pennsylvania, the mood was somber and the crowds were quiet as I walked near the field where the heroes successfully forced the plane down that would have struck our U.S. Capitol Building on September 11, 2001. Congress was in session on that day. First Lady Laura Bush was in attendance as was the Prime Minister of Australia. Imagine what could have happened were it not for sacrificial courage. My road trip reminded me of that.

Driving in a car for long periods of time also allowed me to recognize more than just rhetorical American patriotism. The radio aired talk shows of all kinds. Freedom of speech. I saw churches, temples, mosques, and synagogues. Freedom of religion. I read the newspaper at night, telling of unrest in Egypt again and bombings in Iraq again.

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Borden County ISD Board Meeting

Regular Board Meeting July 15, 2013

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas, met in regular session in the Board 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 was also present. Guest, James Hicks was also present to discuss construction project.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:17 P.M. by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. Mr. James Hicks of Wiley Hicks, Inc., met with the board to discuss roof repairs and a construction project report.

4. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Mike Valentine to approve the June 3, 2013, Board Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the July 2013, bills. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joel Dennis to set a special meeting for August 12, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve recommendations by Mr. Thomas to rescind the previous action that was taken on secretary salaries and increase their salaries \$200 per month, approve the local professional salary schedule as recommended, approve the regular employee salary schedule as recommended, and approve the Bi-County salaries as recommended by the Bi-County directors from the respective schools as reflected in the minutes of the June 24, 2013, board of director meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the 2012-2013 Borden County I.S.D. Budget Amendments as recommended. The motion

carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded Dennis Poole to solicit bids/quotes for a 14 passenger and a 29 passenger school bus. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Dennis Poole to approve the instructional materials allotment and TEKS Certification for the 2013-2014 school year as required by law. The motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the Borden County Independent School District Code of Conduct for the 2013-2014 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Mike Valentine to approve the bid submitted by Lamesa Butane for vehicle fuel and by Pinnacle Propane for propane for the 2013-2014 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

13. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Dennis Poole to pay an extra year of litigation fees of \$5,000 to the Texas School Coalition for school finance litigation. The motion carried unanimously.

14. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Randy Hensley to add, revise, or delete local policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service According to the instruction sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 97. The motion carried unanimously.

15. Mr. Thomas gave a year to date financial report, a personnel report, and a sixth six-week grading report. A motion was made by Joe Harding and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

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



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Property Tax Rates in

BORDEN

This notice concerns 2013 property tax rates for BORDEN

It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 2,242,984.00	\$	\$
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00	\$	\$
Last year's total taxes	\$ 2,242,984.00	\$	\$
Last year's tax base	\$ 850,717,540.00	\$	\$
Last year's total tax rate	\$.26360 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 2,242,984.00	\$	\$
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 786,911,890.00	\$	\$
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$.28503 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$.28503 /\$100		

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

In the first year a county collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ /\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$.28504 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 2,242,984.00	\$	\$
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 786,911,890.00	\$	\$
= This year's effective rate	\$.28503 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.30783 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$.00000 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.30783 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.30783 /\$100		

A county that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$.00000 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$.30783 /\$100

For a county with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$.00000 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$.30783 /\$100

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

Colleen Hoover's Rags to Riches Story

Eighteen months ago Colleen Hoover was an employee of a state welfare office in Sulphur Springs. In her spare time, she wrote a novel. No outline, no idea of where the story would take her. She just wrote it sentence by sentence. "I wanted to finish it by Christmas (of 2011) so I could give it to my mother for a present," says Colleen. "I finished it Christmas Day. My mom loved the book. My boss, Stephanie Cohen, wanted to read the finished product. So did some other friends. I started looking for ways for them to read it without having to print off a whole bunch of copies that would cost a lot. I found out about Amazon's self-publishing program that was free. So I uploaded my book there and four months later it was on the New York Times Best Seller list. This past October I ended up selling the movie rights to it."

The book is titled SLAMMED. Colleen calls it a contemporary romance novel about two young people who fall in love. One of them is a slam poet. She wrote the 300-page book in a little over a month while working fulltime, living in a mobile home and taking care of a husband and three small children. She was encouraged to write a sequel, so she turned out POINT OF RETREAT, again writing it within a month or so. In June of last year both books were on the prestigious New York Times Best Seller list. She signed with Atria Books, a branch of Simon and Schuster. She quit her job last July and asked her former boss Stephanie to come along with her and handle her busy schedule. "I needed someone to tell me what to do. I didn't want to be the one telling someone else what to do," says Colleen, who now lives in a house east of her hometown of Saltillo in Hopkins County. Her husband has quit his truck-driving job. Her third book, HOPELESS came out in December of last

year and hit the best seller list again. Since then she has written two more books: THIS GIRL (the third installment in the SLAMMED series) and LOSING HOPE, a companion book to HOPELESS due out this month. She has signed for two more books next year.

Thirty-three year old Colleen didn't realize she was a publishing phenomenon until at a book signing in a Chicago hotel last fall when she was walking down the stairs and the crowd of people waiting below started saying, "There she is." In major cities all across America, people stand in line for hours to get her autograph.

Although her rise in the literary world has been meteoric, she doesn't show any signs of celebrity. When I interviewed her in Sulphur Springs a couple of months ago, she was polite and humble and even seemed to be flattered. She was early for the interview. "It's just been insane," she says. "A few months ago we were living paycheck to paycheck in a singlewide mobile home that we had lived in for seven years. Now I'm getting ready to go to London for a book signing and I've never been out of the country. I'm just back from a week of appearances and signings in LA. Every month this year I'll be in another state." She gave me a copy of HOPELESS just prior to its release in paperback. After she left, I sat at the table and ran my fingers over the raised letters on the cover, realizing that I had met a person of significance.

Tumbleweed Smith lives in Big Spring and produces THE SOUND OF TEXAS syndicated radio show. His website is tumbleweedsmith.com

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Local papers also ran editorials that either decried our current administration or supported it. Freedom of the press.

In North Carolina, the tour

of the Biltmore Estate built by the Vanderbilts in 1895 made me anxious for Season 4 of PBS's Downtown Abbey. Visiting the oldest ballpark in America, Rickwood Field,



Amelia Earhart's birthplace in Atchison, Kansas/

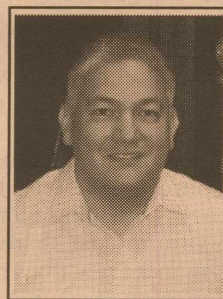
made me want to watch "42" as parts of that movie about Jackie Robinson were filmed there. This stadium—on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places—was built in 1910 and saw the likes of Babe Ruth, Satchel Paige, Dizzy Dean, and Reggie Jackson play on its diamond. And the Atlantic Ocean near Carolina Beach in Wilmington, North Carolina, provided a nice break for me and hundreds or other summer visitors one afternoon.

Returning to Texas soil still makes me happy though, and after nearly two weeks, it was time to return to the Lone Star State. Travel mercies were mine throughout with good weather, no highway patrol visits, and no mishaps. I found it ironic that only after nearing home along Interstate 20 close to Abilene did I encounter a problem after running over a large tire shred. The car will be in the shop this week.

The postcards I bought will have to be sent before school starts. I just was too tired at night to write, but I promise to continue that tradition as soon as I get settled again in Borden County.

Yes, that's right. I have one

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The Odyssey

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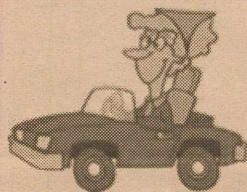
more little trip to take. You see, Facebook is a wonder-ful thing, but when you post your whereabouts, people want



Babe Ruth at Rickwood Field in Birmingham, Alabama.

you to come see them. Just ask Nick Flanigan, Class of 2000, who messaged me in North Carolina where he and his family now live. Nick even bought my breakfast, sweet boy! I saw Colt (Class of 1999) and Kristen McCook and their son Caleb in Alexandria, Virginia; Rachel Wilson, Class of 2008, in D.C.; Sammy and B.G. Harris (students from the 1980s) and their son Ian and Bruce Harris (student from the 1980s) in Cary, North Carolina. Two former students in Colorado promptly logged on and wondered when I was coming there.

So, this weekend, I decided to get my major league baseball fix and see these guys at the same time. The Colorado Rockies tickets are bought, so Shawn Lewis and Chris Kilmer, get ready to buy me some nachos. With peppers. Sue Jane Sullivan is headed your way.



Babysitting Workshop

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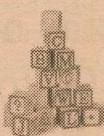


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- The Business End of Babysitting



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connection to rural water systems and installation of permanent pipelines. In addition, given the limited budgetary resources and better long term benefits, FSA has increased the maximum cost share rates for permanent practices relative to temporary measures.

FSA encourages all farmers and ranchers to contact their local USDA Farm Service Agency Service Center to report damage to crops or livestock loss. In addition, USDA reminds livestock producers to keep thorough records of losses, including additional expenses for such things as feed purchased due to lost supplies.

For further information about CRP program benefits and regulations, go online to www.fsa.usda.gov/crp.

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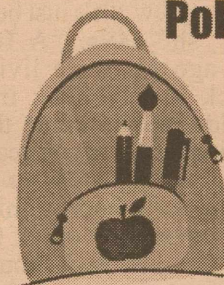
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