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USDA Extends Conservation Reserve Program Emergency Grazing Deadline

(POST, TEXAS) – August 9, 2013 – Garza-Borden County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Victor Ashley announced that the original Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) emergency grazing deadline was extended to Sept. 30, 2013.

The CRP emergency haying authorization was not extended and will expire on Aug. 31, 2013. However, under this current authorization, producers are permitted to sell hay that is harvested prior to August 31 as long as the hay was not sold from the same land under contract anytime during 2011 or 2012.

Producers who take advantage of the emergency grazing extension will not incur an additional CRP rental payment reduction, and through a recent FSA National Office initiative, the 25 percent CRP payment reduction is reduced to 10 percent for 2013 emergency grazing and haying authorizations.

If a producer chooses to lease eligible CRP acres, the producer cannot profit on the lease agreement. The amount charged for lease of CRP emergency grazing acres cannot exceed the value of the rental payment reduction.

Texas CRP participants who were previously approved for managed grazing may elect to switch to emergency use by contacting the Garza-Borden County FSA office to request approval. The restrictive emergency use criteria must be met for each site to qualify for the new emergency designation approval.

Based on a revised policy decision made by the Texas FSA State Committee, CRP acres grazed during fiscal year 2011 or 2012 **will be considered eligible** for emergency grazing if NRCS verifies, on a case-by-case basis, that the conservation cover will sustain grazing. CRP acres grazed in the fall/winter of fiscal year 2013 will **not** be eligible for spring/summer grazing. FSA's fiscal year runs from October 1 to September 30.

"The grazing extension was approved by the Texas FSA

State Committee in order to provide more resources for livestock producers facing forage and feed shortages as a result of drought," said Ashley. The eligible CRP acreage is limited to qualified acres located within the approved county. Eligible producers who are interested in grazing CRP under this emergency authorization and current CRP participants who choose to provide land for grazing to an eligible livestock producer, must first request approval from their local FSA office and obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to include site specific grazing requirements.

For more information and to request approval for emergency grazing, contact the Garza-Borden County FSA office at 806-495-2801.



Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

What Do You Ask For

Everyone asks for something. Some things you intentionally request. Other things you seem to get without asking. For example, I'm sure you've heard the expression that someone is asking for trouble. Since no one really wants adversity, this request is invariably made subconsciously. Another common expression is to be careful about what you ask for, because you may get it.

It's helpful to understand the power of asking. Many people don't fully recognize or appreciate this force. They are far too complacent regarding the impact of their thoughts and actions. Surprisingly, there may be little or no awareness of what they are asking for.

Your requests are extremely potent. They are mental seeds attempting to grow to reality. Your mind is impartial; it doesn't care whether you ask for good or bad things. Therefore, you have to be cognizant of what you want, as well as what you ask for.

Only ask for that which you want. If you don't know what you want, how can you decide what to ask for? Even if you haven't identified what you want, your thoughts are not idle. Your mind will be asking for things, but without any di-

rection.

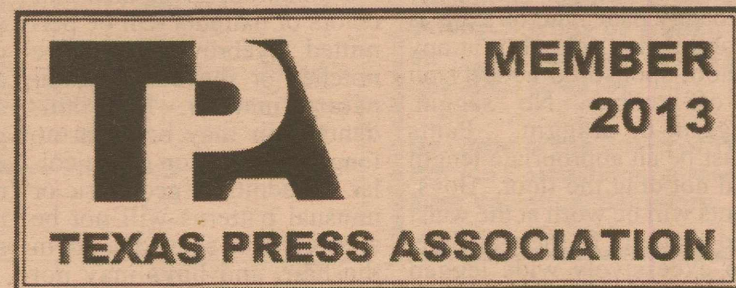
Just as important as understanding what you want, is understanding what you don't want. Avoid asking for failure and problems. Asking can be in the form of thoughts or actions. You ask for problems by engaging in behavior destined to produce undesirable results.

A person who habitually overeats is asking to be heavy. Someone who turns to alcohol, when faced with adversity, is asking to compound their problems. An employee who is consistently late for work is asking to be fired. A dishonest individual is asking for a life of deceit. The person who mistreats others is asking for few, if any, friends.

If you are not asking for anything specific, you are taking a passive role in your future. You don't want to go through life as a spectator, content with whatever the wind blows your way. Only by being proactive, will you be able to influence the direction of your life.

If you are receiving things you don't want, you have to ask for something else. Where you are now, and what you have, is a consequence of previous requests. Consciously ask for what you do want. Adjust your

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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.

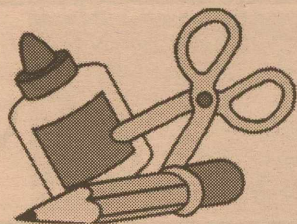
First Grade: 2-Boxes of 16 Crayons, 12-#2 Pencils, Scissors, 2 bottles Elmer's Glue, 2-Glue sticks, 2-Boxes Kleenex, 2-Pink eraser, Gym shoes, 1 bottle of sanitizer, 1 pkg baby wipes. **NO FOLDERS AND NO SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS PLEASE!**



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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2013-2014 Borden County ISD Dress Code

The Borden County School's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

Borden County's students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health and safety hazard to themselves or others. Clothing and grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operation is prohibited.

The Borden County School prohibits pictures, emblems, or writing on clothing that

1. Is lewd, offensive, vulgar, or contains obscene language

2. Advertises or depicts tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited by the school

3. Refers to satanic, cult, prison wear or gang activities

The following guidelines will be used to determine appropriate dress:

1. **Dresses**, skirts, split skirts and shorts should not be shorter than two inches above the knee. A student will lose the privilege of wearing shorts for the school year upon a third offense. Parents will be notified when the second offense occurs. Shorts must be tailored (hemmed with no frayed edges). No spandex biker shorts or wind shorts are allowed (loose-legged, athletic running shorts) and shorts shall not be too tight.

2. Wearing of oversized or baggy pants and/or jeans is prohibited at school or at any school-sponsored activity on or off campus. No "saggin, baggin, or draggin." Pants must be an appropriate length and not drag the floor. Boys' pants will be worn at the waist and properly fit the waistline. No excessively wide legged pants will be allowed. No

trench coats, dusters, jail attire or para-military attire will be allowed. No chains will be allowed on school property or at school sponsored functions.

3. Shirts and blouses must be buttoned appropriately with midriff and back covered at all times. (Tops must be long enough that skin does not show when arms are lifted.) Clothing shall be designed, constructed, and worn in a manner that is not suggestive or indecent, and that shall promote proper decorum. The opening on any type of shirt shall not exceed the equivalent of the first button below the collar of a dress shirt.

Tank tops and "see-through chiffon blouses" will not be allowed unless they are worn with a crew neck T-shirt underneath it or a shirt worn over them during all school hours and activities. Tailored shirt shirttails must be tucked in unless you have a crew T-shirt underneath the shirt. (All tailored shirts will be buttoned and tucked into the pants or skirt when representing Borden County in any extracurricular activity.)

Sleeveless blouses are permissible but must be in good taste. Appropriate undergarments must be worn and must not be exposed at any time.

4. Footwear shall be a part of regular attire. House shoes are not acceptable footwear. No metal cleats or plates on the soles of shoes shall be worn in the building.

5. Hair shall be clean and well groomed at all times while attending school, school functions, and school sponsored activities. It will be styled in a manner that will keep it out of the student's eyes and not obstruct one's vision. No unnatural or bizarre hair colors or haircuts will be permitted. Eyebrows must not be notched or shaved in an unnatural manner. Male students' hair may be worn no longer than the top of the collar. In addition: geometric or unusual patterns will not be allowed to be shaved or cut in the hair, and boys may not wear ponytails, rat-tails, or

braids.

Students are to be clean-shaven at all times. Mustaches and beards are not allowed. Sideburns shall not be worn lower than the bottom of the ear lobe and no wider than one inch at the base.

6. Boys will not wear piercing jewelry. Girls may not wear exposed piercing jewelry other than earrings. No tongue piercing will be allowed for boys or girls.

7. Sunglasses may not be worn in the building during school hours or events inside the building unless prescribed by a doctor.

8. Students may not wear hats, caps, bandanas, or hoods inside the building during the school day unless approved by the school administration. In addition, they may not wear such headwear when participating in basketball games, whether actively participating or sitting on the bench.

9. Any clothing or grooming not listed above that is determined by the school administration to pose a disruption, interference, or safety concern to the normal school operation or Borden County School Community will be prohibited and addressed as appropriate.

10. Students may not wear gloves or arm sleeves in the school building.

A student who violates the dress code shall be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student shall be assigned to in school suspension either for the remainder of the day or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeat offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action. The principal, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity (for example: cheerleader uniforms may vary from normal requirements according to principal/sponsor approval). Students

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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	Thur-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
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Attention Borden County Parents

All 6th grade students entering the 7th grade during the 2012-2013 school year are required to show evidence of new vaccinations upon entering school in the fall. Two doses of Varicela, one dose of Meningococcal and a TDAP booster are the new requirements for this grade level.

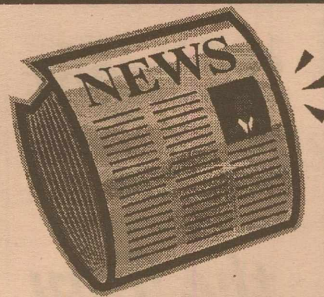
You may choose to have your child immunized at the health department or by your family physician during the summer; however, evidence of completed vaccinations will be required upon the first day of entry into the 7th grade.

Please present an updated copy of your child's immunizations to the school secretary or school nurse upon entering the first day of school.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Kim Thomas R.N.



Got News?

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Dress Code...

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who violate these standards may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the school administration or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary action.

Violations of the Borden County Dress Code may be handled through the Student Code of Conduct.

Booster Club to Hold First Meeting

The Borden County Booster Club will hold its' first meeting of 2013-2014 school year on Monday, August 26th (the first day of school) at 8:05 a.m. in the Coyote Room. Parents wishing to be a part of the Booster Club are encouraged to attend this meeting. Join us as we kick off the new school year!

MEET THE COYOTES!

Thursday, August 22nd

Coyotes vs. Lorenzo

at 6 pm



COYOTES

Meet the Coyote



following scrimmage

PLEASE BRING ICE CREAM,
COOKIES, BROWNIES & OTHER
TREATS

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).

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Preparing For Back-to-School

Summer seems to get shorter and shorter as the years go by! Once again we find ourselves at the beginning of another school year.

It is so important to get off to a good start. Every new school year can be difficult, especially when you haven't taken the time to prepare yourself, your child and your home. You should give your child a boost and provide motivation to do the best he or she can during the school year. However, even with "experience," each new school year is an adjustment for all family members. Changes may include things like bedtimes, friendships, activity levels, expectations (academic, social, and athletic), activities (TV, homework, school meetings, and outside functions), and diet (hurried, unhealthy meals).

Many children will attend school for the first time and the whole experience is new. For other children, there may be new interests, new doubts, and new developmental changes. Changes at school can include new classrooms, teachers, and subjects. This one will prove to be full of many new changes with new teachers, coaches and a new principal! All of these and more mean that the child must redesign at least a few aspects of his or her life. This may come easier for some children than for others.

A child may adjust well one year, and struggle the next with noticeable changes in attitude, mood and social skills. Patience, understanding, and encouragement are attributes parents and family members should possess. In general, most children will adjust in a few weeks.

There are a variety of ways parents can make transitions easier for their children. Perhaps these can help you and your family adjust to the new school year.

- **Encourage the love of learning. Tell your child about teachers who inspired you and the interesting things you did in school.** Do not support negative stereo-types of teachers or of school.

- Treat school as a normal part of your family's activities, which is easy to do in Borden County! Answer questions, discuss issues, but don't force enthusiasm or unwanted conversation.

- Visit the school and bus stop with your child. For new students, you might consider walking to school or driving the bus route to help familiarize your child with how they will get to and from school. Meeting your child's teacher or teachers is also very important. This shows that you are interested in their education and the teacher is very appreciative of your interest as well.

- Adjust bedtime and wake-up schedules. Bedtimes vary and are less consistent during the summer. Getting your child in a routine will make it easier for them to get adequate rest and be ready for the next day of school. Having them set out the clothes they plan to wear the next day is helpful. Also, be sure to keep everything (papers, homework, etc.) near the door in a satchel for easy pick-up on the way out the door.

- Allow your child to be involved in making these new schedules, homework times, play and television limits, school lunches, and various rules. They are more apt to comply if they have a part in setting them. Also, discuss consequences of not following the new rules and schedules (i.e. being tired, not getting lessons finished, being grounded, etc.).

- Help your child identify people that they can call or look to if they have an emergency at school (they miss the bus, get sick, forget something

Thought for the Day

*Charity begins today.
 Today somebody is suffering, today somebody is in the street, today somebody is hungry.
 Our work is for today, yesterday has gone, tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today.*
 -Mother Teresa

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at home, etc.) if they cannot reach you. This will help ease their mind and keep them from becoming panicked if an emergency does arise. It is also a good idea to leave a list in the school office, and with your child's teacher, of people to contact should you not be reachable.

- Try to get involved in your child's education and activities. Studies show that kids are more motivated to learn when they see their parents involved at school. Plan to be available to your child, especially the first few weeks of school. Keep the early weeks as free of outside activities so that you can pamper your child with home-cooked meals and special reading time with you.

This is a special time of year for your family. Let your children know that education is important and that you are there for them. Supportive parents will help make a successful student. Children are the future of our world! Best wishes to you and your family in the 2013-2014 school year!

Dare to Live...

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thoughts and behavior to attract the desired results.

It is never too late to ask for something different. You have freedom of choice. When you ask for something, it should be with conviction. Ask for things you really desire. Don't ask for things that cause misfortune to others.

Be sure you really want what you are asking for. Avoid asking for things flippantly. When you ask for something, you begin a chain of events. It starts with a thought and continues with behavior designed to get what you ask for.

Ironically, it's easier to ask for and get what you don't

want. It's easier to get fired than to get hired. It's easier to destroy a relationship than to keep it going. It's easier to let yourself go to pot than to stay healthy. That's one of the reasons you have to be selective in what you ask for.

Do you know what you are asking for? If not, take a good look at what you are thinking and doing. Ask only for what you want. Avoid requesting anything undesirable.

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Obituary



Stella Mae Gray, 70, passed on August 7, 2013, in Shannon Hospital. She was born on June 4, 1943.

Visitation and wake was held on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Deliverance Tabernacle C.O.G.I.C. Homegoing service will be held today at 11 a.m. at New Jerusalem C.O.G.I.C. Burial will follow in Delta Cemetery.

Her memory lives on in the life of her husband, James "Jubal" Gray Sr.; sons Willie Earl Gray Sr., James Edward Gray Jr., all of San Angelo, Victor Dwayne Gray Sr. of Weatherford and Leandro Rafael Gray Sr. of Gail; daughters Bessie Ruth Phillips of Desoto, Shelia Mae Gray and Teresa Diana Foster, both of San Angelo; and a host of grandchildren and other family and friends.

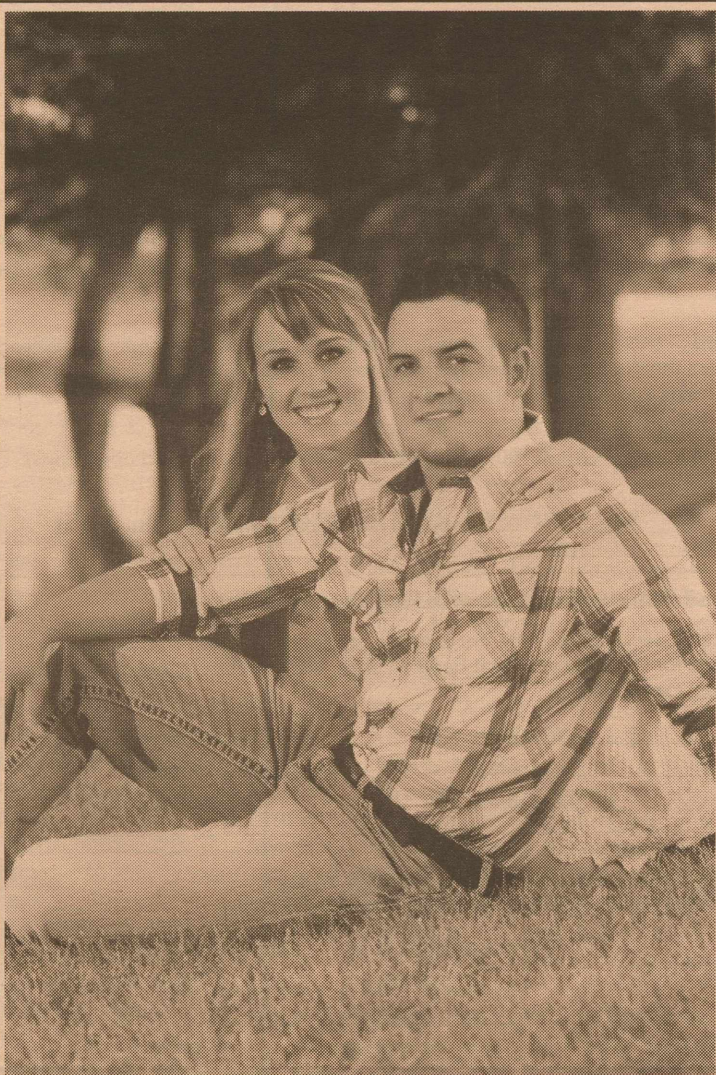
Stella Mae Gray 1943 - 2013

"Who can find a virtuous woman? For price is far above rubies. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her."



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Krystal Hobson and Quentin Shafer

Hobson, Shafer to Exchange Vows

Krystal Hobson of Gail and Quentin Shafer of Fluvanna would like to announce their engagement.

Hobson is the daughter of Danny and Renee Hobson of Gail. She is the granddaughter of Helen Hobson of Lamesa, Texas.

The bride-elect is a 2009 graduate of Borden County High School. She earned her Associate's degree in Nursing at South Plains College in 2012 and graduated from Texas Tech University in 2013 with a Bachelor's degree in Nursing.

Krystal is a Registered Nurse at University Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas.

Shafer is the son of Bodie and Sheila Shafer of Fluvanna. He is the grandson of Bill Rawlings of Snyder, Texas.

The future groom is a 2008 graduate of Borden County High School and graduated with a Diesel Mechanics degree from South Plains College.

Quentin is an Operator at KinderMorgan in Snyder.

The couple will exchange vows on September 1, 2013 at the Spirit Ranch in Lubbock.

Encore: Random Additions to *The Odyssey*

By Sue Jane Mayes

Kerri Dean needs some more news for one more summer edition before school starts. She asked me to provide "something, anything." So, here goes. The astute reader will be capable of determining what is tongue in cheek, what is true, and what is just downright worthless information.

OBSERVATION I: I do know how to spell "odyssey." Last week's headlines did not indicate that.

OBSERVATION II: Many states have beautiful landscapes, but none have highways in better shape than Texas.

OBSERVATION III: When visiting Kansas, I really wish there were helpful road signs that would tell me what is growing in the fields. Is it maize, corn, wheat, milo? I am a dork and do not know these things.

OBSERVATION IV: Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer and I would have been fast friends. Fishing, rafting, and wearing overalls in Mark Twain's hometown of Hannibal, Missouri, would have made me very happy.

OBSERVATION V: Thank you, *Sirius XM Satellite Radio*, for reviving the classic mystery radio shows that my mother used to listen to. Driving through Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio in one day was made easier with "Sherlock Holmes," "Sam Spade," and "Shadow."

OBSERVATION VI: Curse you, *Sirius XM Satel-*

lite Radio, for airing so many news talk shows that insist I start thinking about the presidential election of 2016. Many of the so-called potential candidates already have elected jobs, which should be their focus right now. It would be like me visiting the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Graders every morning for a couple of hours and ignoring the 6th Graders I was hired to teach. Stop the madness until at least January of 2016.

OBSERVATION VII: I try to avoid eating at chains when I travel. Best burger found in Wilmington, North Carolina, at Johnny's; best authentic Italian food (baked spaghetti) at Amici's in Scottsville, VA. Best sandwich I made myself and ate in the car.

OBSERVATION VIII: Former students are just as gracious in forgiving me for my mistakes as a teacher as I am in forgiving them for their shenanigans.

OBSERVATION IX: Technology is wonderful, but I hope virtual museums never replace the museums which welcome us to "touch" history: a stair rail climbed by Helen Keller, a desk at which John

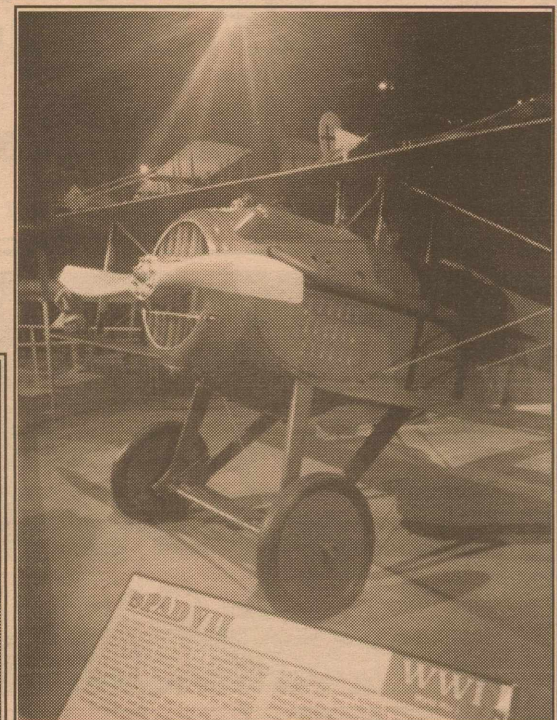
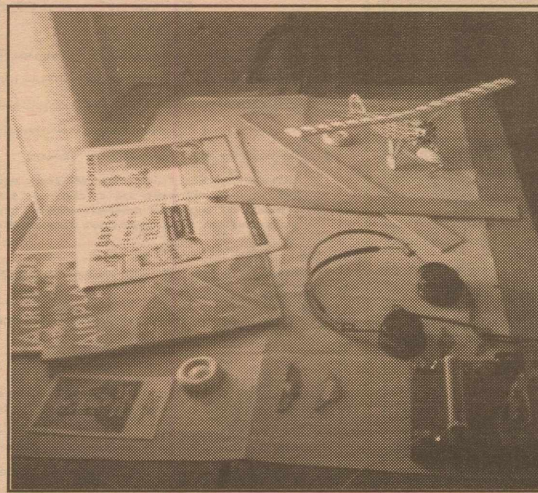
Glenn made model airplanes, a shaving kit used by Abraham Lincoln before he became President, a baseball stadium where fans saw Satchel Paige pitch, an Apollo 15 command module that flew to the moon in 1971, and a school building which symbolically ended segregation in 1954.

OBSERVATION X: There is something about sticking your feet in the ocean that just feels right. Falling in with your clothes on in front of everyone else does not.

OBSERVATION XI: Getting 38-mpg in my Honda Civic works for me.

OBSERVATION XII: I honestly would like to live in a hotel when I retire. Clean sheets every day. Clean bathroom. Exercise equipment. A fridge, flat screen TV, microwave, Internet, blow dryer, unlimited ice, and free waffles.

I hope this has filled some space in the paper, entertained the reader, and inspired you to take a road trip someday. For now, it's off the road and back to school.



(Above) WWI Spad VII at Air Force Aviation Museum in Dayton, Ohio. (Left) In Astronaut John Glenn's boyhood home, evidence on his desk that flight would be in his future.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Borden County Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 P.M. Tuesday, August 27, 2013 in Borden County ISD Cafeteria, Gail, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax \$ 1.04 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters \$.28 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations 2 % increase or _____ % (decrease)
Debt service _____ % increase or 11 % (decrease)
Total expenditures _____ % increase or 1 % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 1,248,163,923	\$ 1,150,843,387
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 260,410	\$ 218,800
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 912,601,733	\$ 832,966,611
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 228,640	\$ 218,480

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 20,835,000

* Outstanding principal.

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.28000 *	\$ 1.32000	\$ 35,178	\$ 476
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.20542	\$ 0.21802 **	\$ 1.42344	\$ 27,030	\$ 5,522
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.28000 *	\$ 1.32000	\$ 25,370	\$ 5,522

* The interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 25,775	\$ 20,408
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 13,330	\$ 13,908
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.32	\$ 1.32
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 175.96	\$ 183.69
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 7.63

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.0401. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.0401.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 5,526,531
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,705,973

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

Care for A Drink of Sarsaparilla?

Ricky Atkins of Vega has started a company called Wild West Sodas. He makes old-fashioned soft drinks. "We have sarsaparilla, a root beer, a cream soda which is outstanding, a black cherry and an orange cream and we also do specialty drinks. One of the favorite drinks is called a rattlesnake. People ask me how it tastes and I tell them it tastes like chicken. Actually the rattlesnake has sarsaparilla, black cherry and cream soda." He sells his drinks from a stand that looks like an old western saloon. He pulls it behind his pickup and calls it a mobile saloon. It has a counter and glass enclosures on either side of it that contain all sorts of interesting items. "There is a rataconurtle, which is a rattlesnake and turtle with raccoon feet. When I go north I tell people it's a Texas tick. His name is Willie, for will he bite. Ricky takes his mobile saloon and old-fashioned soft drinks to fairs and festivals all over the country. "I personally do forty-three shows a year. I start out in Texas then go to Colorado and Wyoming. I go as far as Rapid City, South Dakota." Ricky was a restaurant owner and toy salesman before starting his soft drink enterprise. He is a sarsaparilla entrepreneur. "I've sold units in Indiana, New Mexico, Arizona and Texas. So we're scattered across the country. It's just short of a franchise. They've bought their units from me and of course they buy their cups and formulas from me." Ricky is a popular attraction at annual events and is invited to be in the same spot every year. His drinks are pricey, but people don't seem to mind. "I

have a 32-ounce collectible mug that sells for seven dollars. The customer gets to keep it and for the life of that mug the customer can bring it to any festival where we are and get a refill for three dollars. We have a 32-ounce tumbler that we sell for five. There again, if you bring it back you get a refill for three dollars. We also offer our drinks in a one-liter bottle that they can take with them. We try to use only American products. All of our soda is homemade, made with pure cane sugar instead of corn syrup. That's what makes our drinks so good. We also sell our syrup so people can take it home and put it on ice cream." Sarsaparilla has quite a history. "It started out as a medicine, made from the roots of the sassafras tree. They added sugar to it to make it more palatable. The difference between that and root beer is root beer has ginger and wintergreen in it." Ricky started out selling his stuff from a covered wagon, then switched to a stagecoach. He made both of those. "So I figured we needed a saloon. That's what I made for this year. I try to have something different every year." Before he got his saloon, his drink ingredients were outside, exposed to the elements and bees swarmed around the sweet stuff. "They don't come in the saloon," says Ricky. "Bees are not allowed in here. This is a no-bee zone." *Tumbleweed Smith lives in Big Spring and is a folklorist, after dinner speaker and producer of THE SOUND OF TEXAS syndicated radio show. Contact him at tumbleweedsmith.com*

Beginner's Genealogy Class Slated for Saturday, Sept. 14th

Come learn the basics of family history research. A beginner's genealogy class is slated for Saturday, September 14 from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm at the Borden County Event Center. The class will cover how to begin, how to stay organized, how to use the internet to find relatives, and how to find records at the county level.

This is a repeat of the beginner's class that was taught in June. Participants have a choice to take the class in person or via webinar. Cost will be \$10 for either the webinar or in person. Participants from the June class may repeat the class for only \$5. Deadline for registration is Thursday, September 5. Webinar participants will need to contact Julie Smith at julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu in order to receive their set up instructions. Cost will be \$20 at the door for non-registered participants. Webinar participants must be registered by

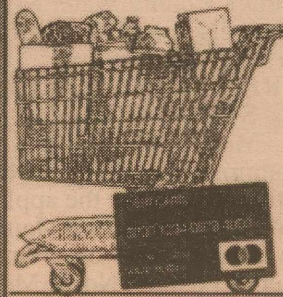
September 9.

The Historical Commission will provide coffee, iced tea and desserts. Participants should bring a sack lunch and note-taking materials. You may email bordencohistory@gmail.com

to request an electronic version of the registration form. Mail your completed registration form and payment to Borden County Historical Commission, c/o Kenny Bennett, PO Box 152, Gail, TX 79738

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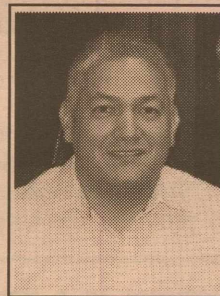
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Commissioners' Court

WHEREAS, On this the 23rd day of July, 2013, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

ROSS SHARP, County Judge, Presiding; **MONTÉ SMITH**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner Precinct No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE** County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

At 8:35 a.m. Judge Sharp called the Commissioners Court Meeting to order.

COMMUNITY INPUT

There was no community input.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meetings of July 16, 2013 were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

AUDIT

Mr. Don Stephen, CPA, PA, presented the Borden County 2012 Financial Audit. Com-

missioner Smith made a motion to approve the Audit as presented. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BORDEN COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the renewal rates for Health and Employee Benefits from the Texas Association of Counties 2013-2014 in the amount of \$795.20 per each employee. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BORDEN COUNTY WATER SYSTEM

Borden County Water System was discussed. No action taken.

PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the application for Private Road Maintenance as needed from Frank Beaver in Precinct No. 4. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith.

SOIL CONSERVATION WORK

No applications was received.

DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Consideration Water Project, 2014 Budget, Historical Committee, Acceptance of Playground Equipment.

ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 13th day of August, 2013.

Public Notice

The Borden County Independent School District announced an amendment to its policy for serving meals for children served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the 2013-2014 school year, which would allow for all children at all schools/sites to be served meals at no charge.

For additional information please contact the following person:

Borden County Independent School District
Attention: Mr. Jimmy Thomas, Superintendent
P.O. Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738
(806)756-4313
jthomas@bcisd.net

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Babysitting Workshop

Wednesday, August 21 2013 (NOTE DATE CHANGE) from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Borden County Event Center, Gail

For young men and ladies ages 12 and up!

Please RSVP by Monday, August 19th!

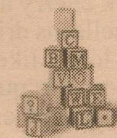


We are offering a Babysitter's Certification Course for all Borden County and area youth! This workshop will be open to youth ages 12-18. To receive the basic training, you will need to complete the one day workshop. Once you complete this workshop you are eligible to take the CPR/First Aid training which will be held at a later date yet to be determined (it will also be an 8 hour course).



Participants will learn:

- What it takes to be a babysitter
- Safety and First Aid
- Basic Child Development and How to Entertain Children
- Basic Nutrition
- The Business End of Babysitting



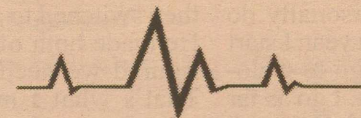
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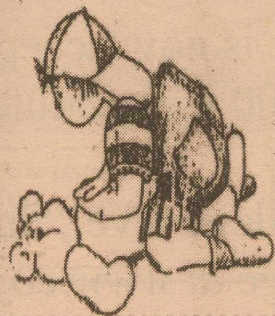


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