## Harvest Time Approaching, But First Bale Still Elusive

By Mary Jane Buerkle

Typically, the first of September finds most High Plains cotton growers making final preparations for harvest. However, with a later crop, even the year's symbolic "first bale" for the region has not yet been ginned, to PCG's knowledge at press time. Looking back to 2012, the "first bale" for the High Plains was delivered in Gaines County on August 17.

Cooler temperatures at planting time kept many producers out of the fields and forced up to two-week delays, and although the high temperatures have allowed much of that cotton to catch up developmentally, the rest of September will be critical to determining the true potential for this crop.

Irrigated fields continue to look good, for the most part, and although dryland yields certainly are expected to be better than 2012 overall, the lack of recent moisture has
stressed those plants. According to weather.com, the next chance for rainfall in the Lubbock area is only slight and not until midweek, and area zone forecasts from the National Weather Service currently do not include a chance for precipitation at all.
"We have some irrigated cotton that looks excellent on the High Plains, some that has the potential to make threeplus bales to the acre," PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett said. "However, we still have to finish out this crop, and rain would be beneficial."


## Dare to Live

 Without Limits
## By Bryan Golden

## Life Guarantees a Chance-Not a Fair Shake

"That's not fair," is a common childhood mantra. It's typically heard when a child doesn't get what he or she wants. Sometimes the sentiment is valid, more often it's not.

As we grow up, adults, whether it be parents or others, tend to intercede on our behalf to demonstrate fairness. The problem is we then develop a false expectation of fairness. This leads to great frustration as we mature since fairness in life is not guaranteed.

You've probably encountered many unfair circumstances. Invariably, you will encounter more. You can yell and scream, but you won't make life fair. Unplanned, unexpected, and even unfortunate circumstances do occur. It's not ideal, but that's the way it is.

Anger is a normal reaction when encountering unfair events. You may even feel bitter or resentful. These reactions, however, do not serve you well. They are counterproductive. Additionally, they are as destructive as poison to your mind and body.

Feeling victimized is another associated emotion. When you think something is unfair you may feel someone else is out to get you. When you take on the role of victim, you become reactive instead of c proactive. This means you p wait for what will come next rather than becoming a proac- $h$ tive participant. Victims are defensive. Those who refuse to act like a victim are offen- her
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better, not worse.
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## Turnovers Trigger Tough Night in Gail

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes got off to a very fast start scoring in the first minute and a half of the game and then scored another touchdown in the final minute eighteen of the 2 quarter, but in between 5 turnovers were just too much to overcome as the visiting Garden City Bearkats came to town and dominated the Coyotes in every phase of the game en route to a 64 to 14 victory over the home town Coyotes.

The Borden County Coyotes took the opening kickoff and after a nicely executed sweep pass from Hunter Jones to Korbin Martinez netted 11 yards. Corbin Sumners then followed some great blocks by Martinez, Tristen Benavidez, Frank Banman, Thomas Harrison and Riley Herridge to race 27 yards untouched for the quick 2 play score for the Coyotes. Herridge added the extra point to give the home team an 8-0 lead.

Unfortunately the offense again had a hard time staying consistent and the defense had a difficult time slowing down the Bigger and quicker Bearkats. The Bearkats got on the board but Colby Pennell blocked the PAT to keep Borden County out in front. The Coyotes threw an interception on their next possession, but defensively they created their only take away of the game on their next defensive possession. Unfortunately, after a nice run followed by some very nice blocks by the same five, Jones managed 28 yards on the initial carry of the next Coyotes series, but on the next play Borden County fumbled the ball away for their second turnover. This time the Bearkats capitalized to take a 12-8 lead. The Coyotes looked as though they were going to answer, but after a very nice 31 yard pass from Jones to Banman, Banman was hit from behind which forced a fumble that was recovered by the visiting Bearkats.

Again the visitors capitalized, this time when it appeared Borden County had a 10 yard sack, the Bearkat quarterback shot out and was then
able to see that the Coyotes busted their coverage that allowed for a 60 yard scoring pass and a 20-8 lead. The Coyotes were unable to do much on their next drive and they were forced to punt the ball. The Bearkats again capitalized and ended the first quarter leading the Coyotes 28-8 after scoring again.

Borden County marched down the field on their next possession as Jones hit Benavidez on a couple of nice pass plays, but the Coyote drive ended as the Garden City made a nice interception on an under thrown pass to the endzone that could have posendzone that could have pos-
sibly resulted in a Coyote score. Again the Bearkats continued their offensive dominance scoring again. In fact Garden City added 30 points in the second quarter and the Coyotes added two more turnovers. With 2:08 left in the half Borden County trailed 58 to 8 . The Bearkats continued playing their first team offense and defense and even kicked a couple of onside kicks, called timeouts and clocked the ball in the end trying with all their might to end the game at half, but the Borden County Coyotes showed so much heart and determination. They went to their two-minute offense and after 4 completions in 5 attempts on the drive from Riley Herridge, connecting with Colby Pennell, Hunter Jones, two to Frank Banman, the final completion to Banman resulted in a 31 yard scoring play, cutting the lead to 58 to 14 .

The Bearkats tried to reach paydirt one more time in the first half to end the game, but the young Coyotes stiffened and held them out as Tristen Benavidez ended the half with a tackle behind the line of scrimmage.

The visiting Bearkats would get the ball to start the second half and again the first unit for Garden City took the field. The Coyotes scratched and clawed on defense but they were unable to hold the Bearkats out of the endzone
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Senior Coyote, Tristan Benavidez sneaks up on this Bearkat and grabs another tackle for the Coyotes in Fridays bout against Garden City.


Riley Herridge kicks a field goal and scores an extra point.

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## School Lunch Мепи

Sept. 16-20, 2013

Menu subject to change

Monday - Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Salisbury Steak w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Carots, strawberries \& Bananas, Roll, Brownie Cookie (9-12 grade only) and Milk variety.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Waffle \& Sausage, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Breaded Pork Chop, Garden Salad, Green Beans, Sliced Peaches, Breadstick, Chocolate Pudding ( $9-12$ grade only) and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Sausage Kolache \& Oven Potatoes, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Southwest Chicken Casserole w/Chips, Garden Salad, Charro Beans, Salsa, Cinnamon Applesauce and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Cheddar Omelet Wrap, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Hot Dog, Sweet Potato Fries, Cucumber Dippers, Fruit, Chocolate Chip Cookie (9-12 grade only) and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll \& Bacon, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch:Beef \& Bean Burrito, Tortill Chips ( $9-12$ grade only), Broccoli Bites, Garden Salad, Orange Smiles and Milk.
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## Turnovers Result in Loss Against Garden City Bearkats...

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and as a result the game was extra points. Frank Banman without the mistakes, our halted by the 45 point rule, at 64 to 14.

Leading the way for the young Coyotes was Tristen Benavidez with 13 tackles, 2 for loss and a caused fumble. Tristen also had 2 catches for 24 yards. Hunter Jones had 13 tackles a fumble recovery, 4 carries for 23 yards and was 5 of 7 for 68 yards passing and an interception and a 7 yard reception. Korbin Martinez had 6 tackles and a caused fumble and had a carry and a reception for 10 yards. Jordan Martinez had 5 tackles. Thomas Harrison had 5 tackles, a tackle for loss and 4 carries for 10 yards, a reception for 11 yards and one pass attempt. Corbin Sumners had a tackle and 4 carries for 27 yards and a touchdown. Riley Herridge had 2 tackles and a caused fumble and was 4 of 7 passing for 73 yards, an interception and a touchdown and 1 of 2 on

## Players of the Week



Coyote Players of the Week are (left to right) Junior Frank Banman (Center/Linebacker), Senior Jordan Martinez (Fullback/Cornerback), Senior Tristan Benavidez (End/Linebacker) and Freshman Jayton Lewis (Runningback/ Cornerback).


Freshman running back, Corbin Sumners, runs the pigskin into the Coyote endzone for the first touchdown of the night against the Garden City Bearkats.

## Cheering on the Coyotes!



Smooth sailing! The Borden County Varsity cheerleaders perform a stunt during Friday's home game against the Bearkats. Varsity cheerleaders are Taylor Gass, Clair Shafer, Tatum Richey, Zoie Key, Savannah Herridge and Sydnee Jordan.

## Team Building



Mrs. Sue Jane Mayes has put a twist on game days here at Borden County Each Friday, 6th and 7th grade English students will participate in a team building activity to underscore the importance of teamwork. This past week, students made origami airplanes. Winners of the contest were 7th graders Carlie De Ax and Kaile Hernandez (above) and runners up were 7th graders Kenley Dean and Katie Gray (below)


## This Dayís Thought

When you come to Christ, you do not come to give, you come to receive. You do not come to try your best, you come to trust. You do not come just to be helped, but to be rescued. You do not come to be made better (although that does happen), you come to be made alive!
Erwin Lutzer

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The Jr. High
Cheerleaders
will have a bake
sale on
Sept. $26^{\text {th }}$ During the Jr. High home game


You are invited to jon as on Tuesday, October 1 st at $6,00 \mathrm{pm}$. in the Borden County Dvent Center for a Fall program to help harvest tips and methods for organizing your life to culoy more time with you famly - from menu plaming grocery stopping, honte management, time management and ways to cuioy quality time together Enfoy a sampling of a few simple recipes
and make an casy take-hone project for even the least creative people).
Cost is $\$ 15$ per person (will cover suppites and recipe/idea booklet)
Please RSVP by Friday, September 27 th (toallow for enough supplies) at $5: 00$ p.m, to (806)756-4336, via Facebook or iuliesmith@agnet tamuedu

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## Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit Tumbleweed Smith

## Cleaning Up Can Be Profitable

I noticed our office had one too many stacks of stuff on file cabinets and tables, giving the place a cluttered look. I decided it was time to do something about it. Fortunately, our second hand store downtown had just started accepting magazines. I took two stacks of them down. It was just the beginning of a purge of unused and unwanted items. Usually when people start a big cleaning job they start with an area that no visitor ever sees, like a closet. I started with a desk drawer. I emptied it into a plastic storage box. I discovered I had at least two dozen pens and that many pencils. Plus candy, gum, rulers, scissors, magnifying glasses, scratch pads, business cards, paper clips, rubber bands and other stuff. I started taking things out of the storage box and putting the essential things back in the drawer. I threw away more than half the items that were in the drawer originally.
My wife was in the process of organizing some of our family photos. For some reason I went to an old file cabinet in a seldom used closet and pulled out an old briefcase. I thought I might find some old photos in it, since that's where I had put some of my parents' legal papers. I didn't find any photos, but I found a little sandwich bag that had some old coins and bills in it. I took the bag to my wife and we started looking at its contents. We were surprised to find silver dollars, half dollars, some Indian head pennies, V nickels and some coins that dated back to 1866. The more we looked, the more curious we became.

I have never collected coins, but I may start now. When I was growing up, every time we'd visit my grandparents, my grandfather would
give me either a silver dollar or a fifty-cent piece. Of course I don't know where those coins are today. My grandfather had a meat market and grocery store and handled lots of coins. So did my father, who was also in the grocery business. When we got married, my dad gave us a bag of silver coins, the real stuff. Rather than put them up for safekeeping, we put them in a bowl in a living room bookcase and used out of it to buy incidentals. Not too smart

Some of the one-dollar bills in the bag have an interesting history, like the 1928 funnyback dollar, the first effort by the US treasury to standardize design and size of dollar bills. The treasury wanted to streamline currency for the Roaring Twenties. The 1928 series red seal one-dollar bill was not printed until 1933 and didn't get released for circulation until 1948. To make things even stranger, when the bills were finally released into circulation, Puerto Rico was chosen as the location of distribution. Research indicated 1.8 million of the one-year design notes were printed and the first 4,000 were snatched up by collectors, many buying packs of 100 consecutive notes. Some of those packs are occasionally still available fully intact. An uncirculated 1928 series funnyback red seal one-dollar bill can bring more than $\$ 1,000$. It is a relic of the Jazz Age and is popular with col-
 do some more cleaning up around the place.

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Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain PLANNING MEETING

Monday. September 23,2013@7:00 p.m. In the Courthouse in Gail

Anyone wishing to be involved in the Lights for Gail is invited to attend this planning meeting! We welcome everyone! There are many opportunities to volunteer and become involved!! Hope to see YOU there!

If you would like to be involved, but cannot attend - please contact Julie smith at (806)773-7388 or emall us at lightsforgailovahoo.com. Be sure to check out our new Facebook page: Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain!


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A young boy asked his father, "Dad, don't they ever give showers for the groom?"
"No, son," he replied. "There will be plenty of showers for him after his bride begins to reign!
What an introduction to marriage and the family! It would seem as though the father was describin his life and disappointments. All of us want our homes to be a lute bit of heaven on earth. But there are always the realties ofife. home at the worst possible time and with creat intensily But God established the home and He established have it to be a harbor in the time of storms and a refuce in the days of distress.
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rightful places assume their rightul places and follow the different things would be. If prayer was practiced, Scriptures read and worship at the heart of family life, the storms of life could be endured and the family strengthened.
If we want our homes to be what God wants them to be, we must pray: "Here's our family, live with us; here's our home, be the Lord of if.,
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suffer along with her chances for a promotion. Should Julie then look for another job, she certainly wouldn't get any glowing references.

The second option is much more beneficial to Julie's future. Regardless of whether she looks for a new job or not, Julie would not be acting in a self-destructive manner.

Regardless of what unfair situations you face, you have a chance to improve your situation. Understand what sequence of events lead you to your current circumstances. It may not always make sense, but that doesn't matter. What's important is optimizing your chances to make the best of it. Moving forward always beats getting mired in the past.

Bryan is a management consultant, motivational speaker, author, and adjunct professor. E-mail Bryan at bryan@columnist.com. O 2006 Bryan Golden

> Ain't it nifty... Look who's fifty!!


## Love, Amy, Melba \& the kids



Fajita Supper

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## Country Music Concert <br> By Local \& Area Talent

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## 4-H Enrollment Time!

The start of the new school year means it is also time to enroll in 4-H. Go to https://texas.4honline.com. Members who are re-enrolling will need to update their profiles. New members will need to create a family profile and add members. If you need assistance with passwords, contact the Extension Office - we can help!!

Please note that there is a participation fee of $\$ 20$ per 4-H'er through the end of October (after November 1 it will be $\$ 25$ ). We invite parents to enroll as volunteers (4-H pays the screening fee).

Please feel free to contact the Extension Office if you need any assistance. Looking forward to a great year for Borden County 4-H!!

## Borden 4-H Shooting Sports

Wow what a summer for the Shooting sports program, from belt buckles to national trophy's!!!!

We started the summer off with several kids participating in the shotgun program and had two members participate in shots throughout the summer. Shotgun participants representing Borden County 4-H are Matthew Roberson, Kaylee Walker, Ryann Phillips, Paige Hollbrooks, Charlie and Thomas Snell and Ethan Stephens. We are very proud of all these kids and the hard work they put into the program this year. We will defiantly be well represented in the future.

Kaylee Walker is a Jr. age class shooter and participated in several shoots this summer including: Garza County 4-H shoot (trap only) where she placed third and received a belt buckle; Scurry County shoot (trap only) she won $2^{\text {nd }}$ high overall belt buckle; Callahan County 4-H shoot (all 3 disciplines - Trap, Skeet and 5 -Stand) where she placed $1^{\text {st }}$ in trap, $5^{\text {th }}$ in skeet and $6^{\text {th }}$ in Whiz Bang -5 -stand and received $3^{\text {rd }}$ High Overall and Gaines County $4-\mathrm{H}$ shoot (all 3 disciplines) she placed $2^{\text {nd }}$ in trap, $3^{\text {rd }}$ in skeet and $3^{\text {rd }}$ in whiz bang -5 -stand and received $2^{\text {nd }}$ High Overall. In the District II 4-H shoot (all 3 disciplines) she placed $2^{\text {nd }}$ in trap and skeet and $4^{\text {th }}$ in whiz bang -5 -stand and received $2^{\text {nd }}$ High Overall.

Also, this is the first year that Kaylee has shot skeet and 5stand, so look out boys here she comes!!!

Matthew Roberson is a Sr. 2 class shooter and participated in several shoots including: Callahan County $4-\mathrm{H}$ Shoot he placed $1^{\text {st }}$ in Whiz Bang and $3^{\text {rd }}$ in trap and skeet; San Angelo Texas Shotgun Shootout Matthew received $5^{\text {th }}$ High Overall, in a very tough competitive event. He also received the Larry Ratheal Scholarship and the Caden Nowlain Memorial Scholarship. In the Texas State 4-H Shooting Sports, Matthew participated in all disciplines consisting of American Trap, International Trap, American Skeet, International Skeet, 5-Stand, and sporting clays.

Matthew's highlight of his summer came when he traveled with the Texas $4-\mathrm{H}$ shotgun team to Grand Island, Nebraska where the Texas Shotgun team won nationals. The shotgun team placed $1^{\text {st }}$ in American skeet, $3^{\text {rd }}$ in International skeet and $2^{\text {nd }}$ in sporting clays and $3^{\text {rd }}$ in trap. Matthew placed third in American Skeet as an individual. The Texas Shooting team, which consist of all shooting sports disciplines has won the National Trophy twelve times since 2000. Wow, way to go Matthew!


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

Come learn the basics of have a choice to take the class must be registered by Septemfamily history research. A in person or via webinar. Cost ber 9 .
beginner's genealogy class is will be $\$ 10$ for either the The Historical Commission slated for Saturday, September webinar or in person. Partici- will provide coffee, iced tea and 14 from 10:00 am to $3: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ pants from the June class may desserts. Participants should at the Borden County Event repeat the class for only $\$ 5$. bring a sack lunch and note-takCenter. The class will cover Deadline for registration is ing materials. You may email how to begin, how to stay or- Thursday, September 5. bordencohistory@gmail.com ganized, how to use the Webinar participants will need to request an electronic version internet to find relatives, and to contact Julie Smith at of the registration form. Mail how to find records at the county level.

This is a repeat of the beginner's class that was taught in June. Participants

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## NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF EXECUTION issued on the $16^{\text {th }}$ day of luly, 2013 , by the Honorable Probate Court Number 1 of County of Dallas, Texas, on a judgment rendered on the $26^{\text {th }}$ day of May, 2011 AD in a certain Cause numbered PR-08-02884-1; and styled: Barbara L. Mensch, plaintiff versus Monte Lewis Mensch, Independent Executor and heir of the Estate of Walter H. Mensch Deceased, at al, directed and delivered to me, as Sheriff, I have on this 9 th day of September, A.D. 2013, levied upon and will offer for sale on Tuesday, the 1st day of October, A.D. 2013, at approximately 10:00 A.M. at public auction to the highest bidder, for Cas青 In Hand, at:

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The above property is levied on as the property of Monte Lewis Mensch, Independent Executor and heir of the estate of Walter H. Mensch and will be sold to satisfy a judgment signed on the $26^{\text {th }}$ day of May, A.D. 2011, in the Probate Court Number 1 of Dallas County, Texas in favor of Barbara L. Mensch for the sum of $\$ 732,946.00$ principal; $\$ 79,200.39$ interest; $\$ 11,365.61$ Court Costs of the total of which $\$ 473,907.25$ remains unpaid, and the further costs of executing this writ.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND on this the 9th Day of September, A.D. 2013.
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BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS

## PUBLL NOTCE-FINACCAL INTEGRITYRATNG SYYTEM OFTEXAS BORDEN COUNY NOEPENDENT SCHOOL DSTRCT PUBLIC MEETINGT:OPP.M: SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

The Boden County InderenenerliSchool Distici vilil condicta p pubic meeting as required by State Law to ceview the Districis F Financial niegitit Paining System of Texas whichis s refered to as the FRRST Rating. This meting will the place inte Borden County Schoo Cadeteria at:00. P. . on Monday, Seperenter 16, 2013.

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## Commissioners Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the missioner Adcock seconded a motion to approve order to $3^{\text {rd }}$ day of September, 2013, the the motion. Motion carried. Commissioners' Court of No interested person in atBorden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

ROSS SHARP, County Judge, Presiding; MONTE SMITH, Commissioner Precinct No. 1; RANDY ADCOCK, Commissioner Precinct No. 2; ERNEST REYES, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; JOE BELEW, Commissioner Precinct No. 4; 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.
Other officers present: Sharlot Stone, County Treasurer, Benny Allison, Sheriff/ Tax-Assessor Collector and Sid Medina with Prosperity Bank of Snyder.

CALL TO ORDER
Judge Sharp called the September 9, 2013 Special Session of Borden Co. Commissioners court to order

No community input.
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CREASE PUBLIC
HEARING
At 8:15 a.m., Commissioner Reyes made a motion to recess the Commissioners' Court Meeting and to open the Public Hearing on Tax Revenue Increases as advertised. Com-
ndance.
Joyce Herridge, County Clerk returned to office and Jana Underwood, Deputy County Clerk attended Court.

At 8:30 a.m., Commissioner Belew made a motion said hearing be adjourned and Commissioners Court recon vened. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Mo tion carried.

2014 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
Commissioner Adcock made a motion to set the 2014 Budget Public Hearing for September 24, 2013 at 8:15 a.m Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried

CREDIT CARD
POLICY
Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the Credit Card Policy and Procedure for Borden County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried

APPLICATIONS FOR
PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS
Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve applica tions for Property Tax Refunds Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jana Underwood returned to office and Joyce Herridge in attendance.

BORDEN COUNTY
WATER
Commissioner Belew made
purchase water from Williams \& Vernon Partnership. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried

MINUTES APPROVED
Minutes of the Commission ers Court Meetings of August 27, 2013 were read. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve said minutes. Commis sioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PRIVATE ROAD CON-

## STRUCTION/

MAINTENANCE
No applications were received.

OIL CONSERVATION WORK
Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the two Soil Conservation Construction ap plications from Tim Wilson I

2014 BUDGET
Budget discussed.
DISCUSSION FOR
FUTURE AGENDA
Budget, water, Trapper, Pre cinct No. 4 Election Judge. ADJOURN
Commissioner Adcock made a motion to adjourn Commissioner Belew seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MIN UTES READ AND AP PROVED THIS THE $10^{\text {th }}$ day of September,


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## PUBLIC NOTICE

 Bref Explanatary Slatements of ProposedConstitutional Amendments
Special Election November 5, 2013

Proposition Number 1 (HJR 62)
HR 62 proposes a constim. formb amendmen to authorixe the legishatue to provide by satule for an exemption from ad valorem tacation of all or pert of the marke walue of the residenee homestead of the survivity spouse of a mem: ber of the United States ammed services who is killed in acfors, as long as the surviving spouse has bet temarried An cligible spouse who later qualifies a different property as the arviving spouse's residence hemestead could be atthorized by statute to receme an exertp" tion from ad valorem tavation in the same anount received for the frrst qualifying bomestexd during the last year in which the sarviving spowee necenved the excmption.

The proposed amendment would appear on the bullot as follows: The constitutional amerdment authorizing the legislature to provide for anexemption from ad valorem trxartim of all or part of the market value of the residence bomestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed in action."

## Propoxition Number 2

 (H1 79 )HJR 79 proposes a constitufiomel arwendmert to repeal the constifutional provision reguaring the creatom of a State Medical Edication Band and a State Modical rducatim Fund, meither of which is in operation No new loans have heen node trom the fond by the bard in moxe than 25 years, and the board carrently has no appointees and receives no progeram funding
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## Proposition Number 3

 (HJR 133)HIR 133 would amherive beal political subdivisions to extend the leryth of fime that arcraft
warts could nemain temporarily in this state befire berge subject to ad valorem taxation. Under current law, merchandse, wares, mo gonsts fincluding aircraft parts) may remain in this sene temperanily for up to 175 days before being subect to ad valorem traxamen; the proposed amendment would pernit taxing entities to extend the excmpixan up to 730 days after the date that a permon ac quired ar imported aircran parts in the state.
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## Proposition Number 4

 (HJR 24)HRR 24 wroposes a comstitutional ameniment that would allow the legisluture to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residener homestad of a partially disabled veteran or the sarvivine spouse of a pertially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veterm ar no cost to the vetenan by a charitable erganication.
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: The constitutional amend ment anhwrixing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the marker value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spoose of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veterm by a charitable manization.

## Proposition Number 5

(SJR 18)
SIR 18 would amend the definition of "reverse marthage" to authorixe the making of reverse montgage hans for the purchase of homestead propery in addition to the curren
legal uses of those bans, and for home-rale mmicipalities would give lenders recourse to fill short-term wancies againat horrowers who fail to fimely occuyy the homestead propertics parchased with such loans. SR 18 would also add to the defintion of "reverse mortpage" an extenoxion of credit that is mat closed befione the 121n day after the lender provides to the prospective berower a writen notice summarizing risks and conditions of a reverse mortage. The language of the required notice is presenbed an the resolution.
The proposed memendment will appere on the ballot as follows: The constitutional amendment to auhorize the making of a reverse mortange ban for the purchuse of hourestead property and to amend lender diselosures and other requirements in connwetion with a resverse mortgage lonn."

## Propasition Number 6

 (S.JR 1)SRR I would create the State Witer Implementation Find as a special fund inside the state treasary and outside the General Revenue Fund. Money in the fien would be administered by the Texas Whate Dovelopment Board (TWDB) and would be used to implement the state water plan, as adkpted by gencral law, by TWDAS.
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## Proposition Number 7

## (H1R87)

HTR 87 propuses a constithforsal amendment to allow home-nale municipalities to adopt charter prowisions authovizing the filling of vacancies in the governing body by apporntment, but only when the remainder of the vacamt term is less than 12 months. Under curnow law, municipel voters may sidopt terms of cffice for manicipel officers longer than two years, but upon spproving longer torms of office, any resulting vacancics in office must be filled by special clecton. The proposed anxendmezt would provide an option
for home-rde municipalaties through appointrment.
The proposed amendment will appear on the hallot ace follows The constitutionsl amendmeal auhorixing a home-rule mumicipality to provide in its chater the proxedure to fll a vacancy on its governing body for whach the unexpied iermis 12 manths or less
Proposition Number 8
(H.IR 147 and SJR 54)

HIR 147 would repeal the Texas Constitution's maximum tax rate for a Hidalso County hospital district, the maximum rate is curnextly set at 10 cents per \$100 valuation. Mus rate is lower than the maximum tax nate allowable for haspital districts in all other coumies in the Stute 75 cents per $\$ 100$ valaation). The repeal of the constitutional cap would authorize hospital district ox rates in Hidalgo County equal to the hospital distric tax rate laws applicable to all other Texas coumties.
The proposed amendment will appear on the bullot as follows: "The constitutional amend ment sepenling Section 7. Article IX, Texas Censtifution which relates to the creation of a hosprital districe in Ilidilgo Comaty"

Proposition Number 9 (S.IR 42)

SIR 42 would expand the potential sanctions that the state Commisainon on Judicial Conduct can issue following a formal procoding. Thisconstitutional amewiment would allow the Commissica to isxue an onder of pablic adnowation. waming, reprimand, of a requirement to obtain adlitional tranning or edscation in addition to the Commission's currexu authority to issue a public censure os recomanemd remowal er retirenent of a jude.
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