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USDA Issues Conservation Reserve Program Rental Payments, Direct Payments and ACRE Payments

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22, 2013 — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that USDA has begun distributing Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) annual rental payments to participants across the country. USDA also will distribute 2013 direct payments and 2012 Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program payments beginning Oct. 24. Payments originally were scheduled to be issued earlier in the month, but were delayed by several weeks due to the lapse in Federal funding.

"Farmers, ranchers and rural landowners across the country count on USDA programs and the payment delays due to the shutdown were an unnecessary burden," Vilsack said. "USDA has prioritized making these scheduled payments without any further delay and Farm Service Agency staff have worked hard to get this assistance out the door as quickly as possible."

Producers will receive payments on almost 700,000 CRP contracts on 390,000 farms covering 26.8 million acres. In

exchange for a yearly rental payment provided by USDA on contracts ranging from 10 to 15 years, farmers and ranchers enrolled in CRP agree to remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production and plant grasses or trees that will improve water quality and improve waterfowl and wildlife habitat. CRP reduced runoff and leaching of nitrogen and phosphorus into waterways by an estimated 605 million pounds and 121 million pounds, respectively, in 2012, and soil erosion reductions totaling 308 million tons in 2012.

Direct payments for 2013 for the DCP and ACRE programs are being made to the more than 1.7 million farms enrolled in the Farm Service Agency's programs. Producers with base acres of certain commodities are eligible for DCP payments. ACRE payments for 2012-crop barley, corn, grain sorghum, lentils, oats, peanuts, dry peas, soybeans, and wheat are scheduled to be released beginning Oct. 24 and contingent upon national average market prices and yields in

each state. ACRE payments for large chickpeas, small chickpeas, canola, crambe, flaxseed, mustard seed, rapeseed, safflower, sesame, and sunflowers are scheduled to be made in early December and for long grain rice and medium and short grain rice in early February 2014 when the final 2012/13 market year average price data becomes available.

The 2008 Farm Bill, extended by the American Tax Payer Relief Act of 2012, provides authority to enroll land in DCP, ACRE and CRP through Sept. 30, 2013, however, no legislation has been enacted to reauthorize or extend this authority. Effective Oct. 1, 2013, FSA does not have legislative authority to approve or process applications for these programs.

For more information on CRP, DCP and ACRE, producers should contact their local FSA office or visit FSA's website at www.fsa.usda.gov.



Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Intimidation

Intimidation causes you to behave differently than you would normally. You don't respect people who intimidate you. You resent them. You are afraid of the consequences should you defy their wishes. Intimidation is only effective when you capitulate to it.

When intimidated, you are never happy. You become angry and frustrated. Intimidation may be either intentionally used or a function of your own perception.

Someone applies intimidation when deliberately using their power to threaten you. Threats can be either overt or implied. Someone has power over you when they are in a position to inflict negative consequences.

Sometimes you feel intimidated although there is no attempt by the other person to cause it. In this situation, it's your perception causing the intimidation rather than the other person's intention.

A situation where you are an employee can be potentially intimidating. Your employer has the power to fire you or make your job miserable. A good employer creates a comfortable work environment where you are encouraged to do your best. An intimidating employer constantly makes it clear your job is on the line.

Their management style is to use the threat of job loss as "motivation."

Perhaps you are an employer or supervisor attempting to manage a misbehaving employee. In spite of repeatedly asking them to improve, there is no change. You are hesitant to take corrective action because of a concern about how they may react. Even though they haven't done anything threatening, you feel intimidated.

A coworker can be intimidating. If they don't perform their job properly, a larger burden may be placed on you. You worry that if you say something, they will make disparaging remarks behind your back.

A noisy neighbor can be intimidating. You may be afraid to ask them to quiet down because you don't know what their reaction will be, even though you have no evidence they will react poorly. Perhaps you have approached them only to be told to mind your own business.

You may be intimidated by your adolescent children. The fear is that your kids won't like you if you assert yourself by insisting on appropriate behavior. You worry that if you are strict, they won't want to spend

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Seniors Make the Best of Their Final District Cross Country Meet

By Coach Skelton

Taylor Gass, Kalyn Massingill, and Jordan Martinez finished their high school Cross Country careers qualifying for the Regional Meet to be held at Mae Simons Park November 2, 2013. Taylor and Kalyn both have qualified all 4 years while Jordan 3 out of 4 missing only his freshmen year due to a broken back.

The girls started the action on a chilly and windy morning at Lamesa on Monday. Taylor finished 3rd with a time of 13:47.62 while teammate Kalyn finished 6th with a time of 14:16.12. The team, which finished 4th overall, missed qualifying by 1 place this year. The placing of rest of the team is as follows: Sophomore Zoie Key 15th, Freshman Sydnee Jordan 46th, Sophomore Karly

Etheredge 58th, Sophomore Holly Bradbury 63rd, and Sophomore Tatum Richey 65th.

The boys took off around 10:45 and Jordan Martinez steadily moved up throughout the race and put himself in great position to finish 3rd with a time of 19:48.06. The team finished 6th overall and runners making contributions to the team effort was: Sophomore Korbin Martinez 18th, Freshman Nathan Souder 34th, Junior Ricky Torres 39th and Freshman Jayden King 41st.

We had 2 girls running in the JV division. Those two being Hayley Gray and Newcomer to our school this year Laura Phinizy both of which represent Borden County well. Laura finished 18th and Hayley Gray finished 44th.



All three seniors participating in the District Cross Country meet held in Lamesa on Monday have qualified for the Regional meet on Nov. 2 at Mae Simons Par in Lubbock. Pictured are (left to right) Taylor Gass, Jordan Martinez and Kalyn Massingill.

Junior High Girls Win District CC

By Coach Skelton

The Junior Girls literally ran away with the District title Monday at Forrest Park in Lamesa. The top 5 runners all finished within the top 15. They scored 38 points to capture the title while second place O'donnell scored 73. The top junior high runner was

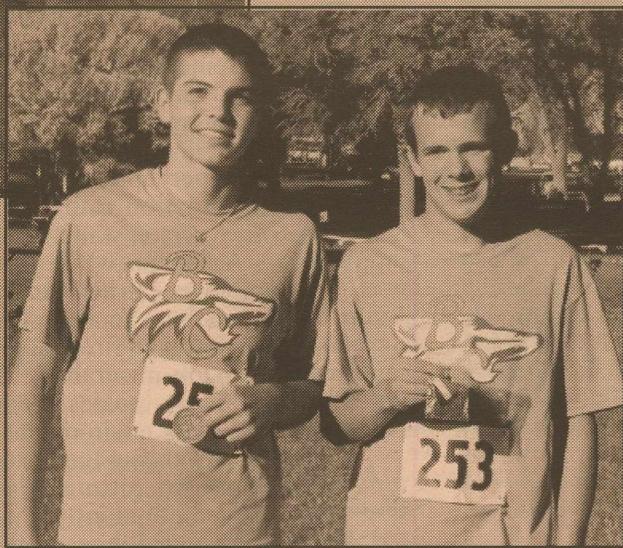
7th grader Emma Key who finished 2nd overall with a time of 14:02.38, 7th grader Maddison Cole 5th (14:32.56), 8th grader Preslea Hall 9th (14:51.52), 7th grader Katie Gray 11th (14:57.56), 8th grader Harley Merrill 13th (14:58.90) 8th grader Carley Bell 30th (15:56.93), 7th grader Paige Holbrooks 34th (16:06.72) and 8th grader Braylee Walker 45th (16:41.44).

In the Junior high boys division, the team finished 4th with two runners finishing in the top 15 medaling. 8th grader Trace Richey was the top runner finishing 10th with a time of 13:47.37 and 8th grader Ryan Willborn 13th with a time of 13:54.44. Other runners where 7th grader Brain Torres 29th, 8th grader Kable Kleck 38th 8th grader Braxton Barnes 39th, 7th grader Tanner Harrison 41st, and 7th grader Jeremy Souder 42nd.



(Above) The junior high girls cross country team brought home the cross cournty district title on Monday. Running in the event were (left to right) Paige Holbrooks, Carly Bell, Braylee Walker, Emma Key, Katie Gray, Harley Merrill, Preslea Hall and Maddie Cole

Bottom: The Junior High boys cross country team finished 4th at the district meet on Monday. Finishing in 10th place was Trace Richey (left) and Ryan Wilborn finished 13th.



School Lunch Menu

Oct. 28-Nov. 1, 2013

Menu subject to change

Monday - Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Crispy Taco, Spanish Rice (9-12 grade only), Garden Salad, Charro Beans, Salsa, Cinnamon Applesauce and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Breakfast Club, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Beef & Bean Burrito, Tortilla Chips (9-12 grade only), Broccoli Bites, Garden Salad, Orange Smiles and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Frech Toast Sticks, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Strawberries & Bananas, Roll, Brownie Cookie (9-12 Grade only) and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Apple Strudel & Cheese Stick, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Spaghetti & Meat Balls, Garden Salad, Green Beans, Sliced Peaches, Breadstick, Chololate Pudding (9-12 grade only) and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Cinnamon Pastry & Yogurt, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Turkey & Cheese Wrap, Sweet Potato Fries, Cucumber Dippers, Fresh Fruit, Chocolate Chip Cookie (9-12 grade only) and Milk.

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Borden JV Gives Valley Tough Test

By Coach Benavidez

The Borden County JV travelled to Jayton, the halfway point between Gail and Valley, Texas to take on the Valley JV Patriots. The numbers for Borden were a little more bolstered as this was the off week for the varsity squad thereby allowing Michael Deax, which had been playing varsity, to suit up with the JV since he had not played a full schedule as of yet. Also, the JV welcomed back a healthy Robert Jordan who had been sidelined with an ankle injury.

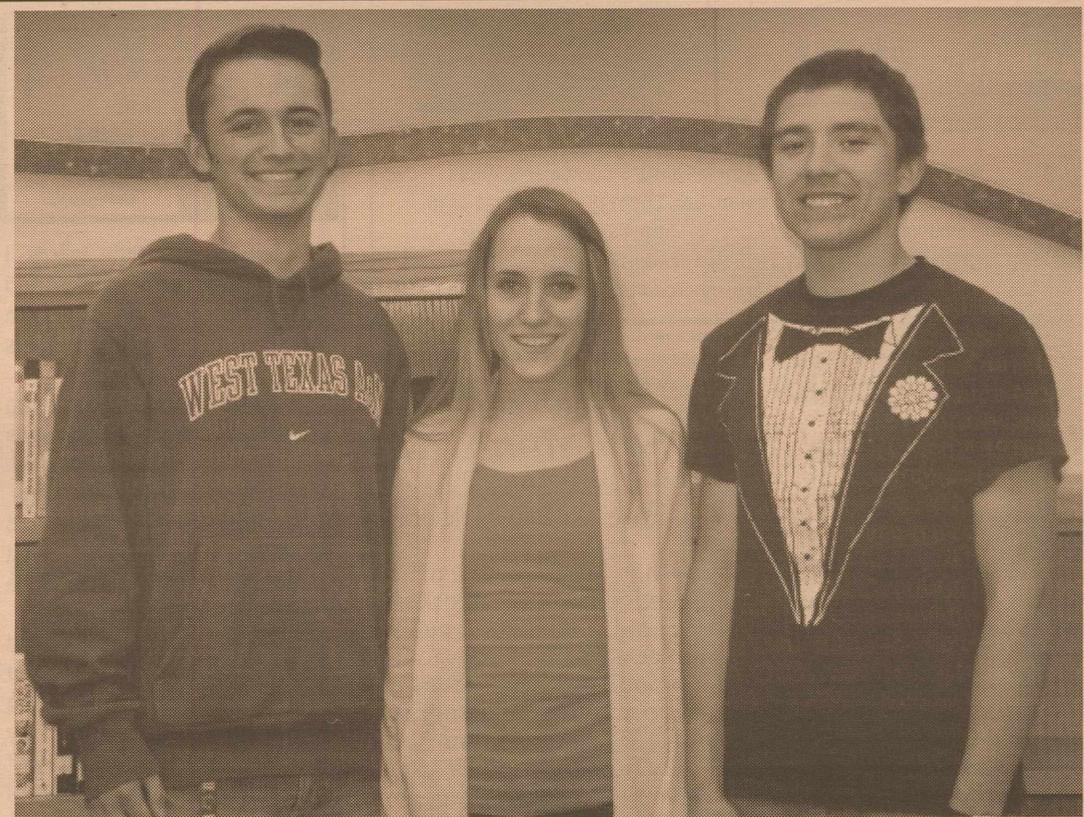
The first quarter was all defense as neither team was able to get into the end zone. Borden County drew first blood with 4:58 left in the second quarter as Mason Coor found Kace Lott on a 7 yard pass into the end zone. Robert Jordan kicked the PAT through making the score 8-0. Valley had the momentum shift their way for the rest of the second quarter as they were able to move the ball down the field methodically and finally punch it in from 1 yard out. The Coyotes were able to block the kick. On the very next kick the Patriots managed to recover an onside kick to regain the ball once again. This time, the Patriots scored on a 5 yard run but again had the kick blocked by the Coyotes, making the score 8-12. This would be how the 1st half of football would end.

The second half started out just as fortunate for the Patriots as the 1st half ended. The Patriots once again marched down the field and scored on a run from 16 yards out but failed the PAT. The score was now 8-18 in favor of Valley. On the ensuing kickoff from the Patriots to the Coyotes, Mason Coor took the pigskin from the Coyotes' own 5 yard line and raced back 75 yards to pay dirt. The PAT failed. Valley refused to give up the momentum as

they answered back with a 47 yard run to score as well. This time the kick for the Patriots went through on the PAT making the score 14-26.

The Borden County offense was unable to take advantage of the next possession and went 4 and out on downs. Valley took advantage and moved the ball down the field until they connected with each other on a 6 yard pass into the end zone. The PAT failed. Valley again capitalized on a Borden County mistake in the form of a fumble. The Patriots scored on a 5 yard run with the PAT failing. Finally, with 4:04 left in the 4th quarter, the Coyotes connected on a 4 yard pass from Coor to Michael Deax. Robert Jordan, once again, kicked the PAT good making the final score 22-38. Valley had a very good JV squad that has been able to be successful. The Coyotes did a fantastic job of fighting hard all night long.

Stats for the night are as follows; Nathan Souder led all rushers with 119 yards on 20 carries on the ground. Robert Jordan turned in 3 carries for 15 yards and also had 10 receiving yards. Kace Lott had 1 carry for 3 yards and 4 catches for 73 yards and 1 touchdown. Michael Deax caught 1 pass for 4 yards and a touchdown. Throwing those TD passes was Mason Coor who ended the night with 87 yards on 11 attempts and two touchdowns. Leading all tacklers was Mason Coor with 11 tackles, 8 asst. 3 solo, Robert Jordan 9 tackles, 9 asst. 1 pass break-up, Kace Lott 8 tackles, 5 asst. 3 solo, Diego Bernal 7 tackles, 4 asst. 3 solo, Nathan Souder 6 tackles, 5 asst. 1 solo, Dylan Murphy 5 tackles, 5 asst., Braxton Coor 4 tackles, 3 asst. 1 solo, 1 pass break-up, Jaden Huse 3 tackles 3 asst., and Michael Deax with 2 tackles, 2 asst.



Pictured are (left to right) Zach McMeans, Mollie McMeans and Nathan Souder who competed in the Midland Lee speech tournament. The McMeans team won the championship beating out the Andrews team and Nathan narrowly missed making the finals with a 2-1 record.

McMeans/McMeans Win Midland Lee CX Tournament

For the second time this month, the Borden High School CX team has run the table to win first place in an invitational TFA speech tournament.

Senior siblings Mollie McMeans and Zach McMeans are relying on their experience to continue their preparation for district debate to be held second semester.

The morning preliminary rounds—beginning at 7:30 a.m.—proved victorious against debaters from Abilene High, North Crowley, and Snyder. Advancing to the

quarterfinals, Mollie and Zach defeated San Angelo Central. Snyder High School lost to BHS in the semi-finals, setting up a showdown with Andrews. On a 2-1 panel vote, Mollie and Zach won the championship.

This year's resolution deals with U.S. foreign policy as it relates to Mexico, Cuba, and Venezuela.

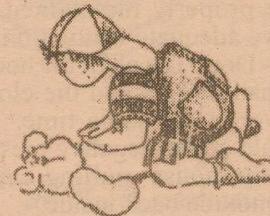
In Lincoln-Douglas debate, sophomore Nathan Souder continued his winning ways with a 2-1 record in the prelims. However, six other students had 3-0 records, so Nathan narrowly missed making the finals. His topic for this month has been the issue of compulsory voting.

Next up is the Big Spring High School Tournament. Mollie will be playing basketball, so Zach and Nathan will try the UIL's new event, Student Congress, in prepping for their first district contest in that event. It is scheduled for November 12 in Lubbock against Region XVII 1-A schools from across the service center area.

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Protect Home, Family Against Unseen Danger: Carbon Monoxide

The year has flown by and the Fall has made a quick return – which means the cooler weather is about to be here to stay. That means turning off the air conditioner at home and turning on the heater. That also means making sure the home's heat-producing appliances run the way they are supposed to. Having the heating system checked before winter starts could prevent a tragedy – carbon monoxide poisoning.

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that interferes with the delivery of oxygen in the blood to the rest of the body. Even though carbon monoxide will not explode, it can be dangerous – even deadly – to you and your family.

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include headache, nausea and disorientation. This dangerous gas can be produced inside a home if carbon-containing fuels are incompletely burned. The gas must be exhausted to the outside. These fuels include natural gas, coal, wood, fuel oil and charcoal – the sources used most often in home heating. The culprits include oil or gas furnaces and cooking appliances, water heaters, fireplaces and wood stoves that aren't working or vented properly.

Two common sources of carbon monoxide in homes in Texas are the gas furnace heat exchanger and the gas hot water heater. As homes have been built to be more energy-efficient, they have fewer places where fresh air can leak into the home. In order for fuel-burning equipment to operate correctly and safely, it must have a source of fresh air for complete combustion. The ventilation system should provide the fresh air. A negative pressure could be created inside the house, causing these gases to be pulled back inside

in a process called back-drafting.

Other sources of carbon monoxide are unvented kerosene and gas space heaters, fireplaces, gas or wood stoves, automobile exhaust from attached garages and tobacco smoke. To protect home and family from the dangers of carbon monoxide this winter, you should follow these steps:

- Have the home furnace checked by a professional who will make sure the burners and vent systems are working correctly and the heat exchanger isn't cracked.

- Look at the area around the furnace to make sure enough fresh air can flow in. A home's furnace should not be in a tightly enclosed space.

- Make sure the water heater and the furnace flue have no internal obstructions or leaks near the joints.

- To test a gas water heater while the burner is on, hold a lighted match under the draft hood. The flame should burn upward. If the match flickers downward or goes out, the exhaust may have a back flow and is releasing carbon monoxide into the house.

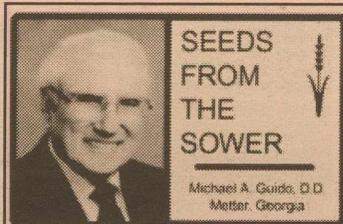
- Open the damper of a fireplace or wood stove so combustion gases will flow outside.

- Never use a gas range to heat the house.

- Don't leave cars or lawn mowers running in an attached garage. Carbon monoxide given off by these vehicles can drift into the house.

- Make sure all combustion equipment and appliances in a home are installed correctly, are properly maintained and have adequate ventilation.

- Don't use all of the home's exhaust vents and the clothes dryer at the same time. This could create negative pressure in the house, pulling carbon monoxide back inside.



When I was a little fellow, I caught some "lightning bugs" and sealed them in a jar. It was fun watching their tiny bright lights glow in the dark by my bed.

I woke up early the next morning to see their lights but the glow was gone. The lightning bugs had died.

It is like that with human beings. Some think that happiness and pleasure are synonymous. But it is not a commodity that can be bought. It is a condition.

Others think that happiness and plenty are synonymous. But happiness is not derived from possessions, nor destroyed by poverty. Remember the story of the king who asked for the shirt of the happiest man in his kingdom? They found the man – but he did not have a shirt.

Happiness is not what happens to us, but what happens in us. It is the by-product of a life that is adjusted to the will of God and regulated by the Word of God. Seek God through Christ and let Him have His way, and you will be happy.

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If you have the fireplace burning and turn on the kitchen exhaust vent, you will likely smell smoke. This means the fireplace is not drawing the carbon dioxide out, but is back-drafting. If you use only one of the exhaust fans – bathroom, kitchen or dryer – the back-drafting will not likely occur.

- Use carbon monoxide detectors near sleeping areas and fuel-burning appliances. Choose detectors that have Consumer Product Safety Commission and Underwriters Laboratories seals of approval.

- If a carbon monoxide detector goes off, call the fire department immediately and get everyone out of the house. Anyone with symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning should be taken to an emergency room.

For more information about this and other home environment issues, visit Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences Web site at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/> and click on the link to "House and Home."

Dare to Live...

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time with you.

Some people have intimidating personalities. They are usually unaware of the effect they have on others. Their character is strong and forceful which tends to have an overpowering impact. With this type of person, your reaction is based on your perception rather than any deliberate behavior.

The basis of intimidation is fear. It holds you hostage. Your behavior is affected by what you feel others may do or think. Although intimidation is a difficult situation, living in fear won't alleviate it.

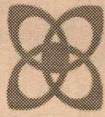
It doesn't matter whether intimidation is intentional or is your perception. When you get caught up in it, there are a number of deleterious effects. You invite more intimidation. You lose respect. You advertise what buttons can be pushed to control you. You get taken advantage of. You get upset. There are people who erroneously believe there is no choice but to live with intimidation. When you remain intimidated, the situation will become worse.

On the other hand, when you refuse to be intimidated, there is a good chance the intimidation will stop. The schoolyard bully is a good example. He preys on those who are easily intimidated. The bully passes by those who stand firm.

If you are used to feeling intimidated, changing takes time and effort. It won't happen overnight. Start with one situation. As you build up confidence, expand your "I will not be intimidated attitude." Try it — it works.

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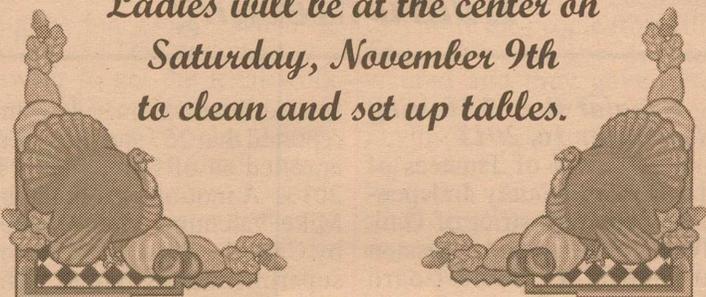


Plains Community Annual Harvest Dinner

Sunday, November 10, 2013
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Thought for the Day

Have your heart right with Christ, and He will visit you often, and so turn weekdays into Sundays, meals into sacraments, homes into temples and earth into heaven.

-Charles Haddon Spurgeon



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Obituary

Don Lynn Nunnally

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Graveside services for Don Lynn Nunnally, 64, of Gail will be held on Saturday October 19, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at Gail Cemetery with Tony Isaacs officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Branon Funeral Home. Visitation will be held on Saturday October 19, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Branon Funeral Home. Don passed away on Monday October 14, 2013 in Ciudad Chihuahua, Chihuahua, Mexico. He was born on April 7, 1949 in Lamesa to C.C. and Florence (Cowherd) Nunnally. He graduated from Borden County High School in 1967. Don served in the Army National Guard and he earned his Bachelor's Degree from Texas Tech University in 1973. He was proud of his work at Diamond A Ranch from 1973-1981. He has been self employed in Agribusiness since 1981. He married Zulema Carmona on May 18, 2010 at their ranch in Borden County. He is survived by his wife, Zulema Nunnally of Gail; children, Charles Nunnally and wife, Sherry of Dallas; Sarah Nunnally Scott and husband, John of Roswell, NM; grandchildren, Samantha and Ashley Scott both of Roswell, NM, and Charles and Kathryn Nunnally both of Dallas; and brother, William Nunnally and wife, Marie of Austin. He is preceded in death by his parents. The family suggests memorials to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262, Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN, 38105.



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Commissioners' Court

WHEREAS, On this the 8th day of October, 2013, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

ROSS D. SHARP, County Judge, Residing; **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: Benny Allison, Sheriff/Tax Assessor-Collector; Sharlot Stone, County Treasurer, and other persons in attendance: Marlo Holbrooks.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of October 3, 2013 were read. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BORDEN COUNTY TAX NOTE

Jeff Gulbas with McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Sid Medina and Debbie Knight with Prosperity Bank met with the Court concerning the Borden County Tax Note. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the Order Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Borden County Tax Note, Series 2013, levying an annual ad valorem tax and providing for the security for and payment of said note and enacting other provisions relating to the note. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MUSEUM

Lisa Mahler, Chairperson of the Borden County Historical Committee gave a report on the work done on the museum and the display items.

COUNTY OFFICE REPORTS

After examination of the County Offices' Reports, Commissioner Adcock made a mo-

tion to approve, accept and file submitted Reports in the County Clerk's Office. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNUAL ROAD REPORTS

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Annual Road Report as submitted by Precinct No. 2. Report is filed in the County Clerk's Office to be presented to Grand Jury. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.

GAIL CEMETERY

A discussion was held concerning the Gail Cemetery.

BORDEN COUNTY WATER SYSTEM

The Borden County Water System was discussed.

ROAD USE AGREEMENT

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Road Use Agreement with Mesquite Creek Wind, LLC. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

TRAVEL EXPENSE

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the submitted travel expenses to be incurred by Julie Smith, FCS. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

No Budget Amendments submitted.

PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the one time only application for road maintenance from Bill Phinizy in Precinct No. 2. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the application for Soil Conservation Construction from Bill Phinizy in Precinct No. 2. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

2014 Budget Work Session held.

FUTURE AGENDA

Budget Public Hearing, Consider Borden County Water, Trapper.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve and pay said current accounts. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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 15th day of October, 2013.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BORDEN

WHEREAS, On this the 3RD day of October 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 D. SHARP, County Judge, Residing; **MONTE SMITH** Commissioner, Precinct No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK** Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JANA UNDERWOOD**, DEPUTY County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court, with Joyce Herridge, Clerk of Court absent due to attending continuing education conference, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda. Other officers Present:; Sharlot Stone, County Treasurer.

COMMUNITY INPUT

None APPROVE MINUTES

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of September 24, 2013 were read. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TAX INCREASE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to set tax rate at .34564 to support proposed FY 2014 budget. Commis-

sioner Reyes seconded the motion. Voting for: Commissioner Adcock, Reyes, Belew and Judge Sharp. Voting against: Commissioner Smith.

SET DATES FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED TAX INCREASE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET

Commissioner Reyes made a motion to set public hearings for proposed tax increase for FY 2014 budget on October

15, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. and October 22, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 8th day of October, 2013.

Borden County ISD Board Meeting

Regular Board Meeting September 16, 2013

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas, met in regular session at 7:30 P.M. in the Board Room of the Borden County I.S.D. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole, and Mike Valentine. Joe Harding was absent. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas and principal, Bart McMeans were also present.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2013, board meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

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

5. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Mike Valentine to set the regular October board meeting for October 28, 2013, at 7:00 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve Borden County Extension Agents as adjunct staff members for the 2013-2014 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Mr. Thomas gave a year

to date financial overview and reported that 257 students were enrolled as of September 11, 2013. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Randy Hensley to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Special Board Meeting September 16, 2013

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas, met in special session at 7:00 P.M. in the cafeteria of the Borden County I.S.D. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole, and Mike Valentine. Joe Harding was absent. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas and principal, Bart McMeans were also present.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. The 2013 Borden County Independent School District Financial Integrity Rating System was reviewed. Mr. Thomas gave an overview of the report and reported that the Borden County Independent School District received the highest rating that the district could receive on this report.

4. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Mike Valentine to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

Another Honor for Quail

Quail Dobbs grew up in his daddy's boot making shop in Albany. When the family moved to Colorado City, Quail played second string halfback for he high school football team. "Really I was a live dummy," says Quail. He was born Marvin Dene Dobbs but a classmate gave him the nickname Quail. "Maybe it was because I had a top knot and ran like a bird. Anyway, I was flighty, but game." When he sold some land and went to a lawyer to get the legal work done, all the papers were in the name of Quail Dobbs. He told the lawyer that Quail was a nickname. The lawyer said it would be a lot easier to change his name than to change all the paper work. So they went to the courthouse and his name became Quail Marvin Dobbs. He lost the Dene.

Quail was the class clown in school. He wanted to be a rodeo cowboy and tried his hand at riding bulls and broncs. "Every time I got on a horse or bull it looked like some sort of a clown act." When he was in Buffalo, Minnesota at the age of 19, a clown didn't show up for a rodeo. Quail asked if he could fill in for him. He did such a good job one of the contestants told him he was a natural, that he ought to buy a barrel and a mule and go down the road. Quail did just that. The second year he was clowning a rodeo contractor told him he wanted Quail to work all his rodeos the next year at \$125 per performance. Quail took the job.

A lot of those rodeos were in small towns. "Once in Ironwood, Michigan we only had 13 people putting on the rodeo. That's contestants, announcers, clowns, chute help, contractor, everybody. And the cowboys weren't all that good. So the contractor told me he wanted some kind of act in the

arena to have something going on so the crowd wouldn't leave. I had to come up with a lot of stuff. I did several tricks with my mule."

At Palestine, Illinois, Quail saw a boy with a funny-looking dog. Quail offered to buy it, but the boy and his parents said no. The next year, when Quail was in the Cheyenne, Wyoming Rodeo parade, some people called him over and said they were the people from Illinois who had the dog he wanted and they gave it to Quail. That's how he acquired Phyllis, a big part of his clowning routines. In one of his acts he had a chicken pulling a small cart. "You ought a see the drumsticks on that thing."

Quail was best known for his exploding car, which he bought for \$800 from another rodeo clown. His car act never changed. People in the stands were so familiar with it they could quote the lines right along with Quail. Once the announcer forgot a line and the audience yelled out to him what he was supposed to say. Quail worked rodeos in El Paso and Cheyenne 29 consecutive years, Houston 25 years. He was perhaps the most popular man in professional rodeo. When he retired from rodeo he became a justice of the peace and called his office "The Law East of Stink Creek." He was recently inducted into the prestigious Rodeo Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City. He was twice voted PRCA Rodeo Clown of the Year and is one of only three clowns to work both as a bull-fighter and barrel man at the National Finals Rodeo.

Tumbleweed Smith of Big Spring is a folklorist, humorist, after dinner speaker and producer of THE SOUND OF TEXAS radio series. Contact him at ts@tumbleweedsmith.com

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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 Shelton
Bubba Edwards

Rainwater Harvesting Workshop

Tuesday, October 29, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Borden County Event Center, Gail

Guest Speaker: **Billy Kniffen**
Rainwater Harvesting Consultant—Menard, TX
Cost per participant: \$25 (includes a water barrel, resource manual & refreshments)
RSVP by: **Friday, October 25th**
to (806)756-4336 or cody.hill@agnet.tamu.edu



Join us as we learn how to utilize captured water in and around the home on small gardens and landscape. Participants will construct a water barrel to take home and utilize.

Rainwater harvesting is an innovative approach to capturing free water! You can save money by collecting and storing rainwater to irrigate trees, shrubs, flowerbeds, house plants, containers and gardens.

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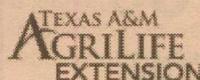


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Enrollment for the 2013-2014 4-H Year

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!! **All youth MUST be enrolled in order to validate animals for the county or major stock shows, as well as participate in any 4-H contests or activities!!! Don't wait till the last minute!**

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

Lamb and Goat Validation

County and State validation for lambs and goats will take place on Monday, October 28 from 4:30-6:30 at the ag farm.

Borden County 4-H Honors

The 2012-13 4-H Achievement Event was held on Sunday, October 20th at the YMCA in Big Spring. Families and guests helped to celebrate the many achievements of 4-H members in 2012-13. The meal consisted of pizza and cupcakes, with fun, fellowship, and swimming afterward.

Various honors were given to 4-H youth, leaders and friends of the 4-H program. 4-H youth were recognized for their participation of project work. Each 4-H member re-

ceived 4-H water bottle as a participation award. Youth were also recognized for their achievement toward the Achievement Point System which was designed to recognize those youth that take the opportunity to participate in the many aspects that 4-H has to offer, from projects, club meetings, community service and fund raising activities, and District and State 4-H events, including contests and camps. There are four youth that achieved 60-69 points and they received a 4-H lunch bag. These youth are: *Colbin Briley, Kenley Dean, Madison Cole and O'Livia Reyes*. One youth achieved 70 to 79 points and she will receive a 4-H duffle bag. This youth is: *Myka Blissard*. The two youth that achieved 80-89 points are *Klancey Kleck and Kaci Hudson* and they will be receiving a 4-H t-shirt. *Trent Lewis and Riley Lewis* achieved 90-99 points and will be receiving a 4-H sweatshirt. Sixteen 4-H'ers reached the 100 points required for a 4-H jacket are *Ashlyn Tucker, Avery Price, Brooklyn Gray, Erin Nix, Hayley Gray, JW Nix, Kaitlyn Cribbs, Katie Gray, Kennedy Tucker, Paige Holbrooks, Payton Merket, Rae Lynne Clement, Ryann Phillips, Tanner Harrison, Tatum Harrison and Thomas Nix*. These youth will receive a personalized Borden County 4-H jacket. We are extremely proud of these youth for taking every opportunity to be involved in 4-H through a variety of activities and projects.

This year's Outstanding Leaders were also recognized for their dedication, hard work and assistance with various 4-H projects. This year, Brent and Shela Tucker were honored as Outstanding Leaders. They will again be honored at the South Plains District 4-H Gold Star and Distinguished Leader Banquet in November. Each year the youth honor

a Friend of 4-H. These individuals are members of the community and surrounding area that contribute in various ways to the 4-H program, whether through monetary, time, or resource donations. This year, we honored two groups: The Altman Group and Cody and Penny Cribbs (Penny's Pet Parlor, CB Cattle and Sharidge) for their contributions to the Borden County 4-H program over the past few years.

We congratulate all 4-H youth, leaders and 4-H friends for their accomplishments and wish to thank everyone for their contributions to the Borden County 4-H program. We would also like to thank everyone for their attendance and say a special thanks to Marlo Holbrooks, Shela Tucker, Jodi Phillips and Kessie Avey for organizing the event.

If you would like more information about how you and your family can become involved in 4-H, please contact Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service-Borden County office at (806)756-4336, visit our web site at <http://borden.tx.tamu.edu>, or join our Facebook page: [Borden County Extension and 4-H](https://www.facebook.com/BordenCountyExtensionand4H).

Legal Notice

The State of Texas

To: MOLLIE EILEEN CASHMORE, MARILYN HARTCORN TORRITO, SUSAN MARTONE, TALISHA MAXWELL, VIRGINIA BERRY, REV. JAMES E. LEATH, DR. LOUIS AIELLO, DR. STANLEY GOODMAN, NORWALK YMCA ENDOWMENT FUND, MARGARET JEWETT, MID-FAIRFIELD HOSPICE, DONNA A. WALTERS, GERI MALONEY, BRYNN RANSLEY, PATRICIA HOGAN, and JOANN E. DAVEY, and if deceased, the legal representatives of said Defendants and the unknown heirs of said named Defendants, the legal representatives of the unknown heirs of said named Defendants, if the unknown heirs of the said named Defendants are dead.

GREETINGS:

You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's petition at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being the 3rd day of December 2013, at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m., before the Honorable 132nd Judicial District Court of Borden County, at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas. Said Plaintiff's petition was filed on the 10 day of October, 2013, the File Number of said suit being No. 1234. The names of the parties in said suit are:

O'BRIEN RESOURCES, LLC, as Plaintiff, and MOLLIE EILEEN CASHMOER, MARILYN HARTCORN TORRITO, SUSAN MARTONE, TALISHA MAXWELL, VIRGINIA BERRY, REV. JAMES E. LEATH, DR. LOUIS AIELLO, DR. STANLEY GOODMAN, NORWALK YMCA ENDOWMENT FUND, MARGARET JEWETT, MID-FAIRFIELD HOSPICE, DONNA A. WALTERS, GERI MALONEY, BRYNN RANSLEY, PATRICIA HOGAN, and JOANN E. DAVEY, as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:

Such suit is an Application for the Appointment of a Receiver to execute Ratifications of the effective Oil and Gas Leases covering the undivided non-participating realty interests owned by Defendants in the following-described tract of land situated in Borden County, Texas, to wit:

All of Section No. 519, in Block No. 97, of the H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Borden County, Texas, containing 644 acres, more or less.

If this Citation is not served within ninety (90) days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

ISSUED this the 15th day of October, 2013.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal of said Court, at office in Texas, this the 15th day of October, 2013.

Joyce Herridge

DISTRICT CLERK, 132ND JUDICIAL

DISTRICT COURT OF BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS



Borden County 4-H members attending the annual Achievement Award ceremony are (back row left to right) Jaden King, Rae Lynne Clement, Kennedy Tucker, Ashlyn Tucker, Paige Holbrooks, Katie Gray, Hayley Gray, (front row left to right) Kaitlyn Cribbs, Jenna Holbrooks, Brooklyn Gray, Savannah Avey, Ryann Phillips and Jacob Avey.