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USDA Urges Livestock Producers Affected by Severe Weather to Keep Good Records

WASHINGTON, March 6, 2014 — The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Juan M. Garcia, today repeated his appeal to livestock producers affected by natural disasters such as the drought in the West and the unexpected winter storm in the upper Midwest to keep thorough records.

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All-District Basketball Honors



Borden County is well represented in the Class 1A Division II All-District Basketball Honors. Making the list are (back row left to right) Korbin Martinez (1st team), Matt Proulx (1st team), Hunter Jones (2nd team), Kurt Shafer (1st team), Sean Tucker (2nd team), (front row left to right) Taylor Gass (MVP 1st team), Mallory McMeans (2nd team), Tatum Richey (1st team), Clair Shafer (2nd team) and Kalyn Massingill (1st team).

Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Dream Maker or Dream Breaker?

Are you a dream maker or a dream breaker? The category to which you belong will strongly influence the direction your life takes, your level of satisfaction, and the type of impact you have on other people. Most of us aren't even aware of the distinctions between dream makers and dream breakers.

Dream makers believe anything is possible. To them, the future is full of hope, promise, and potential. They know problems have solutions and obstacles can be overcome. Not only do dream makers believe in themselves, they believe in others as well.

Dream makers are optimistic. They are grateful for all of the blessings in their lives. Every day is a good day. Each morning is a new beginning with unlimited possibilities. Dream makers learn from their past, they don't allow it to pollute their future.

Dream makers are not discouraged by naysayers. They don't pay attention to negative criticism. Dream makers understand that everyone will have an opinion about their goals. They look to other successful people for inspiration and encouragement.

Dream makers understand that if they don't know how to

do something, they can learn or consult with a person who has the expertise they need. Dream makers value their library as a resource that has answers for most of the questions they may have.

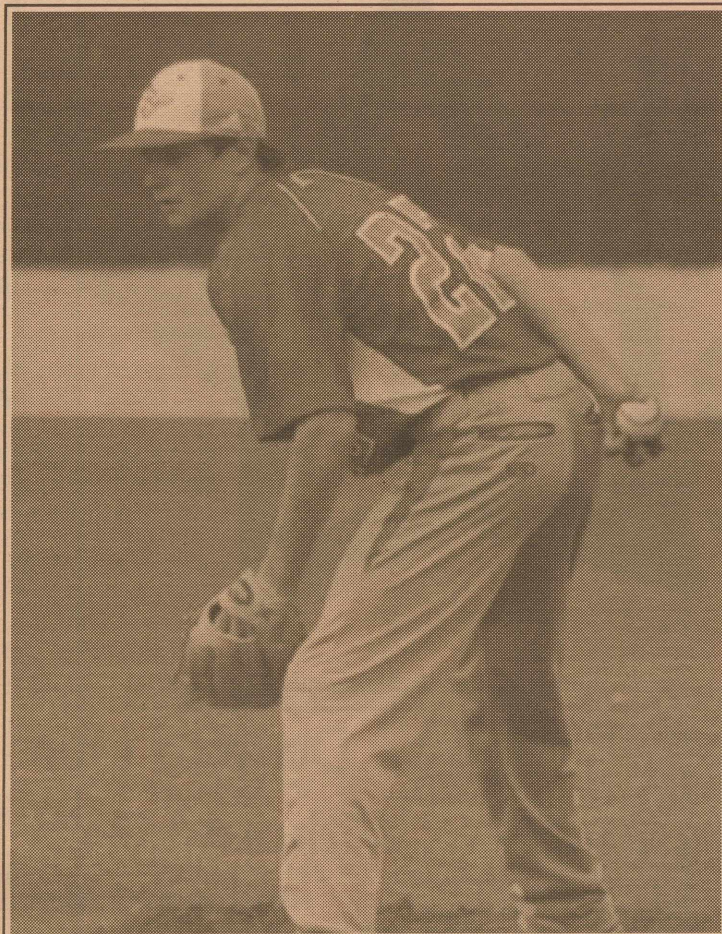
The optimism of dream makers is contagious. Dream makers encourage others to reach their goals. They help others to find solutions. Dream makers never put others down or ridicule their aspirations.

Dream breakers are the opposite of dream makers. They always find reasons to justify why something is impossible. Dream breakers find insurmountable problems in every situation. They don't believe in themselves.

Dream breakers are pessimistic. Everything they try fails. They are discouraged by all the problems in their lives. Each day is another struggle filled with obstacles. Dream breakers wish they could go back and change their past. They lament all of their past mistakes.

Dream breakers are swayed by negative opinions. They listen to those who say they will fail. Other successful people are no inspiration because they always had some advantage

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Coyote pitcher, Hunter Jones takes time and concentrates on his next pitch to a Tahoka batter.

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Livestock Producers...

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This includes livestock and feed losses, and any additional expenses that are a result of losses to purchased forage or feed stuff.

"The 2014 Farm Bill provides a strong farm safety net to help ranchers during these difficult times," said Garcia. "We'll provide producers with information on new program requirements, updates and signups as the information becomes available. In the meantime, I urge producers to keep thorough records. We know these disasters have caused serious economic hardships for our livestock producers. We'll do all we can to assist in their recovery."

In addition to western drought and the early-winter snowstorms, there are a variety of disasters from floods to storms to unexpected freezes. Each event causes economic consequences for farmers and ranchers throughout the United States. FSA recommends that owners and producers record all pertinent information of natural disaster

consequences, including:

- Documentation of the number and kind of livestock that have died, supplemented if possible by photographs or video records of ownership and losses;

- Dates of death supported by birth recordings or purchase receipts;

- Costs of transporting livestock to safer grounds or to move animals to new pastures;

- Feed purchases if supplies or grazing pastures are destroyed;

- Crop records, including seed and fertilizer purchases, planting and production records;

- Pictures of on-farm storage facilities that were destroyed by wind or flood waters; and

- Evidence of damaged farm land.

Visit www.fsa.usda.gov or an FSA county office to learn more about FSA programs and loans. For information about USDA's Farm Bill implementation plan, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

Coyotes Fall to Bulldogs

Borden County Coyotes Varsity fell 7-0 in the district opener to Tahoka as Tristen Hilger threw a no-hitter on Tuesday at Borden County.

Hilger used his explosive fast ball and mixed in his curve ball to keep the Coyotes off balance. Hilger struck out 17 batters and walked six.

Hurrikane Richter ended up on the wrong side of the pitching decision, charged with the loss. He lasted just four innings, walked none, struck out six, and allowed five runs. Hunter Jones pitched the last three innings giving up two runs, two hits, and striking out three. The combined pitching allowed only one earned run. Defensively, the Coyotes had six errors.

Tahoka opened the game with a run scored by Hilger. In the bottom half of the first inning, Borden County had runners on second and third base with no outs. But, Hilger struck out three batters in a row to end the Coyotes only threat of the game.

Tahoka added two runs in the third inning and three more runs in the fifth inning to se-

cure the game. Borden County is 4-1-1 on the season and 0-1 in district play.



Outfielder, Thomas Harrison throws to first baseman, Kurt Shafer in hopes getting an out.

Spring into Simple...

You are invited to join us on **Thursday, March 20th** at 6:00 p.m. in the Borden County Event Center for a Spring program focusing on **simplifying your life through meal planning, budgeting and home organization.**

Enjoy a sampling of a few simple recipes and make an easy take-home project (for even the least creative people).

Cost is \$15 per person (will cover supplies and recipe/idea booklet).
Please RSVP by Monday, March 17th (to allow for enough supplies) at 5:00 p.m. to (806)756-4336, via Facebook or julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu

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March Into Spring With Healthy Eating Habits

MARCH into spring armed with habits that help you become your healthiest self. Consider these tips:

Move every day – Get at least 30 minutes of physical activity daily for better blood pressure, stress reduction, and weight control. This can include three 10-minute bouts of physical activity throughout the day. Choose activities you enjoy, raise your heart rate, build strength, and increase flexibility. An activity buddy can help you stay faithful to your plan.

Avoid Skipping Meals – When making a shopping list and planning meals, consider MyPlate (<http://www.choosemyplate.gov/>). Include healthy snacks (e.g., low fat yogurt, vegetables with low fat dip, whole grain bread with peanut butter) to meet your family's nutritional needs. Healthy snacks sustain energy levels between meals and help you stay on track with your health goals.

Read food labels – Aim high (20% or more) for vitamins, minerals and fiber. Aim

low (5% or less) for total fat, saturated fat, cholesterol, and sodium. For more information on how to read a food label, watch the "Label Reading for Health" video at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/foodsavings/page/online-lessons>.

Choose foods carefully – Become a smart shopper by reducing the amount of convenience foods eaten, choosing fruit canned in juice, and buying no salt added canned vegetables. When you are choosing foods, make half your plate fruits and vegetables and watch portion sizes.

Have family meals – Make family meal time a priority. Research shows family meals promote healthier eating. Eat as a family a few times each week. Set a regular mealtime and turn off the TV, computers, and phones. Have all family members help in meal planning and cooking.

Source: Words on Wellness E-newsletter - Iowa State University Extension and Outreach

Thank You

I would like thank you for electing me as your Borden County Treasurer. Your vote and support is greatly appreciated. I look forward to serving Borden County.

Shawna Gass

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such as money, education, or who they knew.

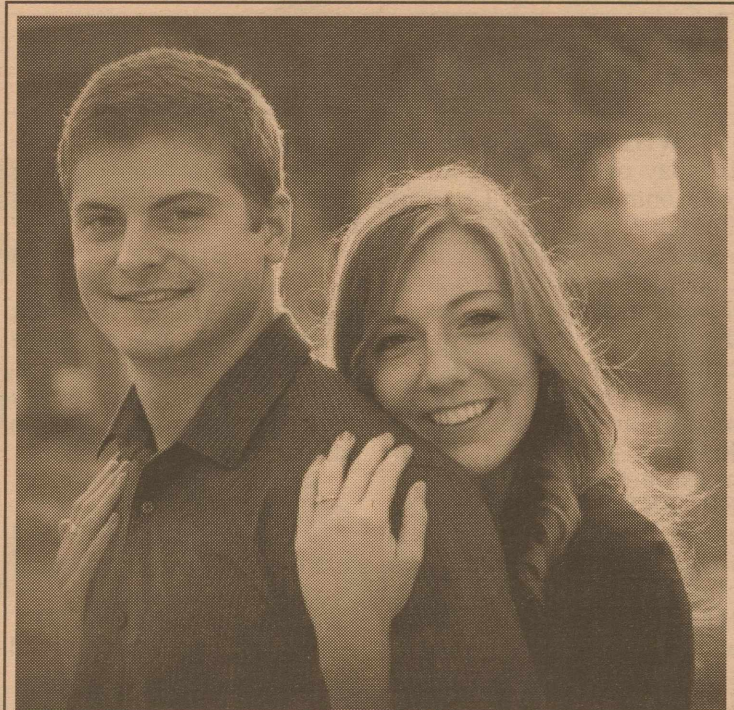
Dream breakers know all of the limitations that prevent them from succeeding. They don't have enough education or they have the wrong education. They are either too young or too old. They don't have enough experience. There is no opportunity because they live in the wrong area. Dream breakers understand that there are many valid reasons for their failure.

Dream breakers are jealous of those who do succeed. They always try to discourage others. Dream breakers are quick to point out the many reasons why someone else will fail. They understand that people with dreams are being unrealistic. Dream breakers are purveyors of doom and gloom. They are not a lot of fun to be around.

Why choose to be a dream maker? Dream makers are happier than dream breakers. Their lives are more satisfying. Dream makers have attractive personalities and are pleasant to be around. They reach more goals than dream breakers. Dream makers believe anything is possible. Dream breakers feel nothing ever goes their way.

Anyone who is a dream breaker can change into a dream maker. The only difference between the two types of people is their attitude. You have the power to choose your thoughts. Whether you are a dream maker or dream breaker is up to you. Since there are no negative side effects to being a dream maker, why not live like one.

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R.T. Shafer and Corrie Trimmer

Shafer, Trimmer to Wed June 28th

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Shafer of Gail and Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Trimmer of Denton, Texas are delighted to announce the engagement of their children, Roy Terrell Shafer and Corrie Jeanette Trimmer.

They will be mairred on June 28, 2014 at Taylor Chapel, Goodfellow AFB in San Angelo.

R.T. is a graduate of Borden County High School. He attends and plans to graduate from Angelo State University in May with a Bachelors Degree in Physics.

Corrie is a graduate of Guyer High School in Denton, Texas. She attends Angelo State University majoring in Communications. She is also a member of ROTC.

Thank You

Thank you to all that voted in the Republican Primary on March 4. Your support is greatly appreciated and I am looking forward to serving the residents of Borden County.

Jana Underwood

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Commissioners Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 16th day of December, 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:

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, with County Judge Ross Sharp absent, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

Other Officers Present: Marlo Holbrooks, County Attorney; Sharlot Stone, County Treasurer and Benny Allison, Sheriff and Tax Assessor..

At 8:31 a.m. Commissioner Reyes called the Commissioners Court Meeting to order.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of February 11, 2014 were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BOND

Blake Morgan and Andrew Yodes with Lawrence Financial Consulting LLC met with the Court concerning the General Obligation Refunding Bond. No action taken.

RURAL FIRE PROTECTION

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Rural Fire Protection Contract between the City of O'Donnell and Borden County. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commissioner Belew made a motion to advertise for bids for a Water Truck to be used in Precinct No. 3. Bids will be opened at 9:00 a.m. on March 25, 2014. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DONATION TO BORDEN COUNTY

A discussion was held in

regards to a donation to Borden County from Lyntegar Electric Cooperative. No action taken.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the 2-13 Budget Amendments as listed. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

No applications were received.

SOIL CONSERVATION
No applications received for Soil Conservation.

DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA
General Obligation Fund and AirEvac Contract.

ACCOUNTS

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

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew and approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 11th day of March 2014.



Legal Notice

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BORDEN
The Borden County Commissioners' Court will receive bids until 9:00 a.m., March 25, 2014 for the purchase of a used water truck to be used by Borden County Precinct #3. Bids will be opened and considered in the Borden County Commissioners' Courtroom in the County Courthouse. Specifications may be obtained at the office of the County Judge by calling 806/756-4405 or by email at bordencj@poka.com.
The Borden County Commissioners' Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive all formalities.
BY THE ORDER OF THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT
Ross D. Sharp
County Judge
Borden County

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