

# **2014 BORDEN COUNTY** JUNIOR LIVE STOCK SHOW SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8TH 8:30 AM-WEIGH IN & CLASSIFY ALL ANIMALS 6:00 PM-STEER SHOW

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9TH 8:30 AM-LAMB SHOW, FOLLOWED BY GOAT SHOW Swine Show will begin 30 minutes after GOAT SHOW **CLEAN UP BY ALL EXHIBITORS AND PARENTS** 

FOLLOWING THE SWINE SHOW

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH 9:00-AM AWARDS CEREMONY 10:00 AM-BRUNCH 10:30 AM PREMIUM SALE

# Without Limits By Bryan Golden

### **Expanding Your Horizons**

lived in the same city, in the same apartment, for all of their adult lives. Some have never there are those who stop learn-ing once they leave school. They believe graduation marks the end of the educational process

All of these people have one thing in common, they go through life without ever experiencing anything new. Each year is repeated over and over. They effectively put up boundaries beyond which they never venture. The world as they know it exists within their self imposed confines.

There is much more to be experienced in life than there is time for. It's a shame to limit your horizons to what you are used to or to your comfort level. Expanding your hori-zons is essential in order to

enjoy all that life has to offer. How do you do it? Your boundaries have formed over your lifetime. All of your experiences and beliefs have gone into the foundation of these borders. Yet anyone who is determined can expand their horizons.

There are people who have rent horizons? Usually people are not even cognizant of how limited they have become. They are so accustomed to ventured beyond the city lim-its where they reside. Then sight of the vast world which lies beyond. What things have you never done that you really want to experience? Most people know of at least several items to put on such a list. Give it some thought and you will likely be surprised by how long a roster you can create.

In order to expand your horizons, you have to try some new things. It's common to feel uneasy about doing this since it entails leaving your known universe. As an intelligent, thinking person, there is no reason you have to be con-strained by old habits.

Expanding your horizons re-ally isn't hard. Fear of taking that all important first step is what holds many people back. It's easier if your first step is a small one with little or no risk. Look to do something that has minimal consequences but is still something new.

Here are some ideas to get you started. Use them to get your own thoughts flowing. Eat at a new restaurant. See a movie you wouldn't normally Are you aware of your cur- consider. Watch a different TV

show or go to a sporting event you've never seen. Take a different route to

work or back home. Visit someplace you have never been. You don't have to go far to do this as there are probably many locations for you to discover close to where you live. You can read a book about a topic you know nothing about. Perhaps you might take a class on a subject that interests you. Your objective is to get

practice expanding your hori-zons. Don't make it a one time event. Once you start, don't stop. Your confidence will grow as you accumulate new experiences. Then you will be prepared to take bigger, bolder, more significant steps.

Here are just some of the accomplishments by others who have expanded their hori-zons. People have changed jobs, changed careers, gone back to school to get a degree, gone back to school to get a different degree, started their own business, moved to their ideal location, met their special significant other, lost weight, and got into better physical condition.

Expanding your horizons is

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#### **Portion Control 101**

USDA statistics show that because of increased portion sizes, the average American's total daily calorie intake has risen from 1854 calories per day to 2002 calories per day over the past 20 years. This148 calorie increase per day works out to about an extra 15 pounds of body weight per year. Plate size in restaurants has increased from "dinner size plates" to 'full size dinner plates" and in some cases to a "serving platter" size.

Today it is hard to find cafés or restaurants that serve a meal based on standard serving sizes and not portion sizes. Now we look for "all you can eat food bars" "complete buffets" and "super size, king size, extra size" restaurants and fast food establishments. Some portions in this "super size" category often provide enough food to serve two or more people. A portion is how much food you choose to eat whether it is in your own home, from a package or in restaurant. A serving is a standard amount of food set by the U.S. Government and is the recommended amount of food you should eat from each food group.

The foods below are just for comparison and DO NOT represent a balanced day's meals!

Twenty years ago breakfast may have been: a 1.5 oz blueberry muffin and an 8oz. cup of coffee with whole milk and sugar. This meal contained 255 calories. Today's breakfast could very well consist of a 5oz. blueberry muffin and a 16oz. cup of a mocha or latte' style coffee. Total calories: 850.

Now for lunch! In 1985 a ries per day. R small cheeseburger had about 333 calories, 2.4oz of French fries-210 calories, and a 7 oz soda-85 calories this gave you a

628 calorie lunch. In today's fast food world a cheeseburger could now contain 590 calories, a large order of fries at 6.90zs-610 calories and a 20oz. soda-250 calories. Total this lunch up for 1450 calories.

Suppose you want to see an afternoon movie? Twenty years ago you bought a bag or box of popcorn containing about 5 cups of popcorn at 270 calories and a 7oz. soda with 85 calories. Your snack cost you 355 calories. Today if you bought a tub of popcorn and a 20oz. soda your snack could add up to 880-calories.

Supper has arrived and you decide on a chicken Caesar salad. In 1985 this salad contained about 390 calories. This salad of today is offered in a portion size containing 700 calories. The 1985 total calorie intake for the day was 1628 calories while the 2005 total calorie intake for the day was 3880 calories! This calorie intake is 1080 calories above the very highest daily calorie level that is recommended only for teenage boys and VERY active men.

Most women and older adults need about 1600-1800 calories per day. Children, teenage girls, active women and most men need between 1800-2200 calories per day. If you are inactive stay within the 1800-1900 calorie range and if you are pretty active aim for 1900-2000 calories a day and remember only if you are VERY, VERY active should you consume between 2000-2200 calories per day. Remember the key to weight loss and management is not the types of food you eat but the amount of food you

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#### Updated Property Tax Information Now Available for Texas Taxpayers

(Gail)—New and updated property tax information has just been compiled by Borden County Appraisal District and is available now to assist taxpayers. This property tax information is current and covers a wide range of topics, such as taxpayer remedies, exemptions and appraisals, and is of value to select groups, such as disabled veterans and persons who are age 65 or older.

"Whether you are a homeowner, business owner, disabled veteran or a taxpayer, it's important you know your rights concerning the property tax laws, "said Tracy Cooley, Assistant Chief Appraiser of the Borden County Appraisal District. "You can contact us about any property tax issues with full confidence that we will provide you the most complete, accurate and up-to-date available information to assist you."

This includes information about the following programs:

• **Property Tax Exemptions for Disabled Veterans** – The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, spouses and survivors of deceased disabled veterans. This includes homesteads donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations at no cost to the disabled veterans. The amount of exemption is determined according to percentage of service-connected disability. The law also provides a 100 percent exemption for 100 percent disabled veterans and their surviving spouse, beginning in 2009, and for surviving spouses of U.S. armed service members killed in action.

• **Property Tax Exemptions** – Non-profit organizations that meet statutory requirements may seek property tax exemptions and must apply to their county appraisal district by a specific date. Businesses that receive tax abatements granted by taxing units; ship inventory out of Texas that may be eligible for the "Freeport" exemption; store certain goods in transit in warehouses that are moved within 175 days; construct, install or acquire pollution control; own and operate energy storage systems; or store offshore drilling equipment while not in use may also be eligible for statutory exemptions.

• **Rendering Taxable Property** – If a business owns tangible personal property that is used to produce income, the business must file a rendition with its local county appraisal district by a specified date. Personal property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property such as church property or an agriculture producer's equipment used for farming.

• Appraisal Notices – If a taxpayer's property value increased in the last year, the Texas taxpayer will receive a notice of appraised value from the appropriate local county appraisal district. The city, county, school districts and other local taxing units will use the appraisal district's value to set property taxes for the coming year.

• **Property Taxpayer Remedies** – This comptroller publication explains in detail how to protest a property appraisal, what issues the county appraisal review board (ARB) can consider and what to expect during a protest hearing. The publication also discusses the option of taking a taxpayer's case to district court, the State Office of Administrative Hearings or binding arbitration if the taxpayer is dissatisfied with the outcome of the ARB hearing.

• Homestead Exemptions – A homestead is generally defined as the home and land used as the owner's principal residence on Jan. 1 of the tax year. A homestead exemption reduces the appraised value of the home, and as a result, lowers property taxes. Applications are submitted to the appropriate local county appraisal district.

• **Productivity Appraisal** - Property owners who use land for timber land production, agricultural purposes or wildlife management can be granted property tax relief on their land. They may apply to their local county appraisal district for an agricultural appraisal which may result in a lower appraisal of the land based on how much the taxpayer produces, versus what the land would sell for in the open market.

• **Residence Homestead Tax Deferral** – Texas homeowners may postpone paying the currently delinquent property taxes due on the appreciating value of their homes by filing a tax deferral affidavit at their local county appraisal district. This tax relief allows homeowners to pay the property taxes on 105% of the preceding year's appraised value of their homestead, plus the taxes on any new improvements to the homestead. The remaining taxes are postponed but not cancelled, with interest accruing at 8% per year.

• Property Tax Deferral for Persons Age 65 or Older or Disabled Homeowners – Texans who are age 65 or older or disabled, as defined by law, may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit. Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred, but not cancelled, as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Interest continues to accrue on unpaid taxes. You may obtain a deferral affidavit at the appraisal district.

• Notice of Availability of Electronic Communication – In appraisal districts located in counties with more than 200,000 populations or that have authorized electronic communications, and that have implemented a system that allows such communications, chief appraisers and ARBs may communicate electronically through email or other media with property owners or their designated representatives. Written agreements are required for notices and other documents to be delivered electronically in place of mailing.

• **Protesting Property Appraisal Values** – Property owners who disagree with the appraisal district's appraisal of their property for local taxes or for any other action that adversely affects them may protest their property value to the appraisal district's ARB.

For more information about these programs, contact Borden County Appraisal District at 806-756-4484 or come by our office at 120 E. Wilbourn, Gail, Texas. Information is also available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at www.window. state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/



### **December 4-H Meeting**

During the December 4-H meeting, 4-H'ers enjoyed deco-rating Christmas cookies and a hot chocolate bar. They also elected officers and discussed upcoming community service opportunities, projects and events including the stock show which will be January 8-10. Following the business meeting the youth bundled hats, socks and gloves that were donated to the homeless in tent city in Lubbock; as well as played fun Christmas themed games. Special thanks to the host families-



4-H members enjoy playining games at the December meeting.



Borden County 4-H members assort canned food items that were collected during the Food Drive. Over 1,000 items were collected and delivered to families in Borden County by West Texas Opportunities. Pictured are (back l to r) Hayley Gray, Paige Holbrooks, J.W. Nix, Thomas Nix, Katie Gray, Myka Blissard, Kylie Barnes, Sydney Coor, Erin Nix, (front l to r) Ben Nix, Jenna Holbrooks, Brooklyn Gray and Savanah Barnes.



Officers elected at the recent December 4-H meeting are (left to right) Thomas Nix-3rd Vice President, Katie Gray-1st Vice President, Paige Holbrooks-Secretary, Hayley Gray-President, Myka Blissard-Reporter, Ashlyn Tucker-2nd Vice President, Erin Nix- Council Delegate, Kennedy Tucker-Health and Safety Officer and J.W. Nix-Council Delegate.

### **Borden County ISD Board Meeting**

Regular Board Meeting December 15, 2014 The Board of Trustees of the

Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas, met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Borden County I.S.D. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Randy Hensley, Todd Holbrooks, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole, and Mike Valentine. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas and principal, Bart McMeans were also present. Mr. Dale Newberry, the school auditor was also present.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by John Ander-

input.

3. A motion was made by Joel Holbrooks to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2014; November 17, 2014; and December 11, 2014, board meetings.

Dennis and seconded by Carol 2014, bills. The motion carried carried unanimously. unanimously.

Borden County Independent School District Audit. A motion County Independent School District Audit. The motion carried unanimously.

Carol Lewis and seconded by Martinez as the School Nurse as mously. of January 5, 2014, due to the remotion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by unanimously. Randy Hensley to approve Lisa Gray as the Daycare Director of cember 16, 2014 the Borden County I.S.D. Daycare program upon the completion of all state requirements associated with this supplemental duty with the pay of \$100 per month prorated on a Borden County I.S.D. Board ten month basis when all train- members present were John ing requirements are completed. The motion carried unanimously. Hensley, Todd Holbrooks, Carol

8. The board entered into executive session at 7:59 P.M. The nis Poole was absent. board convened back into open session at 8:11 P.M.

9. A motion was made by Joel son. Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the 2013- nity input. 2014 Borden County I.S.D. Bud-

get Amendments as recom- closed session at 4:59 P.M. Intermended. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Todd Holbrooks to approve the senior trip for the Class of 2015 to go to New York City. The motion carried unanimously.

11. John Anderson, the board president reported that the following people had acquired board training as follows for the current year: Joel Dennis-3 hours, Randy Hensley-3 hours, Todd Holbrooks-4 hours, Carol Lewis-13.25 hours, and Mike Valentine-3 hours.

12. A motion was made by son. Mike Valentine and seconded by 2. There was no community Carol Lewis to set the next regu-Mike Valentine and seconded by lar board meeting for Monday, February 16, 2015, at 7:00 P.M. Dennis and seconded by Todd The motion carried unanimously.

13. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to add, revise, and delete local policies as recom-The motion carried unanimously. mended by TASB Policy Service 4. A motion was made by Joel and according to the instruction sheet for TASB Localized Policy Lewis to approve the December Manual Update 101. The motion

14. Mr. Thomas gave a year to 5. Mr. Dale Newberry gave a date financial report, gave an Holbrooks and seconded by Joel report concerning the 2013-2014 overview of the second six-week grading period, reported that as December 9, 2014, there were was made by Mike Valentine and 248 students enrolled, and re-seconded by Randy Hensley to ported that a piece of playground approve the 2013-2014 Borden equipment from the Playwell group would be purchased with local and donated funds. A motion was made by Dennis Poole 6. A motion was made by and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the superintendent's re-Todd Holbrooks to hire Holly port. The motion carried unani-

15. A motion was made tirement of Kim Thomas. The by Joel Dennis and seconded by Mike Valentine to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried

Special Board Meeting De-

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas, met in special session at 5:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Anderson, Joel Dennis, Randy Lewis, and Mike Valentine. Den-

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:58 P.M. by John Ander-

There was no commu-

3. The board entered into unanimously.

views were conducted for the position of school superintendent. The board entered into open session at 8:15 P.M.

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

Special Board Meeting December 17, 2014

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas, met in special session at 5:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Borden County I.S.D. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Randy Hensley, Todd Holbrooks, Carol Lewis, and Mike Valentine. Dennis Poole was absent.

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:48 P.M. by John Anderson.

There was no community input.

3. The board entered into closed session at 4:49P.M. Interviews were conducted for the position of school superintendent. The board entered into open session at 9:55 P.M.

4. A motion was made by Todd Dennis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. Special Board Meeting De-

cember 18, 2014 The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas, met in special session at 5:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Borden County I.S.D. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Randy Hensley, Todd Holbrooks, Carol Lewis, and Mike Valentine. Dennis Poole was absent.

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:58 P.M. by John Anderson.

There was no community input.

3. The board entered into closed session at 4:59 P.M. Interviews were conducted for the position of school superintendent. The board entered into open session at 8:45 P.M.

4. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to interview three candidates for the superintendent's position. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Todd Holbrooks to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried

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BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2014 Total											
						and the second second particular second	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects	Other Funds	Governmental Funds
						REVENUES:					4
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 8,906,705	\$ 2,446,533	\$ 1,579	140,248	\$ 11,495,065						
State Program Revenues	1,564,232		*	24,729	1,588,961						
Federal Program Revenues	84,071	. *	•	147,659	231,730						
Total Revenues	10,555,008	2,446,533	1,579	312,636	13,315,756						
EXPENDITURES:											
Current:											
Instruction	1,833,607	a farmer and		181,612	2.015,219						
Instructional Resources and Media Services	21,510			******	21,510						
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	11,389			2,739	14.128						
Instructional Leadership	16,262		·····································	116,929	133,191						
School Leadership	103,333	THE TRUE AN	and states and	*****	103,333						
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	18.278	and the second second		1,144	19,422						
Health Services	78,478	St. Lawrence	Start La Starten St	•,171	78,478						
Student (Pupil) Transportation	374,504				374,504						
Food Services	257,737		Sector States		257,737						
Extracurricular Activities	296,263				296,263						
General Administration	329,880		a set i tout at it	2,960	332,840						
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	932,886	Ar and the second		362	933.248						
Security and Monitoring Services	1.675	1.000			1,675						
Data Processing Services	169,353				169.353						
Community Services	109,477				109,333						
Debt Service:	1934737		ar the second		107,477						
Principal on Long Term Debt		820,000	Configure Back		\$20,000						
Interest on Long Term Debt		949,888			949.888						
Capital Outlay:		111100			747,000						
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	9,000		320,430		329,430						
Intergovernmental:	stran		520,750		343,430						
Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	4,179,253	a distant.			4,179,253						
Incremental Costs Associated with Chapter 41	30,498				30,498						
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	31,513			6,890	38,403						
Payments to Tax Increment Fund	133,937			6,050	133.937						
Other Intergovernmental Charges	155,810				155,810						
	9,094,643	1,769,888	320,430	312.636	11,497,597						
Total Expenditures	7,034,043	1,107,000	320,430	312,030	11,477,377						
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,460,365	676,645	(318,851)	-	1,818,159						
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):											
Sale of Real and Personal Property	6,937	the second and a second			6.937						
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,467,302	676,643	(318,851)	**	1,825,096						
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	6,754,913	1,707,231	2,384,424		10,846,568						
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Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 8,222,215	\$ 2,383,876	\$ 2,065,573	-	\$ 12,671,664						

## **Bad Weather Shortens Play for Coyotes at Jayton Tournament**

#### **By Coach Edwards**

The Borden County Covotes resumed action on the hard court last week in the Jayton Tournament after taking off a few days for the Christmas holidays. The Coyotes were scheduled to play three games in the tournament, but was shortened to two games due to icy weather.

Borden County matched up against Anton in their first game, and for the second time of the season. The Bulldogs defeated the Coyotes 47-41 in that contest. Borden jumped out to an early 12-7 lead after the first quarter of play. Anton battled back in the second frame with some second chance points to close the gap. Borden led 24-23 at the half.

The Coyotes were outscored 10-9 in the third quarter which tied the game 33-33. Despite three, 3-point field goals for the Coyotes, the Bulldogs won the quarter 14-9 and won the game 47-42.

Trace Richey led the team in scoring with 11 points followed by Corbin Sumners with eight

points. Sean Tucker also scored eight points. Hunter Jones added seven points and Diego Bernal with four points. Korbin Martinez and Braxton Barnes chipped in two points.

The next day the Coyotes faced 2A Haskell Indians. Borden County again jumped out to a first quarter lead, 13-9. Richey scored 10 points in the quarter. However, the Coyotes struggled scoring in the second period. Borden scored three points, but their defense gave up only six points 10 take a 16-15 halftime lead.

The Indians would outscore Borden 8-7 in the third frame to tie the game 23-23. Korbin Martinez hit two big free throws down the stretch to give the Coyotes a 34-33 victory.

Richey led all scorers with 16 points. Martinez finished with seven points followed by Jones with five points. Sumners and Tucked scored three points. The Coyotes are 9-5 on the

season.

#### **BORDEN COUNTY JOB** OPENIING COUNTY/DISTRICT CLERK OFFICE

**DEPUTY CLERK Position Summary:** This position performs a variety of clerical and administrative tasks in support of the functions of the department.

Education, Experience and Skill Requirements:

High school diploma or equivalent requires knowledge of computers and proficiency in Windows environ-ment, database management strategies, Excel, PC hardware, printers, word process-ing, a working knowledge of scanning process and other customary office equipment. Must be dependable, re-

sponsible, personable, and detailed oriented; Ability to maintain strict confidentiality. Must be competent in handling money and must be Bondable. Must have good problem solving skills and be able to meet attendance requirements.

Physical conditions commensurate with the demands of the office - The employee is on occasion required to stand for long periods of time, walk stoop, kneel, crouch, bend, crawl, climb or balance. Frequently lift up to 40lbs. Spe-cific vision abilities required by this job include close vi-sion, peripheral vision, depth perception and ability to focus Mainstream business attire required. Background check

will be conducted. Applications are available at the Borden County/Distric Clerk's Office, Borden County Courthouse, 117 E Wasson Gail, Texas.

**Return applications and** resumes no later than 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 21, 2015, to the County/District Clerk's Office Borden **County Courthouse.** 

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a lot easier than you think and far more rewarding than you would have expected. As your horizons expand, you open yourself up to infinite possibilities. Once you have broken through your boundaries, there are no limits to what you

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