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Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Coming in Last

Our society places a premium on winning. "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing," is drummed into our heads in the name of competition. Who or what's number one is an endless source of fascination and intrigue.

Are there any positive lessons to be learned from those who come in last? Is it possible to finish at the end of the pack but yet be a true winner? Are there unique character traits exhibited by those who consistently bring up the rear?

Recently, I had the occasion to watch a high school track meet. In many of the races there was one runner who was obviously the fastest. But what really impacted me were the athletes who always finished last. The last one across the finish line was usually well behind the front runner.

I was more impressed with the persistence shown by those coming in last than the talent of the winners. Those in the back didn't get any medals, awards, mention in the paper, or cheering crowds. Their reward came from what they were developing inside. This will serve them for a lifetime while the "winner's" trophies will be collecting dust in storage.

The fastest runners had their victories to keep them moti-

vated. But those who came in last had to draw on something deep inside to keep racing and remain on the track team. They demonstrated the ability to keep going even when things weren't going well.

The character traits of stamina, persistence, and perseverance are more important to goal achievement than raw talent and ability. It's not uncommon to find examples of gifted people failing and giving up as soon as things don't go well. This is because they have not developed any skills of persistence.

I'm not diminishing the accomplishments of anyone who works hard to come in first. I am claiming that those who come in last are also winners in their own right. Life is filled with challenges. Coming in last, yet persisting, develops attributes that can't be taught. The parable of the turtle and the hare is rooted in reality.

There is a stigma associated with being last. Finish last and you are labeled a loser or non-competitive. The perseverance these people draw on is not usually acknowledged by others. Therefore, their accomplishments are even more inspiring.

Anyone can smile when

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West Texas Communities Deal With Water Crisis

By David A. Johnson
Odessa American

ODESSA — West Texas is in the middle of what is by all accounts the worst single year of drought in the 80 years of reliable historical record.

For the first time in the 60-year existence of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, the organization responsible for providing drinkable water to this expanse of semi-arid desert has reduced its promised deliveries to member and customer cities.

Charles R. Perry, a member of the CRMWD's 12-person board of directors since 1978 and its former president, said this year is unlike anything he's ever seen.

"It's not a case of lakes drying up," Perry said. "It's all the lakes drying up."

If the area continues to see little to no significant rainfall, all the available surface water in the district will be gone by spring 2013. To have enough water for basic needs after that, the district is rushing to complete a \$140 million pipeline project to access groundwater it originally intended only as a supplementary source.

The J.B. Thomas and E.V. Spence reservoirs have virtually no water left in them and have not been near capacity

in many years. The O.H. Ivie reservoir is supplying ever-thirsty cities such as Midland, San Angelo, Abilene and other smaller customers, and evaporating away in record heat. Without rain, by spring 2013, it too will have gone dry. Water rationing is a reality; an irrigation ban in 2012 seems unavoidable.

For cities such as Odessa, Big Spring and Snyder, which cannot purchase or develop water except through the CRMWD, this is especially troubling. While it is likely to rain again, and for another wet period to arrive eventually, climatologists say the drought-causing La Niña ocean-atmosphere phenomenon should remain in the near future.

The immediate and long-term future isn't any more promising.

More people are on the way, with less clean water available for them. The Texas Water Development Board projected in its 2011 regional water plans that the 32-county Region F, supplied largely through the CRMWD, will increase 17 percent between now and 2060 to 724,094. Even with significant conservation, the TWDB expects an investment of almost \$1 billion will be neces-

sary to secure the 71.5 billion gallons more per year to meet demand.

There are no more nearby locations to hold up surface water, and even if there were, they would not help in such a drought as this. Drinkable groundwater is being used up — mainly for agriculture — faster than it can replenish, and there's little left unspoken for.

Even so, the district in 2010 was able to purchase a Ward County well field from the electric utility Luminant for \$140 million.

"CRMWD cannot predict the weather," said Kirk Edwards, president of MacLondon Royalties and past president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association. "They were thinking ahead when they secured the Ward County water source."

The 700,000 acre-feet estimated in the Luminant field was described as a 100-year supply at the time. The CRMWD is now working to get a pipeline built to bring up to 30 million gallons per day into the system. A 2012 of drought, even a far less severe drought, would mean leaning almost entirely on clean

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Coyotes Blast Buffalos Beating Second Straight Top Ten Team

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes traveled to Petersburg to play their second straight top ten team in as many weeks. The Coyotes playing in their final road trip of the non-district season hoped to show that they could play good football on the road and come out using the momentum they built in their 2nd half dominance a week earlier against Meadow. Borden County did just that, as they took the first play of the contest and saw Austin Fields follow some great blocks by the likes of Helio Rosales, Matt Roberson, Quint Shafer, TJ Basquez and Tanner Richey and then a nifty move of his own in the end to put the Coyotes on the board with an electrifying 75 yard touchdown run. The Rosales extra point kick put the Coyotes up to stay at 8 to 0.

The Coyote defense came on the field and established a dominance that was very impressive as they did not give up a first down until the final drive of the first half, which, considering this was the number 6 team in the state was very impressive.

The Coyote offense took over the ball and again wasted very little time getting on the board again as a nice 4 play drive ended in the endzone as TJ Basquez had his first rushing touchdown of his high school career from a yard out to put the Coyotes up 14 to 0 with 6 minutes left in the first quarter. The Rosales extra point made it 16-0. The Coyote defense again forced a 3 and out with Basquez setting the tone early in the defensive series sacking a Buffalo quarterback for a 13 yard loss. It looked as though Borden County would extend their lead, but the first of two Coyote turnovers on the evening slowed the momentum down just a bit, but the defensive play continued and the Coyotes had the ball back again

early in the 2nd quarter. Richey then hooked up with Basquez on a nice 26 yard throw and catch to extend the lead to 22-0 with 9:17 left in the 2nd. Another defensive stop gave the ball back to the Coyotes and after another nice run by Fields to the Buffalo 10 yard line, Collin Telchik did the rest as he scampered into the endzone from those 10 yards out to give Borden County a comfortable 28 to 0 lead. With just under 2 minutes left in the half, Fields had his 2nd touchdown run on the evening, this time from 19 yards out to push the lead to 34 and then with the Rosales kick, the Coyotes had a very dominating 36 to 0 lead.

The first mistake of the game for the Coyotes on defense happened on the next defensive series, as good pressure forced a quick dump pass which the Buffalo receiver managed to break a couple of tackles and rumble 57 yards to paydirt to cut the lead to 36 to 7 at the intermission. The Coyote defense got a little redemption on their first series of the 2nd half as they forced the Buffaloes to punt for the 4th time. Richey hooked up with Basquez again to extend the lead to 42 to 7 and then with the Rosales kick made the lead 37 points at 44 to 7. Borden County again stopped the Buffaloes and now looked poised to drive in for the touchdown that would end the contest by the 45 point rule, but the Coyotes lost a little momentum and were forced to turn the ball over on downs. The Buffaloes made the Coyotes pay as they scored on the first drive of the 4th quarter to cut the lead to 44 to 14. The Coyote offense then committed their 2nd turnover of the game, but the defense came right back and with a crushing sack by Helio Rosales which also caused a Buffalo fumble, Rosales recovered the ball as well to give the Coyotes the ball back. Borden County then

moved down field regaining control of the line of scrimmage and were able to score a touchdown with over two minutes left to extend the lead to 52 to 14 as fields again scored from 19 yards out. This gave us our final score of the contest and a fourth victory of the surging Borden County Coyotes.

Leading the way offensively for the Coyotes was Austin Fields with 232 yards on 19 carries and 3 scores. Fields also had 10 tackles one for loss and two passes broken up. Tanner Richey had 38 yards on 4 carries, was 7 of 10 for 111 yards and two scores and was in on 17 tackles one for loss and 3 passes broken up. Collin Telchik had several nice returns on punts and kicks and had 3 carries for 28 yards and a score. TJ Basquez had 4 carries for 27 yards and a score, caught 2 passes for 45 yards and two scores, he was also in 9 tackles and had a tackle for loss and a sack. Quint Shafer had a carry for 16 yards and caught 4 passes for 61 yards, and was in on 13 tackles 2 pressures, 1 sack and 2 tackles for loss. Luke Burkett had a carry for 3 yards and was in on 4 tackles. Matt Ham had 3 tackles. Kurt Shafer was in on a tackle. Austin Tyler had 4 tackles and a big Hit. Matt Proulx had a tackle. Tristen Benavidez had 3 tackles, one for loss. Helio Rosales was 5 of 6 kicking and had 13 tackles, 3 for loss, 2 sacks, a caused fumble and a fumble recovery. Matt Roberson had several nice blocks.

The Coyotes will take a week off and then prepare for their long awaited battle with Garden City in their final tune-up before district starts.

Great Job guys!!!!



T.J. Basquez (#9) blocks a Petersburg Buffalo for team mate Austin Fields.



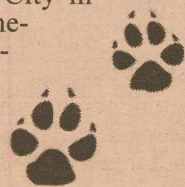
Running back, Austin Fields, (#24) zig-zags through Petersburg players to reach the endzone and score another touchdown for the Coyotes last Friday.



Borden County Coyote, Tanner Richey (#20) pushes off a Petersburg Buffalo. Richey scored 2 touchdowns in the game against Petersburg last Friday.

Drive Safely.

Watch for our playing children.



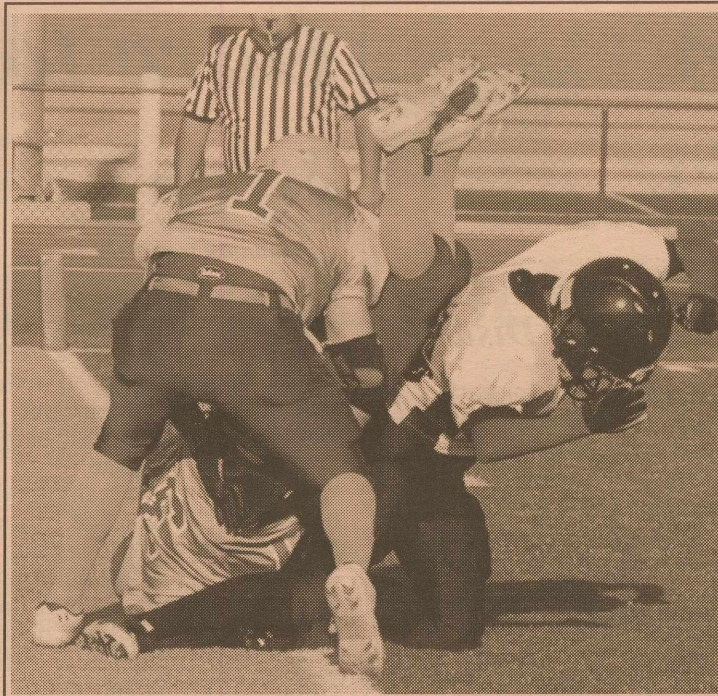
JV Comes Up Short Against the Buffalos!

By Coach Baeza

The Coyote JV took on the Petersburg Buffalos on Sept. 22 and came up short as they were beaten 23-7. The Coyotes began the game moving the ball well on offense but came up short on their first drive. After some success by the Buffalos moving the ball Cayden Vaughn came up with a huge interception and returned it to the twenty giving the Coyotes another shot at the end zone. After a penalty the Coyotes turned the ball over with an interception in which the Buffalo's capitalized on the give them an early lead. The second quarter again saw the Coyotes move the ball offensively but unable to punch it into the end zone. The Coyotes did play excellent defense and did not allow the Buffalo any more scores in the second quarter. The second quarter ended with a good run by

Cayden Vaughn to the five but as time ran out the buffalos took a 7-0 lead into half.

The Coyotes again started the third quarter playing tough defense and help the Buffalos on their first possession. On the first Coyote possession a costly fumble that the Buffalos returned for a TD got the Coyotes off to a rough start. The following possession for the Coyotes an interception halted their momentum and allowed the Buffalos to get on the board again. The Coyotes however continued to play tough and on next series Sean Tucker punched it in from five yards out to put the Coyotes on the board. This was however the only offense they could muster in the second half. The Coyotes did a good job competing and never quit playing tough. Good Job Coyotes.



Blocking by a Buffalo can't stop, Coyote Pup, Colby Pennell as he lands head first in to the endzone scoring a touchdown for the Pups

Tough Night for Pups Leads to First Loss of 2011 Season

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Pups hosted the Petersburg Buffalos and the battle of unbeaten never materialized as the Pups made several mistakes early and dug themselves a hole that they could not overcome. After taking the opening kick-off, the Pups, playing shorthanded this week without starting defensive end and offensive end Joel Andrade due to an injury found, themselves a yard shy of a first down around midfield. The visiting Buffalos wasted very little time as their very athletic backfield drove the ball down the field quickly to put the first points on the board to grab the early 6-0 lead. The starting defense on this night for the Borden County was Thomas Harrison and Hunter Jones at linebackers, Colby Pennell, Robert Jordan, and Rhaeden Bland at corners and Nathan Souder, Merrik Valentine and Kace Lott at defensive ends.

The Pups got the ball back for their second series, but after another failed 4th down the visitors took over the ball again to start the 2nd quarter. The visitors managed another score on the starting de-

fense and then managed to kick the extra point on the 2nd defensive unit of Samuel Raborn, Braxton Coor, Kale Yarbro, Dylan Murphy, Lott, Jayton Lewis, and Flint Roberts.

On the ensuing kick-off Colby Pennell returned the kick to the 1 yard line and on the very next play, he followed nice blocks by Lott, Souder, Valentine and Jordan to paydirt and the first score for the Pups. Also on that first offense are Jones and Thomas. On the extra point, Jordan connected with Braxton Coor to cut the lead to 14 to 7 early in the 2nd quarter. The momentum was very short lived as the visitors returned the kick the distance and with the kick made the score 22 to 7 in favor of the Buffalos. Borden County had another failed offensive opportunity on their next series and the Buffalos made the Pups pay as they scored again to make the score 28 to 7. The Pups finally managed to put something together just before half and looked to gain some momentum as they used some nice blocking by Bland, Lott, Souder, Jordan, Valentine and Harrison to pave way for some



JV Coyote, Cayden Vaughn, (#21) dodges a Petersburg Buffalo in Thursdays' home game. The Coyotes were unable to pull off a win against Petersburg.

School Lunch Menu

October 3 - 7, 2010

Monday - Breakfast: Waffle Stix, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Beef & Bean Chalupas, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomato, Cinnamon Applesauce, Peanut Butter Bar and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Fajitas, Refried Beans, Seasoned Corn, Mandarin Oranges, Sherbet Cup and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Biscuit & Sausage, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Country Style Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Strawberry Shortcake and Milk.



Thursday -Breakfast: Pizza Bagel, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Spaghetti, Garden Salad, Fresh Apple, Texas, Cake and Milk.

Friday -Breakfast: Cinnamon Pastry, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pizza Burger, Lettuce, Tomato & Pickle, Tater tots, Fresh Grapes and Milk.

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nice runs by Jones and Pennell. The Pups used that running success to set up a nice play-action pass play from Harrison to Jordan to cut the lead to 28 to 13. On the point after attempt, Bland followed some nice blocks to reach the endzone and the extra point to make the score 28 to 14, but, as they did earlier, any momentum the Pups hoped to gain was quickly taken away as the Buffalos returned the kick again to regain their comfortable at 34 to 14. With only a few seconds left in the half, the Pups trying to gain some momentum head-


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Heart and Home ...


by Julie Smith
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Helping Children Cope With Disasters

As disasters threaten, whether they be natural, accidental, or acts of terrorism, parents are urged to include the most vulnerable members of their families — their children — in family plans for disasters.

Parents often think that children will just get frightened if you talk to them about disasters. Mental health experts for the American Red Cross say that, "Children understand more than we might think, and including children in disaster planning will help them survive". Children can better cope with the trauma of a disaster and the losses they may suffer if they have talked about the possibility.

We can't tell children that bad things won't happen and we can't promise to always keep them safe. The best thing to do for children is to teach them how to prepare and react if they are faced with an unexpected event.

In a disaster situation, children are most afraid that someone will be injured or killed, that they will be separated from the family or that they will be left alone. By helping children understand disasters and be prepared for them, they are empowered, reassured and comforted.

Disaster preparedness involves the entire family. Parents should inform themselves of preparedness and response issues, and they should share this information with their children. It is important to talk with children about safety and to include them in planning for a disaster.

Prepare for Unexpected Events by taking three simple steps:

1. **Get Informed:** learn what hazards exist in your community and how to get information from Emergency Management personnel

2. **Get Prepared:** meet with the family to discuss what you should do in each situation, post emergency phone numbers, select an out-of-state family contact, assemble disaster

supply kits for each member of your family, plan how to escape from each room in your home as well as how to escape from your neighborhood, practice your plan

3. **Get Involved:** volunteer to assist with relief efforts in your surrounding communities.

Everyone in the household, including children, should play a part in the family's preparedness efforts, as well as your response and recovery efforts. Make a game of putting together a disaster supplies kit. Include small games or books and comfort items, such as a blanket or stuffed animal, in the kit. Teach your child how to recognize danger signals. Make sure your child knows what smoke detectors, fire alarms and community warning systems sound like. Teach your child how and when to call for help. Post emergency numbers by the telephones, and have a plan of action for what your child should do if telephones are out of service. Help children memorize your family name, address and phone number.

Judith A. Myers-Walls of Purdue University gives these tips:

1. **Assume that the children know about the disaster.** Children know more than you think. They are often exposed to the events as soon as they are able to watch television and interact with others.

2. **Reassure them.** Be available and "askable." Let your children know that it's OK to talk about unpleasant events.

3. **Say how you feel.** Sharing your feelings can help children know that others also are upset by the events.

4. **Recognize their fears.** Support your children's concern for people they do not know. Children often are afraid not only for themselves, their family and their friends, but also for people they do not know.

5. **Be aware of other**

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things are going well, but it's a special person who can smile when things aren't swell. People who have stayed in the race even though they came in last have the quality of being able to smile anytime.

There are many examples of the value of persistence. A student struggles to pass each class but remains in school and graduates. That student has experienced the value of never giving up no matter how difficult it may be to keep going. A small business never expands, yet provides a comfortable living for the owner and her family. During economic downturns the business survives while other larger businesses fail. A person, who through extensive practice, learns to overcome stage fright and becomes a popular public speaker.

So in essence, the person who stays in the race, despite a last place finish, is no less a winner than the person who comes in first. The only losers are those that give up when other people are faster than they are.

Stay in the race, regardless of any obstacles or challenges, and you will always be a winner.


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emotions. Look for feelings beyond fear. Let your children express all of their emotions.

6. **Help them take action.** Children may want to take action. The action can be very simple, such as writing a letter or getting involved with a disaster preparedness organization.

For more information on helping children cope with disaster go to the Texas EDEN web site at <http://texashelp.tamu.edu/007-resources/index.php>.



Borden County 4-H News



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Lamb, Goat and Swine Validation

What is validation? Why do we validate? These are questions that are often asked by 4-H and FFA families.

The validation process is designed to identify ownership, assist in identification at the county and/or major stock shows, and to aid in the recover of lost or stolen animals. This process is conducted across the state of Texas so to exhibit at the Borden County Junior Livestock Show and/or Ft. Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston, or Austin, 4-H'ers and FFA members must have their animal validated.

Lamb and goat projects will be validated in the month of October. During this process, lamb and goats will be tagged, nose printed, and hair samples collected.

Swine will be validated in the month of November. Swine will be tagged, hair samples collected and ear notches documented.

There are also fees involved in the validation process. Lamb, goat, and swine validation for animals who will be exhibiting at the county and major livestock shows will require a state tag. A validation fee of **\$8.00** will be charged for each animal validated with a state tag.

Those projects that will only be exhibited at the Borden County Junior Livestock show will need to pay **\$5.00** per head for validation.

The deadline to order swine tags is October 4, 2011. You will need to call the Borden County Extension Office or Cody G Hill to pre-order your validation tags if you plan on exhibiting swine at the Borden County Stock Show or at a major stock show in 2011.

All tags must be paid for when ordered. Each family needs to make sure they order enough tags to validate all of their projects. Ordering one extra tag is always a good policy!!!

For more information, or to order your validation tags, contact Cody G. Hill, CEA-Ag Borden County at (806) 756-4336 or (806) 790-0121.

Quality Counts

4-Hers livestock projects are a vital part of teaching youth about responsibility, and many traits of character. On October 11, 2011 from 4:00 to 6:00pm at the Borden County Extension office 4-Hers will be provided training on the Texas Trails in Quality Counts and this training will prepare 4-Hers to take the Quality Counts test that is required for all youth entering any major livestock show. All 4-Hers must take the test prior to November 1, 2011. If you have any questions contact Cody at the Borden County Extension Office.

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Educational program for people with Type 2 Diabetes. Participants will learn how to manage their meal plan and self-care to maintain their blood glucose in the ranges recommended by the American Diabetes Association.

Cost: \$10 per person

Class dates: October 3, 4, 10, 11, 17

6:00pm-8:00pm

Senior Citizen Center, 2603 Ave. M

Call Belinda Kerr at 574-7182 to register or for more information. Course will be taught by Julie Smith with the Borden County Extension office.



Local Students Take Part in Texas High School Rodeo Association Rodeo

The Texas High School Rodeo Association - Region II held its 3rd and 4th rodeos of the semester September 17-18 in Sweetwater. Contestants competing from Borden High School included: Freshman-Sean Tucker, Juniors- Riley Smith and Hanna Forbes, and Senior-Chance Taylor.

Sean placed 9th on Saturday in tie-down calf roping with a time of 13.743. In Sunday's rodeo, Sean was 8th place by tying his calf in 14.024. Chance split 4th and 5th with Ty Baker from Van Horn in Saturday's tie down with a 10.398. Riley followed them with a 10.826 to place 6th. Riley won the tie-down calf roping on Sunday with time of 8.458. In Team Roping, Riley and Chance placed 5th in Sunday's performance. Sean Tucker and Tate Teague of McCamey were 7th.

Hanna's 15th place finish on Saturday was followed by a stellar performance on Sunday of 15.683 to finish first out of 24 barrel racers.

Point totals after 4 performances include the following accumulated totals: Barrel Racing (24 contestants): 3rd

place-Hanna Forbes-O'Donnell-27 points. Tie-Down Calf Roping (16 contestants): 2nd place-Riley Smith-O'Donnell-33 points; 6th place-Chance Taylor-Big Spring-19 points and 8th place-Sean Tucker-O'Donnell-12 points. Team Roping (15 teams): 3 place-Teague/Tucker-O'Donnell/McCamey-17 points; 4th place-Smith/Taylor-O'Donnell/Big Spring-16 points.

The next rodeos will be held in Ft. Stockton on October 15-

16. Rodeo results may be viewed on the website for Region II at www.thsra2.com.

Borden County also has two students competing in the Youth and Jr. High divisions for Region II. Dylan Murphy, 7th grader, competed in goat tying, breakaway, ribbon roping, and team roping. Allie Murphy, first grader, was 3rd in poles with a 22.3 She was 19.2 in the barrel race. Allie also competed in goat tying. The Jr. High and Youth will have a rodeo October 8-9 in Odessa.



Thank You

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Borden County Community for your kind words, prayers and generosity on behalf of John Paul and his family. You are a wonderful reminder of the true meaning of God's love.

Borden County was a very special part of his life. Your impact helped to mold him into the young man we dearly loved.

We thank God for all of you.

The family of John Paul Harris



Thank You

We would like to thank each and everyone who came to fight the grass fire on our property last Tuesday, September 20.

We do appreciate all the wonderful caring people and feel very blessed.

Thank you,

Doyle & Shirley Newton

T-H-A-N-K-Y-O-U

The Borden Junior High Cheerleaders would like to say a big "THANK YOU!" to everyone who supported us at our bake sale. This money helps pay for some of our cheer expenses.

We appreciate you generous contributions!



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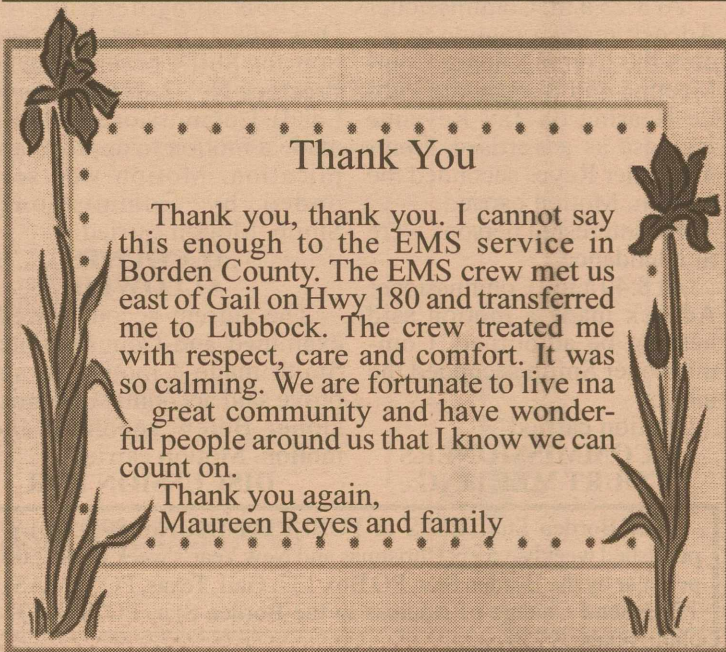
By God's law, whatever evil the heart wants to do, the hand has already done.

-Otto Whattaker

Thank You

Thank you, thank you. I cannot say this enough to the EMS service in Borden County. The EMS crew met us east of Gail on Hwy 180 and transferred me to Lubbock. The crew treated me with respect, care and comfort. It was so calming. We are fortunate to live in a great community and have wonderful people around us that I know we can count on.

Thank you again,
Maureen Reyes and family



Commissioners' Court

WHEREAS, On this the 13th day of September 2011, 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.

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp opened the September 13, 2011 Regular Session of Borden Co. Commissioners Court at 8:20 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of September 6, 2011 were read. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Precinct No. 1, Monte Smith, present at 8:25. Sharlot Stone, Treasurer and Ben Smith, Co. Attorney, present at 8:25.

TAX REVENUE INCREASE PUBLIC HEARING

At 8:25 a.m. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to recess the Commissioner Court Meeting and to open the Public Hearing on Tax Revenue Increase as advertised. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

No interested persons were in attendance.

At 8:40 a.m., Commissioner Adcock made a motion said hearing be adjourned. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

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Commissioner Adcock made a motion to reconvene Commissioners Court Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.

COUNTY OFFICE REPORTS

After examination of the County Offices' Reports, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve, accept and file submitted Reports in the County Clerk's Office. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2012 SHERIFF FEES

After reviewing the Sheriff's Fees, Commissioner Smith made a motion to set the 2012 Sheriff Fees as listed below with no changes made. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.

RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT

After reviewing 281 Transportation Code concerning Road Right-of-Way Easements, Commissioner Adcock made a motion to deny the Easement from Connie and Gary Stipe. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

BORDEN COUNTY EVENTS CENTER AND RODEO ARENA

A discussion was held concerning the construction project. No action taken.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

No applications for Road Construction were received.

SOIL CONSERVATION/ MAINTENANCE

Upon consideration of Dewayne T. Roberts Application for Soil Conservation in Precinct No. 2, (Doris Rudd Land), Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve application. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

DISCUSSION FOR

FUTURE AGENDA

Review road policy and procedure.

ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 21ST day of September 2011.

WHEREAS, On this the 21st day of September, 2011, 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 N. 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 was Ben Smith, County Attorney.

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp opened the Sept 21, 2011 Special Session of Borden County Commissioner Court at 8:10 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of September 13, 2011 were read. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ARCHIVE PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

At 8:25 a.m., Commissioner Adcock made a motion to Recess the Commissioners Court Meeting and to Open the Public Hearing for County Clerk's archive Plan as advertised. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

No interested person I attendance.

At 8:30 a.m., Commissioner Adcock made a motion to ad-

ourn the Archive Plan Public Hearing and to open the Commissioners Court Meeting. Motion was seconded by Belew. Motion carried.

CLERK'S ARCHIVE PLAN

Commissioner Reyes made a motion to adopt the proposed County Clerk's Archive Plan. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2012 BORDEN COUNTY BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

At 8:35 a.m., Commissioner Smith made a motion to recess the Commissioners Court Meeting and to call the Borden County 2012 Budget Hearing to order as advertised. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

No interested person was in attendance.

At 8:40 a.m., Commissioner Belew made a motion to close the Public Hearing and to open the Commissioners Court Meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2012 BUDGET

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the proposed 2012 County Budget. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2012 TAX RATE

After notice and hearing, the following motion was offered by Commissioner Smith "I move that the property tax

rate by increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.289, which is effectively a 7.3% increase in the tax rate." Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.

RATIFY PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

Commissioner Belew made a motion to Ratify the Property Tax Increase as reflected. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TAX DISCOUNTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Belew to allow discount for early payment of taxes of 3% for October, 2% for November, and 1% for December. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

TAXES-SPLIT PAYMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Reyes to NOT ALLOW SPLIT PAYMENTS OF TAXES. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Review Road and Soil Conservation procedures and forms and Jury pay.

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 27th day of September 2011.

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Burn Ban

A Burn Ban remains in effect for Borden County until further notice.

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

The Sound of Rushing Water

We had a real vacation. I mean we didn't even get in our car for a week. We walked, hiked, biked, ate, played games and laughed a lot.

Our two sons and their families joined us in Breckenridge, Colorado.

We stayed at Valero Mountain Lodge, which is centrally located to downtown. I guess the thing that impressed me most was the family atmosphere. We saw folks doing the same things we were doing: enjoying some time away from work with the people we love the most.

It is becoming more difficult for all of us to get together, since everybody has jobs that require specialized talents. But we make the effort to get together at least once a year, although for some it means financial sacrifices. We forgot about those work responsibilities as soon as we got settled into our living quarters.

Breckenridge had an enormous snow melt this spring. That means the waterways that run through town are full of fast moving streams of water. We watched the water with envy. Coming from a drought area, the roar of rushing water nearly brought tears to our eyes.

The mountains surrounding Breckenridge still have snow on them. It was fabulous to see dark green lawns, trees and beautiful flowers in beds, planters and hanging baskets. People all over town were watering their yards and taking care to see their homes and business properties were in good shape.

Breckenridge must be the bike riding capital of the world. Within a few blocks of the

lodge where we stayed were dozens of bicycle rental places. Even the lodge had one. Five of us took a bike ride to Frisco, a thriving vacation town ten miles from Breckenridge. The bike paths around town are like highways. Breckenridge is an extremely friendly bicycle town.

There are so many free things in Breckenridge: free bus, free daily newspaper and a free gondola that takes people up a mountain. Ski season is big business in Breckenridge. Ski lodges are numerous.

Chair lifts and ski runs are all over the mountains. The city is so activity-minded. You can parasail, kayak, fish, visit a mine, play golf, swim, ride a horse, go to an amusement park, hear a concert, visit a museum or art gallery, ride in a carriage, ice skate, skateboard, take a scenic drive, walk on a trail, visit a spa, shop, eat, drink and be merry.

Breckenridge sits at an elevation of 9,600 feet. Mountains around it reach nearly 13,000 feet. It was warm while we were there in mid-July.

Temperatures reached into the upper eighties. The nights were sometimes in the forties, cool enough to wear more than just shorts and a t-shirt. The town was founded 152 years ago and has a Victorian flavor. The beautiful little town in the Rocky Mountains, with a population of less than 5,000, caters to those who love fresh air, sunshine, breath-taking scenery, playing hard and breaking a sweat. I have a feeling we'll go back to Breckenridge.

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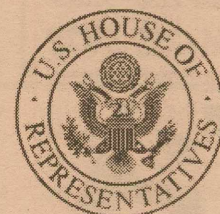
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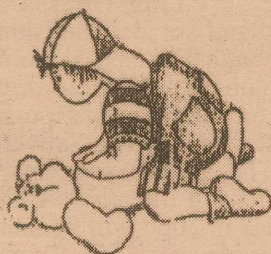
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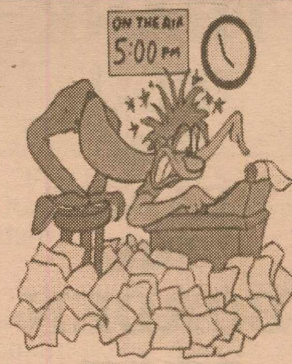
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Tough Night for the Pups With Loss...

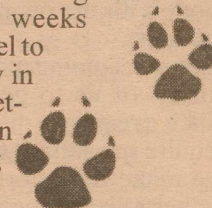
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ing into the half tried to throw the ball deep but the Pup pass was intercepted and returned for a score as the horn sounded to end the half and a commanding 40 to 14 lead.

Borden County played much better in the 2nd half, actually playing the visitors even in the half and actually getting inside the 2 yard line late but coming up short in hopes of winning the 2nd half. After falling behind 46 to 14, the Pups put together a nice drive that was set up by a nice Harrison to Jordan pass and then was capped off by a 2 yard Jones run. The score made the score 46 to 20. The Buffaloes returned the kick again for the 3rd time on the

evening to push the lead back to 52 to 20. Harrison and Jordan connected again to reach the final tally of the evening on a drive that was continued on a very nice 7 yard gain on a 4th and 4 yard situation by Rhaden Bland. In the end, the Buffaloes were just too much for the game Pups as the final buzzer sounded and the hopes of an undefeated season went by the way with the 52 to 26 loss.

Good effort guys, we will get back to the drawing board and in two weeks we will travel to Garden City in hopes of getting back on the winning side again.



West Texas Water Crisis...

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groundwater sources that do not quickly replenish, if at all. If estimates are right, the Ward Field could contribute 30 million gallons per day for 20 years, but it would be pure "mining."

At least until a technique can be developed to recharge them faster, groundwater is a temporary fix.

"It's all economics," Perry said. "Everybody says, 'Well, we want water,' but they fail to add that they'd also like it as cheaply as possible."

CRMWD General Manager John Grant put it another way.

"Do you want an alternate water supply to meet 100 percent of your needs? Are your customers willing to pay that cost?" Grant asked.

Now that good water is increasingly scarce and technology is increasingly better at cleaning up what isn't good, the CRMWD is trumpeting two things for the future: reclaimed water and desalination. In its \$13 million plant at Big Spring, it hopes to have a smaller "prototype" for both, consistently producing 2 million gallons of drinkable water each day out of raw wastewater.

"That's a good, consistent supply," Grant said.

The plant uses technologies like membrane filtration, reverse osmosis and ultraviolet oxidation which would also work on brackish water found deep underground. That, however, takes energy. Surface water currently costs less than \$2 per thousand gallons to pump hundreds of miles uphill but depending on how "salty" something was to start with and how clean it needs to get, it could be a \$4 to \$5 per thousand gallons before transferring it anywhere.

"You're spending almost as much disposing of (the chlorides taken out of the water) as you are treating it," Perry said. Unlike coastal desalination, there's no ocean for inland plants to dump it all into at day's end.

A smaller desalination plant for Snyder and a much larger one servicing Odessa and Midland are also envisioned, although the disposal problem remains; Big Spring already has an area to send its too-salty water, which is not universal.

The TWDB suggests 5.3 percent of the region's water needs in 2060 will be met by re-used water, and 6.8 percent

will be taken care of by desalination. Just 4.3 percent of the region's future water needs can be met by reducing municipal demand, things like low-flow toilets, shorter showers and restrictions on lawn irrigation.

Perry also suggests improved agricultural irrigation, by far the largest use of water in the region, but much of it from groundwater. Decades ago in the real deserts of Israel, Perry said he saw the drip irrigation processes that conserved much more water, and the TWDB suggests 30.7 percent of water needs in 2060 to could be met by pure irrigation conservation.

"Residents of West Texas have to undergo a culture change," Perry said, and so will everyone else in the western United States where water is scarce.

But people also seem more willing now to try new things to guarantee any water supply at all in the future.

"If we'd have gone out two years ago, I don't think anyone would have been OK with us (taking these steps)," Grant said. "Now those same people are saying we should have known better."

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