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USDA Announces 2009 Sure Sign-Up to Begin in January

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced that sign-up for the 2009 crop year Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program will begin on January 10, 2011.

To be eligible for SURE, a farm must have: 1) at least a 10% production loss on a crop of economic significance; 2) a policy or plan of insurance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program

(NAP) for all economically significant crops; and 3) been physically located in a county that was declared a primary disaster county by the Agriculture Secretary under a Secretarial Disaster Designation or in a contiguous county.

Producers in counties that do not qualify through a disaster declaration may still be eligible if the actual production on the farm is less than 50% of the normal production on the farm due to a natural disaster.

2011 BORDEN COUNTY JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW

Thursday, January 13
Steer Show - 6:00 p.m.

Friday, January 14
Lamb Show - 8:30 a.m.
Goat Show - after Lamb Show
Swine Show - after Goat Show

Saturday, January 15 - 7:00 - 9:00 a.m.
Complimentary Chuckwagon Breakfast

Awards Ceremony - 9:00 a.m.
Premium Sale - 9:30 a.m.

4-H will have the concession stand this year!!

Everyone is invited to attend our 2011 BCJLA Stock Show!!!



Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

The Secrets of Achievement

You can achieve whatever you want by incorporating the following components into your daily schedule. Consistency is key. To enjoy positive results, you need to make these secrets a way of life. All of the secrets are equally important. You can't pick and choose. These secrets are not sequential steps. They all have to be utilized simultaneously.

If you're not used to integrating these concepts into your life, you may feel awkward at first. Your comfort level will grow as you repeatedly apply them. Eventually, they will become second nature and you will wonder why everyone doesn't use them. Go ahead and indulge yourself. You can't overdose and there are no negative side effects. Only good things will result.

S: Sense of purpose. You need goals, a clear vision of what you want, and an understanding of your destination. Live with intention. A sense of purpose is your treasure map. Without it, you are like a cork floating on the ocean; the wind, waves, currents, and tides determine your direction. It's normal for

distractions to arise. A sense of purpose keeps you on track.

E: Excellence. Be the best you can be at everything you do. If you don't commit to, and demand excellence, you broadcast that you accept mediocrity. Acceptance of mediocrity demonstrates you don't care. If you don't care, how can you expect anyone else to? First rate attracts first rate. Excellence stands far ahead from the crowd.

C: Contribution. Doing for others, service and giving. You can have anything in life that you want if you help enough other people get what they want. Rewards are a result, not a goal. They are proportional to how much you are willing to give. But only if you give without the expectation of receiving. All of your actions will come full circle, but there's no way to know when,

where or how.

R: Responsibility. Take 100% responsibility for your life. Don't blame others. Doing so dooms you to a life of frustration and disappointment. Success or failure, everyone is self-made. You are responsible for where you are today. If you don't like your situation, change it.

E: Effort. There is no shortcut or substitute for focus and hard work. Work smart and hard. Anything worthwhile takes effort. Exceed what is expected. When an airplane takes off, all engines are set to full throttle. Once airborne, the engines are throttled back for level flight. Power has to be increased in response to turbulence or to gain more altitude. Life works the same way. All endeavors require

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Burn Ban

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

7th Grade Boys Break Mustangs

By Coach Baeza

The 7th grade boys face the Sands Mustangs on Dec. 13 and came away with an impressive victory of 19-5.

The Coyotes set the tone with impressive defense as they only allowed the Mustangs four points in the first half. The Coyotes were paced offensively in the first half by Joel Andrade who put in eight points. Also contributing were Tate Wheatley and Nathan Souder who both added a basket of their own. This gave the Coyotes a lead of 12-4 in the

first half.

In the second half the Coyotes continued their impressive defense by only allowing a free throw. The Coyotes continued to be consistent offensively as Joel Andrade added three more points with Colby Pennell and Thomas Harrison both adding two points. Also contributing to the victory were Merik Valentine, Rhaeden Bland, Flint Roberts, Samuel Raborn, Kelby Miller, and Robert Jordan. Good Job Coyotes!

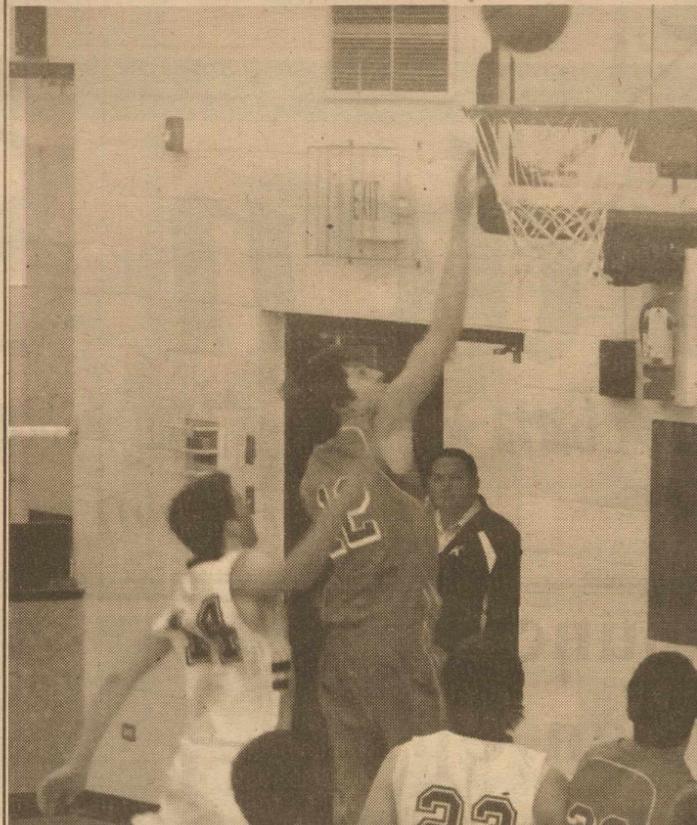
Missy Coyotes Fall Short Against Lady Mustangs

By Coach McCook

The Borden County Junior High Girls played Sands Monday Dec. 13th in a tale of two halves. The first half belonged to the Lady Mustangs who outscored the Lady Coyotes 6-2 in the first quarter and 14-2 in the second on their way to a 20-4 halftime lead. But in the second half the Lady Coyotes switched roles and outscored the Lady Mustangs 10-4 in the third quarter and 9-4 in the fourth. Unfortunately, the sixteen-point halftime deficit was too much to overcome, and the

Lady Coyotes fell short 28-23. Tye Basquez, Tatum Richey and McKenna Campbell led the team with 6 points each. Rebecca Taylor added three points, and Channing Miller 2. Cheyenne Tucker, Lexi Cheatham, Bailey Robinson, Clair Shafer, Kylee Dean, Karen Rojero, Taylor Roberts, Zoie Key, Bessie Rhodes, Eva Banman, Kyrsten Rebeles, and Holly Bradbury also made significant contributions to the team effort.

Coyotes Vs. Klondike



Borden County Coyote, Austin Tyler takes a shot and scores 2 points for the Coyotes in the match against the Klondike Cougars December 20th. The Coyotes defeated the Cougars 52-29.

Coyotes Tame the Cougars with a 52-29 Victory

By Coach Baeza

The varsity boys traveled to Klondike on Dec. 20 and came away with a solid victory of 52-29. This victory put the Coyotes at 3-0 in district which was critical before going into the holidays.

The Coyotes began the game hitting on all cylinders as all five starters contributed offensively. The Coyotes put up fifteen points in the first quarter with the Cougars trailing with 12. In the second quarter the Coyotes began to apply good defensive pressure as the Cougars were held to no points as we put in twelve to take a 27-12 first half lead.

In the second half the Coyotes continued to play good

defense allowing the Cougars only nine and eight points in the third and fourth quarter. The Coyotes continued to be productive offensively as they scored twelve and thirteen points in the third and fourth quarters. This was a critical win for the Coyotes as they are going to face tougher teams as they return for the holidays. Good Job Coyotes!

Scoring for the Coyotes: Tanner Richey 15, Quinton Shafer 9, David Rodriguez 7, Zach Telchik 6, Collin Telchik 5, Chance Taylor 4, Austin Tyler 4, T.J. Basquez 2, and also contributing was Riley Smith.

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School Lunch Menu

January 10-14, 2011

Menu subject to change

Monday - Breakfast: Pancake Pup, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: CChicken Fajitas, Refried Beans, Seasoned Corn Apricots and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pigs in a Blanket, Pinto Beans, Baked Chips, Pineapple Tidbits and Milk.

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

Thursday - Breakfast: Breakfast Quesadilla, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Salad, Tater Tots, Baby Carrots w/Ranch, Cookie and Milk.

Friday -No School

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7th Grade Boys Battle Hard Against Grady

By Coach Baeza

The 7th grade boys took on the Grady Wildcats this Monday and came up short in a hard fought game with a score of 25-27.

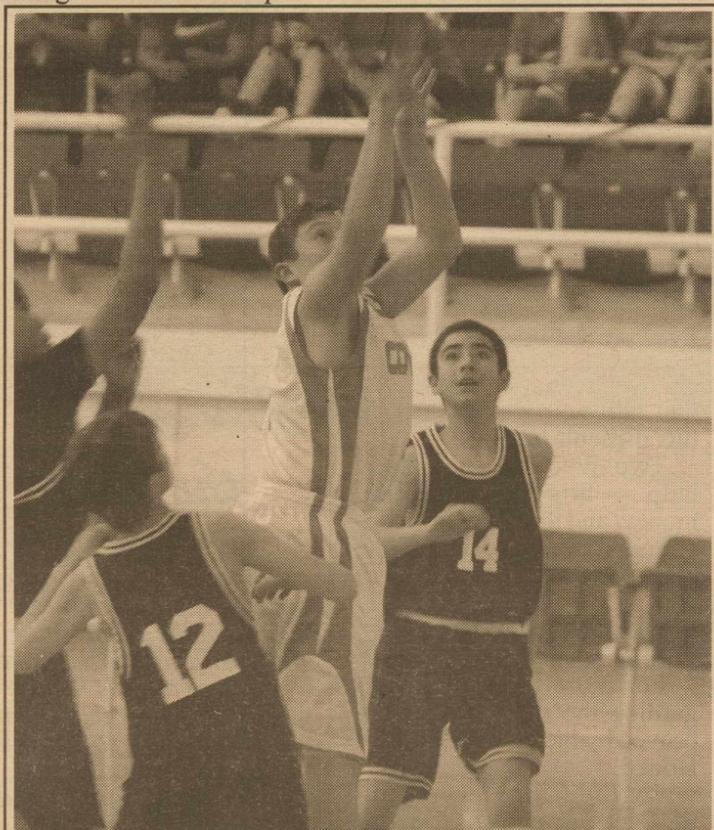
The Coyotes started well as Thomas Harrison had a hot hand in the first quarter putting in six points. Joel Andrade was the other Coyote to contribute offensively with four points which gave the Coyotes a 10-7 lead in the first quarter. In the second quarter the Coyotes struggles a little with the 1-3-1 defense the Wildcats were running and only managed four points in the second quarter with Merik Valentine and Joel Andrade both adding two points. This made the score 14-16 Coyotes trailing at half.

In the second half excellent defense played by Flint Roberts, Kelby Miller, and Samuel Raborn held the Wildcats to their lowest scoring quarter of the game with five points.

However the Coyotes were still struggling to get any offense going and only manage two points by Colby Pennell, and Merik Valentine to go into the fourth quarter trailing 18-21. In the fourth quarter the Coyotes began to put some offense together with Joel Andrade adding four points, Merik Valentine adding two, and Rhaeden Bland adding one to put seven points on the board.

Quality minutes played by Robert Jordan, Nathan Souder, and a host of other Coyotes held Grady to only six points to put the final score at 25-27 Grady. This was an excellent job of competing by the Coyotes after coming off a long break. Good Job Coyotes!

Scoring for the Coyotes: Joel Andrade 10, Merik Valentine 6, Thomas Harrison 6, Kolby Pennell 2, and Rhaeden Bland 1.



Merik Valentine finds the bucket to add on another 2 points for the 7th grade Pups

Borden County Basketball 2010 - 2011					
Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Site	Teams
Oct. 30	Sat.	Westbrook	2:00	Gail	gG
Nov. 2	Tues.	Lamesa	5:00	Lamesa	gG
Nov. 9	Tues.	Spur	6:00	Spur	G
Nov. 12	Fri.	Roby	6:00	Gail	gG
Nov. 16	Tues.	Midland Christian	6:00	Gail	gG
Nov. 19	Fri.	Smyer	4:00	Gail	gGbB
Nov. 23	Tues.	Garden City	4:00	Garden City	gGbB
Nov. 30	Tues.	Seagraves	5:00	Seagraves	gGbB
Dec. 2-4	Th.-Sat.	Roby Tourney	TBA	Roby	GB
Dec. 7	Tues.	Tahoka	4:00	Gail	gGbB
Dec. 9-11	Th.-Sat.	Borden Co. Invitational	TBA	Gail	GB
*Dec. 14	Tues.	Loop	4:00	Loop	gGbB
*Dec. 17	Fri.	Wellman-Union	4:00	Gail	gGbB
*Dec. 20	Mon.	Klondike	4:00	Klondike	gGbB
*Jan. 4	Tues.	Sands	4:00	Gail	gGbB
Jan 6 & 8	Th., Sat.	Forsan JV Tourney	TBA	Forsan	gb
*Jan. 7	Fri.	O'Donnell	4:00	O'Donnell	gGbB
*Jan. 11	Tues.	Dawson	4:00	Gail	gGbB
*Jan. 14	Fri.	Grady	4:00	Lenorah	gGbB
*Jan. 18	Tues.	Loop	4:00	Gail	gGbB
*Jan. 21	Fri.	Wellman-Union	4:00	Wellman	gGbB
*Jan. 25	Tues.	Klondike	4:00	Gail	gGbB
*Jan. 28	Fri.	Sands	4:00	Ackerly	gGbB
*Feb. 1	Tues.	O'Donnell	4:00	Gail	gGbB
*Feb. 4	Fri.	Dawson	4:00	Welch	gGbB
*Feb. 8	Tues.	Grady	4:00	Gail	gGbB

*District Games
Girls' Coaches: Colt McCook & Peter Benavidez
Boys' Coaches: Fernando Baeza & Trey Richey

Borden County Invitational
Anson (girls only) Forsan Ralls
Borden County Lorenzo Seminole JV
Colorado City (girls only) Lubbock Christian Wilson

Pups Fall to Grady Wildcats

By Coach Baeza

The 8th grade boys took on the Wildcats on Jan. 3 and came up a little short with a 21-34 loss.

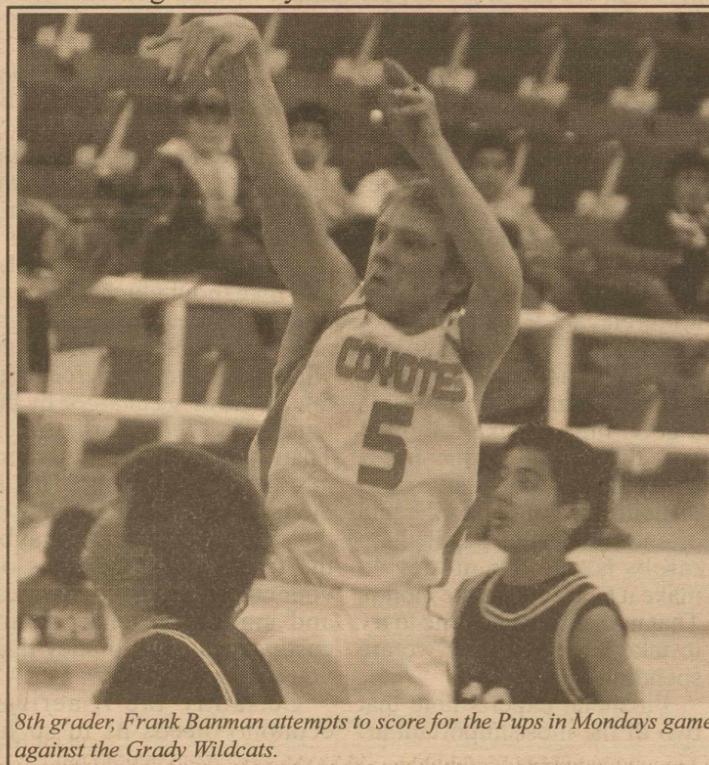
The Coyotes began the game on fire as they jumped out to a 6-0 lead. Ricky Torres paced the Coyotes with 3 points followed by Sean Tucker and Cayden Vaughn who both added two. The Wildcats who were very athletic fought back to end the first quarter with a score of 7-6 in favor of the Coyotes. The Coyotes had a very slow second quarter offensively as they were only able to manage two points by Ricky Torres. They did however play good defense and went into the locker room down 16-9.

The Coyotes started the second half playing well as they put in their biggest quarter of the game with 9 points. Cayden Vaughn put in four points in the third followed by Sean Tucker with three and Riley Herridge with two. The Coyotes continued to play tough defense in the fourth but did have another slow quarter only putting in three points to

finish the game behind 21-34.

The Coyotes did an impressive job playing a very athletic Wildcat team and played with great intensity. Good Job Coyotes! Scoring for the Coyotes:

Sean Tucker 7, Cayden Vaughn 6, Ricky Torres 5, Riley Herridge 2, and Frank Banman 1. Also contributing were Nathan Ham, Jayden Huse, and Hurricane Richter.



8th grader, Frank Banman attempts to score for the Pups in Mondays game against the Grady Wildcats.

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Heart and Home ...

by Julie Smith
Borden County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences



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Messy Closets Not Only Target for De-cluttering; Look at finances, too

If the mood strikes to clear out the clutter as the new year rolls around, one oft-overlooked area may need the most attention: personal finances.

As the calendar turns to a new year, one of the things we think about is getting organized at home among the things we own and cleaning out. But there is another important element and that is trying to gear up to deal with our financial papers to become a little better financially organized. Some people may be reluctant even to open their end-of-year investment statements because they know that the numbers will be very much lower than they were 12 months earlier.

Getting financially organized might initially make you feel depressed. But getting a handle on it overall and developing some action steps to make changes may make you feel better. A simple decision on where to put financial papers may be the first step, the financial expert noted.

At a minimum, categorize your incoming mail because January is the month when you will be receiving financial statements, many of which do have tax implications. So develop a system for monitoring your incoming mail right after the first of the year. A basket or a file folder can be used to hold relevant tax return material as it arrives whether it is opened immediately or not.

The beginning of the year is a good time to take a look at how the household income is being spent. Times have been difficult for many people, and oftentimes we feel that there rarely is enough money to make it to the end of the month. That makes it prime time to try to take a look at how we are spending money.

Financial experts note that two of the most important ar-

reas for consumers to focus on are ways to reduce debt and ways to save. Even though we are generally in a low-interest-rate environment, that is not true for credit cards. Many consumers have received notices about changes in the terms and conditions of credit card accounts. On December 18, 2008, the Federal Reserve Board approved final rules that would better protect credit card users by prohibiting certain unfair acts or practices and improving the disclosures consumers receive in connection with credit card accounts and other revolving credit plans.

So getting a handle on finances - where the money is coming from and where it is going - and how can we cut some corners is a good 'getting organized' kind of financial task for January.

Financial organization is often easier to approach in January, because people have their minds set on personal improvement such as losing weight, eating right and getting more exercise.

We make all kinds of resolutions. For 2011, we should be looking for ways to develop dual strategies to improve our physical health and our financial health. If you are carrying a lot of debt, make yourself a little worksheet that lists who you owe, how much you owe, how much are you paying right now on a monthly basis, and what is the annual percentage rate that is being charged by the lender or credit card issuer. That will help you know where to start reducing debt. This is the time for looking closely at the fine print because maybe the terms and conditions on your credit card have changed, and maybe the charges are costing you more money than you realized.

Certainly the American economy needs us to spend

money. But the American economy does not need us to go into deeper consumer debt to do this. If we continue to do that, then another bubble will burst. People are beginning to think about how their money is being spent and are figuring out ways to economize - to purchase the same item or service for less money. Saving money - no matter how small the amount - is as important as reducing debt.

We can take small steps to begin to save. Household budgets are tight right now, so it really means taking a good look at how money is being spent and where can we squeeze out more savings. Not eating lunch out as often and cooking more at home are two ways that people have changed spending habits. For workers whose funds were invested in the stock market with retirement accounts, the important thing to remember is now would not be the time to stop making regular retirement contributions. Instead, look at this as an opportunity to invest money to buy more shares than when share prices were higher. The market will come back, it's just that no one knows when that will happen.

Unemployment in some parts of the nation has risen significantly, and experts do not know yet what kind of fallout there will be in coming months or whether the unemployment rate will continue to increase. Each person needs to be looking at their own sense of job security. We would feel a lot better if we had a little bit of a cash reserve on hand to be able to sustain the early periods of unemployment. We should go back to the old-fashioned notion of having an emergency fund. Try to set aside money for a reserve fund to use if something catastrophic were to happen. Even if only small amounts can be saved, something is better than nothing. Despite the difficulties associated with reducing debt and carving out a part of the budget for savings, consumers have reason for optimism.

We should not lose hope. Our economy will recover even if we cannot predict when this will happen. In the meantime, consumers can benefit from the 'natural optimism' that usually accompanies the beginning of every a new year. That's when we think about the changes we want to make in

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Borden Junior High Basketball Schedule 2010-2011

Day	Date	Opponent	Teams	Site	Time
Mon.	Nov. 15	O'Donnell	G, B	Here	6:00
Mon.	Nov. 22	Loop	G, B	Here	6:00
Mon.	Nov. 29	Wellman-Union	G, B	There	6:00
Mon.	Dec. 6	Dawson	G, B	There	6:00
Mon.	Dec. 13	Sands	G, B	Here	6:00
Mon.	Jan. 3	Grady	G, B	Here	6:00
Mon.	Jan. 10	Klondike	G, B	There	6:00
Thurs.	Jan. 20	Sands	G, B	There	6:00
Sat.	Jan. 22	Sands Tournament	G, B	There	TBA
Mon.	Jan. 24	Grady	G, B	There	6:00
Mon.	Jan. 31	Klondike	G, B	Here	6:00

G- Junior High Girls
B- Junior High Boys

Superintendent: Jimmy Thomas
Principal: Bart McMeans
Girls' Coaches-Colt McCook and Peter Benavidez
Boys' Coaches-Fernando Baeza and Trey Richey

our own lives. Maybe this year, that will help get us through this difficult period.

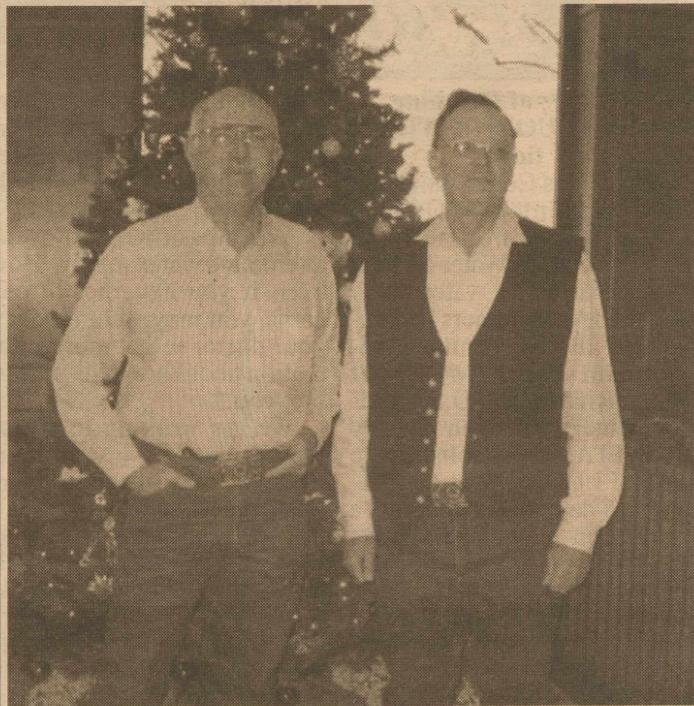
Two Web sites that may help - <http://fcs.tamu.edu/money/> and the national Cooperative Extension System site http://www.extension.org/pages/Financial_Security_Managing_Money_in_Tough_Times.

For more information regarding the rule changes approved by the Federal Reserve Board, <http://www.federalreserve.gov/newsevents/press/bcreg/20081218a.htm>.

Thought for the Day

*Cold words freeze
people and hot words
scorch them, and bitter
words make them bitter,
and wrathful words make
them wrathful. Kind
words also produce their
image on men's souls; and
a beautiful image it is.
They smooth, quiet, and
comfort the hearer.
-Blaise Pascal*

Retirement Reception



Honorable Van York (right), County Judge and Honorable Kenneth P. Bennett (left), Treasurer were honored with a come and go retirement reception on December 29, 2010 at the Borden County Courthouse. Several family members and friends were on hand to wish them good luck in their future endeavors. Well wishers enjoyed punch and cookies.

Locks of Love



Borden County 1st grader, Ryann Phillips recently donated 10 inches of her hair to Locks of Love. Locks of Love is a non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children in the United States and Canada suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis. Borden County graduate, Shayla Gass of Panache Salon cut and styled Miss Phillips hair.

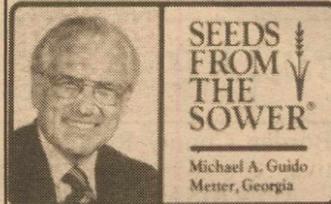
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Enjoy God's presence. He promises, "Fear not; for I am with thee." With God's Spirit within you, His angels around you, His arms beneath you, you are more than sufficient for the year before you.

Engage God's power. He promises, "I will strengthen thee." For each load you'll have His lift and for each trial His triumph.

Enlist God's provision. The Bible promises, "My God shall supply all your needs." God is good enough, great enough, wise enough and understanding enough for anything you need.

Experience God's pardon. The Bible promises, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us." But God wants you to be a victor, not a victim. So trust Him!

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Obituaries

Juanita Smith 1925 - 2010

Juanita Smith, 85, of Midland, died on Monday, December 13, 2010, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton, Pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Interment followed at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family received friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at the funeral home.

She was born on January 15, 1925, in Vincent, Texas and married L.D. Smith on April 29, 1942 in Vealmoor, Texas. He preceded her in death on July 15, 1995.

Juanita was a lifelong resident of Howard County. She loved living out on the ranch and was a great cook. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Danny Hagins and Carolyn and Jimmie Foster all of Midland; one son and daughter-in-law, Don and Susie Smith of Weatherford; ten grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Edward Smith; one grandson, Will Smith; her parents, Archie and Ada Mae Hodnett; three brothers, Leonard Hodnett, Y.B. Hodnett and Haril Hodnett and three sisters, Fay Marie Gillihan, Anna Mae Hyden and Wanda Self.

The family suggests memorials be made to American Diabetes Association, 8008 Slide Rd., Lubbock, Texas 79424 or the Borden County EMS, P.O. Box 342, Gail, Texas 79738.

Arrangements were under the direction of Nalley-Pickle

& Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com.

Norman Doyle "Slick" Sneed 1923 - 2010

Norman Doyle "Slick" Sneed, 87 of Gail, died at his residence on Sunday, December 26, 2010 after a lengthy illness.

Services for Mr. Sneed were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 28, 2010 at the Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel with Mr. Gary Bradley, a nephew, officiating. Interment followed in the Gail Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert Funeral Home.

Mr. Sneed was born on September 10, 1923 in Borden County to the late Herman and Alma (Norman) Sneed. He was a World War II Army veteran serving in France and Belgium. He was married to Bonnie Eller on January 14, 1952 in Oklahoma. She preceded him in death on March 8, 1998. He later married Gladys Hanson on May 14, 1998. Mr. Sneed served as sheriff in Borden County for 26 years. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Snyder, Texas.

Survivors include his wife, Gladys of Gail; 2 daughters and a son-in-law, Kay Yeager of Quinlan, Texas and Sandra and Richard Bloom of Big Spring, Texas; one son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Betty Sneed of Abilene, Texas; seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren; a brother-in-law, James Beckham of Snyder; nephews, Dr. Alvin Sneed of Lubbock and Zearl Drum of South Dakota.

He was also preceded in death by four sisters and one brother.



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Commissioners Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 14th day of December, 2010, 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:

VAN L. YORK, 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, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

Present were Sheriff, Billy Gannaway, Ross Sharp, Joe Grimes, Orlando A. Puig.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meetings of November 23, 2010 were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY OFFICE REPORTS

After examination of the County Offices Reports, Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve submitted reports. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PRECINCT NO. 1 PICK-UP

Commissioner Belew made a motion to authorize Commissioner Smith to purchase a pick-up for Precinct No. 1. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

OFFICIAL COUNTY HOLIDAYS FOR 2011

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith so set the Eleven County Holidays for the year 2011 as listed. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REINVESTMENT ZONE PUBLIC HEARING

At 9:15 a.m. Commissioner Belew made a motion to recess Commissioners Court and to open the hearing for the reinvestment zone for Tax Abatement I Western Borden County as requested by Mesquite Creek Wind LLC. Commis-

sioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

No interested person attended.

At 9:20 a.m. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to close Public Hearing and reopen the Commissioners Court. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REINVESTMENT ZONE

A motion was made by Commissioner Belew to approve the order designating the Reinvestment Zone for Mesquite Creek Wind, LLC. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ABATEMENT AGREEMENT

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the Abatement Agreement between Borden County and Mesquite Creek Wind, LLC. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

BORDEN COUNTY EVENTS CENTER AND RODEO ARENA

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve acquiring an additional propane tank and the relocation of tanks to the North and to put tile on the floor of Bathrooms. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew.

EXTENSION OFFICE COUNTY EMPLOYEE

Julie Smith and Cody Hill visited with the court concerning the employment of an extension office County Employee. No action taken.

FIREWORKS BAN

Due to danger of fire because of high grass or dry vegetation, Commissioner Adcock made a motion to adopt order prohibiting sale or use of certain Fireworks in unincorporated areas of Borden County during the upcoming holiday season. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

REGULAR COURT DAY

A motion was made by Commissioner Belew to set the second (2nd) Tuesday of each month as the Regular Session for the Commissioners Court to convene for the year 2011. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BORDEN COUNTY APPRAISAL BOARD

No action taken on the Appraisal Board Vacancy of

Borden County Representative.

APPRAISAL DISTRICT

Commissioner Smith made a motion to contract with Borden County Appraisal Board to collect Borden County Taxes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

APPRAISAL DISTRICT

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to lease the Borden County Community Room to the Borden County Appraisal District at \$500.00 per month. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to correct the short paper error in Commissioners Court Minute Book for February 9, 2010. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Adcock to approve the applications from Marge Toombs in Precinct No. 4 and C.D. Gray, Jr. in Precinct No. 2 for Soil Conservation Construction of Fireguards at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for a motor grader and \$65.00 per hour for a dozer. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined. A motion was made by Commissioner Adcock to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No new items were presented.

ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 28th day of December, 2010.

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Notice of Drinking Water FLUORIDE Violation

The Texas Commission On Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the Borden County Water System that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for FLUORIDE. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL FLUORIDE at 4 mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for FLUORIDE indicates a level of 5.5 mg/L in the 3rd quarter mg/L in 2008 and a level of 5.5 mg/L in the 4th quarter of 2008.

This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing FLUORIDE in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Fluoride in drinking water at half the MCL or more may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than nine years old. Mottling, also known as dental fluorosis,

may include brown staining and/or pitting of the teeth, and occurs only in developing teeth before they erupt from the gums.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

We are working to correct the problem by investigating the possibility of connecting to another system.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For further information contact the County Judge's Office, Borden County Courthouse, 117 E. Wasson, Gail, Texas 79738, phone 806/756-4391

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Texas Stories

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Corsicana Cornucopia

The city of Corsicana, in Navarro County, has a rich history. It was the site of the first oil field in Texas, discovered in 1894. People used to take Sunday drives to see a gusher. Wolf Brand Chili began in Corsicana; so did the Collin Street Bakery, which sells tons of fruitcake every year. Texas Governor Buford Jester was born in Corsicana. The Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court for a number of years, Robert Calvert, grew up in the Corsicana State Orphans Home. In the 1950's Corsicana had a blind justice, Jim Sewell, who was county judge, later district judge.

Corsicana is also home to one of the strangest stories in Texas. It involves a circus elephant named Black Diamond, who went on a rampage during a circus parade in Corsicana in 1929 and seriously injured his former trainer and killed the trainer's employer. Some say the elephant acted in a jealous rage because he was angry with the woman for taking the trainer away from the circus. Black Diamond was shot and his skull is in a Corsicana trophy room owned by Carmack Watkins, a big game hunter and businessman who witnessed the incident when he was a child. Dr. Tommy Stringer is Vice President of Navarro College in Corsicana. He is a lover of history and has written and broadcast stories about Corsicana in books, magazines and on the local radio station KAND.

"Corsicana dates back to the 1840's," says Dr. Stringer. "The county is named for Jose Antonio Navarro, the Texas patriot who signed the Texas Declaration of Independence

and served in the Republic of Texas congress. He was never here, by the way. When the county was organized in 1846, the legislature honored him for his contributions to the state. But he never visited his namesake county. Navarro also named the county seat. When the community was created specifically to be the county seat, Navarro was asked what he wanted to name the settlement. He chose Corsicana for the island of Corsica, which was the birthplace of his father. Napoleon Bonaparte was also born on Corsica."

Corsicana was headquarters for K. Wolens, a chain of department stores across Texas. The city once had a large Jewish population that worshipped in two synagogues. The buildings are now owned by the city. One is a community center. A man known only as Rope Walker paid a visit to Corsicana and stayed there. "He came to town in the 1880's. He was a seller of cook stoves and had a peg leg. So to draw a crowd, he stretched a tight rope across Beacon Street, the main business street in town. He was going to walk across that thing. He strapped one of these cook stoves to his back. He got part way across and fell. His injuries were serious. People went over to him and asked him if he wanted a priest or minister and he said, 'no, I'm Jewish.' So they got one of the Jewish laymen to say some prayers with him just before he died. They never found out who he was. There was no identification on him. He is buried in the Hebrew Cemetery. The marker at his grave simply carries the inscription *Rope Walker*."

Making the Grade!

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