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Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

*Backbone: Firmness; moral
principle; steadfastness*

This country was built on strength of character and backbone. The founders literally put their lives on the line for what they believed in. It didn't matter that the odds were stacked against them. It didn't matter that failure would mean certain death. It didn't matter that the "conventional wisdom" at that time was that they didn't have the numbers, resources, knowledge, or skill to break free from England, the most powerful nation on earth.

Had the founders been without backbone, our great country would never have emerged. If the founders were susceptible to critics and detractors they certainly would have abandoned their plans before progressing past the conceptual stage. Who were the people that turned the dream of a free country into reality?

They were farmers, shopkeepers, craftsmen, merchants, wagon drivers, sailors, and laborers. They were under equipped, poorly supplied, poorly trained, under paid, and outnumbered. But they had backbone. Without it, the vision of the founders would have collapsed.

Knowing who you are, what you believe in, what you stand

for, your code of ethics, your boundaries, are all components of the character trait commonly known as "backbone." The willingness to stand up and speak out is a commendable attribute that is not nearly as prevalent as it should be.

Do you know what you believe in? Perhaps you're not sure or haven't given it much thought. Without knowing what you stand for, how can you know where your boundaries are? You may be asked to do something or be put into a position you are uncomfortable with. The better you know yourself, the better you can identify your boundaries.

You may have heard the phrase, "you've got to stand for something or you'll fall for anything." People wind up in trouble when they lack standards to guide them. Consequently, they get into predicaments because they can not discern when it's appropriate to say "no" instead of "yes."

The excuses are endless. "I just couldn't say no." "It didn't seem like that big a deal." "Everyone does it." "I didn't think I was doing anything wrong." "I don't understand what the all

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Agriculture Secretary Vilsack Announces Changes to CRP to Assist Producers Impacted by Severe Drought Conditions

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8, 2011 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is modifying its Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) policies to help those affected by sustained drought conditions. Throughout this year of extreme weather, USDA has supported and delivered assistance to farmers, ranchers, and rural communities across the country.

"We continue to do all we can to help thousands of farmers and ranchers in the southwestern United States who are struggling from drought," said Vilsack. "Many ranchers have been or will be forced to sell livestock due to drought and USDA will do what we can to help our farmers and ranchers during these challenging times."

The policy changes influence FSA rules governing emergency grazing. The period normally allowed for emergency grazing lasts through Sept. 30, 2011. FSA is permitting farmers and ranchers in drought stricken states who have been approved for emergency grazing, including those

in Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas, to extend the emergency grazing period to Oct. 31, 2011, without an additional payment reduction.

Producers wishing to participate in emergency grazing must first request permission from the FSA county office by indicating the acreage to be grazed.

As a second condition designed to help livestock producers, FSA will allow producers nationwide to utilize harvested hay from expiring CRP acres when those acres are being prepared for fall seeded crops. Prior to this modification, all mechanically harvested hay was required to be destroyed. This change enables livestock producers to feed the hay that is mechanically harvested to their own livestock or to sell or donate hay. Consistent with existing policy for managed or emergency haying and grazing of eligible CRP acres, rental payments will be reduced by 25 percent for those utilizing this option.

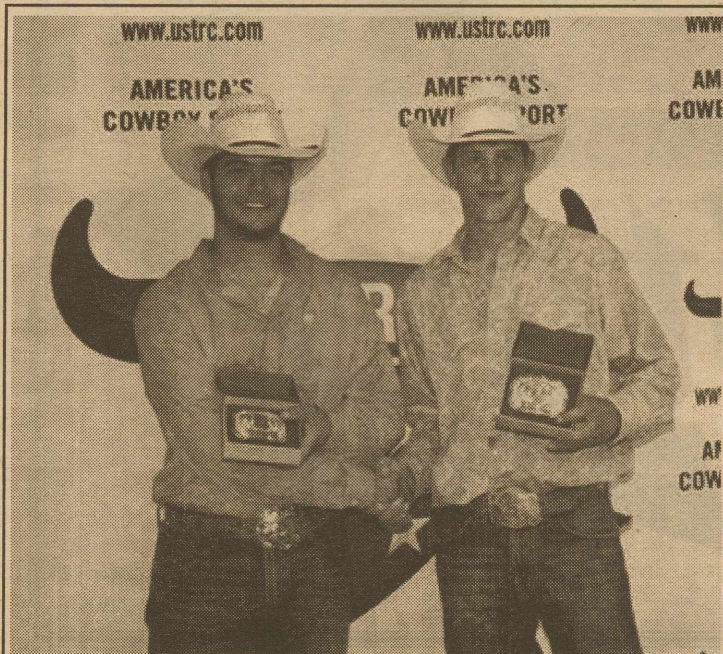
"We are eager to do all we can in the face of this drought crisis across the southern

plains," said FSA Administrator Bruce Nelson. "This has been one of the worst dry and hot spells since the Dust Bowl era of the '30s."

For further information about the Conservation Reserve Program and Emergency Haying and Grazing, producers are encouraged to visit their USDA Service Centers or go online to www.fsa.usda.gov. Search under Conservation Programs and Disaster Assistance.

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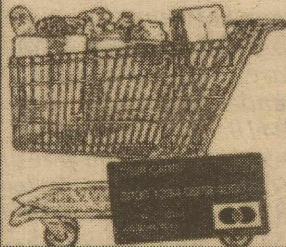
McLayne Hall (left) and Conner Hall

Borden County Student Qualifies for USTRC National Finals

McLayne Hall, a junior at Borden County, recently participated in the USTRC Southwest Regional Finals in Clovis, NM where over 130 teams competed. McLayne and his partner/cousin, Connor Hall of Capitan, NM, were the high call-back team to the short round after roping two steers in 20 seconds giving them the number one spot in the short round. They roped their short round steer in a clean 9.2 seconds which put them second in the average earning them trophy Gist buckles, \$2350, and enough flex earnings to qualify them for the USTRC National Finals in Oklahoma City in October.

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Borden County Independent School District 2011-2012

SECONDARY SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Please realize that teachers may add to their list on the first day of school...
College classes will receive instructions that day as well.

Mr. Baeza – Social Studies (8th), World History (10th)

- Notebook paper
- Pens
- Red pens

Mr. Benavidez – Spanish I, Spanish II, & Spanish III

- 17^{1/2}" Notebook
- Dividers
- Notebook Paper
- Red pens
- Plenty of 3"x 5" note cards

Elementary P.E.

Gym Shoes (If your child cannot tie his/her shoes, please provide Velcro snaps)

Mrs. Bradbury-Science (7th & 8th) Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics

- 1 1/2" 3 Ring Binder
- Set of Tab Dividers (5)
- Map Colors
- Pens/pencils
- Physics-Box of Gallon sized zip baggies
- 7th & 8th-Box of quart sized zippered baggies
- Freshmen (Biology) & Sophomores (Chemistry)-Container of Clorox Wipes

Anatomy & Physiology Class-index Cards
All Classes-Composition Book

Mrs. Herridge – English I, English II, English III, English IV, Science (6th)

English Classes

- 1 1/2" 3-Ring Notebook
- Dividers (At least 10)
- 5-Subject Spiral
- Blue or Black Pens
- RED pens
- Loose-leaf notebook paper
- 3X5 Index Cards

Science Class (6th)

- Spiral notebook (5 Subject)
- Homework Folder
- 1 1/2 inch 3 ring notebook
- Dividers (At least 10)

Pencils
Red pens
3X5 Index Cards

Mrs. Key – Math (6th, 7th, & 8th), Algebra I, Technology Applications (7th)

- Notebook paper
- Spiral notebook (5-Subject)
- Folder
- Plenty of pencils
- Red pens

Ms. Mayes – Reading (6th), Social Studies (6th) English (6th) English (7th)

- 2" Size 3-Ring Notebook (No zippers or flaps) Notebook Paper
- Dividers
- Map pencils
- Blue or black ink pens
- Pencils
- Red pens

Mr. Skelton– Social Studies (7th), World Geography (9th), (11th)

- Spiral Notebook
- Pens-Blue or Black
- World Geography: Map pencils
- 2 pkgs. 3X5 index cards
- Red Pens

Mrs. Phillips – Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Math Models

- Notebook paper
- 3 Ring Binder
- Dividers
- Plenty of pencils
- Red Pen

Mr. Richey – Math (7th), Geometry, Independent Math Studies

- Notebook paper
- Spiral notebook
- Dividers (5 or 6)
- Pencils
- Red pens (No other colors needed)
- Highlighter
- Dry erase marker (2 or 3)
- Compass-optional
- Protractor-optional
- 7th & 8th Grades: Inexpensive calculator

Mrs. Soto – Reading (7th & 8th) English (8th)

- 1.5 – 2 inch hard cover 3 ring notebook (1 Only for 8th Grade classes)
- 6 dividers
- notebook paper
- Black or blue pens
- Red pens
- 3 holed pen pouch (dedicated to reading only)
- Folder w/brads and pockets
- Smiling Face-Good Attitude!

Mr. Wallace – Agriculture Science (8th-12th)

8th Grade:

- 3-Ring Notebook
- 9 Dividers with labels
- Pens
- Pencils
- Notebook Paper

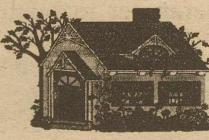
9th-12th Grades:

- 9 Dividers with labels
- Pens
- Pencils
- Notebook Paper

AgriLIFE EXTENSION
Texas A&M System

Heart and Home ...

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



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Back-to-School Schedules

For many, August means back to school and the return of hectic schedules. After a few months of enjoying the lazy days of summer, many children have a difficult time adjusting to the new school year.

Creating a back to school schedule will help to reduce stress and create a smoother transition back into good habits. Here are some helpful tips to prepare your children for the school year ahead:

- Get in the sleep habit early. Sleep is a vital aspect of health and growing children should get between seven and eight hours a night. Start your children on a sleep schedule several weeks before the start of classes. When the school year rolls around, your children will already be practicing good sleep habits which will make the transition easier.

- Practice getting ready the night before. To help reduce morning stress and start the day off with happy kids, practice preparing for the school day the night before. Make lunches together, pack backpacks and even lay clothes out. Not only will this make the mornings go smoother, kids will have the opportunity to feel involved in decision making processes.

- Make physical activity part of your schedule. Look for opportunities throughout the day to add in time to be active such as walking to and from school. If you drive your children to school, park the car a few blocks from school and walk together. Or make a game and see who can finish their

daily chores the quickest. Household activities are a great way to get the heart rate up and check two things off the to-do list at one time!

- Set consistent meal times. Meal times during the summer often turn into free-for-alls. During the school year, schedule a set time for the family to eat together with the understanding that all family members will do their best to be there. If meals are difficult, try to schedule at least one family activity a day such as a walk outside! Make this part of the schedule and it will become another healthy family habit.

- Create study spaces. Before the homework assignments start rolling in, work with your child to designate a space for studying free from distractions. Outfit the space with good lighting, homework supplies like pens and paper, and also make sure there is enough space to take physical activity breaks. Children should schedule in activity breaks every thirty minutes to get their blood pumping and jump-start their brains.

- Most importantly, create weekly or monthly schedules. Get organized in advance by mapping out all scheduled activities, homework time, screen time, and family activities. Planning in advance will help you keep screen time in check to leave enough time for active play!

Source: Eat Smart, Move More North Carolina August 2011 e-newsletter

Dare to Live...

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the fuss is about." "It was an offer I couldn't refuse." "I would have lost my job if I didn't comply."

Having backbone generally isn't the path of least resistance. Having backbone may require you to ignore peer pressure or financial pressure. Having backbone takes conviction and strength of character. Having backbone isn't easy. It will make you a target for ridicule and criticism. You will be urged to conform and not rock the boat.

Although those with backbone are in the minority, they are the ones who make significant contributions and have the biggest positive impact on others. It takes backbone to innovate and leave the beaten track. It takes backbone to stand up for your principles.

Why is it important for you to have backbone? It allows you to sleep at night without worrying about being swayed from your beliefs. Your principles and standards will guide you through tough times when you may be tempted by the path of least resistance.

Money is a major distraction that clouds one's thoughts and taints judgement. Trouble arises when a person decides to do something for money that violates their code of ethics. The amount is irrelevant. When a person does something contrary to their beliefs, it doesn't matter how much money is involved. The result is the same; you were bought.

Develop principles that help people. Reject actions that take advantage of or put people at risk. Prove the adage "everyone has their price" wrong by not having a price. Stand up for what you believe is right. Don't be intimidated or deterred by what you anticipate others might think or say.

Backbone provides peace of mind. You won't have to look over your shoulder and you won't regret that you should have stood your ground.

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Thank You


I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Borden County EMS and those who responded when Garrett had his accident. He is home and doing well. It is a blessing to live in the caring community that we do.

Sincerely,
Cody Hill and family



AgriLIFE EXTENSION
Texas A&M System

Do YOU have what it takes to be a teen babysitter?



What: We are offering a Teen Babysitter's Certification Course for all Borden County and area youth! This workshop will be open to youth ages 11-18. To receive the basic training, you will need to complete the one day workshop. Once you complete this workshop you are eligible to take the CPR/First Aid training which will be held at a later date yet to be determined (it will also be an 8 hour course).

When: Thursday, August 18, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
NOTE A DATE CHANGE (the date has been changed to accommodate those that had conflicts)!!

Where: Borden County Events Center

Cost: \$20 (this will cover supplies and lunch)

RSVP: Tuesday, August 16, 2011 by 5:00 p.m. to (806)756-4336 or julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu

This event is being offered by Julie Smith, County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences with Texas AgriLife Extension Service-Borden County. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in Extension sponsored programs are encouraged to contact Texas AgriLife Extension Service - Borden County at (806)756-4336 to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.

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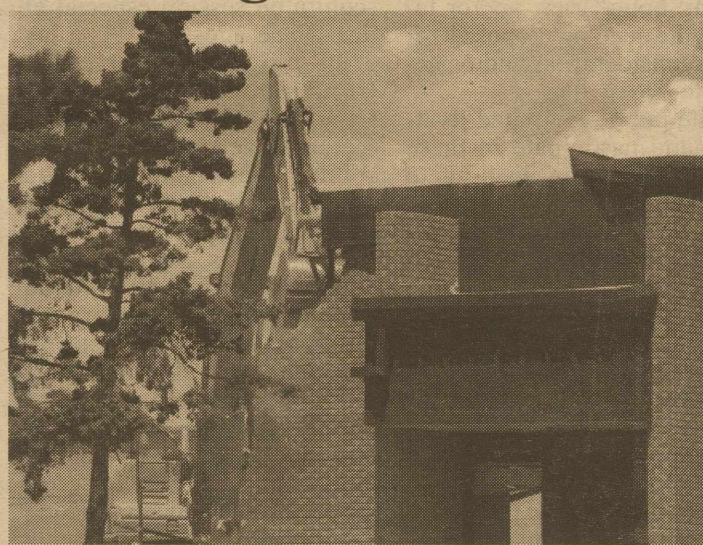
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Demolition of Ag Building



Crews began and finished the demolition of the old ag building last week and are expected to begin the demolition of the old two story school building next week.

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Borden County, Texas

The Commissioners Court of Borden County, Texas cordially invites the Public to attend a public hearing on the topic of county redistricting on the 23rd day of August 2011, at 3:00 p.m. in the Borden County Courthouse.

The Commissioners Court is considering one or more alternate plans for the redistricting of County Commissioners' Court precinct will also have an impact on election precincts, polling places, and Justice of the Peace/Constable precincts. Public comment is sincerely solicited.

Signed: Ross D. Sharp
Borden County Judge

Pursuant to Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code, notice is hereby given that the Commissions Court of Borden County, Texas will convene in special session on the 23rd day of August 2011, at 3:00 p.m. in the Borden County Courthouse, to receive public comment on redistricting of county election, justice of the peace and commissioners court precincts. Following the public hearings, the Commissioners Court will take up for consideration and possible action one or more alternative plans for the redistricting of County Commissioners Court precincts. The Court reserves the right to take any and all appropriate action regarding the redistricting of Borden County political boundaries, including the acceptance of new boundaries for the Commissioners Court precincts, modification of any boundaries, and/or tabling the pending proposals for later consideration and/or action.

The public is invited to attend and participate in these meetings. Those wishing to address the Court should sign a speakers request form provided for this purpose. Each speaker will be asked to come before the Court, to identify themselves, their address, and the Commissioners Court precinct and Election Precinct they reside within. Comments should be reasonably concise and to the point. Questions will be answered, but the Court will not permit argument or excessive discussion of any particu-

lar topic. The hearing will be conducted under rules of judicial decorum. A tape recording of the hearing will be made of this hearing. Your comments will be transcribed and included with the submission of the proposed changes to existing Commissioners Court precincts to the United Stte Department of Justice.

AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PUBLICA Condado de Borden

La Corte de Comisionados del Condado de Borden en Texas cordialmente invita al público a asistir a las audiencias públicas sobre el tema de la redistribución de distritos del condado el dia 23 de agosto 2011, a las 3:00 pm en la Corte del Condado de Borden.

La Corte de Comisionados está considerando uno o más planes alternativos para la nueva delimitación de los precinctos de la Corte de Comisionados del Condado. Los cambios en los limites actuales de cada precinct de la Corte de Comisionados también afectarán los precinctos electorales, lugares de votación, y precinctos de los Jueces de Paz y sus Alguaciles. La opinión del público será de mucha utilidad.

Firma: Ross D. Sharp
Juez del Condado de Borden

En cumplimiento con el Capítulo 552 del Códugi de Gobierno de Texas, por medio de la presente se da Aviso de que la Corte de Comisionados del Condado de Borden se reunirá en session especial el dea 23 de agosto 2011, a las 3:00 pm en la Corte del Condado de Borden. Del Condado de Borden para recibir comentarios del public sobre la nueva delimitación de precinctos electorales, de Juez de Paz y de la Corte de Comisionados. Seguido de la audiencia pública, la Corte de Comisionados pondrá a consideración y posible acción uno o más planes alternativos para la nueva delimitación de los precinctos de la Corte de Comisionados del Condado. La Corte se reserve el derecho de tomar toda y cualquier acción apropiada con respecto a la nueva

delimitación de la division politica del Condado de Borden, incluyendo la aceptación de nuevos limites para los precinctos de la Corte de Comisionados, la modificación de cualquier limite, y/o posponer las propuestas pendientes para su posterior consideración y/o acción.

Se invita al public a asistir y participar en esta asamblea. Las personas que deseen dirigirse a la Corte deberán firmar un formulario de solicitud para oradores que se proporciona para este fin. A cada orador se le pediU'a presentarse anto la Corte, identificarse, dar su direccióny el precincto de la

Corte de Comisionados y Precinto Electoral al que pertenecen. Los comentarios deberán ser razonablemente concisos y al punto. Las preguntas serán contestadas, pero la Corte no permitiU'a controversias ni discusiones excesivas de un tema en particular. La audiencia se llevaU'a a cabo bajo las reglas del decoro judicial, y se grabará la audiencia en una cinta. Sus comentarios se transcribiU'an e incluiU'an con la presentación de los cambios propuestos a los precinctos existents de la Corte de Comisionados ante el Departamento de Justicia de los Estados Unidos,

Thought for the Day

Human beings divide the human race horizontally: upper class, middle class, lower class. But Christ divides it vertically: to the right and to the left; and its Christ's division which will stand.
Unknown

BANK DEPOSITORY BID NOTICE/REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

BORDEN COUNTY ISD

BOX 95

GAIL, TEXAS 79738

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive bids/requests for proposals to serve as Depository for the purpose of assisting with the banking functions for all funds of the Borden County Independent School District.

Pursuant to existing provisions of Chapter 45, Subchapter G, School District Depositories, Texas Education Code, it is the intention of the Board of Trustees of the District to select a Depository through soliciting bids and/or proposals for a Depository services contract for a term of two years beginning September 1, 2011, and ending August 31, 2013, or until such time as a successor Depository is selected and qualified agrees to a depository agreement based on either fees or compensating balances.

The District and the Depository may agree to extend this contract for two additional two-year terms in accordance with Section 45.205 of the Education Code. This section requires that the contract and any extension of this contract coincide with the District's fiscal year. In the event the District changes its fiscal year, the term of the contract may be shortened or extended no more than one year by mutual agreement to coincide, provided that this contract is to remain in effect until its successor is selected and been qualified. If the parties cannot agree, the District may at its option change the term of this contract.

The resulting contract and any extension(s) shall become binding upon the District and the Depository only upon acceptance by the Texas Education Agency.

The legal provisions providing for the naming of a Depository of the District are set forth in Subchapter G, School District Depositories, Sections 45.201 through 45.209, of the Texas Education Code. Investments by the District will be governed by the Government Code, Chapter 2256, Public Funds Investment. Securities pledged as collateral to secure District deposits will be governed by the Government Code, Chapter 2257, Collateral for Public Funds.

Bidders Conference

A bidders conference/pre-proposal conference will not be held. Bank representation is not required for submitting a bid or proposal; however, the submission of a bid or proposal shall be prima facie evidence that the bidder has full knowledge of the detailed requirements as outlined in this bid and proposal notice.

Bids and Proposals shall be addressed to Jimmy Thomas; Borden County Independent School District; Box 95; Gail, Texas 79738, and shall be delivered in a sealed envelope marked appropriately as "Borden County ISD Depository Bid"/ "Borden County ISD Depository Proposal". Bids and/or Proposals will be received up to but no later than 2:00 P.M. on Friday, August 12, 2011. Bids and/or Proposals will be opened and read as they are received. Banks submitting bids and/or proposals should be careful to see that the appropriate form is used. Bids and/or Proposals will be tabulated, researched, and selected by the Board of Trustees at the regular meeting on August 22, 2011. Bids and/or Proposals received after the specified date will not be considered.

The Borden County ISD Board of Trustees or its designee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposed bids and/or proposals, to waive any and all technicalities, and to accept the bid and/or proposal that will best serve the needs of the District.

Questions regarding bid and/or proposal forms, and additional information shall be directed to Jimmy Thomas by writing the above address; by fax at 806-756-4310; or by e-mail to jthomas@bcisd.net;

By Order of the Board of Trustees
Borden County Independent School District
Mike Valentine, Secretary