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Drought Scorches Texas Farmers and Ranchers for a Record \$5.2 Billion Loss

Morris News Service
LUBBOCK — Drought scorched Texas farmers and ranchers for a record \$5.2 billion in estimated lost income so far this year.

The Texas Agrilife Extension Service estimated cotton losses had already hit \$1.8 billion, and ranching suffered \$2.1 billion as

high commodity prices and withering conditions combined for the state's most costly year since 2006.

Economists were still calculating the ripple effect for communities like Lubbock, where ginners and other support businesses would be hit by a small crop.

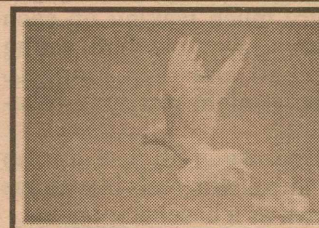
"This destructive climatic pattern has taken a huge toll on crops and forages, and the timing could not have been worse for Texas producers," Travis Miller, an extension economist and member of the Governor's Drought Preparedness Coun-

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Old Borden County School Demolished



Construction crews began demolishing the old Borden County 2-story school building last week to make room for construction of the new softball field.



Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Preparation

What can you do to accomplish all of the following?

• Increase your chances of having good luck.

• Enhance your odds for success.

• Reduce the possibility of failure.

• Build a solid foundation for your future.

Preparation achieves all of the above. Preparation is working smart and hard while keeping your goals in mind. Preparation never ends.

In the early 1900's, girls were expected to wear dresses and learn domestic skills. There was a clear societal delineation between what opportunities were available to men and women. Women were in the background of their husbands' lives rather than being leaders, innovators, and explorers.

Amelia Earhart broke the mold to become one of the most recognized pioneers in aviation. Among her many accomplishments, Amelia was the first woman to fly alone across the Atlantic and the first to make a solo transcontinental flight.

Once Amelia decided she wanted to fly, did she just jump into a plane determined to figure out the controls as she raced down the runway? Of course not. Actually, she not only took basic flying lessons, but also studied stunt flying so she could

learn to control her plane in every situation.

Before leaving on any trip, Amelia prepared meticulously. No detail was overlooked. She made sure the weather, her equipment, and the route were the best possible. Amelia felt that preparation was at least two-thirds of any venture.

She always compared risks to rewards before taking any chances. If a goal was worth the risks involved, Amelia wouldn't worry about attempting it. Without preparation, the chances for success fall perilously close to zero.

Gertrude Ederle, who in 1926 became the first woman to swim the English Channel, nearly drowned in a pond when she was 7 years old. No one would have held it against her if she never wanted to go near water again.

Undaunted by the mishap, Gertrude learned to swim. She spent years of practice and preparation readying herself for the Channel crossing. Gertrude was 19 years old when she made history. Prior to her success, only five men had succeeded in making the trip. Gertrude's time of 14 hours and 31 minutes beat the prior record by almost two hours.

Preparation not only lets you

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Telchik Hopes to Someday Be Reunited With Brother

Courtesy of Lamesa Press Reporter
By Dwight Hines

"He ain't heavy he's my brother."

Pretty much all his life, Collin Telchik was in older brother Zack's shadow on the diamond. As a two-time all-stater, Zack has been a good role model.

"I'm real happy for Zack and now I'm trying to fill his shoes. Zack's been there pretty much all the time," Collin said, before quickly adding, it's always been that way going back to our pee wee days when dad (Kevin) was our coach."

These two brothers have many things in common, not only a love for that game but as well as competition in general.

While Zack left this weekend to start his college baseball life at LaTorneau University in Longview, Collin has spent a great deal of his summer vacation pursuing his dreams of also playing college baseball.

Who knows, maybe even someday as college teammates.

"If that's where we also decided to go, that would be okay with us," Collin grinned.

"We've played ball together since we were little. Right now, we just want the chance to play ball anywhere, but if it did work out that way it would be sweet."

Collin spent seven weeks of this summer competing in an IMG Wood Bat League at Bradenton, Fla.

"It's a huge academy—pretty much every sport's out there, both guys and girls: basketball, soccer, football, lacrosse everything," Collin said.

Collin helped his summer team at Florida not only win its league but then also its tournament championship. Collin played the infield as well as the outfield and even once pitched for that team.

It was definitely a summer that Collin will not soon forget.

"One of my roommates was from Louisiana, but the other two were from Mexico City and Venezuela," Collin noted.

"But, there were a lot of foreign people over there: Asia, the Czech Republic and French. There were people pretty much from everywhere. It was a little different being out there with guys who spoke different languages, especially those first couple of days.

"It was mainly all baseball, but we did get to go to the beaches some on the weekends. Our daily routine was pretty much waking up each morning with baseball, eating baseball and then going to sleep at night watching baseball."

Because of all that, it is no wonder Collin feels like he has grown as a baseball player.

"I feel like I've improved a lot," Collin said. "I went from running a 7.3 60 (yard dash) to a 6.8, which is a big difference. A lot of that comes from working out four days a week with speed training every day. Our hitting has improved a lot from the work we put into our technique and mechanics; the same about our fielding."

Although Collin spent a majority of his life playing this game going back to his days when his dad, Kevin, was coach, he still faced some new wrinkles this summer at Florida.

He had to learn how to play with a wooden bat after primarily always hitting with an aluminum bat.

He also had to learn how to play the outfield after spending pretty much his entire baseball life in the infield. Two years ago as a high school sophomore, Collin patrolled third base for the Borden County Coyotes before pitching and playing short stop this past high school ball season.

"After never playing the outfield before I learned a lot out there, and then even with a wooden bat I can still hit the ball pretty good," Collin said.

Outside of that summer league at Florida, Collin hoped that this past weekend helped put him closer to living out his dreams of getting that same shot to step up to the collegiate plate.

Collin participated in a college baseball showcase at Bryan, which included many smaller colleges and universities ranging anywhere from NCAA D III to NAIA to junior college.

"You can't wait for people to come to you. You've got to go to them," Collin said of his college ball dreams.

Collin's older brother's new team (LaTorneau) was represented in that tryout that was put on by Blinn Junior College. During that tryout, Collin and the other participants were timed as well as had their bat and glove work evaluated.

"It went pretty good," Collin said. "I ran my fastest 60 time ever—that 6.81. I've still got improvement to make, but I don't think I'm fully grown, wither. It was lots of fun getting evaluated by those guys."

While Collin has one eye on his baseball future, he has his other on the present. While he is hoping to make college ball a part of his future, Collin already is looking forward to his senior year at Gail, which already is shaping up as an exciting one.

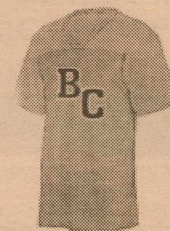
"It's going to be real nice to finally have our own field," Collin said of Borden County's first-ever baseball field.

"Up until now we've always had to play our home games at Snyder and then practice out on the football field."

"We'll finally get to play a real home game."

First things first. For now, he is looking forward to playing his senior season of high school football on a Borden County six-man team that enters this season ranked No. 1 in the state in D I.

"It's pretty cool going in as the big dogs," Collin said. "Now, it's a matter of playing up to it."



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Borden County I.S.D. Celebrates Academic Excellence Exemplary Rating With Fun Day

The Borden County Independent School District received an exemplary rating for the 2010-2011 school year. We will celebrate this accomplishment and reward our students by taking them to an amusement park in Lubbock on Thursday, September 1, 2011. This event will be for students in grades K-12. Hopefully this will be a motivational tool to encourage our students to do their best when they take their TAKS Tests in the future.

The school day for this special day will have normal start and dismissal times. Buses will run on the normal schedule. Students will begin the day in the cafeteria with breakfast and then be transported to

Lubbock for a day of fun. The school will provide the noon meal, and drinks will be provided throughout the day. Students will return to Gail by the end of the day in plenty of time to be transported according to the regular bus schedule.

We look forward to this being a wonderful day and an opportunity to show our students our appreciation for their hard work. Parents will be required to complete a parent permission slip allowing their child/children to attend this day of celebration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Mr. McMeans at the following phone number. (806-756-4315)



Borden County ISD Board Meeting

Regular Board Meeting July 18, 2011

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas, met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Borden County I.S.D. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, and Mike Valentine. Dennis Poole arrived at 7:30 P.M. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas and principal, Bart McMeans were also present. Guests present were Santana Gonzales, Mary Stephens, Bonnie Aycok, Jay Bingham, Hayley Richey, and Cindy Herridge.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:20 P.M. by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the library cove base color scheme of burnt umber (gray) as presented by representatives from Shiver Megert and Associates for the new school library. The motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the library color scheme as presented by Shiver Megert and Associates. The motion carried six to one with Dennis Poole voting against the gold accent color as presented. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the classroom color scheme and auditorium chair selections as presented by representatives from Shiver Megert and Associates. The motion carried six to one with Dennis Poole voting against the gold wall accent color presented. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the letters for the signage on the front of the new school as presented by Shiver Megert and Associates. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2011, and July 12, 2011, board meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by

Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the July 2011, bills. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joe Harding to solicit bids for the Borden County I.S.D. bank depository to begin September 1, 2011, and conclude on August 31, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joe Harding to set the regular August board meeting for August 22, 2011, at 7:00 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the local professional salary schedule and regular employee salary schedule for the 2011-2012 school year as presented by Mr. Thomas. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the 2010-2011 Borden County I.S.D. Budget Amendments as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Mr. Thomas gave a year to date financial overview and a construction project report. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joe Harding to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Special Board Meeting August 8, 2011

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas, met in special session at 7:00 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Borden County I.S.D. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Carol Lewis, and Mike Valentine. Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, and Dennis Poole were absent. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas and principal, Bart McMeans were also present.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 P.M. by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to adopt a proposed tax rate the same as was in place for the 2010-2011 school year of \$1.04 for maintenance and operations and \$.28 for interest and sinking. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joel Dennis to set the time and date for the budget hearing and regular board meeting for 6:30 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. on August 29, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the 2011-2012 Borden County Independent School District Student Code of Conduct as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by

Joel Dennis and seconded by Mike Valentine to adopt governmental accounting standards board statement 54 resolution pertaining to school district fund balances. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the propane bid submitted by Pinnacle Propane and the vehicle fuel bid submitted by Lamesa Butane for the 2011-2012 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Mr. Thomas gave a personnel report and a construction project report. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Carol Lewis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Meet the Coyotes



Borden County high school cheerleaders serve homemade ice cream to the Coyotes during last Friday nights' 'Meet the Coyotes'.

Thought for the Day

Sometimes we are helped by being hurt. A skilled physician about to perform a delicate operation upon the ear said reassuringly, "I may hurt you, but I will not injure you." How often the Great Physician speaks to us the same message if we would only listen! Richer life, more abundant health for every child of His—that is His only purpose. Why defeat that purpose?

The Sunday School Times

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School Lunch Menu

Aug. 29 - Sept. 2, 2011

Menu subject to
change

Monday - Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage & Gravy, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Corn dog, Western Beans, Celery & Carrot Dippers, Sparkly Apples, Pudding Cup and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Meaty Macaroni, Garden Salad, Seasoned Corn, Cornbread, Frozen Cherry Bar and Milk.


Wednesday - Breakfast: Pancake on a Stick, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Oven Crispy Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Fruity Gelatin and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll & Fruit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pizza, Celery & Carrot Stick, Apple Slices and Milk.

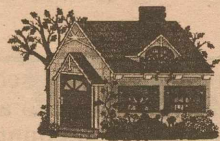
Friday - Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chili Potato, Carrot Dippers, Fruit Cup, Texas Toast and Milk.

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Heart and Home ...


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

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When it Comes to Managing Mealtimes-What kind of a parent are you?

Managing what food to put on the table is challenging enough without having to manage who is around the table. According to Dr. Sharon Robinson, Associate Professor and Nutrition Specialist, with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, "There are three approaches to parenting that influence children's eating behavior: parent centered, child centered and balanced".

If you take the parent centered approach, or authoritarian, then you may restrict the type and/or amount of food your child can eat. For example, you might have a no junk food policy at your house. Another clue you may have a parent centered approach is if you stick to strict meal and snack times. Also you may expect your child to eat all of the food on their plate - a clean plate rule. One problem with this approach is that children often desire the foods they cannot have and will often overeat when offered restricted foods. Children who are required to finish all of the food on their plate may develop a habit of overeating which could lead to unwanted weight gain over time.

The child centered approach (also known as permissive) to mealtime is very unstructured. Children decide what they want to eat and when they want to eat. They will often forage in the kitchen for food. This approach to parenting can be a problem when children pick foods that are not very healthy resulting in overall decrease in nutritional intake. Also children may not learn proper table manners and how to make dinner conversation.

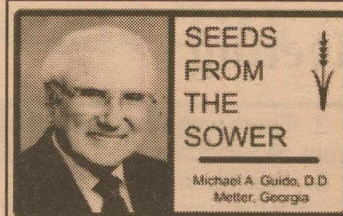
The balanced approach to managing mealtimes is also called authoritative. It can be thought of as a happy median between the parent and the child approaches. Parents with a balanced approach:

- Offer meals and snacks

regularly throughout the day thereby allowing children to feel secure

- Provide a variety of healthful foods from which children are allowed to select
- Introduce new foods 11 to 12 times to allow children ample time to warm up to unfamiliar foods
- Create a positive mealtime atmosphere by not commenting about food not eaten or making negative statements about the child
- Are good role models.

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service offers free and low-cost nutrition and health classes and other events. To find out what is available in your area, please contact your local county Extension agent.



When I first came to Georgia, I saw a man plowing a field with a mule. "May I try it?" I asked.

"Yes, sir," he answered. "But be careful."

When I was finished with the row I looked back. I saw that mine was crooked but his was straight.


"What did I do wrong?" I asked. "Your eyes wandered," he said. "I fixed my eyes on a goal."

As in cultivating, so in Christian living, the secret lies in looking straight ahead.



The wise man cautioned, "Look straight ahead; don't even turn your head to look."

And to whom should we look? The Living Bible answers, "Keep your eyes on Jesus, our Leader and Instructor."

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Borden County 4-H News


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4-H Enrollment Time

The start of the new school year means it is also time to enroll in 4-H. Go to <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/> and click on "join 4-H/event registration". Members who are re-enrolling will need to update their profiles. New members will need to create a family profile and add members. If you need assistance with passwords, contact the Extension Office - we can help!!

Please note that there is a new participation fee of \$20 per 4-H'er through the end of October (after November 1 it will be \$25). We invite parents to enroll as volunteers (4-H pays the screening fee).

Please feel free to contact the Extension Office if you need any assistance. Looking forward to a great year for Borden County 4-H!!


Fun With 4-H Day Gallons of Fun

Each Summer Borden County 4-H sponsors a Fun with 4-H Day (targeting youth entering Kindergarten through 3rd grade) to recruit and inform future 4-H'ers about the great projects and activities that are available through the 4-H program. This Summer we focused on Water Conservation. There were speakers (Mark Hill, Dawson NRCS, Cody Hill and Julie Smith), fun ac-

tivities and games and a drip irrigation jug craft to help the youth learn about how to conserve our precious water resource. We held the event on Wednesday, August 10th in the Borden County Events Center and had twenty-four youth participate and help. It was a great afternoon! Thank you to all of our 4-H'ers and to Dawson NRCS for their help!!



Twenty-four youth participated and helped with the Fun with 4-H Day on August 10th in the Borden County Events Center. Youth learned about water conservation through speakers, activities and games.



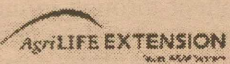

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Youth learned about water runoff and erosion through a demonstration.

On the Wild Side of Life
by Cody G. Hill
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Agriculture

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Texas Hunter Education Class

The Dawson and Borden Counties AgriLife Extension Service will be offering a Texas Hunter Education Course in Lamesa on Saturday, August 27, 2011, beginning at 8 a.m. at the Dawson County Community Building. It is located at 813 South Houston. The cost of the event will be \$37.50 and will include lunch and refreshments.

Under Texas hunting law. Every hunter (including out-of-state hunters) born on or after September 2, 1971, must suc-

cessfully complete a hunter education course. The minimum age for certification is 9 years. A hunting license and proof of certification is required to be on your person while hunting. With Hunting season fast approaching, this is the perfect opportunity to become certified.

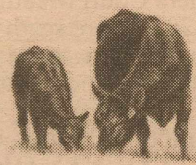
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Beef Cattle & Range Challenges
August 31, 2011
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Agenda

8:30-9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00-9:45 a.m.	Economics of Cattle Production Dr. Ted McCollum
9:45-10:15 a.m.	Feed Grain Outlook and Cattle Outlook Dr. Jackie Smith
10:15-10:30 a.m.	Break Capital Farm Credit
10:30-12:00 a.m.	Feed Sources for Winter Management Dr. Ted McCollum
12:00 a.m.	MEAL PM Feed & Grain



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Dr. Ted McCollum, Extension Beef Cattle Specialist
Dr. Jackie G. Smith, Extension Economist-Management

Greg Gruben, CEA-Ag/NR, Scurry County
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accomplish difficult tasks, it assists you in overcoming past failures and setbacks. Preparation builds self-confidence and develops a resilience that enables you to bounce back from life's obstacles.

Harry Bullis headed General Mills from 1943 to 1959. He grew up in Iowa and had to quit school at age 16 due to his father's poor health. Knowing an education was essential preparation to accomplish anything, he persuaded the local high school principal to tutor him. Daily, he studied from after supper until midnight.

When Harry was 21 years old, he used his savings to enroll in a private prep school. It took him only two years to complete the four-year high school curriculum. Harry then went on to put himself through college while working full time.

All of the above examples illustrate the effectiveness of preparation. The enemy of preparation is impatience. Many failures can be linked to improper preparation. Instant success and results are certainly an alluring fantasy. Trying to shortcut or avoid thorough preparation is a sure way to sabotage success.

Preparation takes work. Anything worthwhile takes effort. The greater the results desired, the greater the preparation required. A far greater degree of preparation is needed to erect a skyscraper compared to a gar-

den shed.

It's virtually impossible to find examples of people achieving their goals without preparation. Someone can win the lottery without preparation but the chances of any one person doing so are one in many millions.

Preparation is the way to influence your future. Preparation gives you an edge.

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Legal Notices

TO: Borden County Water System Users

SUBJECT: Water Rationing

Water rationing for all consumers of water on the Borden County Water System will begin August 22, 2011, due to the reduced pumping capacity of the two wells operated by Borden County. These wells are located in Dawson County and have been falling behind in water production for the past two weeks.

To protect the integrity of water supply facilities, domestic water use, sanitation, fire protection and to protect and preserve public health, welfare, and safety of the consumers of water from the Borden County Water System, County Judge Ross Sharp has authorized and directed the implementation of the Drought Contingency Plan for the Borden County Water System, Stage Two and Three.

Water Use Restrictions: Under threat of penalty for violation, the following water use restrictions shall apply to all persons:

a. Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems shall be limited to Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays for commercial and institutional customers, and Saturdays, Mondays and Wednesdays for residential customers and irrigation of landscaped areas if further limited to the hours of 12:00 midnight until 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight on designated watering days. However irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted at anytime if it is by means of a hand-held hose, a faucet filled bucket or watering can of five (5) gallons or less, or drip irrigation system.

b. Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or their vehicle is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight. Such washing, when allowed, shall be done with a hand-held bucket or a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle for quick rinses. Further, such washing may be exempted from these regula-

tions if the health, safety, and welfare of the public is contingent upon frequent vehicle cleansing, such as garbage trucks and vehicles used to transport food and perishables.

c. Use of water to fill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools, or Jacuzzi-type pools is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.

d. Use of water from hydrants shall be limited to fire fighting, related activities or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare, except that use of water from designated fire hydrants for construction purposes may be allowed under special permit from the Borden County Water System.

e. The following uses of water are defined as non-essential and are prohibited:

1. wash down of any sidewalks, walkways, drive-ways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;

2. use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;

3. use of water for dust control;

4. flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street; and

5. failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s).

Stage 3 Response - SEVERE Water Shortage Conditions

Goal: Achieve a 40% reduction in total water use.

Supply Management Measures: Borden County will stop watering landscaped areas.

Water Use Restrictions. All requirements of Stage 2 shall remain in effect during Stage 3 except:

a. Irrigation of landscaped areas shall be limited to designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 9:00 a.m. and between 8 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. and shall be by means of hand-held

hoses, hand-held buckets, drip irrigation, or permanently installed automatic sprinkler system only. The use of hose-end sprinklers is prohibited at all times.

b. The use of water for construction purposes from designated fire hydrants under special permit is to be discontinued.

ENFORCEMENT

a. Any person, including a person classified as a water customer of the Borden County Water System, in apparent control of the property where a violation occurs or originates shall be presumed to be the violator, and proof that the violation occurred on the person's property shall constitute a rebuttable presumption that the person in apparent control of the property committed the violation, but any such person shall have the right to show that he/she did not commit the violation. Parents shall be presumed to be responsible for violations of their minor children and proof that a violation, committed by a child, occurred on property within the parents' control shall constitute a rebuttable presumption that the

parent committed the violation, but any such parent may be excused if he/she proves that he/she had previously directed the child not to use the water as it was used in violation of this Plan and that the parent could not have reasonably know of the violation.

b. Any person who violates this Plan is subject to a surcharge or have their service discontinued. Each day that one or more of the provisions in this Plan is violated shall constitute a separate offense. If a person violates any provision of this Plan, they may be subject to a surcharge of 100% of their last monthly bill. If a person violates three or more distinct violations, the County Judge/Commissioner shall, upon notice to the customer, be authorized to discontinue service to the premises where such violations occur. Services discontinued under such circumstances shall be restored only upon payment of a re-connection charge, hereby established at \$50, and any other costs incurred by the Borden County Water System in discontinuing service. In addition, suitable assurance must be given to the County Judge/Commissioner that the same action shall not be re-

peated while the Plan is in effect. Compliance with this plan may also be sought through injunctive relief in the district court.

A complete copy of the

Drought Contingency Plan for the Borden County Water System can be picked up at the County Judge's Office at the Borden County Courthouse.

Commissioners Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 9th day of August 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.

Present was Sharlot Stone, County Treasurer.

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp opened the August 9, 2011 Regular Session of Borden Co. Commissioners Court at 9:05 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of July 26, 2011 were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY OFFICE REPORTS

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

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Upon reviewing the Travel Policy, Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the proposed Travel Policy revisions for qualified persons. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

LANDFILL ATTENDANT

Commissioner Adcock

made a motion to increase the Landfill Attendant pay to \$125.00 per week. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BORDEN COUNTY EVENTS CENTER AND RODEO ARENA

A discussion was held concerning the building are Arena.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE

No applications for road construction/maintenance received.

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve soil conservation work for Application from Norman Ledbetter, Precinct No. 2 Motion was seconded Commissioner Smith Motion carried.

SPECIAL COURT MEETING

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to hold a Budget Workshop Meeting on Monday, August 15, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Budget

ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 23rd day of August 2011.

WHEREAS, On this the 15th day of August, 2011, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas,

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Commissioners Meeting

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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.

Present was Sharlot Stone, Treasurer.

At 8:15 a.m., Judge Sharp opened the August 15, 2011 Special Session on Borden Co. Commissioners Court.

Cody Hill, Ag County Extension Agent, visited with the Court.

BUDGET

County Budget Workshop was held.

ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MIN-UTES READ AND AP-PROVED THIS THE 23rd day of August 2011.

50-187
(Rev. 08-08/13)

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The BORDEN COUNTY will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 6.01 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on SEPTEMBER 6, 2011 at BORDEN COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

The second public hearing will be held on SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 at BORDEN COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: COMMISSIONER'S SMITH, ADCOCK, REYES, BELEW AND JUDGE SHARP
AGAINST: NONE
PRESENT and not voting:
ABSENT:

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in BORDEN COUNTY last year was \$ 18,435.00 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). Based on last year's tax rate of \$ 0.268 (preceding year's adopted tax rate) per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$ 49.40 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in BORDEN COUNTY this year is \$ 19,160.00 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$ 0.268 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$ 51.34 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$ 0.289 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$ 55.37 (tax on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

Special Provisions if Applicable

Criminal Justice Mandate (use for counties, if applicable):

The Borden County Auditor certifies that Borden County has spent \$ 0 in the previous 12 months beginning June, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Borden County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures (use if applicable):

The 0 spent \$ 0 from 0 to 0 on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is 0.

Statement of Increase/Decrease

Property Tax
Form 50-179

If Borden County adopts a 2011 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$ 26848 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2010 taxes by \$ 763.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Jury	\$23,372.09	Precinct #1	\$192,787
General	\$1,039,909	Precinct #2	\$106,005
Officer's Salary	\$44,837.01	Precinct #3	\$308,135
Permanent Improvement	\$1,005,427	Precinct #4	\$305,776
Road & Bridge	\$48,208		

Schedule B - Current Year Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable). None

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes) N/A

Schedule D - State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)

The Borden County Auditor certifies that Borden County has spent \$ 0 in the previous 12 months beginning June, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Borden County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Schedule E - Transfer of Department, Function or Activity

N/A

Schedule F - Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures

N/A

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at:

Insert address 117 E. Wason
Gail, Texas 79738
Name of person preparing this notice Ross Sharp
Title County Judge
Date prepared 08/08/2011

For more information, visit our Web site: www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax

Form 50-179 (8-11)

Notice of Effective Tax Rate

(For use by counties)

50-211
(Rev. 05-06/09)

Property Tax Rates in

Borden County

This notice concerns 2011 property tax rates for Borden County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Road Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,728,996.00	\$	\$
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00	\$	\$
Last year's total taxes	\$ 1,728,996.00	\$	\$
Last year's tax base	\$ 642,948,240.00	\$	\$
Last year's total tax rate	\$.2686 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,728,996.00	\$	\$
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 642,948,240.00	\$	\$
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$.2686 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$.2686 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100

In the first year a county collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ /\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$.2686 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)

\$ 1,728,996.00	\$	\$
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 642,948,240.00	\$
= This year's effective rate	\$.2686 /\$100	\$ /\$100
x 1.06 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.2847 /\$100	\$ /\$100
= This year's debt rate	\$.0000 /\$100	\$ /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.2847 /\$100	\$ /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.2847 /\$100	\$ /\$100

A county that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$.0000 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$.2847 /\$100

For a county with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$.0000 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$.2847 /\$100

BORDEN COUNTY COYOTE OPRY

SATUDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

BORDEN COUNTY EVENTS CENTER: GAIL

FAJITA MEAL STARTS AT 5:00

MUSIC AND AUCTION START AT 6:00

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT!

PASTRY AUCTION!

LOCAL AND AREA LIVE MUSIC!

RAFFLE ITEMS!

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT BORDEN COUNTY
JUNIOR LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION TO SUPPORT
BORDEN COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

Texas Drought...

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cil, said in a statement.

Record-breaking drought has spawned wildfires, browned pastureland and shrunk cash crops across the state. The period from October 2010 to July of this year is the driest 10 months in recorded state history. Conditions landed especially hard on Texas ranchers, who have flooded sale barns with cattle and scoured out of state for pasture.

"I've spent the last 30 days doing nothing but looking for country and putting together lease deals," said Joe Leathers, general manager of the sprawling 6666 Ranch near Guthrie.

He'd moved half of his herd to land from Nebraska to Montana while fielding a rush of calls from cowboys looking for work after fire or dry land forced their bosses to shut down.

Pasture in Texas would need months after a good rain to show signs of recovering, he said. Burned out areas, like acreage near Aspermont, could need years.

That meant damages would only pile up, he said.

"We haven't seen the worst of it at all," Leathers said.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimated in its most recent report cotton production in the two Panhandle districts that include the group's members would be less than half of last year's levels.

Yields were roughly the same, but less than 40 percent of the acres planted this year in

the southern, Lubbock-area district would be harvested, the agency reported.

Growers were only projected to make 42 percent of last year's haul. Farmers with expensive irrigation systems may normally lose acreage to flattening winds or a driving hail storm. But this year, winds and high temperatures meant water evaporated before nourishing the plants.

"They just don't look like normal, irrigated cotton," Wade said of the struggling fields across the South Plains. "It's just been a tough season for that."

More than half of the state's cotton acreage was abandoned, and average cotton yields had plummeted, according to the Texas Agrilife Extension service.

Cotton economist John Robinson said the \$1.8 billion gross income loss for cotton was based on recent U.S. Department of Agriculture yield estimates, and should not fluctuate much more.

But the figure did not include losses for ginners and warehouse operations around the South Plains waiting for a steep drop in volume this fall, or farmers who spent more pumping water to a crop that will not produce this year, he said.

The \$5.2-billion figure surpassed the \$4.1 billion reported in 2006 and was less than half of the more than \$13 billion lost between 1998 and 2009, according to the service.

Source: www.AmarilloGlobeNews.com; Amarillo.com

50-280 (Rev. 6-06/2)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Borden County Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 PM on August 29, 2011 in the school cafeteria Gail, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.04000	/ \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.28000	/ \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters		

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	% increase	or	5.93000	% (decrease)
Debt service	% increase	or	0.42000	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	% increase	or	4.92000	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$1,117,568,369.00	\$1,068,734,851.00
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$ 9,464,950.00	\$ 384,125.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 722,128,743.00	\$ 696,486,028.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 9,460,920.00	\$ 251,671.00

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 22,475,001.00

* Outstanding principal.

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$0.28000 *	\$ 1.32000	\$19,044.00	\$16,588.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.03755	\$0.23206 *	\$ 1.26961	\$24,543.00	\$16,629.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$0.28000 *	\$ 1.32000	\$17,442.00	\$ 7,488.00

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$27,579.00	\$27,139.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$14,065.00	\$13,590.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.32	\$ 1.32
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 185.66	\$ 179.39
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (6.27)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.3201. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.3201.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,567,477.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 455,637.00