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## USDA Authorizes Emergency Grazing of CRP Acres for 192 Counties in Texas

In Texas, 192 counties are authorized for emergency grazing use of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres for fiscal year (FY) 2013. The CRP emergency grazing authorization for fiscal year 2013 began on June 2, 2013 and remains in effect for a 90 day period. Click here to view a list of counties authorized for 2013 CRP emergency grazing. Based on a decision made by the Texas FSA State Committee, CRP emergency grazing approval will only be available for those CRP lands that were not utilized for haying or grazing during fiscal year 2011, 2012 or in the fall or winter of fiscal year 2013. FSA's fiscal year runs from October 1 to September 30. Eligible producers who are interested in emergency grazing of CRP must request approval before grazing eligible acreage and must obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service that includes grazing provisions. Additionally, there will be a 25 percent CRP payment reduction for CRP acres used for grazing under these emergency provisions. To take ad-

vantage of the emergency grazing provisions, authorized producers can use the CRP acreage for their own livestock or may grant another livestock producer use of the CRP acreage. If a producer chooses to lease eligible CRP acreage, the producer cannot profit on the lease agreement. The amount charged for lease of CRP emergency grazing acres cannot exceed the value of the 25 percent payment reduction. For more information and to request approval for emergency grazing use of CRP acres please contact your local FSA Office. [<sup>\*</sup> Filter does not support this file format | In-line.TIF <sup>\*</sup>]

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## Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

### Focus

Focus is the deliberate concentration of all of your energy in order to attain a specific goal. A laser beam is a perfect example of the power of focus. By directing light rays in one unified direction, laser beams can be constructed that will cut through steel.

A light bulb is the opposite of a laser. From the bulb, light disperses in all directions. You can leave a light bulb on until it burns out, but it won't cut like a laser. Without the focus of a laser, the light bulb's energy is too dispersed to be used as a cutting tool.

To accomplish any task, you need focus. You must devote yourself to directing all of your efforts toward one end. The maxim, "Jack of all trades, master of none," perfectly expresses the result of a lack of focus.

Without focus, you go in different directions, winding up nowhere in particular. Additionally, without focus, you are prone to quitting at the first sign of difficulty. With numerous irons in the fire, it's easy to abandon one or more when the going gets tough.

Irene was a college freshman who didn't know what she wanted to major in. So Irene

never selected a specific major. She spent years taking classes in many disciplines. Irene took courses in history, literature, art, science, philosophy, math, and humanities.

After four years, Irene discovered she hadn't satisfied the requirements for any degree. Although she had taken as many classes as other students, Irene didn't have enough course work in any specific discipline to enable her to graduate.

Although Irene earned good grades, she knew a little about a lot of different subjects but never gained enough knowledge about any one topic to receive a degree. Irene's four years of college didn't result in a diploma. Irene would have been better served had she focused on earning a degree in her favorite subject. Then she could have continued taking courses in whatever interested her.

Five years after Robert started renovating his dream house, he's still working on it. Robert never completes one project before starting another. All of the rooms are in various states of remodeling. No part of Robert's house is complete and ready to be lived in.

There is no end in sight for Robert's project. As he's working on one room of the house, he changes his mind about what he wants to do in another room and shifts gears. Robert is constantly jumping from one job to another. He has no focus.

Robert would be more productive by finishing one room before starting another. This strategy would have allowed Robert to finish years ago. Although Robert is constantly busy, his efforts are so scattered that no one thing is ever accomplished.

To achieve a goal, accomplish a task, or complete a project, you need to focus your efforts. This approach will make you much more effective and bring you results much faster than scattering your energy.

Fear of failure leads some people to put a lot of irons in the fire. They mistakenly believe this technique spreads their risk, increasing the chances that at least one endeavor will succeed. In reality, the chances of any one venture succeeding are significantly reduced.

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# Borden County Wins 'Best of Texas' 6 on 6 on Passing Tourney

By Coach Benavidez

For the third year, Borden County hosted the "Best of Texas" 6 on 6 Passing Tournament. This tournament has grown a little larger every year and this year was no different. Teams as far as Sanderson travelled to take part in this tournament. Paducah, Sanderson, Klondike, Hermleigh, Sands, O'Donnell as well as 2 teams from Meadow and 3 teams from our very own Borden County were represented in this tourney.

The competition was very stiff. Borden County had 3 teams - 1 varsity and 2 JV's to ensure that each player would receive the most playing time possible. This, however, meant that the JV squads would be competing against some very good varsity teams. The teams were broken down as follows; BC Varsity team consisted of Kurt Shafer, Tristen Benavidez, T.J. Basquez, Jordan Martinez, Riley Herridge, Frank Banman, Ricky Torres, and Korbin Martinez. The BC JV Red team consisted of Thomas Harrison, Mason Coor, Jayton Lewis, Kace Lott, Braxton Coor, Hunter Huse, Diego Bernal and Dylan Murphy. The BC JV White squad consisted of Hunter Jones, Corbin Sumners, Nathan Souder, Kale Yarbro, Merik Valentine, Rhaeden Bland, and Colby Pennell.

The morning started with pool play and saw the Coyote Varsity team go undefeated through pool play as they beat the BC JV White, Sanderson, Klondike, and Meadow JV teams. The BC JV White team went 1-3 as they beat the Meadow JV but lost to BC Varsity, Sanderson, and Klondike. The BC JV Red team went 2-2 as they beat Paducah and Hermleigh but

lost to Sands/O'Donnell (these two teams had to combine to form a team since neither had enough players to form their own team) and Meadow Varsity.

After pool play ended, all of the teams were seeded according to win/loss record and number of points scored. Borden County Varsity went into the single elimination tournament as the #1 seed. BC JV Red went in as the #6 seed while the Coyote JV White was the #8 seed. BC White drew a tough opponent in Meadow Varsity and was eliminated by a very tough Meadow squad. BC Red drew the Meadow JV Squad and was able to put them away and go up against the Meadow Varsity. The larger Meadow version was a little more difficult and the BC Red team was eliminated. BC Varsity started off by knocking off Hermleigh in a very convincing fashion by a score of 64-6. Next up was a very tough Paducah team. The Coyotes took care of them by a score of 40-27.

The last game was for the championship. After a battle that saw the lead change hands at least 4 times, the Borden County Coyote Varsity squad claimed a hard earned 40-36 game and the championship for the second year in a row. Congratulations to all of these young men for giving it all they had. We are very proud of you! Thank you to Fuzz and Becky Herridge, Scott and Tiffany Runge, Tanya Shafer, Jay and Kim Lott, Kurt Coor, Mike and Tammy Valentine, Karly Etheredge, Jon Harrison, Kirk Jones, Quint Shafer, R.T. Shafer and Ricky Martinez. Also thank you to TnT T-Shirt designs, Tommy and Trudy Basquez for the shirts that they did for us.

Source: St. Louis Inspirational Christian Connection

## 6 on 6 Champs!



Members of the Borden County Varsity team who participated in the Passing Tournament are Kurt Shafer, Tristen Benavidez, T.J. Basquez, Jordan Martinez, Ricky Torres, Korbin Martinez, Frank Banman and Riley Herridge.

## Museum Encounter Reveals Distant Relation

By Lisa Dennis Mahler

Family connections fascinate genealogists – putting together the pieces of a far-flung family to create a generational picture is their passionate pursuit. I love learning about ancestors but when you consider the number of people involved it can be overwhelming. Most people know three generations of ancestors – their parents, grandparents and maybe their great grandparents. The genealogist pursues their ancestry as far back as possible, uncovering facts and stories that reconstruct the lives of each person in their family tree. Each generation added to a family tree doubles the number of ancestors; an eight-generation family chart contains an astonishing 128 names. What would be the likelihood, then, of randomly meeting someone who shared a fifth great-grandparent with you - one of the ancestors on the eighth level of your family tree?

Even better, what are the odds of meeting this relative at the Borden County museum? Typical Borden County museum visitors are curious about history and how events from years ago affect our lives today. Others seek tidbits of information about a relative from the area or one who had local business connections. One such visitor early last week was searching for information on Fountain "Fount" Goodlet Oxsheer. Oxsheer's connection to Borden County is through ranching. Fountain married Mary Beal and partnered with her brothers, John and Nick Beal, along with John Drennan and J. T. Davis, to form the Jumbo Cattle Company. Fount eventually amassed over 3 million acres in Texas and northern Mexico but lost everything when beef prices collapsed after WWI. He tried rebuilding in the 1920s but drought, the depression and falling beef prices took its toll.

My visitor mentioned the name Oxsheer, which he pronounced as Ok' shûr. Immediately my genealogy "antenna" went into overdrive. As it is not unusual to find various spellings of a family name, I casually mentioned "I have a relative with that same pronunciation but it is spelled Auxier." "My relative's ancestor immigrated from Germany" he replied. So did mine. "Many of the early relatives were from Kentucky". So were mine. By this time my mind was trying to wrap itself around the possibility that we were kin.

Considering the odds, then, that the museum is open, I am in the museum and a distant relative from Alpine comes in, I was grateful no clouds were in the sky. Being struck by lightning would be a sure thing in comparison. My visitor assured me he would email the information he had on the ancestral tree of Fountain Oxsheer. Within 24 hours I had my answer. His information on the origin of Oxsheer/Auxier was an exact match to my records. Our common ancestor is Michael Oxer who immigrated from the Rhineland and arrived in America in 1742. Michael married Maria Barbara Speiss and two of their sons became the ancestors of the museum visitor and myself. Michael and Maria Barbara Oxer are my 5<sup>th</sup> great grandparents. They are 2 of my 128 relatives on that generation chart.

This is such a random connection occurring in the 4<sup>th</sup> least populated county in Texas – and I find a relative. Really, what are the odds?



Heart and Home...



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## Whole Grain Bread...the Basics

Half the grain products we eat are supposed to be whole grain. We aren't there yet, but according to a July study about 55% of us have switched from white bread to whole grain bread.

Whole grains aren't limited to bread. There are whole grain pastas and brown rice on grocery shelves too. And products made with whole grains such as oats, popcorn, brown and wild rice, buckwheat (or kasha) and cracked wheat (also called bulgur) as the first ingredient carry the "whole-grain" label.

Grains such as quinoa, whole cornmeal (yellow or white), whole barley, whole rye, amaranth, millet, spelt and triticale are less common, but are also whole grains.

Why are we eating more whole grains? Maybe consumers are becoming more aware that whole grains help reduce the risk of bowel disorders, some cancers, heart disease (by lowering blood pressure and cholesterol), stroke and

type 2 diabetes. Maybe it is because we like the taste and texture.

Bread is still a staple in our diets. Whole grain bread can cost \$3.50 to \$4.00 a loaf at the supermarket.

Check for clues on the label!

Be sure the bread you buy is whole grain and not just brown. Look for the "Whole Grain" stamp or choose foods that name one of the following whole-grain ingredients FIRST on the label's ingredient list: brown rice, bulgur, graham flour, oatmeal, whole-grain corn, whole-oats, whole rye, whole wheat and wild rice.

If you see these words listed as the first ingredient, that's your tip that it is NOT a whole grain product: wheat flour; enriched; multigrain; 100% wheat; stone ground; cracked wheat; seven-grain; bran.

*Source: Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Spend Smart, Eat Smart Blog <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/foodsavings>*

## BHS Speech Camp Fundraiser

Members of the BHS Speech team will hold a fundraiser on

Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>,  
at The Blue Paw  
From 11 a.m. to ?

They will sale baked goods & homemade ice cream

All proceeds will help the team attend Speech Camp

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## Dare to Live...

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Setbacks can cause people to lose focus before they have successfully reached their goal. Rather than picking themselves up and continuing down their chosen path, they start working on something else instead.

Develop a burning desire and then focus your energy at accomplishing your goal. Regardless of what happens, stay on track. Keep moving forward until you have arrived at your chosen destination. The more focus you have, the more effective your efforts will be.

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Arts and Crafts Fun Day for Kids



Join us on Tuesday, June 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Borden County Event Center.

Cost will be \$25. This will include supplies for several projects to make and take home, as well as lunch and refreshments.

Fun Day is open to all youth ages 8-18.

Please RSVP by Friday, June 21st so that we know how many to buy supplies/food for.



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## D-2 4-H2O CAMP

Caprock Canyons State Park, Quitaque, TX

Thursday, June 20, 2013



- Workshop is limited to 50 youth participants. Youth will be divided into groups to rotate through the sessions.
- Cost = \$15 per 4-H'er; \$4 per parent (park entrance fee)  
(NOTE: This is the second of the three part Summer series sponsored by D-2 TAE4-HA. If you attended the Clothing Extravaganza Workshop on 5/18, you have already paid. If not, you will pay and then be covered for the remaining workshops.)
- Please RSVP to your County Extension Office by Monday, June 17.
- For more information about the park and directions visit: [http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/caprock\\_canyons/](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/caprock_canyons/)

When	What	Where	Who
Arrive @ 10:00 a.m.	Mixer/Registration	Visitor's Center	Felice Acker & Caitlin Jackson
~10:15-11:00 a.m.	General Nature Hike (photo opportunities)	South Prong	Le'Ann Pigg (Park Interpreter)
11:15 a.m. 4 Rotating Sessions	Lunch	Lake Theo Pavilion	Provided by D-2 TAE4-HA
~12:00-12:55	H2O-Jeopardy	Lake Theo Pavilion	County Extension Agents
~1:00-1:55	Kayaking/Water Games	Lake Theo	County Extension Agents
~2:00-2:55	Fishing	Lake Theo	County Extension Agents
~3:00-3:55	Caprock Critters	Visitor's Center Pavilion	Todd Montandon
~4:00-4:15	"Sendoff with S'mores"	Lake Theo Pavilion	Provided by D-2 TAE4-HA

Fishing pole and bait Comfortable, cool clothing and sturdy shoes	THINGS TO BRING: Camera Sunscreen Sunglasses Hat Insect repellent Change of clothes and water shoes. You WILL get wet!!
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The other District 2 TAE4-HA Summer Series date is: July 16: District Leadership & Project Workshop AND District 2 4-H Dance - Plainview
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## Legal Notices

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BORDEN  
To those indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of DON MARTIN PARKS, deceased, Probate Case Number 397:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executrix of the Estate of DON MARTIN PARKS, deceased, late of Borden County, Texas, by Ross D. Sharp, Judge of the County Court of said County, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said Estate to present them to DEBRA ELAINE PARKS, 2052 CR 432, Fluvanna, Texas 79517, within the time prescribed by law.

EXECUTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013.

DEBRA ELAINE PARKS, Independent Executrix of the Estate of DON MARTIN PARKS, deceased

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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

PPC Operating Company, LLC, 10355 Centrepark Drive, Suite 100, Houston, Texas 77043 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Spraberry Canon Ranch Unit Lease, Well Number 1112. The proposed injection well is located 15 miles West of Gail, Texas in the Jo-Mill (Spraberry) Field, in Borden County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 7000 to 7550 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any

aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512 / 463 - 6792).

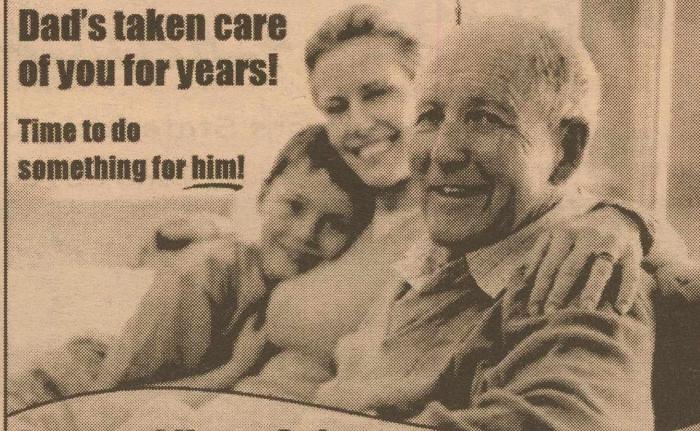


## Thought for the Day

*He who helps a child helps humanity with an immediateness which no other help given to human creatures in any other stage of their life can possibly give again.*  
-Phillips Brooks

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