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## USDA Announces Grant Applications Accepted for Conservation Innovation Efforts

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is accepting applications for competitive grants to develop and accelerate conservation approaches and technologies on private agricultural and forest lands. "Conservation Innovation Grants (CIGs) have contributed to some of the most pioneering conservation work on America's agricultural and forest lands," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "It's an excellent investment in new conservation technologies and approaches that farmers, ranchers and forest landowners can use to achieve their production and conservation goals." About \$15 million will be made available nationwide by the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). State and local governments, federally recognized Indian tribes, non-governmental and educational organizations, private businesses and individuals are eligible to apply. Vilsack said priority will be given to applications that relate to nutrient management, energy conservation, soil health, air quality, climate change, wildlife, economics, sociology, environmental markets, food safety, historically underserved groups, or assessments of past CIG projects. In

the 10 years that NRCS has administered the program, grants have helped develop water quality trading markets, demonstrated ways to increase fertilizer water and energy efficiencies, as well as address other resource concerns. For example, the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers Association used a CIG grant to work with growers to install automated sprinkler systems that conserve water and trim costs. Ducks Unlimited and other partners used a grant to develop a carbon credit system for North Dakota landowners in the Prairie Pothole region, a crucial area for migrating waterfowl. The Wilds, a wildlife conservation center, also used a grant to demonstrate how a combination of warm-and cool-season grasses can be successfully incorporated into a productive, sustainable rotational grazing system. The grant program enables NRCS to work with public and private partners to accelerate technology development and adopt promising approaches to address natural resource concerns. Funded through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, the grants are awarded through a competitive process. At least 50 percent of the total cost of grant projects must come from

non-federal matching funds, including cash and in-kind contributions provided by the grant recipient. For more on this grant opportunity, visit <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/cig/index.html>. To apply electronically, visit [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service helps America's farmers and ranchers conserve the nation's soil, water, air and other natural resources. All programs are voluntary and offer science-based solutions that benefit both the landowner and the environment. Follow NRCS on [Twitter](#). Check out other conservation-related stories on the [USDA Blog](#). Watch videos on NRCS' [YouTube](#) channel. #USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (866) 632-9992 (Toll-free Customer Service), (800) 877-8339 (Local or Federal relay), (866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users).



## Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

### *The Placebo Effect*

The placebo effect is a great illustration of the awesome power of the mind. Here is how it works. A person is given an inert substance with no medicinal properties and told that it is a drug that is proven to cure whatever malady they are experiencing.

The amazing result is that the subject often recovers as if they received actual medicine. The only explanation for the recovery is that since the person's mind believed they were going to get better, they did.

Then there are those who don't believe they can get better. They tend to remain ill regardless of how strong, or how effective, the medicine they are given is. Here the power of the mind becomes self-destructive.

This power of belief is demonstrated in other ways as well. When a class of average ability students is told that they have exceptional ability, their performance increases to meet their expectations.

Conversely, when a group of above average students are informed that they are at best mediocre, their performance declines accordingly. What you believe does control what you achieve.

The placebo effect will work either for or against you.

You already have engrained in your mind what you believe is possible and impossible. Some of your beliefs may be based on supposed facts. Others are based on what you have been told or what you have observed.

Regardless of why you believe something to be true, your mind accepts it as so. Over time, your beliefs become so engrained, you accept them as written in stone. You won't challenge any of your assumptions.

The essential characteristic differentiating successful people from others is their belief system. Those who succeed believe most, if not all, goals are accomplishable. Regardless of the challenge, they seek out the solution.

The people who find success elusive, "understand" they have many limitations preventing their attainment of true success. If they attempt something new, it's half hearted with the subconscious expectation of failure.

So why don't more people believe in success? Because from birth, we are conditioned to believe success is achieved by others. We are taught there is only so much we are capable of. Since we are typically not

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# Coyotes Look Forward to Play Offs With Win Over Wildcats

By Coach Edwards

The Borden Coyotes traveled to Wellman last Friday night looking for their ninth district win of the season. A victory against the Wildcats would secure a spot in the Texas High School basketball playoffs.

Hunter Jones got the Coyotes to a great start scoring eight of the teams 10 first quarter points and holding Wellman-Union to four points. However, the Wildcats chipped away in the second quarter adding the pressure to the Coyotes. Borden managed only three points in the quarter and Wellman-Union scored nine to tie the game at 13-13 at the half.

Borden County used a strong defensive force in the second half to help relieve some pressure. The Wildcats only scored four points in the third quarter and none in the fourth. On the other hand, Borden went 15 points and 14 points to secure the victory, 42-17. The victory also put the Coyotes into the playoffs for the second straight year.

Hunter Jones led all scorers with 12 points. Sean Tucker and Korbin Martinez added nine points. Kurt Shafer and Matt Proulx chipped in six points.

The Coyotes improve to 14-8 on the season.

# After Slow Start Coyote JV Defeats Leopards at Dawson

By Coach Edwards

The Borden County J.V. squad squared off with the New Home Leopards at Wellman last Friday night. Borden won the last meeting back in December, 35-21.

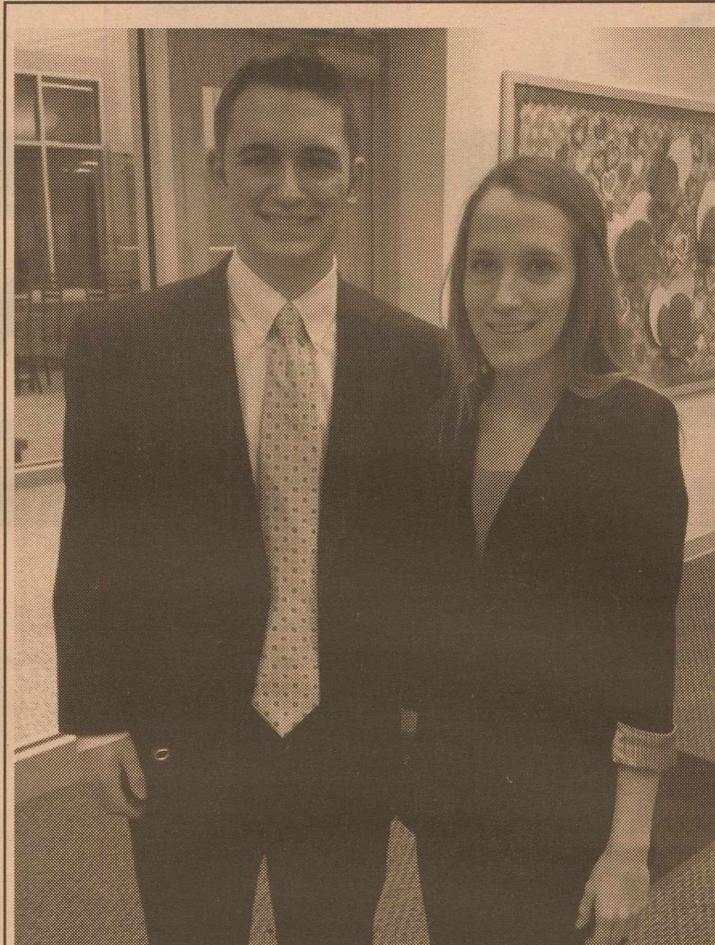
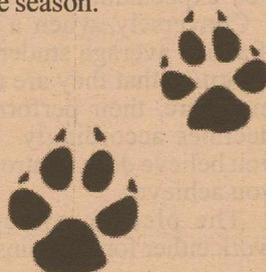
Things started a little different than last time. It was the Leopards who jumped out to a 9-4 first quarter lead. The Coyotes got going in the second quarter with Diego Bernal scoring all of the teams' first half points with 14. New Home scored four points in the quarter, but trailed 14-13 at the half.

Borden increased its lead in the third quarter outscoring the leopards, 10-7, and pushed its lead to four. The Coyotes held

the Leopards to one point in the final stanza to win the game, 31-21.

Bernal led all scorers with 14 points followed by Ricky Torres and Jayton Lewis with five points. Kace Lott added four points while Joel Andrade chipped in three points.

The Borden Junior Varsity improved their record to 8-5 on the season.



# CX Debate Team Defends District Title for Third Time

At last week's District 4-A tournament, Mollie McMeans and Zach McMeans went 3-0 over O'Donnell to win their third straight district title. Mollie edged out Zach for the Top Speaker Award, 267-264 (points) to win. The highest score possible at district (due to panel judging) was 270.

The two now begin their post-season preparations as they get set to return to Austin March 10-11 for the State UIL CX Debate Meet to be held on the University of Texas campus.

# Junior High Pups Blue Team Wins Championship

By Coach Edwards

The Borden County Blue team was looking to win their second consecutive Borden County Junior High Tournament.

The Coyotes battled 2A Colorado Wolves in the first

contest. And the battle was over quickly as the Coyotes jumped out to a 14-1 first quarter lead. Borden extended its lead in the second quarter

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## School Lunch Menu

February 17-21, 2014  
Menu subject to change

**Monday** - Breakfast: Oatmeal Round & Yogurt, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pizza Dippers, Baked Beans, Tomato & Cucumber Cup, Apple-Pineapple D'Lite and Milk.

**Tuesday** - Breakfast: Sunrise Sandwich, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Sandwich, Oven Fries, Veggie Cup, Fruity Gelatin and Milk.

**Wednesday** - Breakfast: Chicken & Waffle Stix, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Beefy Queso & Chips, Garden Salad Refried Beans, Orange Smiles, Lime Sherbet Cup (9-12 Grade only) and Milk.

**Thursday** - Breakfast: Suasage Biscuit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Meaty Macaroni, Garden Salad, Baby Carrots, Fresh Grapes, Breadstick, Chocolate Chip Cookei (9-12 Grade only) and Milk.

**Friday** - Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll & Bacon, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pizza, Broccoli Salad, Seasoned Corn, Fruit and Milk.

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## Ladies vs. Spur



Lady Coyote, Bailey Robinson, makes a free throw last Friday night. The Ladies hosted the Lady Spurettes of Spur defeating them in a play-off practice game.



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# Coyotes Third Place With Loss to Sands Mustangs

By Coach Edwards

The Borden County Varsity Boys team headed west last Tuesday night for a showdown with the Sands Mustangs. A win would put the Coyotes in the playoffs, and would move them up to the second place spot.

The Coyotes came out on fire in the first quarter. Kurt Shafer seven points and Hunter Jones six points help give Borden a 17-8 lead. The Mustangs chipped away in the second quarter outscoring the Coyotes 13-10, but trailed 27-21 at the half.

Borden struggled offensively in the third quarter scoring only five points while the Mustangs added 13 points in the quarter and taking their first lead of the game, 34-32. Sands again won the fourth quarter, 15-8, and defeated the Coyotes 49-40.

Borden remains in the third

spot, but still needs a win with two games left to get the final spot in the state playoffs.

Hunter Jones led his team in scoring with 14 points. Matt Proulx was next with 13 points followed by Kurt Shafer with six points. Riley Herridge, Sean Tucker and Korbin Martinez all scored two points

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## Pups Win Borden County Tourney...

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outscored the Wolves, 12-5. Borden led 26-6 at the half.

Borden held Colorado scoreless in the third quarter and added 19 points increasing their lead to 45-6 after three quarters. The Wolves only managed to score a bucket in the final period. Borden added eight more points winning the contest, 53-8.

Trace Richey led all scorers with 30 points followed by Nick Proulx and Braxton Barnes with eight points. Brian Torres added four points and Morgan Wilson with two points. Ryan Willborn chipped in a point.

In the second game of the round robin, the Coyotes battled the Levelland Lobos.

Again, the Coyote defense was suffocating. Levelland put up a goose egg in the first quarter and the Coyotes scored 14 points to jump out to an early lead. Borden heated up in the second stanza scoring 19

points. Levelland again struggled offensively scoring only three points and trailed 33-3 at the half.

Borden outscored the Lobos, 29-7 in the second half winning the contest 62-10 and winning the tournament championship.

Braxton Barnes was the team's leading scorer with 19 points. Ryan Willborn and Nick Proulx added 11 points followed by Brian Torres with nine points. Trace Richey and Morgan Wilson added six points.

The Borden Jr. High Hoopsters are 11-0 on the season.

Borden County Red team took the court last weekend and played host to the Colorado Wolves and the Levelland Lobos in the Borden County Junior High Tournament.

In the first game, the Coyotes struggled offensively against the Wolves. Colorado

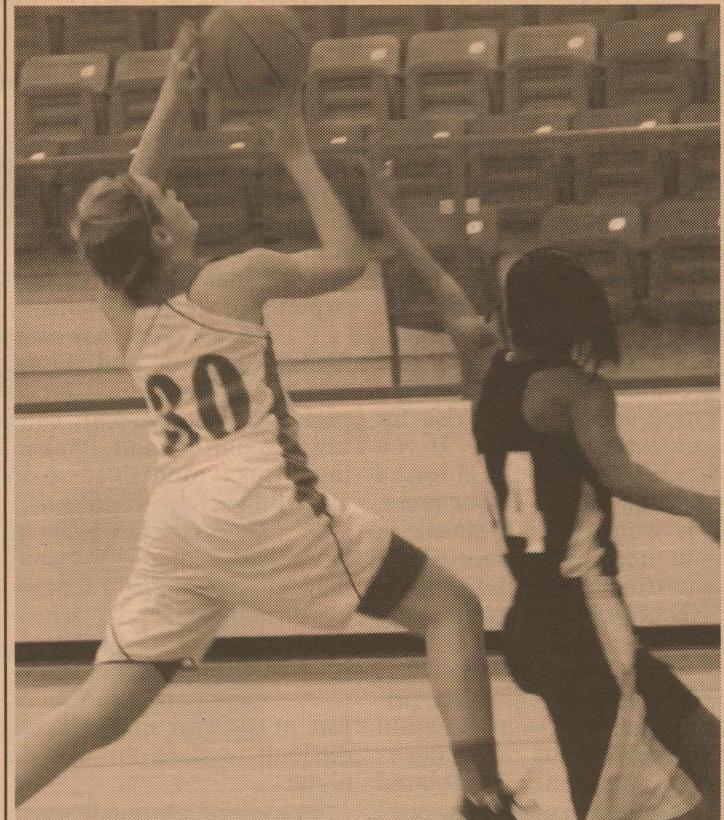
used a full court pressure defense which got their offense going. Colorado jumped out to a 32-6 lead at the half. The Coyotes scored seven second half points, but it wasn't enough as the Wolves won the contest, 55-13.

Payton Merket led the team in scoring with seven points. Kable Kleck, Clayton Addison and Tanner Harrison finished with two points.

In the second game against the Lobos, the Coyotes jumped out to a 10-9 lead in the first quarter. Levelland hit a couple of shots from behind the arc to take a 15-13 lead at the half. The Lobos outscored the Coyotes 16-11 in the second half winning the game, 31-24.

Payton Merket led the team scoring nine points followed by Riley Lewis with six points. Clayton Addison scored five points while J.W. Nix and Tanner Harrison chipped in two points.

## Ladies Defeat Spur



Clair Shafer (#30) scores a lay up in spite of a foiled attempt to stop it by a Spur opponent.

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## A Good Night's Rest is Best

Humans devote about one-third of their lives to one activity but think little about it – until they cannot do it. This activity has a calming effect, often leaves one feeling refreshed and promotes overall wellness. What is this activity? Sleep.

Along with the physical changes that occur as we get older, changes to our sleep patterns may also occur. As people age they tend to have a harder time falling asleep and more trouble staying asleep. It is a common misconception that sleep needs decline with age; but, our sleep needs remain constant throughout life. Sleep occurs in multiple stages including dreamless periods of light and deep sleep, and occasional periods of active dreaming. The sleep cycle is repeated several times during the night. Older people spend more time in the lighter stages of sleep than in deep sleep.

Insomnia is the inability to sleep and occurs more frequently among older adults. Insomnia may create serious effects, complicating other conditions or making a person too tired to function normally during his waking hours. People with insomnia can experience excessive daytime sleepiness, difficulty concentrating and increased risk for accidents and illness. If you experience insomnia at least a few nights per week or more, it is worthwhile to speak to your health provider about your trouble sleeping and any effects your insomnia may have on your body.

Snoring, a condition that gets worse with age, is the primary cause of sleep disruption for many adults. Snoring is most commonly associated with persons who are overweight. Loud snoring is particularly serious as it can be a symptom of sleep apnea. In

sleep apnea, breathing stops and the amount of oxygen in the blood drops. This alerts the brain, causing you to wake-up and resume breathing. These stoppages of breathing can occur repeatedly, causing multiple sleep disruptions throughout the night and result in excessive daytime sleepiness and impaired daytime function. Untreated sleep apnea puts a person at risk for cardiovascular disease, headaches, memory loss and depression. If you experience snoring on a regular basis and it can be heard from another room or you have been told you stop breathing during your sleep, these are signs that you might have sleep apnea and it should be discussed with your health provider.

Certain conditions are related to increased sleep problems:

- Hypertension is associated with both snoring and sleep apnea.

- The hot flashes, changes in breathing and decreasing hormonal levels associated with menopause may lead to trouble sleeping.

- Many cancer patients experience sleep problems.

- Acid reflux may cause difficulty falling and staying asleep. Heartburn sufferers experience nighttime burn, causing discomfort and awakenings. This is more likely to occur while resting your back.

- Depression is most closely associated with insomnia and is a risk factor for having difficulty sleeping. This is especially true for those who have chronic insomnia.

- The pain and discomfort of arthritis may make it difficult to sleep through the night.

In addition, the medications used to treat these conditions and other medical conditions may adversely affect your abil-

ity to sleep.

If you experience sleep problems, think about whether your difficulty sleeping may be caused by an event or particular stress. If so, the problem may resolve in time and you need not seek treatment. Also, you may try the following to improve your sleep:

- Use your bed and bedroom for sleep only. It is best to take work materials, computers and televisions out of the sleeping environment.

- Maintain a regular bed and wake time schedule, including weekends.

- Create a good sleep environment that is dark, quiet, comfortable and cool.

- Sleep on a comfortable mattress and pillows.

- Finish eating at least two to three hours before your regular bedtime.

- Exercise regularly, completing your workout at least two hours before bedtime.

- Avoid alcohol, nicotine and caffeine – used close to bedtime, they can lead to poor sleep.

If sleep problems persist, they may be a sign of a larger issue that could adversely affect your health. See your health provider and discuss your sleep problems with him or her to try to determine the cause of your sleep issues. Your body and mind work very hard for you and you owe both the seven to eight hours of sleep per night that they deserve.

Source: The National Institute of Aging

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February 21	Last day to receive application by mail
February 28	Last day to vote early by personal appearance
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There will be no Democratic Primary Election.

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# Senate Passes Farm Bill; President Signs

## Dare to Live...

By Mary Jane Buerkle  
After three years of negotiating, farmers and ranchers across the nation finally have a Farm Bill.

The U.S. Senate earlier this week passed the Agricultural Act of 2014, the Farm Bill, by a vote of 68-32. President Obama signed the bill today in Michigan, Senate Agriculture Committee Debbie Stabenow's home state.

"We appreciate the Senate for coming together in bipartisan fashion to pass this bill and move it forward to the President for his signature," Plains Cotton Growers President Craig Heinrich, a cotton grower from Slaton, said. "We commend the House Agriculture Committee and Chairman Frank Lucas, along with the Senate Agriculture Committee and Chairwoman Debbie Stabenow, for creating a legislative package that saves money, cuts the deficit, and reforms and streamlines programs."

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the bill last week, 251-166. PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett noted that the Agricultural Act of 2014 advanced relatively quickly through both the House and Senate because of excellent leadership, and Congressional leaders from West Texas played key roles on the bill's creation and passage.

"We are fortunate to have strong West Texas representation on the farm bill conference committee in Congressmen

Mike Conaway and Randy Neugebauer," Verett said. "They understand why this bill is so important to our area and to the state, and have been actively working for agriculture, which is the cornerstone of our regional economy."

However, Verett said, PCG is disappointed that Texas Senators Ted Cruz and John Cornyn chose not to support the Agricultural Act of 2014.

"This bill saves billions of dollars while achieving meaningful reforms, and is the best we could expect in today's budgetary and political climate," Verett said. "Our farmers need some assurance that they will have the tools they need to continue to grow our food and fiber."

Plains Cotton Growers will join with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Texas Tech University, and other ag-related organizations to host educational seminars regarding implementation of the Farm Bill.

The bill includes a transition program for cotton in the 2014 crop year, since enactment will come too late for USDA and the private sector to offer the new Stacked Income Protection Plan (STAX). Crop insurance continues to be the backbone of the farm safety net for cotton, and the bill includes several important improvements in the crop insurance program that will allow farmers to better tailor their crop insurance to the appropriate risk.

exposed to any other way of thinking, we accept a life of limitation as fact.

You are free to redirect your mind. Take another look at everything you believe to be impossible. If you can't come up with a really good reason for your belief, (there are few if any beliefs in this category), purge your mind of the limitation.

You want the placebo effect to work for you, not against you. It's imperative for you to think about the results you want rather than what you don't want. If you are convinced a goal is reachable, then it is. But when you believe you can't do something, you won't.

Your mind will attract and bring you to the results you believe in. Your mind does not discriminate between positive and negative goals. Stay vigilant as to what your thoughts are. It's too easy to focus on the negative.

Too often, people concentrate on what they don't want. They don't want to be in debt, don't want to be unhappy, don't want to be overweight, don't want to have to struggle and don't want to have problems.

Since the mind will try to bring forth the result you are thinking about, you will be much better off by putting all of your thoughts in a positive framework. Think about wanting enough money, wanting to be happy, wanting to be trim, and wanting to find solutions for any challenges you face. You can make the placebo effect work for you.

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### 4-H Clothing Project

Youth interested in learning about fashion design, clothing selection, care, and basic construction techniques are invited to participate in the Clothing Project. We will have our first project meeting on Monday, February 24 after school in the Extension Office meeting room. Additional project meetings will be determined on that day.

### 4-H Photography Project

4-H Photography project will begin meeting soon. Please let us know if you are interested in participating in this project. Details about the Junior and Intermediate contest can be found at: <http://d24-h.tamu.edu/events/photography/> Details about the Senior contest can be found at: [http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/photography\\_contest](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/photography_contest)

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## Commissioners' Court

**WHEREAS**, On this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

**ROSS D. SHARP**, County Judge, Residing; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner Precinct 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.

Other Officers Present: Sharlot Stone, County Treasurer and Benny Allison, Sheriff and Tax Assessor.

At 9:20 a.m. Judge Sharp called the Commissioners Court Meeting to order.

### COMMUNITY INPUT

No community input.

### MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of January 14, 2014 and January 22, 2014 were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Marlo Holbrooks, County Attorney present of 9:27 a.m.

### PROPERTY TAX REFUND

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the application for Property tax Refund of an Erroneous Payment by Betty Brown. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### PIPELINE CROSSING

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the Application from WTG Gas Processing L.P. for Utility Cable or Pipeline Crossing in Precinct No. 2 at or near the intersection of CR 249 and CR 247. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### UTILITY CABLE CROSSINGS

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Utility Cable Crossings Applications from Gulbranson Excavating in Precinct No. 1 for

various locations as listed. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve Road Maintenance Application as needed from John S. Stephens Jr. in Precinct No. 1 as provided by Article 3, Section 52 (f), Texas Constitution. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

A motion was made by Commissioner Belew to approve Road Maintenance Application as needed from Van L. York in Precinct No. 4 as provided by Article 3, Section 52 (f), Texas Constitution. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### SOIL CONSERVATION

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the Soil Conservation Construction application from Charles B. Campbell in Precinct No. 2. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### ROAD REPORTS

The 2013 Amended Road Reports was considered. No action taken.

### GRANT TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

A discussion was held concerning requirements of procedures necessary to apply for funds from the Texas Department of Transportation County Road Grant Program. No action taken.

### DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA

CETRZ, Building Helipad. **ACCOUNTS**  
The current accounts were examined. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve said accounts and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Adcock to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew and approved unanimously.

**THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 11<sup>th</sup> day**

of February 2014.

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**WHEREAS**, On this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2014, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

**ROSS D. SHARP**, County Judge, Residing; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner Precinct No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE** County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

### CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp opened the February 3, 2014 Special Session of Borden County Commissioner Court at 8:30 a.m.

### DON BONIFAY & ASSOCIATED CONTRACT

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the Contract with Don Bonifay & Associates to provide consulting services to Borden County for the Texas Department of Transportation County Road Grant Program. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

### COUNTY ENERGY TRANSPORTATION REINVESTMENT ZONES

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to create one or more County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone(s) (CETRZ) as authorized by law, to promote one or more infrastructure projects to be located within the County to be funded by the CETRZ including the potential boundaries and requirements of a County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone (CETRZ), as authorized by §222.1071 of Texas Transportation Code, appointment of the Advisory Board, and other related matters. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### COUNTY TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

### FUND GRANT PROGRAM

Discussion was held regarding the SB1747 Prioritized Project List for the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program. No action was taken.

### 2013 ROAD REPORTS

A discussion was held concerning the Amended 2013 Road Reports. No action

taken.

### ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew and approved unanimously.

**THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2014.**



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## Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
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### A Hot Time At The Movies

A friend of mine publishes a weekly newspaper in a small south Texas town and he loves to sneak food into movie theaters. Recently he attended a movie that had a Chinese restaurant next door. He thought that was awesome. He loves Chinese food. He bought an order of rice, noodles, beef and hot peppers and got it in a to-go carton. He was wearing baggy pants, so he stuffed the carton down in his pants and waddled into the theater, stopping to look at movie posters so people wouldn't notice the bulge in his pants.

In the dark theater the carton began to really heat up. It felt hotter because it was in a tender area. He sort of went into a panic because it felt like he was on fire down there. The theater was packed and he had to cross several patrons to get to his seat, which was near the middle of the row. He had to twist and turn because some people wouldn't move their legs to give him room. All the movement made the carton rupture and the contents began to cascade down his legs. "It hurt so much I had tears in my eyes," he says. "I started clawing at the rice and noodles and flinging it everywhere to get some relief."

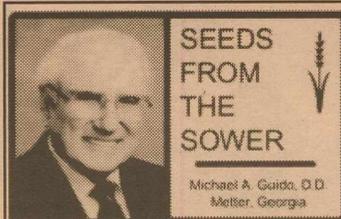
The Chinese food was landing on people. "Some of it landed on a bald guy's head. I could see it when the screen would light up for a couple of seconds. He was reaching up there, not knowing what it was. One person nearby stood up and said in a loud voice, 'what's going on? Something hot landed on me.' A lady yelled out, 'hot worms are falling from the ceiling.' I could hear voices screaming things

like 'hot ants are on my face.' The hot food was falling down people's shirts and blouses. I was in so much pain I didn't care where the stuff went. I squirmed out of there and made a run for the bathroom."

In the bathroom he pulled down his pants and looked at the red whelps on his inner thighs and lower abdomen where the hot food had scalded him. Angry men were coming into the bathroom. One whipped off his shirt and started pulling rice from his chest hairs and yelled, "Kids are out there throwing hot rice on people." My friend, who was acting like a victim rather than the perpetrator, said, "Yeah. Those kids." He was dabbing his burns with wet towels, standing there with his pants down around his ankles, then backed into a stall and closed the door. Another guy came in screaming, "They're throwing hot linguini at people."

Now my friend knows about pasta. He started to correct the man and tell him it was Chinese noodles, not linguini, but decided against it. Another guy came in the bathroom complaining that his wife had major burns on her face. My friend kept quiet. You see why I'm not using his name. Anyway, he waddled out of the stall and left the theater. As he passed the Chinese restaurant he wondered where his fortune cookie landed. The name of the movie was "Catching Fire."

*When he's not out driving on small Texas roads looking for characters, Tumbleweed Smith lives with his wife Susan in Big Spring. Contact him at [ts@tumbleweedsmith.com](mailto:ts@tumbleweedsmith.com)*



"It took me forty years," said an old man, "to learn three simple things: that I could not do anything to save my soul, that God did not expect me to, and that Christ has done it all."

Some friends wanted to free a prisoner. They smuggled a pistol into the prison to subdue the guard and a ladder to scale the wall. Then they arranged for the getaway car. "But," asked the prisoner, "how do I get out of my cell?" "That is up to you," they answered. He did not escape. He could not take the first step.

But the Lord has taken the first step in salvation. He loved the world so much that He gave His only Son. Now you must do one of two things: you must receive Him or reject Him. But some object, "Why can't I be neutral and leave the Lord alone?" Because He will not leave you alone.

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## Borden County ISD Board Meeting

### Regular Board Meeting January 20, 2014

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 Board 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 was absent. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas and Principal, Bart McMeans were also present. Mr. Dale Newberry was also present.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. The 2012-2013 Borden County Independent School District Audit Report was reviewed. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the audit report. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2013, board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the January 2014, bills. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joel Dennis to set the regular February board meeting for February 17, 2014, at 7:00 P.M.

The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joe Harding to approve a Legal Services Retainer Agreement For the Bi-County Education Shared Services Agreement with Walsh, Anderson, Brown, Gallegos and Green, P.C. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Mr. McMeans gave an overview of the 2013-2014 Borden County Independent School District Improvement Plan And Academic Excellence Indicator System. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the plan as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Mr. Thomas reported that the senior class of 2014 was requesting to go to New York for the senior trip. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the request. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Mr. Thomas reported that 253 students were enrolled as of January 17, 2014, a year to date financial overview was given, and a student failure and honor roll report was given. A motion was made by Joe Harding and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Carol Lewis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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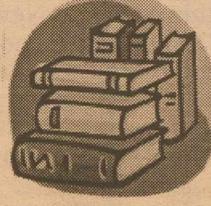
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 JH BB BC Tourney
						UIL Meet @ O'Donnell
2	3	4 *BB @ Sands 4:00 gGbB	5	6 District CX Debate @ BHS  JHB BB vs. Roscoe- 6:00  OAP Practice-6:30	7 *Boys BB @ Wellman- 5:00  Girls VBB Practice game vs. Spur- 6:00	8 UIL Practice Meet @ Idalou
9	10 HOLIDAY  OAP Practice-6:30	11 Boys BB vs. Grady, 4:00	12	13  OAP Practice-6:30	14 End of 4 <sup>th</sup> Six Weeks  	15
16	17  OAP Practice-6:30	18	19	20 JH Track @ TBA  OAP Practice-6:30	21 UIL Debate @ Frenship  HS Track @ Hamlin	22 UIL Debate @ Frenship
23	24  OAP Practice-6:30	25	26	27 Baseball BC Tourney  JH Track @ Klondike  OAP Practice-6:30	28 HS Track @ Klondike	