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## Texas Cotton Acreage Expected to Drop in '15

By Mary Jane Buerkle  
As the 2014 High Plains cotton crop draws closer to completion, conversations now revolve around prospective plantings for 2015 and how producers across the Cotton Belt plan to address current conditions.

Results from the National Cotton Council's Planting Intentions Survey suggested that producers in the United States will plant about 9.2 million acres of upland cotton in 2015, down 15.2 percent from 2014. The largest decreases were in the West, primarily in Arizona and California.

Texas growers, according to the NCC survey, could plant about 5.34 million acres of upland cotton in 2015, down 13.8 percent from 2014 and the least since 2009. The acres shifting from cotton in West Texas are split between wheat, corn, and grain sorghum, the NCC reported.

Although it is likely that less High Plains acres will go into cotton this year, that doesn't necessarily mean less production, especially if Mother Nature plays nice. Growers report excellent soil moisture in some areas, with a few saying they're in the best shape they've been in, at this point, in the last several years. How-

ever, some parts of the PCG service area are still in extreme to exceptional drought, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

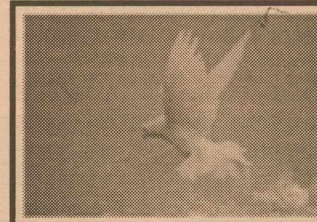
Producers also are closely watching the cotton market, which has been on a slight uptick in the past several days. December futures at press time were around 65 cents, which is important since February is the projected price discovery period for the March 15 closing date for crop insurance for cotton.

It also should be noted that Friday, February 27, is the final day to update yield history or reallocate existing base acres for covered commodities under the 2014 Farm Bill. **Landowners and/or producers should contact their local**

**Farm Service Agency office as soon as possible before Friday, February 27, to complete the process or schedule an appointment if they have not done so already.**

Remember, though, that since upland cotton is no longer considered a covered commodity, upland cotton base acres on the farm have been re-designated as "generic" base acres and cannot be reallocated. Producers may receive ARC/PLC payments on generic base acres only if those acres are planted to a covered commodity.

March 31 is the deadline for choosing between Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage. For more information, contact your local FSA office.



### Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

#### *Breaking Free*

Are there goals you have never attempted to achieve? Perhaps there are circumstances you would like to change. Life is fluid. What was important to you in the past may be of no interest today. Conversely, the things you find appealing today might never have meant much to you before.

Life can be like a tree, the more time you spend in the same situation, the deeper the roots grow. Although roots provide stability, they come with a tradeoff. Roots make it nearly impossible to change direction. If you are exactly where you want to be, roots are great. But in order to effectuate change, you must first break free from them.

Roots grow so slowly that you are not fully aware of their presence. Yet, the effect is the same regardless of whether or not you recognize their existence. However, frustrations usually become exacerbated when you sense something's holding you back but can not identify what it is.

You have the ability to break free. Doing so takes time, effort, and patience. Roots that have formed over many years are not typically broken overnight. Breaking free is a progression of several steps. The

prospect of breaking free can be simultaneously exciting and intimidating. It may even seem overwhelming.

It doesn't matter what kind of roots have formed or why. Roots provide a sense of comfort in that they are known and familiar. Breaking free from your roots entails going into an unknown area which is often nerve-racking. It's not unusual for a person to prefer staying with the known even when doing so means remaining miserable.

Here are the steps which will enable you to break free of whatever is holding you back. Before you go any further, take some time to identify exactly what it is that is holding you back. You can not take the next step forward until you understand why you are where you are now.

Next, decide if you really want to break free. If you don't have a burning desire to do so, you won't. A casual feeling of "that would be nice" is not enough to provide the motivation required to succeed.

If you are not sure what you want to do, enumerate all the reasons to break free and compare them to the reasons not to. Additionally, you can list all of

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# Coyotes Advance to Area With Win Over Dawson

A roar of excitement can be heard in a gym filled with columbia blue and red as the Borden Coyotes add another notch to the win column and a bi-district championship. The Coyotes defeated the Dawson Dragons 55-31 to advance to the area round of the Texas State High School Basketball Playoffs. Borden will face the Marfa Shorthorns.

The bi-district showdown featured two teams that had been recently district foes the last several years. Borden didn't waste much time showing why they are one of the top teams in the region. The Coyotes' defense held Dawson to 10 points in the first half. Trace Richey scored 11 of the teams 22 points of the half.

"Playing hard-nosed defense was our main goal in this game," head coach Bubba Edwards stated.

"We knew if we could slow down their top scorers and control the boards we would be in good shape."

Dawson, who has been a

second half team all season, came out in the third on fire. A couple of paint buckets and a made shot from behind the arc cut the Coyote 12 point lead to six points. But the Coyotes didn't panic and managed to have a huge offensive quarter scoring 25 points and taking a 47-24 lead into the fourth quarter. Borden did a superb job in using good clock management to help secure the victory.

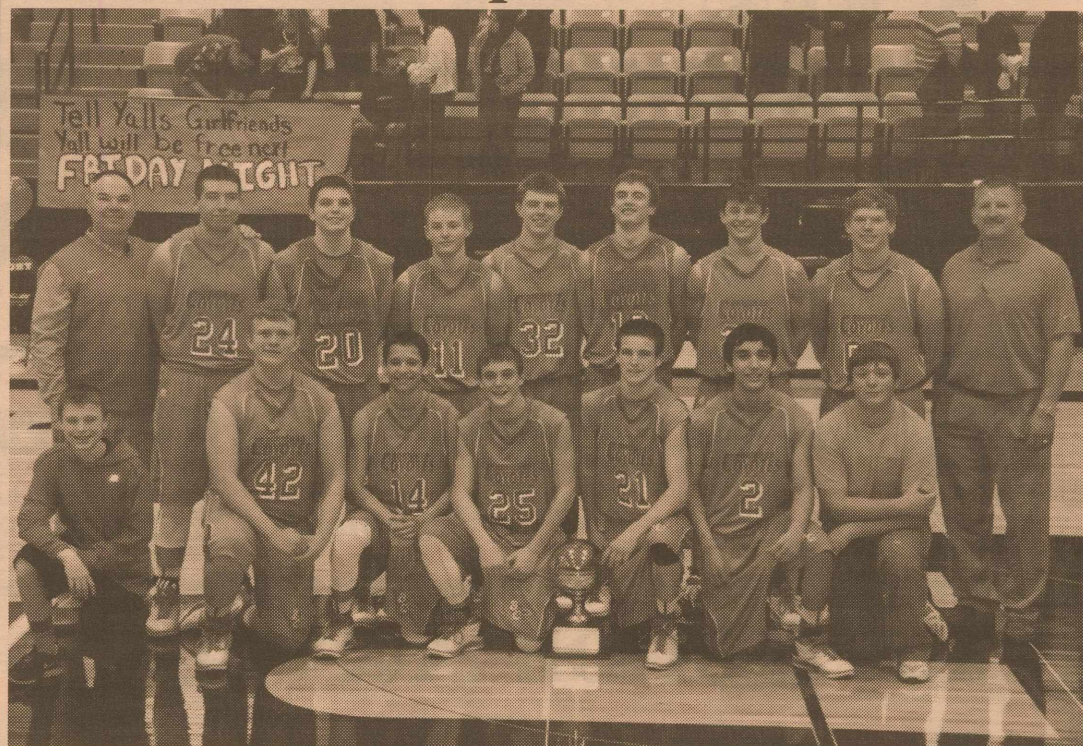
"Man, I am so proud of these guys," Coach Edwards exclaimed.

"It is nice to get the win and move to the next round. These guys deserve it and they absolutely earned it."

Richey led all scorers with 24 points followed by Korbin Martinez with 11 points. Sean Tucker added seven points while Diego Bernal and Hunter Jones scored five points. Corbin Sumners chipped in two points and Riley Herridge contributed one point.

The Coyotes are 21-8 on the season.

## Bi-District Champs!



The Borden County Coyotes are Bi-District Champions! The Coyotes defeated the Dawson Dragons on Tuesday night and advanced to the area round of playoff. Members of the Coyote team are (back left to right): Head Coach Bubba Edwards, Diego Bernal, Trace Richey, Corbin Sumners, Sean Tucker, Korbin Martinez, Hunter Jones, Riley Herridge, Assistant Coach Trey Richey, (front row left to right) Trey Edwards-manager, Braxton Barnes, Morgan Wilson, Nick Proulx, Jayton Lewis, Noah Morales and Kale Yarbrow.

# Ladies Fall to Grady in District Playoff Game

By Coach Skelton

We knew going into this game that we had to take care of the ball, make shots, and play great defense. This year these girls have battled for every victory, competed from buzzer to buzzer no matter the score, and I really couldn't be more proud of a group than this one.

We talk about effort and what it takes to make a difference for your team, and we also talk about that God didn't create everyone with the same skill set, but it's what we do with the skills he gave us that separates us from others. We didn't handle the pressure very well which eventually led to Grady getting some easy scores and making a run in the third quarter that basically sealed our defeat. However these girls played such amazing defense it really made me so incredibly proud to be their coach.

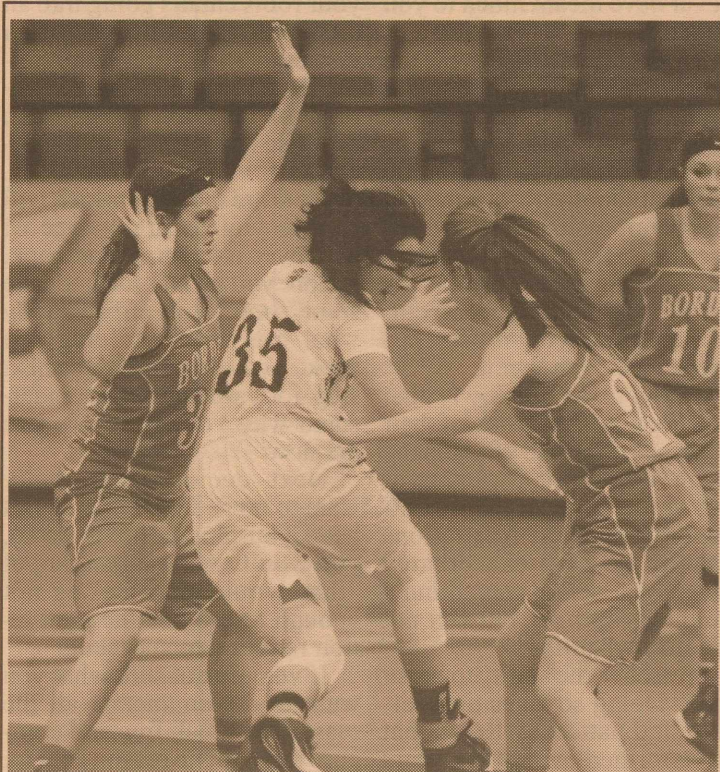
Even though our offense skills weren't as sharp as

Grady's these girls sheer effort on defense allowed us to play Grady within two points at half and within point for three quarters of play.

I can't put into words just how awesome this season was to be a part of and how cool it was to watch these young ladies mature over the course of this season. In a few weeks I

will start turning the wheels in my head to what next year will hold. We have a great core of girls coming back, and I am excited about the future, but this team raised the bar on how the Lady Coyotes play defense.

Scorers: Zoie Key 6, Avery Wright 4, Sydnee Jordan 4, Kylee Dean 4, Bailey Robinson 4, Preslea Hall 2



Lady Coyotes Kylee Dean (far left) Zoie Key (#20) and Preslea Hall (#10) play defense against the Lady Wildcats in last weeks' Bi-District game.



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# Borden Coyote JV Declaws the Wildcats 49-20

By Coach Edwards

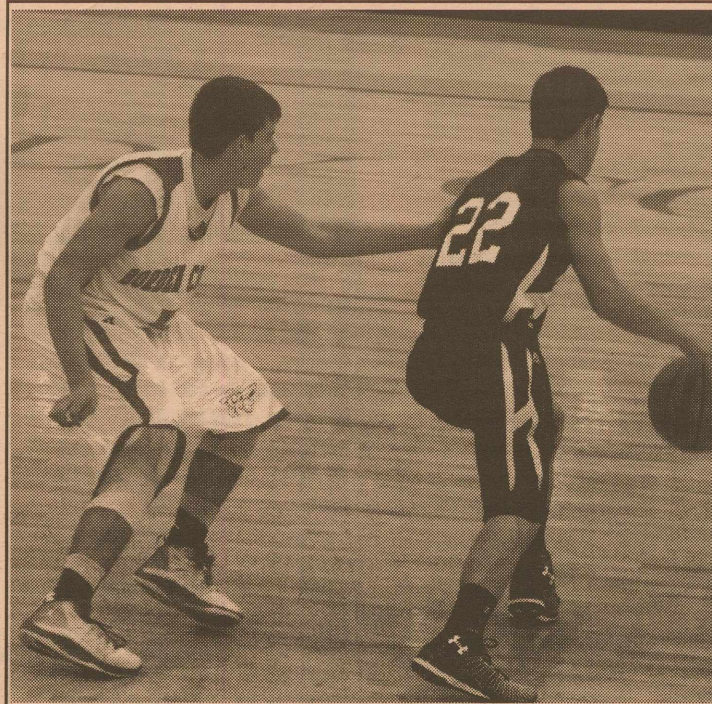
The Borden County Jr. Varsity squad finished the year with a win defeating the Westbrook Wildcats, 49-20.

Borden jumped out to a 13-2 first quarter lead and extended it to a 27-8 halftime lead. The Coyotes outscored Westbrook 22-12 in the second half to secure the victory.

Braxton Barnes was the game's leading scorer with 13

points followed by Easton Edwards and Noah Morales with nine points. Kale Yarbro finished with six points while Morgan Wilson chipped in five points. Braxton Coor, Dylan Murphy, and Jayton Lewis finished with two points. Ryan Willborn added a point.

The Coyotes finished the season as district champions and a season record of 17-4.



Braxton Coor guards a Wildcat opponent during last weeks match up with Westbrook. The Coyote JV defeated the Wildcats 49-20

## School Lunch Menu

Mar. 2-6, 2015

Menu subject to change

**Monday** - Breakfast: Pancake & Bacon, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Breaded Prok Chop, Garden Salad, Carot Coints, Sliced Peaches, Breadstick, Chocolate Pudding and Milk.

**Tuesday** - Breakfast: Cheesy Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Crispy Tacos & Salsa, Spanish Rice, Garden salad, Charro Beans, Cinnamon Applesauce and Milk.

**Wednesday** - Breakfast: Biscuit, Gravy & Eggs, Fruit Juice, Fruit, and Milk. Lunch: CHicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Strawberries & Bananas, Roll and Milk.

**Thursday** - Breakfast: Oatmeal & Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Teriyaki Beef Sandwich, Potato Chips, Broccoli Bites, Garden Salad, Orange Smiles and Milk.

**Friday** - Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Hot Dog, Sweet Potato Fries, Cucumber Dip-pers, Fresh Fruit, Chocolate Chip Cookie and Milk.

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## Little Dribblers West Texas Six-Man Youth Sports

(Right) The Borden County Girls were the champions of the Little Dribblers West Texas Six-Man Youth Sports Pee Wee girls division. Pictured are (back l to r) Kenley Estes, Tyler Cole, Tynslee Horton, Haven Hill, Tia Frankl, Tagan Treadwell, Kenli Curtis (front l to r) Raegan Beaver, Harbor Hill-manager, Tatum Runge, Hagan Smith, Kyra Curtis, Evie Stansell and Brogan Walker. The team was coached by Tim and Keitha Hill.



(Left) The Borden County 5th and 6th grade girls grabbed the championship for the girls major division at the Little Dribblers West Texas Six-Man Youth Sports tournament this past weekend. The girls ended the season 14-0. Pictured are (back l to r) Leandre Van der Bank, Kylie Barnes, Kaci Hudson, Sydni Coor, Kennedy Tucker, (front l to r) Haddie Flanigan, Maggie Miller, Gabriella Skelton and Maddy Sumners. The girls were coached by Kurt Coor.



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## Spring Cleaning, Room by Room

Make the big cleaning job straightforward and even fun with a plan of attack, a checklist and a rewarding celebration at the end.

### Begin with an action plan

One of the hardest parts of spring cleaning can be deciding where to begin and what to tackle first. Not to mention figuring out who will do what. So why not approach the big job like a pro this year: create an action plan, assign tasks to specific family members (or even to a professional) and then reward everyone for a job well done. Don't forget to hold a family meeting to brainstorm enticing and fun rewards that will inspire everyone to work hard!

### Checklists ease your way

To help you out with your big spring clean, create spring cleaning checklists: one for each room in your home, plus an extra to cover outdoor cleaning. Right@Home has created seven easy-to-use downloadable checklists that are available at <http://www.rightathome.com/view.aspx?pid=539>

Each list contains tasks, suggestions for who can best handle each task (adult, child or professional), tool and product recommendations, helpful tips—and even some of our favorite articles on related topics.

To download a checklist, locate the checklist names shown in the right-hand column of this page. Then simply click the name of the checklist you'd like to use.

Once you have your check-

list, print it and use it as a guide to keep you and your family on track throughout your big spring clean. Here's a suggestion: tape the appropriate checklist to the door of the room you're cleaning and check off tasks as they are completed. That way everyone can track the progress of each room and share in a sense of accomplishment as you get closer to your goals. It will make the chores seem more manageable too.

### Make safety a priority

As always, read the labels of any product you use so you fully understand all directions and precautions. Consider, too, whether you'll need special equipment, like safety goggles or rubber gloves, to protect your eyes and skin.

Children can often help out with spring cleaning and on our checklists we've indicated cleaning tasks that might be appropriate for them. However, some cleaning products should be kept out of reach of children (and pets too), so check labels to make sure. Be sure that you supervise them as appropriate for their age.

### Celebrate a job well done.

Once the last checkbox has been ticked and your house is gleaming from roof to basement, treat the whole family to the agreed-upon reward. Whether it's dinner at a favorite restaurant or maybe a new hammock for backyard relaxing, it's certain to be a well-earned spring bonus!

Source: Right@Home by SC Johnson

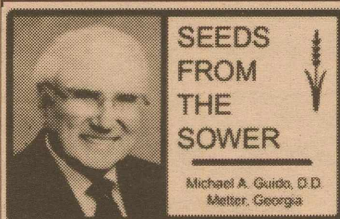
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The seminary professor stood quietly before his class as though he was waiting for a traffic light to change. Wanting the class to think deep thoughts about the greatness of God's grace he asked, "Do you have any possession, do you have anything - anything - that you did not receive from the Lord?"

After a moments thought, Len spoke up and said, "Yes!"

Startled, the professor asked in a voice of disbelief, "What?"

"Sin," came the reply.

Sin did not have its origin in God, but in Lucifer who became Satan. In Ezekiel 28:15 we read, "You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you." Satan and sin were not and are not eternal. But sin entered into the world through Adam. Paul wrote in Romans 5:12 that "sin entered into the world through one man."

Sin, then, is a legacy - an inheritance - that is passed on from one generation to another. But it is an inheritance that we can choose to refuse.

David says we can be "blessed" if there is "no deceit in our spirit." If we express true repentance and regret for our sins, God will certainly forgive us. How fortunate we are for His love, grace and forgiveness.

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## Thought for the Day

*The Holy Bible is an  
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impossible to  
explain how  
profound it is,  
impossible to  
explain how simple  
it is.*

-Ernest Hello

# Dare to Live...

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the benefits of breaking free compared to all of the advantages to remaining where you are now.

Once you have affirmed your determination to break free, you can put together a plan to get it done. This will be comprised of the individual steps that will take you to your desired goal. Then divide each step into a number of smaller steps that are easily manageable. If your steps are too big, they will seem overwhelming, and you will be hesitant to tackle them.

After your plan is in place, you must take action. If you do nothing, nothing will happen. You must begin with the first step listed in your plan and then continue with the second

and each succeeding step until your goal is achieved.

At times, you may experience one or more setbacks. Don't worry about it. Get back on track and keep going. It doesn't matter if you stumble and fall. What's important is that you get back up.

Regardless of whatever is holding you back, you can break free. The more you work on it, the better you will get. There are untold opportunities awaiting you as you move forward in your life.

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### Photography Project

Jeanie Coor will be leading the Photography Project this year. Project meetings will be held on Monday, March 2 and Thursday, March 5 from 3:45-5:00. 4-H'ers will need a camera of some kind for the project meetings. Meetings will be held in the Extension Office meeting room, unless otherwise informed.

### Clothing Project

We will meet again on Thursday, February 26, Tuesday, March 3 and Monday, March 16 from 3:45-5:00 p.m. in the Extension Office.

### Robotics Project

We will meet on Wednesday, March 4 from 3:45-5:00 p.m. in the Extension Office meeting room for all youth interested in the Robotics Project.



### Got News?

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Matt Proulx

## Borden County EMS Receives Donation



Borden County Paramedic, Mike Valentine (second from left) accepts a donation in the amount of \$7500.00 from Tony Rodriguez of Shell Exploration and Production for the purchase of a Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator. Ed Rivera (far right), manager of the Brazos Wind Farm in Fluvanna said Shell lives by three core values: honesty, integrity and respect for communities they work in. "We commit ourselves to "no harm to people". We are committed to make sure everyone that enters our site goes home in the same condition they came in.

"Shell is honored to be partnered with the Borden County volunteer Fire Department/EMS and the community. Their continuous commitment to the community and support for our operation is invaluable!", he said. "I'm honored to be associated with the brave men and women of Borden County that sacrifice their personal lives to serve their community. They put their own lives in harm's way as we pass them running the opposite direction. They live by the motto 'Courage to Act'!", Mr. Rivera said.

## Former Student Finishes Basic Training in Georgia

2014 Borden High School Graduate Matt Proulx, son of Robert and Arica Proulx of Gail, is currently training in Kentucky with the U.S. Army's Air Assault teams.

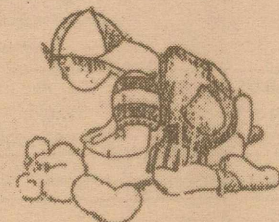
Matt graduated February 20 from the Army's basic training program at Ft. Benning, Georgia. While there, he was with Foxtrot Co. 1<sup>st</sup>/50<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion.

Traveling to Georgia to attend graduation were his parents and siblings, sister Kimberly Proulx of Odessa and brother Nick Proulx, a freshman at Borden High School. Matt's grandmother also made the trip.

Both of Matt's grandfathers served in the military. Arica's dad was in Vietnam while in the Navy, and Robert's dad is an Army veteran.

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The proposed recycling site is located 9 miles east of Ackerly, Texas in the SW/4 of Section 20, Block 32, T-3-N, T. & P. RR. CO.

Survey, Abstract No. 1052, Borden County. The proposed disposal site is located on real property owned by Brenda Leek.

Affected persons may protest this application. Protests must be in writing and must be received by the 15th day after the last date of publication of this notice. The last date of publication of this notice is expected to be March 2, 2015 which means protests should be received by March 15, 2015.

### Shane Frankl FNP-C



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### NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AMS DEPLOYMENT, AMS SURCHARGE, AND NON-STANDARD METERING SERVICE FEES FILED WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

On January 23, 2015, Sharyland Utilities, L.P. (Sharyland), a regulated electric transmission and distribution company, filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC or Commission) a Request for Approval of an Advanced Metering System (AMS) Deployment, AMS Surcharge, and Non-Standard Metering Service Fees. The docket number and style of this application are Docket No. 44361, Sharyland Utilities, L.P.'s Request for Approval of an Advanced Metering System (AMS) Deployment, AMS Surcharge, and Non-Standard Metering Service Fees.

Sharyland is seeking approval from the Commission for its AMS deployment plan pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. 25.130 and the Commission's order in Application of Sharyland Utilities, L.P. to Establish Retail Delivery Rates, Approve Tariff for Retail Delivery Service, and Adjust Wholesale Transmission Rate, Docket No. 41474 (Jan. 23, 2014). Sharyland is also seeking approval of non-standard metering fees pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. 25.133. Sharyland also requests approval of the AMS surcharges for recovery of the reasonable and necessary costs which Sharyland will incur under its deployment plan pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. 25.130(k).

If approved, Sharyland's AMS surcharges will go into effect on July 1, 2015. The AMS surcharges will apply to electric service to residential customers and non-residential customers, other than those who have interval data recorder (IDR) meters or take unmetered service. The AMS surcharges will be billed to the retail electric providers (REPs) providing retail electric service to such customers in Sharyland's service areas. The costs recovered through the AMS surcharges will be reviewed by the Commission in a reconciliation proceeding to be held in the future on a schedule to be determined by the Commission. Sharyland has proposed the following AMS surcharges:

Residential	\$3.17
Secondary Small	\$3.25
Secondary Large	\$4.60
Primary	\$3.52

Furthermore, P.U.C. SUBST. R. 25.133 allows a customer to choose to receive electric service through a non-standard (non-advanced) meter and authorizes Sharyland to assess fees to recover the costs associated with providing the non-standard metering service from a customer who elects to have a non-standard meter. The following fees will only affect those customers that refuse installation of an advanced meter or any other retail customer who requests non-standard metering service:

#### Non-refundable, one-time up-front fees

Advanced meter with disabled communication:	\$114.95
Existing meter that meets applicable accuracy standards:	\$167.04
If commercially available, an analog meter that meets applicable meter accuracy standards:	\$190.12
Digital, non-communicating meter:	\$190.12

#### Recurring monthly fee

During amortization period:	\$39.91 per month
After amortization period:	\$23.24 per month

If you have questions about PUC Docket No. 44361, please contact Bridget Headrick at Sharyland at (512) 721-2668.

A copy of the application is kept at Sharyland's office at 1807 Ross Avenue, Suite 460, Dallas, Texas 75201 and at the office of Sharyland's legal representative, Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, at 600 Congress Ave., Suite 2000, Austin, Texas 78701, (512) 721-2700 (Telephone), (512) 721-2656 (Facsimile).

Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon the action sought, should mail their requests to intervene or their comments (along with 10 copies of your letter) to: Public Utility Commission of Texas, Central Records, Attn: Filing Clerk, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. The deadline for intervention in this proceeding is March 9, 2015, and the Commission should receive a letter requesting intervention no later than that date. Further information may also be obtained by contacting the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

# Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
Tumbleweed Smith

## Storming the Beach at Normandy

George Hangar of Killeen was drafted into the Army in 1943 when he was eighteen. "I never had it so good. I was paid fifty dollars a month. Before I came in I was paid a dollar a day." He became a combat engineer. "Our unit was composed of farm boys who already knew how to string barbed wire, fire every type of rifle and drive every type of vehicle."

He received amphibious training on the coast of England in preparation for the invasion of France at Normandy. "They told us that half of us would be casualties. I looked at the guy next to me and thought that one of us was going to be gone."

He was trained in mines and demolition. At Omaha Beach on June sixth, 1944, his specific job was to clear a path for the twenty-ninth infantry division. "We started off with a mine detector but we had to discard all of that coming in because of the waves and high water. When our squad got ready to go off the landing craft, I was the first one to go down the ramp and as soon as I was off, the ramp blew up."

Getting off the landing craft was dangerous. "We were out quite a ways from shore. When we left the landing craft we were in over five feet of water and the waves were four feet high. They would throw you up and down, up and down. Of course we had to fight the enemy to get in, even though we were soaked, carrying a heavy pack and our weapons."

"We wore a life preserver belt high under our arms. When you would give it a squeeze it would inflate. So many of the infantry guys

didn't have amphibious training and their belt was around their waists. When they inflated the life preserver while they were in the water, six or seven feet deep with high waves, it would flip them upside down because they had all this weight on their shoulders. I saw two infantry guys in the waves with their legs sticking out of the water and their heads under water." He says it is extremely important to give invading troops amphibious training.

Once on the beach, they found a wall of barbed wire in front of them and machine gun fire coming from the Germans. They were pinned down for an hour or so. When the machine gun fire stopped for a moment, a Lieutenant from the infantry unit stood up and was immediately shot in the head and killed. "A half-track vehicle trying to reach the beach got stalled and our squad leader went over to it and called us over there. It had machine guns on it and me and another guy took a machine gun and continuously fired it while two other guys took explosives and blew an opening in the barbed wire so the infantry could move through. We used our bayonets to clear the mines."

George can still wear his uniform and got it out to show me. I took a picture of him holding it. He stays in shape by taking six-mile walks. He has been on six hundred of them. "I'm trying to bankrupt Social Security," says George.

Few things please Tumbleweed more than sitting on a front porch somewhere in Texas visiting with people who love life. Contact him at [ts@tumbleweedsmith.com](mailto:ts@tumbleweedsmith.com)

# Commissioners' Court

WHEREAS, on this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas the following members of the Court being present to-wit:

ROSS D. SHARP, County Judge, Presiding; MONTE SMITH, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1; ERNEST REYES, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; JOE BELEW, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; JANA UNDERWOOD, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court.

Randy Adcock, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2 absent, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda. Other officers present; Marlo Holbrooks, County Attorney, Benny Allison, Sheriff and Tax Assessor and Shawna Gass, County Treasurer.

### CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the January 27, 2015, special session of the Commissioners Court to order at 8:30 A.M.

### COMMUNITY INPUT

None

### MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of January 15, 2015 were presented. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes as presented. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried

### NOVEMBER 2014

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve report. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried

### DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROGRAM AGREEMENT

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve agreement between Allied Compliance Serves, Inc. and Borden County to provide drug and alcohol testing for a period of one year. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### XEROX LEASE AGREEMENT

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve lease agreement between Xerox and Borden County for a new copier to be used in the County/District clerk's office. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve agreement between the City of O'Donnell and Borden County for firefighting services. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### COUNTY EMPLOYEE TIME SHEETS

No Action

### UTILITY CABLE CROSSINGS APPLICATIONS

No Applications

### PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the following applications:

Precinct 1 – work performed as needed from Carl Pepper and Barbara Farmer

Precinct 2 – work performed as needed from Audry Brummett and John Anderson

Precinct 3 – work performed as needed from Gary & Connie Stipe

Precinct 3 – work be performed one time only from Bennie W. Edwards

Precinct 4 – work to be performed as needed from Mike Valentine and Van L. York

Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### SOIL CONSERVATION WORK

No Applications

Commissioner Belew left meeting at 9:10 A.M.

### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Time Sheets
2. Precinct 1 Loader

### CURRENT ACCOUNTS

Commissioner Smith made a motion to pay said accounts. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

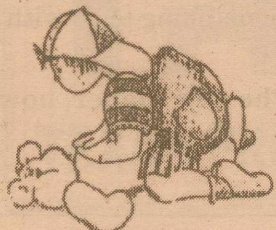
### COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS AND THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Kimberly Wilder, AIF Employee Benefits Consultant with Texas Associations of Counties met with the court and discussed the future of the county health benefit plan.

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## Commissioners' Court

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### ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015.

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WHEREAS, on this the 10th day of February, 2015, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas the following members of the Court being present to-wit: MONTE SMITH, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1; RANDY ADCOCK, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; ERNEST REYES, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; JOE BELEW, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; JANA UNDERWOOD, County Clerk and Ex-Efficio of the Commissioners Court with Judge Sharp absent due to illness; Commissioner Reyes conducted the meeting, thus constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda. Other officers present: Marlo Holbrooks, County Attorney, Benny Allison, Sheriff and Tax Assessor; and Shawna Gass, County Treasurer

### CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Reyes called the February 10, 2015, regular session of the Commissioners Court to order at 8:42 A.M.

Max Drum, Sales Manager of Total Truck and Trailer of Snyder, Texas met with the commissioners and presented a presentation on what his company has to offer.

### COMMUNITY INPUT

None

### MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of January 27, 2015 were presented. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said minutes as presented. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### COUNTY OFFICER

MONTHLY REPORTS  
Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve, ac-

cept and file submitted reports in the County Clerk's office. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Commissioner Adcock made a motion to pass said resolution. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### COURT PAYMENT CARD PROCESSING PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the agreement between Borden County and Tyler Technologies, Inc. for Court Payment Card Processing Participation for the mandated e-filing process. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lance Wells CAT joins meeting

### INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT

No Action Taken  
DEPUTY COUNTY/DISTRICT CLERK

Commissioners were introduced to the new Deputy County/District clerk Brande Buchanan

### COUNTY EMPLOYEE TIME-KEEPING METHOD

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve new time sheet for hourly employees. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion

### PRECINCT 1 FRONT-END LOADER

Lance Wells, with Warren Cat, visited with the court on the front-end loader he located for Pct. 1. Commissioner Smith made a motion to purchase the front-end loader from Warren Cat. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion Motion carried.

### PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the following request:

Precinct 2- as needed Terry

Smith

Precinct 1 - as needed  
John S Stephens Jr

Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### SOIL CONSERVATION WORK

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the following application:

Precinct 4 - one time only  
Pamela Beaver Davenport

Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Seal Coat Program with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper  
CURRENT ACCOUNTS

Commissioner Smith made a motion to pay said accounts. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### ADJOURN

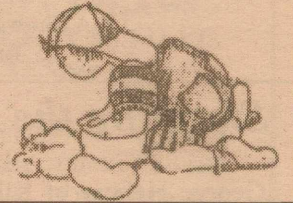
Commissioner Belew made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion and approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015



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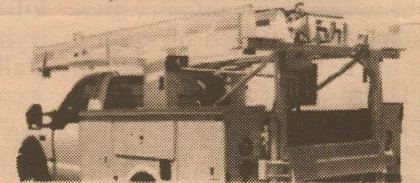
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