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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit

Pepe Aranda's Multi-Layered Life

When A Drive In The Country Can Ruin Your Life

By Gene Hall

It's harvest time in Texas. That means very large agricultural machines are sharing the roads with you. It can be frustrating to have to slow to less than 30 miles per hour and wait for an opportunity to pass. But remember, impatience or road rage can result in tragedy.

Texas agriculture, especially around urban areas, has become somewhat fragmented. That means the only way to get from field to field is to drive a few miles to the next one. It's how they make a living.

There are regulations farmers must observe. One is a

"slow moving vehicle" reflective and red triangular shield. This must be affixed to the equipment in a prominent way. All drivers must learn what this is and slow down. To do otherwise is dangerous and foolish.

Put your phone away. Save the texting and dialing for later. Drop your head to text about your dinner plans and you can close the distance between yourself and tragedy in a matter of seconds. Pay attention. You can save yourself from living with the unthinkable.

Source: Texas Farm Bureau

When I spoke at the Carriizo Springs chamber banquet a couple of years ago, I met Pepe Aranda of Eagle Pass. He had hauled in all sorts of sound and light equipment for a dance after the banquet. The equipment was first class and added a festive atmosphere. This year, after speaking at the Eagle Pass chamber banquet, I interviewed Pepe. He has done a bunch of things.

When he was growing up he developed an interest in music and played saxophone with a band. He worked part-time at HEB while in high school, but music was his passion and he wanted to be a high school band director. One day the manager of the store told Pepe that he should give up on music, that he couldn't make any money with it. He showed Pepe the stub of his paycheck. Pepe was impressed because he knew how little money the local high school band director made. The store manager recommended Pepe enroll in HEB's manager training course. He took the advice and at age 19 was a department head. He earned an HEB college scholarship and later managed HEB stores throughout the border area for 20 years.

After his career with HEB Pepe started a company that produced chorizo sausage and cracklings made from pigskins. It grew and eventually he had 16 employees and was distributing products from Little Debbie and Pepperidge Farm.

After selling that business he became a consultant to the Kickapoo Indian tribe and later went into real estate.

He served two terms as mayor of Eagle Pass and served eight years as county judge of Maverick County. Once while a committee was organizing a Christmas party for county employees, Pepe suggested instead of hiring someone to play live music during dinner he would set up some sound equipment he had bought for his son, who had aspirations of becoming a musician and play recorded music. The committee thought that was a good idea.

While he was setting up his equipment, the caterer asked Pepe if he was a DJ. Pepe thought about thirty seconds and replied, "Yes, I am." He was invited to provide sound for an upcoming quinceanera. He discovered the event was for his niece, so he gave her the \$400 he earned for playing DJ. The caterer invited Pepe

to play for an upcoming dance. The jobs just kept coming. Pepe got serious about buying equipment and subscribing to various online music providers and now invests 30 percent of his DJ income to buying new equipment. He is pretty much at the top of his field with light and sound and travels all over the state nearly every weekend with his DJ show.

When Pepe was running for mayor, he got some help from his young son, EJ, who was in pre-kindergarten,

"He came home one day and told me I had nothing to worry about the election because he had talked to his classmates and they said their parents would vote for you."

www.tumbleweedsmith.com

JV & Varsity Scrimmage

The JV and varsity Coyotes will scrimmage this Friday. The JV game will begin at 5 pm with the Varsity immediately following at 6 pm. Come out and support the Coyotes as they begin their season!



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Applications for Assistance From Operation Round Up Now Being Accepted

The Operation Round Up program, administered by volunteers on the Big Country Electric Cooperative trust board of directors, allows the cooperative and its members to partner together to provide financial assistance to those in need locally. This program is supported by co-op members whose electric bills are "Rounded Up" to the nearest dollar. The "Round Up" amount goes into the Operation Round Up fund for distribution to individuals and organizations with demonstrated financial need in the counties we serve: Borden, Fisher, Garza, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall and Throckmorton. Applications are evaluated with the utmost confidence and funding decisions made by the trust's board of directors - your peers and neighbors - who volunteer their time, hearts and consideration to make decisions that will positively impact lives in our communities. Food needs and food banks, shelter, medical bills and health needs, rescue organizations, educational projects, child care programs and other special needs are just a few of the ways this fund helps families and groups in our local communities. Every penny stays right here at home, in the counties we serve.

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Applications for assistance will be accepted now through September 1 at 5:00 p.m. Applications, instructions and FAQs are available at bigcountry.coop, just look for the Operation Round Up name or logo. Please contact Sarah McLen at (325) 776-3803 or at smclen@bigcountry.coop with any questions about Operation Roundup.



STEAK NIGHT

at the

Coyote Store

This Saturday
from
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

12 oz. Rib-Eye
Steak

each served with salad,
baked potato, home-made
rolls.



Come to the Coyote
Store for good food,
good music & good
times with good
friends!

Borden County Independent School District 2016-2017

SECONDARY SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

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

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

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

Elementary P.E.

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

Mr. Edwards - Social Studies (7th)

- Notebook paper
- Notebook
- Pens
- Red pens

Ms. Farquhar - Agriculture Science (8th-12th)

- 3-Ring notebook
 - 9 Dividers with labels
 - Pens
 - Pencils
 - Notebook paper
 - 1 Spiral notebook
 - 1-24 Count colored pencils
 - 2 Glue sticks
- Grades 8, 9, 10, 12
Denim jeans
Long sleeve shirt
Closed toed boots

English I, English II, English III, English IV, Science (6th), Speech

- English Classes
- 1 1/2" 3-Ring notebook
 - Dividers (at least 5)
 - Composition book (not a spiral notebook)
 - Blue or black pens
 - RED pens
 - Loose-leaf notebook paper
 - 3X5 Index Cards
- Science Class (6th)
- Red pens (10)
 - Pens-black/blue
 - Pencils
 - Homework folder
 - 1 1/2 inch 3 ring notebook
 - Dividers (At least 5)
 - 3 X 5 index cards
 - Map colors or colored pencils (at least 24)

Mr. Hill - Science (7th & 8th), Biology, Chemistry, Physics

- 1 1/2 - 2" Binder-to keep papers
- Composition notebook
- Set of 5-tab dividers for binder
- Pens
- Pencils
- Red pens

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

- 6-8 Math:
- Composition Book-wide ruled
 - Plenty of pencils
 - Red pens
 - Pkg. of dry erase markers
 - Pkg. of notebook paper
- Algebra I
- Composition Book
 - 1 pkg. of notebook paper
 - Plenty of pencils
 - Red pens
 - Pkg. of dry erase markers

Ms. Phillips - Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Math Models

- Notebook paper
- 3 Ring Binder
- Plenty of pencils
- Colored pens for grading

Mr. Richey - Math (6th & 7th), Geometry, Algebra I

- Notebook paper
- Dividers (5 or 6)
- Pencils
- Red pens (No other colors needed)
- Highlighter
- Dry erase marker (2 or 3)
- Compass-optional
- Protractor-optional

Mr. Skelton - Social Studies (8th), World Geography (11th), Government/Economics (12th)

- Notebook paper or spirals
- Pens-Blue or Black
- 8 Pkgs. 3 X 5 index cards
- Red Pens

Mrs. Skelton - Reading (7th & 8th) English (8th)

- 1.5 inch hard cover 3 ring notebook or pocketed folder to store returned papers (if you prefer a folder, bring several for the year)
 - Blue or black pens
 - 2 Pkgs. notebook paper (wide ruled, NO COLLEGE RULED)
 - Markers or red pens for grading
 - 2 Pkgs. 3 X 5 notecards
 - 1 Pkg. highlighters
 - Composition book (like the black and white ones)
- **8th graders will need two separate notebooks, one for Reading and one for ELA

Ms. Sullivan - Reading (6th), Social Studies (6th) English (6th) English (7th)

- Two inch 3-Ring notebook (No zippers or flaps)
- One spiral notebook
- Dividers
- Map colors
- Blue or black ink pens
- Pencils
- Red pens or pencils
- Scissors
- Highlighter (any color)
- 1 Box of Kleenex (6th grade only)

****Please do not purchase the stretchy book covers for your student's textbooks. They will be provided by the school. Stretchy book covers will not be allowed.

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Heart and Home...



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Rise and Shine Timesavers

It is hard to believe that school is beginning in only 10 days! Now is the time to start preparing yourself and your children to get ready for back to school so that on that first day back there aren't as many groans about getting up early and heading off to learn!

Organization is even more important when your child is not a morning person (do we hear sympathetic groans?). Here are tried-and-tested tips to get kids up in the morning and out the door!

Wake Them Up! Raise the blinds About 10 minutes before the kids need to wake up, go into their bedrooms and quietly raise the blinds so they can slowly get accustomed to the light.

Play upbeat music. Set the radio alarm for a station with energetic music your children can wake up to. Or play a CD of your own selection, especially one they like and that gets their bodies moving. It's hard to stay in bed when the tempo is fast.

Get Them Dressed! Shower before the troops. If possible, make sure you get up in time to shower before the rest of the family.

Schedule the bathroom. If you have more than one child, or only one bathroom, set a monthly schedule of who uses it when. (Schedule some children to take their bath/shower at night, others in the morning, and specify the exact time each child has to be out of the bathroom.) Do ask your child for his or her preference. Warning: this plan won't always work, but knowing you have a plan may give you some peace of mind!

Prep the gym clothes weekly. Like taxes, dirty gym clothes are inevitable. So every week-end wash and dry your children's dirty gym clothes and put them back in each child's gym bag. Then hang the bag

on the doorknob of their respective bedrooms. In the morning, all they have to do is snatch the bag on their way out. Depending on the child's age (e.g., high schooler) and the weather, gym clothes may need to be washed more than once a week. (Note that this can also be applied to younger children's nap blanket/pillow or other special items they need in school.)

Kid-proof the closet. Have two closet rods for hanging clothes in your child's closet (if you only have one, lower extension bars can be found at your local mass merchandise store or online); Shirts go on top, pants/skirts on the bottom. Shelves are not so practical for children because they are hard to reach and stuff just starts to pile up in multiple layers! If possible, store off-season clothing on these shelves.

Label everything. Remember our moms sewing name labels into every piece of our clothing when I was a child. Today, most elementary schools ask parents to label each individual marker, crayon, glue stick and plastic supply as well! The easiest way is to mark everything (including non-clothing) with a fine point permanent marker or a permanent marker laundry pen. You can either write directly on the item or write on adhesive address labels and cut them to fit the item.

Get Them Fed! Make lunches the night before and set the breakfast table the night before.

After the kids are in bed and the kitchen table is cleaned, put out plates and cutlery for breakfast. That way, the table is ready in the morning. That's one less last-minute morning chore.

Bake cookies for the week. One Sunday each month, bake a couple of batches of your children's favorite cookies



James Edward Airhart, Jr.
1935 - 2016

James Edward Airhart, Jr. (Jimmy) passed peacefully from this life at his home in Lamesa surrounded by his family. Jimmy, the oldest of the six children of Pearl and J.E. Airhart was born in Knott, TX in Howard County on September 14, 1935. He helped raise his younger siblings and drove a tractor at an early age on the family farm in Sparenburg. He attended school at Sparenburg until it closed in 1948, and then entered Klondike ISD where he was an accomplished athlete. He met his future wife, Mary Forehand, as they attended Howard College in Big Spring. They both continued college at Texas Tech. After

and freeze them in individual freezer bags. They can keep them in the freezer up to three months.

Give a choice of breakfast foods. In most houses, nobody wants the same breakfast. So offer two choices: for instance, cereal or eggs on one day; oatmeal or frozen waffles (the ones with no trans fat) on another. If they don't like the choice, they can get a granola bar from the cupboard or toast a frozen waffle.

Get Them Packed! Check the school folder nightly. Every night check your children's school folders (where they keep teacher notes, announcements, etc.) to make sure that permission slips are signed and you are not expected to bake

Obituary

their marriage in 1957, they made their home on a farm in Sparenburg. Four children and several failed crops later, Jimmy returned to education and obtained his Master's Degree and administrative certification from Sul Ross State University. Upon graduation, he taught at Sands ISD in Ackerly where he also served as principal, then one year at Lamesa High School, and later to Dawson ISD at Welch where he taught and later became superintendent. Jimmy excelled as a teacher and gained the respect and admiration of his students as well as the teachers and staff that he worked with. Following family tradition, he also raised nurse cows and beef cattle.

Jimmy's love of sports was lifelong. He was a fierce competitor. His volleyball team (SPARS) won 1st place in many area tournaments. He loved watching his children and grandchildren compete in sports, loved attending the Texas UIL state basketball tournaments for both boys and girls, and supported the Texas Tech Red Raiders as long as his mobility allowed. Later, he became an "armchair" supporter of the Rangers, Mavericks, and Cowboys.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Mary of 59 years, 4 children: Teri Jones (Sam), Tracey Harris (Brian),

three dozen cookies by the next morning!

Program and recharge your child's cell phone (IF they have one). If your child has a cell phone, make sure you program it with emergency numbers (work and cell numbers of both parents/caregivers, other relatives, adult family friends, hospital, taxi, etc.). And make sure the phone is charged every night.

Repack backpack the night before. Make sure all homework, books, pens, etc. are packed in the backpack the night before. Then leave it right next to the front door or in the same place, every day.

Source: SC Johnson Company's Right at Home web site <http://www.rightathome.com>

Tanya Harley (Jerry), Todd Airhart (Sonnya). He and his wife are blessed with twelve grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by three brothers, Donald of Lubbock, Quinton (Sharon) and Gayland (Donna) of Lamesa; also two sisters, Judy Everts of Lamesa, and Glenda Shortes (Don) of Ackerly.

He worshipped with the Church of Christ in Lamesa where funeral services were held on Monday, August 8, at 2 p.m. with Mark Hackett officiating. Interment followed in Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home. Visitation was at Branon Funeral Home from 3 to 4 p.m. on Sunday August 7th.

Jimmy and his wife resided in Lamesa for twenty-five years after retirement. Their immediate family increased to fifty with 2 more expected this year. He loved them all, and served as surrogate grandfather for many of their friends. He was much loved and was a positive influence on all who knew him. To send condolences online, please visit www.branonfuneralhome.com.

Thought for the Day

There is nothing anybody else can do that can stop God from using us. We can turn everything into a testimony.
-Corrie ten Boom

Fluvanna VFD Meeting

The Fluvanna volunteer fire department will hold a meeting on August 22nd at 7 pm at the Fluvanna Community Center. Everyone is invited. Membership and Bi-Laws will be discussed.

Commissioners Court

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BORDEN WHEREAS, on this the 26th day of July, 2016, 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; RANDY AD- COCK, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2; ERNEST REYES, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3; JOE BELEW, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4; JANA UNDERWOOD, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT constituting a quorum, when the following business and other proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda:

Other officers present: Shawna Gass, County Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the July 26, 2016, special session of the Commissioners Court to order at 9:00 A.M.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the minutes of July 12, 2016 as presented. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN

Kathy Davenport, consultant with HEBP and Ashley Cureton, consultant with TAC met with the court and discussed the county's current health care plan.

Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve the health benefit plan as proposed. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

REVISED POLICY FOR REGULATING ANIMALS IN COUNTY OWNED BUILDINGS

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the revisions to the order.

Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

ELECTION JUDGES FOR ELECTIONS

Item tabled at this time

OPTIONAL FEES FOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION

No Action taken

UTILITY CABLE/PIPELINE CROSSINGS

No Applications

PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the application from Joe Cooley in Precinct 2. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

SOIL CONSERVATION WORK

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the applications from John T. Wilson/Rocker Ranch, Precinct 1 and John T. Wilson/Munger Ranch, Precinct 2. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

Work session held

COMMUNITY INPUT

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Budget session

CURRENT ACCOUNTS

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

ADJOURN

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Borden County Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 8, 2016 in the Borden County ISD Admin Building 240 West Kincaid, Gail, TX.

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

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

Maintenance Tax \$ 1.04 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax
Approved by Local Voters \$ 0.28 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and operations	% increase	or	<u>0.0005</u>	% (decrease)
Debt service	% increase	or	<u>1.4961</u>	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	% increase	or	<u>0.2157</u>	% (decrease)

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

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ <u>1,137,350,608</u>	\$ <u>891,519,782</u>
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ <u>3,392,770</u>	\$ <u>333,470</u>
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ <u>816,993,910</u>	\$ <u>587,900,280</u>
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ <u>2,511,190</u>	\$ <u>281,800</u>

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).

** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 18,350,000

* Outstanding principal.

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ <u>1.04000</u>	\$ <u>0.28000</u> *	\$ <u>1.32000</u>	\$ <u>33,793</u>	\$ <u>1,483</u>
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ <u>1.07491</u>	\$ <u>0.28439</u> *	\$ <u>1.28739</u>	\$ <u>24,913</u>	\$ <u>6,022</u>
Proposed Rate	\$ <u>1.04000</u>	\$ <u>0.28000</u> *	\$ <u>1.32000</u>	\$ <u>23,664</u>	\$ <u>6,022</u>

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ <u>15,941</u>	\$ <u>15,628</u>
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ <u>15,123</u>	\$ <u>11,356</u>
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ <u>1.32</u>	\$ <u>1.32</u>
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ <u>199.62</u>	\$ <u>149.90</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ <u>49.72</u>

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

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.04. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.04.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ <u>8,702,906</u>
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ <u>3,948,026</u>