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Area Champs!



The Borden County Lady Coyotes were named Area Champs last week after defeating the Anton Lady Bulldogs 56-54 at the Rip Griffin Center on the Lubbock Christian University campus. Pictured are (back row left to right) Kalyn Massingill, Kaylyn Dean, Taylor Gass, Aubree Lester, Bailey Anderson, Taylor Richey, Machel Barr, Raegan Belgonia, Stefanie Cooley, Kylie Voss, (front row left to right) Shea Burkett, Sydnie Day, Mallory McMeans, Mollie McMeans, Jordan Day and Teryn Soto.

PCG Announces 54th Annual Meeting April 1

By Shawn Wade
Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. is pleased to announce that the organization's 54th Annual Meeting will be held Friday, April 1, 2011 in the Banquet Hall of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. The meeting is

being held in conjunction with the Texas Cotton Ginners Association Convention and Trade Show March 31-April 1, 2011 in Lubbock, Texas.

PCG's Annual Meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration, and the program will

start promptly at 9 a.m.

Headlining PCG's 54th Annual Meeting line-up is keynote speaker Walt Coleman, of Little Rock, Arkansas. Coleman is a sixth

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Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Activity vs. Productivity

You're always busy. There's just not enough time in each day to do all the things you need or want to do. You try to be as efficient as possible. It's as if you're on a treadmill. And no matter how fast you run, the treadmill is moving a little faster than you are.

You're exhausted at the end of each day. In spite of your hectic schedule, you are not really accomplishing what's important to you. You have goals but they are elusive.

You may feel frustrated. As you get busier, your irritation threshold drops and you react to minor irritations that never used to bother you. You're trapped in a vicious cycle.

There is a significant difference between activity and productivity. Activity is simply being busy. Activity doesn't necessarily mean that you are accomplishing something. Productivity means that you are engaged in moving towards your goals. Activity is often mistaken for productivity.

Activity is safer than productivity. Since productivity involves working towards your goals, there is a perceived risk of failure. If pursuing one's goals is postponed, the chance of failure is also deferred.

Activity involves no risk. Nothing is on the line when you keep busy with chores, home improvement projects, errands, etc. Granted, some activities are a necessity. But there are many that are performed at the expense of pursuing your goals and dreams.

Many people don't feel any urgency to start pushing toward goals today. Starting tomorrow appears to be just as satisfactory. As this procrastination develops into a behavioral habit, goals are put off so often they begin to fade and may never be pursued at all.

Starting to work towards your goals is just the beginning. To reach them, you have to pursue them consistently, on a regular basis, without being distracted or sidetracked.

You engage in some activities for their recreational, enjoyment, or therapeutic value. These types of activities are good, worthwhile, and serve a valid purpose. However, when spending time on them, you are not working towards your goals.

It all boils down to what's most important to you. If you don't have any goals or dreams, how you spend your time isn't really critical. But

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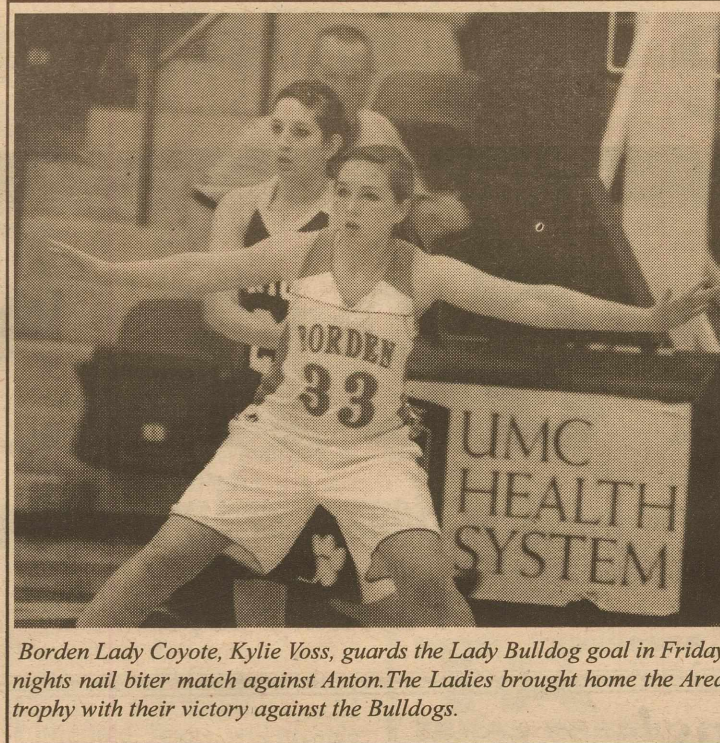
Lady Coyotes Area Champs!

By Coach McCook

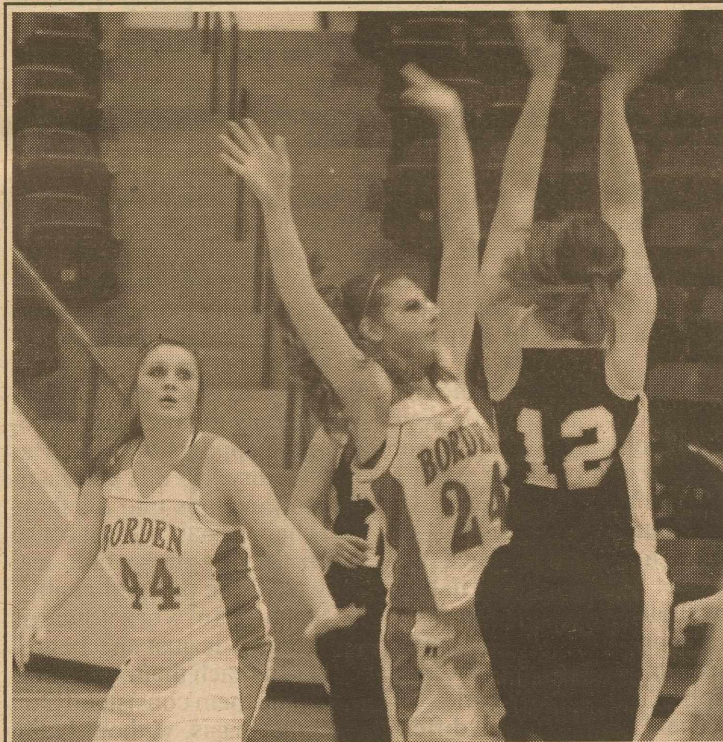
The Lady Coyotes took on the Lady Bulldogs of Anton Friday at the Rip Griffin Center on the campus of Lubbock Christian University in what turned out to be a thrilling game. The Lady Coyotes trailed early but fought their way back to take a one-point lead going into the fourth quarter. Then, in the final period, the Lady Coyotes extended their lead to four points on several occasions, but Anton refused to concede. In the end it was the Lady Coyotes' defense that won the game for them. Three consecutive defensive stands sealed the 56-54 win. They Lady Coyotes are now

22-7 on the season.

Taylor Richey led the team with 25 points and 8 rebounds. Stefanie Cooley had 10 points, 2 rebounds, and 2 steals. Aubree Lester had 10 points, 6 rebounds, and 8 assists. Raegan Belongia had 7 points and 13 rebounds. Bailey Anderson had 3 points, 5 rebounds, and 3 assists. Kylie Voss had 1 point and 2 rebounds. Machel Barr, Taylor Gass, Kalyn Massingill, Jordan Day, Teryn Soto, Mollie McMeans, Shea Burkett, Sydnie Day, Mallory McMeans, and Kaylyn Dean also contributed to the team effort.



Borden Lady Coyote, Kylie Voss, guards the Lady Bulldog goal in Friday nights nail biter match against Anton. The Ladies brought home the Area trophy with their victory against the Bulldogs.



Lady Coyote, Taylor Richey (#24) stretches to block a shot from an Anton opponent in Fridays Area match against the Anton Bulldogs.

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Gail FFA Celebrates National FFA Week

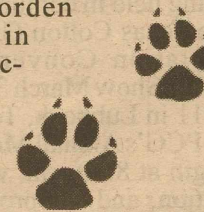
By Buddy Wallace

February 19 - 26th is the week chosen to celebrate 2011 National FFA Week by thousands of FFA members across the country. FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through Agricultural Education - this is the main goal of the organization. For more than 73 years, the FFA has continued to be an integral part of agricultural instruction by making classroom lessons come to life through realistic applications. From its beginning, in 1928, with 33 delegates at the first national convention, it has grown to encompass 451,997 members in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam and Rota. Texas currently leads the Nation with 80,000 members!

The Gail FFA Chapter is made up of 46 members in

grades 9-12. The chapter is very active in community service, leadership training, career development events, mechanical applications, supervised agricultural experience programs, and many other activities. The chapter officers will be doing their part to promote National FFA Week by wearing FFA attire as they visit with prospective junior high students on the benefits of being in the FFA and Ag. Science Programs.

The Gail FFA Chapter wishes to thank the community for all of its strong support this year and the members are proud to represent Borden County in its FFA activities.



School Lunch Menu

Feb. 28 - Mar. 4, 2011
Menu subject to change

Monday - Breakfast: Pancakes, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pizza, Tossed Salad, Mixed Fruit, Animal Cookies and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Sausage Roll, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Mexican Casserole, Salad, Pinto Beans, Sliced Peaches and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage & Gravy, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Carne Guisada, Corn, Mexican Beans, Orange Smiles, Flour Tortillas and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Fish, Black-eyed Peas, Potato Salad, Hush Puppies, Rosie Applesauce and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Cinnamon Pastry, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Cheeseburger, Oven Fried Potatoes, Lettuce & Tomato, No Bake Cookies and Milk.

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CX Debaters Sweep District Competition

Borden High School took first, second, and third place at the February 10 district debate meet among ten teams. O'Donnell, Water Valley, and Wellman-Union also had teams competing.

Debating the resolution of the *United States federal government should substantially reduce its military and/or police presence in one or more of the following: South Korea, Japan, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Iraq, Turkey*, the three BHS teams finished with a combined 11 wins against 2 losses at the district meet.

Senior John Hensley and his partner, freshman Zach McMeans, are the District 9 champions, finishing with a perfect 4-0 record. Hensley also earned the Golden Gavel award for most speaker points.

Sophomores Brady Bybee and Steven Howard won the silver medal, also finishing 4-0 (tiebreaker went to McMeans/Hensley on speaker points).

Sophomore Jordan Day and

freshman Mollie McMeans took third, defeating the "A" team from Water Valley in the final debate of the day. The Water Valley team had defeated Day/McMeans earlier, but the BHS team won a split 2-1 decision in the closing round to finish third.

McMeans/Hensley and ByBee/Howard advance to the regional/state tournament in Austin on the UT campus March 14-15. If the teams advance past Monday's four rounds, they qualify for state recognition and a chance to compete in Tuesday's single elimination rounds.

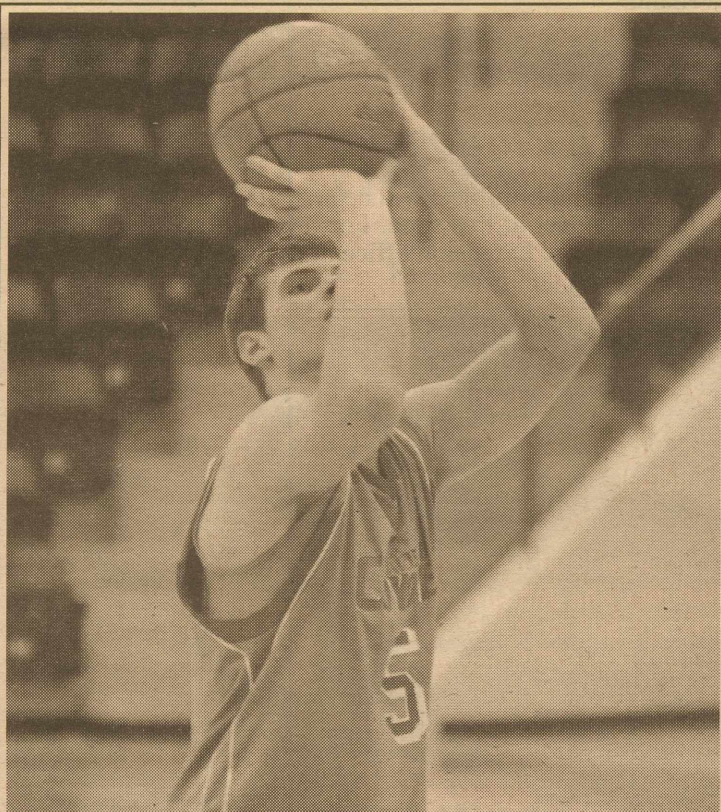
This year's debate squads competed in weekend tournaments at Odessa, Muleshoe, Big Spring, Breckenridge, and Holliday in preparation for the district meet.

The top-ranked 1A debate teams for 2010-2011 come from Region I: Whitharral, Farwell, Quanah, Canadian, and defending champion Ft. Davis.

CX District Competition



Borden County CX Debate teams recently competed at the District debate meet taking first, second and third places. Pictured are debaters (back row left to right) Steven Howard, John Hensley, Brady ByBee, (front row left to right) Mollie McMeans, Jordan Day and Zach McMeans. The regional tournament will be held in Austin on the UT campus on March 14-15.



Quint Shafer shoots and scores another 2 points for the Borden County Coyotes against the New Home Leopards.

Drive Safely. Watch Out for Our Playing Children



Borden Coyote, Tanner Richey (#20) manages to get around a New Home Leopard and scores for the Coyotes during last weeks practice game.

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Heart and Home ...

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



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February is American Heart Month

Heart disease kills an estimated 630,000 Americans each year. It's the leading cause of death for both men and women. In the United States, the most common type of heart disease is coronary artery disease (CAD), which can lead to a heart attack. You can greatly reduce your risk for CAD through lifestyle changes and, in some cases, medication.

You can make healthy changes to lower your risk of developing heart disease. Controlling and preventing risk factors is also important for people who already have heart

disease.

- Watch your weight.
- Quit smoking and stay away from secondhand smoke.
- Control your cholesterol and blood pressure.
- If you drink alcohol, drink only in moderation.
- Get active and eat healthy.
- Talk to your doctor about taking aspirin every day if you are a man over the age of 45, or a woman past menopause.
- Manage stress.

For more information, visit <http://www.americanheart.org>


Little Dribblers



Kaitlyn Hamm (with ball) tries to find a way around a Klondike player in Saturday's Little Dribbler Minor girls game against the Cougars.

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An old man, his son and their donkey were on their way to the market.

Passing some people, they heard one say, "Look at that silly pair - walking when they could be riding." So they got up on the donkey.

Later, they passed another group, and one said, "Look at that lazy pair - breaking the back of their donkey." So they got off, tied him to a pole and carried him.

Just as they were crossing the bridge, the donkey broke away, fell into the river and drowned.

The moral - if you would please all and yourself too, you undertake what you can't do. But please God, and you'll please all good people.

The Bible says of Enoch, "He pleased God." Do you?



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Thought for the Day

What a pity that so many people are living with so few friends when the world is full of lone-some strangers who would give anything just to be somebody's friend.
Milo L. Arnold

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Borden County 4-H News

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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 be constructing 2 projects this year. Please bring \$5 for supplies (all materials will be provided). We will be meeting Monday, February 28, Tuesday, March 1, Monday, March 7, and Tuesday, March 8 from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. in the Home Economics Lab.

County Educational Presentation Contest, Share-the-Fun and Public Speaking Project

4-H'ers and parents interested in learning more about the Public Speaking Project should contact the Extension Office as soon as possible. Information is available to assist 4-H'ers and their parents in writing, presenting and preparing visuals for educational presentations (method demonstrations); as well as covering information about the public speaking contest and share-the-fun's. Share-the-fun categories include: Celebrate 4-H, choreographed routines, poet, vocal, band and musical. This project provides youth an excellent opportunity to develop public speaking skills, even if they hate to talk in front of others. 4-H'ers will present their prepared presentations at County 4-H Roundup. Participants will advance to District 4-H Roundup, which will be held on May 7th at Levelland Middle School in Levelland.

We will have a meeting for those youth interested in participating in the public speaking contests in April. The deadline for entering a Public Speaking Contest is Wednesday, April 13.

4-H Photography Project

4-H Photography project will begin meeting in March. Dates have not been set at this time. For more information contact Julie Smith at the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or e-mail at jmsmith@ag.tamu.edu

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On the Wild Side of Life
by Cody G. Hill
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Ft. Worth and San Antonio Stock Show Results

Borden County was well represented during the 2011 Ft. Worth and San Antonio Stock Show. At Ft. Worth, Dylan Murphy placed 4th heavy weight Hereford, Flint Roberts placed 8th heavy weight Shorthorn, Thomas Nix placed 9th European Steer and Payton Merket placed 12th medium weight Hereford.

During the San Antonio Stock Show, Katie Grey placed 2nd heavy weight Spot, Garrett Hill placed 2nd heavy weight Duroc, Payton Merket placed 4th middle weight Hampshire, Tatum Treadwell placed 6th medium weight Duroc and Payton Merket placed 8th medium weight Hereford. Also exhibiting was Haley Grey, Cheyenne Hill and Flint Roberts.

Congratulations to all exhibitors!

Burn Ban

A Burn Ban remains in effect for
Borden County until further notice.

San Antonio Stock Show



Borden County 4-H exhibitor, Katie Gray (right) was awarded 2nd place with her Heavyweight Spot at the San Antonio Stock show this past week. Pictured with Katie is sister and co-owner of "Big Joe", Hayley Gray

Harlem Ambassadors in Post Sunday February 27

The internationally acclaimed Harlem Ambassadors will return to Post Sunday, Feb. 27 at 4 p.m. at Antelope Arena. "The Ambassadors may find a tougher appointment this year than in last year's game," said Rosa Latimer, Post Area Chamber of Commerce President. "The local team, the PACCers, have been practicing all year and are determined to win."

The Ambassadors are partnering with the Post Area Chamber of Commerce to provide a fast-paced basketball game that promises a very entertaining afternoon for the entire family. Tickets for the event are: \$9/adults, \$7/students, \$5/ages 6 and under. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Post Chamber office, 131 E. Main St. until 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25. Tickets will also be sold at the door

beginning at 3:15 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

The Harlem Ambassadors offer a unique brand of Harlem-style basketball, featuring high-flying slam dunks, dazzling ball-handling tricks and hilarious comedy routines. The Ambassadors feature non-stop laughs and deliver a positive message for kids. "At our shows, we want the kids to know that they're part of our team, too," said Ambassadors Coach/Player Lade Majic. "We invite as many kids as we can to come sit on the bench, have a front row seat during the show and get involved in all of the fun stuff we do." Harlem Ambassador team members are selected not only for their basketball skills, but also for their positive lifestyles and ability to truly be "ambassadors" both on and off the court. The Ambassadors

travel and play throughout the United States and in recently made their 8th tour of Japan visiting U. S. military bases.

"The purpose of this show is to provide the kids in the area with quality, positive entertainment," said Harry Record, Public Relations Director for the Post Chamber. "One lucky person will leave the event with a basketball signed by the entire Harlem Ambassadors team. We'll sell raffle tickets for the signed basketball at the game; \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The winner will be announced during the half-time of the game."

For more information about the Harlem Ambassadors event in Post, call the Chamber office, 806-495-3461. The office is open 9 a.m. to Noon, 1 to 5 p.m. Monday – Friday.

Dare to Live...

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if you do have aspirations you want to fulfill, it's imperative you be discriminating in how you spend your time.

To distinguish activity from productivity, you need to identify your goals as well as the steps necessary to reach them. Once this is done, you have a way to decide how to best spend your time. Then you can monitor your time to assess if you are moving towards your goals.

Involvement in activities that serve as a distraction is known as displacement behavior. Anytime you choose behavior because it is a path of least resistance, you are engaging in displacement behavior. Displacement behavior

consumes a lot of time but doesn't move you in any particular direction.

As you become more selective in how you spend your time, you will start making consistent progress towards your goals. Additionally, your frustration level will drop as you break out of the time trap.

Condition yourself to be productive and you will get more out of each day while elevating your mood and attitude.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

On January 13, 2011, Sharyland Utilities, L.P. ("Sharyland"), a regulated electric utility company, filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") entitled *Application of Sharyland Utilities, L.P. to Approve Study and Plan Pursuant to the Commission's Order in Docket No. 37990 Concerning the Movement of Sharyland's Stanton and Colorado City Divisions from the Southwest Power Pool to ERCOT* ("Application").

The Application included a study which analyzes and evaluates issues related to moving Sharyland's Stanton and Colorado City Divisions from the Southwest Power Pool ("SPP") power region to the Electric Reliability Council of Texas ("ERCOT") power region. The study evaluates seven options which present varying configurations and costs that impact both ERCOT and SPP. The study designates one of the options as "preferred" but also determines that each option is feasible. Three of the options would transfer all of the Stanton and Colorado City Divisions to ERCOT, while the other four options would transfer some service to ERCOT, with some customers remaining in SPP. The Application asks that the Commission (1) find that the study complies with the requirements of the Commission's Order in Docket No. 37990 to conduct such a study and (2) select one of three options presented in the study that would result in a total transfer of Sharyland's Stanton and Colorado City Divisions to ERCOT and direct Sharyland to implement that option.

This Application has been assigned Docket No. 39070. Interested persons will be afforded the opportunity to participate in this proceeding. The deadline for intervention in this proceeding is **March 29, 2011**, and a letter requesting intervention should be received by the Commission by that date.

A complete copy of Sharyland's Application is available for inspection at Sharyland's offices located at 511 West Ohio, Suite 600, Midland, Texas 79701 and 1900 North Akard Street, Dallas, Texas 75201, and at the office of Sharyland's legal representative, Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, at 701 Brazos Street, Suite 970, Austin, Texas 78701, (512) 721-2700 (telephone), (512) 721-2656 (facsimile).

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should mail their requests to intervene or their comments (along with 10 copies of your letter) to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas, 78711-3326 with reference to Docket No. 39070. Further information may also be obtained by calling 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. All communications should refer to Docket No. 39070.

Borden County ISD Board Meeting

Regular Board Meeting January 18, 2010

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 Borden County I.S.D. Board Room. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, and Mike Valentine. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas was present. John Abbott, Jay Bingham, Daniel Martinez, and Dale Newberry were also present. Dennis Poole was absent.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. Representatives from Shiver Megert and Associates met with the Board to give an overview of the proposed construction project.

4. School auditor, Dale Newberry reviewed the 2008-2009 Borden County I.S.D. Audit Report. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the 2008-2009 Borden County I.S.D. Audit Report. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2009 Board Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made

by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the January 2010 bills. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joel Dennis to set the regular February meeting for February 15, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

8. The 2010-2011 Borden County I.S.D. school calendar was reviewed. No action was taken.

9. The 2009-2010 budget amendments were reviewed. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the budget amendments as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to extend the contract of Jimmy Thomas through June 30, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Mr. Thomas gave a year to date financial report, reported that 220 students were enrolled as of January 12, 2010, gave a personnel report, gave a construction report, and gave a student failure and honor roll report. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the Superintendent's Report. The motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joe Harding to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The Covenant Mobile Mammography Unit, sponsored by the Arrington Comprehensive Breast Center will be offering mammography screening for the Gail community. The mobile unit will be at the Borden County School parking lot in April. Insurance, Medicare and Medicaid are accepted. Financial assistance is available for those in need. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Kim Thomas R.N. 756-4316.



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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

Those POW's in Marfa Were Real Artists

When Rommel's Afrika Corps was defeated in World War Two, some of the German prisoners of war were sent to Marfa. They were quite happy with the move.

"Imagine being a German soldier in the desert, getting shot at by tanks. It's 130 degrees. It's filthy and your hungry and tired and miserable and you don't know if you're going to live or not. All of a sudden it's over and you're here in Marfa, Texas in this wonderful climate."

Those are the words of Mona Garcia, who bought the building on the old Fort D. A. Russell where the prisoners were housed. She says some of the prisoners were high-ranking officers who had a high appreciation for the better things in life. They settled in to West Texas just fine. There were no threats of escape. "They loved gardening. There was a gorgeous rose garden there that the German POW's started and maintained. They grew herbs and vegetables and were so prolific that they let them go and sell them on the grocery store parking lot. At Christmastime they were allowed to go about the town and sing Christmas carols in German."

There was some military discipline at the camp. Mona says every afternoon at 4 o'clock the German commander of the POW's was allowed to march his men out the back gate of the fort down a small road to highways around Marfa, then return to the fort.

"During the war, Americans couldn't get chocolate. But these prisoners got chocolate once a month. On their marches, they passed out chocolates to children."

Some of the prisoners were talented artists. To occupy their time they started painting floor-to-ceiling murals on the walls. The scenes depict medieval arches and gates in west Texas pastures complete with Hereford cattle grazing beneath a perfect sky. You see cowboys on the range at work. Apparently the POW's had excellent observation skills on their marches around Marfa. They were able to retain the details of what they saw and transfer them to the murals. The work is of high quality. Mona brought in restoration teams to examine the murals. "They found out that they were painted fresco style with oil-based house paint just like Michelangelo painted the chapels in Italy. They wet the wall with a new coat of plaster and while it was still damp, they painted a three-foot square at a time. They're quite remarkable and are really beautiful."

Mona says the 186 prisoners were at Marfa two years and left behind some important art. She is raising money to have the murals restored. Some were damaged when part of the roof deteriorated. The son of one of the artists has visited the murals. Four of the prisoners took up residence in the Texas Mountains after the war.

Commissioners Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 8th day of February, 2011, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

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

Other officers Present: Sheriff Billy J. Gannaway and Treasurer Sharlot Stone.

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp opened the February 8, 2011 Regular Session of Borden Co. Commissioners Court at 8:35 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meetings of

January 25, 2011 were read. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY OFFICE REPORTS

After examination of the County Offices Reports, Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve submitted reports. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FACILITY USE POLICY FOR EVENT CENTER AND RODEO ARENA

No action taken.

AFLAC PLAN

Commissioner Smith made a motion for acceptance of Borden County Appraisal District employees participation in Borden Counties AFLAC cafeteria plan. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Voting for: Commissioners Smith, Belew, Judge Sharp.

Voting against: none. Abstain: Commissioner Adcock.

SHERIFF

DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the purchase of a new automobile

with trade in for the Sheriff's department. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.

EVENT CENTER

A discussion was held concerning work progress of the Event Center. No action taken.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

No applications presented.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined. A motion was made by Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No new items were presented.

ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 22nd day of February, 2011.

Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by the combined effects of excessive rain, flooding, flash flooding and high winds associated with and in addition to Hurricane Alex on June 29, 2010 through July 31, 2010 are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Lubbock, Craig Simpson said today.

Garza County is one of 31 counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the natural disaster.

Craig Simpson said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For

farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

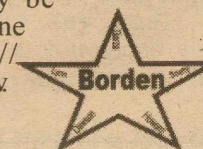
"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan", Mr. Simpson said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until October 17, 2010 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season", Mr. Simpson said.

FSA is a credit agency of the

U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations, or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in Lubbock is open from 8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. Additional Information regarding Disaster Assistance Programs may be found online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>



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PCG Announces Annual Meeting April 1...

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generation dairyman with an interesting second career that has brought him (often anonymously) into the living rooms of millions of Americans for the last 22 years. While his weekday job is centered on the operation of Coleman Dairy in Little Rock, Coleman's weekends each Fall are spent on the much grander stage of professional football.

Coleman's motivational message incorporates the many lessons he has learned during an incredible life that mixes the reality of operating a thriving, family-oriented agricultural business with the fast-paced, and often maligned, role of referee in the National Football League.

Through it all, Coleman has developed a unique perspective on life and success, which he delivers in a relaxed style that is sure to inform and entertain.

Preceding Coleman on the PCG program are John Maguire, Vice President-Washington (DC) Operations for the National Cotton Council of America, and William A. "Bill" Gillon of Memphis, TN, who was named President and CEO of the Cotton Board in October of 2010. Gillon has previously served as General Counsel for the NCC and in numerous government posts, including Senior Counsel for the Committee on Agriculture Nutrition and Forestry of the U.S. Senate and as an attorney in the

Office of General Counsel at the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Maguire will bring the PCG membership up to date on the challenges facing agriculture and the cotton industry in the tense legislative and budgetary climate that currently permeates Washington, DC. Gillon will discuss his new role at the Cotton Board and highlight recent achievements and the latest news from the Cotton Research and Promotion Program and Cotton Incorporated.

Current PCG president Brad Heffington, of Littlefield, Texas, will preside over the meeting and PCG Executive Vice President

Steve Verett will report on the status of PCG operations and activities. During the PCG meeting, awards recognizing the 2010 High Plains Cotton Agent of the Year and the winners of the recently completed FFA West Texas Cotton Video Contest sponsored by Deltapine will be presented.

Additional information about the PCG Annual Meeting and a final program will be available to attendees prior to the meeting.



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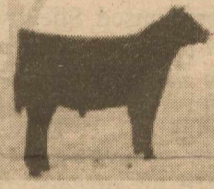
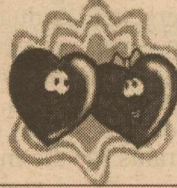


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 <h2 style="text-align: center;">FEBRUARY 2011</h2> <p style="text-align: center;"> Fort Worth Stock Show - January 24 - February 5, 2011 San Antonio Stock Show - February 5-12, 2011 San Angelo Stock Show - February 22-26, 2011 * Denotes District Basketball Game National FFA Week - February 19-26, 2011 </p> 						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 *BB vs. O'Donnell Here 4:00 gGbB	2	3	4 *BB @ Dawson 4:00 gGbB	5 Idalou UIL Meet
6	7	8 *BB vs. Grady Here 4:00 gGbB	9 Debate Prep 4:00-6:00 in UIL Room	10 District CX Debate @ BHS10:00	11	12 ACT Test (must have pre-registered) Wylie UIL Meet Wink UIL Meet
13	14 HOLIDAY 	15 Baseball Scrimmage TBA	16	17 Extemp Practice 4:30 - 6:00	18 End of 4 th Six Weeks Baseball Scrimmage TBA	19
20	21	22 Baseball - Open	23	24 JH Track Meet TBA Extemp Practice 4:30 - 6:00	25 Hamlin "Long Sleeve Relays" HS Track Meet	26 FFA San Angelo Livestock Show CDE Baseball vs. Seagraves (double header) @ Moffett 11:00
27	28 Baseball vs. Rotan @ Moffett 4:00					