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## Farm Service Agency Announces A General Sign-Up Period for the Conservation Reserve Program

(Post, TX) — March 4, 2011 — Victor Ashley, Executive Director for the Garza-Borden County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), announced a Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) signup March 14, 2011 through April 15, 2011. This is the second consecutive year that USDA has offered a general CRP signup.

“Financial incentives avail-

able through CRP afford farmers and ranchers a low risk opportunity to implement a variety of conservation practices that will benefit the environment in a number of ways,” said Ashley. “Over the past 25 years, CRP practices have improved water and air quality, increased wildlife habitat and prevented soil erosion,” he said.

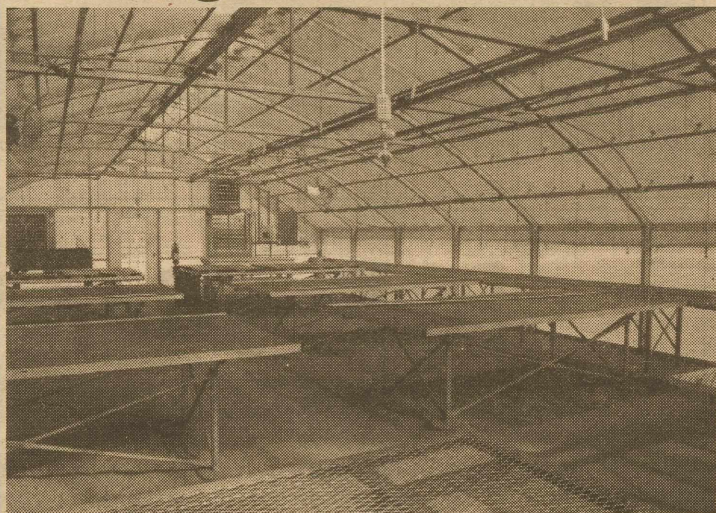
Landowners enrolled in the CRP program receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible farmland. Land that is not currently enrolled in CRP can be offered during sign-up if all eligibility requirements are met. CRP participants with contracts expiring this fall can make new contract offers during the signup period. Contracts awarded during this general signup will become effective October 1, 2011.

All CRP offers are evaluated and ranked using an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) that indicates the environmental benefits of enrolling land in CRP. There are five environmental factors that make up the EBI: wildlife, water, soil, air, enduring benefits and cost. Decisions will be made following the end of the sign-up period and after analyzing EBI data on all of the offers.

In addition to the general sign-up, the continuous CRP sign-up program will be ongoing.

For more information, please contact the Garza-Borden County FSA Office at 806-495-2801 X 2 or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp>.

## New Ag Greenhouse



The new Borden County greenhouse is completed and students have already planted seedlings to be sold this spring.

## Burn Ban

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

## Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

### *The Certainty of Uncertainty*

Life is what happens while you are making other plans. You can have faith in uncertainty; it's inevitable, consistent, and dependable. Frustration, anger, impatience, or dismay will not deter or delay the manifestation of uncertainty.

You're driving down the road and the car in front of you unexpectedly jams on its breaks. What do you do? If you don't want to get into an accident, you slow down. It's irrelevant that you didn't plan on the other driver hitting his breaks. Once he does, you have to change, adjust, and adapt.

You are at the airport waiting to board your flight and there's an announcement that it's been cancelled. No matter how angry you get, the airline will not reinstate the cancelled flight. Your only alternative is to modify your travel plans accordingly.

Nature also provides us with examples that illustrate how to handle unexpected challenges. Watch water flowing through a small stream. What happens if you toss in a rock? Without any hesitation or delay, the water changes course and flows around the stone.

Throw in another rock and the water again reacts the same

way. Remove one of the stones and the water readjusts and flows through the space that was previously occupied.

Getting through each day involves adjusting to numerous unplanned events. Usually these are small occurrences that you don't really pay attention to. Dealing with major unplanned events is the same as dealing with the minor ones.

You evaluate, adjust, adapt, and keep going. What other choice is there? To effectively cope with uncertainty, you must accept that its appearance is inevitable. By expecting the unexpected, you won't be surprised when it occurs.

Flexibility and adaptability are your allies in accommodating uncertainty. When faced with the unexpected and unpredicted, behave like water and flow around the unanticipated events. The unforeseen has already occurred, nothing can change it.

Immediately begin to identify the best course of action in response to unforeseen events. With practice you can condition yourself to not be rattled by surprises. When someone is forced to suddenly deviate from their plans, they can become distraught, angry,

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# Coyotes Shine With Start of Baseball Season

By Coach Richey

The Borden County 2011 baseball season got underway, February 25<sup>th</sup> with a double header against the Seagraves Eagles. The Coyotes were coming back from the most successful season in school history and they returned seven players that played a lot of important innings during that wonderful ride. The Coyotes would play this opening series without all-state catcher Miles Valentine who was just a few days away from being released to play following a 5 month ordeal with his torn ACL. Valentine would take on a new role as a DH and classmate and all-state 2<sup>nd</sup> baseman Zach Telchik would take over the catching duties. These are the only two seniors playing for Borden County and they will be depended on tremendously as this 2011 season progresses.

In the opening game of the double header, Junior Austin Fields pitched 3 strong innings shutting out the visitors while the Coyotes managed 4 runs in the first inning and 4 more runs in the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning. The Coyotes would tack on a run in the 4 and close the game out by the 10 run rule with 1 run in the 5<sup>th</sup> inning. As a result, Borden County had their first win of the season at 10 to 0. Left Fielder, Quint Shafer went 1 of 3 with 3 RBI's. Catcher, Zach Telchik was 1 of 1 with 2 runs scored and an RBI. Second baseman, Jared Smith was 1 of 2. Third baseman Collin Telchik was 2 of 2 with 3 RBI's. reserve outfielder McLain Hall was 0 of 1. Centerfielder, Steven Howard 0 of 1, Right Fielder Kurt Shafer was 1 of 2. First baseman, Austin Tyler was 1 of 2 with an RBI. Shortstop, Tanner Richey was 2 of 4 with an RBI. Reserve outfielder, Luke Burkett, was 0 of 1. Pitcher and Shortstop, Austin Fields was 2 of 3. Reserve infielder, Michael Taylor was 0 of 1. Reserve outfielder, Brady Bybee was 0 of 1, and back-up third baseman, Helio Rosales was 0 of 1. Collin Telchik followed Fields seven strikeout effort with 3 strikeouts of his

own in the two shutout innings he pitched.

In Game two, Richey moved to the mound and pitched 2 effective innings before giving way to Collin Telchik for 3 more quality innings giving up a run and then Smith pitched his first two innings of his high school career and was solid giving up 2 runs. Richey had 5 K's, while Telchik and Smith had 4 each. The Coyotes came away with a comfortable 11 to 5 victory to improve to 2-0. At the plate, Quint Shafer was 3 of 4 with 3 RBI's. Zach was 2 of 4 with an RBI. Smith was 0 of 3. Collin was 1 of 3 with an RBI. Hall was 0 of 1. Howard was 0 of 2. Kurt Shafer was 0 of 2. Tyler tweaked a back muscle so he did not bat. Richey was 2 of 4 with an RBI. Burkett was 1 of 1 with an RBI. Fields was 2 of 3 with 2 RBI's. Bybee had an RBI on 0 of 2 batting, and Helio Rosales scored a run.

On the following Tuesday, the Coyotes hosted the Rotan Yellowhammers at Lewis field in Snyder. Since there were no lights, this game was called early because of darkness, but the Coyotes built a commanding 8 to 1 lead for the victory and a 3-0 record. Collin Telchik picked up his 2<sup>nd</sup> win of the season pitching 4 innings, giving up 1 run while striking out 5 and walking 2. Brother Zach Telchik made his mound debut as he pitched the final inning of scoreless baseball. Miles Valentine made his debut of the 2011 season going 1 of 2 with 3 RBI's. Shafer was 1 of 2 with 2 RBI's. Zach was 1 of 3 with an RBI. Smith was 0 of 3. Collin was 1 of 3 with an RBI. Hall ran for a coyote runner on the bases. Howard was 0 of 2. Kurt Shafer was 0 of 1. Tyler played first base. TJ Basquez made his debut as well and was 0 of 1. Tanner Richey was 2 of 2 with an RBI. Burkett ran for a Coyote base runner. Fields was 3 of 3 with 2 RBI's. Michael Taylor played some outfield.

The Coyote baseball team

took their 3-0 record on the road and traveled to Sundown to play in the Roughneck wood bat tournament. The Coyotes came away with some highs and lows as they won 3 games and lost 1 in the tournament. The Coyotes played Morton and hammered them 16 to 1 on Thursday. Austin Fields was the winning pitcher in this contest, throwing 3 innings giving up one unearned run, while striking out 5 and walking 2. Austin Tyler made his mound debut and was very solid, giving up no runs in his two innings, striking out 3.

In the Morton game, again, every Borden County player played somehow. Some ran the bases, while others got an opportunity in the field or an at-bat, but every Coyote baseball player contributed in this blowout victory. Valentine was 2 of 4 with 3 RBI's and a double. Quint was 1 of 3 with 2 RBI's. Zach was 2 of 3 with 4 RBI's. Smith was 0 of 1 with 2 runs scored. Collin Telchik was 1 of 3 with an RBI. Hall scored a run. Howard was 0 of 1 with a run. Kurt Shafer made 2 great defensive plays. Tyler played first base and pitched. Basquez was 0 of 2. Richey was 2 of 2 with 3 runs scored and 2 RBI's. Burkett scored a run. Fields was 2 of 3 with 3 RBI's and a double. Taylor played some first. Bybee was 0 of 1. Rosales walked.

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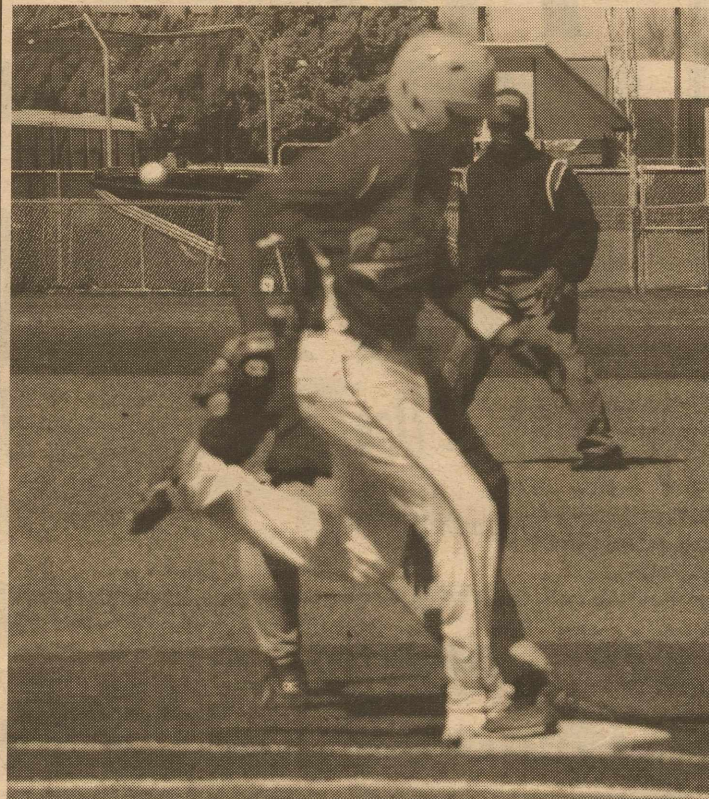
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March 14 - 18, 2011

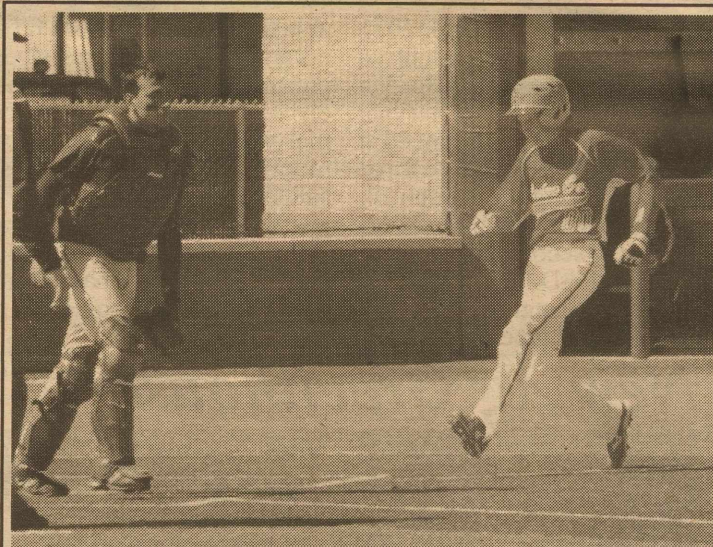
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## Whew!!!




Borden County baseballer, Zach Telchik, out runs the throw from the Crosbyton Chiefs 3rd baseman to 1st baseman and is called safe.



Jared Smith races to home plate in Saturday's game against the Crosbyton Chiefs.

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# Missy Coyotes Participate in Mustang Relays

By Coach Richey

The 2011 track season got underway Thursday as the Borden County junior high girls track team traveled to Sands for the Mustang relays. No point totals were given in this meet, but several of our girls had great days against very solid competition. Below are the results for the young ladies from Gail Texas.

Bailey Robinson: Discus-no mark; 800 Meter Run-4:10.

Channing Miller: Long Jump-no mark; 100 Meter Hurdles-31.50 and 3200 Meter Run-15:30.15.

Clair Shafer: 2400 Meter Run-2<sup>nd</sup>-11:14.23; Long Jump-11'9.5"; 800 Meter Run-3:10.96 and 1600 Meter Relay-4:55.73 (77.88).

Holly Bradbury: Shot Put-no mark; 2400 Meter Run-15:08.41 and 1600 Meter Run-9:43.46.

Kylee Dean: Discus-no mark; 400 Meter Run-2<sup>nd</sup> in heat-79.7 and 400 Meter Re-

lay-60.87.

Bessie Rhodes: Discus-no mark; 200 Meter Dash-5<sup>th</sup> in heat-35.86.

Cheyenne Tucker: Triple Jump-22'11.5"; 400 Meter Relay-60.87-3<sup>rd</sup> in heat; 800 Meter Relay-2:07.44-1<sup>st</sup> overall (32.69) and 1600 Meter Relay-4:55.73-2<sup>nd</sup> overall (73.48).

Eva Banman: Shot Put-5<sup>th</sup>-24'1.5" and 400 Meter Run-81.79-3<sup>rd</sup> in heat.

Karen Rojero: Discus-no mark; 100 Meter Dash-16.31 and 200 Meter Dash-37.12.

Kyrsten Rebeles: Long Jump-no mark; 200 Meter Dash-4<sup>th</sup> in heat-34.21 and 400 Meter Relay-60.87.

Lexi Cheatham: Triple Jump-no mark; 100 Meter Dash-4<sup>th</sup> in heat-15.87 and 200 Meter Dash-5<sup>th</sup> in heat-35.44.

Rebecca Taylor: Shot Put-2<sup>nd</sup> overall-24'6¾"; 100 Meter Dash-3<sup>rd</sup> in heat-16.31 and 200 Meter Dash-38.0.

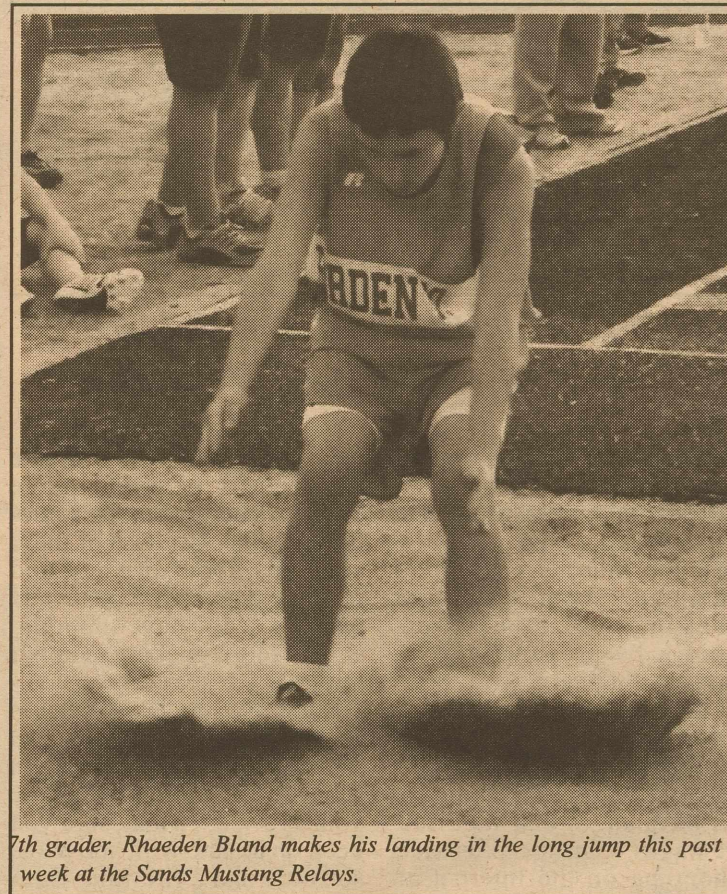
Taylor Roberts: Triple Jump-no mark; 400 Meter Relay-4<sup>th</sup> in heat-60.87 and 800 Meter Relay-1<sup>st</sup> overall-2:07.44 (32.95).

McKenna Campbell: Discus-6<sup>th</sup>-55'; 800 Meter Run-3:16.72 and 1600 Meter Run-3<sup>rd</sup> overall-7:21.28.

Tatum Richey: Long Jump-4<sup>th</sup> overall-13'3½"; 100 Meter Hurdles-2<sup>nd</sup> overall-20.84; 800 Meter Relay-1<sup>st</sup>-2:07.44 (30.71) and 1600 Meter Relay-2<sup>nd</sup>-4:55.73 (75.48).

Tye Basquez: High Jump-2<sup>nd</sup>-4'4"; 800 Meter Run-1<sup>st</sup>-2:40.98; 800 Meter Relay-1<sup>st</sup>-2:07.44 (31.77).

The girls will be traveling to Blackwell on Friday to compete in the first ever Blackwell Hornet Relays.



7th grader, Rhaeden Bland makes his landing in the long jump this past week at the Sands Mustang Relays.

## Junior High Boys Begin Track Season

By Coach Baeza

The Borden County Jr. high boys began their track season by traveling to compete in the Mustang Relays in Sands.

The results are as follows:  
**2400 Meter Run:** Robert Jordan-6<sup>th</sup>-10:07.69 and Riley Herridge-10:27.55.

**400 Meter Relay:** 55.79- Kelby Miller, Merik Valentine, Nathan Souder and Thomas Harrison.

**800 Meter Run:** Frank Banman-2:35.78, Nathan Ham-3:01.53 and Rhaeden Bland-3:08.79.

**110 Meter Hurdles:** Sean Tucker-22.01 and Colby Pennell-25.48.

**100 Meter Dash:** Joel Andrade-15.93, Hurricane Richter-15.73, Samuel Raborn-15.95 and Jayden Huse-16.42.

**800 Meter Relay:** 3<sup>rd</sup>-2:01.87-Kelby Miller, Merik Valentine, Nathan Souder and Thomas Harrison.

**400 Meter Dash:** Ricky Torres-62.22, Nathan Ham-76.69 and Flint Roberts-85.34.

**300 Meter Hurdles:** Ricky Torres-53.06 and Thomas Harrison-57.68.

**200 Meter Dash:** Ricky Torres-28.15, Cayden Vaughn-29.63 and Caelan Thuett-32.43.

**1600 Meter Run:** Sean Tucker-6:11.14, Robert Jordan-6:36.18 and Rhaeden Bland-7:00.49.

**1600 Meter Relay:** 4:39.95- Ricky Torres, Frank Banman, Sean Tucker and Riley Herridge.

**Shot:** Joel Andrade-1<sup>st</sup>-36'2"; Frank Banman-2<sup>nd</sup>-25'6" and Caelen Thuett-No mark.

**Discus:** Cayden Vaughn-no mark; Frank Banman-no mark and Nathan Ham-no mark.

**Long Jump:** Thomas Harrison-14'2"; Rhaeden Bland-no mark and Colby Pennell-12'10".

**Triple Jump:** Riley Herridge-30', Ricky Torres-29'9.5" and Kelby Miller-27'8.5".

**High Jump:** Ricky Torres-1<sup>st</sup>-5'5" and Sean Tucker-5<sup>th</sup>-4'8".

# Coyote Baseball Begins Season With Victories...

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The Coyotes got a forfeited victory over Albany, as they cancelled their Friday game with the Borden County.

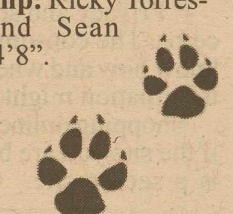
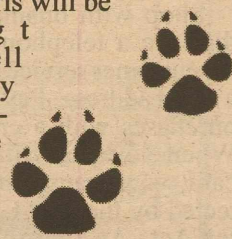
The Coyotes played the Crosbyton Chiefs, the team that they were co-champions with a year ago. The Coyotes out hit the Chiefs 8 to 2 but committed 8 errors and walked 8 Chiefs and hit 3 more. This combination forged a disappointing ending as the Coyotes were run ruled 12 to 2. Collin Telchik was the hard luck loser as he fell to 2-1 on the season. Telchik pitched 3 2/3 inning giving up 8 unearned runs while striking out 4 and walking 5. Smith pitched 1 inning giving up 4 runs with only one of them being earned.

The only Coyotes getting a hit were Quint Shafer going 1 of 3. Zach was 1 of 2. Smith was 2 of 2 scoring the run and an RBI. Howard was 1 of 1. Richey was 1 of 3, and Fields was 1 of 3 with an RBI.

In the final game of the tournament, the Coyotes shook off the earlier debacle by taking the amazing lunch they ate at Sherri's Sundown Café and turning it into possibly their best game of the season behind a strong pitching performance by Richey, going 5 2/3 innings giving up 1 earned run and 2 total, and 2 hits while striking out 7 roughnecks. Tyler capped the evening pitching the final 1 1/3 innings giving up 1 earned run of the 2 given

up. Valentine had 2 doubles in a 2 of 4 with 2 RBI's. Quint was 3 of 5 with 1 RBI. Zach was 2 of 4 with 3 RBI and a double. Smith was 1 of 2 with an RBI. Collin was 1 of 4 with an RBI. Hall scored a run, Howard scored a run, Rosales scored and Burkett scored a run in a courtesy or pinch running role. Basquez played center field and Kurt Shafer and Taylor played 1<sup>st</sup> base. Tyler was 0 of 4. Richey was 2 of 3 with 2 RBI's with a double. Fields was 2 of 5 and Bybee was 0 of 0 with a run scored.

The Coyotes will next opened district this week by traveling to Ira for a 4:00 game.

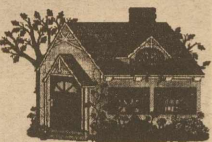


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**Heart and Home ...**

by Julie Smith

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## Internet Makes Stay-At-Home Shopping Easier...Or Not

Shopping from home is nothing new. For example, the Sears catalogue can trace its roots back to 1888. But now that the Internet has moved catalogue shopping online, consumers face issues unknown by previous generations of shoppers.

Consumers need to develop a new set of shopping skills for shopping safely on the Internet. Online shopping has its advantages and its disadvantages. On the plus side, shopping on the Internet allows the consumer:

- \* Availability. Shoppers can hunt for bargains any time of the day or night, just by logging on to their computers;

- \* Choices. Because so many items – and varieties – are available for sale online, customers may have even more to choose from than they would have at traditional ‘box’ stores;

- \* More efficient comparison shopping. Don’t worry about spending all day and a tankful of gas, traveling from store to store to compare prices. Just logon and shop from home.

On the negative side, online shopping also has:

- \* Too many choices. This can be confusing to the consumer.

- \* Inefficiency. Searching for hard-to-find items, using difficult-to-navigate Web sites with too many graphics and getting off track can waste the consumer’s time;

- \* Incomplete information. The consumer does not have the ability to touch the product, try it on or read its labels;

- \* Extra costs. Shipping, handling and sales tax may be added on to the cost of the item; and

- \* Privacy and security concerns. The consumer does not know how and where personal information might be used.

Shopping online can be safe if the site you are buying from is a secure site. Consumers

need to know how to evaluate the security of e-commerce Web sites before buying something online. Because of these concerns about privacy and security, she said, consumers need to learn new shopping skills before clicking ‘Submit Order.’

First, use the latest version of your browser. That way you will be obtaining the latest in security technology used by your browser. Make sure you keep up to date with anti-virus software and a firewall. Consider installing anti-spyware software. And update your operating system.

Along those same lines, make sure your Internet service provider’s equipment is secure. Next, be careful about personal information you give out to online merchants. Before you buy something online, the seller normally will ask you to complete a form that is sent back to the originating service. If the information you send them is not very private, you don’t have to worry. However, if you are including sensitive information...such as name, e-mail address, mailing address, telephone number, credit card number and Social Security number, then you must make certain that you know where your information is going and how it is going to be used.

Unless you know who will receive the information, do not provide personal information. If personal information is required, it is advised to ask yourself: Is the information really necessary? Can the site owners be trusted with personal information? Is the site secure with a privacy policy that’s easy to find and understand? Is the business reputable? What happens to personal information if the site goes out of business?

If you are given a choice about how your information will be used – such as sharing it with other companies – de-

cline this opportunity. Online shoppers also need to learn about ‘cookies,’ which record Web sites visited and items purchased. Be also advised to shop only with reputable companies that have secure Web sites, and being careful about choosing passwords.

Shop with businesses that disclose a telephone number for customer service, as well as a street address. Pay for online purchases with a credit card. When you pay with a credit card, your transaction is protected by the Fair Credit Billing Act. As a result, consumers – by law – have the right to dispute charges on their bill under certain circumstances. If there is unauthorized use of your credit card, your liability will be for only the first \$50 in charges, provided you report the loss.

The Federal Trade Commission offers information about online shopping on its Web site at <http://www.ftc.gov> Other recommended FTC sites are <http://onguardonline.gov/index.html> and the Spanish version at <http://alertaenlinea.gov/index.html>.

You may also want to visit these Web sites for more information:

- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at <http://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/news/cnwin0506/safe.html>, and

- Better Business Bureau at <http://www.bbb.org/alerts/article.asp?ID=636>.

For more information contact the Extension Office at (806)756-4336 or visit Extension’s Family and Consumer Sciences Web site at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/> and click on the link to Money.



### March 2011 4-H Calendar




- 3 Photography Project 3:45 to 5:15 in Home Ec Lab
- 7 Clothing Project 3:45 to 5:15 in Home Ec Lab
- 8 4-H Monthly Meeting  
(Cool Clovers: 11:30-12:00; JH/HS: 12:35-1:05 in Conference Room at School)
- Clothing Project 3:45 to 5:15 in Home Ec Lab
- 10 Photography Project 3:45 to 5:15 in Home Ec Lab
- 21 Clothing Project 3:45 to 5:15 in Home Ec Lab
- 22 Clothing Project 3:45 to 5:15 in Home Ec Lab  
**COUNTY FASHION SHOW ENTRIES DUE BY 5:00 P.M.**
- 24 Photography Project 3:45 to 5:15 in Home Ec Lab  
**COUNTY PHOTOGRAPHY ENTRIES DUE BY 5:00 P.M.** (Jr/Intermediate 4-H’ers)
- 28 County Fashion Show at 6:00 p.m. in the District Courtroom in the Courthouse

## Tye Basquez Takes Part in Jonathan McDonald Memorial 5k Run



Borden County 8th grader, Tye Basquez, participated in the Johnathon McDonald Memorial 5k run on Saturday, March 5th in Post. Benefits from the run were donated to Brynne Bingham, the daughter of Borden County graduate, Maggie Flannigan Bingham. Tye placed 4th overall and 1st out of the women registered with a time of 23:42. McDonald, a Texas DPS Trooper, was fatally injured in a car accident in December outside of Post.



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**On the Wild Side of Life**  
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## Lower Rolling Plains Ag Conference

The Lower Rolling Plains Ag Conference will be held on Wednesday, March 30, 2011 at the Scurry Coliseum, located at 900 E. Coliseum Drive in Snyder, Texas. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the program will start at 9:00 a.m. The registration fee is \$20.

The program is sponsored by the Texas AgriLife Extension in Borden, Fisher, Garza, Mitchell, Nolan, and Scurry Counties. Six (6) Continuing Education Units (CEUs) (4 General, 1 IPM and 1 Laws & Regs) will be provided for private, commercial and non-commercial applicators for attendance at this program.

For individuals needing a TDA pesticide applicator's license, a separate room will be set up for training and testing. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m., training from 9:30 a.m. to noon, and testing begins at 1:00 p.m. For this training, RSVP by March 25. Call (325) 573-5423.

Speakers include Dr. Mark Kelly, Dr. Calvin Trostle, Dr. Peter Dotray, Dr. Allan McGinty, Dr. Jackie Smith, Dr. Dale Rollins, Dr. Ted McCollum, Dr. Chris Sansone, Dr. Mark Welch all with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service; Mr. Cory Pence, TDA, Field Inspector, Gerald Hobson, Allan Mc Ginty, Dupont Chemical, and Dr Charles Church, DVM, Snyder, Texas.

Producers who plan on attending this conference need to RSVP to the Scurry County Extension office at (325) 573-4234, to assist in making an accurate head count for the noon meal.

We will seek to accommodate all persons with disabilities for this event. We request that you call the Scurry County Extension office at (325) 573-4234 as soon as possible to advise them of any auxiliary aid or service that you require.



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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 on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Insurance, Medicare and Medicaid will be accepted. Financial assistance is available for those in need. Anyone interested in the screening or anyone having questions may contact Kim Thomas, R.N. at 756-4313 ext. 230.

## BC Major Boys Win Tournament



The Borden County Major Boys Little Dribbler team competed in the O'Donnell tournament this past weekend and came away champions. Playing for the Borden County team were: (back row left to right) Bryan Torres, Trace Richey, Kace Lott, Hunter Jones, Jayton Lewis, (front row left to right) Dylan Murphy, Nick Proulx, Morgan Wilson, Thadd Basquez and Kable Kleck.



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The Area Agency on Aging of the Permian Basin will offer an informative session on Medicare Health Reform, MIPPA, Medicare Part D changes for 2012 and needed Volunteer Benefits Counseling opportunities for your community. It will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at the County Court House in conjunction with the Fall Prevention presentation offered by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service. If you are a Medicare beneficiary, a family caregiver of a Medicare beneficiary or receive Medicare and you are under the age of 65, this is information that you need. Please join us on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

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Area Agency on Aging of the Permian Basin

## Commissioners Meeting

**WHEREAS**, On this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2011, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

**ROSS 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: Treasurer Sharlot Stone.

### CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp opened the February 22, 2011 Special Session of Borden Co. Commissioners Court at 8:35 a.m.

### MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meetings of February 8, 2011 were read. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY

The Personnel Policy was reviewed and discussed. No action taken at this time.

### BURN BAN

Commissioner Belew made a motion to extend the Burn Ban for Borden County for an additional 90 days due to fire hazard conditions. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

### NEW EMPLOYEE SALARY

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to fund the new employee out of the Sheriff's Office Secretarial Fund. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### RESOLUTION HJR 56

Commissioner Belew made a motion to support the HJR 56 Resolution concerning Unfunded Mandates. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

### COUNTY ATTORNEY

No action was taken appointing County Attorney for Borden County.

### BORDEN COUNTY EVENT CENTER ANDRODEO ARENA

A discussion was held concerning work completed on the Event Center and Rodeo Arena. No action taken.

### ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

No application received.

### SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

An application for Soil Conservation Construction of Fireguards was received from Ray Herring in Precinct No. 4. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the application at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for a motor grader and \$65.00 per hour for a dozer. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

Commissioner Adcock left at 11:30 a.m.

### ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

### DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Appointment of County Attorney and Adoption of County Policy.

### ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011.

# Cotton



# News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

## NRCS Can Help Landowners with Rangeland Recovery Assistance Following Wildfires

Friday, March 1, 2011  
By Texas NRCS Staff

TEMPLE, TX - High winds, low humidity and prolonged dry conditions in Texas have led to increased threats for wildfires. While some parts of the state have already been affected by damaging wildfires, other parts remain at risk.

Landowners impacted by recent wildfires are encouraged to contact their local USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) district conservationist. The NRCS provides technical, and in some cases, financial assistance, to install measures that reduce post-fire damage and aid in the rehabilitation process.

"Wildfires can provide valuable control of brush species, but may cause damage to perennial grasses if special care is not taken to allow recovery of the range," states Salvador Salinas, Acting State Conservationist for the USDA-NRCS in Texas. "Loss of vegetation not only affects forages for livestock and wildlife habi-

tat, but it can lead to increased soil loss due to erosion by wind and water."

Practices such as grazing deferment, cross fencing, reseeding and water development are effective post-fire strategies to help reduce erosion.

"We can also provide assistance that will enable landowners to accelerate the health and vigor of affected rangeland," said Salinas.

He suggests landowners consult with their local NRCS district conservationist to develop a conservation plan, which can be an effective strategy for pasture and rangeland recovery and mitigating the effects of the prolonged drought Texas is experiencing.

Wildlife habitat can also be impacted by the wildfire

and NRCS can provide technical and financial assistance in re-establishing the habitats for desired species.

NRCS services and programs are voluntary and offered without a fee to all agricultural producers. NRCS helps landowners and land managers protect and improve the natural resources on their property, including soil, water, air, plants, and animals.

For further assistance in evaluating your land and planning practices, or to address concerns following a wildfire, contact your local NRCS or Soil and Water Conservation District. USDA Service Center offices are located in almost every county and are listed in phonebooks under federal and state government, or online at [www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov).

## Burn Ban

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

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## Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
Tumbleweed Smith

### The Shipbuilding Boom in Orange

Sylvia Dickey Smith of Georgetown has written a book about World War Two homefront activities. It's the story of Bea Meade, a Texas version of "Rosie the Riveter." The book is titled A WAR OF HER OWN and takes place during the summer of 1943 in Orange, Texas when the city was experiencing a shipbuilding boom. Sylvia grew up in Orange and is familiar with the era. In the book, Bea's husband leaves her and she goes to work as a riveter in the shipyards. A WAR OF HER OWN, a work of historical fiction, is Sylvia's 4th book. Her others are mysteries.

"I don't know what I would fill my days with if I weren't writing and creating stories and characters," she says. Mrs. Smith started college at age forty, and after earning BA and MA degrees, worked as a family counselor and retired when she was sixty-two. Then she started writing books.

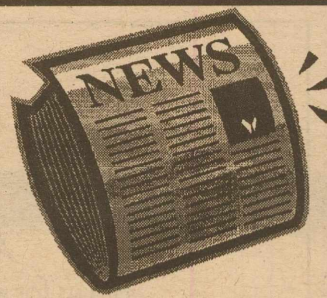
"It was fascinating after retirement to find my passion. I had done a lot of things I really enjoyed in my life, but to find your passion in your sixties was an extra, exciting thing to have occurred. It just seems like one story leads into another. Right now I'm working on two books at the same time. I've learned that characters become so real to an author they end up telling you what they will say and what they won't say or will do and won't do. It sounds weird, but they do. Writing is fun." Part of this book is autobiographical. She was married to a Baptist minister 28 years. Now she's married to a retired military officer. She says the town of Orange mushroomed during the war. "It increased more than ten times its original size, going from sixty-five hundred to

70,000 people. There was no place for them to live. It was really kind of a chaotic situation. There were no beds for people to sleep in. They had what they call 'hot beds' where they rented the beds by the hour and when someone got up, another person got in. The bed would still be warm from the previous person."

Sylvia's mother worked at the shipyard. "I lived in some of the war housing there when I was growing up. Orange has the Neches and Sabine rivers there. It's a deep-water port. They had been doing some shipbuilding for England, but when World War Two started, several shipyards in Orange got defense department contracts to build destroyer escorts, landing craft and all kinds of equipment for the war. You had these 70,000 people, most of them unskilled, and they got jobs building those warships. All you had to do was be a warm body and show up and you had a job. A WAR OF HER OWN is a book I've wanted to write a long time. Women during that time had difficulty because there was prejudice against women in the work place and times were so hectic and explosive there were a lot of marriages that broke up. Many of the ship workers went across the river into Louisiana and had a high-heel good time at Showboat Ruby's. Social structures fell apart and changed drastically during that time."

Sylvia Dickey Smith wrote A WAR OF HER OWN because she found the shipbuilding boom a fascinating part of our history and didn't think many people knew about the contributions those workers in a small Texas town made to the war effort. The book is published by Crickhollow Books.

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# March 28 Set for Scholarship Deadline for Texas High School Seniors

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas high school seniors have until March 28 to apply for the Don't Mess with Texas scholarship.

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual scholarship is sponsored by Dow Chemical Company in partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful. The first-place winner will receive

\$3,000. The second- and third-place winners will receive \$1,000 each. Don't Mess with Texas is the litter prevention campaign of the Texas Department of Transportation.

The scholarship is one of TxDOT's efforts to generate more youth involvement in Don't Mess with Texas, since research shows that age is the number-one predictor of littering behavior, with Texans ages 16-34 littering the most.

Any Texas high school senior who will attend a two- or four-year Texas college or university can apply. For the essay prompt, application, rules, and background information, visit <http://dontmesswithtexas.org/programs/scholarship/>. Winners will be notified in April.

2011 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Don't Mess with Texas campaign.

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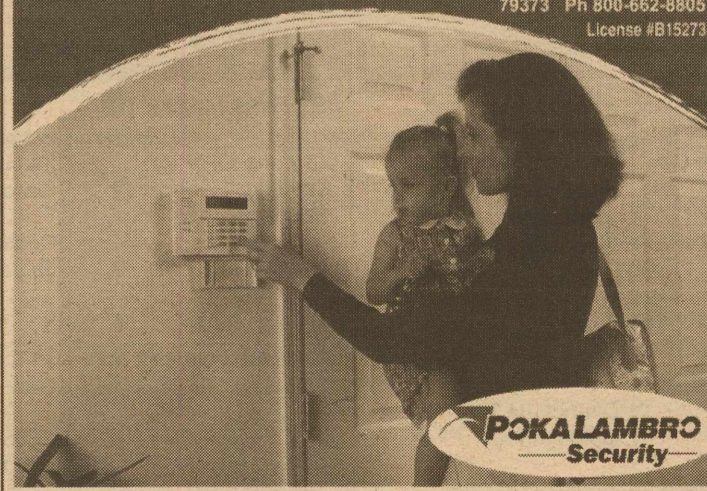
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# Dare to Live...

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resentful, impatient, impulsive or hateful.

Success, to a large extent, is determined by the ability to grow when faced with the unexpected. For example, in business, those organizations that promptly adjust to unpredictable and changing environments will survive and thrive. On the other hand, many companies that are lethargic and slow to adjust will fade into oblivion.

Some people seem to have "bad luck" due to the way they respond to challenges. Others appear to have an uncanny ability to handle anything without missing a beat. No one is singled out. You choose which category you fall into.

Every unpredictable event has within it a gift of opportunity. If you develop an attitude

of "OK, so where do I go from here?" you will have taken the first, and most important, step to adapt to the unexpected.

Rather than being apprehensive about uncertainty, look at it as an aspect of living that keeps you from getting bored. It is your mindset that determines whether something is a stepping stone or a stumbling block. Your reality is based on your perception.

The unpredictable will occur without fail. The more you resist it, the more stress you will experience. You may as well make the best of it.

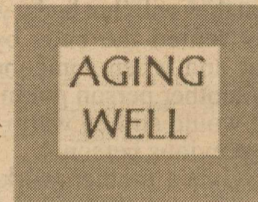
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## Fall Prevention

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 TAKS—4 <sup>th</sup> Writing; 7 <sup>th</sup> Writing; 9 <sup>th</sup> Reading; 10 <sup>th</sup> ELA; Exit Level ELA	2	3 Sands Mustang JH Relays @ Ackerly  Baseball Tourney @ Sundown, Morton-9:00  TAKS Science – Exit Level Retake	4 Sands Mustang HS Relays @ Ackerly  ACT Registration Deadline for April 9th Test  Baseball Tourney @ Sundown, Albany-12:00	5 Baseball Tourney @ Sundown, Crosbyton-12:00; Sundown- 6:00
6	7 Golf - Loop Invitational	8 *Baseball vs. Ira @ Ira 4:30	9	10 Wildcat JH Relays @ Grady  HS Tennis @ Levelland	11 Wildcat HS Relays @ Grady  <b>PROGRESS REPORTS</b>	12 *Baseball - Open  Blackland Divide HS Relays @ Roscoe
13 Daylight Saving Time	14 UIL CX Debate State Meet	15 CX Debate State Meet	16	17 *Baseball vs. Ralls @ Ralls 4:00	18 Baseball - TBA	19 Piper HS Relays @ Hamlin
<b>Spring Break !!!!</b>						
20	21 Golf – Garden City Shootout  *Baseball vs. Tahoka @ Moffett 4:30	22 OAP Community Performance 6:00 pm	23 Zone OAP @ Klondike-Perform @ 1:00	24 UIL District Meet @ Garden City  Rolling Plains JH Relays @ Jayton	25 HS Tennis @ Levelland  Rolling Plains HS Relays @ Jayton	26 *Baseball vs. Crosbyton @ Crosbyton, 12:00  Roby HS Invitational @ Roby
27	28 *Baseball vs. O'Donnell @ Moffett 4:30  Golf – Sands Invitational	29  District JH Track Meet @ O'Donnell	30 District OAP @ Sands	31 Coyote HS Relays @ Gail  CDE Judging TTU @ Lubbock	*Denotes District Baseball Game March 7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Houston Stock Show (Steers) March 8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Houston Stock Show (Lamb/Goats) March 14 – 18 <sup>th</sup> Houston Stock Show (Barrows)	