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Fire Risk High as Drought Worsens

By Betsy Blaney
Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Storms that swept the eastern part of Texas on Monday did little to relieve an extreme drought that now covers more than 40 percent of the state, and wildfires continued to burn Monday in parts of West Texas, where some ranchers haven't seen a drop of rain since early fall.

The area considered in an extreme drought has tripled in the past month, and weather forecasters expect the drought to continue or get worse through June in most of the state. That means the danger of fire will remain extremely high, National Weather Service meteorologist Victor Murphy said.

"This could end up being one of the more devastating droughts, agriculturally speaking and for wildfires, if we don't start getting normal to above normal rainfall before June," Murphy said. "The odds

of seeing that are likely below normal."

Texas hasn't had a drier October to February period since 1967, state climatologist John Nielsen-Gammon said. The five months that ended Feb. 28 saw only 4.8 inches of rain on average across the state. In a typical year, an average of 9.7 inches would fall.

The drought has been made worse by warmer than normal temperatures, said Travis Miller, a drought specialist with Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

On Sunday, low humidity and winds up to 55 mph fueled the spread of wildfires across West Texas, and four big ones burned more than 11,000 acres. Some of the fires continued to burn Monday, but they were nothing like the day before, Texas Forest Service spokesman Alan Craft said. Nearly 180 of Texas' 254 counties have burn bans.

Texas is the nation's No. 2

grower of winter wheat, and the drought has hit that crop hard. More than 60 percent of the state's winter wheat crop was in poor to very poor condition at the end of March, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

As examples, Midland got .1 inches of rain in March, while College Station got 6 inches. Usually, those cities would get 4.6 and 19.1 inches respectively.

"Even if it rains now it wouldn't do much for it," said Miller, the drought specialist. "It'll be a little better. Instead of dying, it might be worth running a combine through."

Bobby McKnight, who has a ranch in far West Texas, said he's doing OK right now because he still has hay from last summer to feed his cattle. But if no new rain comes, feed could be a problem as the year goes on.

"It's pretty tough," said McKnight, 50. "The only thing that makes this bearable is we got a good June and July. We made some grass."

Monday's thunderstorms did cut power in a number of areas. Oncor Electric Delivery reported nearly 50,000 customers were without



Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

The 80/20 Principle

Are all of your efforts equal in terms of the results they produce? Is there a way to leverage your time and efforts so that the energy expended yields four times the results? The 80/20 principle states that 20% of your efforts yield 80% of the results. Some applications of this principle are:

20% of the problems cause 80% of your frustration

20% of the people do 80% of the work

20% of the people cause 80% of your interruptions

20% of your friends and relatives will provide you with 80% of your support

20% of your recreational activities will provide you with 80% of your enjoyment

Even though the percentages may not always be exactly 80% and 20%, the relationship between cause and effect is rarely balanced. Much more than half the results in life are produced from far less than half of the actions. The objective is to utilize this principle to focus your energy on the 20% of the actions that produce 80% of the results.

What are the origins of this principle? In the late 1800's, Vilfredo Pareto, an Italian economist, found that 20% of the population owned 80% of the land. He observed that the

80/20 principle governed other relationships as well. For example, as an avid gardener, Pareto observed that 20% of the peapods in his garden yielded 80% of the crop.

Application of this principle can lead to dramatically increased productivity and much more efficient use of your time. You can make true progress by focusing your energy on the 20% of the causes that produce 80% of the effects.

Addressing the 20% is not necessarily the easiest path. When confronting problems, the most readily resolved ones are often the ones that will yield a minimum of relief. Human nature drives us to tend to focus on the 80% of the problems that yield only 20% of the results, because these problems are easier to deal with. You want to address the big problems that yield the biggest results.

Many people apply the reverse of the principle. They spend 80% of their time and energy on those actions that generate only 20% of the results. They tend to be distracted by doing first those things that are easier. And then they feel frustrated that there isn't enough time to do all of

Burn Ban

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

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Jr. High Girls Do Well at District Meet

By Coach McCook

The Borden County girls' junior high track team traveled to O'Donnell this past Tuesday to compete in the District meet. The results are as follows:

2400 Meter Run: 2nd place-Clair Shafer-10:44; 3rd place-Zoie Key-11:52 and 6th place-Channing Miller-14:55.

1600 Meter Run: 4th place-Zoie Key-7:21 and 6th place-Bessie Rhodes.

800 Meter Run: 1st place-Tye Basquez-2:41.81 and Bailey Robinson-3:55.00.

400 Meter Dash: 3rd place-Kylee Dean-1:14.60; 6th place-Eva Banman-1:18.95 and Bailey Robinson-1:46.83.

200 Meter Dash: Eva Banman-33.73; Kyrsten Rebeles-34.17; Karen Rojero-35.59 and Lexi Cheatham-35.72.

100 Meter Dash: Karen Rojero-15.94; Lexi Cheatham-16.48; Bessie Rhodes-16.48 and Rebecca Taylor-16.48.

100 Meter Hurdles: 2nd place-Tatum Richey-20.79 and 5th place-Channing Miller-31.37.

400 Meter Relay: 2nd place-1:00.20-Kyrsten Rebeles, Cheyenne Tucker, Taylor Roberts and Kylee Dean.

800 Meter Relay: 1st place-2:07.55-Taylor Roberts, Cheyenne Tucker, Tatum Richey and Tye Basquez.

1600 Meter Relay: 1st place-4:52.51-Tatum Richey, Clair Shafer, Cheyenne Tucker and Tye Basquez.

Long Jump: 3rd place-Tatum Richey-12' 1 1/2"; 4th place-Cheyenne Tucker-12' 1"; Clair Shafer-10' 10"; Zoie Key-10' 5" and Taylor Roberts-NM.

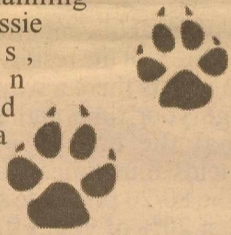
Triple Jump: 3rd place-Tatum Richey-27' 6"; 6th place-26' 3 1/2" and Lexi Cheatham-NM.

High Jump: 2nd place-Tye Basquez-4' 2" and 5th place-Kyrsten Rebeles-3' 8".

Discus: 5th place-Eva Banman, Holly Bradbury, Kylee Dean, Channing Miller, Bessie Rhodes, Bailey Robinson and Rebecca Taylor.

Shot Put: Eva Banman, Holly Bradbury, Kylee Dean, Channing Miller, Bessie Rhodes,

Karen Rojero and Rebecca Taylor.



7th grader, Kylee Dean begins the 400 Meter Dash in last Tuesday's district meet in O'Donnell.



Cheyenne Tucker (far left) runs second in the 400 Meter Relay. The team took 2nd place in the relay.



Tatum Richey (second from right) places 2nd in the 100 Meter Hurdles.

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School Lunch Menu

April 11 - 15, 2011

Menu subject to change

Monday - Breakfast: Omelet & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Fish, Macaroni & Cheese, Hushpuppies, Salad, Fruit and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Poptart, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Spaghetti & Meatballs, Carrots, Salad, Breadstick, Apricots and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Muffin & Gogurt, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Burrito, Salad, Apple Slices, Sugar Cookie and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage & Gravy, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pizza, Corn, Salad, Pineapple Tidbits and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato and Pickles, Baked Beans, Rice Krispy Treat and Milk.

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Very tentative on non-district games.

2011 Borden County Baseball Schedule

| Date | Day | Opponent | Time | Location | Scores |
|---|---------------|---------------------------|-------|-----------|--------|
| Feb. 15 th | Monday | Scrimmage | TBA | | |
| Feb. 18 th | Thursday | Scrimmage | TBA | | |
| Feb. 22 nd | Tuesday | Open | TBA | TBA | |
| Feb. 26 th | Saturday | Seagraves (Double Header) | 11:00 | Moffett | |
| Feb. 28 th | Monday | Rotan | 4:00 | Moffett | |
| March 3 rd - 5 th | Thurs. - Sat. | Tourney @ Sandown | TBA | Sandown | |
| March 3 rd | Thursday | Morton | 9:00 | Sandown | |
| March 4 th | Friday | Albany | 12:00 | Sandown | |
| March 5 th | Saturday | Crosbyton | 12:00 | Sandown | |
| March 5 th | Saturday | Sandown | 6:00 | Sandown | |
| *March 8 th | Tuesday | Ira | 4:30 | Ira | |
| *March 12 th | Saturday | Open | TBA | TBA | |
| *March 17 th | Thursday | Rolls | 4:00 | Rolls | |
| March 18 th | Friday | TBA | TBA | TBA | |
| *March 21 st | Monday | Tahoka | 4:30 | Moffett | |
| *March 26 th | Saturday | Crosbyton | 12:00 | Crosbyton | |
| *March 28 th | Monday | O'Donnell | 4:30 | Moffett | |
| April 1 st | Friday | Hamlin | TBA | Hamlin | |
| *April 5 th | Tuesday | Ira | 5:00 | Moffett | |
| *April 9 th | Saturday | Hernleigh (possible DII) | 10:00 | Moffett | |
| *April 12 th | Tuesday | Rolls | 5:00 | Moffett | |
| *April 16 th | Saturday | Tahoka | 6:00 | Tahoka | |
| *April 18 th | Monday | Crosbyton | 4:30 | Moffett | |
| *April 22 nd | Friday | O'Donnell | 4:30 | O'Donnell | |
| April 29 th | Friday | Hamlin | TBA | Moffett | |
| | Mon-Tues. | Rain out dates | | | |
| | Thurs-Sat. | Tie Breaker Date | | | |

* - District Game

BHS Alumnus Returns to Share India Presentation

Borden County's Sixth Grade class made play-dough models last week of the Taj Majal in conjunction with their upcoming unit on South Asia.

1993 graduate Shawn Lewis took his India "project" a little farther—he visited the Taj Majal in Agra, India, this past November and brought those photos to share with the Sixth Graders March 28.

Lewis, a member of the San Angelo Rotary Club, participated in a trip to the South Asian country over the Thanksgiving holidays in 2010. The service club's reputation for international projects appeals to Lewis, who missed out on his family's holiday time in order to visit India and work with the "End Polio Now" project.

Visiting city neighborhoods, Lewis and other Rotarians spent time helping the few doctors update shot records and administering vaccines. In India, only 60 doctors exist for every 100,000 people.

Another aspect of the Rotarians' work according to Lewis involved education. Many students, some in slum areas, are provided uniforms paid for by Rotary Clubs throughout the world. The Rotary Computer Center, equipped with donated computers, is another educational project benefiting students in the world's second most populous country.

One story that Lewis told the class had a particular impact: slum children have to attend school at night if they are to be educated. During the day, schools are reserved for the richer students. When they leave, the schools are then opened for those children who grow up in the slums.

The service organization also plays a part, according to Lewis, in helping women whose husbands have died. Often, these women have no form of provision. Rotary Clubs have started sewing centers where these widows can earn money by sewing scarves and dresses.

In closing his presentation, Lewis showed slides of another project involving artificial limbs. Many people in

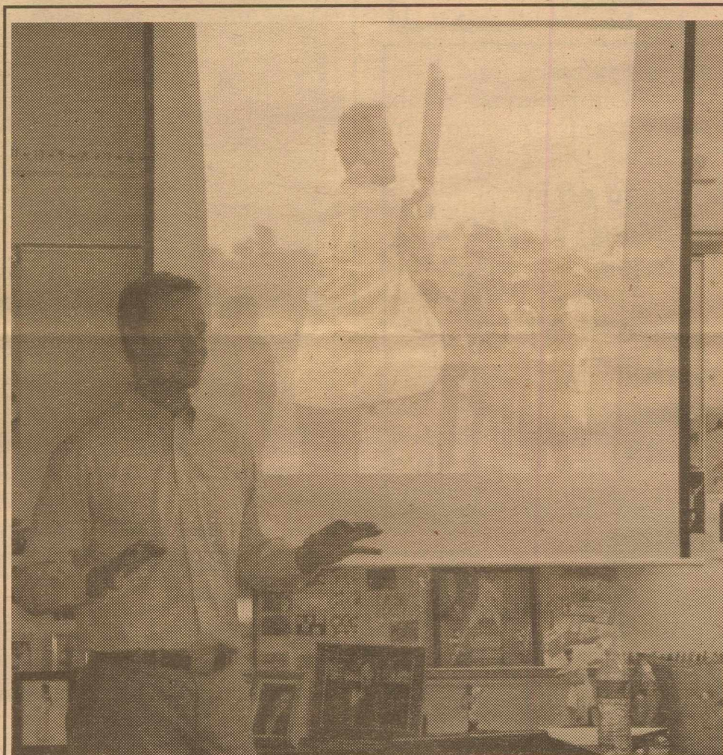
India have lost feet or hands due to land mines, disease, or electrical accidents. Factories in India can make artificial limbs much more cheaply than factories elsewhere. The San Angelo Rotary Club donated \$500 to one such factory while Lewis was there.

It was not all work as Lewis told the Sixth Grade class about some of his adventures riding an elephant and a camel. He even played some cricket, which is to an Indian or Pakistani person the popularity

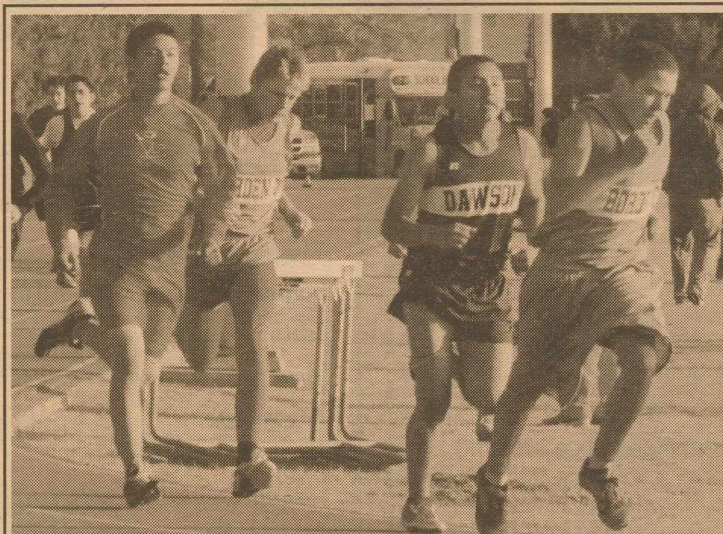
equivalent of football.

Sixth Graders were reminded that the world can be a much smaller place if people travel and allow themselves to recognize the similarities—and not just the differences—of cultures.

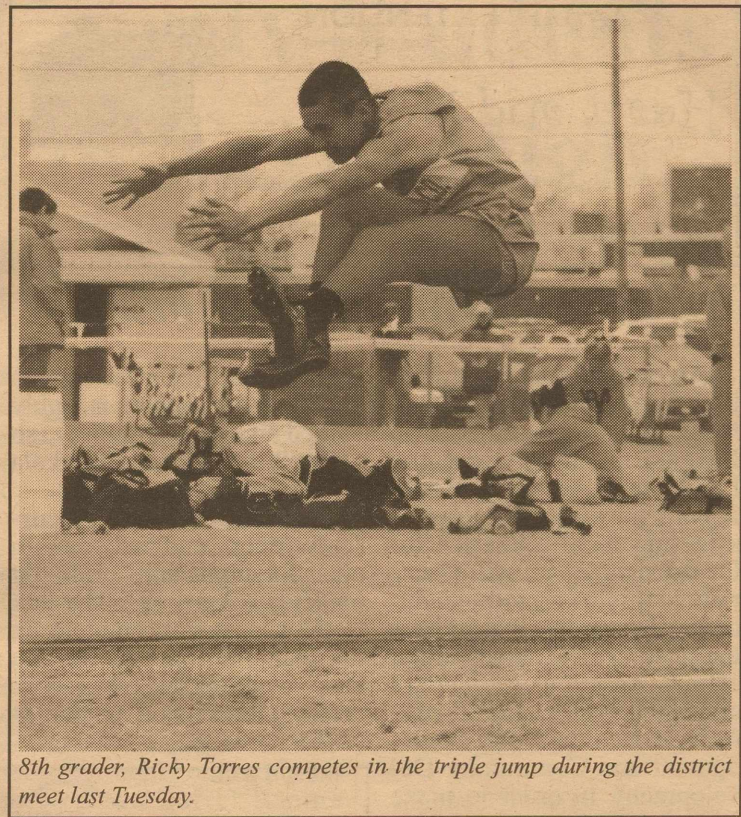
"People in India want the same things we want," said Lewis. "A home, food, clothing, safety, and good schools. People are really nice everywhere you go if you look for it."



Former Borden County student, Shawn Lewis presents a slide show of his recent trip to South Asia to Mrs. Mayes' sixth grade class.



Nathan Souder (far right) and Frank Banman (second from left) compete in the 800 Meter run during the district meet.



8th grader, Ricky Torres competes in the triple jump during the district meet last Tuesday.

Pups Compete at District Meet

The Pups traveled to O'Donnell last Tuesday to compete in the district track.

The results are as follows:
2400 Meter Run: 5th place-Robert Jordan-10:23.22 and 7th place-Riley Herridge-11:03.44.

400 Meter Relay: 5th place-55.87-Kelby Miller, Merik Valentine, Nathan Souder and Thomas Harrison.

800 Meter Run: 7th place-Frank Banman-2:42.44; 8th place-Nathan Souder-2:48.56 and Rhaeden Bland-3:14.22.

110 Hurdles: Sean Tucker-25.99; Colby Pennell-25.63 and Thomas Harrison-24.99.

100 Meter Dash: 4th place-Kelby Miller-13.44; Hurricane Richter-15.79; Caelen Thuett-15.81; Samuel Raborn-16.47 and Flint Roberts-16.99.

800 Meter Relay: 5th place-2:01.69-Kelby Miller, Merik Valentine, Nathan Souder and Cayden Vaughn.

400 Meter Dash: 1st place-Ricky Torres-60.48; Nathan Ham-76.00 and Rhaeden Bland-87.91.

300 Meter Hurdles: 4th place-Frank Banman-52.25; 5th place-Merik Valentine-55.87 and 6th place-Thomas Harrison-58.44.

200 Meter Dash: 5th place-Ricky Torres-28.50; Caelen

Thuett-33.45; Nathan Ham-34.61; Flint Roberts-36.73 and Jayden Huse-37.70.

1600 Meter Run: 6th place-Sean Tucker-6:21.39; 7th place-Robert Jordan-6:38.17 and 10th place-Rhaeden Bland-7:17.55.

1600 Meter Relay: 4th place-4:26.69-Ricky Torres, Frank Banman, Sean Tucker and Riley Herridge.

Shot Put: 1st place-Joel Andrade-35'8"; 2nd place-Frank Banman-35'2"; Caelen Thuett-28'1" (NP); Merik Valentine-24'11" (NP) and Hurricane Richter-23'6" (NP).

Discus: 4th place-Cayden Vaughn-90'6"; 6th place-Frank Banman-82'3"; Nathan Souder-67'10" (NP); Nathan Ham-67'2" (NP) and Joel Andrade-NM.

Long Jump: Riley Herridge-13'4"-NP; Thomas Harrison-12'8"-NP and Colby Pennell-11'11"-NP.

Triple Jump: 8th place-Riley Herridge-28'3"; Ricky Torres-26'9"-NP and Kelby Miller-26'11"-NP.

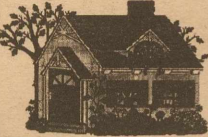
High Jump: 2nd place-Ricky Torres- 5'; 4th place-Sean Tucker-4'11" and Kelby Miller-4'4"-NP.

Pole Vault: 4th place-Riley Herridge-7'6"; 5th place-Robert Jordan-6'6" and Cayden Vaughn-6'-NP.

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Heart and Home ...

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Issue Identification Forum

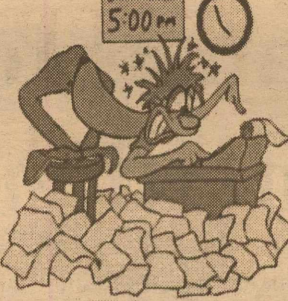
An online Issue Identification Forum is being held in Borden County, to assist local Extension Agents and the Leadership Advisory Board identify the most critical issues affecting local citizens. Our local Extension program has a rich history of providing educational programs that address the most critical issues in the county, related to Agriculture and Natural Resources, Families and Health, Youth Development and Community Development. In order to make sure that the programs being planned for the future are on target, we invite your participation in the Online Issue Forum OR the **face-to-face forum which will take place on Thursday, April 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the District Courtroom.**

To participate in the online forum, go to <http://extensionissues.tamu.edu>. The online survey should take you no more than 10 minutes to complete, and will provide us with valuable insight into the

issues facing citizens in Borden County. Your opinion is highly valued in our community, so we truly hope you will take a few minutes to participate.

The online forum is currently open, and will remain open for input until midnight on Friday, April 15th. The link to the survey is prominent on the web site, but should you have any problems, please contact the Extension Office at (806)756-4336.

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Walk Across Texas kicked off in Borden County on Tuesday, March 22, 2011!
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On the Wild Side of Life
by Cody G. Hill
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Borden County 4-Hers Learning to Evaluate Livestock

Borden County 4-Hers traveled to Texas Tech University to compete in the 2011 Texas Tech Livestock Judging contest March 31, 2011. 4-Hers learned how to evaluate and answer questions in areas of beef, swine, sheep and goats. Representing Borden County 4-H were Kenley Dean, Haley Gray, Katie Gray, Dylan Murphy, JW Nix, Thomas Nix, Avery Price, and Tatum Treadwell. Congratulations to all 4-Hers.



4-H'ers who competed in the recent Texas Tech Livestock judging meet were: (left to right) J.W. Nix, Avery Price, Thomas Nix, Kenley Dean (back), Tatum Treadwell, Dylan Murphy, Hayley Gray and Katie Gray.

 **April 2011 4-H Calendar** 

- 2 Livestock Judging Contest in Clarendon
- 4 Shooting Sports (Trap, Skeet, and Archery) Planning Meeting 6:00 p.m. at Shooting Range (South of Events Center on Willow Valley Rd)
- 7 Photography Project 3:45 to 5:00 in Home Ec Lab
- 9 Livestock Judging Contest in Stephenville
- 11 Roundup Contest Planning Meeting 6:00 p.m. in Extension Office Meeting Room
- 12 4-H Monthly Meeting
(Cool Clovers: 11:30-12:00; JH/HS: 12:35-1:05 in Conference Room at School)
- District 4-H Fashion Show in Abernathy
- 13 **Deadline to enter District 4-H Roundup Contests**
- 14 Photography Project 3:45 to 5:15 in Home Ec Lab
- 15 **Deadline to register for North Region 4-H Leader Lab**
- 16 District 4-H Livestock Judging Contest in Lubbock
- 26 County 4-H Recordbook Workshop at 6:00 p.m. in the Extension Office Meeting Room (**THIS IS A DATE CHANGE**)

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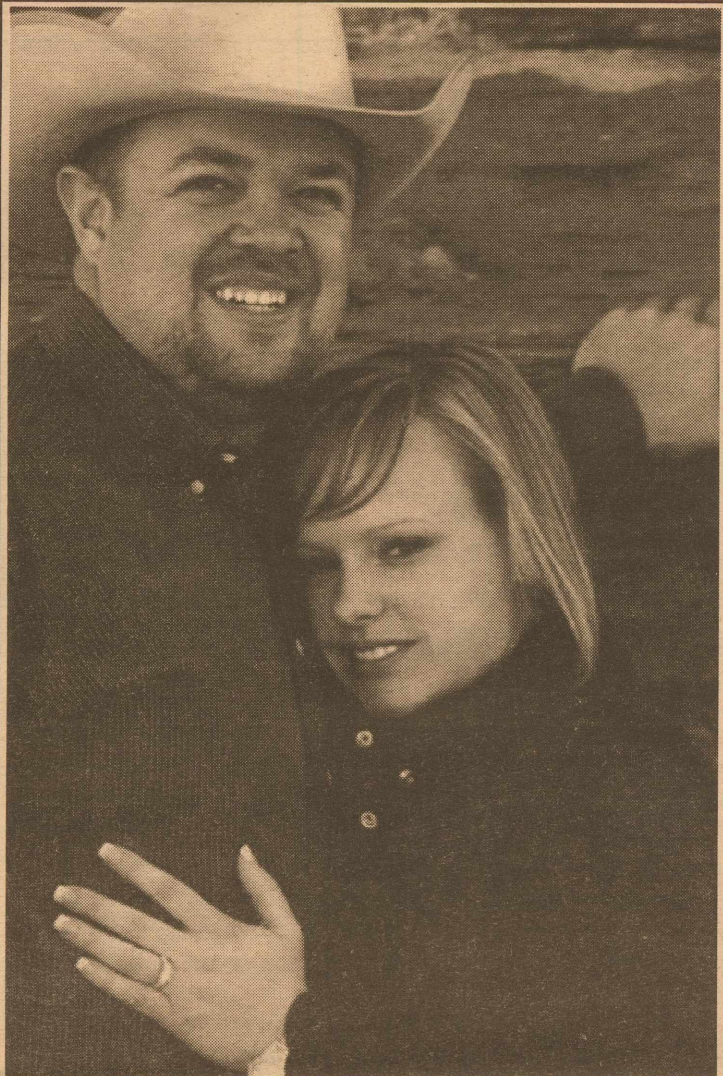
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The family of Verna Ogden would like to thank all of our friends and family for all the meals, flowers and prayers during our loss.

Your kindness and sympathy is greatly appreciated.

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Connie and Gary Stipe
Randy and Lisa Ogden
And families





Ross Aten and Kim Crow

Aten, Crow Plan May 7 Wedding

Marcus and Bev Crow of Loop, Texas and Bill and Donna Aten of Post, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Kim Crow of Seminole and Ross Aten of Tahoka.

The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Loop High School and a 2007 graduate of Texas A&M University. She is employed as a CPA at Davis, Ray and Co., PC, in Seminole.

Kim is the granddaughter of Earl and Wanda Owens of Loop, Betty Ward Crow of Seminole, and Marcus and Lynn Crow of Andrews.

The future bridegroom is a 2001 graduate of Borden County High School and a 2006 graduate of Texas Tech University. He is employed as the Electrical Engineer for Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc., in Tahoka.

Ross is the grandson of Roy and Loveta Josey, Eddie and the late Ted L. Aten, all of Post.

The couple will be married on May 7, 2011, at the Fulford Barn in Brownfield, Texas.

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Borden County Students Compete in Texas High School Rodeo Finals

The Texas High School Rodeo – Region II Finals had several Borden County ISD students come out on top. Winners from BHS included: Bailey Anderson in Girls Cutting, Hanna Forbes in Barrel Racing, Riley Smith, and Chance Taylor in Team Roping and Tie-Down Calf Roping. These students competed in rodeos during the Fall Semester accumulating points that were added to their Spring Semester totals. The High School schedule for this semester included rodeos in Ft. Stockton, Andrews, and Sweetwater. When the totals were tallied and the dust settled all four of these BHS students qualified for the State Finals Rodeo.

In the Girls Cutting Finals, Senior: Bailey Anderson marked 72 and 73 in her final performances to win first place. She received a trophy saddle and belt buckle for her efforts. Bailey was also the recipient of a scholarship from

the Region II THSRA. Bailey competed at State last year, and went on to the National Finals in Wyoming. Bailey will be a top contender again this year.

In the Barrel Racing competition, Sophomore: Hanna Forbes was the Reserve Barrel Racing winner. She was second during the Friday night performance, and clocked a smoking 15.4 in Saturday's go-round to win the average for the regional finals weekend. Hanna brought home a buckle for Reserve Barrel Racing Champion. She was second out of 26 barrel racers. Hanna ran track on Saturdays during the Spring Semester, which sometimes conflicted with the rodeo schedule. After the track meet, she had to drive that night or early the next morning to get to the rodeo on Sunday. She would make two barrel runs on Sunday to add to her cumulative point total for the year.

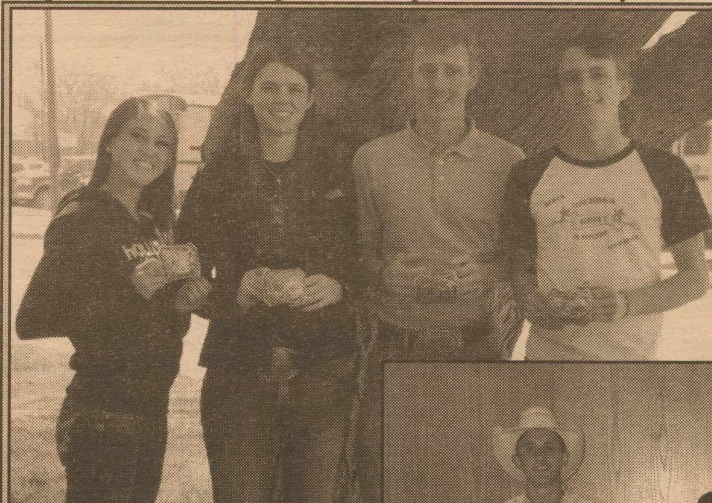
Junior: Chance Taylor and Sophomore: Riley Smith

partnered up to win the Team Roping. Coming into the Regional Finals, these boys were in third place with 60 points. They placed 5th on Friday night, and 1st on Saturday in the second go-round to win the average for the Regional Finals.

This gave them 26 points to add to their previous point total and squeak past the second place team by 2 points. They brought home Champion Heading/Heeling saddles and buckles.

Chance finished 6th in the Tie-Down Calf Roping to qualify for the State Rodeo. He placed 2nd on Saturday with a 12.04 to ensure his position in the elite top 10 to go to state. Riley finished 7th for state qualification. Riley won the first go-round Friday night with a 9.4. They won a halter and headstall in their top ten bid for state.

We look forward to watching these BHS students compete in the THSRA State Finals rodeo in Abilene, June 13-17. Good Luck!



(Left) Borden County students competing in the Texas High School Rodeo finals and winning buckles are (l.to r.) Hanna Forbes, Bailey Anderson, Chance Taylor and Riley Smith. (Bottom) Riley Smith, Bailey Anderson and Chance Taylor received saddles in their competitions.





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The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres Formation, Spraberry Field Unit Lease, Well Numbers 4 and 10. The proposed disposal wells are located 13.5 miles North of Gail, Texas in the Clayton Ranch, N. (Spraberry) Field, in Borden County, Texas. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3000 to 4000 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from the persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Drawer 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 Telephone (512)463-6792.

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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
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Charlie The Tick Tock Man

When I visited with Charlie Grantham at his clock shop in Odessa he was repairing a coo coo clock for a customer. "This has to be done by tomorrow," says Charlie. "I've got a lot of clocks that I'll be working on today."

Charlie started working on clocks as a boy growing up in Tell, Texas. He had asthma and couldn't get out and play with other kids. "They were out running around in the rain and snow and whatever and I was looking at them through the window. So I just started looking for something to do."

He had a couple of watches he got for his 6th and 7th birthdays and when they quit working he put them in a trunk. "One day I was rambling through that trunk and came across one of those watches. I picked it up and looked at it and got to wondering about what was in that thing that makes it work."

He asked his mother if he could take the watch apart and see what was inside. She said he could. "I tore that watch apart, got all the parts out of and couldn't find anything that was broken. So I washed it all out in some Energine cleaning fluid mother had to take spots off clothes, put it back together, oiled it with sewing machine oil, wound it up and it started running."

He took that second watch and did the same thing to it and it started running. Then he wanted more watches to fix. "I had two sisters that always had girl friends coming over to visit. I knew their brothers and would ask them if so and so had a watch. Everyone of them said 'yes he has one but it don't

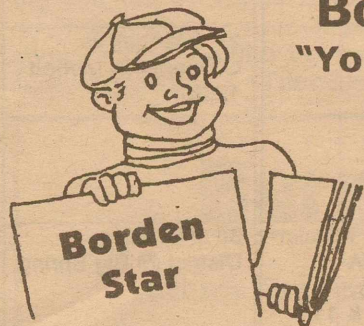
run.' So I told them to tell their brothers that I'd trade them for a watch that works. Within fifteen minutes one of these guys would show up. 'You got a watch?' he would ask. I said I did. He asked, 'what would you take for it?' I'd tell him your watch and a quarter. So I'd fix the watch I got from him and trade it to someone else. That kept going on for years."

Soon adults started finding out about Charlie's skills and brought him their watches to repair. "Then I got into a better grade of watches, like Elgins and Hamiltons and whatever, quite different from the dollar watches I had been working on. I didn't have the tools to work on the better watches, so I went to a watchmaker in Childress that my daddy took his watch to all the time, and I told him what I was trying to do. He told me where I could get some tools and said if I ran into trouble with anything, to bring it to him and he would help me. I did that until I graduated from high school."

Charlie went to college, then watch repair school, worked in some jewelry stores repairing watches, then opened his own business, Grantham's Clock Clinic in 1960. His place is interesting, to say the least. Clocks of all sizes are everywhere. He repairs family heirlooms; special clocks that mean a lot to people. He also sells new clocks. His back room has some of the tools he has worked with nearly all his life. Charlie is 89 years old and stays about three months behind repairing clocks and watches. He doesn't mind the work. "It's fun if you like it."

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Cotton



News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

USDA Planting Intentions Says 12.3 Million Upland Cotton Acres in 2011; Texas to Plant 6.1 Million

By Shawn Wade
USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) says U.S. cotton producers will boost acreage by 15 percent in 2011 and plant an estimated 12.3 million acres to Upland cotton. Pima cotton plantings are expected to total 252,000 acres nationwide. This marks the second 15 percent increase in U.S. cotton planted acreage in as many years.

USDA's 12.3 million acre estimate is at the lower end of the range predicted in the days leading up to the report's release. Expectations for Texas acres were also smaller than expected.

Instead of approaching 6.4 million acres as some thought the state might, Texas producers are currently expected to plant an estimated 6.1 million acres to Upland cotton in 2011 - ten percent more than were planted last year.

Higher cotton prices spurred much of the switch nationally and in Texas. The changes could have been larger except that rebounds in corn, wheat and soybean prices has tempered at least some of the

Fire Risk...

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power, mostly in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The Dallas-based utility says the rest of the outages were mainly in East Texas and South Texas. Crews were working to restore electricity.

San Marcos Electric Utility reported about 2,000 customers lost power after winds blew down a tree that took a feeder line to a substation with it. The city about 30 miles south of Austin released a statement saying most of the power was restored by late Monday morning.

early enthusiasm for switching to cotton.

Immediately following release of the Prospective Plantings report cotton futures surged upward across the board. The December 2011 futures contract led the way trading up the limit much of the day

at \$1.325 per pound. Clearly, the bearish influence that additional planted acres usually have on the market was been offset by the smaller than expected magnitude of the increase and unfavorable weather conditions in various parts of the Cotton Belt.

Big Country Co-Op to Hold 12th Annual Meeting

Big Country Electric Cooperative will hold its 12th Annual Meeting of the Membership Thursday, April 21st at Hamlin Middle School, located at 250 SW Ave. F in Hamlin.


Member registration will begin and the meal serving line will open at 6:00 p.m. in the middle school gym. Members and guests are invited to enjoy a tasty Texas barbecue meal catered by John & Donna Rasmus of J & D Concessions in Snyder. As members and

guests are finished eating, they should move to the auditorium to enjoy entertainment provided by *Revolution*, a dynamic violin troupe composed of Abilene and Cooper High School students.

The business meeting will convene at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

Member-owners of Big Country Electric Cooperative are encouraged to attend and take an active role in the director elections and business of their cooperative.

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but when the darkness sets in,
their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within."

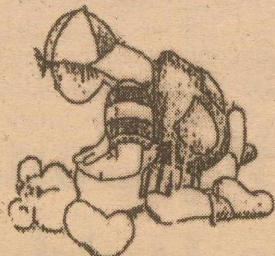
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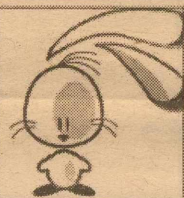
the things they want to do. By focusing on the 20% of the activities that yield 80% of the results, you are in effect leveraging your time by a factor of four. Conversely, if you focus on the 80% of the activities that yield 20% of the results, you have to work four times as hard to achieve your results.

If you take action without thinking and planning then you are most likely acting emotionally. If you act emotionally you will probably address the 80% that yields 20% first. On the other hand, if you think through and plan your efforts, you can first do a cost benefit analysis to ensure that you are focusing on the 20% that yields 80%.

The people who accomplish so much in one day, while you seem to be over-

whelmed, are most likely applying the 80/20 principle on a consistent and daily basis. "Plan your work and work your plan," is a timeless maxim. But for the ultimate results, modify it to read, "plan your work to focus on the 20% that yields 80% and then work your plan."

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 Baseball @ Hamlin-TBA CDE Judging-WTAMU @ Canyon | 2 CDE Judging @ Clarendon |
| 3 | 4 District Golf @ Big Spring TAKS - 5 th & 8 th Math | 5*Baseball vs. Ira @ Moffett 5:00 TAKS - 5 th & 8 th Reading | 6 HS District Track Meet @ Gail | 7 HS Tennis @ Lamesa | 8 | 9 *Baseball vs. Hermleigh @ Moffett 10:00 Possible DH Area II CDE Judging-Texas Tech, Lubbock ACT Test (must have pre-registered) |
| 10 | 11 HS Tennis-District @ Garden City | 12 Baseball vs. Ralls @ Moffett 5:00 HS Tennis-District @ Garden City | 13 | 14 Area Track Meet @ Hamlin | 15 End of 5 th 6 weeks Possible- Regional OAP @ Clyde | 16 *Baseball vs. Tahoka @ Moffett 6:00 State CDE Judging Texas Tech, Lubbock Possible - Regional HS UIL @ Abilene |
| 17 | 18 Beginning of 6 th 6 weeks Baseball vs. Crosbyton @ Moffett 4:30 Regional Golf @ Baird | 19 Regional Golf @ Baird | 20 Regional Tennis @ Abilene | 21 Early Dismissal Pre-K Day Regional Tennis @ Abilene | 22 Holiday | 23 *Baseball vs. O'Donnell @ Moffett 12:00 |
| Start of Driver Ed. Tentative 4/18/11 - 4-6 p.m. Monday - Wednesday | | | | | | |
| 24 | 25 Cheerleading Applications Distributed Driver Ed 4:00-6:00 | 26 TAKS-3 rd , 4 th , 6 th , 7 th & 10 th Math Driver Ed 4:00-6:00 | 27 TAKS- 3 rd , 4 th , 6 th , 7 th Reading & 11 th Math | 28 TAKS-5 th , 8 th , 10 th & 11 th Science & 9 th Math | 29 Baseball vs. Hamlin @ Moffett - TBA TAKS-8 th , 10 th & 11 th Social Studies | 30 JH Tennis-District @ Big Spring |