

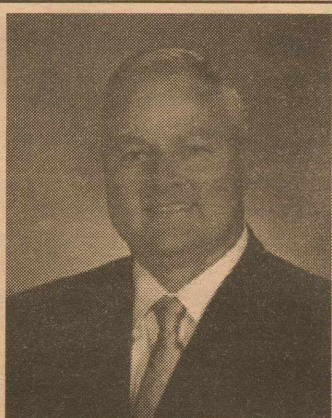
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August 17, 2011

2011 - 2012 School Year to Begin on August 22nd Dear Students, Parents and Borden County Community:



Jimmy Thomas
Superintendent

The 2011-2012 school year will begin on Monday, August 22. The official school day will begin at 8:05 a.m. and conclude at 3:33 p.m. each day.

New employees for the 2011-2012 school year are as follows:

- Mr. Michael Skelton-Teacher/Coach
 - Mrs. Tina Stansell-Principal's Secretary
 - Ms. Wretha Wagner-Teacher
 - Mr. Cutter Whipple-Maintenance/Transportation
- High School students in the

eleventh and twelfth grades will continue to have the opportunity to earn college courses according to state guidelines and testing criteria. Many of our students will graduate from high school with a year of earned college credit due to this outstanding opportunity.

Construction on the new school facilities continues at an impressive rate. Several portions of the new facilities are currently occupied and will be used during the 2011-2012 school year. The completion date of the project is scheduled for Spring or Summer of 2012. We anticipate the Borden County Students and School Community will be well served and extremely proud of the new facilities when they are completed. Please be advised that adjustments will be required during the school year as the construction process continues. Hopefully the inconvenience of these adjustments will be minimal.

The Borden County I.S.D. recently received notification that our school received a ranking of Exemplary for the 2010-2011 school year. We com-

mend our students and faculty for this accomplishment and will continue to make academic excellence a top priority for the Borden County Independent School District during the 2011-2012 school year.

All Borden County students will continue to receive free meals during the 2011-2012 school year. A safe environment that is conducive to learning will be provided to our students as well as a nurturing environment that emphasizes success for all students. Our desire for the upcoming school year is for every child of the Borden County School to have a successful educational and social experience. Your support and involvement is needed and appreciated. We would like to commend our community and staff for their dedication and support in providing an outstanding educational opportunity for our students. We encourage your continued involvement in your child's educational experience. Please contact your child's

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Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Procrastination

"Don't do today what you can put off until tomorrow," is the mantra sung by procrastinators. There are a variety of motives for delaying or avoiding tasks. The items put off are those that are unpleasant, difficult, inappropriate, or risky.

Identify and eliminate any tasks that shouldn't be on your to-do list at all. There may be items you don't want to do but other people expect you to. (This discussion relates to personal rather than work related circumstances.) It's very difficult, if not impossible, to find enthusiasm for externally imposed obligations. Perhaps there are chores you don't feel qualified to do. If so, hire someone rather than torturing yourself.

Freeing yourself from the specter of inappropriate jobs allows your energy to be concentrated on the tasks you are willing to tackle. Otherwise you can get bogged down and wind up not addressing anything.

Begin breaking the procrastination logjam by prioritizing your to-do list. You want to first tackle tasks that have the most immediate impact on your life. There are some tasks that are nice to do but don't have a significant effect.

Activities like organizing

your dresser drawers, getting new curtains, rearranging your furniture, or organizing your CD collection fall into this category. These types of tasks should be given the lowest priority.

The most pressing tasks are those with an externally imposed deadline. These are tasks that must be completed by a particular date or an opportunity is lost. For example, you want to rent an apartment. If you don't commit by tomorrow, it will be rented to someone else.

Wait two days to act, and you will lose the chance to rent it. In this type of situation, inaction causes a missed opportunity. If it's an opportunity you wanted to take advantage of, inaction is counter-productive.

Start with the most important item on your to-do list and concentrate on it. Don't worry about what's next, otherwise you risk becoming overwhelmed by what you feel is looming overhead. Set a deadline for starting the first task. Then divide it into small subsections. Each part should have its own schedule.

Complete each section and then move on to the next. Don't stop until you have com-

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Gail FFA Members Star at Chapter Banquet

By Buddy Wallace

It was a Hollywood atmosphere at Borden County High School as the Gail FFA Chapter hosted its' annual Gail FFA Chapter Banquet. The event which closed out the chapter's school year was attended by a record 175 members and guests.

The Gail FFA officer team played a significant role in hosting and conducting the Hollywood theme banquet that allowed all student members to be honored for their accomplishments both in and outside of the Ag. Science classroom this year.

The banquet began with a dynamic entry by the Chapter Officer team. Chapter President Jordan Day then conducted the official opening ceremonies. Mr. Wallace, Chapter Advisor recognized the students of each class in the Ag. Science Department, as well as all students participating in fall and spring FFA events.

Krista Tarleton entertained the crowd as she displayed her vocal skills by performing two songs.

Many other awards were given as the Honorary Chapter FFA, Star Chapter Greenhand, and Star Chapter FFA award recipients were honored and presented with chapter plaques.

Proficiency awards, Greenhand Pins, Chapter awards, Officer pins, and activity pins were given to students who were outstanding in meeting criteria necessary to receive these honors.

The banquet concluded with a heartfelt "Thank You" to all who helped the Gail FFA Chapter and Borden County Ag. Science Department students achieve their goal of another outstanding year.

Gail FFA and Mr. Wallace wish to express their thanks to those who attended the banquet in support of the students.

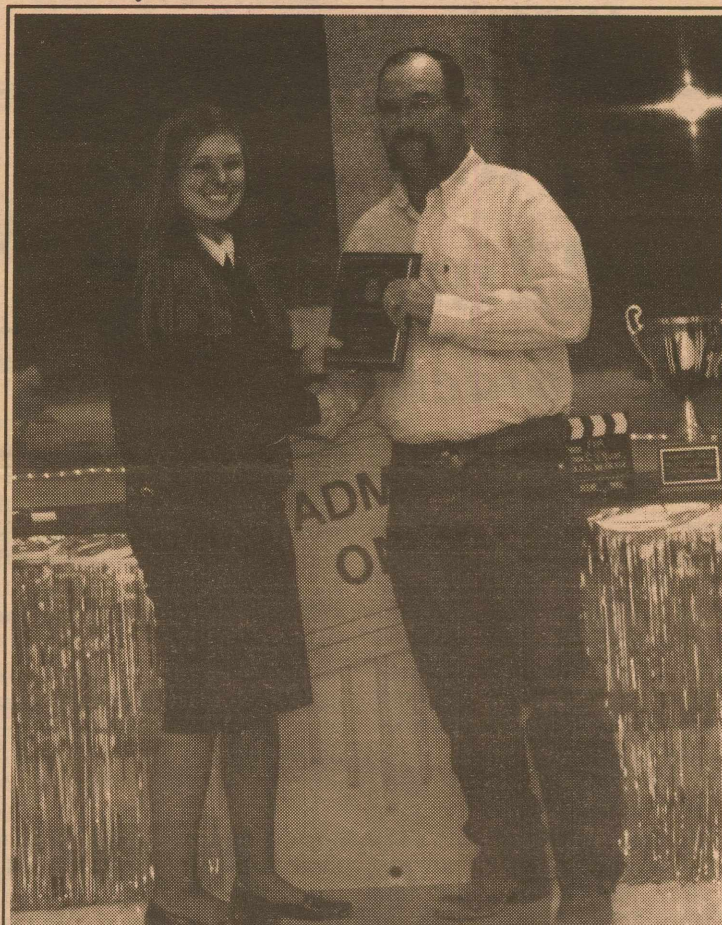
Thank you also to the 2010-2011 Officer team for planning, hosting, and conducting this first class event.

Officer team: President-Jordan Day, Vice President-Michael Froman, Secretary-Steelie Sanders, Treasurer-Lexi Peterson, Reporter-Kylie

Voss and Sentinel-Steven Howard.

Award winners are listed as follows: Honorary Chapter FFA Degree-Andy Hudson; Star Greenhand Degree-Tristen Benavidez; Star Chapter FFA Degree-Kylie Voss and Jordan Day; Sheep Proficiency-Seleste Herridge; Goat Proficiency -Luis Andrade/

Helio Rosales; Swine Proficiency-Kimberly Proulx; Horse Proficiency-McLayne Hall; Diversified Livestock Proficiency-Kaylyn Dean; Horticulture Proficiency-Dalton Thuet; Ag. Mechanics Proficiency-Alvin Herrington/Miles Valentine and Ag. Sales Proficiency-Michael Froman.



FFA President, Jordan Day, presents the Honory Chapter FFA Degree Award to Andy Hudson.

School Year Begins...

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teacher/s or the school administration if your child is having problems in classes or extracurricular activities. Your involvement and intervention is the best way to prevent problems relating to your child's educational success and positive school experience. Please

feel free to call 806-756-4313 as needed: Principal's Office-Option 2, Superintendent's Office-Option 1.

We anticipate a wonderful school year!

Sincerely,
Jimmy Thomas

Thank you for reading the
Borden Star

Borden County Booster Club Meeting

The Booster Club will hold a meeting on the 1st day of school at 8:15 in the Conference Room. All parents and room mothers are encouraged to attend.

Meet the Coyotes

When: Friday, August 19th

Where: Park Pavillion

Following the Dawson scrimmage (Between 8:00-8:30)

Come meet the 2011-2012 Coyote football team and enjoy homemade ice cream, cookies and brownies.

Go Coyotes!

Attention Borden Co. Parents New Immunization Requirements

All students entering the 7th grade need to bring a copy of their updated immunization record upon entering the first day of school.

New immunization requirements are meningococcal vaccine #2 varicella and a Tdap.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kim Thomas at 756-4313 ext. 230

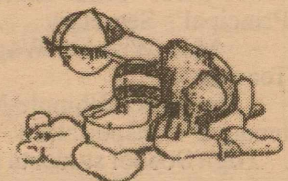
Thought for the Day

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-William Barclay

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Gail FFA Students Attend Area Leadership Camp

By Buddy Wallace

Five members of the Gail FFA Chapter have recently returned from an exciting trip to the Area II Leadership Camp. This event, which was sponsored by Howard College in Big Spring, hosted over 300 FFA members from 60 plus schools in Area II.

Students attending received high energy leadership training from a dynamic Area Officer team who were assisted by one State FFA Vice President and four past Area Officers. The students attended several workshops but still had time for recreational competition and fun in the areas of volley ball, kickball and Ag. Olympics. Team awards in these areas were presented during an

official dress banquet that took place during the last evening of the camp. Social and devotional events were also held each evening of the three day event which allowed students to meet new friends and compare camp experiences.

The Gail FFA members came home with a strong foundation of training to help in propelling the Gail FFA Chapter in its leadership success next year, as well as making a lot of new friends. Mr. Wallace wishes to express his thanks to the 2011-2012 Gail Chapter Officers, Kylie Voss, Jordan Day, Steelie Sanders, Steven Howard and Taylor Gass for taking time from their busy summer to attend this event.

Leadership Camp



Gail FFA members attending the Area Leadership Camp were (left to right) Steven Howard, Taylor Gass, Kylie Voss, Jordan Day and Steelie Sanders.

Dare to Live...

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pleted the entire task. Repeat this process for every item on your list. All journeys, regardless of length, are accomplished one step at a time.

Cultivating enthusiasm for your pending task makes it easier to get started and keep going. At the very least, you can motivate yourself by imagining how good you will feel when you have the task behind you.

Things you procrastinate over can range from the mundane to the critical. Ironically, the more important something is, the more likely it will be put off. It's as if a person is mesmerized into inaction by the magnitude of a situation.

Routines can breed procrastination. Tasks that fall outside of a routine tend to be put off. The familiar is much more comfortable and secure than the new. People attend to the routine before the unknown.

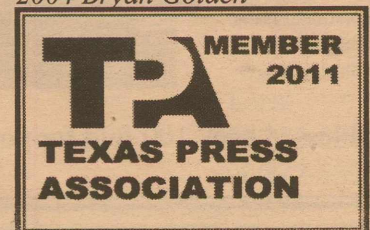
Another reason for procrastination is fear of failure. A concept that has not been implemented always has potential. What if you attempt

something and it fails? The potential is gone and you have a failure on your hands. As long as you have not started you have the lure of the potential.

It's like buying a lottery ticket. Once you buy the ticket, you can dream until the drawing. If you don't win, you can spend another dollar next week and begin the dreaming process again. But if you attempt something and it doesn't work, your dream is gone.

Break through procrastination by tackling items from the top of your list and working your way down.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Budget Borden County Appraisal District

The Borden County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2012 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on August 23, 2011 at 8:00 AM at the Borden County Courthouse located at 117 East Wilbourn Ave, Gail, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$209,650.00
The total amount of increase/decrease over the current year's budget.	\$(23,885.00)
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget	2
	<i>(Full-time equivalent)</i>
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	2
	<i>(Full-time equivalent)</i>

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.


If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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Heart and Home ...

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



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Getting back to the Basics of Home Canning

With summer comes the wonderful bounty of fresh garden produce. Do you have squash and tomatoes running out of your ears? If so, have you thought about home canning? It is a lost art, and an enjoyable hobby, however, it is important to follow some basic safety when canning food.

Safe Canning Methods

There are two safe ways of canning, depending on the type of food being canned. These are the boiling water canner method and the pressure canner method. The boiling water bath method is safe for fruits, tomatoes and pickles, as well as jam, jellies and other preserves. In this method, jars of food are heated completely covered with boiling water (212EF at sea level).

Pressure canning is the only safe method of canning vegetables, meats, poultry, and seafood. Jars of food are placed in 2 to 3 inches of water in a pressure canner which is heated to a temperature of at least 240EF. This temperature can only be reached by a pressure canner.

Unsafe Canning Methods

An old out-dated method of canning - the open-kettle method - is now considered

unsafe. In this method, foods were heated in a kettle, then poured into jars and a lid was placed on the jar. No processing was done. With this method there was often spoilage, because bacteria, yeasts and molds that contaminated the food when the jars were filled were not killed by further processing. The growth of these microorganisms, in addition to spoiling the food, often caused sealed lids to become unsealed late. This method is a very real danger for botulism.

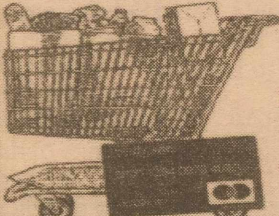
Steam canning is not recommended at this time for either acid or low acid foods. Processing time for use with current models have not been adequately researched. Today's steam container looks like an upside-down boiling water canner. One should never use microwave ovens, electric ovens, slow cookers, crock pots or the sun to process canned goods.

For more information safe food preservation and new recipes for canned goods, contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or visit our Web site at: <http://borden-tx.tamu.edu>.

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On the Wild Side of Life
by Cody G. Hill
Borden County Extension Agent -
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Texas Hunter Education Class

The Dawson and Borden Counties AgriLife Extension Service will be offering a Texas Hunter Education Course in Lamesa on Saturday, August 27, 2011, beginning at 8 a.m. at the Dawson County Community Building. It is located at 813 South Houston. The cost of the event will be \$37.50 and will include lunch and refreshments.

Under Texas hunting law. Every hunter (including out-of-state hunters) born on or after September 2, 1971, must

successfully complete a hunter education course. The minimum age for certification is 9 years. A hunting license and proof of certification is required to be on your person while hunting. With Hunting season fast approaching, this is the perfect opportunity to become certified.

Please call the Dawson County Extension Office, 806/872-3444 or the Borden County Extension Office, 806/756-4336 by noon, Friday, August 26th to RSVP.

Thank You

Running for and being crowned Lamesa Rodeo Queen has made this an amazing summer for me! I could not have done it without the love, help and support of my family and the wonderful friends and people of Dawson County and the surrounding areas. Raising money for the rodeo association has hard work but everyone's amazing generosity made the experience so much easier and fun. My family and I were very blessed and humbled by the giving spirits the people of this community had. Not only were you able to help me exceed my goal and be named Rodeo Queen, you have also benefited the rodeo association so that they may continue to bring fun and entertainment to our community. I am so very proud of my beautiful new saddle and would like to thank Nix Implement for donating it.

The queen contest would not be a success without the dedication and hard work from Leigh Ann Archer and the rodeo board. Thank you to Monte Moore Drilling and Agape Adventures for sponsoring me and to my parents, grand-parents and aunt for taking me to sell tickets. This was very special experience that I will cherish forever! A very special thanks to the following businesses and people:

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We also Pray that you all be blessed back 100 fold for your support and donations
~ Thanks Again

Obituary



Suzy Todd
1970 - 2011

Funeral services for Suzan "Suzy" Stargel Todd, 40, of Lamesa will be held on Friday, August 19, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Lamesa with Daniel Armstrong officiating. Burial will follow in Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home. Visitation will be held Thursday, August 18, 2011 from 6-8 p.m. at Branon Funeral Home.

Suzy passed away on Sunday, August 14, 2011 in Denver, Colorado.

She was born on September 23, 1970 in Ft. Worth, TX to Roddy and Norma Mitchell Stargel. She graduated from

Monterey High School in 1988. Suzy received her Bachelor's and Master's Ph.D. in counseling and therapy from Texas Tech University.

She married James Earl "Bud" Todd on November 22, 1999, in Lubbock, Texas.

Suzy was a member of the First United Methodist Church for the past 10 years.

Suzy loved working with children and was the children's director at the First United Methodist Church for the past 5 years. She worked for Women's Protective Services and was training to be a counselor. Suzy also worked for C.A.S.A. and the Juvenile Probation Office. She was a very special lady who touched the lives of everyone she met. Suzy will be deeply missed by her family and her many friends.

Suzy is survived by her husband Bud, their children; Emily and Shane, step daughters; Greta Conger and Amber; her parents, Roddy and Norma Stargel and a brother; Mitch and wife Teal Stargel and their son Reid.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents.

The family suggests memorials to First Methodist Church-Children's Department.

Shoppers Get Break From Sales Tax August 19-21

Texas shoppers get a break from state and local sales taxes on August 19, 20 and 21 - the state's annual tax holiday. Lay-away plans can be used again this year to take advantage of the sales tax holiday.

As in previous years, the law exempts most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. Backpacks under \$100 and used by elementary and secondary students are also exempt. A backpack is a pack with straps one wears on the back. The exemption during the sales tax holiday includes backpacks with wheels, provided they can also be worn on the back like a traditional backpack, and messenger bags. The exemption does not include items that are reasonably defined as luggage, briefcases, athletic/duffel/gym bags, computer bags, purses or framed backpacks. Ten or fewer backpacks can be purchased tax-free at one time without providing an exemption certificate to the seller.

School Supplies

The 81st Texas Legislature passed HB 1801 (2009) expanding the list of items qualifying for exemption from Texas state and local sales and use taxes during the annual sales tax holiday in August. In addition to clothes, footwear and some backpacks, Texas families also get a sales tax break on most school supplies priced at less than \$100 purchased for use by a student in an elementary or secondary

school.

The following is an all-inclusive list of qualifying school supplies (if priced less than \$100): Binders, book bags, calculators, cellophane tape, blackboard chalk, compasses, composition books, crayons, erasers, folders (expandable, pocket, plastic) and manila, glue, paste and paste sticks, highlighters, index cards, index card boxes, legal pads, lunch boxes, markers, notebooks, paper; loose leaf ruled notebook paper, copy paper, graph paper, tracing paper, manila paper, colored paper, poster board, and construction paper, pencil boxes and other school supply boxes, pencil sharpeners, pencils, pens, protractors, rulers, scissors, writing tablets.

No exemption certificate is required-with one exception. If the purchaser is buying the supplies under a business account, the retailer must obtain an exemption certificate from the purchaser certifying that the items are purchased for use by an elementary or secondary school student. "under a business account" means the purchaser is using a business credit card or business check rather than a personal credit card or personal check; being billed under a business account maintained at the retailer; or is using a business membership at a retailer that is membership based.

List of clothing, Footwear and Backpacks and Their Exemption Status:

Tax-Free: Baby clothes, backpacks for use by elemen-

tary and secondary students, belts with attached buckles, boots-cowboy and hiking, caps/hats-baseball, fishing, golf and knitted, coats and wraps, diapers-adult and baby, dresses, gloves (generally), gym suits and uniforms, hooded shirts and hooded sweatshirts, hosiery, jackets, jeans, jerseys-baseball and football, jogging apparel, neckwear and ties, pajamas, pants and trousers, raincoats and ponchos, robes, shirts, shoes-sandals, slippers, sneakers, tennis, walking, socks (including athletic), shorts, suits, slacks, and jackets, sweatshirts, sweat suits, sweaters, swimsuits, underclothes, work clothes and uniforms.



Taxed: Accessories (generally)-barrettes, elastic ponytail holders, wallets, watches, backpacks-unless for use by elementary and secondary students, baseball cleats and pants, belt buckles (without belt), boots-climbing, fishing, rubber work boots, ski, waders, buttons and zippers, cloth and lace, knitting yarns, and other fabrics, dry cleaning services, football pants, golf gloves, handbags and purses, handkerchiefs, hard hats, helmets-bike, baseball, football, hockey, motorcycle, sports, ice skates, jewelry, laundering services, leather goods-except belts with buckles and wearing apparel, pads-football, hockey, soccer, elbow, knee, shoulder, personal flotation devices, rented clothing (including uniforms, formal wear, and costumes), roller blades and skates, safety clothing, glasses, shoes-bicycle (cleated), bowling, golf.



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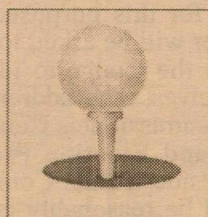
Annual Back-to-School Golf Scramble

Saturday, August 20

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Tee off at 7:30 a.m.

Contacts: Buddy Wallace (806.756.4478) or Sue Jane Mayes (806.282.2270)

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Borden County, Texas

The Commissioners Court of Borden County, Texas cordially invites the Public to attend a public hearing on the topic of county redistricting on the 23rd day of August 2011, at 3:00 p.m. in the Borden County Courthouse.

The Commissioners Court is considering one or more alternate plans for the redistricting of County Commissioners' Court precinct will also have an impact on election precincts, polling places, and Justice of the Peace/Constable precincts. Public comment is sincerely solicited.

Signed: Ross D. Sharp
Borden County Judge

Pursuant to Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code, notice is hereby given that the Commissions Court of Borden County, Texas will convene in special session on the 23rd day of August 2011, at 3:00 p.m. in the Borden County Courthouse, to receive public comment on redistricting of county election, justice of the peace and commissioners court precincts. Following the public hearings, the Commissioners Court will take up for consideration and possible action one or more alternative plans for the redistricting of County Commissioners Court precincts. The Court reserves the right to take any and all appropriate action regarding the redistricting of Borden County political boundaries, including the acceptance of new boundaries for the Commissioners Court precincts, modification of any boundaries, and/or tabling the pending proposals for later consideration and/or action.

The public is invited to attend and participate in these meetings. Those wishing to address the Court should sign a speakers request form provided for this purpose. Each speaker will be asked to come before the Court, to identify themselves, their address, and the Commissioners Court precinct and Election Precinct they reside within. Comments should be reasonably concise and to the point. Questions will be answered, but the Court will not permit argument or excessive discussion of any particular topic. The hearing will be

conducted under rules of judicial decorum. A tape recording of the hearing will be made of this hearing. Your comments will be transcribed and included with the submission of the proposed changes to existing Commissioners Court precincts to the United State Department of Justice.

AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PUBLICA Condado de Borden

La Corte de Comisionados del Condado de Borden en Texas cordialmente invita al público a asistir a las audiencias públicas sobre el tema de la redistribución de distritos del condado el día 23 de agosto 2011, a las 3:00 pm en la Corte del Condado de Borden.

La Corte de Comisionados está considerando uno o más planes alternativos para la nueva delimitación de los precinctos de la Corte de Comisionados del Condado. Los cambios en los limites actuales de cada precinct de la Corte de Comisionados también afectarán los precinctos electorales, lugares de votación, y precinctos de los Jueces de Paz y sus Alguaciles. La opinión del público será de mucha utilidad.

Firma: Ross D. Sharp
Juez del Condado de Borden

En cumplimiento con el Capítulo 552 del Código de Gobierno de Texas, por medio de la presente se da Aviso de que la Corte de Comisionados del Condado de Borden se reunirá en session especial el día 23 de agosto 2011, a las 3:00 pm en la Corte del Condado de Borden. Del Condado de Borden para recibir comentarios del public sobre la nueva delimitación de precinctos electorales, de Juez de Paz y de la Corte de Comisionados. Seguido de la audiencia pública, la Corte de Comisionados pondrá a consideración y posible acción uno o más planes alternativos para la nueva delimitación de los precinctos de la Corte de Comisionados del Condado. La Corte se reserve el derecho de tomar toda y cualquier acción apropiada con respecto a la nueva delimitación de la division politica del Condado de Borden, incluyendo la

aceptación de nuevos limites para los precinctos de la Corte de Comisionados, la modificación de cualquier limite, y/o posponer las propuestas pendientes para su posterior consideración y/o acción.

Se invita al public a asistir y participar en esta asamblea. Las personas que deseen dirigirse a la Corte deberán firmar un formulario de solicitud para oradores que se proporciona para este fin. A cada orador se le pediU'a presentarse ante la Corte, identificarse, dar su dirección y el precincto de la Corte de Comisionados y Precincto Electoral al que pertenecen. Los comentarios deberán ser razonablemente concisos y al punto. Las preguntas serán contestadas, pero la Corte no permitiU'a controversias ni discusiones excesivas de un tema en particular. La audiencia se llevaU'a a cabo bajo las reglas del decoro judicial, y se grabará la audiencia en una cinta. Sus comentarios se transcribiU'an e incluiU'an con la presentación de los cambios propuestos a los precinctos existentes de la Corte de Comisionados ante el Departamento de Justicia de los Estados Unidos.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR OIL AND GAS WASTE DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

Primexx Operating Corporation, 4849 Greenville Ave., Ste. 1600, Dallas, Texas 75206 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid in the Atoka Lime and Mississippian Formation, CR Lease, Well Number 1501. The proposed injection well is located 11.1 Miles Northwest of Gail, Texas in the Peg's Draw (Mississippian) Field, in Borden County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into the strata in the subsurface depth interval from 8550 to 9050 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.

Requests for a public hearing from 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. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

TO: Borden County Water System Users

SUBJECT: Water Rationing

Water rationing for all consumers of water on the Borden County Water System will begin August 22, 2011, due to the reduced pumping capacity of the two wells operated by Borden County. These wells are located in Dawson County and have been falling behind in water production for the past two weeks.

To protect the integrity of water supply facilities, domestic water use, sanitation, fire protection and to protect and preserve public health, welfare, and safety of the consumers of water from the Borden County Water System, County Judge Ross Sharp has authorized and directed the implementation of the Drought Contingency Plan for the Borden County Water System, Stage Two and Three.

Water Use Restrictions: Under threat of penalty for violation, the following water use restrictions shall apply to all persons:

a. Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems shall be limited to Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays for commercial and institutional customers, and Saturdays, Mondays and Wednesdays for residential customers and irrigation of landscaped areas if further limited to the hours of 12:00 midnight until 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight on designated watering days. However irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted at anytime if it is by means of a hand-held hose, a faucet filled bucket or watering can of five (5) gallons or less, or drip irrigation system.

b. Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or their

vehicle is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight. Such washing, when allowed, shall be done with a hand-held bucket or a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle for quick rinses. Further, such washing may be exempted from these regulations if the health, safety, and welfare of the public is contingent upon frequent vehicle cleansing, such as garbage trucks and vehicles used to transport food and perishables.

c. Use of water to fill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools, or Jacuzzi-type pools is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.

d. Use of water from hydrants shall be limited to fire fighting, related activities or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare, except that use of water from designated fire hydrants for construction purposes may be allowed under special permit from the Borden County Water System.

e. The following uses of water are defined as non-essential and are prohibited:

1. wash down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;
2. use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
3. use of water for dust control;
4. flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street; and
5. failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s).

Stage 3 Response - SEVERE Water Shortage Conditions

Goal: Achieve a 40% reduction in total water use.

Supply Management Measures: Borden County will stop watering landscaped areas.

Water Use Restrictions. All requirements of Stage 2 shall

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remain in effect during Stage 3 except:

a. Irrigation of landscaped areas shall be limited to designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 9:00 a.m. and between 8 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. and shall be by means of hand-held hoses, hand-held buckets, drip irrigation, or permanently installed automatic sprinkler system only. The use of hose-end sprinklers is prohibited at all times.

b. The use of water for construction purposes from designated fire hydrants under special permit is to be discontinued.

ENFORCEMENT

a. Any person, including a person classified as a water customer of the Borden County Water System, in apparent control of the property where a violation occurs or originates shall be presumed to be the violator, and proof that the violation occurred on the person's property shall constitute a rebuttable presumption that the person in apparent control of the property committed the violation, but any such person shall have the right to show that he/she did not commit the violation. Parents shall be presumed to be responsible for violations of their minor children and proof that a violation, committed by a child, occurred on property within the parents' control shall constitute a rebuttable presumption that the parent committed the violation, but any such parent may be

excused if he/she proves that he/she had previously directed the child not to use the water as it was used in violation of this Plan and that the parent could not have reasonably know of the violation.

b. Any person who violates this Plan is subject to a surcharge or have their service discontinued. Each day that one or more of the provisions in this Plan is violated shall constitute a separate offense. If a person violates any provision of this Plan, they may be subject to a surcharge of 100% of their last monthly bill. If a person violates three or more distinct violations, the County Judge/Commissioner shall, upon notice to the customer, be authorized to discontinue service to the premises where such violations occur. Services discontinued under such circumstances shall be restored only upon payment of a re-connection charge, hereby established at \$50, and any other costs incurred by the Borden County Water System in discontinuing service. In addition, suitable assurance must be given to the County Judge/Commissioner that the same action shall not be repeated while the Plan is in effect. Compliance with this plan may also be sought through injunctive relief in the district court.

A complete copy of the Drought Contingency Plan for the Borden County Water System can be picked up at the County Judge's Office at the Borden County Courthouse.

Time Nears for Re-Registration of Marks and Brands

Every ten years, Texas requires that marks and brands be re-registered in the county or counties in which you operate. The next re-registration period begins August 31, 2011, and concludes February 29, 2012. After the conclusion date, all marks and brands that have not been re-registered are automatically available for registration by another party. The cost of registering brands in

Borden County is \$16.00 per location. Payment may be made by cash or check.

For additional information, contact the County and District Clerk's Office, Borden County Courthouse in Gail, Texas 79738 or call 806/756-4312. Office is open Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. We are closed for lunch 12:00 to 1:00.

Statement of Increase/Decrease



If Borden County (name of taxing unit) adopts a 2011 (current year) tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.26848 (unit's effective tax rate) per \$100 of value, taxes would increase (increase or decrease) compared to 2010 (previous year) taxes by \$ 763 (amount of increase or decrease)

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Jury	\$23,372.09	Precinct #1	\$192,787
General	\$1,039,909	Precinct #2	\$106,005
Officer's Salary	\$44,837.01	Precinct #3	\$308,135
Permanent Improvement	\$1,005,427	Precinct #4	\$305,776
Road & Bridge	\$48,208		

Schedule B - Current Year Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable). None

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes) N/A

Schedule D - State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)

The Borden (county name) County Auditor certifies that Borden (county name) County has spent \$ 0 (amount) in the previous 12 months beginning June (date), 2010 (year), for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Borden (county name) County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Schedule E - Transfer of Department, Function or Activity

N/A

Schedule F - Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures

N/A

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at:

Insert address: 117 E. Wasson
Gail, Texas 79738
 Name of person preparing this notice: Ross Sharp
 Title: County Judge
 Date prepared: 08/08/2011

For more information, visit our Web site: www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax

Notice of Effective Tax Rate

(for use by counties)

50-211 (Rev. 05-06/8)

2011 Property Tax Rates in Borden County

This notice concerns 2011 property tax rates for Borden County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,726,196.00	\$	\$
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00	\$	\$
Last year's total taxes	\$ 1,726,196.00	\$	\$
Last year's tax base	\$ 644,103,120.00	\$	\$
Last year's total tax rate	\$.26800 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,726,196.00	\$	\$
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 642,946,840.00	\$	\$
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$.26848 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$.26848 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100

In the first year a county collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ /\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$ /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 1,726,196.00	\$	\$
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 642,946,840.00	\$	\$
= This year's effective rate	\$.26848 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
x 1.06 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.28458 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$.00000 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.28458 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.28458 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100

A county that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$.00000 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$.28458 /\$100

For a county with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$.00000 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$.28458 /\$100

Commissioners Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 26th day of July, 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 D. SHARP, County Judge, Residing; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner, Precinct N. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE** County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

Present was Sharlot Stone, Treasurer.

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp opened the July 26, 2011 Special Session of Borden County Commissioner Court at 8:45 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of July 12, 2011 were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE APPLICATION

No action taken on Indigent Health Care Application Case No. 003-2011.

PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND DIVISION ORDER

After consideration of the Pioneer Natural Resources' Division Order Contract for the Permanent School Fund, Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the Division Order for the Echols 7 #1 in Dawson County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

RETIREMENT PLAN 2012

A motion was made by Commissioner Adcock to maintain current retirement with the Texas County & District Retirement System for 2010 with no changes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.

EVENT CENTER AND

RODEO ARENA

Jim's Heat-N-Air of Lamesa and Control Tech Corp of Lubbock submitted bids for the Air Conditioner in the Event Center. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to accept the Bid from Jim's Heat-N-Air. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

No applications were received.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No new items.

ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 9th day of August 2011.

For Sale

Gazelle Power Plus exercise machine, clothes, American Girl bookends, etc.

Call Joan at 806/283-2807.

50-280 (Rev. 5-06/02)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Borden County Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 PM on August 29, 2011 in the school cafeteria Gail, Texas.

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

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

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.04000 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ 0.28000 / \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and operations	% increase	or	5.93000	% (decrease)
Debt service	% increase	or	0.42000	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	% increase	or	4.92000	% (decrease)

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

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 1,117,568,369.00	\$ 1,068,734,851.00
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$ 9,464,950.00	\$ 384,125.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 722,128,743.00	\$ 696,486,028.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 9,460,920.00	\$ 251,671.00

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 22,475,001.00

* Outstanding principal.

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.28000 *	\$ 1.32000	\$ 19,044.00	\$ 16,588.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.03755	\$ 0.23206 *	\$ 1.26961	\$ 24,543.00	\$ 16,629.00
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.28000 *	\$ 1.32000	\$ 17,442.00	\$ 7,488.00

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 27,579.00	\$ 27,139.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 14,065.00	\$ 13,590.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.32	\$ 1.32
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 185.66	\$ 179.39
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (6.27)

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

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.3201. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.3201.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,567,477.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 455,637.00