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## USDA Announces 45th General Sign- Up for Conservation Reserve Program

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will conduct a four-week general sign-up for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), beginning May 20 and ending on June 14. CRP has a 27-year legacy of protecting the nation's natural resources through voluntary participation, while providing significant economic and environmental benefits to rural communities across the United States.

Currently, about 27 million acres are enrolled in CRP. Producers that are accepted in the sign-up can receive cost-share assistance to plant long-term, resource-conserving covers and receive an annual rental payment for the length of the contract (10-15 years).

Contracts on 3.3 million acres of CRP are set to expire on Sept. 30, 2013. Producers with expiring contracts or producers with environmentally sensitive land are encouraged to evaluate their options under CRP.

Additional sign-ups for continuous CRP programs such as Highly Erodible Land Initiative

and Initiative to Restore Grasslands, Wetlands and Wildlife will be announced in spring 2013.

For more information on CRP and other FSA programs, visit a local FSA service center or [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

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## Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

### Coal to Diamonds

Who wouldn't rather have a diamond than a piece of coal? But diamonds don't materialize out of thin air. Every diamond starts out as a piece of coal. Given enough time, heat, and pressure, the coal is transformed into a precious gem.

The process can't be rushed. There are no shortcuts. That's why diamonds are much scarcer than coal and substantially more valuable. Even though coal has a lot of unrealized potential, diamonds are a known quantity.

Are you a diamond or a piece of coal? You are a diamond if you are constantly striving to maximize and realize your potential. You're a piece of coal if you tend to follow the easiest, most expedient path.

A person who is a diamond, earns more money, has more opportunity, is more in demand, and stands out from the crowd more than their coal counterparts. The benefits of being a diamond far exceed the effort required to become one.

Anyone can transform themselves into a diamond. So why doesn't everyone become diamonds? Because it takes effort, persistence, and time. Without effort, nothing will

happen. Without persistence, a person will give up. Without allowing enough time, there will be no results.

Too many people have a lotto mentality where they want results without putting in the requisite work. These people would be happy to become diamonds if there was a quick shortcut that provided instant results. Others are willing to do what it takes to get what they want.

William worked as a framer for a residential construction firm. William had a decent income along with steady work. He definitely lived comfortably. But William wanted more opportunity and growth. After ten years of doing the same job, he was becoming frustrated.

William didn't have time or energy to go back to school. Yet he had a desire to better himself. So William did the one thing he had been taught to do when he needed information. He went to the library. Spending just 30 minutes a day, William read book after book on all facets of the construction trade.

In less than a year, William learned about plumbing, electrical, masonry, roofing,

project management, building codes, and accounting. Along the way, he began to offer suggestions to his boss, Todd, on ways to cut costs by being more efficient and reducing waste.


William's ideas saved Todd a lot of money. Although William didn't get paid for his suggestions, he kept making them. The real estate market started to heat up and Todd's business began expanding. Todd offered William a position as a project manager which William was happy to accept.



Carol worked as a night stocker for a large national discount retail chain. Every shelf she stocked was always perfectly arranged when she was done. Carol even straightened up all of the adjoining displays as well. Wherever she walked in the store, she picked up merchandise from the floor, putting it back in the proper location.

On Thursdays, Ed, the district merchandiser, arrived at the store just as Carol finished her shift. Even though Carol had clocked out, she would stay and help Ed set up product displays. After a few months, Carol had learned a lot about store merchandising.

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### Food Challenge



Proud of our 4-H Food Challenge teams as they competed with 40 teams from across the South Plains District on Monday, March 4th in Brownfield. Super proud of their time, dedication and hard work!! Pictured (left to right) are Tanner Harrison, Klancey Kleck, Ashlyn Tucker, Erin Nix, Kennedy Tucker, Tatum Harrison, Kaitlyn Cribbs and Borden County Extension Agent, Julie Smith.

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*community performance on*
  
**Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**
  
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## Borden County ISD to Offer Pre-K Day

Borden County ISD will be having Pre-School Day on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. If your child will be five years old on or before September 1, 2013, he/she is invited to visit the kindergarten class on this day.

After you have taken your child to the kindergarten class, please go to the library to complete your child's registration packet. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate, social security card, and immu-

nization record.

WE WILL BE HAVING AN EARLY DISMISSAL AT 12:30 ON PRE-SCHOOL DAY. Pre-School students will attend school from 8:05 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The school will provide lunch. If your child would like to ride the bus, please contact the bus driver in your area.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 806/756-4313.

## Historial Commission Holds March Meeting

The Borden County Historical Commission (BCHC) met on March 3 at the museum in Gail, TX. Members present were Larry Smith, Buster Taylor, Jean Taylor, Joyce Herridge, Mary Ann Awtry, Jacquie Whalen, Jerry Reddell, Joel Dennis, Barbara Farmer, Philena Farmer, Carol Lewis, Kenny Bennett, and Lisa Mahler.

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Lisa Mahler

2. Kenny Bennett agreed to serve as Vice Chairman of the Commission. Mary Ann Awtry and Joel Dennis will share the duties of taking minutes. Mary Ann will handle correspondence in thanking donors.

3. The Commission approved the researching, filing paperwork with the Texas Historical Commission and raising the money to erect a state historical marker for the Dorward Drug in the spring of 2014. The BCHC will begin to accept donations toward this project. Memorials and donations can be sent to BCHC, c/o Sharlot Stone, County Treasurer, PO Box 71, Gail, TX 79738.

4. Goals were set to complete a full inventory of the museum, to thoroughly clean the building, and to digitized photographs and important documents.

Commission approved funds to purchase a high resolution scanner and materials for preservation purposes.

5. The Commission voted to close the museum to unguided

tours. The museum will be open the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month with volunteers from the BCHC signing up to work. Reservations can be made by emailing Lisa at [bordencohistory@gmail.com](mailto:bordencohistory@gmail.com). A sign will be posted on the museum door with contact names and numbers for people who are passing through town and would like to tour the museum.

6. A Facebook page for the Borden County Museum was approved. Lisa will also work closely with Norman Newton who is a volunteer handling a website for Borden County history. That website address is: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txborden/>

7. A goal to update the family history book was discussed. The book was published in 1976. The commission would like to publish an updated version for the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016.

8. A fundraiser will be held sometime in June at the Gail Community Center. Lisa Mahler will teach a 4 hour beginners genealogy course for 10 dollars per person. Subjects to be covered will be covering the basics, organization and sources, the importance of a census, and where to look for family treasures. Date and time, TBA

9. Next meeting Sunday, May 5, 2:30 p.m. at the Museum.

10. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

## School Lunch Menu

Mar. 18-22, 2013

*Menu Subject to Change*

**Monday** -Breakfast: Pancake Pup, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Toasted Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Broccoli Bites, Garden Salad, Orange Smiles, Baked Potato Chips and Milk.

**Tuesday** - Breakfast: Kolache, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Crispy Taco, Spanish Rice, Garden Salad, Charro Beans, Salsa, Cinnamon Applesauce and Milk.

**Wednesday** - Breakfast: Omelet & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Strawberries & Bananas, Hot Roll and Milk.

**Thursday** - Breakfast: Sausage & Biscuit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Spaghetti & Meat Balls, Garden Salad, Breadstick (9-12 grade only), Green Beans, Peaches, Pudding Cup (9-12 grade only) and Milk.

**Friday** - Breakfast: Pizza Bagel, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Turkey & Cheese Wrap, Sweet Potato Tots, Cucumber Dippers, Fresh Fruit, Chocolate Chip Cookie (9-12 grade only) and Milk.

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## It's Not Just a Piece of Candy

Written by Spend Smart Eat Smart Guest Blogger, Carrie Scheidel.

As a mother of a 2 and 4 year-old, I am quickly learning about how snacks are an integral part of growing up. It seems that snacks are not only available to children for nutrition, but are a necessity for social gatherings and fun.

We recently signed up our 4-year-old daughter for dance class. At the end of her first class she had the biggest smile on her face and I could tell she had fun. Then the teacher said, "Wait -everyone gets a piece of candy for doing such a great job!" A piece of candy for dancing? She got two tootsie rolls and since my younger daughter was with, I told her that she had to give one to her. This resulted in her crying all the way home over candy, when we could have been talking about much fun she had at dance. The teacher may have thought that candy added excitement to her class, but it really took away from the fact that the girls just had a great time dancing!

I realize some may say it's just a piece of candy. However, it's not just a piece of candy. Children are being exposed to treats all the time: snacks provided at preschool by parents, lollipops at the local bank, sports drinks after soccer, candy at daycare for behavioral rewards, classroom parties, ice cream parties for reaching a class goal, free samples at the grocery store,

and the list goes on and on. And this is on top of the treats that parents provide at home.

It has gotten to the point that snacks are considered treats. And it's hard not to think this way. Treats tend to be provided with much more excitement and star appeal. Have you looked at the "snack food" aisle at a grocery store lately? There are not very many healthy options. Have you seen the different kinds of fruit snacks (a.k.a. glorified gummy bears)? They take up a good portion of the aisle and almost every cartoon character has its own box! And the number of Pop Tart flavors available is breathtaking.

Children need snacks throughout the day; this goes for adults too! However, it's all about the kinds of snacks that we consume and provide for our children. When thinking of what snacks to have available, think of what you would serve during a meal, as snacks should be just as nutritious, just in smaller portions. It really comes down to the food groups: fruits, vegetables, lean protein, low-fat dairy, and whole grains. Take the guesswork out of what snacks to have around and you will be surprised at the choices your children make when you make choosing healthy foods the easy choice.

Some tips:

- Make snacks available to them at their level. Is your fruit bowl on the top of your counter? Younger children can-

not see the bowl, let alone reach it to make it a selection.

- Have a plastic bin in your fridge towards the bottom full of snacks that are ready to eat, such as cheese sticks, yogurt tubes, reusable drinking containers filled with milk or water, sliced apples, oranges (cut in "smiles"), fruit cups, small bags of baby carrots, cooked noodles, small sandwiches, etc.

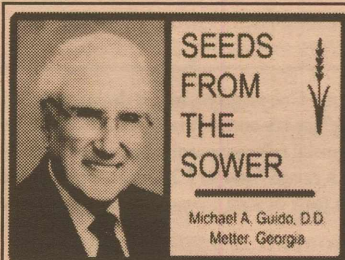
- Choose whole-grain items. There are more and more of these available each week, it seems.

- Move less healthy snack options to a higher shelf so they are less tempting and eventually just remove them from your home and save them for road trips or special occasions.

- Avoid pre-portioned snacks, as you are often paying for the packaging (not additional food). You can portion out servings at home in re-sealable snack bags that your children can decorate with stickers to get them involved in the process.

- Take your children with you to the grocery store. By allowing them to a part of the selection process within certain parameters it provides them ownership for the snacks that are available at home.

Source: Iowa Outreach and Extension Spend Smart Eat Smart blog <http://blogs.extension.iastate.edu/foodsavings/2013/03/11/its-not-just-a-piece-of-candy/>



One stormy day Charles Wesley stood by a partly opened window. Suddenly a little bird flew into his room and took refuge in his coat.

Looking out of the window, he saw why the bird was hiding. There, circling overhead, was an angry hawk.

Protecting the bird, and seeing there a picture of his soul finding refuge in the Lord, he wrote the hymn, "Jesus, Lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly."

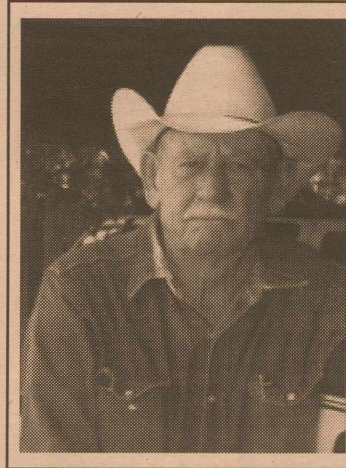
Every soul has its storms. But not every soul has this Shelter. Have you?

Why don't you come to the Lord now? He's a Safe Place in sore peril.

## Obituary

### David "Shorty" Barr

1940 - 2013



David "Shorty" Barr, died at his home in Vincent, Texas on Thursday, March 7, 2013. Funeral services were held at Vincent Baptist Church Monday, March 11, 2013 at 3:00 PM with Rev. Walter McCall, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Vincent Cemetery.

David Wyndell Barr was born to Maurene Tate and Leslie W. Barr in Snyder, Texas, February 26, 1940. David lived in Vincent all his life where he farmed and ranched in Howard and Borden Counties. He graduated from Coahoma High School and attended Howard College before going to Texas Tech. David quit college in 1962 and came home to farm because his father was sick and unable to finish the crop. He married his wife of 49 years, Patricia Lilly, June 15, 1963. David expanded his farming and ranching operation and in 1984 was named the Howard County Soil Conservation Farmer/Rancher of the year. Then in 2000, David "Shorty" Barr was named the Ag Producer of the year. David was a Howard County commissioner for 12 years, representing Precinct 4. He also served on the Coahoma School Board, Vincent Cooperative Gin Board, Big Spring Cooperative Gin Board and the West-Tex Telephone Board of Directors.

When he was in high school and college, Shorty participated in rodeo. After college he continued his involvement in rodeo as a rough stock judge. He judged the American Jun-

ior Rodeo Association Finals three consecutive years and the Howard County Junior Rodeo many times.

For many years Shorty managed a Vincent men's fast pitch softball team. When his son Dutch started playing Little League, Shorty began a ten year long involvement coaching boys' baseball. He constructed pitching mounds in his yard so young men would have a place to learn and practice pitching.

Shorty Barr will best be remembered for his love of stock shows. He raised show steers and heifers that were successful in livestock shows around the state. He was active in the Howard County Junior Livestock Association. In January 2010, during the livestock show sale, Shorty was recognized for his 33 years of participating as the sale "ring man." He will be remembered for his quick wit, and as the official joke teller as well as for his many acts of generosity. He was a lot of fun, a wonderful father, grandfather, husband and friend.

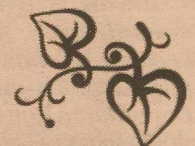
He is survived by his wife, Patricia; a son, Dutch W. Barr of Lubbock; a daughter, Lindy White and her husband, David of Abilene; and two granddaughters, Mabelle Barr of Abilene and Charlotte White of Abilene. He is also survived by his brother, Col. (Ret.) Grady W. Barr of Tyler; and a sister, Nelda Thomas of San Antonio.

David was a member and deacon of Vincent Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Vincent Cemetery in care of Sherry Hodnett, 1545 South FM 1611, Snyder, Texas 79549.

Pallbearers were Dois Ray, Rodney Brooks, Marty Brooks, Steve Wolf, Lane Griffin, Keith Brockman, Billy Clyde Roberson and Vic Nartz.

Arrangements were under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.





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## Commissioners Meeting

**WHEREAS**, On this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013, 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, Presiding; **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 Commissioner Reyes, Precinct No. 3 absent, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

Other officers present: Benny Allison, Sheriff/tax Assessor-Collector.

Visitor: Gerry Smith.  
**CALL TO ORDER**

Judge Sharp called the March 4, 2013 Special Session of Borden Co. Commissioner Court to order at 8:15 a.m.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of February 26, 2013 were read.

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### SHERIFF VEHICLE

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to authorize the purchase of a 2013 Chevy Tahoe for the Borden County Sheriff Department. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.


### BORDEN COUNTY WATER

Discussion was held concerning the Water for Borden County.

### ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock and approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2013.



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### STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BORDEN

To those indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of DOYLE C. NEWTON, deceased, Probate Case Number 396:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executrix of the Estate of DOYLE C. NEWTON, deceased, late of Borden County, Texas by ROSS D. SHARP, Judge of the County Court of said County, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said Estate to present them to SHIRLY ANN NEWTON, 2009 FM 2350, Fluvanna, Texas 79517, within the time prescribed by law.

EXECUTED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

SHIRLY ANN NEWTON,  
Independent Executrix of the Estate of DOYLE C. NEWTON, deceased.



### STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BORDEN

The Borden County Commissioners' Court will receive bids until 8:00 am, March 20, 2013 for the purchase of a new or used equipment trailer to be used by the Borden County Road and Bridge Department. Bids will be opened and considered in the Borden County Commissioners' Courtroom in the County Courthouse. Specifications may be obtained at the office of the County Judge by calling 806-756-4391, by fax at 806-756-4405 or by email at bordencj@poka.com.

The Borden County Commissioners' Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive all formalities.

BY ORDER OF THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

Ross Sharp  
County Judge  
Borden County

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### STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BORDEN

The Borden County Commissioners' Court will receive bids until 8:00 am, March 20, 2013 for the purchase of a used truck for use by the Borden County Road and Bridge Department. Bids will be opened and considered in the Borden County Commissioners' Courtroom in the County Courthouse. Specifications may be obtained at the office of the County Judge by calling 806/756-4391, by fax at 806-756-4405 or by email at bordencj@poka.com.

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## Dare to Live...

(Continued from Page 1)

When Ed received a promotion, he recommended Carol as his replacement. It was unusual for a night stocker to be promoted directly to a merchandiser. Carol's supervisor gave her such a glowing recommendation that she got the position.

How can you become a diamond? Unlock your potential. Free yourself from limitations. Don't write off your dreams as unattainable. There is always a way. Put in the effort, never give up, and allow enough time for the results you want.

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