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USDA's FSA Reminds Producers to File Annual Report of Acreage

(Post, TX), April 23, 2010 – Victor Ashley, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Garza and Borden County today reminded producers to submit their annual report of acreage to their local FSA county office to meet FSA program eligibility requirements.

"Producers must file their reports accurately and timely for all crops and land uses, including prevented and failed acreage, to ensure they receive the maximum FSA program benefits possible," said Ashley.

Accurate acreage reports are necessary to determine and maintain eligibility for various programs, such as the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program and newer programs authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill. Programs include the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE), Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE), Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), Tree Assistance Program (TAP), and Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm Raised Fish Program (ELAP).

Acreage reports are consid-

ered timely filed when completed by the applicable final crop reporting deadline, which is May 3rd for fall-seeded crops like wheat or July 15th for spring-seeded crops like cotton, grain sorghum and forage sorghum. Prevented acreage must be reported within 15 calendar days after the final planting date. Failed acreage must be reported before the disposition of the crop. Producers should contact their county FSA office if they are uncertain about reporting deadlines.

Late-filed provisions may be available to producers who are unable to meet the reporting deadline as required. Reports filed after the established deadline must meet certain requirements to be accepted and may be charged late fees.

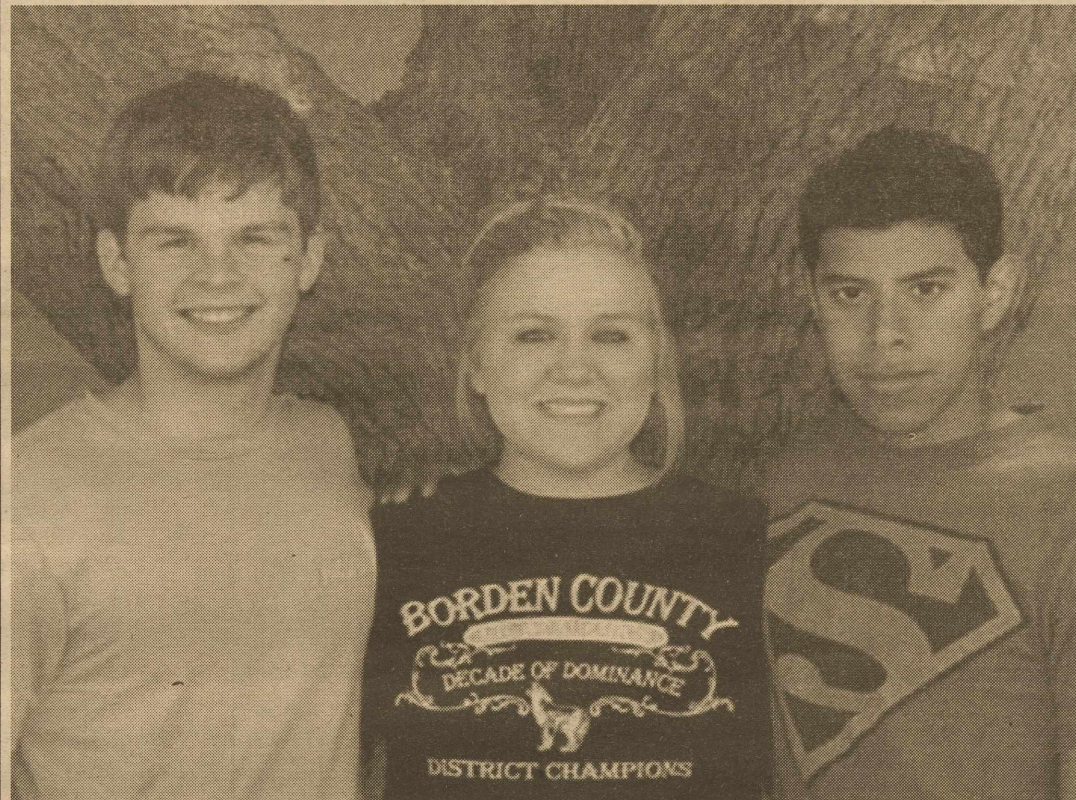
Producers should visit their county FSA office to complete acreage reporting. For questions on this or any FSA program, including specific crop reporting deadlines and planting dates, producers should contact their county FSA office. More information on FSA programs is at: www.fsa.usda.gov.

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Headed to State



BHS U.I.L. members that will compete at the state meet in Austin are (left to right) John Hensley, Chasiti Rutherford and Eric Espinoza.

Headed to Austin Again BHS Sends Three to U.I.L. State Meet

Behind strong performances of speakers, the Borden County High School U.I.L. Academic Team placed 4th overall at last Friday's U.I.L. Region I-A Academic Meet in Levelland.

In the process, BHS won an overall Speech & Debate Team Regional Championship and will now send 3 stu-

dents to next weekend's UIL Academic State Meet.

BHS senior Chasiti Rutherford advances to State in Lincoln Douglas (LD) Debate after being crowned as the Region I Champion. She placed 3rd in the event at the State Meet last year, so hopes are high for this year as well. Rutherford barely missed advanc-

ing to State in two events after placing 4th in Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking.

Fellow BHS senior Eric Espinoza placed 3rd in Poetry Interpretation, advancing him to the State Meet as well. This is also his second time to qualify for the State Meet af-

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Rough Start to Week Ends With Second Play-Off Team in School History

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes had a very busy week, as they had to play games on Tuesday, Wednesday and then finish off with a game on Saturday. All of this mixed in with Regional golf, tennis and UIL.

The Coyotes got off to a rough start as they dropped a very tough loss and an opportunity to clinch at least 2nd in district play in a 5 to 1 loss to pre-season favorite Ralls. The Coyotes got a very good pitching performance from senior Flynn Chapman, but a couple of timely two out, two strike hits by the jackrabbits produced 4 of their 5 runs.

The Coyotes on the other hand got a runner to 3rd on four different occasions and could not come up with the big hit. Quinton Shafer was 1 of 2, Zach Telchik was 1 of 2 with a stolen base and a run scored. RT Shafer was 1 of 2. Flynn Chapman was 1 of 3. Austin Fields was 1 of 4 with a stolen base and Tanner Richey was 0 of 2 with 2 stolen bases and an RBI. Flynn Chapman pitched a complete game, striking out 3 and walking 2, giving up 5 runs, 3 earned.

On Wednesday, the Coyotes traveled to Tahoka to take on the Bulldogs with another opportunity to clinch a play-off spot.

The Coyotes wasted no time in taking control of this game as their two weeks worth of sleeping bats came to life in a big way as they belted 3 home runs along with 19 hits to score 18 runs.

RT Shafer and Tanner Richey teamed up for the slugfest victory as they combined to give up 14 runs on 10 hits. A difficult fielding day was the biggest reason for the runs, as of the 14 runs, only 5 of them were earned.

Miles Valentine was 4 of 5 with a double, a 3 run home run and 5 RBI's. Zach Telchik was 3 of 5 with 5 RBI, a double and a homerun. RT Shafer was

3 of 5 with a double, a Home run and an RBI. Austin Tyler scored a run. Flynn Chapman was 2 of 4 with 2 RBI's. Austin Fields was 3 of 4 with 4 RBI's and a double. Tanner Richey was 2 of 3 with a double. And Karl Lamming was 2 of 5 with an RBI. Also contributing was Brendan Tarleton.

On Saturday, the Coyotes traveled to O'Donnell to take on the Eagles and again the bats were warm and Flynn Chapman pitched extremely well, throwing his second complete game in a row for a nice 7 to 2 victory giving up 1 earned run on 4 hits, while striking out 4 and walking 4.

At the plate the Coyotes got a 2 of 4 day with an RBI by Miles, a 1 of 4 day with an RBI and a double by Quint, a 2 of 3 day with a triple and an RBI by Zach. A 1 of 2 day for Flynn with 2 RBI's. A 1 of 3 day by Tanner with a double and a 2 of 4 day by Austin fields and a 1 of 3 day with an RBI by Karl. Zach, Steven Howard, and Tanner Richey stole 2 bases apiece and Brendan and Austin Tyler split time at First base in this game.

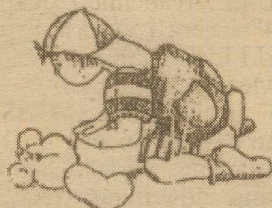
The Coyotes will next face Crosbyton in a game that will be for the Coyotes to have a chance to share the district title on Friday at 6 p.m. at moffett field in Snyder.



Tanner Richey steps across home plate to score another run in this past Saturday's game against the O'Donnell Eagles.

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Coyote Golf

The Coyote boys' and girls' golf teams competed in the regional golf tournament on April 19th and 20th and competed well as they finished the 2010 season.

The results are as follows:

Girls:

Day 1- Krista Tarleton-98; Mabelle Barr-100; Seleste Herridge-107; Taylor Richey-106 and Teryn Soto-112.

Day 2-Krista Tarleton-103; Mabelle Barr-111; Seleste

Herridge-101; Taylor Richey-109 and Teryn Soto-121. Team: 8th Place.

Boys:

Day 1-Austin Cope-88; Karl Lamming-92; Brendan Tarleton-98; Austin Fields-95 and Jared Smith-109.

Day 2-Austin Cope 86; Karl Lamming-99; Brendan Tarleton-94; Austin Fields-100 and Jared Smith-102.

Team: 15th Place.

Borden County Tracksters Qualify for Regionals

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Track season extended for a few Borden County athletes and these young men and women traveled to Floydada and New Deal this past week to get one final tune-up before the regional track meet.

Boys' tracksters, Karl Lamming, Michael Cooley and Tanner Richey traveled to Floydada along with the group of young ladies, Olivia Key, Taylor Richey, Aubree Lester, Hannah Forbes, Stefanie Cooley and Teryn Soto. The weather knocked out most of the running, but Olivia did get to run the 3200 that she qualified in for regional. She ran a time of 14:45 to finish 4th place. Taylor threw the discus, even though she did not qualify this year in this event, but she managed to beat all but one of the regional qualifiers to finish 2nd in the event with a throw of 98'8". Hannah Forbes, who just became eligible, competed in the long jump and won the event with a jump of 15'6 1/2".

On the boys side, Michael Cooley finished 2nd in the high jump with a 6'0" jump. Tanner Richey finished 4th with a jump of 5'10". Michael also finished 2nd in the long jump with a good solid jump of

22'1/2". Karl Lamming bettered his school record with 4 solid jumps over 42', with the best jump measuring 42'4 1/2" for 4th place.

On Friday, the girls and Tanner traveled to New Deal to compete in the qualifiers meet. Taylor Richey threw the discus 110'8" for 6th place. Tanner jumped 5'10" again for 4th again. Hannah jumped 14'8" for 3rd place in the long jump. Tanner came back and ran a personal best 15.58 in the 110 hurdles to finish 4th place in the event. Aubree Lester competed in the 200 and won her heat by a long ways and turned in the 2nd fastest time in school history with a 26.31 to finish 2nd to a girl in another heat. This was just .07 off the school record. Stefanie Cooley ran the 400 and ran a time of 74.56.

The foursome of Taylor, Hannah, Aubree and Teryn ran the mile relay and finished with a time of 4:32.3 as Taylor turned in a 68.5, followed by a 65.5 by Hannah a 65.1 by Aubree and a final lap time of 73.5 by Teryn. This foursome along with Olivia and the boys will compete in the Region I-A track meet in Levelland, on May 3rd and 4th. Congratulations and good luck at Regional.

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Gail FFA Greenhouse Plants for Sale

By Buddy Wallace

The Ag. Science Horticulture Class still have plants available for spring planting. These plants are available in the green house, which is located north of the Ag. Building on the Borden County Campus. Anyone wishing to purchase starter plants can contact Buddy Wallace at 806/756-4313 (school) or 806/756-4478 (home). All plants are suitable size for ground planting. The Gail FFA chapter welcomes everyone to come view the plants and tour their green-

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2. Sweet Banana

3. Early Jalapeño-new batch ready in 10 days

U.I.L. State Qualifiers Headed to Austin...

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ter going in Extemporaneous Informative Speaking last year. Espinoza also barely missed advancing this year in that event, placing 5th at the Regional Meet.

John Hensley, a BHS junior, is the third and final qualifier for the State Meet. He advanced in two events after placing 3rd at regional in both Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking and Current Issues & Events.

Also earning points for the speech team and barely missing out on a trip to Austin is senior Karl Lamming. He placed 4th in Extemporaneous Informative Speaking and will be an alternate to the State Meet.

The top three individuals in each event advance to the State Meet.

Overall, BHS finished with 77 points and finished in 4th place overall. Regional champion Canadian H.S. finished with 178 points behind strong finishes in many math and science contests. Nazareth H.S. was 2nd with 134 points, and Farwell H.S. was 3rd with a score in the 80s.

Also competing at the Region I-A Academic Meet were members of the Literary Criticism team, who placed 5th overall. Team members were seniors Kagan Benham and D'Nae Johnson, junior Kerianne Howard, & freshman Celina Guerrero.

The Calculator Applications team, who finished in 6th place overall, was comprised of team members senior Chellsie Pigford, junior Taylor Richey, & sophomores Austin Fields and Austin Tyler.

The BHS Science team also placed 6th overall. Seniors R.T. Shafer and Skyler Williamson-Dear, junior Joseph McConnell, and freshman Hanna Forbes were team members.

Individuals competing for BHS were Pigford in Feature Writing, senior Lacey Roberts in News Writing, Shafer in Mathematics, McConnell in Ready Writing, Hensley in Social Studies, and freshman Steven Howard in Extemporaneous Informative Speaking.

The 3 BHS State Qualifiers will now compete May 6-8, 2010, on the University of Texas in Austin. Each of them are now in the top 12 students in the state in their respective contests. All of them are also now eligible for TILF Scholarships through the U.I.L. State Office.

Congratulations to all U.I.L. State Qualifiers!



Making the Grade!

5th Six-Weeks
Beta Achievement

Senior: Kagan Benham, Karl Lamming, Flynn Chapman, Eric Espinoza, D'Nae Johnson, Chellsie Pigford, Shylo Rinehart, Lacey Roberts, R.T. Shafer and Brendan Tarleton; **Junior:** Bailey Anderson, Kimberly Proulx, Taylor Richey and Krista Tarleton; **Sophomore:** Kobie Benham, Shaylie Boles, Austin Fields and Chance Taylor; **Freshman:** Shea Burkett, Jordan Day, Hanna Forbes, Tanner Richey, Matthew Roberson and Steele Sanders; **Eighth Grade:** Brady Dowds, Taylor Gass, Kalynn Massingill and Sydney Rebeles; **Seventh Grade:** Tye Basquez and Sean Tucker; **Sixth Grade:** Tatum Richey.

5th Six-Weeks
Honor Roll

Senior: Laura Ocanas and Raylea Underwood; **Junior:** John Hensley, David Rodriguez and Miles Valentine; **Sophomore:** Luke Burkett, Aubree Lester, Collin Telchik and Austin Tyler; **Freshman:** Austin Cope, Steven Howard and Riley

Smith; **Eighth Grade:** Matthew Ham, Maeghan Herridge; Mollie McMeans, Zach McMeans and Matthew Proulx; **Seventh Grade:** McDenna Campbell, Bessie Rhodes and Claire Shafer.

Sixth Grade: Caelan Thuett, and Tate Wheatley; **Fifth Grade:** Cheyenne Dowds, Hayley Gray, Savannah Herridge, Jayton Lewis, Kace Lott, Maria Neufeld, and Avery Price; **Fourth Grade:** Thadd Basquez, Preslea Hall, Kable Kleck, Madison Matlock, Harley Merrill, Thomas Nix, Nicholas Proulx, Trace Richey, Ashlyn Tucker, Brittan Webb and Ryan Willborn; **Third Grade:** Thomas Benavidez, Madison Cole, Kenley Dean, Jacob Dimas, Katie Gray, Tanner Harrison, Rayme Jones, Emma Key, Riley Lewis, Payton Merket, J.W. Nix, and Brooke Swaffer; **Second Grade:** Nicolas Benavidez, Kodie Dowds, Dymon Gomez, Kaitlyn Hamm, Anthony Lopez, Zeke Lott, Kenzie Parks, Olivia Reyes, Jason Robinson, Brad Thomas, Tatum Treadwell and William Yarbro.

Coyote Tennis

Jr. High District Meet

Girls Singles: Maeghan Herridge-8-3; 4-8; 8-3 (3rd Place) and Taylor Gass-8-0; 8-2; 8-3 (1st Place).

Girls Doubles: Kaylin Massingill/Mallory McMeans-2-8, 8-1, 8-4; Jessica Orosco/Rebecca Taylor-2-8, 9-8, (9-7); Eva Banman/Bessie Rhodes-8-9, (2-7), 8-9, (7-9); Tye Basquez/McKenna Campbell-6-8, 8-3; Sydney Day/Mollie McMeans-6-8; 4-8.

Boys' Singles: Brady Dowds-8-5; 0-8; 3-8 (4th

Place); Hurricane Vankirk-1-8; 1-8 and Kurt Shafer-8-2; 8-0; 8-6; 8-6 (1st Place)

Boys' Doubles: Tristen Benavidez/Matthew Ham-6-8, 8-2;

Riley Herridge/Jaden Huse-2-8, 3-8; Frank Banman/Zach McMeans-8-6, 1-8.

Girls' Team: 20 points (2nd Place)

Boys' Team: 15 points (3rd Place).

Congratulations to all participants! We're proud of you.

School Lunch Menu

May 3 - 7, 2010

Monday - No School

Tuesday - Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Fresh Apple, Hot Roll and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Biscuit & Sausage, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pork Roast, Peas, Fresh Broccoli w/Ranch, Strawberries & Bananas, Crackers and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Seasoned Corn, Salad, French Bread Stick, Peach Cup and Milk.


Friday - Breakfast: Cereal & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Patty Sandwich, Tater Tots, Western Beans, Cake and Milk.

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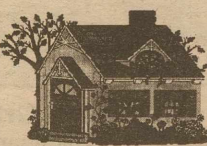
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Heart and Home ...


by Julie Smith
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Midday Snacks, All Grown Up

Graham crackers and peanut butter. Carrot sticks with ranch dressing. Cheese and crackers. Here's how to take these old snacks and make them new again. Everyone had a favorite snack while growing up. But now that you're an adult, the appeal of the tried-and-true may feel a little, well, tired. New varieties of your favorite foods (or new foods) can 'jazz up' common snacks. Read on for ideas that can satisfy cravings for more sophisticated fare.

Spread Beyond Peanut Butter. If you love something smeared on crackers and breads but are bored with peanut butter, take heart; there are options.

* Meet the other butters. Almond and cashew butters have a smooth texture and great flavor. Spread either on crackers made with whole grain, or top a slice of 100% whole wheat bread. Remember to exercise portion control, and watch the fat and calories.

* Choose garbanzo beans. Low-fat hummus, made of mashed garbanzo beans, is not only nutritious but also delicious. Spread on whole wheat pita wedges or dip with spears of carrots, cucumbers, and bell peppers.

* Top that muffin. Spread 100% fruit jam or jelly onto one half of a low- or fat-free muffin made with whole grain.

Freshen Your Veggies It's not the idea of veggies and dip that's tired; it's that we have a hard time seeing beyond creamy-dressing dips. So get inventive!

* Fill from a different well. Pack celery sticks with almond butter, guacamole, hummus, or low-fat bean dip.

* Dip in this. Dunk interesting vegetables—grape to-

matoes, zucchini spears, jicama and red bell pepper strips, and cauliflower florets—into plain yogurt turned exotic. Just add a dash of curry or some other favorite herbs or spices.

Dial Up Low-Fat Dairy

Can't think of an alternative to cheese and crackers but want to make sure your snack contains some calcium? Try these alternatives.

* Add toss-ins. Top low-fat yogurt with granola or cereal made with whole grain and fresh berries, or blend the yogurt with a variety of fruits to make a smoothie.

* Remember spreadable cheeses. Try fat-free cream cheese on a rice cake or crispbread made with whole grain.

Graduate Your Grab 'n' Go Your busy schedule might not allow for a lot of planning or prep time, but that doesn't mean you're stuck without options as you're headed for the door. Fill your ziplock bags ahead of time.

* Pack a punch. Choose small fruits that deliver big taste—like kumquats or dried cranberries.

* Go for crunch. Reach for a handful of nuts such as almonds or pistachios, or try edamame soybeans. Make your own trail mix using nuts, cereal made with whole grain, and dried fruit. (Dark chocolate bits are optional!)

* Reach for the prepackaged. Monterey Jack or mozzarella cheese sticks, and Mandarin orange or applesauce cups can help the truly time-challenged. Don't forget fat-free vanilla soymilk, and you're good to go.

Source: *Eat Better America* by General Mills <http://www.eatbetteramerica.com>

Thought for the Day

We are not our own, any more than what we possess is our own. We did not make ourselves; we cannot be supreme over ourselves. We cannot be our own masters. We are God's property by creation, by redemption, by regeneration.

--John Henry Newman



Walk Across Texas Kicks Off

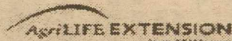
Walk Across Texas kicked off for 2010 in Borden County on April 5th with three teams. We are so excited about the 12th annual Walk Across Texas program! Teams and team members are: *The Daisy Dukes* - Shawna Gass (team captain), Cindy Herridge, Cindy Massingill, Sherry Gass, Amy Rinehart, Arica Proulx, Kristen McCook and Ericka Dowds. *The Victorious! Secrets* - Darby Key (team captain), Sheri Poole, Kim Thomas, Hayley Richey, Kerri Dean, Veronica Ard, Darrin Ard and Charla Soto. *The County Cruisers* - Julie Smith (team captain), Sharlot Stone, Jane Jones, Jacquie Whalen, Kent Holmes, Ollie Holmes, Paul Awtry and Russell Awtry.


The teams are already off to a great start! Their mileage totals for the first two weeks are: *The Daisy Dukes*: Week 1 = 49 miles, Week 2 = 43 miles and Week 3 = 50 miles.

Victorious! Secrets: Week 1 = 46.95 miles, Week 2 = 37.1 miles and Week 3 = 54.9 miles.

County Cruisers: Week 1 = 97 miles, Week 2 = 105.2 miles and Week 3 = 108.5 miles.







On the Wild Side of Life
 by Cody G. Hill
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Conservation Range Tour on Historic Spade Ranch Set for May 6

On May 6, 2010 the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI), Big Country Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Borden, Garza, Howard, Mitchell, Scurry counties, and the historic Mitchell County Spade Ranch will host a range tour for all of those interested in learning about agricultural industry improvements and conservation practices for rangeland.

The goal of this tour and educational field day is to cover a variety of rangeland conservation topics. Registration for this tour is free and open to all who wish to attend. A noon meal will be served and transportation to the ranch will be provided.

Plant identification, wildlife management, forage production, chemical prickly pear and mesquite control will all be covered onsite at the Spade Ranch during the morning session of the tour. Five CEU's for TDA pesticide license holders will be given; one in laws and regulations, one in Integrated Pest Management and three in general.

Participants will return to the Colorado City Civic Center for a catered lunch which will be followed by an indoor afternoon session. Topics for this session will include: a presentation from both DuPont and Dow Chemical representatives and bio control of salt cedar. Upon completing this segment participants are encouraged to visit a salt cedar beetle release site with agency officials.

Please RSVP by May 3, 2010 if you plan to attend. For more information or to register for this workshop please contact the Colorado City NRCS field office located at 2302 North Highway 208 at 325-728-3473 or the Big Country RC&D office located at 119 East Third, Suite 304 Sweetwater, Texas at 325-235-4300.

West Texas Youth Veterinary Science Workshop

We are pleased to announce the 8th annual West Texas Youth Veterinary Science Workshop. This year's workshop will be held at the Tom Green County 4-H Center in San Angelo, Texas from July 11- July 14, 2010.

The objective of the week-long event is to expose youth to careers in veterinary science. Instructors will include university and research faculty, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas Animal Health Commission personnel, and veterinary practitioners. Course topics will include: anatomy, nutrition, toxicology, parasitology, beef feedlot health management, large & small animal practice, zoology, necropsy, horse science, and more. Activities will involve classroom study, lab work, and field excursions.


The planning committee is inviting thirty youth from all across the state of Texas to attend. Participants must be of high school age, have an interest in veterinary science, and be willing to participate as a team member. In addition four Adult Leaders can to serve as project leaders. This is an excellent opportunity for Teachers and 4-H Volunteer Leaders to learn more about this field.

Application deadline is June 15. Participants will be informed of their acceptance to camp by June 21st.



Cost of the camp will be \$250.00. In the event of cancellations, refunds will be offered in full. After July 5th, the payment is non-refundable.

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4-H Photography Project


4-H Photography project will meet on April 13 and 27 and May 11 and 25 from 5:30 - 7:00 in the Community Room. Supper will be provided. For more information contact Tammy Simmons at (806)756-4361 or the Extension office.

If you have any questions, would like further information on any of the above projects, please contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or e-mail at borden-tx@tamu.edu.

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A bowlegged usher said to a lady, "Walk this way, ma'am."

"I don't think I can," she answered, "but I'll try."

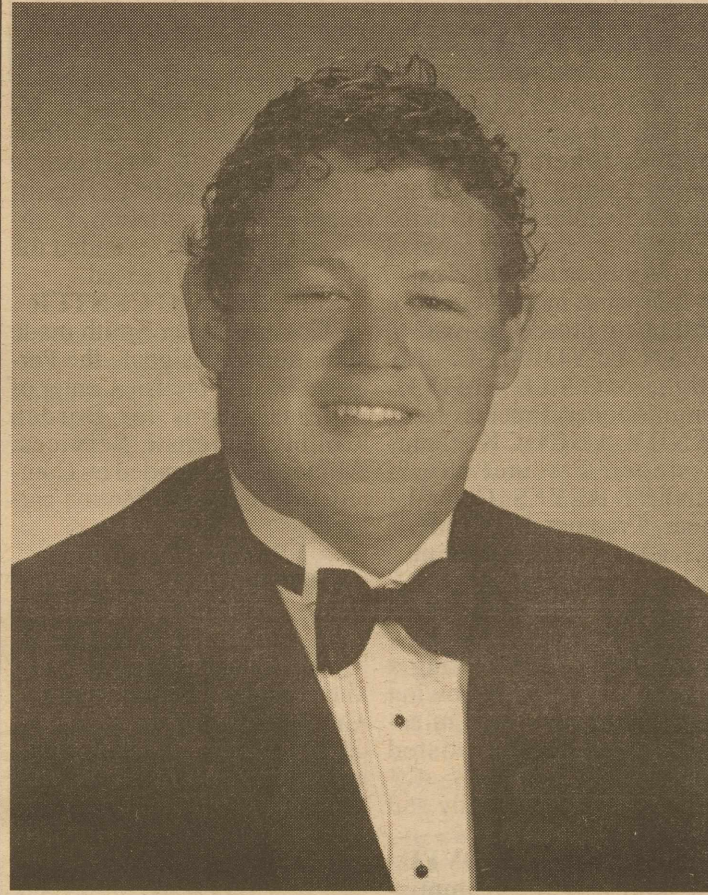
St. Paul told us how the Lord loved us and gave Himself for us. Then, like the man, he said, "Walk this way."

It's a sacrificial walk. It turns selfishness into service, greed into gratitude, getting into giving, demands into dedication.

It's a solicitous walk. You won't be concerned about your convenience, only the comfort of others.

It's a sanctifying walk. You won't lower others, you'll lift them. You won't coarsen, you'll cultivate.

Like the man said, "Walk this way."



J. Ryan Gicklhorn

Benefit To Help BHS Grad With Medical Expenses

By Sue Jane Mayes

Three communities plan to join forces in an effort to raise money for J. Ryan Gicklhorn, a 2006 BHS graduate.

Borden County, O'Donnell, and Tahoka will host a benefit luncheon, Sunday, May 2, from 12:30-2:00 p.m. in the Borden High School cafeteria.

Gicklhorn was hospitalized January 30 with pancreatitis. Doctors diagnosed "dissecting pancreatitis" in the initial stages, but that diagnosis


changed to "necrotizing pancreatitis" indicating that part of Gicklhorn's pancreas died. He spent a total of 58 days at UMC in Lubbock, 19 of those in surgical ICU.

Gicklhorn's mother, Philena Farmer, taught math in Tahoka (14 years) and is currently teaching in O'Donnell. She is a Borden County graduate (Class of '76). Gicklhorn is the grandson of Shorty and Barbara Farmer of the Plains Community. They, too, are Borden High School graduates, Class of 1955.

Barbecue brisket, beans, potato salad, and homemade desserts will be served at the benefit. All donations will go to J. Ryan and his family.

Anyone wishing to donate \$25 to sponsor the purchase of a brisket can do so by contacting The First Baptist Church in Gail, Texas at P.O. Box 297, Gail, TX 79738.

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Commissioners Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 13th day of April, 2010, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge; **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: Don Nunnally and Ross Sharp.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meetings of March 23, 2010 were read. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY OFFICE REPORTS

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

BORDEN COUNTY EVENTS CENTER AND RODEO ARENA

A discussion was held concerning plans and progress for the Borden County Events Center and Rodeo Arena. No action taken.

SHOOTING SPORTS RANGE

A Permanent Road to the Shooting Sports Range was discussed. No action was taken.

SHOWBARN

The air conditioners at the Show Barn was discussed. Commissioner Belew made a motion to let the air conditioners go with the barn as it is not cost effective to move. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CERTIFICATION COUNTY ROADS

After a review of the Maintained County Roads, Commissioner Adcock made a mo-

tion to approve, with no changes made, the Certification of County Maintained Road Mileage to Texas Department of Transportation. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FORENSIC CENTER

Commissioner Smith made a motion to designate the Permian Basin Forensic Center of Odessa, Texas for Borden County Forensic Services. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

A motion was made by Commissioner Reyes to move the Special Commissioners' Court Meeting from April 27, 2010 to April 22, 2010. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOIL CONSERVATION AND ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the Soil Conservation Construction of Fireguards Application from Benny Taylor in Precinct No. 1 and 2; and to approve the two (work performed as needed) Road Construction Applications from Dean Roberson in Precinct No. 2 and Eddie F. Parks in Precinct No. 4 Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

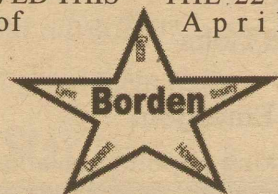
DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Hiring policy and Paupers Burial and Fuel Bids to be considered.

ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 22nd day of April 2010.



Legal Notice

Open-House Style Public Meeting Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan 2035

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration will host two series of open house-style public meetings for the development of the Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan 2035. This plan will establish a framework for addressing the challenges of our aging infrastructure, urban densification, and a growing population through 2035. The plan will also address the need for improvements to all modes of transportation including roadways, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, transit, freight rail, passenger rail, airports, water ports, pipelines, and Intelligent Transportation Systems.

The purpose of this first series of meetings is to present an overview of the project and to solicit comments and input to aid in the development of the plan. Information will be available for viewing at the meetings including exhibits and videos about the planning process. Representatives from TxDOT will be in attendance to discuss the development of the plan and answer questions. Forms will be provided for submitting written comments.

The open-house style public meeting in the Abilene Dis-

trict will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 pm at:

Texas Department of Transportation, Abilene Area Office
1350 N. Arnold Blvd.
Abilene, Texas 79603

Information regarding additional meeting locations throughout the State can be found at http://www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/transportation_plan/default.htm or by calling the project's toll-free information line at 1-888-5-TX-PLAN (1-888-589-7526).

For those unable to attend the open house-style public meeting, written comments will be accepted on the project website at: http://www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/transportation_plan/

[default.htm](#) key word: transportation plan 2035, by email at TPP_txtranplan@dot.state.tx.us, or by mail at: Peggy Thurin, P.E., Project Manager, Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan 2035 4544 Post Oak Place, Suite 224 Houston, Texas, 77027.

Persons with special communication or accommodation needs may call Mary Beth Kilgore, Abilene District Public Information Officer, at 325-676-6806. Requests should be made no later than three days prior to the meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate needs.



All-School Reunion Meeting

There will be an all-school reunion meeting on

May 4, 2010

at 6:00 p.m.

at the Community Room

Everyone interested is encouraged to attend

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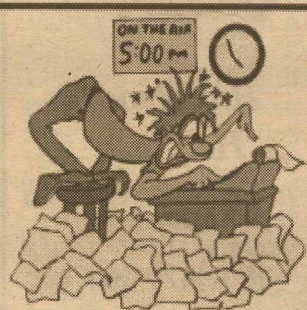
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Borden All-School 2010 Reunion

- The last "5 Year Reunion" held on the old school campus
- See plans for the new campus
- Send suggestions for activities this year
- Send new addresses of Exes/Employees/Parents/Friends of Borden School
- More information to follow

BHS All-School Reunion
PO Box 316
Gail, Texas 79738
E-mail: rdclewis@poka.com



Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

The Chicken Lady of Carterville

"I'm the chicken lady. My son in law calls my house the chicken coop."

Helen Wilkerson lives at Carterville, just north of Garden City. She collects porcelain chicken figurines.

"The very first chickens I got were from a friend of mine when I got married. I really like chickens so I'd keep bringing a chicken or two in and finally my husband said 'if you bring another chicken in this house I'm leaving.' So I quit for a few years and decided he wasn't going to leave so I started again. I have around four thousand now."

I told her she can never move.

"I know that. And I'm getting older. I've wondered what in the world I'm going to do with all these chickens. It would take a moving van just to move the chickens."

Each of her chickens is numbered and referenced in a book to tell where it came from. Her collecting is on hold now.

"I ran out of space. I had to quit. There's no place to put another chicken. I look at them longingly when I see one I don't have, but so far this year I've been able to pass them up."

Helen has bought a lot of the chickens, but her friends and family give them to her because they know how much she likes chickens. One wall of her house has been converted into a display area for her collection.

"These are shadow boxes that I have put together and painted. I really enjoy looking at them. A woman saw my collection and told me there was medication for people like me."

The wall full of chickens is eight feet by twelve feet. It takes a while to dust her chickens.

"Well over two days. That's the only thing about my chickens I don't like. I have to take a cloth and take each one out of its little compartment and dust it, dust the compartment and put it back. It takes a long time. I have to stand on a lad-

der to reach the top ones."

Helen's house has pictures, doilies, place mats, cups, aprons, shirts and robes all in a chicken motif. Chickens make her happy. During our visit, she laughed every time she said something.

"Everything in my house has to do with chickens. My sister and I travel a lot together and everywhere we go we try to get a chicken."

That's fun to look at them and remember when we were on the trip and where we got them."

Her favorites are some salt and peppershakers called noddors. They're like bubble heads that nod up and down.

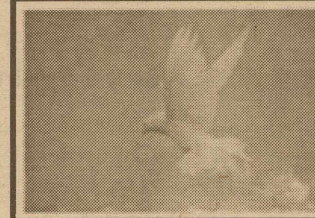
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Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

The Basic Principles: Part 4

This column's intent is to show you a path that can help enhance your life. Share what you discover with others. Effective application of these principles takes practice and repetition. The more you apply them the better your results. One of the best ways to boost your enthusiasm is by helping someone else increase theirs.

9. Have an attitude of gratitude

Be thankful for and appreciate all that you have, whatever your circumstances may be. Take nothing for granted. Don't compare your life to others. Never be resentful or bitter about what you feel you don't have.

Bitterness is a poison. It will erode your mental and physical health. Bitterness will prohibit you from accomplishing your goals. No matter how bad you think your predicament is, people throughout history have endured hardships and overcome adversities that are unimaginable.

Keep your situation in perspective. Focus on the abundance in your life. Every problem has a solution. Appreciate what you have and you will always have more than you need. If you constantly want more you will never have enough.

Strive to develop your character into the person that you want to be. Character will serve you for a lifetime and can never be lost or taken away. What you have doesn't determine who you are; who you are determines what you have.

10. What you project you receive

You are a magnet. Your attitude and actions determine what you attract. A good attitude and good actions attract good people and situations and vice versa. You can get everything you want in your life by helping enough other people get what they want.

Don't give with the expectation of what you will get in return. If rewards are your motivation, they will elude you. Only by giving without

the expectation of receiving will rewards follow.

Anyone can smile and laugh when things are going well. But you must learn to smile and laugh when life seems to be at a low point. Then you will be able to bounce back from adversity and continue the journey towards your goals.

If you are waiting for your situation to improve before your attitude improves, you will be waiting a very long time. Whatever your situation, attitude always precedes results. Whatever your circumstances are, you can improve them. No one can stop you. Only you can stop yourself.

Start today to act as if you already are where you want to be. Do whatever you can to help others.

You have now had an overview of the 10 principles:

- You are what you think about
- Set goals
- Plan how to reach your goals
- All we have is today
- Never ever give up
- Education never ends
- Control your own emotions
- Guard your time
- Have an attitude of gratitude
- What you project you receive

All of the principles are interrelated; they all have to be applied to your life. Each upcoming column will focus on a specific topic. If you would like to share your experiences with me, please write.

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Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an outstanding young person that is a positive representative of the Borden County School Community as evident by their respective moral character, service-minded attitude, dedication, and scholastic achievement.

Recipients must be a candidate for graduation or be a former graduate of Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution to be eligible for consideration. The Selection Committee will have sole authority to determine the candidate's eligibility status related to the post-secondary institution to be attended.

Financial need will not necessarily be a criterion for consideration; however, financial need may be considered by the Selection Committee.

Members of the Brandon Adcock Family will have no input into the selection process.

Complete selection authority has been delegated to the Selection Committee, and the Committee has the authority to waive all rules, regulations, and formalities in order to select the candidates that the committee feels is most deserving.

Caden Nowlain Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the Caden Nowlain Memorial Scholarship.

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 21st, 2010.

Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

Caden Nowlain Memorial Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an outstanding young person that is a positive representative of the Borden County School Community as evident by their respective moral character, service-minded attitude, dedication, and scholastic achievement.

Recipients must be a candidate for graduation or be a former graduate of Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution to be eligible for consideration. The Selection Committee will have sole authority to determine the candidate's eligibility status related to the post-secondary institution to be attended.

Financial need will not necessarily be a criterion for consideration; however, financial need may be considered by the Selection Committee.

Members of the Caden Nowlain Family will have no input into the selection process.

Complete selection authority has been delegated to the Selection Committee, and the Committee has the authority to waive all rules, regulations, and formalities in order to select the candidates that the committee feels is most deserving.

John Harding Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the John Harding Memorial Scholarship.

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Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

John Harding Memorial Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an outstanding young person that is a positive representative of the Borden County School Community as evident by their respective moral character, service-minded attitude, dedication, and participation in school activities as a student of Borden County High School.

Recipients must be a candidate for graduation or be a former graduate of Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college,

university, or post-secondary institution to be eligible for consideration. The Selection Committee will have sole authority to determine the candidate's eligibility status related to the post-secondary institution to be attended.

Financial need will not necessarily be a criterion for consideration; however, financial need may be considered by the Selection Committee.

Members of the John Harding family will have no input into the selection process.

Complete selection authority is given to the Scholarship Committee to waive all rules, regulations, and formalities in order to select the candidate(s) that the committee feels is most deserving.

J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship.

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The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the in-

dividual selected will be an outstanding young that is a positive representative of the Borden County School community as evidence by his/her high moral character, service minded attitude, dedication and determination to succeed along with maintaining passing grades.

Potential recipients must be a member in good standing of the current Borden County High School graduating class or must be a previous graduate of Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution.

Financial need will not necessarily be a criterion of consideration; however, financial need may be considered by the Selection Committee.

Members of the Porter Family will have no input into the selection process. Complete selection authority has been delegated to the Selection Committee, and the Committee has the authority to waive all rules, regulations, or formalities in order to select the candidates that the committee feels is most appropriate.

The selection process is a subjective task that will be left to the discretion of the J. Pat Porter Scholarship Selection Committee. The award will be given to someone the committee feels is a signification of the positive attributes that were exhibited by the late J. Pat Porter.

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