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## 2010 Tax Planning Confusing, Yet Similar, System in Place *Ag Producers May Benefit From Some Tax Considerations*

By: Blair Fannin  
COLLEGE STATION - Year-end tax planning for agricultural producers and general taxpayers must be done by "what is known" regarding current federal tax code, even though there's uncertainty about extending certain tax cuts, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service economists.

Jose Pena, AgriLife Extension economist-management at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Uvalde, said it's currently unknown if Congress will extend tax cuts that are part of the 2001 Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act.

If the tax cuts imposed under the Bush administration are not extended, all tax rates will rise for all individual taxpayers, including those subject to the lowest tax rates, he said.

"Year-end tax planning appears confusing as the political climate in Congress

changes and Congress remains in a stalemate over extending the tax cuts, which are scheduled to expire Dec. 31," Pena said.

A hot-button item among agriculture producers is the estate tax, which was repealed in 2010. Under current law, there is no federal estate tax, but heirs who sell appreciated assets may face capital gains taxes.

"In 2011, the estate tax is set to return with a \$1 million exemption and a top rate of 55 percent on the largest estates," Pena said. "But it appears some Congressmen are pondering a \$3.5 million exemption with a 45 percent top rate, which over the years would evolve into a \$5 million exemption and a maximum tax rate of 35 percent. It appears, however, that the estate tax is not going to disappear."

Meanwhile, he said, agricultural producers and small business owners may be able to take advantage of some ex-

tended tax cuts as part of the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 signed into law in September.

"This extended some of the business tax cuts which had expired in 2009," Pena noted.

He said some of extensions and allowances from which agricultural producers may derive a tax benefit include:

- Extending and increasing the Section 179 expensing option for depreciable property used in business (computers, office furniture, equipment, vehicles or other tangible business property) to a maximum of \$500,000 for tax years 2010 and 2011 only.

- Extending the 50 percent bonus depreciation for 2010, which was set to expire at the end of 2009 for new property as long as the property is placed into service before Jan. 1, 2011.

- Allowing the deduction of cell phone business use with-

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## Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

### *Don't Worry*

There's never a shortage of things to worry about. You can worry about what has happened or will happen, what you did or didn't do, what someone else did or didn't do, what someone will or won't do, or what others will think.

More than ninety percent of what people worry about never materializes. Worry drains time and energy without producing any positive results. Worry is like being in a rocking chair; it's a lot of activity that doesn't get you anywhere. There's a big difference between worry and action. Worry won't accomplish anything whereas positive action can improve circumstances and achieve much.

Ironically, worry attracts the very things you don't want. Your thoughts are a magnet. When you worry you are dwelling on an undesirable outcome. Focusing on what you do want and how to attain it counteracts worry.

Worry and stress are interrelated. If you are worrying, you are stressed. Worry can undermine your health. High blood pressure, ulcers, as well as numerous other ailments have been linked to stress and worry.

A recent study found that stress changes the chemistry of the blood. Levels of

Interleukin-6 (IL-6) sharply increased in stressed people. Ailments such as heart disease, arthritis, osteoporosis, type-2 diabetes and certain cancers have been associated with elevated amounts of IL-6.

The study also found that people tend to respond to stress behaviorally by engaging in activities that increase the level of IL-6. For example, under stress people may overeat and/or smoke. IL-6 is secreted by fat cells and smoking increases its concentration.

Additionally, stress adversely affects sleep and can reduce the amount of exercise people engage in. Normal sleep regulates the levels of IL-6 and exercise reduces it.

So how do you stop worrying? First and foremost, you must develop an awareness of when you start worrying and what you are worrying about. Many people are so used to worrying that it has developed into an automatic response that is accepted as a normal emotion.

Once you begin identifying when and about what you worry, you can start training yourself to stop worrying. Don't confuse not worrying with a displacement activity. A displacement activity is a dis-

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# Coyotes Drop Season Opener

By Coach Baeza

The Coyotes traveled to Seagraves on Nov. 30 and faced a tough Eagles team to open the 2010 season. With football season ending and Thanksgiving only a few days past, the Coyotes had a lot of rust to shake off.

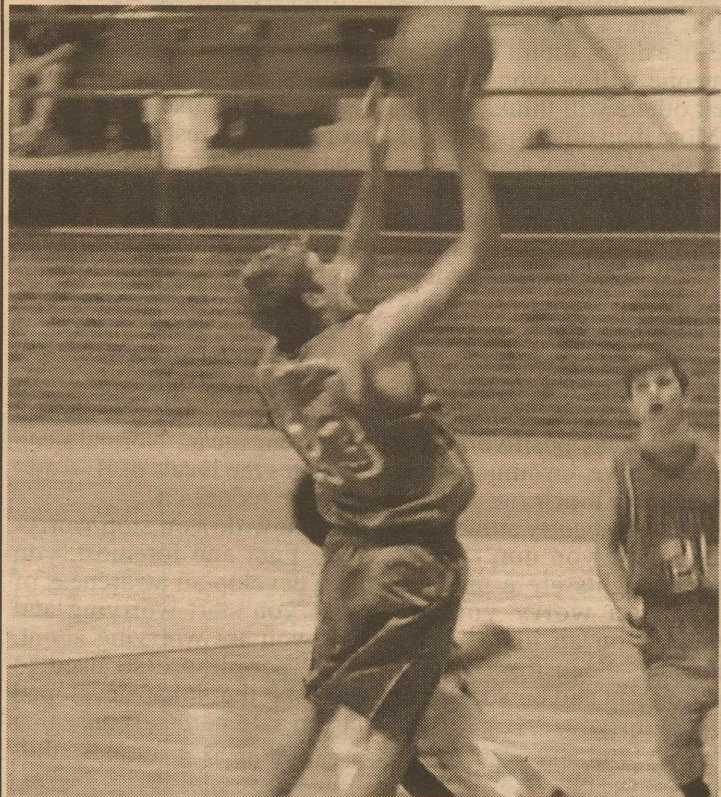
This was evident in the first quarter as they struggled to find the basket. The Eagles applied full court pressure that the Coyotes handled pretty well, but were unable to convert much of our fast breaks. This allowed the Eagles to take a 21-7 first quarter lead. In the second quarter the Coyotes did a better job of controlling the ball and ran their offense more effectively losing the quarter only 11-15 going into the half losing 18-36.

Being the competitors that these boys are they did not

quit, but came out and played a much better second half winning the third and fourth quarter 21-19. This allowed the Eagles to hold on to the lead that they established in the first half to take the win 55-39. This was a good experience for the Coyotes as we have only three players returning with varsity experience. This is going to be a season with some growing pains for the Coyotes, but these young men are competitors which will lead us to a successful season. Good Job Coyotes!

Scoring for the Coyotes: Quinton Shafer 13, Tanner Richey 13, Zach Telchik 8, T.J. Basquez 3, and Austin Tyler 2. Also contributing were Riley Smith, Collin Telchik, Chance Taylor, Austin Fields, and Matt Roberson.

## Coyote JV vs. Seagraves



Coyote, Luke Burkett goes up for 2 points in last weeks game against the Seagraves Eagles.

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## School Lunch Menu

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**Monday** - Breakfast: Chicken Biscuit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Fish, Black-Eyed Peas, Tater Salad, Hush Puppies, Fruit Cup and Milk.

**Tuesday** - Breakfast: Poptart, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cobbler and Milk.

**Wednesday** - Breakfast: Egg & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Burrito, Spanish Rice, Salad, Jell-o and Milk.

**Thursday** - Breakfast: Sausage & Biscuit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: BBQ Chicken, Salad, Canned Potatoes, Bread, Pears and Milk.

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# JH Boys Hang Tough in Wellman

By Coach Baeza

The JH boys traveled to Wellman-Union on Nov. 29 and came away with a hard fought victory of 27-17.

The Coyotes did not waste any time jumping out to an early 7-3 first quarter lead paced by Sean Tucker who hit a three and Frank Banman and Ricky Torres who both added two points. In the second quarter the Coyotes struggled a little offensively but still played excellent defense. The Coyotes managed only one basket by Riley Herridge in the second and only allowed two free throws by the Wildcats and took a 9-5 lead into half-time.

In the third quarter the Coyotes and Wildcats traded baskets with Sean Tucker hitting another three pointer and Riley Herridge and Ricky Torres both adding a basket also. The biggest quarter in the game

came in the fourth for the Coyotes as Sean Tucker hit another three, Ricky Torres added four points, Frank Banman added two points, and Rhaeden Bland hit a last second shot. Solid defense and good offense finally put the Wildcats away with an 11-6 fourth quarter to take the victory 27-17.

The Coyotes did play an extra quarter to give players more playing time and did an excellent job winning the quarter 4-0. Scoring for the Coyotes: Sean Tucker 9, Ricky Torres 8, Riley Herridge 4, Frank Banman 4, and Rhaeden Bland 2. Also playing were Merik Valentim, Flint Roberts, Nathane Ham, Samuel Raborn, Kelby Miller, Jayden Huse, Cayden Vaughn, Thomas Harrison, Hurricane Richter, Robert Jordan, Nathan Souder, Colby Pennell, and Joel Andrades. Good Job Coyotes!

# Lady Coyote JV Grounded by Seagraves Eagles

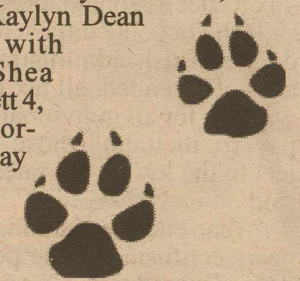
By Coach Benavidez

The Lady Coyote JV traveled to Seagraves on November 29 to take on the Seagraves Eagles. The Lady Eagles came out ready to play and despite a long road trip to Seagraves the Lady Coyotes came out firing as well.

The first quarter ended with a score of 6-7 as the Lady Eagles held a 1 point advantage. The next quarter saw the Lady Coyotes give up a 2-10 advantage and ended the quarter with a score of 8 - 17 in favor of Seagraves. The third quarter was a good one for the Lady Coyotes as they were able to outscore the Lady Eagles 10-7, making the score 18-24, Seagraves. Despite their best effort the Lady Coyotes were not able to close the lead. The scoring went back

and forth until the buzzer. The final score was 31-38.

These girls fought again against a bigger school and were in it until the end. Please come and support these young ladies this Thursday, Friday and Saturday as they participate in the Borden County Invitational Tournament here in Gail. The scoring leaders against Seagraves are as follows; Kalyn Massingill 7, Teryn Soto, Mallory McMeans, and Kaylyn Dean each with 6, Shea Burkett 4, and Jordan Day 2.



# Lady Coyotes Improve to 4-2

By Coach McCook

The Lady Coyotes traveled to Seagraves Tuesday looking for their fourth win of the season. They jumped out to a 16-7 first quarter led, and though the second and third quarter scores were fairly even, the Lady Coyotes pulled away in the fourth to claim a 62-44 victory.

Raegan Belongia led the team with 22 points and 6 rebounds. Taylor Richey had 18 points, 5 rebounds, and 5 assists. Stefanie Cooley had 6 points, 2 rebounds, and 3 assists. Aubree Lester had 6 points, 3 rebounds, and 6 assists. Kylie Voss had 4 points and 3 rebounds. Taylor Gass had 2 points. Mabelle Barr had 2 points, 3 rebounds, and 2 assists. Bailey Anderson had 2 points, 4 rebounds, 3 steals, and 4 assists.

# Junior High Girls Fall to Wellman

By Coach McCook

The Junior High Lady Coyotes traveled Wellman-Union Monday to face the Lady Wildcats. The game was evenly matched for three of the four quarters, but in the second, the Lady Wildcats outscored the Lady Coyotes 10-3 and never again relinquished the lead. The final score was Wellman-Union 28, Borden County 23.

Tye Basquez led the team with 11 points. Clair Shafer and Tatum Richey had 4 points each. Bailey Robinson and Eva Banman had 2 points each. Cheyenne Tucker, Lexi Cheatham, Rebecca Taylor, Kylee Dean, Taylor Roberts, Zoie Key, Channing Miller, Kyrsten Rebeles, and Holly Bradbury all contributed to the team effort as well.

## Miss Coyotes at Wellman



Missy Coyote, Rebecca Taylor (left) plays defense against a Wellman-Union opponent.

## Lady Coyotes Place 3rd in Roby Tourney



The Lady Coyotes competed in the Roby Roundball Classic this past weekend and placed 3rd. Pictured are (back row left to right) Coach Benavidez, Machele Barr, Aubree Lester, Raegan Belongia, Bailey Anderson, Taylor Richey, Coach Colt McCook, (front row left to right) Kalyn Massingill, Taylor Gass, Teryn Soto and Jordan Day.

# Lady Coyotes Take Third in Roby Roundball Classic

By Coach McCook

The Lady Coyotes traveled to Roby Thursday to face Sterling City in the first round of the Roby Roundball Classic. The Lady Coyotes outscored their opponent 19-8 in the second quarter and 12-4 in the third on their way to a 52-42 victory and advanced to the winner's bracket.

Taylor Richey led the team with 33 points, 11 rebounds, and 2 steals. Raegan Belongia added 6 points and 3 rebounds. Bailey Anderson had 4 points, 5 rebounds, and 4 assists. Stefanie Cooley had 2 points, 3 steals, and 4 assists. Aubree Lester had 2 points, 4 steals, and 3 assists. Teryn Soto and Kalyn Massingill had 2 points each. Mabelle Barr had 1 point, 2 rebounds, and 2 assists. Taylor Gass added 2 assists. Shea Burkett, Jordan Day, and Kaylyn Dean also made significant contributions to the team effort.

In the second round of the tournament the Lady Coyotes faced the Albany Lady Lions. The Lady Coyotes led for most of the game but in the end they were outlasted. The Lady Li-

ons defeated the Lady Coyotes 57-46.

Taylor Richey led the team with 21 points, 9 rebounds, 3 steals, and 6 assists. Raegan Belongia had 10 points and 8 rebounds. Stefanie Cooley had 7 points and 3 rebounds. Teryn Soto had 4 points and 2 rebounds. Bailey Anderson had 2 points, 6 rebounds, 2 steals, and 4 assists. Kalyn Massingill had 2 points. Aubree Lester had 2 rebounds, 2 steals, and 5 assists. Mabelle Barr and Taylor Gass also contributed to the team effort.

Finally, in the third place game the Lady Coyotes defeated Water Valley by jumping out to a 38-12 halftime lead. The final score was 58-32, and

the Lady Coyotes came home with the third place trophy. The win improved the Lady Coyotes record to 6-3.

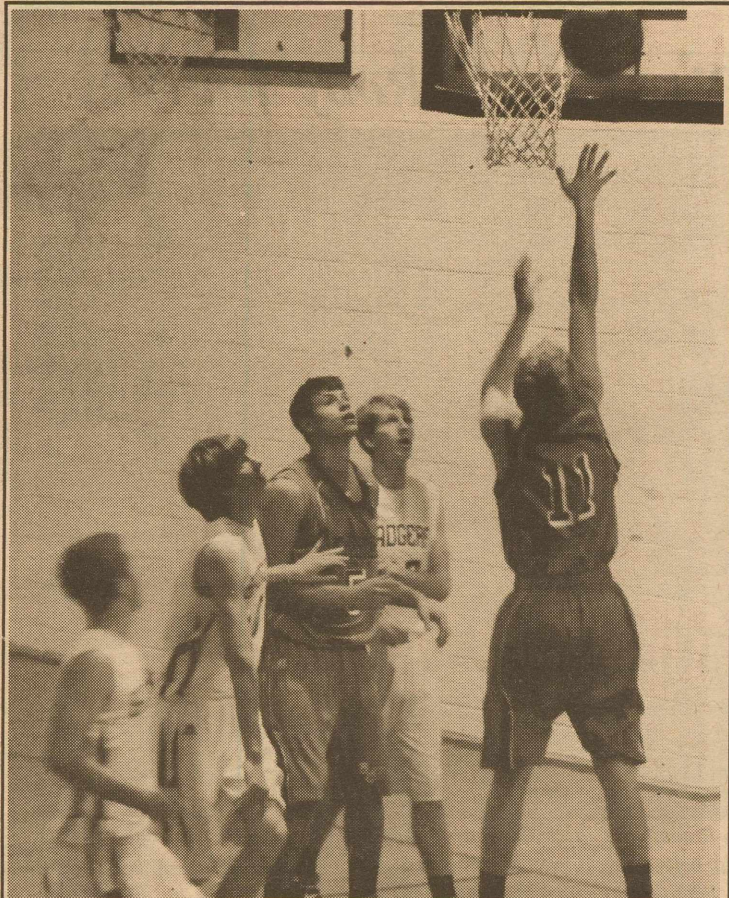
Taylor Richey, who was named to the All-Tournament Team, led the team with 18 points, 5 rebounds, and 2 steals. Stefanie Cooley had 10 points, 5 rebounds, 4 steals, and 2 assists. Aubree Lester had 10 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals, and 6 assists. Mabelle Barr had 4 points and 2 assists. Taylor Gass had 2 points and 2 rebounds. Kalyn Massingill had 2 points and 2 assists. Bailey Anderson had 2 points, 4 rebounds, 3 steals, and 2 assists. Jordan Day and Teryn Soto also made significant to the team effort.

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Coyote, Chance Taylor (#11) reaches up and hits the goal to score for the Coyotes in the match-up against Merkel.

## Coyotes Get Slow Start in Roby Tourney

By Coach Baeza

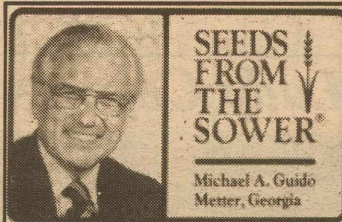
The Coyotes participated in the Roby Tournament on Dec. 2-4 and came away with a record of 1-3.

The Coyotes first faced off with Merkel and much like the Seagraves game got off to a slow start and found themselves trailing 13-38 in the first half. Again the Coyotes continued to play and improve and won the third and fourth quarter to make the final 52-32 in favor of the Badgers. Next the Coyotes faced a last year play-off team from Spur. The Coyotes played excellent defense but were not able to get any offense going. They struggled from the field and also from the free throw line making only 6 of 22 attempts. The Coyotes trailed most of the game and in the end took a lead but were unable to hold on and lost a tough game 33-28.

On Saturday they faced

Ralls and finally the Coyotes were hitting on all cylinders on offense. They hit the floor running and never looked back as they took a 33-15 first half lead. The Coyotes were consistent from the field and free throw line and play tough defense to take a decisive victory of 52-30. This was valuable experience for the Coyotes as this was only the second tournament we have played in three years. Good Job Coyotes!

Scoring for the Coyotes: Merkel: Quinton Shafer 12, Tanner Richey 7, Zach Telchik, Chance Taylor 4, and Collin Telchik 2. Spur: Quinton Shafer 13, Tanner Richey 7, Zach Telchik 4, Austin Tyler 2, and Matt Roberson 2. Ralls: Zach Telchik 21, Tanner Richey 15, Quinton Shafer 10, Riley Smith 2, Collin Telchik 2, Austin Tyler 2.



A man took his girlfriend to a Chinese restaurant for dinner. Looking at the menu, he asked, "How would you like your rice - fried or boiled?"

"Thrown," she answered.

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## 2010 Tax Planning System in Place...

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out documentation.

- Temporarily increasing the amount of start-up expenditures that small businesses can deduct from their taxes in 2010 from \$5,000 to \$10,000 (with a phase-out threshold of \$60,000 in expenditures).

- Allowing a deduction for the cost of small-business health insurance premiums in calculating self-employment taxes.

The increased Section 179 expensing option and the 50 percent depreciation provision can give agricultural producers a great ability to manage income and Social Security taxes for 2010, said Dr. Wayne Hayenga, Texas A&M University professor emeritus and AgriLife Extension agricultural economist.

"Some producers who bought equipment in 2010 may be able to almost eliminate taxable income for the year," Hayenga said. "And cash-basis producers can use expensing to avoid tax on income carried forward from prior years. They can also use it to avoid income and Social Security

taxes on much of their 2010 income."

He added that current discussions in Congress regarding cutting the tax rate for 2011 also likely will have an impact on agricultural producers.

"It probably wouldn't make sense for producers to lower their taxable income, missing out on otherwise allowable personal exemptions and deductions," Hayenga said. "Also, some producers may want to report sufficient income to qualify for an earned-income credit."

Pena said tax breaks that expired at the end of 2009 included deduction for classroom expenses for educators; tuition and fees deduction for college; additional standard deduction for property taxes; additional standard deduction or itemized deduction for sales taxes paid on a new vehicle; itemized deductions for state and local sales taxes in lieu of state income taxes; tax-free exclusion of the first \$2,400 in unemployment benefits; and tax-free exclusion of IRA funds donated directly to charity.

"In addition, required IRA payments from IRA plans resume this year," Pena said. "Congress also did not extend last year's waiver of required IRA distributions for those age 70 1/2 or older."

He added that the \$1,000 child tax credit available through 2010 as part of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 and the 2009 stimulus package will be reduced to \$500 in 2011.

"And cost-of-energy efficiency improvements may be entitled to a tax credit of 30 percent of the purchase price up to a maximum credit of \$1,500," he said. "But that credit will be offset by the alternative minimum tax in 2010 unless Congress changes the rules."

The AgriLife Bookstore has several publications on agricultural taxes and general tax issues (<https://agrilifebookstore.org>) or visit the Internal Revenue Service website (<http://www.irs.gov>).

**Merry Christmas**

*The Annual Christmas Music Program will be held on Thursday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the School Auditorium. Students need to be present at 6:45.*

**Merry Christmas from the Borden Star**

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Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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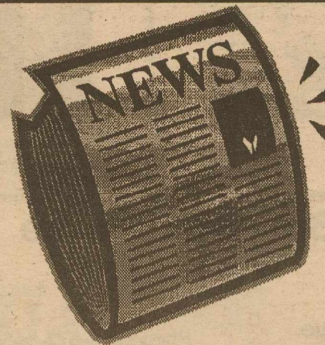
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The Commissioners' Court of Borden County will hold a public hearing on December 14, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Court Room to consider the Mesquite Creek Wind, LLC application to designate certain property located in Borden County as a reinvestment zone eligible for property tax abatement under chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code.

Any interested person is invited to attend and present oral or written comments. The proposed budget may be examined at the office of the County Clerk or the County Judge.

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Age: A) Unknown; B) Yearling; C) Calf  
Size: Average  
Brand, Marks, Identifying Characteristics: None

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I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS, for the owner of said estray but search did not reveal the owner.

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Witness my hand this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2010.

*Billy Gannaway*  
Sheriff of BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS

By Deputy: *Benny Collins*

### STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BORDEN

#### ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court has determined that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county creates a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Borden County that all outdoor burning or outdoor burning of trash, brush or open camp fires is banned in the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of the Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081, and other applicable statutes. This Order does not prohibit outdoor grilling when grill is placed over non-combustible surface and welding activities are permitted when an assistant is attendance for fire watch; nor does it prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for (1) firefighter training (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; or (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or, (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

In accordance with Local Government Code 352.081 (h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of November, 2010 by a vote of 5 eyes and 0 nays.

*Van L. York*  
Van L. York  
County Judge

Attest:

*Joyce Herridge*  
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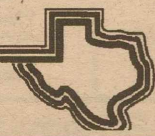

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**Nov. 26** - In Memory of: **Delmo Pearce, Karen Pearce**  
By the Citizens of Borden County

**Nov. 26** - In Honor of: **Martha Pearce**  
By the Citizens of Borden County

**Nov. 27** - In Memory of: **Wayne Key**  
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**Nov. 30** - In Memory of: **The Reinecke Family**  
By Margaret Novak

**Nov. 30** - In Honor of: **Linda Vargas**  
By Vee & Bob Bledsoe

**Nov. 30** - In Memory of: **Michael Hiltbrunner**  
By Vee & Bob Bledsoe

**Dec. 1** - In Memory of: **Buster York, Velma Burt**  
By Juacise B. York

**Dec. 1** - In Memory of: **Heather Wulfjen**  
By Johnny & Nancy Kemp

**Dec. 2** - In Memory of: **Carol Montgomery**  
By John Montgomery

**Dec. 2** - In Memory of: **Casey Shakespeare**  
By Johnny & Nancy Kemp

**Dec. 3** - To Honor: **Those who prepare the Star, put the lights up, then take them down to store**  
By Mildred Sevey

**Dec. 4** - In Memory of: **Doris G. Beaver**  
By Frank Beaver

**Dec. 5** - In Memory of: **Bert & Dorothy Dennis**  
By Joel & Betty Dennis

**Dec. 5** - In Memory of: **Nell & Binie White**  
By Binie L. & Edna White

**Dec. 5** - In Memory of: **Our mothers, Lynda Beaver & Patsy Westbrook**  
By Steve & Becky Beaver

**Dec. 6** - In Memory of: **The J.W.C. Mullins Family**  
By Margaret Cary Billingsley

**Dec. 6** - In Honor of: **Jim Wade**  
By Borden County Waste Disposal, Ltd.

**Dec. 7** - In Honor of: **Kenny & Shirley Bennett**  
By Nancy Pearce

**Dec. 8** - In Memory of: **Herman Ledbetter**  
By Ross & Sarah Sharp

**Dec. 9** - In Memory of: **Helon & A. J. Rains**  
By Vee & Bob Bledsoe

**Dec. 10** - In Memory of:

**Beno & Donna Hendricks**  
By Bo & Jacque Hendricks  
**Dec. 10** - In Memory of:

**John & Peggy Dennis**  
By Paul & Mary Ann Awtry & Jacquie Whalen  
**Dec. 10** - In Memory of:

**David & Debby Dennis**  
By Paul & Mary Ann Awtry & Jacquie Whalen  
**Dec. 11** - In Honor of:

**Mack & Jane Terry**  
By Ray Don Underwood Family  
**Dec. 11** - In Memory of:

**Fannie "Nana" Ballentine**  
By Robby & Kerri Dean & Family  
**Dec. 12** - In Memory of:

**Babe & Patsy Underwood**  
By Ray Don Underwood Family  
**Dec. 13** - In Honor of: **Tip Baker**

By Borden County Waste Disposal, Ltd.  
**Dec. 13** - In Memory of:

**Caden Nowlain**  
By Ray Don Underwood Family  
**Dec. 14** - In Memory of:

**Bonnie Sneed and**  
In Honor of: **Slick Sneed**  
By Richard & Sandra Bloom

**Dec. 15** - In Memory of: **Jim York Family**  
By Van & Barbara York

**Dec. 19** - In Honor of: **Our Kids**  
By Doyle & Shirly Newton

**Dec. 19** - In Memory of: **Guy Zant**  
By Ray Don Underwood Family

**Dec. 20** - In Memory of: **Fagan & Flora Johnson**  
By Carroll & Jane Stone

**Dec. 20** - In Honor of: **Mark May**  
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**Dec. 24** - In Memory of: **Arvil (Babe) Brewer**  
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**Dec. 24** - In Memory of: **S. C. (Buddy) Sharp**  
By Ross & Sarah Sharp

**Dec. 24** - In Memory of: **Beno & Donna Hendricks**  
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**Dec. 24** - In Memory of: **Our Parents**  
By Doyle & Shirly Newton

**Dec. 24** - In Memory of: **All Our Loved Ones & Friends**  
By Ralph Miller Family

**Dec. 24** - In Memory of: **Caden Nowlain**  
By Mack & Jane Terry

**Dec. 24** - In Memory of:

**Caden Nowlain**  
By Jibber & Cindy Herridge  
**Dec. 25** - In Honor of: **Mrs. Claus for 15 years of precious memories**

By the Citizens of Borden County and Lights for Gail Committee Members  
**Dec. 25** - In Memory of:

**Ruby Dunn**  
By Pat Porter & Family  
**Dec. 26** - In Honor of:

**Mildred Sevey**  
By Bo & Jacque Hendricks  
**Dec. 26** - In Memory of:

**O.D. & Jessie B. Jackson**  
By R.D. & Carol Lewis  
**Dec. 27** - In Honor of: **Guy Edwards**

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**Dec. 27** - In Memory of:

**Skeet & Lela Porter**  
By Bob & Cookie Dyess  
**Dec. 30** - In Memory of:

**Ora Helen & R. I. Rains**  
By Vee & Bob Bledsoe  
**Dec. 31** - In Memory of:

**Our Parents**  
By Rich & Barbara Anderson  
**Dec. 31** - In Thanksgiving:

**For Our Family**  
By Rich & Barbara Anderson  
**Dec. 31** - In Honor of:

**Brian & Sharon Jones & Robyn**  
By Bo & Jacque Hendricks  
**Jan. 1** - In Memory of:

**John Harding**  
By Joe, Rhonda, Sarah & Clay Harding  
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**Cody Nowlain**  
**Emily Nowlain**  
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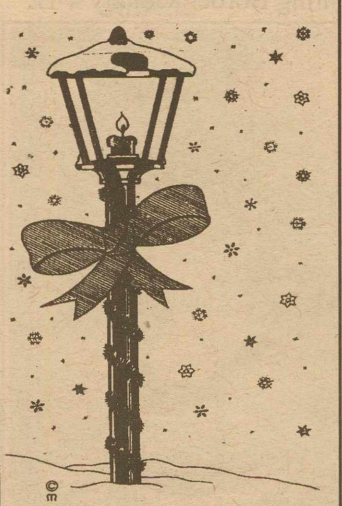
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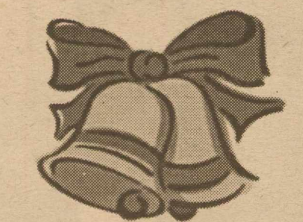
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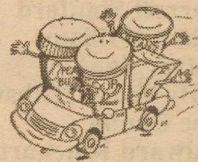


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**WHEN:** Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> through  
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**WHY:** Please help us collect canned goods to be  
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**WHERE:** Students - bring your canned goods to your  
home room class. The grade in each division that  
collects the most goods will win a "sweet treat  
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Community Members may bring their canned  
goods to the Extension Office or to the  
cafeteria during any home basketball game.

A special thank you goes to Borden County I.S.D.  
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For more information, contact a 4-H member  
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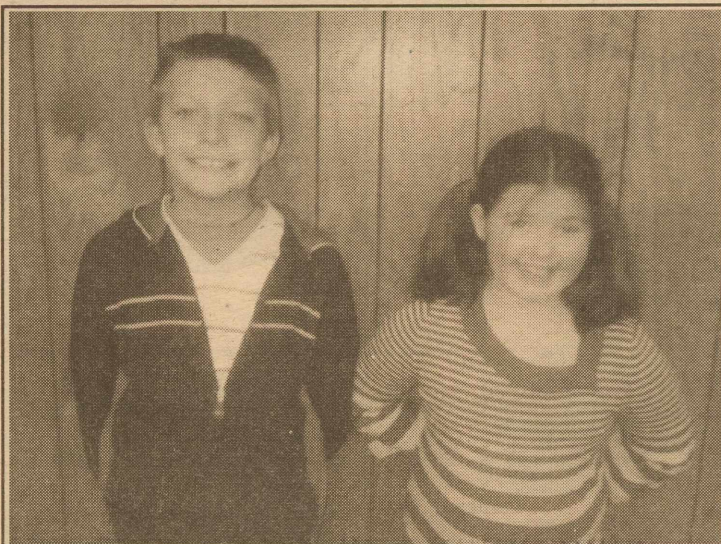


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## District 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest

Two Borden County 4-H'ers competed in the District 2 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest in Tahoka on Saturday, December 4. The Consumer Decision Making Contest is a competitive event which enables 4-H'ers to practice making decisions based on information about a situation and some possible marketplace options available. It provides these youth with an opportunity to practice marketplace skills and compare decisions with a panel of judges who are knowledgeable about today's marketplace and the goods and services available.

The Junior Individuals competing were Tanner Harrison and Kelby Kleck. They competed against 28 youth from across the District. We congratulate these youth for exhibiting their outstanding knowledge and consumer skills at this competition, and are proud of them for representing Borden County 4-H.



Tanner Harrison (left) and Kelby Kleck recently competed in the District 2 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest held in Tahoka on December 4.



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# Borden County EMS to Offer EMT-Basic Class

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Borden County EMS responds to approximately one hundred calls per year. In the rare situation when we receive an emergency call and there are not enough EMS personnel in the county to handle the emergency, a neighboring county such as Scurry County will be called to respond into Borden County and handle the call. While these neighboring services provide excellent medical care, their response times may be longer and the patient will be charged for services.

The best way for us to limit the potential for this to happen is to train more people. Borden County EMS will off an EMT-

Basic class starting on January 11, 2011. This class will be taught in Gail, Texas on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:00 p.m. till 10:00 p.m. The class will run through the middle of May. This class will be taught through Borden County EMS and Western Texas College while adhering to the rules set by the Texas Department of State Health Services. The DSHS does require that each student have a high school diploma or GED, pass a criminal background check and a health physical. As part of your training you will be required to work 24 hours in an emergency room, 8 hours in labor and delivery and 48 hours working on an ambulance. These clinical may be worked in Snyder or Lubbock.

In order for Borden County EMS to continue providing quality medical care for the citizens of Borden County and the traveling public, we need your help. Please contact Carrie Hart at 806-252-4469 or any BCEMS member if you are interested or have any questions.

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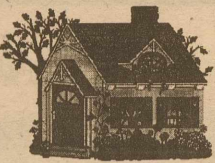
**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

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**Heart and Home ...**

by Julie Smith  
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## Take Control of Your Closet

Have you ever stood in front of your closet and wondered, "What am I going to wear?" If so, you're not alone. All too often, closets can become cluttered with clothing that hasn't been worn in years—or hasn't been found in years! If your closets are overflowing, here is the information you need to get your closet organized. The Winter season is a great time to organize the closet since the weather doesn't often allow us to spend time outside and we receive new items as gifts.

### Take Stock of the Surplus

First, remove everything from your closet. Then make three piles: clothing you want to keep, donate, and toss. A few rules to keep in mind:

\*Anything your haven't worn in more than a year shouldn't make it to the "keep" pile.

\*If you don't feel good in a certain piece of clothing, it's not worth keeping.

Remove your "donate" and "toss" piles from the equation and set your "keep" pile aside.

### Wardrobe 101

Now that you've removed your excess items and organized your closet, go back to your "keep" pile. Are the items extravagant or basic? Could you easily mix and match most of the items? Do they all fit properly? If not, it's time to get rid of some more clothing and update your wardrobe. Here are some examples of comfortable and easy-to-care-for wardrobe basics.

\***Black pants.** Not just any pair—a nice pair of washable black pants. Washable doesn't have to mean unprofessional. Suit separates can be found in washable fabrics and still maintain their professional appearance.

\***White button-down shirt.** One item, so many options. A crisp, white, button-down shirt can be worn layered with vests and sweaters, accented with a colorful scarf, or simply by itself. It is always a classic look.

\***Blue jeans.** What wardrobe would be complete without a good pair of comfy jeans? The key word being comfy.

\***Solid-color shirts.** What better way to ensure you're prepared for anything? Whether it's a polo or a button-down top, solid-color shirts offer the most possibilities for mixing and matching clothing items.

### Closet Organization

When it's time to return your clothing to the closet, group garments in a system that works best for you. This could be by color, by type, or by type and color. Also, folding and stacking sweaters helps you to see them at a glance. Here are some other tips to help keep all your clothes in order:

\***The right hanger for the job.** There is a right and a wrong hanger for every clothing item. For example: skirt hangers are designed specifically for skirts; pant hangers specifically for pants; and so on. At the end of the day, the right hanger will keep your clothing wrinkle-free and ready to wear.

\***Don't forget the door.** Many people don't realize what a great space saver the door can be. Try mounting hooks to hang purses and jackets, or affix shoe bags or racks to keep your shoes in one place.

## Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
Tumbleweed Smith

### Frog Stovall is a Scuba Diving Man

"God created so much beauty underwater, then gave us enough brains to figure out how to get there if we follow the rules." -Richard Stovall

One of the best scuba-diving places in the world is the Balmorhea State Park between Pecos and Fort Davis, built in the late 30's by the Civilian Conservation Corps. The big swimming pool in the park is 25 feet deep and contains artesian water from San Solomon Springs. It retains a year-round temperature of about 75 degrees. Richard Stovall of Midland, nicknamed Frog, has taught scuba diving at Balmorhea for years. "Our motto is we sell fun," he says. "And we teach people how to have fun under water. As far as I know I'm the first person to ever dive in Balmorhea swimming pool. That was in 1954. If the rocks on the bottom could talk, they'd call me by name."

Richard got interested in diving by watching the TV Show *Sea Hunt* with Lloyd Bridges. "It just fascinated me. Underwater was some place I wanted to go. I saw an ad in *Mechanics Illustrated* for some high-flying breathing equipment and I bought it for sixty-five dollars, a week's pay back then, and I converted it to use under water. He has taught people how to scuba dive for fifty years. At Balmorhea he feeds fish. "They used to be afraid of us. Now I can hold a Vienna sau-

sage in my hand and scratch a turtle on the head while they're eating that sausage. I can do that with catfish, too." Frog has a pool at his place in Midland and holds classes to meet his students' schedules. "I'm 24-7. If I have people who want to take scuba and the only time they have is midnight to three o'clock in the morning, I'll do it."

He takes people on diving trips and has been to Honduras 39 times. "Probably the furthest I've been for diving is to Palau, which is in the Micronesian Islands about 16 hundred miles east of Australia. That's supposed to be the best and most famous diving area in the world. I've also taken people to Truk Lagoon, where we bombed the Japanese fleet in world war two, one of the deciding factors in the war. That's where I wanted to go ever since I started diving, to go down and see those

ships on the bottom over there." Frog teaches under water photography. "If I don't have a camera in my hand when I'm doing something under water besides teaching, I feel like I've left my billfold at home or something." Most of his dives are between forty and eighty feet deep. One hundred and thirty is the deepest he takes divers. He says the deeper you go, the less time you have. Frog enjoys under water adventures like learning how to feed a moray eel that's six-feet long and a foot and a half in circumference or seeing a fish as big as he is accompanying him on a dive. He says it's fun never knowing just what's going to come by. He knows about dangerous sharks. "However in Belize, we put our arms around them and feed them fish. They're waiting for you. They want you to do that." These days he's teaching people whose kids have left home and they're looking for a little excitement. They take scuba lessons, and then go on island trips.



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Sunday, December 12  
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In the new Fellowship Hall

All donors will receive points that can be redeemed for prizes like t-shirts and movie tickets at [www.bloodhero.com](http://www.bloodhero.com).

# Dare to Live...

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traction that simply masks the worry. Worry that is pushed below the surface will fester, grow and increase in intensity.

Worry can be broken down into one of three categories; worry about the past, the present or the future. Worry about the past is completely pointless. The past is over, it can't be changed. Period. End of discussion.

Steps can be taken to alleviate worry about the present or future. First, ask yourself what is the worst that can happen? Second, prepare to accept the worst if you have to. This is not to be cruel, but to enable you to proceed to the third step. If you don't take this second step, you can become paralyzed with fear and worry. You are then unable to identify options or take action that could actually make a difference.

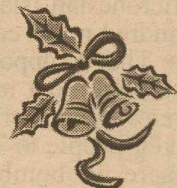
Third, calmly take positive action to improve on the worst

case scenario. Action is the only antidote for worry. Taking action means taking control of your life rather than feeling and acting like a victim.

Even in the case where you have no direct control over what you are worrying about, you do have the ability to formulate alternative plans of action in response to various scenarios playing out.

You are either a master over worry or worry will control and, at the very least, drain you.

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## New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance

### Honoring Judge Van York and Celebrating his retirement

When: Friday, December 31, 2010 beginning at 7:30PM

Where: Borden County Event Center

Dinner will be served at 7:30 with a dance following meal.

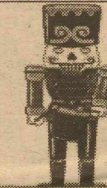
Catering: Jibber, Fuzz and Cindy Herridge  
Band: Union Specific (Tyler Wallace's Band)

No Gifts Please!  
All are welcome



# DECEMBER 2010

December 20, 2010 – December 31, 2010 Christmas Holidays



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Picture retakes, JH basketball, HS girls & boys basketball	2 Roby Tourney GB	3 Roby Tourney GB	4 Roby Tourney GB
					State Leadership Contest – Sam Houston State- Huntsville	
5	6 JH BB @ Dawson 6:00	7 BB vs. Tahoka Here 4:00 gGbB	8 Tentative Debate Dual Meet/Workshop at Friona High School 12 p.m.-9 p.m.	9 Borden Co. Tourney GB	10 Borden Co. Tourney GB	11 Borden Co. Tourney GB ACT Test
12	13 JH BB vs. Sands Here 6:00 HS One-Act Play Tryouts 3:45 – 5:00	14 BB @ Loop 4:00 gGbB	15 JH & Elementary UIL Awards Ceremony 2:30	16 Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m.	17 BB vs. Wellman-Union Here 4:00 gGbB End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Six Weeks & 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	18 Work Day
19	20 BB @ Klondike 4:00 gGbB	21	22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas!
CHRISTMAS						
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
HOLIDAYS						