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Cotton Producers Face Dry Soil Conditions as Planting Season Approaches

By Shawn Wade

It is no surprise to anyone that the 2011 planting season is headed for a dry start next month and the April 15 release of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1's annual Depth-to-Water Survey has clearly reiterated that reality.

Knowing growers might encounter drier soil moisture conditions wasn't as much of a concern a month or two ago, since it isn't unusual for the area to transition from winter to spring with less than optimal subsoil moisture conditions. Unfortunately, though, time doesn't stand still and the window for spring rains to improve soil conditions across the area is getting smaller and smaller.

With estimates for cotton acreage on the High Plains to be at or slightly above 4 million acres, the current situation has the potential to significantly impact as much as one-half of the region's cotton in 2011.

A quick look at the latest soil temperature data from the Texas Tech West Texas Mesonet site shows that recent warm weather and the lack of rainfall have combined to push the 10-day average soil tem-

perature, measured at the 8-inch depth, above 60 degrees earlier than usual. While dryland acres still must wait for rain, the soil temperature situation could allow growers with irrigation to get a head start on their 2011 cotton planting.

In fact, as of today it appears that only four sites currently have 10-day averages below 60 degrees - the minimum soil temperature cotton growers look for to begin planting. In alphabetical order the four West Texas Mesonet sites still hovering just below the 60 degree soil temperature threshold are: Floydada at 58 degrees, Friona at 59 degrees, Hart at 58 degrees, and Pampa at 57 degrees.

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Weather Info

While the area waits for planting rains, and for soil temperatures to stabilize further, the information growers need to keep track of current weather conditions and forecasts is easily accessible from one convenient location - the Plains Cotton Growers website.

Clicking on the "PCG Weather Pages" link at the top of the PCG Home page (www.plainscotton.org) takes you instantly to PCG's

Weather Page, a one-stop shop for weather data.

There you will find 3- and 7-day forecast data, current conditions and a bevy of links on the left-hand side of the page through which growers can access data from the National Weather Service (NWS) in Amarillo and Lubbock and from the Texas Tech West Texas Mesonet system.

Interest in PCG's weather pages is expected to be high due to the fact that the area still hasn't seen its usual uptick in the typical spring weather pattern is a growing concern since it likely will take more than one or two good rainfall events to put the area in a satisfactory moisture situation.

The severity of that situation was illustrated clearly in the "abbreviated" pre-plant soil moisture survey HPWD personnel conducted between January 28 and February 22, 2011.

For the survey, data were collected at 87 permanently installed soil moisture monitoring sites which provide an even distribution of data throughout the district's 16-county service area. It should

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Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Perception is Reality

How do you experience your world? Is the glass half full or half empty? Do you observe the worst in a situation or the best? Do you justify identifying only negatives by claiming you are being realistic?

Two people can experience the exact same event and yet have radically different perceptions. Why do some people always escape unscathed regardless of what befalls them while others seem to be problem magnets?

Perception defines reality. Perception is controlled by attitude. You control your attitude. Therefore you control your reality. Since you have the ability to control your reality, wouldn't you want to make your reality as ideal as possible?

Yet many people allow their attitude to taint their reality. For every problem do you see a solution or do you find problems in every situation? Perception is your interpretation of the information gathered by your five senses.

Your perception has a cascading effect. Often, it's a self-fulfilling prophecy. What you anticipate frequently happens. This phenomenon may not be explainable scientifically, but it exists and occurs consis-

tently.

People advertise negative perception through their comments. "I'm an accident waiting to happen." "I can never make anything work." "No one ever understands me." "I always get into arguments." "People get the wrong impression of me."

It's just as easy to identify those with a positive perception. "Don't worry, we'll get through this." "There's always a solution." "It's a blessing in disguise." "There's no reason to get upset, this is just a learning experience."

Why do different people have radically diverse perceptions? Perceptual development is influenced by many factors. Examples set by parents have a substantial impact. Also the influences of friends, school and role models make a major impression. A person's own experiences also shape their perception.

A negative perception impedes your progress while a positive one benefits you. Regardless of the circumstances you may encounter, a positive perception enables you to uncover the most beneficial ways to respond.

Your perception also influ-

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Coyotes Follow Huge Win Against Tahoka With Back to Back Tough Losses to End the Season

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes got just enough hitting and some great pitching and a few fantastic plays against Tahoka to keep their play-offs dreams alive. Zach Telchik saved a fantastic day of pitching by Austin Fields when he teamed up with his brother (Collin) on a beautiful play at the plate to preserve a 3 to 3 tie heading into the bottom of the 7th. He then completed his Chester Cheetos player of the game status as he hit an infield single with 2 outs in the bottom of the 7th to drive in his brother for the 4 to 3 victory and keep the faint play-off hopes alive for the Coyotes.

Unfortunately all of those dreams of another trip to the post-season faded away in their next contest as they spotted the Crosbyton Chiefs a 5 run lead after one inning, giving them 4 unearned runs in that inning and then followed that with 5 more runs in the 2nd inning to dig themselves a 10 to 1 hole. The Coyotes actually followed that with 4 more unearned runs in the 3rd to make the score 14 to 1 heading into the bottom of the inning. The Coyotes score one run in the inning and then after falling into what appeared to be an insurmountable hole of 17 to 2, Borden County had to score 6 runs at least to stay in the game. The Coyotes did just that as they loaded the bases and scored 6 runs only to end the threat with the bases loaded. The Chiefs ended any rally hopes as they scored 2 more unearned runs to close the game out with a 19 to 8 final.

The Losing pitcher for this game was Miles Valentine as he gave up 5 runs, with only 1 being earned. Collin Telchik followed but he gave up 5 more runs, with 4 of those being earned. Austin Tyler pitched the last few innings, giving up 8 runs, but only 2 of them were earned. At the plate, Quint Shafer was 2 of 4

with a run and 2 Rbi's and 2 doubles. Collin Telchik was 2 of 3 with a run and an RBI. Austin Tyler was 1 of 3 with an RBI. TJ Basquez was 1 of 3 with an RBI. Austin Fields was 1 of 4 with an RBI. Tanner Richey was 3 of 4 with a triple and a double and 2 runs and 2 RBI's.

In the Coyotes final game of the season, defense and timely hitting again failed them in their quest to finish 4th place in this tough district as they gave up 6 unearned runs in the first inning and never recovered. Borden County got their lone run of the game in the bottom of the 1st, but O'Donnell set out to get their revenge over the 13 to 1 beating the Coyotes gave them earlier in the year and that is what they did as they shut the boys down and blitzed the Coyotes in the final game of the season, 14 to 1.

The loss leaves the Coyotes 4-8 in conference play and 14-10 overall. Miles Valentine had a nice day getting a double and a triple in two plate appearances and Austin Fields, who took the loss was 3 of 3 at the plate. TJ Basquez had the other Borden County hit with a double off the center field wall.

The Coyotes played the Crosbyton 2nd team with their 2nd bunch in a five inning game. This is where they got their 14th win of the season as they came from behind to get the victory as Collin Telchik took over for starter Jared Smith on the mound to come away with the win. Collin pitched two innings of shutout baseball for his 4th victory of the year. Jared gave up 8 runs, only 3 earned while striking out 4.

At the plate in this game, Jared also had a big day as he was 2 of 2 with 3 runs and 5 RBI's. TJ Basquez had a big day as well getting a nice inside the park homerun in his 2 hits with 4 RBI's. Zach

Telchik was 1 of 3 with a double and the game winning RBI. Steven Howard was 1 of 1 with a triple. Luke Burkett was 1 of 3 with a double. Michael Taylor scored a run, Brady Bybee was 1 of 1. And Helio Rosales was 2 of 3 with a run. Also contributing was Tristen Benavidez.

Congratulations guys on the season, this marked the 6th consecutive season that the Borden County had a winning season. The Coyotes have

played baseball for 6 years now and have had a winning record every year. The future looks bright as most of the innings logged on the mound were underclassman and the team only graduates 2 seniors. The two young men, Miles Valentine and Zach Telchik were both all-state players a year ago and have had unbelievable careers in the Coyote uniform and will be sorely missed.



Borden County 2nd baseman, Zach Telchik tags an O'Donnell player before he reaches base in last weeks game against the Eagles.

Boles and Burkett End Tennis Season At Regional Meet

By Coach McCook

Shea Burkett and Shaylie Boles both won their first round matches at the regional tennis tournament in Abilene. Shea eased through her match 6-0, 6-1 as did Shaylie 6-2, 6-1. In the second round, however, both girls lost tough matches. Shea won her first set 6-3 but dropped the next

two sets 1-6, 2-6. Shaylie lost in straight sets 2-6, 3-6. Though their tennis season may have come to an end earlier than desired, both girls accomplished much this year and have much to look forward to next season. Congratulations, girls! We are very proud of you!

School Lunch Menu

May 2 - 6, 2011

Menu subject to change

Monday - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday - Breakfast:

Poptart, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Fajita Meat over Rice, Salad, Corn, Crackers, Surprise Cookie and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast:

Pancake, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Spaghetti, Green Peas, Carrots, Toast, Ice Cream and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage and Gravy, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Mini Burrito, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomato, Applesauce and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Breakfast Sausage Roll, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tomato & Pickles, Curly Fries, Pears and Milk.

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Gail FFA Cotton and Wool Teams Compete at State Contest Wool Team Captures Top Ten Honors

By Buddy Wallace

It was a busy weekend for the Gail FFA Wool and Cotton teams on April 16th as they participated in the State Level Judging competition at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

The Cotton Team consisting of Jordan Day, Jared Smith, Teryn Soto, and Meaghan Herridge were among 75 teams from across the state competing for top honors. The bunch from Gail ranked 27st at the competition. This state ranking also secured them an 12th place finish at Area, and a 3rd place ranking in the Lone Wolf District. This was very respectable as this team pioneered the first Cotton Judging team in Gail in the past 28 years. The students

are already looking to better their placing and become a team to be reckoned with in the upcoming year. The Cotton Team was trained this year by Amy Saucedo, a Texas Tech Ag. Education Major working with Mr. Wallace in the Borden County/ Gail FFA Department.

The Wool Team consisting of Michael Froman, Dalton Thuett, Sydnie Day, and Matt Roberson also competed at the state level. The team had an outstanding day as they placed 9th from a field of 51 teams in Texas. This placing also secured them a State Plaque, a 4th place finish in Area II and a 1st place ranking in the Lone Wolf District.

FFA Wool Team



The Gail FFA Wool team recently competed and received a plaque at the State Judging Contest held at Texas Tech University. The team placed 9th out of 51 teams. Members of the team are (left to right) Matthew Roberson, Dalton Thuett, Michael Froman and Sydnie Rebeles. Also pictured with the wool team is State FFA Vice President, Katelyn Perry and Gail FFA instructor, Buddy Wallace (far right).

FFA Cotton Team



The Gail Cotton judging team made up of (left to right) Maeghan Herridge, Jared Smith, Jordan Day and Teryn Soto competed at the state judging contest at Texas Tech University. Out of 75 teams the team ranked 27th. This is the first Cotton Judging team in 28 years in Gail. Also pictured is student teacher, Amy Saucedo (far left).

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Borden County 4-H News


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Rural Fire Prevention Checklist

Self-reliance is the rule for fire safety for many people. If you live in an area where the local fire department is more than a few minutes away because of travel time or distance, or if you are outside the limits of the nearest town, be sure you know how to be self-reliant in a fire emergency.

The U. S. Fire Administration (USFA) encourages you to use this fire safety checklist to help you protect yourself, your home and its surroundings from fire. Remember, fire safety is your personal responsibility...*Fire Stops With You!*

Maintain Home Heating Systems

- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned annually by a certified specialist.
- Insulate chimneys and place spark arresters on top.
- Extend the chimney at least three feet above the roof.
- Remove branches hanging above and around the chimney.

Have A Fire Safety and Evacuation Plan

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home.
- Test them monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.
- Practice fire escape and evacuation plans.
- Mark the entrance to your property with signs that are clearly visible.
- Know which local emergency services are available and have those numbers posted.
- Provide emergency vehicle access through roads and driveways at least 12 feet wide with adequate turnaround space.

Make Your Home Fire-Resistant

- Use fire-resistant and protective roofing and materials like stone, brick and metal to protect your home. Avoid using wood materials that offer the least fire protection.
- Keep roofs and eaves clear of debris.
- Cover all exterior vents, attics and eaves with metal mesh screens no larger than 6 millimeters.

- Install multi-pane windows, tempered safety glass or fireproof shutters to protect large windows from radiant heat.
- Use fire-resistant draperies for added window protection.
- Keep tools for fire protection nearby: 100 foot garden hose, shovel, rake, ladder and buckets.
- Make sure water sources, such as hydrants and ponds, are accessible to the fire department.

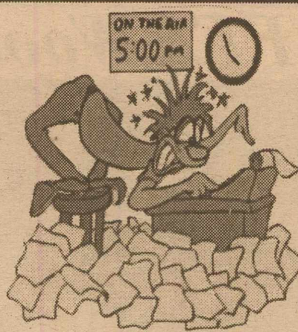
Let Your Landscape Defend Your Property

- Trim grass on a regular basis up to 100 feet surrounding your home.
- Create defensible space by thinning trees and brush within 30 feet around your home.
- Beyond 30 feet, remove dead wood, debris and low tree branches.
- Landscape your property with fire resistant plants and vegetation to prevent fire from spreading quickly.
- Stack firewood at least 30 feet away from your home and other structures.
- Store flammable materials, liquids and solvents in metal containers outside the home, at least 30 feet away from structures and wooden fences.

Follow Local Burning Laws

- Do not burn trash or other debris without proper knowledge of local burning laws, techniques and the safest times of day and year to burn.
- Before burning debris in a wooded area, make sure you notify local authorities and obtain a burning permit.
- Use an approved incinerator with a safety lid or covering with holes no larger than 3/4 inches.
- Create at least a 10 foot clearing around the incinerator before burning debris.

For more information visit: The U. S. Fire Administration web site: <http://www.usfa.fema.gov>



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Thoughts for the Day

Loving relationships are a family's best protection against the challenges of the world.
Bernie Wiebe

You are younger today than you ever will be again. Make use of it for the sake of tomorrow.
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Obituary

Marion Kay Doyle

1943 - 2011

Marion Kay Doyle of Piney, Wyoming; one brother: O'Donnell departed this life on April 23, 2011 at the age of 68 years. She was born in Iraan, Texas on March 21, 1943 to Carl "Mutt" and Helen Elizabeth (Baldwin) Black. Kay married Lonnie Allen Doyle on February 27, 1967 in Seminole, Texas. She was a graduate of Seminole High School. Kay owned and worked at Kay's Beauty Barn; she was an independent Real Estate Sales Agent and was a co-owner of Alternative Home Care.

Those left to cherish her memory are one daughter: Kimberly Doyle of Big Spring, Texas; two sons: Carley Mac Doyle of Lubbock, Texas and Maxie Allen Doyle of Big

Piney, Wyoming; one brother: Richey William Black of Marfa, Texas; one sister Carla Beth Blacksher of Lubbock, Texas; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mrs. Doyle was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents William Kibby and Ida Marion Baldwin who raised her and one nephew Damon Black.

Visitation was held at 6:00-7:00 p.m., Monday, April 25, 2011 at Combest Family Funeral Homes in O'Donnell, Texas. Celebration of Life Services was held at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at Church of Christ on North 14th in Lamesa, Texas. Interment was held at Gail Cemetery, Gail, Texas.


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May 2011 4-H Calendar

May
 7 District 4-H Roundup in Levelland
 23 4-H Monthly Meeting
 (Cool Clovers: 11:30-12:00; JH/HS: 12:35-1:05 in Conference Room at School)
 31-June 2 North Region 4-H Leader Lab in Levelland

Making the Grade!

5th Six-Weeks Beta Achievement

Senior: Bailey Anderson, Joseph McConnell, Hayley McDaniel, Taylor Richey, Tony Soto, Krista Tarleton, Zach Telchik and Miles Valentine; **Junior:** Shaylie Boles, Austin Fields, Aubree Lester, and Chance Taylor; **Sophomore:** Shea Burkett, Jordan Day, Matthew Roberson and Stealie Sanders; **Freshman:** Sydnie Day, Matthew Proulx and Kurt Shafer; **Eighth Grade:** Tye Basquez and McKenna Campbell; **Seventh Grade:** Tatum Richey, Nathan Souder, and Merik Valentine; **Sixth Grade:** Savannah Herridge, Kace Lott and Maria Neufeld.

5th Six-Weeks Honor Roll

Senior: Michael Froman, John Hensley, Kimberly Proulx, and David Rodriguez; **Junior:** Raegan Belongia, Luke Burket, Quinton Shafer and Austin Tyler; **Sophomore:** Brady ByBee, Hanna Forbes, Tanner Richey and Riley Smith; **Freshman:** Maeghan

Herridge and Kalyn Massingill; **Eighth Grade:** Sean Tucker and Cayden Vaughn; **Seventh Grade:** Channing Miller, Samuel Raborn, and Cheyenne Tucker; **Sixth Grade:** Hayley Gray;

Fifth Grade: Thadd Basquez, Preslea Hall, Madison Matlock, Harley Merrill, Thomas Nix, Trace Richey, Ashlyn Tucker and Brittan Webb; **Fourth Grade:** Masdison Cole, Katie Gray, Tanner Harrison, Rayme Jones, Kelby Kleck, Riley Lewis, J.W. Nix, Brooke Swaffar and Emily Todd;

Third Grade: Kodie Dowds, Fallon Forbes, Dymon Gomez, Kaitlyn Hamm, Anthony Lopez, Zeke Lott, Makenzie Milhauser, Kenzie Parks, O'Livia Reyes, Jason Robinson and Tatum Treadwell; **Second Grade:** Mason Cole, Haddie Flannigan, Kaci Hudson, Klancey Kleck, Ashlyn Lott, Camree Miller, Erin Nix, Jaci Slover, Kennedy Tucker, Brinlie Webb and Justin Willborn.

Producers Face Dry Soil Conditions...

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be noted that no sites were included for Swisher County as it was annexed into the district in November 2010.

At each location, moisture meter readings are taken at six-inch intervals throughout the five-foot soil profile and the data were processed to calculate the current moisture level in the soil (available moisture) and how much moisture can still be added (deficit moisture) to the soil for plant growth.

The overall average 2011 per-plant soil moisture deficit reading was 3.2 inches in the upper three feet and 4.87 inches in the upper five feet of the soil. This means that, on average, 3.2 inches of water was needed by rainfall or irrigation to fill the upper three feet of the soil profile or 4.87 inches was needed to fill the upper five feet at the time of the survey.

According to the HPWD, these values are slightly higher than last year due to the lack of rainfall or other precipitation in winter/spring 2011. The overall average pre-plant soil moisture deficit for 2010 was 2.98 inches in the upper three feet of the soil and 4.78 inches in the upper five feet.

The HPWD report also noted that some areas, which received above-average rain-

fall last year, still have some residual moisture and are not quite as dry as other areas of the district.

Soil moisture availability and deficit maps for the 2011 pre-plant season were published in the April issue of *The Cross Section*, the water district's monthly newsletter. The maps are also available for on-line viewing as PDF files at: <http://www.hpwd.com/programs/MoistureSurvey.asp>

The annual pre-plant soil moisture survey indicates general trends in soil moisture within the district. Because of this, producers are encouraged to check soil moisture conditions in their own fields prior to planting.

An illustrated step-by-step

procedure to determine soil moisture can be found in the Water District's Water Management Note, Estimating Soil Moisture By Feel and Appearance. Printed copies are available free of charge to district residents by calling 806-762-0181. A PDF file of the document is also available for on-line viewing/downloading at <http://www.hpwd.com/downloads>

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 was created in September 1951 by local residents and the Texas Legislature to conserve, preserve, protect, and prevent waste of underground water within its 16-county service area.

Burn Ban

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

Easter Egg Hunt



Borden County 2nd graders race to find candy filled Easter eggs in last Thursday's egg hunt sponsored by the Booster Club. Pre-K and grades kindergarten through 4th enjoyed the egg hunt.

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Commissioners Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 12th day of April, 2011, 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:

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

Other officers Present: Sharlot A. Stone, County Treasurer and Ben Smith, Co. Attorney.

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp opened the

April 12, 2011 Special Session of Borden Co. Commissioners Court at 8:40 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meetings of March 28, 2011 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 Adcock made a motion to approve, accept and file submitted reports in the County Clerk's Office. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

YARD MAINTENANCE

A discussion was held concerning the Courthouse Yard Maintenance.

LEGAL NOTICE-WATER TRUCK

Commissioner Belew made a motion to advertise for bids on a water truck to be used in

Precinct 2 and 4. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

LEGAL NOTICE FOR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

Commissioner Belew made a motion to advertise for bids for petroleum products to be used in all Precincts and at the courthouse. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DEPOSITORY BANK LEGAL NOTICE BIDS

Commissioner Smith made a motion to give a Legal Notice that Borden County will accept bids for the County Depository Bank for a two year contract effective June 1, 2011. Motion seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

COUNTY OFFICER BONDS

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve bonds for County Judge Ross D. Sharp, Commissioner Precinct 2 Randy Adcock, Commissioner Precinct 4 Joe Belew, County and District Clerk Joyce Herridge, County Treasurer Sharlot A. Stone, Justice of the Peace Jane Jones. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The Official Bonds and Oaths are recorded in the Bond Record Vol. 6 Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PARKHILL, SMITH & COOPER INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the inter-local Agreement with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper concerning Borden County seal coat projects. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

POKA LAMBRO TELEPHONE CO-OP INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT

Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve the Inter-Local Agreement with Poka Lambro Telephone Co-Op concerning the use of Borden County Event Center. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPRAISAL DISTRICT INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT

Commissioner Smith made a motion to enter into the Inter-Local Agreement with the Borden County Appraisal District for lease of Building and

opportunity to enroll in the County Insurance program. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BORDEN COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY

After reviewing changes and additions to the Borden County Personnel Policy, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the changes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

EVENT CENTER

A discussion was held concerning facility use policy on the Event Center and Rodeo Arena. No action taken.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

No applications were presented.

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

Applications for Soil Conservation Construction of Fireguards were received from Chad S. Beaver-Beaver Farm and Ranch, Precinct No. 4 and Verna Adcock I Precinct No.

2. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the applications. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Policy for Event Center and Rodeo Arena.

ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 26th day of



Legal Notices

COUNTY OF BORDEN STATE OF TEXAS

LEGAL NOTICE

The Commissioners' Court of Borden County will receive bids on the following until 9:00 a.m., May 10, 2011.

- 1.. Fuel for 2011
 - a. unleaded
 - b. diesel

2. Propane for Courthouse, and Precinct #2 Barns

For specifications and information on the above, contact the office of the County Judge, Borden County Courthouse, 806/756-4391.

Bids should be submitted to the Office of the County Judge, P.O. Box 156, Borden County Courthouse, Gail, Texas 79738.

The right is reserved by the Borden County Commissioners' Court to accept or reject any and all bids.

For the Borden County Commissioners' Court

Ross Sharp
County Judge
Borden County
Submit bids to:
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is given herewith that proposals will be considered from Banks and Banking Corporations desiring to serve as depository for public funds and county public school funds of Borden County, Texas. Such proposals will be considered Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 9:30 a.m., and the Commissioners' Court of Borden County may, at its discretion, reject any and all bids or proposals submitted. Applications submitted should be in accordance with Article 116.021, Local Government Code, Vernon's Civil Statutes, and it is desired that same stipulate percent interest to be paid on time deposits and rate of interest Borden County would pay on borrowed funds for ordinary operating expenses and borrowed funds for equipment purchases. Depository Bank would be expected to furnish printed checks and deposit slips for all accounts.

Ross Sharp
County Judge
Borden County

2011 SCURRY COUNTY HEALTH FAIR
SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH
1:00PM - 4:00PM
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Information on services and products available from local and area vendors

- Eye Care
- Family Health
- Nutrition
- Alternative Medicine
- Diabetes Education
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- Non-medical In Home Care
- Skin Care
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- Senior Living
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Blood Pressure checks and Glucose screenings available.

Sponsored by Cogdell Memorial Hospital and Sourry County Health Unit. This event is held in conjunction with the Senior Citizen Center's May Day fundraiser.

For more information contact Belinda Kerr at 574-7182 or Dana Eaton at 573-3508.

6 Week Childbirth Preparation Class
Tuesdays, 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Cogdell Memorial Hospital Boardroom

Registered Nurses trained and skilled in Obstetrics teach expectant parents about:

- ❖ Birthing methods
- ❖ Pregnancy complications
- ❖ What happens after you give birth
- ❖ Breastfeeding and caring for your baby
- ❖ Safety for baby: Infant CPR, Choking and Shaken Baby Syndrome
- ❖ and much more

Childbirth classes will build your confidence in your body's ability to give birth.

You can discuss your fears about labor and birth with the instructors and other couples with the same concerns.

Your partner will learn about childbirth and how to support you on the big day. You may find that attending childbirth classes together will create a special bond.

Next session begins May 10th. Class schedules can be seen at www.cogdellhospital.com

Please register in advance by calling the OB department at 325 574-7150

As a service to our community there is no charge for these classes.

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

Farm History on Wheels

Marion and Sherry Newton have a farm north of Big Spring. When they're not tending to their crops, they're fooling around with old farm equipment. They are big time collectors of it and have two barns full of old tractors and antique implements.

"The oldest tractor we have is a 1925 regular Farmall," says Marion.

"The next one we have is a McCormick-Deering from 1927. Then we have some John Deere 1935's, a John Deere 1936, two or three of them, a 1934 HartPar and several old, old tractors."

He has some tractors with names I've never heard of before: Co-Op and General. He says some of them are easy to find, others are more difficult. His Co-Op came from Wisconsin.

"It was a total pieced of junk when we got it," says Marion. "But now as you can see, it looks pretty nice. I worked on it three or four years to get it like I wanted it." I told him his hobby must be some kind of investment. He just laughed and said, "Yes it is. It's quite an investment."

Some of his old tractors have steel wheels and start with either a hand crank or fly-wheel. He keeps them in running condition. Some of them look brand new. When I asked him what he did with the old things, he replied, "We just play with them." He started one of the tractors and it played a unique tune with its popping sound and irregular rhythm.

He shows off the old machines in parades and antique tractor shows, hauling them all over the state. He says his hobby started with four tractors. "I wanted to get some of the tractors I grew up with. Then I wanted a 560 Diesel 'cause that's the first tractor I bought brand new in 1962."

I had my six-year-old grandson Caleb with me when I visited the Newtons. Marion took a tractor outside and let Caleb drive it. It made a great photo. Marion's wife Sherry thinks the tractors are great. "I love them. So do our kids and grandkids. Marion really loves

them. We've had a good time collecting them, restoring them and looking for them. It's like with any hobby, you know. There's always one out there you're looking for. So that's Marion. He's still looking."

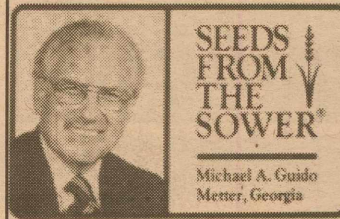
Marion says when he started collecting the old tractors, they were fairly easy to find on farms all over the country. When a farmer bought a new one, he parked the old one just in case he needed it for parts. Then the hobby got so big and collectors bought the older ones.

Now you see them advertised in magazines and other publications devoted to the hobby. "You used to see them in fields as you drove along the highway, but no more. They've nearly all been picked up."

In addition to their full-size tractors, they have a room full of miniature tractors. They, too, are in nearly pristine condition. All the levers and gears work and the steering wheels turn the wheels correctly, just like on a real tractor. Some of them aren't so miniature. They're nearly big enough to ride.

The Newtons are big time collectors of old farm tools. One entire wall is full of them. Marion says it's probably the biggest collection of old tractor tools in the state. "They're getting pretty hard to come by. If I find one I don't have, I get it."

One of their barns is full of antique farm items: wash pots, cotton scales, horse-drawn buggies and wagons, one of the very first cotton strippers, a cultivator, butter churns, butter molds, sewing machines, irons, washing machines, walking plows that were pulled by mules, old advertising signs and vending machines, even a barber chair Marion uses to relax. All his items relate to the period when tractors replaced equipment pulled by mules or horses. "The tractors are a whole lot better than a mule or horse," says Marion.



Michael A. Guido
Metter, Georgia

About a hundred years ago there was a candlestick maker who often stopped at a market and bought fish for his evening meal.

It was wrapped in ordinary paper which became soggy, and the passengers on the street car always complained about the odor.

One morning he dipped the paper in molten wax. That day he wrapped his fish in the treated paper. It didn't become soggy, and there was no odor.

That's how wax paper was born. Got a problem? Don't curse it. Look for a cure.

The Living Bible says, God "is always ready to give a bountiful supply of wisdom to all who ask Him."

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Dare to Live...

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ences the type of situations and people you attract. Like attracts like. A positive perception attracts beneficial situations and people. Though a positive perception you will discover solutions to life's challenges.

Consider this example. You have an important presentation. Not wanting to be late you leave 45 minutes early. On your way you lose a half-hour in a traffic jam. As traffic starts to move you get a flat tire.

The negative perception approach:

You become stressed and frantic. Rushing to change the tire you rip your shirt and get grease on your clothes. You wind up being 10 minutes late. You charge into the meeting half crazed and disheveled. Your presentation is awful because you can't focus on it.

The positive perception approach:

You know that everything will be OK. You've overcome

more challenging problems than a flat tire. You stay relaxed and change the tire without getting dirty. Although you arrive at the meeting 10 minutes late, you stride in with renewed confidence. Your presentation is fantastic and no one cared that you were delayed.

To develop a positive perception, look at every situation as containing a gift or hidden treasure. The only way to uncover the treasure is to believe it's there and you are capable of finding it. Don't stop looking until it's discovered. The treasure exists and you will find it. Once a situation exists you may as well turn it to your advantage. To do otherwise doesn't benefit anyone and is a complete waste.

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Borden County Ag. Science Horticulture Greenhouse Plants Available

By Buddy Wallace

The Ag. Science Horticulture Class now has plants available for spring planting. These plants were grown from seed by the class. Anyone wishing to purchase starter plants can contact Buddy Wallace at 806/756-4313 (School) or 806/756-4478 (Home). Email bwallace@bcisd.net all plants are suitable size for ground planting. The Gail FFA Horticulture class appreciates your business!

**All plants \$1.00 each

PLANTS AVAILABLE:

LARGE VARIETY TOMATOES: (Selling now)

1. Early Girl
2. Better Boy
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SMALL TOMATOES: (Selling now)

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PEPPERS ***(All peppers ready the week after Easter)

1. Bell Peppers (Early Sensation)

2. Sweet Banana

3. Early Jalapeño

4. Fooled You Jalapeño

5. Habanera

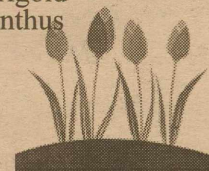
FLOWER BEDDING PLANTS: (all flowers .50)

1. Snapdragon

2. Zinnia

3. Marigold

4. Dianthus



Memorial Scholarships

Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship.

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 20th, 2011.

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 20th, 2011.

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.

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 20th, 2011.

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.

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 20th, 2011.

Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

J. Pat Porter 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 out-

standing 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.

Donations Sought for Ranchers Affected by Texas Wildfires

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) is encouraging Texans who wish to make financial donations to ranchers affected by the recent Texas wildfires to do so through the Texas Department of Agriculture's Star of Texas Agriculture Relief (STAR) fund.

The STAR fund will use financial donations to help purchase hay and fencing supplies for ranchers in the affected areas. Donations are tax deductible and can be made at www.texasagriculture.gov or by calling 512-475-1615.

"Many ranchers across parts of West Texas have been

completely devastated by the raging wildfires. Thousands of grazing acres have burned, cattle have been lost, and hundreds of miles of fences have disappeared," said Joe Parker, Jr., a rancher in Clay County and president of TSCRA.

"Thankfully, most of these fires are under control; however, the dry and windy conditions continue to pose serious threats, which has us all feeling a little uneasy.

"The flood of support from Texas ranchers, the industry and state and local officials has been remarkable. We here in the cattle industry know what it means to work together to help each other out, which is why the continued effort to

support those affected by the fires is so important. TSCRA would like to thank Commissioner Staples for his ongoing support and efforts for these ranchers."

Read more: mySouTex.com - [Donations sought for ranchers affected by Texas wildfires](http://Donations_sought_for_ranchers_affected_by_Texas_wildfires)
Source: mySouTex.com.

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