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USDA Farm Service Agency Offers Assistance to Producers Affected by Texas Wildfires

(COLLEGE STATION, TX), September 9, 2011 – The USDA Texas Farm Service Agency offers several disaster assistance programs that can help producers recover from devastating natural disasters such as wildfires.

“Mother Nature has not been kind to Texas farmers and ranchers in 2011,” said James Douglass, Acting State Executive Director for Texas FSA. “Although not a remedy to the extensive hardships and heart-break experienced by many producers this year, it’s my hope that FSA’s disaster programs and loans can alleviate some of the financial strain producers have suffered from the devastating impact of the recent natural disasters.”

FSA offers disaster assistance and low-interest loan programs to assist agricultural producers statewide in their recovery efforts following wildfires or similar qualifying natural disasters. Visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/> for more details. The assistance programs available include:

- **Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)** which provides emergency funding for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate land severely damaged by natural disasters; includes fence loss.

- **Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)** which provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory, or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters (includes native grass for grazing).

- **Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)** which offers payments to eligible producers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather. Eligible losses may include those determined by FSA to have been caused by hurricanes, floods, blizzards, wildfires, tropical storms, tornados, lightning, extreme heat, and extreme cold. Producers will be required to provide verifiable documentation of death losses resulting from an eligible adverse weather event.

- **Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)** that includes payments to eligible producers who suffered grazing losses for eligible livestock because of drought or fire.

- **Tree Assistance Program (TAP)** for eligible orchardists and nursery tree growers for qualifying tree losses due to natural disaster.

- **Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP)** Under the ELAP, FSA may spend up to \$50 million per year to provide emergency relief for losses due to feed or water shortages, disease, adverse weather, or other conditions, such as blizzards and wildfires, which are not adequately addressed by other disaster programs

- **Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payment Program (SURE)** which offers payments to eligible producers who have incurred crop production losses or crop quality losses, or both.

- **Emergency Loan Program** – The recent primary or contiguous **Secretarial Disaster designation** for all counties in Texas which triggered the availability of FSA’s



Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

The Components of Happiness

What constitutes happiness is a very individual matter. However, there are several identifiable components that contribute to an overall feeling of happiness. In essence, happiness can be thought of as satisfaction with one’s life. Your degree of stress, frustration, and anger will fall as your happiness increases.

Read through the following and consider the role they play in your happiness. Think of ways to maximize the positive effect of each factor.

Self

Your degree of satisfaction with yourself is the foundation of your happiness. It’s not uncommon for a person to be lacking in this area and not even realize it. When this component is deficient, you won’t be able to improve your feeling by compensating in other areas.

When you are happy with yourself, other aspects will respond much more readily to your efforts. When you are right, your world feels good. When you are off, your life can feel as if you are attempting to build a structure on quicksand.

Family

Next to yourself, your family has the strongest influence. They are the people you may be closest to. Some of your strongest emotions, good or

bad, can be tied to family. Feelings about family tend to be intense. There are far too many instances of bitter feuds lasting for years. But when relationships are good, they are a source of immense joy. To be able to count on family is certainly invaluable.

Friends

Next to a supportive family, true friends are a genuine source of happiness. A true friend is one who likes you for who you are and is available in good times and bad. Realization that a friend isn’t the person you thought, is one of life’s greatest disappointments. If this happens, don’t feel deficient, the problem is not you.

Career

More time is spent on your job than any other single activity. So it’s no surprise that any dissatisfaction in this area spills over into your personal life. Conversely, a rewarding job enhances your overall happiness. If you spend an inordinate amount of time and effort career building, you risk undermining the other components.

Physical

Your physical condition influences your mood. It’s difficult to be happy if your body doesn’t feel right. Taking

Burn Ban

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

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Coyotes Make Short Work of Wildcats for Second Win

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes used very little time taking control of their road game in Wellman Friday night as they used a quick 3 and out on defense, spear headed by several nice plays by junior Helio Rosales and the rest of the defensive front of Quint Shafer and TJ Basquez to force the early punt by the Wildcats.

The Coyotes used 2 offensive plays to take a lead they would never relinquish as Austin Fields followed several nice blocks by Rosales, Shafer, Tanner Richey, Tristen Benavidez and also by one of his two bone crushing blocks on the evening fullback, TJ Basquez, to skirt untouched into the endzone from 22 yards out. The Rosales kick made the score 8 to 0 with only a couple minutes gone in the initial quarter.

Another quick 3 and out gave Borden County the ball again and this time Richey used one play to put the Coyotes in the endzone again as he scrambled 47 yards to pay dirt. With the 2nd of 7 extra points on the evening the Coyotes had a comfortable 16 to 0 lead. The Wildcats caught the Coyotes thinking pass on two 3rd and long plays to net two first downs, but the Borden County defense stiffened and regained possession of the ball and on the second play of the 2nd quarter hit pay dirt again on a 17 yard Fields run and Rosales kick to increase their lead to 24 to 0. The defense got into the act on the next possession as nice pressure by Rosales rushed the Wildcat quarterbacks pass and Richey and the Coyotes made him pay as Tanner had his 3rd interception of the year and his 3rd return of the year for a score to increase the Coyote lead to 32 - 0 following the Rosales kick.

Using several back-ups on the next defensive possession the Coyotes did not slow down and another quick 3 and out forced another Wildcat punt. Collin Telchik literally just got on the field and back deep just in time to catch the punt and he danced and wiggled his way to the endzone

from 60 yards out and a commanding 38 to 0 lead for the team. The Coyotes using even more back-ups on their next defensive possession again forced a 3 and out by the Wildcats and this time the 2nd team offense got into the act as they put together a nice 5 play drive, highlighted by a nice 3rd and long run by Telchik to set up a well executed 4th and 4 opportunity which the line of Benavidez, Kurt Shafer, Matt Proulx and fullback Matt Ham opened up a nice hole for Luke Burkett to rumble thru for the big first down. On the next play, quarterback Jared Smith used a nice play action pass play to roll to his left and hit a wide open Kurt Shafer for another Coyote touchdown on a beautifully thrown pass and very nice catch to put them up 46 to 0 following another Rosales kick.

The Wildcats finally got on the board with a minute remaining in the half to cut the Borden County deficit to 46 to 8. The Coyotes who have been working on the two minute offense for several years but have not had many opportunities to try it out, did just that and following back to back nice runs by Fields and Richey, Richey found Rosales just short of the endzone which allowed him to side step a defender and skip into the endzone for his first ever varsity touchdown and following his kick made the score 54 to 8 with 30 seconds left in the contest.

The Wildcats returned the ensuing kick to cut the lead back to 54 to 16 with 11 seconds to go in the half. The Coyotes however used a screen pass from Smith to Richey and two great blocks by Rosales and Fields to regain their 46 point lead as Richey scampered 60 yards after the catch to the endzone and the final Rosales kick made the score 62 to 16. The only thing left to do was to stop the Wildcats on the kick-off and the coverage of Proulx, Ham, Cayden Vaughn, Sean Tucker, Luke Burkett and Helio Rosales did just that and the Coyotes had

their 2nd win on the season.

Offensive leaders for the Coyotes was Jared Smith going 2 of 3 passing for 78 yards and two touchdowns, Tanner Richey was 3 of 4 passing for 69 yards and a touchdown and had 2 carries for 55 yards and a score and a reception for 60 yards and a score. Quint Shafer had two catches for 43 yards. Helio Rosales had a catch for 22 yards and a score and was 7 of 8 on extra points. Austin Fields had 7 carries for 91 yards and 2 scores. Kurt Shafer had a 18 yard touchdown catch. Luke Burkett had 2 carries for 13 yards. Collin Telchik had the punt return for a score and a carry for 12 yards.

On the defensive side Quint Shafer had 9 tackles and one for a loss. Matt Ham had 2 tackles. Kurt Shafer had a tackle. TJ Basquez had 7 tackles, one for loss and a pressure and had two Roach blocks on offense. Collin had a pass break-up. Sean Tucker had a tackle. Austin Tyler had 3 tackles and one for loss. Tanner Richey had 7 tackles a big hit, a pass break up and an interception for a score. Cayden Vaughn had a tackle. Luke Burkett had 2 tackles. Austin Fields had 4 tackles and 2 passes broken up. Matt Proulx had 3 tackles and a pressure. Jared Smith had 2 tackles. Tristen Benavidez had 3 tackles. And Helio Rosales had 10 tackles, a sack, 2 tackles for loss and two caused fumbles. Matt Roberson missed his 2nd game because of the broken hand.

The Coyotes will next play state ranked Meadow Friday at approximately 8 to 8:30 here. This game will follow a contest between Rankin and Spur.

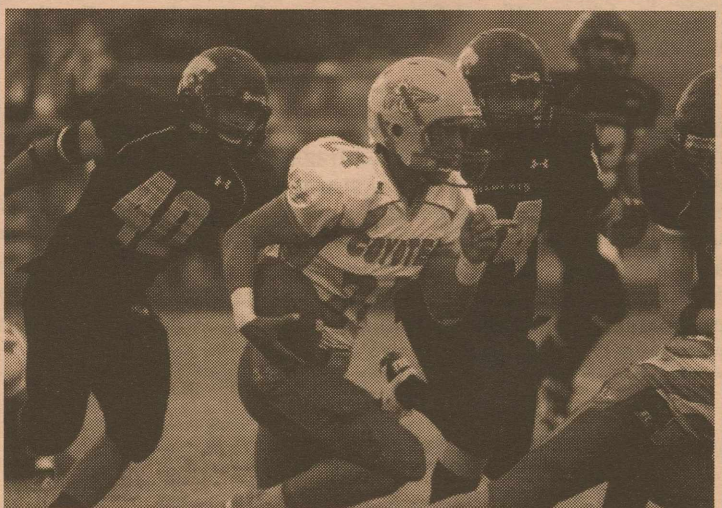
Super job Coyotes, keep up the hard work and the improvements that you are making.



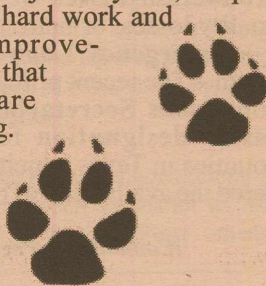
Just seconds after entering the game, Borden County Coyote Collin Telchik (#10) runs a punt return into the endzone to score a touchdown for the Coyotes.



Borden County end, Helio Rosales causes a Wildcat fumble after sacking Wellman-Union quarterback, Kolby Chase (#21).



Running back, Austin Fields (#24) rips through the Wellman-Union defense to score another touchdown for the Coyotes. Borden County defeated the Wildcats 62-16.



Pups Get Off to Great Start With Victory Over the Wildcats

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Pups started their 2011 football season here Thursday by playing host to the Wellman-Union Wildcats. The visiting Wildcats took the opening kick and scored to make the score 7 to 0 for the visitors. The Pups, behind their offensive starters, Nathan Souder, Merrik Valentine, Joel Andrade, Thomas Harrison, Colby Pennell, Hunter Jones and rotating in some was Kace Lott and Robert Jordan wasted very little time getting a touchdown of their own as Pennell scampered in from 18 yards out to cut the lead to 7 to 6. The Pup defense of rotating corners, Jordan, Rayden Bland, Colby Pennell, Linemen – Andrade, Valentine, Souder, and linebackers Jones and Harrison finally got things figured out and put a stop to the Wildcat offense. In fact, the wildcats did not threaten again until they scored on the 2nd team defense late in the game.

Meanwhile, the Pup offense continued their successful ways for 3 quarters as Hunter Jones got his first junior high touchdown from 12 yards out to give Borden County a lead they would not relinquish. The Pup 2nd team offense converted the extra point as Bland rumbled in from the 3 yard distance to give the home team a 13 to 7 lead. The rest of this group consisted of Jordan, Jayton Lewis, Lott, Samuel Raborn, Dylan Murphy, Kale Yarbrow, and Braxton Coor.

The Pup defense again stopped the Wildcats to regain possession of the ball and a couple of plays into the next offensive series, Thomas Harrison did it with his feet instead of his usual passing arm as he scampered 42 yards to the endzone to extend the lead to 19 to 7. Jayton Lewis followed some nice blocks as the 2nd team offense again suc-

cessfully made the point after attempt to increase the lead to 20 to 7.

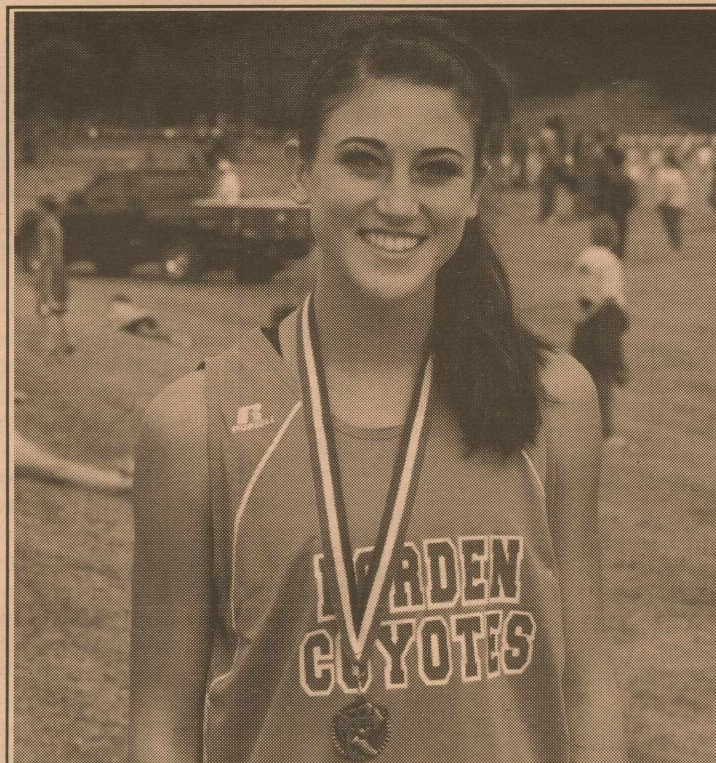
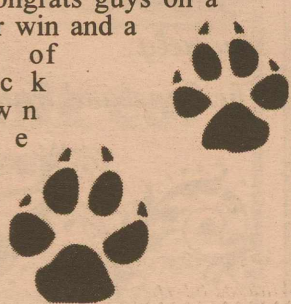
On the Borden County next offensive possession after another defensive stop, just when it appeared Jones was going to get his 2nd score, he fumbled the ball, but Colby Pennell was Johnny on the spot to scoop it up and carry the pigskin the final few yards to the endzone and a commanding 26 to 7 lead.

In the 2nd half, the Pup first team scored the final points for Borden County as another Pennell run behind some great blocking by Jones, Bland, Harrison, Souder, Valentine and Andrade allowed the Pups to garner the insurmountable lead of 33 to 7 after Bland had his 2nd point after run with the 2nd team offense.

During the course of the final period, the 2nd team offense and defense played and did an outstanding job, only allowing one score and narrowly missing a touchdown of their own as a nice goal line stand by the visitors prevented the Pups from adding to their point total. As a result, they finished with a season opening 33 to 13 victory.

At halftime, this 2nd team offense played a little 6 play scrimmage and this group of young Pups easily one this contest 2 to 0 allowing no positive yards while scoring on a nice Lewis run and a 70 yard screen play from Jordan to Bland.

Congrats guys on a super win and a best of luck down the road.



Lady Coyote, Hanna Forbes placed 19th this past weekend in the West Texas Micrographics Cross Country Meet at Mae Simmons park in Lubbock. She finished with a time of 13:07.88.

Borden County Runners Fair Well at Meet

By Coach Skelton

The Cross Country Teams took 16 kids to compete in 3 different divisions last Saturday. This meet is one of the largest in the Area, and is arguably on one of the toughest courses in our area. This meet has competitors from 5A-1A running all in the same division.

The day began with the JV Girls which consisted of Kayln Massingill, Clair Shafer, Mollie McMeans, and Shea Burkett. This was the first meet of the year for Kayln, Mollie, and Shea. This division had 166 runners in it, and when the dust settled Kayln finished 17th with a time of 14:37.09, Clair finished 23rd 14:46.5, Mollie 61st 15:43.96, and Shea 86th 16:26.28.

The Varsity Girls ran next consisting of Hanna Forbes, Taylor Gass, and Tye Basquez. This division had 196 runners competing in it. Eight out of the top ten finishers in this division were from a Lubbock School, and the other two were from Littlefield and Friendship. The reason to point this out is to simply show how well we competed in a heavily dominated 5A/4A race. Hanna finished 19th with a time of 13:07.88, Tay-

lor 29th 13:22.91 and Tye 61st 14:01.88. It was an amazing effort by these young ladies.

The JH Girls followed the varsity, and they had roughly 210 girls in this division. The JH girls competing were Kylee Dean, Tatum Richey, Krysten Rebeles, Haley Gray, and Lexi Monette. They only timed the top 150 runners is this event. Kylee lead the way for the JH finishing in 40th place with a time of 15:09.72, Tatum 128th 16:55.03, and Krysten 142nd 17:12.06. I would like to congratulate Hayley Gray and Lexi Monette as well for a job well done.

The JH Boys had two warriors this week, Nathan Souder and Robert Jordan. This division had roughly 225 boys in it. Robert proved not only can he sing, but he can run too. He finished 85th with a time of 16:02.04. Nathan finished 101st with at time of 17:00.45.

The JV Boys finished up our day with Luke Burkett, Austin Fields, Tanner Richey, and Dalton Thuett running against 150 runners in their division. Luke led the charge for the boys finishing an impressive 19th for his first CC meet of the year, and his time was 19.23.75. Austin 23rd 19.32.24,

School Lunch Menu

September 19-23, 2011

Menu subject to change

M o n d a y - Breakfast: Pancake Pup, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Popcorn Chicken, Broccoli Rice and Cheese, Garden Salad, Blushing Pears, Cornbread and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll & Sausage, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Sloppy Joes, Pickle Spears, Corn Cobbette, Fresh Apple, Multigrain Chips and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Egg Patty & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Steak fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Frozen Cherry Bar and Milk.

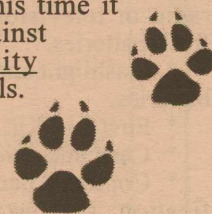
Thursday - Breakfast: Pizza Bagel, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Quesadillas, Pinto Beans, Seasoned Corn, Apricot Cobbler and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Biscuit & Sausage, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pizza, Garden Salad, Orange Smiles, Gingerbread and Milk.

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Tanner 101st 22:34.68, and Dalton 135th 24:44.93.


I was very amped by the end of the day. The kids competed superbly well, and we brought home 5 medals for finishing in the top 25. We next compete September 24, 2011 at Mae Simmons this time it will be against 1A Varsity Only Schools.



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Heart and Home ...

by Julie Smith
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Building an Emergency Kit

Building an Emergency Kit
We generally do not think about preparing an in-home emergency kit or disaster supply kit. However, with recent fires in Texas, we may have begun to realize that it is very important to keep a basic collection of items that members of your household would probably need in the event of a disaster. We also want to have a grab and go box at the ready for such disasters. The emergency kit and grab and go box can contain essentially the same items - you should be able to differentiate between the two. It is important to keep these items in a portable container that is near, or as close as possible, to an exit door. Every household should keep an emergency kit/grab and go box and keep it up to date. The number of people in a household and their ages and abilities will determine how many containers will be required to carry the kit items.

The emergency supply kit should be accessible to you whether at home or should you need to evacuate. Make sure that it can be accessed quickly and easily. Store the kit items in a sturdy, clearly labeled, easy-to-carry container(s). Duffle bags, backpacks, storage totes and covered trash receptacles make good containers. Your supply kit should hold items that can accommodate each family member for three days. In case of prolonged power outages and major disasters, you should plan to have enough food and water supplies for 2 weeks.

To properly supply your emergency kit, assemble the following items for use at home or in case you must evacuate. Remember to pack them in easy-to-carry containers and label the containers clearly.

- * Portable, battery-powered radio or television and extra, fresh batteries.
- * Flashlight and extra, fresh batteries.
- * First Aid Kit.
- * Cash and coins.
- * Copies of personal identification, such as driver's li-

censes, passports and work identification badges and copies of medical prescriptions and credit cards.

- * An extra set of car keys and house keys.

- * Matches in a waterproof container.

- * Map of area marked with places you could go and their telephone numbers.

- * Items for infants, such as formula, diapers, bottles, pacifiers, powdered milk and medications not requiring refrigeration.

- * Special items, such as denture needs, contact lenses and supplies, extra eyeglasses, and hearing aid batteries.

- * Food - a three day supply in the kit and at least an additional four-day supply readily accessible for use if you are confined to home. You may want to consider stocking a two week supply of food and water in your home.

- * Medications - Prescription and non-prescription that are regularly used. Check with you physician or pharmacist on storage requirements.

- * Water - three gallons per person in the kit and an additional four gallons per person readily accessible for use if you are confined to home.

- * Kitchen accessories: manual can opener, mess kits or disposable cups, plates and utensils, utility knife, sugar and salt, aluminum foil and plastic wrap, resealable plastic bags.

- * Household liquid bleach.

- * For each person, one complete change of clothing and footwear (including sturdy work shoes or boots, raingear, and other items adjusted for the season, such as hat and gloves, thermal underwear, sunglasses, dust mask).

- * Blankets or sleeping bag for each person.

- * Small tent, compass and small shovel.

- * Paper, pencil, needles, thread, small A-B-C types fire extinguisher, medicine dropper, whistle and emergency preparedness manual.

- * Sanitation and hygiene

items (toilet paper, towelettes, soap, hand sanitizer, liquid detergent, feminine supplies, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, comb and brush, lip balm, sunscreen, plastic garbage bags (heavy duty) and ties (for personal sanitation uses), medium plastic bucket with tight lid and disinfectant.

- * Entertainments such as games and books. Favorite comfort dolls and stuffed animals for small children.

- * Roll of duct tape and scissors.

- * Plastic sheeting pre-cut to fit shelter-in-place room openings.

- * Supplies for pets if sheltering in place.

Remember, it never hurts to be prepared! Go ahead and make an emergency supply kit/grab and go box. Some of these items may not be necessary for your family, but keep them in mind and make sure you have the basics or can grab them quickly in case of an emergency.

For more information about disaster preparedness, contact Texas AgriLife Extension Service-Borden County at (806)756-4336 or visit our web site at <http://borden-tx.tamu.edu>. You may also visit the Texas Extension Disaster Education Network web site at <http://texashelp.tamu.edu>.

Information taken from the Talking About Disaster: Guide for Standard Messages Manual published by the National Disaster Education Coalition.

USDA ...

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low interest (3.75%) Emergency Loans. These loans help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding, wildfire and other natural disasters or quarantine.

- * **Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP)** which provides payments to eligible owners of nonindustrial private forest (NIPF) land in order to carry out emergency measures to restore land damaged by a natural disaster.



Legislative authority for SURE, LIP, LFP, TAP and ELAP ends on September 30, 2011.

For more information on disaster assistance programs or to apply for program benefits, contact your local USDA Service Center.



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Borden County 4-H News

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4-H Enrollment Time

Don't forget that it is time to enroll in 4-H for the 2011-12 4-H Year!! Go to <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/> and click on "join 4-H/event registration". Members who are re-enrolling will need to update their profiles. New members will need to create a family profile and add members. If you need assistance with passwords, contact the Extension Office - we can help!!

Please note that there is a new participation fee of \$20 per 4-H'er through the end of October (after November 1 it will be \$25). For more information about the participation fee visit: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/fee/>. We invite parents to enroll as volunteers (BC 4-H pays the screening fee) - we would love to have all parents be a screened volunteer!

Please feel free to contact the Extension Office if you need any assistance. Looking forward to a great year for Borden County 4-H!!

PLEASE ALSO NOTE: 4-H'ers MUST be enrolled to participate in ANY 4-H contest, camp, activity or stock show/fair!!!!

4-H Booster Club Meeting

We will hold a 4-H Booster Club (all parents, volunteers and anyone wishing to support 4-H is invited to attend) meeting Monday, September 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the Extension Office meeting room. We will be making plans for Fall Fund Raising, Achievement Picnic and other activities. We hope you will be there!

4-H Meeting

Our first 4-H meeting of the year will take place on Tuesday, September 20th during the lunch hour at school (youth are asked to bring their tray to the Conference Room).



We would like to extend our warmest thanks to the Borden County EMS for their quick response and diligent efforts in providing Dan with the care he needed last week. You are truly appreciated. We would also like to everyone for their kind words, thoughts and prayers. We feel truly blessed to be a part of a community with such caring friends and neighbors.

Sincerely,

The Copeland Family



Reading, 'Riting, 'Rithmetic and Roping! The 4 R's, Right?

Well, maybe only in Borden County. BCISD was well represented at the first THSRA Region II Rodeo of the year. Saturday and Sunday performances were September 10 and 11 in Ft. Stockton, Texas.

Beginning Freshman, Sean Tucker, competed in tie-down calf roping on Saturday. Sean placed 9th for that performance. He went on to place 4th in the team roping with his partner, Tate Teague of McCamey.

Junior, Hanna Forbes, competed in cross-country on Saturday morning at Lubbock, then drove to Ft. Stockton to run barrels. Her Saturday performance was completed in the slack on Sunday. She ran 4th with a time of 17.369. That time was just a warm-up for her second run of the day.

Hanna's Sunday performance was a first place run of 16.961 as she beat 19 other barrel racers.

Junior, Riley Smith, placed first in tie-down on Saturday with a 9.713. Senior, Chance Taylor, was second with a time of 10.244.

Sunday's tied down calf-roping began with Sean Tucker being the first one to rope. Sean's time of 12.191 was his best time ever. Senior, Chance Taylor was the second roper and clocked in at 14.013. Riley Smith was the third roper and tied his calf in 9.766. However, these times were not the leaders for the day. Our BCISD competitors placed 6th, 7th, and 3rd, respectively. Borden County students dominated the Team Roping with Riley and Chance's time of 5.966 for a first place finish. Sean and his partner were 12.573 for third place.

The contestants competing in the Texas High School Rodeo Association are divided into 10 regions of Texas.

Students from Borden

County compete in Region II. UIL does not sponsor Texas High School Rodeo. However, students are required to submit report cards and must be passing to compete. The High School Principal signs each rodeo entry form for the contestants to participate.

Borden County contestants were at the top of their events for these first two rodeos of the season. The students are looking forward to an exciting year as they compete against contestants from Ft. Stockton, Eldorado, Sonora, Balmorhea, Midland, Stanton, Ozona, Ft. Hancock, and Mason to name a few. Points are tallied after each performance for the Regional Finals next Spring in Sweetwater, and the State Finals in June at Abilene.

Gail FFA Begins Cookie Dough Sale

By Buddy Wallace



The Gail FFA Chapter has officially started its' first fundraiser of the year with a pastry/candle sale. The sale began on August 31st and will conclude September 21st. the following items and flavors will be available:

Cookie Dough-(3 lbs. 4 dozen 1 ounce portions): Chocolate Chunk, Oatmeal Raisin, Snicker Doodle, Chocolate Chunk Pecan, Peanut Butter, White Chocolate Macadamia, Chunky M&M Delights, Sugar Cookie, One Dozen Cinnamon Rolls, Apple Dumpling with cinnamon

sauce-2.75 lbs., Pumpkin Roll-22 ozs., Red Velvet Roll-22 ozs. and Peach Cobbler-2 lbs.

All items are priced at \$14.00. Delivery will be in mid October. Anyone wishing to purchase these items may contact a Gail FFA member or Buddy Wallace at 806/543-2118 or 806/756-4313.


The Gail FFA Chapter wishes to express a big "thank you" to those who have supported their sales in the past and we look forward to working with our community in the future.

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*Plains Community Annual
Harvest Dinner*

*Sunday, September 25 at 12:30 noon
At the Plains Community Center*

*Brisket, Sausage, Potato Salad and Red Beans
will be served*

Please bring your choice of vegetable, salad or dessert.

*Ladies will be at the
center on Saturday, September 24th at 10:00
to set up tables.*





**Fajita Supper
& Sausage**

Country Music concert
BY LOCAL AND AREA TALENT

PIE, CAKE AND COBBLER AUCTION
Saturday, September 24th
6:00 p.m. Borden Co. Event Center
NO ADMISSION

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Legal Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Borden County Commissioners' Court will conduct a Public Hearing to consider a plan for funding the preservation and restoration of the County Clerk's records on September 21, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. In the Commissioners Courtroom of the Borden County Courthouse, Gail, Texas.

COUNTY OF BORDEN STATE OF TEXAS LEGAL NOTICE

The Commissioners Court of Borden County will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for Borden County for 2012 beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas.

A summary of the proposed Borden County budget is as follows:

Jury Fund-\$1,763.00; General Fund-\$1,966,855.00; Road & Bridge Fund-\$799,040.00 and Permanent Improvement Fund-\$80,300.00.

This budget will raise the total property taxes over last year's budget by \$110,600.00 (6.1%).

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.

The proposed tax rate for 2012 is \$0.289 per \$100.00 valuation. Last year's tax rate was \$0.268 per \$100.00 valuation.

BY ORDER OF THE
BORDEN COUNTY COM-
MISSIONERS' COURT

Ross D. Sharp
County Judge
Borden County

NOTICE TO CON- TRACTORS OF PRO- POSED TEXAS DEPART- MENT OF TRANSPORTA- TION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

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

CONSTRUCTION/MAIN-

TENANCE/BUILDING FA- CILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene

Contract 6225-01-001 for INSTALL THERMOPLASTIC PAVEMENT MARKINGS in TAYLOR County, etc will be opened on October 6, 2011 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$1,526,348.65

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. and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 37681
State Office

Constr./Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)

Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150
Phone: 325-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

Texas Department of Transportation

JOB TITLE: General
Transportation Tech II
MINIMUM REQUIRE-
MENTS: One (1) year experi-
ence in maintenance, con-
struction, heavy equipment
operation, transportation-re-

lated or roadway maintenance work.

(Experience requirements may be satisfied by full-time experience or the prorated part-time equivalent.)

SALARY: \$2,094.33 - \$3,246.25/Month

LOCATION: Borden County Maintenance Office, 400 E. Wasson Ave., Gail, Texas, 79738. Phone-806/756-4491.

To apply for a position as a General Transportation Tech II, call 806/756-4491 or apply in person at the above address. Applications may be picked up at any TxDOT office and mailed to the above address (online applications cannot be accepted). Applications will be accepted through 5 p.m. Thursday, September 22, 2011. Applications will be limited to the first 15 received.

"An applicant needing an accommodation in order to apply for this job may call the phone number of the Human Resources Office (325)676-6842.

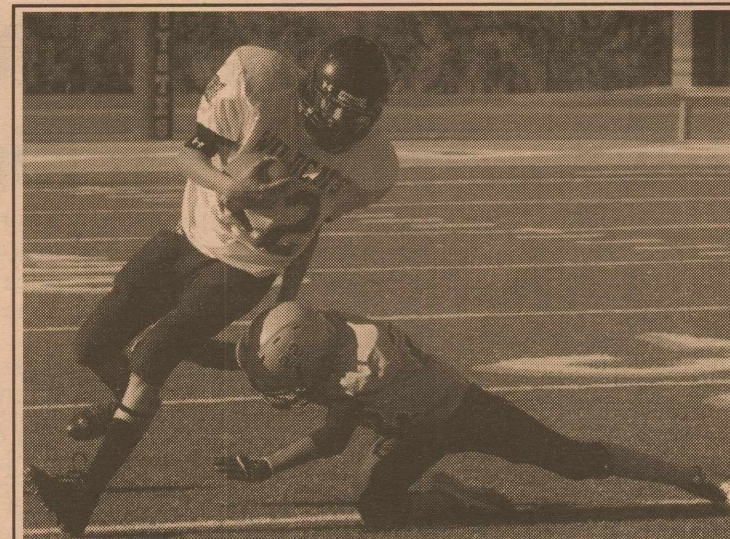
AN EQUAL OPPORTU-
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TION EMPLOYER



Talent Search on For Coyote Opry

The 2011 Coyote Opry is just around the corner on September 24th. Several key entertainers have been lined up, but there is still room for more.

The talent committee is still searching for the "undiscovered act" to add to their star studded cast, so tune those pipes and make the call!



Coyote Pup, Hunter Jones (#22) sweeps the legs out from under a Wellman opponent last Thursday in their match against the Wildcats.



Clair Shafer (left) placed 23rd with a time of 14:46.5 and Kalyn Massingill finished 17th with a time of 14:37.09 in the cross country meet last Saturday.

Anyone interested must contact the Opry Talent Agency by Friday, September 23rd. Due to the tight schedule, "drop-in" entertainment will not be accepted on opry night unless time permits. Sound Technicians will be available for practice on Saturday the

day of the Opry.

Although not mandatory, it is encouraged that tapes or CD's used for singing acts include music and harmony vocals only.

Call Buddy Wallace at 806/543-2118 or 756-4478; email bwallace@bcisd.net

PUBLIC NOTICE- FINANCIAL INTEGRITY RATING SYSTEM OF TEXAS BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC MEETING 7:00 P.M.; SEPTEMBER 19, 2011

The Borden County Independent School District will conduct a public meeting as required by State Law to review the District's Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas which is referred to as the FIRST Rating. This meeting will take place in the Borden County School Cafeteria at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, September 19, 2011.

The 2011 School First Ratings were based upon an analysis of staff and student data reported for the 2009-2010 school year, and budgetary and actual financial data for the 2010 fiscal year.

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Borden County ISD Board Meeting

Special Board Meeting August 29, 2011

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas, met in special session at 6:31 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Borden County I.S.D. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, and Mike Valentine. Dennis Poole was absent. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas and principal, Bart McMeans were also present.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 P.M. by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. The 2011-2012 Borden County Independent School District proposed budget and tax rates were reviewed.

4. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Regular Board Meeting August 29, 2011

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas, met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Borden County I.S.D. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole, and Mike Valentine. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas and principal, Bart McMeans were also present. Guests present were Richard Lu, Steve DeWolf, Paul Thompson, Dale Cummings, Dan Casey, Santana Gonzales, and Jay Bingham.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Mike Valentine to approve the Application of Wind Tex Energy-Stephens, LLC for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, and to authorize the school superintendent to review the applications for completeness, and submit the appropriate information to the comptroller as required by law. Randy Hensley abstained. The motion passed with six

members voting in favor.

4. A motion was made by Joe Harding and seconded by Mike Valentine to take action to set the project application fee at \$50,000 for Wind Tex Energy-Stephens, LLC. Randy Hensley abstained. The motion passed with six members voting in favor.

5. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Mike Valentine to retain Moak, Casey, and Associates Inc. to assist the Borden County Independent School District in processing the application submitted by Wind Tex Energy-Stephens, LLC. Randy Hensley abstained. The motion passed with six members voting in favor.

6. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the Terrazo Logo as submitted by Shiver Megert & Associates for the entrance of the new school and referenced as exhibit D1. The motion carried six to one with Dennis Poole voting against. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the logo with blue paws. The motion carried four to three with Randy Hensley, Mike Valentine, and Joel Dennis voting against. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Dennis Poole to obtain prices for the two different signs as presented by Shiver Megert & Associates to be placed in front of the new school site. The motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the digital wall covering as presented by Shiver Megert & Associates to be placed in the cafeteria as presented with a smaller logo. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Mike Valentine to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2011, and August 8, 2011, board meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the August 2011, bills. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by

Carol Lewis to amend the 2010-2011 Borden County Independent School District Budget as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the 2011-2012 Borden County Independent School District Budget as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joe Harding to adopt the 2011 Borden County Independent School District Tax Rate of \$1.04 for maintenance and operations and \$.28 for interest and sinking. The motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the Borden County Independent School Depository Contract with First United Bank for the period beginning September 1, 2011, through August 31, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

13. A motion was made by Joe Harding and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve Jimmy Thomas, Cindy Massingill, Amy Rinehart, and Terri Buchanan as persons authorized for signatures on bank transactions associated with the Borden County Independent

School District Depository Agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

14. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve an interlocal agreement between the Borden County Independent School District and the Borden County Appraisal District for assessment and collection of taxes. The motion carried unanimously.

15. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the purchase of basketball scoreboards for the new gymnasium, a baseball scoreboard for the new baseball field, and a new message board. The cost of the message board will be donated by Shiver Megert & Associates and Wiley Hicks Inc. The message carried with six voting in favor and Carol Lewis abstaining.

16. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joel Dennis to set the regular September board meeting for September 19, 2011, at 7:00 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

17. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the 2011-2012 Teacher Appraisal Calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

18. A motion was made by Joe Harding and seconded by Mike Valentine to approve the 2011-2012 Bus Routes and Drivers as recommended by Mr. Thomas. The motion carried

unanimously.

19. The Borden County Independent School District Investment Policy was reviewed.

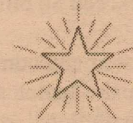
20. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Dennis Poole to approve taking the Borden County I.S.D. students to Joyland in Lubbock on Thursday, September 1, 2011, to celebrate being one of sixty-one schools in Texas earning an Exemplary rating for the 2010-2011 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

21. Mr. Thomas gave a year to date financial overview, a construction project report, and reported that 211 students were enrolled as of August 25, 2011. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

22. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain PLANNING MEETING



Monday, September 26, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.
In the Courthouse in Gail

Anyone wishing to be involved in the Lights for Gail is invited to attend this planning meeting! We welcome everyone! There are many opportunities to volunteer and become involved!!

Hope to see YOU there!

If you would like to be involved, but cannot attend
- please contact Julie Smith at (806)756-4406 or email us at lightsforgail@yahoo.com.
Be sure to check out our new Facebook page: Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain!

Dare to Live...

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proper care of yourself enhances your overall health, reduces your susceptibility to illness, and boosts your overall quality of life. You don't have to go overboard. Consistently paying attention to diet and exercise will make a world of difference.

Recreation

Engaging in activities just for fun and entertainment is extremely beneficial. It's necessary to have fun often. Recreation is your opportunity to restore your energy level. Just like a battery, you will run out of power without recharging. This facet is much more significant than many people realize.

Community

Being part of a community is a tremendous source of joy and satisfaction. There are many groups you can participate in: town, religious, school, charitable, clubs, etc. Community involvement is an excellent method of giving. When you help others, your level of happiness rises.

Finances

Feeling financially secure certainly contributes to happiness. The amount of money required to feel secure can't be defined. Ironically, many who feel insecure have greater assets than those who are very comfortable and happy. Financial security is more of an attitude than a bank balance. You can always find examples of people that are more content with less than you have.

Happiness is not a destination; it's a way of life. Although living a happy life requires effort and energy, it is a lot less effort and energy than you will expend being miserable.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments
Special Election November 8, 2011

Proposition Number 1 (SJR 14)

SJR 14 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran with an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the surviving spouse's residence homestead as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried, the property was the residence homestead of the surviving spouse when the qualifying veteran died, and the property remains the residence homestead of the surviving spouse.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran."

Proposition Number 2 (SJR 4)

SJR 4 would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Water Development Board to issue additional general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for one or more accounts of the Texas Water Development Fund II, with the restriction that the total amount of bonds outstanding at any time does not exceed \$6 billion.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$6 billion at any time outstanding."

Proposition Number 3 (SJR 50)

SJR 50 would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board or its successors to issue and sell general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for the purpose of financing educational loans for

students, subject to certain constitutional restrictions, including a restriction as to the maximum principal amount of bonds outstanding at any one time.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Texas to finance educational loans to students."

Proposition Number 4 (HJR 63)

HJR 63 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the county, and to pledge increases in ad valorem tax revenues imposed on property in the area by the county for repayment of such bonds or notes. The amendment does not provide independent authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area and to pledge for repayment of the bonds or notes increases in ad valorem taxes imposed by the county on property in the area. The amendment does not provide authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates."

Proposition Number 5 (SJR 26)

SJR 26 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow cities and counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities and counties without having to assess an ad valorem tax and set aside a specified amount of funds for the payment of costs under the interlocal contract.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment

authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund."

Proposition Number 6 (HJR 109)

HJR 109 would amend the constitution to increase the amount of principal that is available for withdrawal from the permanent school fund each year and would also clarify certain references to that fund in the constitution. Increased access to the principal of the state public education trust fund would be based upon HJR 109 granting the authority to consider alternative market calculations when determining the amount of principal that is available for distribution to the available school fund. HJR 109 would also provide authority to distribute to the available school fund annual revenue from school fund land or other properties up to \$300 million per year.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment clarifying references to the permanent school fund, allowing the General Land Office to distribute revenue from permanent school fund land or other properties to the available school fund to provide additional funding for public education, and providing for an increase in the market value of the permanent school fund for the purpose of allowing increased distributions from the available school fund."

Proposition Number 7 (SJR 28)

SJR 28 would amend the constitution by adding El Paso County to the list of counties authorized to create conservation and reclamation districts to develop parks and recreational facilities financed by taxes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."

Proposition Number 8 (SJR 16)

SJR 16 would amend the constitution by requiring the legislature to provide for taxation of open space land devoted to water stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of open space land devoted to water stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity."

Proposition Number 9 (SJR 9)

SJR 9 would amend the constitution to authorize the governor, on the written recommendation and advice of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, to grant a pardon, reprieve, or commutation of punishment to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision."

Proposition Number 10 (SJR 37)

SJR 37 would amend the constitution by extending the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain local elected officeholders if they announce candidacy or become candidates for another office from one year to one year and 30 days.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office."

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