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Demand for Certified Angus Beef Surged in 2011

Packers paid \$32.3 million in 2011 for Certified Angus Beef (CAB) cattle compared to \$23 million in 2010. The significant increase is welcomed news after a decade of downward trending volume growth for the CAB brand.

"A simple average across five middle-meat items—the rib, strip, tender, butt and short loin—shows that the CAB product premium in 2011 jumped roughly 20 percent over 2010," says industry analyst Julian Leopold, of Leopold Foods, in the report. "It looks like demand is picking back up though, and likely at restaurants as well as retail. The other side of the equation would be the volume, as the four percent

increase in 2011 CAB sales over 2010 could have further increased the total dollar premiums in the system."

The statistics come from a "Here's the Premium" project that has surveyed packers on annual CAB grid premiums paid since 1998.

"We're seeing the premium nature of our brand on both the product and cattle side of the industry, with rewards to all of the stakeholders and partners who are committed to quality," said Certified Angus Beef LLC President John Stika. "The investment and focus in taking the high road above commodity beef pays off with more satisfied customers."

Early Release

Borden County ISD classes will be released at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, March 9th, 2012 for Spring Break. Classes will resume on Monday, March 19th at 8 a.m.



Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Repetition

"We all love to win. But how many people love to train?" — Mark Spitz

At the 1972 Olympics, swimmer Mark Spitz won seven gold medals and set seven new world records. An incredible feat that was unequaled for 36 years.

Those who have achieved a high level of proficiency have done so as the result of repetitious practice. Success is never realized instantly and certainly not after only just a few tries. Countless hours are spent learning and relearning.

Athletes devote hours each day to perfecting their skills and abilities. They consistently exercise, watch their diet, and practice their sport. Musicians practice each arrangement relentlessly until their performance is flawless. Doctors, lawyers, engineers, teachers and other professionals spend thousands of hours in school to learn their requisite skills. Over and over, pilots train to handle every possible situation they may encounter while flying.

There are no shortcuts. Developing new skills and habits requires repetition. It is in satisfying this require-

ment that many people fall short. There is a growing lack of patience that pervades general society and influences expectations. There is an overriding desire for instant results.

Getting water to boil is a good example of the role of repetition. Suppose you're in a rush. You put the pot on the stove, turn on the heat, and nothing happens. Patiently you wait 5 seconds, 10 seconds and yet there is still no change. Even after a full two minutes, the water is still not boiling. Obviously you can't get water to boil. Other people may be able to do it, but it won't work for you.

Of course the above scenario is ludicrous. Anyone can get water to boil by applying enough heat for a long enough period of time. What's surprising is how many people turn the heat on for only a moment in their own lives before erroneously pronouncing their attempt a failure. Doing something only once and expecting instant results is no different than expecting water to boil in five or ten seconds.

Adequate repetition of sufficient effort is essential before you can enjoy the fruits of your

labor. To boil water, there is a minimum amount of heat that is required. If the heat is set below the minimum, the water will never boil regardless of how long you leave it on the stove. Once you exceed the minimum temperature, the amount of time required for the water to boil depends on how hot the burner is and the quantity of water in the pot.

Your effort is the heat and the magnitude of your goal is the size of the pot. How much repetition is required is the time. Without adequate repetition of great enough efforts, nothing will be accomplished.

There is no way to determine exactly how much repetition will be required. Therefore, all you can do is to keep at your task until you succeed. To give up before your goal has been realized is a shame and a waste. A lack of repetition is responsible for more disappointment than any other single cause.

You don't have to boil all of your water in one pot. You can work on one cup at a time. This strategy makes even the largest task doable and you can

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Crosbyton Outdone by Tyler and Borden County Coyotes 5-2

By Coach Richey

Austin Tyler had a good game at the plate, helping Borden County Coyotes to a 5-2 victory over Crosbyton on Thursday at Sundown.

Tyler was steady at the plate for Borden County Coyotes. Tyler went 2-3, drove in one and scored one run. Tyler tripled in the third inning and singled in the sixth inning.

Collin Telchik was superb in relief, pitching two scoreless innings while collecting no strikeouts and allowing one walk and two hits.

Telchik, Tanner Richey, Austin Tyler, and Tristen Benavidez all collected hits for Borden County Coyotes. Richey led the team with three hits.

Richey showed good command, as he threw strikes on 45 of his 74 pitches. Richey collected six strike outs and

walked two for Borden County Coyotes.

In the top of the first, Crosbyton grabbed the early lead, 1-0. The Crosbyton attack began with a single from Isaac Bustamante. Then a groundout by Eli Henn scored Matthew Schovajsa.

Borden County Coyotes went up for good in the second, scoring two runs on an RBI single by Tristen Benavidez.

Borden County Coyotes piled on three more runs in the bottom of the third. A scored Richey to start the inning. That was followed up by Tyler's triple, scoring TJ Basquez.

One run in the top of the fifth helped Crosbyton close its deficit to 5-2. An RBI single by Bustamante set off a Crosbyton rally. Richey ended the inning by getting Henn to ground out.

Hot Bats Not Enough, Borden County Coyotes Succumbs to Sundown, 16-11

By Coach Richey

Borden County Coyotes lost a battle of the bats on Friday at Sundown, falling short in a 16-11 ballgame against Sundown.

Tanner Richey put himself in scoring position with three extra-base hits for Borden County Coyotes. Richey tripled in the first inning, singled in the third inning, and doubled in the second and fifth innings.

The two teams combined for 27 runs and 27 hits, including 11 extra base hits.

C Vaught racked up six RBIs on three hits for Sundown. Vaught singled in the second inning, tripled in the third inning, and doubled in the fourth inning.

Sundown closer C Hinson put away the final five outs to record the save.

Batting	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
C Telchik	2	0	1	1	1	0
T Richey	3	1	3	0	0	0
J Smith	3	0	0	0	0	1
T Basquez	2	1	0	0	1	1
A Tyler	3	1	2	1	0	1
K Shafer	2	1	0	0	1	0
H Rosales	3	0	0	0	0	0
F Banman	2	0	0	0	0	2
T Benavidez	2	1	1	1	0	1
Totals	22	5	7	3	3	6

Batting
2B: C Telchik, T Richey
3B: A Tyler
TB: C Telchik 2, T Richey 4, A Tyler 4, T Benavidez
RBI: C Telchik, A Tyler, T Benavidez

Pitching	O	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	S%
T Richey	15	5.0	3	2	1	2	6	0	61.6%
C Telchik	6	2.0	2	0	0	1	0	0	61.9%
Totals	21	7.0	5	2	1	3	6	0	61.7%

Pitching
Win: T Richey
Save: C Telchik
Hit batters: T Richey
Pitches-Strikes: T Richey 73-45, C Telchik 21-13
Groundouts-Flyouts: T Richey 3-5, C Telchik 2-2
First-pitch strikes-Batters faced: T Richey 17-22, C Telchik 4-8

Revised: February 14, 2012

2012 Borden County Baseball Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Location	Scores
Feb. 13 th - 14 th	Mon/Tue	Scrimmage:	TBA		
Feb. 17 th	Thurs.	Scrimmage: Idalou	4:00	Gail	9 to 4
Feb. 20 th - 21 st	Mon./Tues.	Loraine	4:00	Gail	20 to 1
Feb. 25 th	Saturday	Sundown	12:00	Gail	
Feb. 27 th - 28 th	Mon./Tues	Open	TBA	TBA	
March 1 st - 3 rd	Thurs. - Sat.	Tourney @ Sundown	TBA	Sundown	
March 1 st	Thursday	Crosbyton	11:00	Sundown	
March 1 st	Thursday	Sundown	5:00	Sundown	
March 3 rd	Saturday	Muleshoe	2:00	Sundown	
March 3 rd	Saturday	Morton	4:30	Sundown	
*March 6 th	Tuesday	Ira	4:30	Gail	
March 10 th	Saturday	Open	TBA	TBA	
*March 15 th	Thursday	Ralls	3:00	Gail	
March 16 th	Friday	TBA	TBA	TBA	
*March 19 th	Monday	Tahoka	4:30	Gail	
*March 24 th	Saturday	Crosbyton	4:30	Crosbyton	
*March 27 th	Tuesday	O'Donnell	4:30	Gail	
March 31 st	Saturday	Lubbock Cooper JV	4:00	Cooper	
*April 2 nd or 3 rd	Mon. or Tues.	Ira	5:00	Ira	
*April 6 th	Friday	Hermleigh(double header)	5:00	Hermleigh	
*April 10 th	Tuesday	Ralls	5:00	Ralls	
*April 13 th	Friday	Tahoka	5:00	Tahoka	
*April 17 th	Tuesday	Crosbyton	4:30	Gail	
*April 21 st	Saturday	O'Donnell	4:30	O'Donnell	
April 27 th	Friday	Open	TBA	TBA	
	Mon-Tues.	Rain out dates			
	Thurs-Sat.	Tie Breaker Date			

* - District Game

Coyotes Comeback Victory Over Muleshoe Allows Them to Garner Runner-Up in Sundown Tournament

By Coach Richey

Austin Tyler had a great day pitching and batting but mistakes in the field allowed the Muleshoe Mules to take a lead late in the game just as it appeared the coyotes were going to come away with an easy victory they had to dig deep in their bag of tricks to come away with the improbable win. A lead-off hit by Tyler followed by a one-out error that allowed Kurt Shafer get on lead to some excitement. After getting two outs the coyotes managed to get a walk by Frank Banman and then a catchers interference with Tristen Benavidez batting that set up the dramatics for Collin Telchik. Swinging a hot bat for most of the season but being held in check in this game, Collin Telchik stepped into the box with the coyotes trailing 10 to 9. With two strikes Collin fouled off a couple of pitches

before he roped a double to drive in Shafer and Banman to give the Coyotes a come from behind 11 to 10 victory and a second place finish in the Sundown Tournament.

Show your support with a Spring Sport Shirt!!!



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Total Price								

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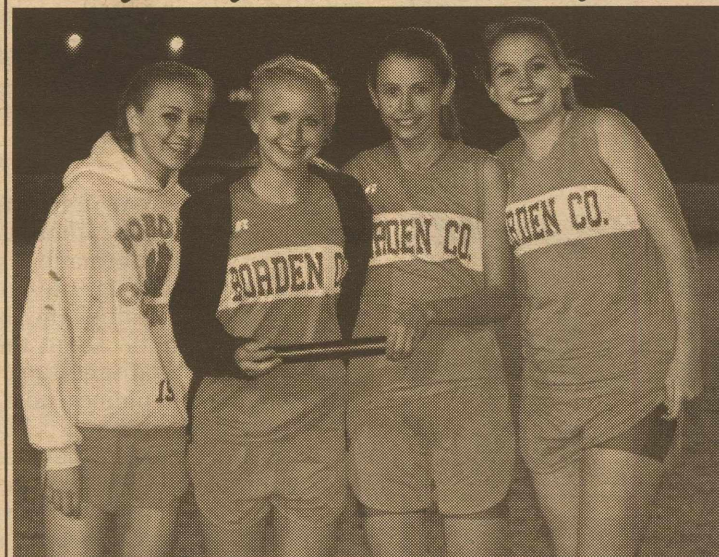
School Lunch Menu

Feb. 12 - 16, 2012
Monday - Friday
SPRING BREAK!!

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Missy Coyote Mile Relay



The Borden County Jr. High girls Mile relay team placed 1st last Thursday in the Klondike Relays track meet. Pictured are (left to right) Tatum Ricney, Cheyenne Tucker, Sydnee Jordan and Kylee Dean.

Making the Grade!

4th Six-Weeks Beta Achievement
Senior: Shaylie Boles, Austin Fields, Aubree Lester, Chance Taylor, Collin Telchik and Austin Tyler; **Junior:** Shea Burkett, Jordan Day, Hanna Forbes, Tanner Richey, Matthew Roberson, Steelie Sanders and Riley Smith; **Sophomore:** Sydnie Day, Taylor Gass, Maeghan Herridge and Kurt Shafer; **Freshman:** McKenna Campbell and Sean Tucker; **Eighth Grade:** Channing Miller and Tatum Richey; **Sixth Grade:** Preslea Hall, Harley Merrill, Trace Richey, Ashlyn Tucker and Kaitlyn Wilson.
4th Six-Weeks Honor Roll
Senior: Quinton Shafer; **Junior:** Jared Smith and Teryn Soto; **Sophomore:** Matthew Ham, Kalyn Massingill, Mallory McMeans, Mollie McMeans and Matthew Proulx; **Freshman:** Hurricane Richter; **Eighth Grade:** Flint Roberts, Nathan Souder and Merik Valentine; **Seventh Grade:** Hayley Gray, Savan-

nah Herridge and Kace Lott; **Fifth Grade:** Holden Basquez, Myka Blissard, Madison Cole, Katie Gray, Paige Holbrooks, Rayme Jones, Emma Key, Riley Lewis, Jeremy Souder, Brooke Swaffar and Emily Todd; **Fourth Grade:** Maegen Bland, Kaitlyn Cribbs, Falon Forbes, Dymon Gomez, Anthony Lopez, Zeke Lott, Hailey Lowery, Makenzie Milhauser, O'Livia Reyes, Tatum Treadwell, and Connor Wagner; **Third Grade:** Keigan Benavidez, Michael Brady, Mason Cole, Sydni Coor, Haddie Flanigan, Kaci Hudson, Klancey Kleck, Trent Lewis, Ashlyn Lott, Macy Matlock, Camree Miller, Maggie Miller, Erin Nix, Morgan Oaks, Gunner Shofner, Gabriella Skelton, Kennedy Tucker, Justin Willborn and Miles Wilson; **Second Grade:** Rae'Lynne Clement, Noemi Garcia, Brooklyn Gray, Tatum Harrison, Jadeyn Merrill, Lindy Miller, Ryann Phillips, Charli Snell, Kelly Spence, Ethan Stephens and Rachel Thomas.


Tentative Schedule: Updated 1/19/12

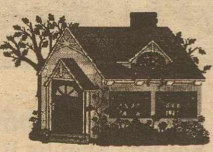
2012 Borden Track Schedule High School

Day	Date	Meet	Location
Friday	February 24 th	Long Sleeve Relays	Hamlin
Friday	March 2 nd	Cougar Relays	Klondike
Friday	March 9 th	Blackwell Hornet Relays	Blackwell
Saturday	March 17 th	Piper Relays	Hamlin
Friday	March 23 rd	Rolling Plains Relays	Jayton
Friday	March 23 rd	Dawson Dragon Invitational	Weich
Friday	March 30 th	Coyote Relays	Gail
Thursday	April 5 th	District Meet	Gail
Thursday	April 12 th	Area Meet	TBA
Thurs./Fri.	April 20 th or 21 st	Regional Qualifiers Meet	TBA
Fri./Sat.	April 27 th - 28 th	Regional	Abilene (ACU)
Fri./Sat.	May 11-12	State Meet	Austin

Junior High

Day	Date	Meet	Location
Thursday	February 23 rd	TBA	TBA
Thursday	March 1 st	Cougar Relays	Klondike
Thursday	March 8 th	Wildcat Relays	Grady
Thursday	March 22 nd	Rolling Plains Relays	Jayton
Thursday	March 22 nd	Dawson Dragon Invitational	Weich
Thursday	March 29 th	District Meet	TBA



Heart and Home ...


by Julie Smith
 Borden County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences

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Spring Forward

It's nearly time to spring forward.

We think we just heard a collective groan.

The return of Daylight Savings Time on March 11 has many of us dreading the loss of that precious hour - an extra hour of sleep. The fact is: most of us aren't getting enough sleep.

The amount of sleep you get not only can impact how you feel and function the next day, it also affects your quality of life. Mood, learning and memory are all impacted by sleep.

Experts recommend, on average, 7-9 hours of sleep per night. In order to maximize your sleep time, avoid caffeine (found in coffee, tea, soft drinks and chocolate) and nicotine close to bedtime which can affect your ability to fall asleep. Alcohol - which can make you feel drowsy - actually disturbs sleep, so it's best to skip the nightcap. Be sure to exercise regularly, but do it at least 3 hours before bedtime in order for your body to have time to wind down; a great way to wind down is to set a relaxing bedtime routine (for example, take a hot bath) to signal the end of each day.

Even if you have a perfect routine that delivers a restful night's sleep, any big change (such as Daylight Savings Time) can knock your body off-kilter. With the time change looming, here are ways to get your body ready to spring forward:

- Get a jump start on springing forward. Gradually adjust you and your family's bedtime and wake time in the days leading up to the time change. For example, start going to bed 10 minutes earlier each night in the six days before the change, or 15 minutes earlier in the four days leading up to daylight savings time.


- Get regular physical activity - it will help your body adjust to the change. More importantly, schedule your activ-

ity before or around the late afternoon hours. Too close to bedtime - within 3 hours of turning in - can make for more restless sleep.

- Light matters - bright, natural light in the morning hours as soon as you wake up will help re-set your body's internal clock. Bright light later at night, however, can confuse your internal clock, so keep evening lights dim to reinforce your new, earlier bedtime and help you wind down

Avoid long naps, especially late in the day, which can confuse your internal clock. Napping may seem like a great way to catch up on sleep, but it can impact whether or not you fall, or stay asleep at night.

Source: Eat Smart, Move More North Carolina March 2012 E-Newsletter



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER

Michael A. Guido, D.D.
 Metter, Georgia

Some work was being done at a mental hospital. So a patient selected a wheelbarrow, and started to push it around the job site upside down.

"Look at that nut!" shouted the foreman.


"I'm not crazy," said the patient. "If I didn't push it upside down, you'd fill it with bricks."



Too many go through life pushing their wheelbarrows upside down. They move about, but they don't minister to anyone. They stir up the dust, but they don't serve anyone. They're busy, but to no one's benefit.

That wasn't true of our Lord. Concerning Him the Bible says He "went about doing good." Others just go about.

Go about, but do good!

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Borden County 4-H News



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District 4-H Food Challenge

Borden County 4-H was well represented at the District 2 4-H Food Challenge Competition on Monday, February 27, 2012 in Lubbock at Texas Tech University College of Human Sciences. Three Junior/Intermediate teams competed in the event. Team 1: Myka Blissard, Katie Gray and Tanner Harrison received 6th place in the Fruit and Vegetable category; Team 2: Madison Cole, Paige Holbrooks and Rayme Jones received 6th place in the Main Dish category; and Team 3: Kenley Dean, Kelby Kleck and Klancey Kleck received 7th place in the Nutrition Snacks category. The three teams competed against 30 other teams from across the South Plains.

The 4-H Food Challenge is a new competition (in its second year) in which youth work as a team (3-5 members) during a 40 minute period of time to: prepare a dish with a set of ingredients (which are a surprise) and prepare a presentation with information related to how the dish fits in MyPyramid, key nutrients the dish provides, what the nutrients do for the body, healthy substitutions, steps of preparation, food safety practices and kitchen safety, as well as determine the cost of the dish and cost per serving. They then present their information to a panel of judges. It is a real-life, practical competition. These youth were coached by Julie Smith, County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences. They have all worked diligently and spent countless hours practicing and preparing for the competition over the past four months. We are extremely proud of these 4-H'ers!

4-H Fashion Storyboard and Fashion Show Entries Due

County entries for Fashion Storyboard and Fashion Show are due Friday, March 9th. For more information contact Julie Smith at the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or e-mail at julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu

4-H Photography Project

4-H Photography project will meet on Tuesday, March 20 from 3:45 to 5:00 p.m. in the Home Economics Lab. For more information contact Julie Smith at the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or e-mail at julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu

County Educational Presentation Contest, Share-the-Fun and Public Speaking Project

4-H'ers and parents interested in learning more about the Public Speaking Project should contact the Extension Office as soon as possible. Information is available to assist 4-H'ers and their parents in writing, presenting and preparing visuals for educational presentations (method demonstrations); as well as covering information about the public speaking contest and share-the-fun's. Share-the-fun categories include: Celebrate 4-H, choreographed routines, poet, vocal, band and musical. This project provides youth an excellent opportunity to develop public speaking skills, even if they hate to talk in front of others. 4-H'ers will present their prepared presentations at County 4-H Roundup. Participants will advance to District 4-H Roundup, which will be held on May 5th at Levelland Middle School in Levelland. **The deadline for entering a Public Speaking Contest is Wednesday, April 11.** For more information contact Julie Smith at the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or e-mail at julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu

4-H District Food Challenge



The District 4-H Food Challenge was held last Monday, February 27 in Lubbock at Texas Tech. Pictured are (left to right) Tanner Harrison, Katie Gray, and Myka Blissard who placed 6th in the Fruit and Vegetable category.



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On the Wild Side of Life
by Cody G. Hill
Borden County Extension Agent —
Agriculture

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4-H'ers Succeed In San Antonio

Borden County 4-Hers were very successful this year at San Antonio Livestock Show February 13th-25th, 2012.

Myka Blissard was awarded Reserve Champion Shorthorn Heifer, Thomas Nix won 3rd place Brangus, Garrett Hill won 3rd place Heavy Duroc, Katie Gray won 5th place with her light weight Duroc, Rayme Jones won 5th place Medium

Weight Duroc, JW Nix won 5th place with his American Steer, Cheyenne Hill won placed 6th with her Heavy Weight Duroc, Flint Roberts 8th place AOB Steer.

Also exhibiting in San Antonio were Hayley Gray, Hunter Jones, Paton Merket, Dylan Murphy and Tatum Treadwell. Congratulations to all 4-Hers on a great job!

One-Act Play Community Performance

The Borden County One-Act play cast and crew will present 'Picnic' on
Monday, March 19th
at 8:00

in the School Auditorium



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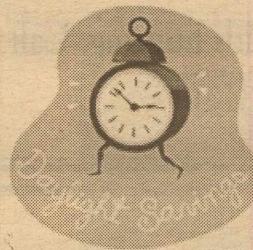
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**Daylight
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at 2 a.m.

Remember to move
your clocks forward
one hour.

Obituary

Alma Shafer
1933 - 2012

Alma Shafer, 78, of Vincent, died on Friday, March 2, 2012, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM, Monday, March 5, 2012 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Ben Neel, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM, Sunday, March 4, 2012, at the funeral home.

She was born on December 20, 1933, in Big Spring, Texas and married LaRoy Shafer on November 7, 1953 in Big Spring, Texas. He preceded her in death on June 30, 1994.

Alma was a life-long resident of Howard County, was a homemaker and was a member of Vincent Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Terry Shafer and wife, Tanya of Gail and Tony Shafer of Vincent; one daughter, Tami Hill and husband, Ray of Snyder; seven grandsons, Caleb Shafer and wife, Chelsea of Lubbock, Cole Shafer of Vincent, Logan Hill of Lubbock, Gil Shafer of Odessa, R. T. Shafer of San Angelo, Quint Shafer and Kurt Shafer both of Gail; four granddaughters, Segan Shafer and Natalie Blair and husband, Beau all of Lubbock, Camry Hill of Eastland and Clair Shafer of Gail; three great-grandsons, Hunter Blair, Max Blair and Ethan Thornton all of Lubbock; one great-granddaughter, Scarlette Shafer of Keller; two sisters, Dot Gay of Albany, Georgia and Inez Shivers of Big Spring; and three brothers, James Crittenden of Roswell, New Mexico, George Crittenden of Denver City and Donny Crittenden of Big Spring.

She was also preceded in death by four brothers, Curtis, Eugene, Morris and Robert Crittenden; and two sisters, Eunice Winn and Charlene Shipp.



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Fuzzy Ninny's

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&

4:00 p.m. - ?

And

Friday, March 16th

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Come by either before or after the Coyote
baseball game and eat
Hope to see you!!

Legal Notices

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

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

CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 6240-07-001 for ON CALL MBGF CONTRACT in HOWARD County, etc will be opened on March 22, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$187,547.50

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

form TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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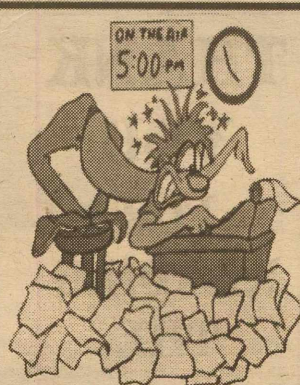
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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.



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Wanted: Hunting Lease

Family looking for long-term, year round deer lease to start taking 2 young kids hunting. Call Scott Killian 432/413-4177.

BORDEN COUNTY ISD PUBLIC NOTICE

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will sell an extensive assortment of kitchen equipment and fixtures currently in use in the school cafeteria to be purchased and removed from the premises no later than by the end of the week of March 23, 2012. These items may be viewed at 240 West Kincaid at the Borden County Independent School District through March 16, 2012.

Please contact Jimmy Thomas at (806) 759-5467 no later than 5:00 PM on March 16, 2012, if you would like to submit a bid on this equipment.

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Questions regarding additional information shall be directed to Jimmy Thomas by writing: P.O. Box 95, Gail, Texas, 79738 or by calling (806) 759-5467. Transmissions by fax may be sent to (806) 756-4310.

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Borden County Independent School District
Mike Valentine, Secretary

A variety of homestead exemptions could lower your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owns a home on Jan. 1 and uses it as a primary residence on that date is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes. It doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.

Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the 65 or older or disabled exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling for 65 and older or disabled homeowners. The age 65 or older homeowners school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling to a new home.

If you're a disabled veteran who receives from the Veterans Affairs (VA)—(1) 100 percent disability compensation due to a service connected disability and (2) a rating of 100 percent disabled or a determination of individual unemployment, you are entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of your resident homestead.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2011, you won't need to reapply for 2012 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2012. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

When and where should I file?

File applications before May 1 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:

BORDEN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
PO BOX 298
GAIL, TEXAS
806-756-4484



Or contact:
Texas Comptroller Susan Combs
Property Tax Assistance Division
P.O. Box 13528
Austin, Texas 78711-3528

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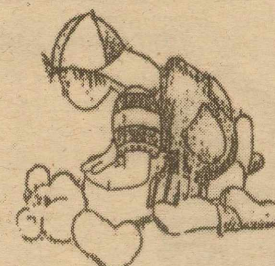
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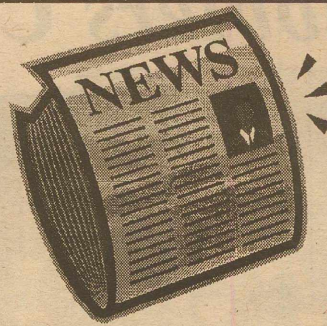
I was visiting with a Rotary friend last summer and we were talking about recent books we had read. He said he had just finished the third book in Stieg Larsson's THE MILLINNEUM TRILOGY, published in Sweden in 2005, 2006 and 2007. His fascination with the three books caught my attention. I had heard about the series, but hadn't paid much attention to it, although the titles indicated to me that this was a something I needed to read. THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO, THE GIRL WHO PLAYED WITH FIRE AND THE GIRL WHO KICKED THE HORNET'S NEST practically jump out at you from the bookshelf. The conversation about books made me feel almost ashamed that I hadn't read the series, which was the talk of the literary world. Steig Larsson died in 2004 shortly after delivering the three manuscripts.

I bought the first book and after just a few pages I was hooked. Not since reading Thomas Wolfe in college had I just absolutely jumped into a book. I was caught up in the love story, the family saga, the financial intrigue and the mystery. The story is about a journalist, something I could identify with at the outset. I may have set a record for reading THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO. It was difficult to put it down. While I was reading it and after reading it, the images conjured up in my mind about the characters stayed there and I wanted to find out what was going on with them. Of course I bought the second book, THE GIRL WHO PLAYED WITH FIRE, before I finished the first. I devoured the second one also, fully engrossed in the

ongoing story. The first two books were paperbacks. I read the third book, THE GIRL WHO KICKED THE HORNET'S NEST, on a Kindle. Reading from a machine had the same excitement, if not more, than reading from a conventional book. My wife Susan read the series right along with me.

Work, play, home life, outside activities were ignored occasionally to stay up with the story. When we visited our son in Dallas we were talking about the books and he told us that a Swedish company had made films of the three books and he had seen them all. When we got back home we went to Blockbuster and rented the first one. Wow. The characters and locations were just as I had imagined them. The film was true to the book for the most part and stayed with the story. We watched one of the movies on Monday, the second one on Tuesday and the third one on Wednesday. We finished watching the movies about the time the American version of THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO hit the theaters.

We were impressed with the American version. I personally like the ending better than the Swedish version. While the lights were coming up in the theater, we were discussing the movie, talking about the subtle differences and similarities between the Swedish and American versions. The person sitting a seat away from Susan began talking to us. Of all things, he just happened to be from Sweden. Our conversation lasted well into the lobby of the theater. We're waiting for the next two American movie versions.



Got News?

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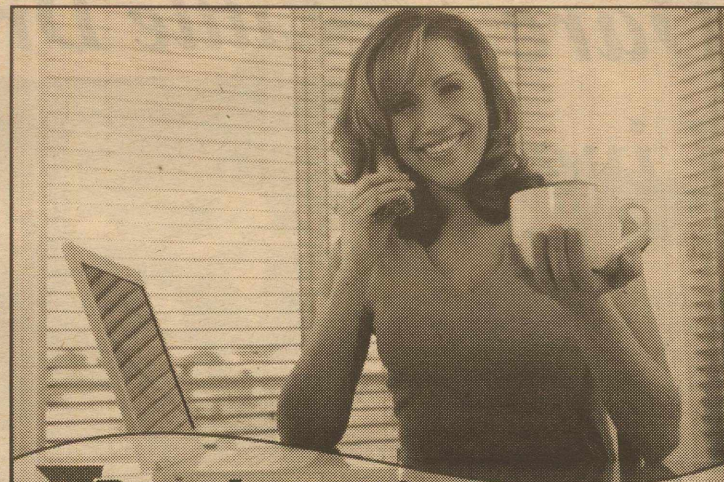
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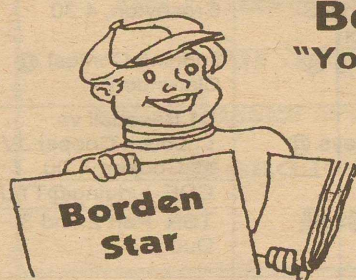
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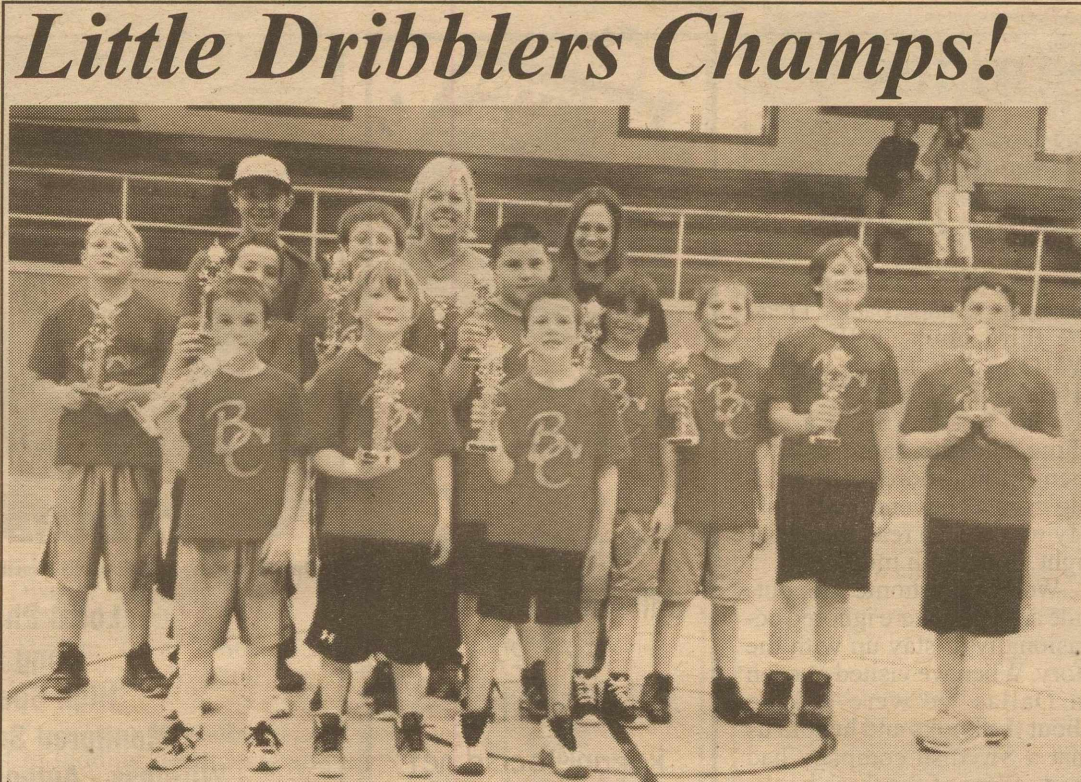
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see results for boiling each cup much faster than waiting for the whole pot to boil.

To put the power of repetition to work for you, setup a schedule where you can work on your task every day. Take small steps. Consistency is critical. Devoting even 10 minutes a day is better than one hour a week. Once you form a habit of repetition, your successes will multiply.

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The Borden County Little Dribbler teams traveled to O'Donnell this past Saturday to participate in the Little Dribbler tournament. The 3rd and 4th grade boys team defeated the O'Donnell 1 and 2 teams to grab the tournament championship. Picture with their trophies are (front row left to right) Trent Lewis, Justin Willborn, Miles Wilson, (middle row left to right) Zeke Lott, Brad Thomas, Will Yarbrow, Keigan Benavidez, Anthony Lopez, Gunner Shofner, Michael Brady, Mason Cole, (back row left to right) Kace Lott, coach, Kim Lott and coach, Cassie Lewis.

Thought for the Day

Kindness is just the word for (certain) small acts. Kindness is love flowing out in little gentlenesses. We ought to carry our lives so that they will be perpetual benedictions wherever we go. All we need for such a ministry is a heart full of love for Christ; for if we truly love Christ we shall also love our fellow men, and love will always find ways of helping. A heart filled with gentleness cannot be miserly of its benedictions.
-James R. Miller

*Denotes District Baseball Game		March 7-17 Houston Stock Show				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Cougar JH Relays @ Klondike Baseball Tourney @ Sundown, Crosbyton, 11:00; Sundown, 5:00	2 Cougar HS Relays @ Klondike	3 Baseball Tourney @ Sundown, Muleshoe-2:00; Morton - 4:30 UIL Meet @ Plains
4	5 OAP Practice-6:30	6 *Baseball vs. Ira-Here 4:30	7 ELA TAKS tests Grades 10,11	8 Wildcat JH Relays @ Grady OAP Practice-6:30	9 Hornet HS Relays @ Blackwell PROGRESS REPORTS Early Release @ 12:30	10 *Baseball - Open
11 Daylight Savings Time Begins	12 State CX Meet @ Austin	13 State CX Meet @ Austin	14	15 *Baseball vs. Ralls-Here, 4:30	16 Baseball - TBA	17 Piper HS Relays @ Hamlin
Spring Break !!!!						
18 OAP Dress Rehearsal-4:00	19 *Baseball vs. Tahoka Here, 4:30 OAP Community Performance-8:00	20 OAP Zone @ Klondike	21	22 Rolling Plains JH Relays @ Jayton Dawson Dragon JH Relays @ Welch HS District UIL @ Garden City	23 Rolling Plains HS Relays @ Jayton Dawson Dragon HS Relays @ Welch WTAMU Judging @ Canyon	24 *Baseball vs. Crosbyton @ Crosbyton, 4:30 Judging Contest @ Clarendon
25	26 EOC Writing for English I	27 STAAR Writing-gr. 4,7 STAAR Math-gr. 5,8 EOC Reading *Baseball vs. O'Donnell-Here 4:30	28 STAAR Writing-gr. 4,7	29 District JH Track -TBA	30 Coyote HS Relays @ Gail WTAMU Judging @ Canyon	31 Baseball vs. Lubbock Cooper JV @ Cooper, 4:00 CDE Judging@TTU TSR Part 2 and 3 Due



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