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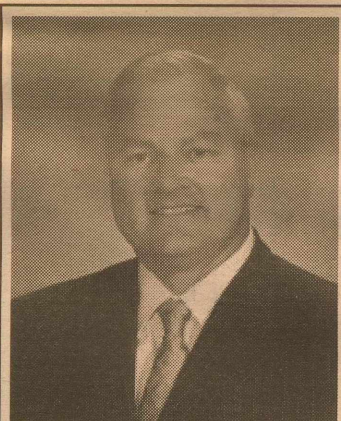
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August 22, 2012

2012-2013 School Year to Begin on August 27th Dear Students, Parents and Borden County School Community:



Jimmy Thomas
Superintendent

The 2012-2013 school year will begin on Monday, August 27. The official school day will begin at 8:05 a.m. and conclude at 3:33 p.m. each day.

New employees for the 2012-2013 school year are as follows:

- Mr. Adam Parker-Teacher
- Mrs. Kaci Edwards-Teacher
- Mr. Bubba Edwards-Teacher/Coach
- Mr. Ricky Martinez-Technology

High School students in the eleventh and twelfth grades

will continue to have the opportunity to earn college credit according to state guidelines and testing criteria. Many of our students will graduate from high school with a year of earned college credit due to this outstanding opportunity.

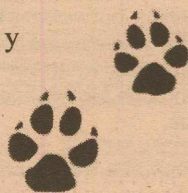
Construction on the new school is almost finished. A great deal of thought and planning has been put into the new school facility. I am confident that your children will be impressed and well served by the beautiful new facilities that have been built and that will be provided for their educational growth. We anticipate that all phases of the new school and stadium project should be finalized by November or December 2012.

All Borden County students will continue to receive free meals during the 2012-2013 school year. A safe environment that is conducive to learning will be provided to our students as well as a nurturing environment that emphasizes success for all students. Our desire for the upcoming school year is for every child of the Borden County School to have

a successful educational and social experience. Your support and involvement is needed and appreciated. We would like to commend our community and staff for their dedication and support in providing an outstanding educational opportunity for our students. We encourage your continued involvement in your child's educational experience. Please contact your child's teacher/s or the school administration if your child is having problems in classes or extracurricular activities. Your involvement and intervention is the best way to prevent problems relating to your child's educational success and positive school experience. Please feel free to call 806-756-4313 as needed.

We anticipate a wonderful school year with the team effort of the school, community, student, and parents!

Sincerely,
Jimmy
Thomas



Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Don't Drift

I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving — we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it — but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor.

-Oliver Wendell Holmes

And the trouble is, if you do not risk anything, you risk even more.

-Erica Jong

To drift through life is to play a passive role and bob with the waves while allowing the currents to take you where they may. Drifting is the converse of being proactive and results from a failure to move in a specific direction.

Imagine a sailboat on the ocean. The captain isn't sure where he wants to go so he doesn't raise the sails. Instead, he retreats into his cabin to figure out what he wants to do, leaving the rudder unattended. With no one on deck to steer, keep an eye on the weather, and watch for hazards, the boat drifts aimlessly.

By abandoning the helm, the captain has allowed the winds and currents to determine his fate. He is at risk of colliding with another vessel, hitting rocks, or running aground. Even if he should happen, by some good fortune, to arrive safely in a

port, it's not going to be a destination of his choosing.

In order to avoid drifting, the captain must have a planned route or destination and actively steer his boat. Although he may not have a long-term route planned, the captain needs to at least know the next port he wants to visit. Once underway, the captain is obligated to make whatever decisions are necessary and take whatever action is appropriate to stay on course.

Making decisions on a daily basis in your life may not carry the same sense of urgency as if you were responsible for the safety of a ship. This leads to a false sense of complacency that can lull you into inactivity. It's often the exception when you are facing a deadline for making a decision.

When you are confronting a situation where you are not sure what to do, it is easy to procrastinate. You may have even heard someone say that they are waiting for their ship to come in or for things to get better. Life is not a lottery where you can sit back and hope to win.

When you do nothing, nothing happens. Or when something does happen, it is probably not what you wanted.

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Borden County Elementary School Supply List 2012-2013

Kindergarten: Elmer's school glue (not paste), 2-glue sticks, 2-boxes of 16 Crayons, Scissors (Fiskars for kids), 4-#2 pencils, 2-Folders w/pockets, Big eraser, Supply box (cigar box size), Towel for nap time, Baby wipes/wet wipes (2 box), 1 box-Kleenex, Gym Shoes.

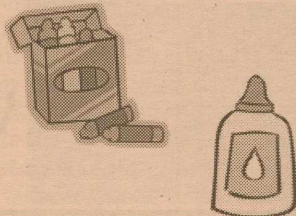
First Grade: 2-Boxes of 16 Crayons, 12-#2 Pencils, Scissors, 2 Medium sized bottles Elmer's Glue, 2-Glue sticks, 2-Boxes Kleenex, 2-Pink shoes, 1 bottle of sanitizer, 1 pkg baby wipes. **NO FOLDERS AND NOT SPIRAL NOTE-BOOKS PLEASE!**



Second Grade: 12-#2 Pencils, 2 boxes of 16 ct. crayons or more, 2 Bottles Elmer's Glue, 2 Glue sticks, Flexible ruler, Scissors (Fiskars for Kids), Erasers, Ruler, 1-Blue pocket folder (no brads), 1-Green pocket folder (not brads), 1-Yellow pocket folder (no brads), 1-Orange pocket folder (no brads), 2 Boxes Kleenex, Gym shoes.

Third Grade: 1-3 ring binder (no zippers), 1-Ruler (metric & standard), 4-Red pens, 1 Bottle school glue, 2-Glue sticks, 3-Pocket folders (no brads), 24-#2 Pencils, Crayons, Scissors, 1 Box Kleenex, 1 Box wet wipes, 8 dividers, 1 Pkg. notebook paper (wide ruled), 1 Pkg. 3X5 index cards, Gym shoes.

Girls-Bring box of zip lock sandwich bags. **Boys-**Bring box of zip lock quart size bags.



Fourth Grade: Crayons, 24- #2 Pencils, 1-Lined composition journal, 4-Red pens, 3-pocket folders (no brads), 1-Ruler (metric & standard), 2-Glue sticks, Map Colors, Scissors, 1-Bottle Elmer's school glue, 1-Box Kleenex, 1-Large, inexpensive box-baby wipes, Gym shoes. **Girls-**1 box of gallon size zip lock freezer bags. **Boys-**1 box of quart size zip lock freezer bags.

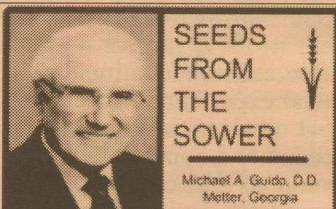
Fifth Grade: 1-1 inch 3 ring binder, 1-set of dividers w/tabs (4), 1-Pocket folder of choice, 2-Composition notebooks (not spiral notebooks), 1-Box #2 pencils (may be mechanical), 1-Pkg. wide ruled notebook paper, 1-Pkg. colored copy paper, 4-Red grading pens, 1-Black sharpie, 2-Large glue sticks, 1-Bottle Elmer's school glue, 1-Box 24 Crayons, Colored pencils, Crayola Washable Markers, Ruler w/ both inches and centimeters, Scissors, Highlighters, 2-Boxes of Kleenex, 1-Box of baby wipes, Gym shoes. **Girls-** 1 Box Quart size zip lock bags and 1 container of hand soap. **Boys-**1 Box of Gallon size zip lock bags and 1 container of hand sanitizer.

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Borden County vs. Ropes Eagles



The Borden County Coyotes and JV football teams hosted the Ropes Eagles in a scrimmage this past Saturday. Both teams came ahead of the Eagles 9-3. New offensive coach, Bubba Edwards, (pictured above) instructs the varsity on plays during the game. The Coyotes will scrimmage Lorenzo and Christ the King at Lorenzo this Thursday at 5:00. The Coyote JV will head to Rotan on Aug. 28th to scrimmage the Yellowhammers at 7:00 p.m.



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Alexander the Great led his army across scorching sand for days. Their throats were parched and their bodies were burning up.

One day his advance guard returned and brought him a quart of water. His men watched with envy as he accepted it. But he poured it on the sand, saying, "It is not right for one to drink when so many are thirsty."

He did not have enough water to give each man a sip, but he did have enough heart to give them the inspiration to succeed.

They found water later. But on that day, they saw a leader who loved them. No one can lead who does not love. And no leader has ever loved his followers as much as Jesus.

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School Lunch Menu Menu Subject to Change August 27 - 31, 2012

Monday - Breakfast: Pancake Pup, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Fajitas, Charro Beans, Seasoned Corn, Orange Smiles, Salsa and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Sausage & Biscuit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Country Style Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Strawberry Cup and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Spaghetti, Garden Salad, Apple Slices, Breadstick, Baby Carrots and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Cereal Bar & Apple Slices, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Bean & Cheese Chalupas, Garden Salad, Applesauce, Salsa, Lime Sherbet Cup and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Fish Taco, Sweet Potato Fries, Coleslaw, Sliced Peaches and Milk.

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Eagle Sandwich!



Borden County Coyotes, T.J. Basquez (left) and Tristan Benavidez (right) tackle a Ropes player in last Saturday's scrimmage against the Eagles.



The Borden County High School cheerleaders provided fans with snacks and cold drinks during last Saturday's game. Pictured are (right to left) Kalyn Massingill, Tye Basquez, Cassie Gaines (back Mascot), Hanna Forbes, Tatum Richey, Clair Shafer and Taylor Gass.



Coyote Opry Talent Needed

Anyone interested in performing at the Coyote Opry on September 22, 2012 please contact Wretha Wagner at 325/260-8512 or email at wwagner@bcisd.net

Booster Club Meeting

The Borden County Booster Club will hold its 1st meeting of the 2012-2013 school year on August 27th (first day of school) at 8:05 am in the Coyote Room next to the Superintendents' office.

Borden County Independent School District 2012-2013

SECONDARY SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Please realize that teachers may add to their list on the first day of school...
College classes will receive instructions that day as well.

Mr. Benavidez – Spanish I, Spanish II, & Spanish III

- 1½" Notebook
- Dividers
- Notebook Paper
- Red pens
- Plenty of 3"x 5" note cards

Elementary P.E.

Gym Shoes (If your child cannot tie his/her shoes, please provide Velcro snaps)

Mrs. Bradbury-Science (7th & 8th) Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy & Physiology

- Binder-To keep papers
- Composition notebook
- Set of 5-tab dividers for binder
- 7th & 8th Grade-9x13 aluminum foil pans
- 9th Grade-Chlorox disinfecting wipes
- 10th Grade-Quart size bags
- 11th Grade-Gallon size bags/protractor
- 12th Grade-Kleenex

Mr. Edwards – Social Studies (7th)

- Notebook paper
- Pens
- Red pens

Mrs. Herridge – English I, English II, English III, English IV, Science (6th), Speech

English Classes

- 1½" 3-Ring Notebook
- Dividers (At least 10)
- Composition book
- Blue or Black Pens
- RED pens
- Loose-leaf notebook paper
- 3X5 Index Cards

Science Class (6th)

- Red Pens (10)
- Pens-Black/Blue
- Pencils
- Homework Folder
- 1½ inch 3 ring notebook
- Dividers (At least 10)

Mrs. Key – Math (6th, 7th, & 8th), Algebra I, Technology Applications (7th)

- Notebook paper
- Large Spiral notebook (for taking notes)
- Folder
- Pencils
- Spiral note cards
- Red pens

****Please do not purchase the stretchy book covers for your student's textbooks. They will be provided by the school. Stretchy book covers will not be allowed.

Ms. Mayes – Reading (6th), Social Studies (6th) English (6th) English (7th)

- Two Inch 3-Ring Notebook (No zippers or flaps) Notebook Paper
- Dividers
- Map pencils
- Blue or black ink pens
- Pencils
- Red pens

Mr. Parker-Agriculture Science (8th-12th)

- 8th -12th Grade
- 3-Ring Notebook
- 9 Dividers with labels
- Pens
- Pencils
- Notebook Paper

Ms. Phillips – Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Math Models

- Notebook paper
- 3 Ring Binder
- Dividers
- Plenty of pencils

Mr. Richey – Math 7th, Geometry, Independent Studies in Math

- Notebook paper
- Spiral notebook
- Dividers (5 or 6)
- Pencils
- Red pens (No other colors needed)
- Highlighter
- Dry erase marker (2 or 3)
- Compass-optional
- Protractor-optional
- 7th Grade: Inexpensive calculator

Mr. Skelton - Social Studies (8th), World Geography (9th), World History (10th)

- 1 Inch 3 Ring Notebook
- Pens-Blue or Black
- World Geography: Map pencils
- Dividers
- Red Pens

Ms. Soto – Reading (7th & 8th) English (8th)

- 1.5 – 2 inch hard cover 3 ring notebook
- 6 dividers
- Notebook paper
- Black or blue pens
- Red pens
- 3 holed pen pouch (dedicated to reading only)
- Composition book-like the black and white covered ones
- Highlighters (4-pk)
- Colored Pencils (Smallest box)
- Folder w/pockets

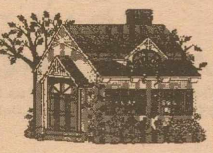
Ms. Wagner – Band (6th-12th)

- Good attitude and a willingness to work

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Heart and Home ...

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



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Parental Involvement Contributes to Children's Academic Success

Caregivers, teachers, peers, extended family, media, heredity, and the environment all contribute to a child's development; however, parents (if present) are the most powerful influence in the lives of their children. Parental involvement not only shapes development during the initial years of life, but also during the adolescent and adult years.

Given this important role, to what extent should parents be involved in their children's development? According to the National PTA, "Parental involvement is the participation of parents in every facet of the education and development of children from birth to adulthood, recognizing that parents are the primary influence in their children's lives." Parents have a tremendous responsibility to be involved with their children both inside and outside the home.

Decades of research have demonstrated that the more involved parents are in their children's development, the greater chance children have to succeed, particularly in their academic performance. Consistently, researchers have discovered that greater parental involvement in a child's education is associated with:

- higher student grades and test scores,
- better attendance,
- higher rates of homework completion,
- more positive student attitudes and behavior,
- higher graduation rates, and
- greater enrollment rates in post-secondary education.

When parents are involved, children achieve more regardless of their socioeconomic level, ethnic/racial background, or the parents' educational level (Henderson & Mapp, 2002).

As recent research on early brain development has shown, positive parental involvement needs to begin long before children enter into formal schooling arrangements. The early years of a child's life are critically important for healthy brain development, attachment formation, and language acquisition. When parents become actively involved with their children at an early age, they lay a foundation for learning that will benefit children for the rest of their lives.

Written by: Dr. Stephen Green, Texas AgriLife Extension Specialist-Parenting and Child Deve

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Feeding Your Family Educational Program Series

Menu Planning and Recipe Selection



Tuesday, August 28 at 6:00 p.m.

Borden County Extension Office

Every day we struggle with planning and preparing tasty, healthy and inexpensive meals for our families. The first of the series in Feeding Your Family will be on Tuesday, August 28th at 6:00 p.m. in the Borden County Extension Office. This program will focus on how to plan menus, select recipes, build grocery lists, and stock the pantry/refrigerator. There will be a one time fee of \$10 (this will allow you to attend all programs in the Feeding Your Family series for 2012).

We will seek to provide all reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for any Extension program. We request that you contact your Texas AgriLife Extension Service office as soon as possible to advise of auxiliary aid that you will require.

For more information, please contact Texas AgriLife Extension Service-Borden County at (806)756-4336 or email julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu.

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Thought for the Day

Strength of character may be acquired at work, but beauty of character is learned at home. There the affections are trained. There the gentle life reaches us, the true heaven life. In one word, the family circle is the supreme conductor of Christianity.

-Henry Drummond

Dare to Live...

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Time is not on your side; it goes by much too fast to spend it waiting. Inaction does not protect you from making the wrong decision.

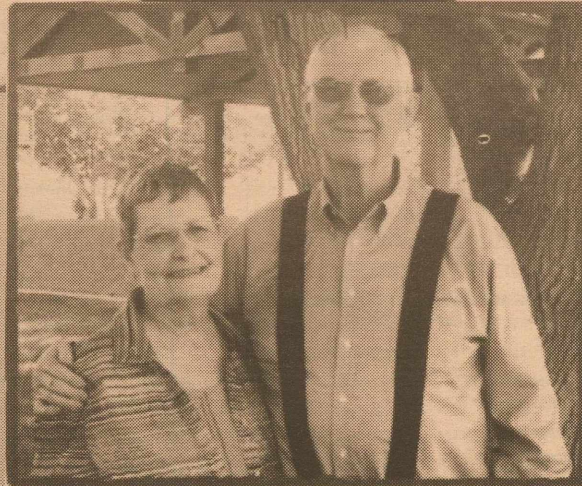
Fear is a common cause of drifting. Fear of making a mistake or fear of not knowing what to do. Sometimes it's fear of adversity or fear of failure. Withdrawing into your captain's cabin provides you with a sense of security, albeit false. You can not float through life and expect to be satisfied where the currents take you.

Decision and action are the antidotes for aimless drifting. You need not fear going in the wrong direction. You are free to alter course whenever and

as often as necessary. Taking an active role in your destiny creates a positive momentum. The more you make decisions, the easier it becomes.

Today is a good time to take control of your ship and stop drifting. Start with taking action on any situations you have put off or avoided. Once you have tackled one issue, move on to the next. It's infinitely more satisfying to begin taking charge of your life rather than waiting to see what happens or where you wind up.

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Lewis's Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

The children of Royale and Carol Lewis recently hosted a dinner celebrating the couple's 50th wedding anniversary on June 30th at the East Side Church of Christ in Snyder, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis were married on June 22, 1962 at the Church of Christ in Gail.

They have three children: Shelly Bolton and husband, Scott of Kerrville, Texas; Amy Martin and husband, Chad of Kennedale, Texas

and a son, Shawn of San Angelo. All three children are Borden County graduates. They also have seven grandchildren.

Carol is a graduate of Borden County where she taught for nineteen years, retiring in 2002.

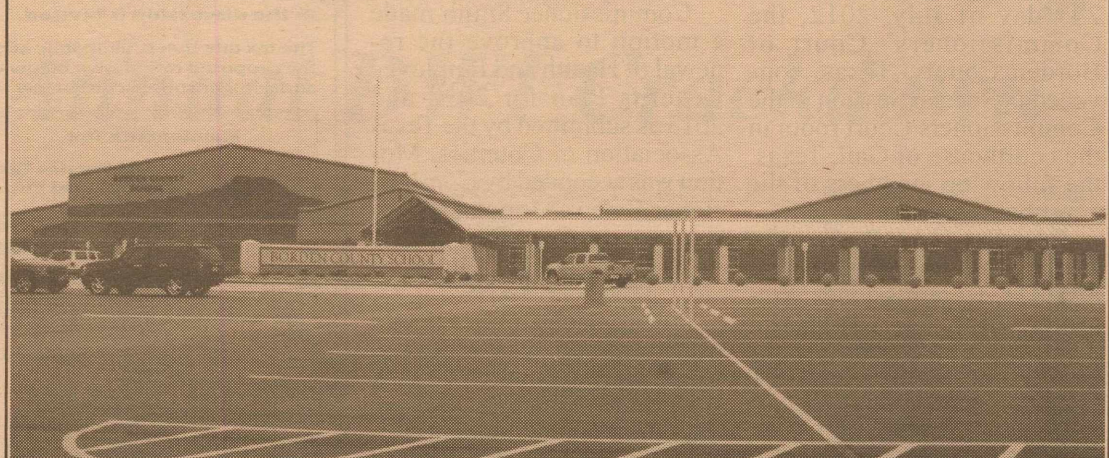
Royale is a graduate of Ackerly High School. Mr. Lewis was the Borden County sheriff from 1989 to 2001 and was the chief appraiser from 1983 until 2001



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3rd & 4th generations still serving this area.

Borden County Students Enter New Year in Style



Borden County students and faculty will begin the 2012-2013 school year in the new school building pictured above. The school boasts state of the art technology and the newest up-to-date classroom design.



Beef Cattle & Range Challenges

August 29, 2012

Scurry Coliseum

900 E. Coliseum Drive Snyder, TX

Agenda

- 8:30-9:00 a.m. Registration
- 9:00-9:45 a.m. Climatology Outlook
Dr. Ted McCollum
- 9:45-10:15 a.m. Small Grains for Forage
Robert Ferguson, CEA-ANR
- 10:15-10:30 a.m. Break Capital Farm Credit
- 10:30-12:00 a.m. Feed Sources for Winter Management
Dr. Ted McCollum
- 12:00 p.m. Adjourn



2 General CEUs will be offered

\$10 Registration fee

For more information please contact Cody Hill at the Texas AgriLife Extension Office 806-756-4336

Dr. Ted McCollum, Extension Beef Cattle Specialist

Greg Gruben, CEA-ANR, Scurry County

Cody Hill, CEA-ANR, Borden County

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Robert Ferguson, CEA-ANR, Mitchell County

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Commissioners' Court

WHEREAS, On this the 24th day of July, 2012, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special 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, Presiding; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 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.

Sharlot Stone, County Treasurer and Ben Smith, County Attorney present.

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the July 24, 2012 Special Session of Borden Co. Commissioner Court to order at 8:40 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meetings of July 10, 2012 were read. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SHOOTING SPORTS

Jana Underwood met with the Court concerning Rules of Shooting Sports Range.

ORDER REGULATING LITTER

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve "Order of the Commissioner's Court Regulating Litter Near a Public Highway." Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEES HEALTH

INSURANCE

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the renewal of Health and Employee Benefits Plan for 2012 and 2013 as submitted by the Texas Association of Counties. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.

ROAD

CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

An application for Read Maintenance was received from Pam Davenport for Frank Beaver in Precinct No. 4. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve application and seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

SOIL CONSERVATION WORK

No applications for Soil Conservation was received.

WATER SYSTEM

Borden County Water System was discussed. No action taken.

BUDGET

Budget Work Session was held.

ACCOUNT ALLOWED

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Container for burning Courthouse papers. Purchase of video camera for game warden. Car registration fees.

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 14th day of August, 2012.

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50-280 (Rev. 9-05/2)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Borden County Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 8:30 P.M. Tuesday, August 28th in Borden County I S D Cafeteria, Gail, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.04	/ \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$.28	/ \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	.01	% increase	or	.01	% (decrease)
Debt service	.16	% increase	or		% (decrease)
Total expenditures	.007	% increase	or		% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 1,088,734,851	\$ 1,246,163,923
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$ 384,125	\$ 260,410
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 686,489,026	\$ 912,601,733
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 257,671	\$ 228,640

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(B), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 21,655,001

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.28000 *	\$ 1.32000	\$ 25,822	\$ 8,390
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.04369	\$ 0.19703 *	\$ 1.24073	\$ 32,485	\$ 2,330
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.28000 *	\$ 1.32000	\$ 32,162	\$ 482

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 27,139	\$ 25,775
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 13,590	\$ 13,330
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.32	\$ 1.32
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 179.39	\$ 175.96
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (3.43)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.0401. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.0401.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 4,588,966.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 812,854.23

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

Life Without a Car

For most Texans, especially those of us smart enough to live way outside the giant metropolitan areas, the main source of transportation is the four-wheeled vehicle: the car, pickup, or SUV. We think nothing about driving to see kinfolks or to a vacation site. It is extremely convenient. Just get in your vehicle and go. It is a way of life.

Inside the big cities, it is different. Parking prices are beyond reason. On a recent trip to Chicago the hotel where we stayed had a \$41 per night parking charge. A Chicago resident told us some downtown hotels get close to a hundred dollars a night to park your car. That certainly encourages travelers to use public transportation.

We have rented cars when we fly to the east or west coast. Only once have we rented a car overseas. That was on a trip to England. Scary.

I remember leaving the airport and getting in trouble immediately because I was not accustomed to driving in the left lane. When I got to the hotel where we were staying, I was exhausted. When I returned to the car after checking in, I of course did the usual thing: got in the car on the right side. I sat down to find the steering wheel in front of the seat next to me. I didn't drive the car during our 3 or 4 day stay there. By then I had worked up enough courage to drive again.

We stayed another few days driving around the Cotswolds. But I was nervous the whole time.

When we leave the country, we use public transportation. In some places you have to be an electronic game expert to figure out how to purchase a ticket. In Italy, you not only

have to go to a machine to buy your ticket, you also have to put it in another machine to get it stamped. If the ticker taker on the train finds you have not stamped your ticket, off you go.

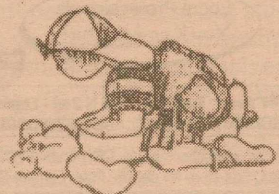
I am extremely ill at ease when it comes to buying a ticket from a machine. But I have the most competent traveling companion. My wife Susan could be a tour guide. She has always been able to figure out complicated ticket dispensers. When we were in Amsterdam we took several train trips to nearby towns. No problem. Susan's expertise with machines is uncanny and she has a remarkable sense of direction.

On the Chicago trip, we landed at Midway Airport, which has a subway station. We were told to take the Orange Line to the Roosevelt station and walk about 4 blocks to our hotel. Our son had been to Chicago a few weeks earlier and gave us a Chicago Transit Authority pass. We inserted it into the ticket machine and the screen asked us if we wanted to add dollars to it. We punched in \$20 and the pass came out with the new amount. Susan went through the turnstile before me. I put the ticket in the slot, Susan went through, then I did the same thing. So far, so good. Everything was as it should be. We got off at the Roosevelt stop and walked the few blocks to our hotel.

Chicago's transit system is extremely efficient and we used it several times while we were in the city. The CTA pass can be used on buses as well. We had no problems whatsoever. We spent less than \$25 to get around in Chicago. That's less than one night's parking.

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Texas Law Enforcement Working Overtime During Annual DWI Crackdown

AUSTIN, Texas — During the Labor Day holiday period alcohol-related crashes killed fewer people in Texas last year than in any year since 2003.

But, state officials don't want this lower number to put Texans at ease. Law enforcement will still work thousands of overtime hours this month to crack down on drinking and driving during the holiday. The Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) "Drink. Drive. Go to Jail." campaign begins August 17 and runs through Labor Day.

Seven people died in alcohol-related crashes last year during the Labor Day holiday period in Texas. The fatality numbers for the previous seven Labor Day holiday periods were all in double digits. More alcohol-related crashes occur between 2 a.m. and 2:59 a.m. than in any other hour of the day, and more crashes happen on Saturday than on any other day of the week. So, drivers are urged to realize that no one is immune to the effects of alcohol, and to always seek a sober ride home.

"Labor Day is the tradi-

tional end of summer celebration. In Texas, 34 percent of all alcohol-related fatal crashes happened during the summer," said Carol T. Rawson, TxDOT's Traffic Operations Division Director. "Three hundred sixty-six people died during the months of May through August last year in alcohol-related crashes. That's nothing to celebrate, and law enforcement will be out in force as part of the Drink. Drive. Go to Jail. stepped-up enforcement effort and public awareness campaign."

For the first time, TxDOT is asking people to pledge to choose a safe ride home by texting CHOOSE to 67664. Texans who make the pledge are entered to win a donated Honda Ruckus scooter and helmet.

Texas is part of the Labor Day nationwide impaired driving crackdown coordinated and funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Simulated Jail Cell Rolling Across Texas

Convicted drunk drivers could spend up to \$17,000 for

bail, fines, legal fees, court appearances, court-ordered classes, insurance increases and other expenses.

To drive the message home, a mobile simulated jail cell will be driven around Texas to attract attention to the legal and social consequences of drinking and driving. At public events leading up to Labor Day, people will be invited to climb into the mobile simulated jail cell and complete a DWI knowledge quiz before being released. The public events are listed at TexasDWI.org.

Bars and restaurants in major markets are also participating in the campaign by allowing TxDOT to install "Drink. Drive. Go to Jail." bathroom mirror clings that look like mug shot backgrounds.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission and Mothers Against Drunk Driving are joining TxDOT and local law enforcement partners for the "Drink. Drive. Go to Jail." campaign.

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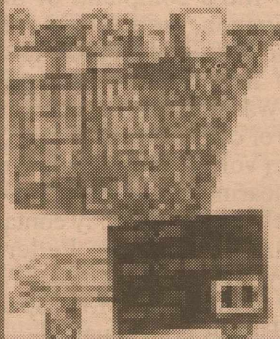
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ORDER OF GENERAL ELECTION (ORDEN DE ELECCION GENERAL)

An election is hereby ordered to be held on November 6, 2012, in Borden County, Texas for the purpose of electing the following county and precinct officers as required by Article XVI, Section 65 of the Texas Constitution.

(Por la presente se ordena que se lleve a cabo una eleccion el dia 6 de November, 2012, en el Condado de Borden Texas, con el proposito de elegir los siguientes oficiales del condado y del precinto como requerido por el Articulo XVI, Seccion 65 de la Constitucion de Texas.)

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County Commissioner, Precinct 3 (*comisionado del Condado, Precinto 3*)

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October 30, 2012
30 de Octubre 2012.

Issued this the 17th day of August, 2012.

(Emitada este dia 17 de Augusta, 2012.)

Ross D. Sharp, Borden County Judge

(Firma del Juez Condado)

Borden County ISD Receives Free Lunches

The Borden County Independent School District today announced an amendment to the policy for serving meals for students served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the 2012-2013 school year, which would allow for all students at all campuses to be served meals at no charge.

For additional information please contact: Borden County I.S.D., Attention: Mr. Jimmy Thomas, Superintendent, P.O. Box 95, Gail, Texas 79738, (806) 756-4313, jthomas@bcisd.net.

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Life's Outtakes

By Daris Howard

Why I Am A Teacher

It was summer graduation day at the university where I work and a beautiful day it was, unlike the first graduation I attended as a young professor. That one was in April and the cold south wind had swirled the snow around us.

On that day, as we watched the students file past, one of my more seasoned colleagues, who was also my mentor, turned to me and said, "Graduation will be one of the happiest and one of the saddest times of your life."

When I asked him why it was the one of the saddest he very somberly answered, "Because some of the students you have gotten to know have to leave."

When I asked him why it was one of the happiest he grinned. "Because some of the students you have gotten to know have to leave."

As the procession of students ended we turned and marched to join them in the auditorium, filling the seats reserved for us. As the commencement continued on for a long time my colleague reached inside the bell sleeves of his graduation robe and pulled out a book of differential equations from one and popcorn from the other. His quiet munching and flipping of pages soon drew my attention away from the redundant words which were meant to inspire.

But my colleague's words that day have etched their message on my mind. When I come across the infrequent student that is belligerent, almost daring a person to teach him, I have had to rethink why I chose to be a teacher.

It obviously isn't the money. This was brought home to me some time ago when a former computer science student of mine called me. He said he had a job working for Nintendo. His starting wage was higher than my current one even though I had more education than he had and I had worked for more than a decade.

He said he knew with my

programming skills he could get me hired and then he added, "...and the best part is after programming we get to play the game for six months to test it."

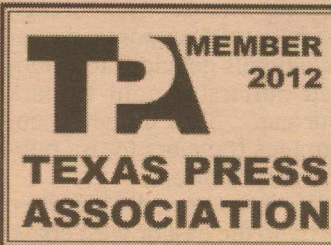
I thanked him, but declined his kind offer. Years ago in a class I had taken we were given the assignment of working on our own obituary, not as we were then, but as we hoped our life would play out. That has colored many of the decisions I have made through the years. I can't envision the epitaph on my headstone saying, "He loved to play games".

As I sat down to work on final grades, I found a note a student had slipped in with her homework. She thanked me for being her teacher and said the things she had learned in

my class, not about math, but about life, would be things she would remember long after the math skills had faded away.

As I finished reading her note, I remembered why I had become a teacher. With renewed dedication and a deeper sense of satisfaction I prepared for the next semester.

(Daris Howard is a syndicated columnist, writer, playwright and teacher. He can be contacted at daris@darishoward.com)



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