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## Farm Service Agency Supports National Ag Day

(Post, Texas)—The Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) suggests that we all take a moment in these turbulent fiscal times to celebrate agriculture and honor our hard-working farmers and ranchers in Texas. Victor Ashley, Garza-Borden County Executive Director announces that March 19 is Na-

tional Ag Day and this year's theme is "Generations Nourishing Generations".

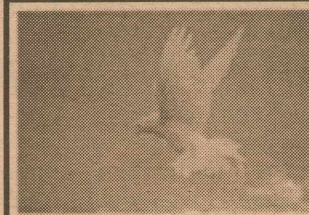
"According to recent USDA studies, the agricultural sector right now remains a bright spot in terms of economic stability and growth and there is a strong demand for U.S. agricultural products,"

said Ashley. "Generation after generation of agricultural producers in Texas are getting up early every day to provide the food, fiber and fuel that feed and clothe Americans and others around the world."

Ashley further notes, "As research advances, the future may be even brighter. New uses for ag products are being found to utilize natural ingredients for life-saving medicines and supply the critical commodities required in a long list of manufacturing sectors."

Despite the onslaught of natural disasters weathered by farmers and ranchers this past year that created less than ideal growing conditions, producers still managed to grow the commodities that keep our economy moving forward. And they maintain our abundant supply of renewable resources in an environmentally sensitive manner. "For their life sustaining efforts, we honor Texas' agricultural producers for their vital contributions," said Ashley.

Major commodities produced in Garza and Borden Counties include cotton, wheat, and grain sorghum. Texas agricultural production contributed more than \$7.5 billion in export revenues dur-



## Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

### Where You Plant a Flower a Weed Can Not Grow

What happens to a garden when the dirt is plowed to get ready for planting? If the land is left alone, with no additional action being taken, whatever seeds happen to be carried by the wind to the fresh dirt will begin to grow.

The soil does not discriminate. All seeds are treated equally. But you won't find flowers growing in an untended garden. You'll only have a lot of weeds. This is because weeds are adept at growing virtually anywhere, under any condition.

Flowers require care, fertilizer, and water. However, wherever you plant a flower, no weed will grow. Ignore the flower and it will wither, leaving room for a weed.

Thoughts are seeds that germinate in your mind. Just like the dirt in a garden, your mind will accept any seeds of thought. Positive thoughts or negative, your mind supports them all. Positive thoughts are your flowers whereas negative thoughts are the weeds.

If you ignore your mental garden, negative thoughts will thrive. It's easy to pick up negative thoughts because your environment is filled with them. Other people are con-

stantly spewing negative opinions about virtually every topic. The news media is filled with tragedy and despair.

Negative thoughts can be displaced by cultivating positive ones. Every good thought you plant displaces a weed. Since you are in control of your mind, you have the ability to select and plant positive thoughts.

Why is it so important to tend to your mental garden? Because your thoughts control what you do and how you feel. Negative thoughts make you feel bad, impact your health, cause you to give up, and derail you from achieving your goals.

Positive thoughts enable you to overcome obstacles, achieve your goals, feel good, improve your health, develop a pleasant personality, stay on track, and persevere. It's well worth your effort to cultivate a positive mental garden.

Sandra rarely felt enthusiastic about much. Her workweek dragged. Friday took forever to arrive. Each weekend whizzed by in the blink of an eye. Sandra always found the downside of any issue. She felt

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## The Women of Lockerbie



In Monday nights Borden County high school One-Act play production of The Women of Lockerbie, George Jones (played by Zach McMeans) tries to get his message across to Hattie (played by Maeghan Herridge).

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## BHS CX Debate Team Makes It to Elite Eight Zach McMeans Wins Silver Gavel Award in 1A

The brother-sister debate team of Mollie McMeans and Zach McMeans improved on last year's state performance by advancing to the quarterfinal round in the 2013 CX State Meet.

By doing so, the duo finished tied for 5<sup>th</sup> out of fifty-two 1A schools at the megatournament held on the University of Texas campus March 11-12.

In addition to the team honors which garnered Mollie and Zach a state medal for the second straight year, Zach earned the Silver Gavel Speaking Award out of 104 debaters in Class 1A. The UIL recognizes the top five individual speakers in CX debate each year based on speaker points given in the four preliminary rounds. Out of 120 points, Zach scored 118.6. The top speaker, Brandon Kelley from Rankin, had a perfect 120. Zach placed ahead of state champion debaters Hunter Hall and Savannah Barksdale of Farwell who ranked third and fifth, respec-

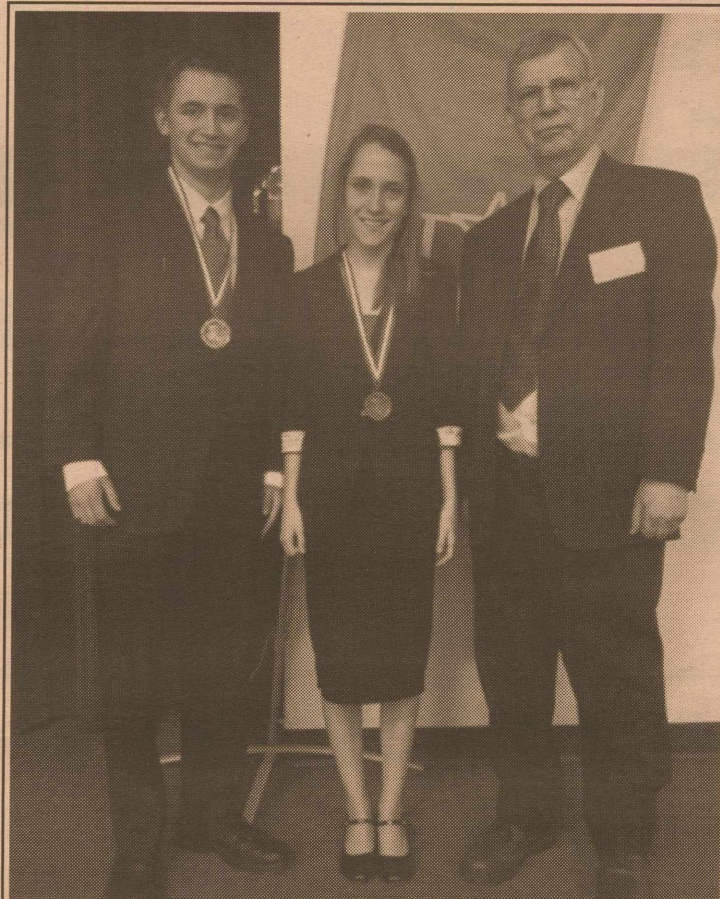
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Mollie scored 114 out of 120, placing her in the top ten speakers out of 104 debaters.

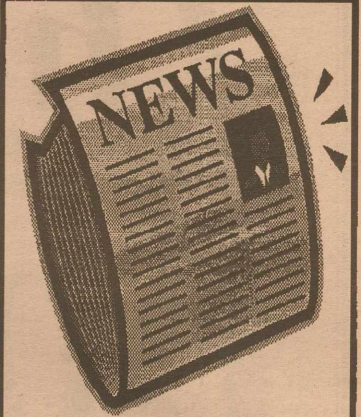
Mollie and Zach went 3-1 in the preliminary rounds held March 11. Among the teams the two defeated was Rising Star, who also advanced to the octafinal round. In Tuesday's octafinal round, BHS (negative) faced Three Rivers (affirmative) and won the round on a 2-1 panel vote. This victory placed Mollie and Zach in the top eight of the state in 1A debate.

In the quarterfinal round, BHS (again losing the flip and going negative) lost a 3-0 decision to Sudan (affirmative). This loss eliminated Mollie and Zach but not before they were awarded the quarterfinalist medals for their overall 4-2 record at the state meet.

BHS finishes the 2012-2013 season with a record of 24-7, having advanced to either the quarterfinals, semifinals, or finals in all but one tournament.



Siblings, Mollie and Zach McMeans are presented quarterfinalists medals by State CX 1A Director W.E. Shults.



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## Borden County Coyote Varsity Falls Behind in Sixth Inning in 4-3 Loss to Levelland JV

### Coyotes vs. Lobos JV

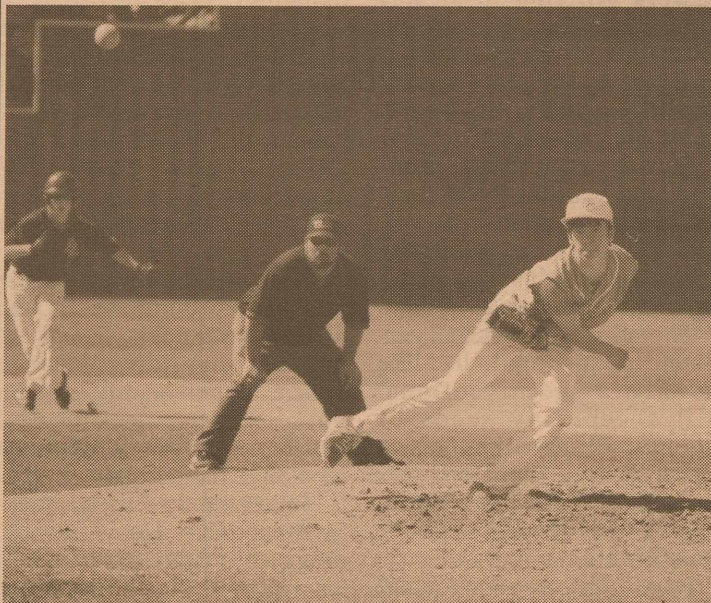


Photo by Tanya Shafer

Borden County pitcher, Mason Coor, gives it his all during the Coyotes game against the Levelland Lobos JV. Coor pitched 5 innings with 3 hits, 2 runs and 6 strike outs.

A tight game was decided in the sixth inning as Borden Co. Coyotes Varsity fell to Levelland JV 4-3 in seven innings on Thursday at Levelland.

Neither team scored until the fourth when Borden Co. Coyotes Varsity got on the board. Borden Co. Coyotes Varsity got on the board thanks to an RBI single by Tristen

Benavidez.

Levelland JV matched its two-run fifth inning with two

more in the sixth. In the fifth, Levelland JV scored on a two-run double.

Batting	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
J. Smith	4	0	1	0	0	1
S. Howard	3	1	1	0	0	1
T. Richey	3	0	1	0	0	0
T. Basquez	2	0	0	0	1	1
T. Benavidez	3	0	1	1	0	1
T. Harrison	2	0	1	1	1	0
K. Shafer	2	0	0	0	1	1
H. Rosales	3	0	0	0	0	1
M. Coor	3	0	0	0	0	1
K. Martinez	0	1	0	0	0	0
C. Pennell	0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	25	3	5	2	3	7

Batting

RBI: T. Benavidez, T. Harrison

SB: S. Howard, T. Harrison 2, K. Martinez

Pitching	O	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	S%
M. Coor	15	5.0	3	2	2	3	6	0	49.4%
J. Andrade	1	0.1	0	2	2	1	1	0	43.8%
J. Smith	2	0.2	1	0	0	0	1	0	50.0%

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# Coyote Baseballers Fall to Ira Bulldogs

Courtesy of Lamesa Press Reporter  
By Dwight Hines

The Borden Count Coyotes fell to 0-2 in District 4-1A baseball on Friday with a 9-3 defeat at Ira.

"Defensively, we're getting better. We're not making as many mistakes. Pitching-wise, we're also getting better. We're just still so young there," Borden County Coach Bubba Edwards said.

"We're hitting the ball. We're just not stringing them together where we can have those three or four run innings.

"We've got to start being a little more consistent up and down our line-up."

By scoring one run in the first inning and two more in the third, the Coyotes jumped out to an early 3-0 lead on the Bulldogs.

A grand slam homer gave Ira its first lead at 4-3 in the bottom half of the third inning. The Bulldogs ended up scoring three more in the fifth and two more in the sixth.

Jared Smith was Friday's losing pitcher after pitching all six innings.

Steven Howard led the Coyotes' attack with two singles. Tanner Richey reached base three times via walks. T.J. Basquez and Thomas Harrison both doubled, while Tristan Benavidez, Helio Rosales and Mason Coor each singled.

"Right now, we just need to be careful where we don't dig ourselves too big of a hole," Edwards said of that district race.

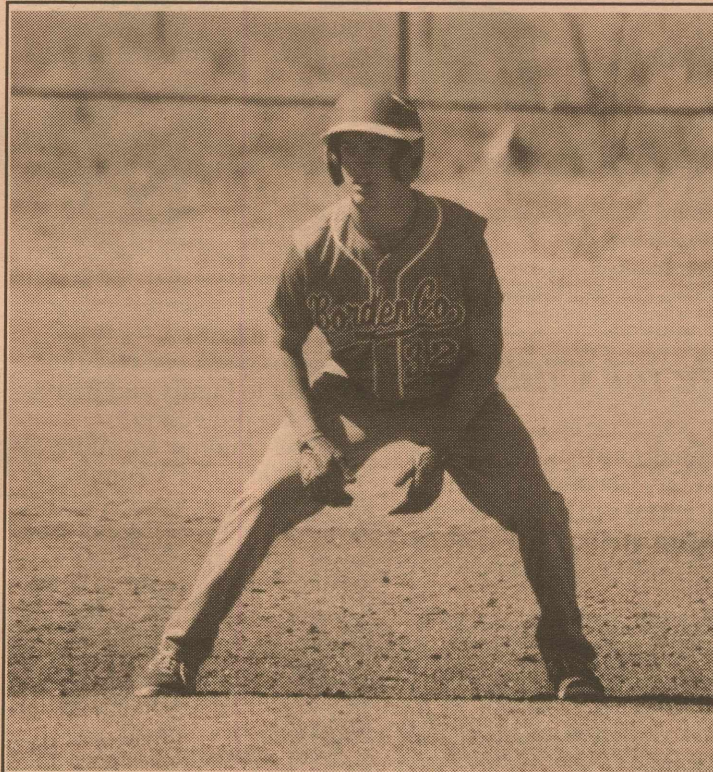
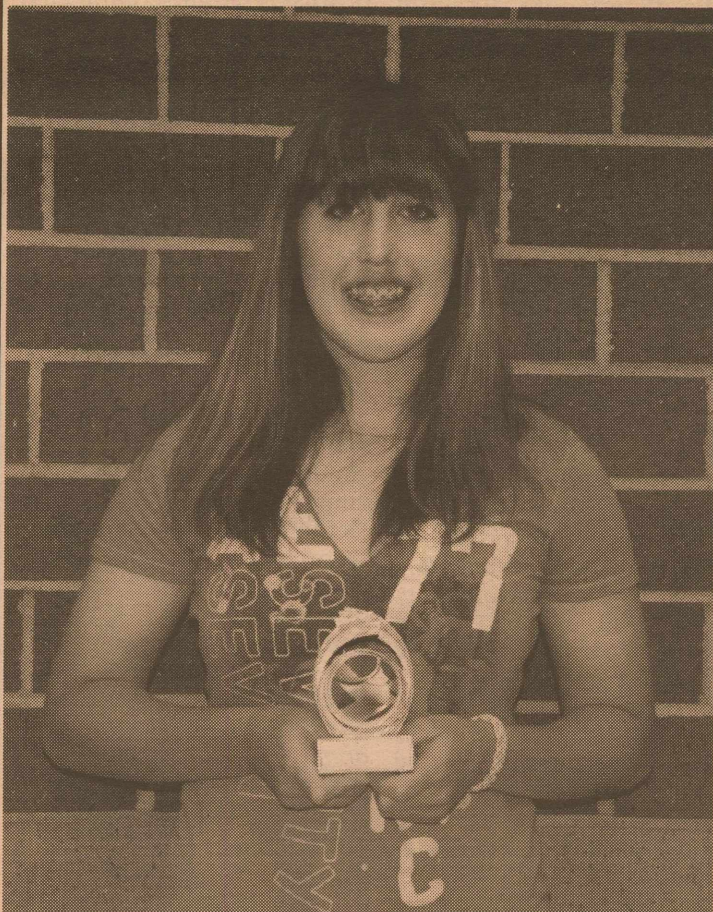


Photo by Tanya Shafer

Coyote, Thomas Harrison looks to steal 3rd base in last weeks game against the Ira Bulldogs. The Coyotes fell to Ira 9-3.

## Burkett Places 2nd in SPCHEA Tourney



Borden County tennis player, Shae Burkett competed in the SPCHEA tennis tournament held in Levelland on Feb. 28th. Shae placed 2nd beating out Christ the King 8-1; Levelland 6-2, 6-1 and Midland Classical 6-3, 6-2. In her match with Lubbock Cooper, Burkett won the first set 6-3 with Cooper winning the second set 3-6 and then Cooper winning the tie breaker 10-5.

## School Lunch Menu

Mar. 25 - 29, 2013

Menu Subject to Change

**Monday** -Breakfast: French Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Ultimate Taco Salad, Spanish Rice (9-12 only), Salad Garnish, Corn, Fruit and Milk.

**Tuesday** - Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pizza Dipper, Salad, Baby Carrots, Apple Slices and Milk.

**Wednesday** - Breakfast: Cinnamon Raisin Bagel, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: CHicken Nuggets, Potatoes, Green Beans, Apple-Pineapple Delight, Roll (9-12 only) and Milk.

**Thursday** - Breakfast: Biscuit & Ham, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Quesadilla, Beans, Carrots, Orange Smiles, Salsa and Milk.

**Friday** - Breakfast: Muffins, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Hamburger, Hamburger Garnish, Fresh Veggie, Fruit Snack and Milk.

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### Borden County 4-H

Date: Tuesday, 3/26/13  
Time: 6:00 p.m.



March Meeting



Join us for a fun filled educational meeting. For a community service, please bring gently used children's supplies or books to be donated to Women's Protective Service.

Join us at the Borden County Event Center in Gail!

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## Sun Protection Guide for Children

Would you send a child out in the rain without a raincoat or an umbrella? Would you send a child to play in the snow without gloves or boots? Would you send a child out in the sun without sunscreen and a hat?

If you said *no* to each question, you are well aware of the importance of protecting children from the outdoor elements. If you said *yes* to the last question about the sun, think again.

Playing in the sun is a fun outdoor activity for children. But is it safe and healthy?

The sun can be dangerous. Even though a suntan may look nice and make one feel good, there is no medical evidence to suggest that a suntan improves health.

Recent medical research shows it is important to protect children and teenagers from overexposure to the sun. Skin damage is cumulative and starts with that first sun exposure.

Young people get about 80 percent of their total lifetime sun exposure in the first 18 years of life. Sun protection and prevention are important to preventing skin damage later in life. Some studies suggest there is a link between early exposure to the sun and skin cancer as an adult.

The two types of ultraviolet sunlight that can damage the skin are Ultraviolet A and Ultraviolet B rays. UVA rays are the slow-tanning rays that penetrate deep into the skin and age the skin prematurely. UVB rays cause burning of the skin and are considered the major cause of skin cancer.

Many young children spend their early years at a day-care center. They are dependent upon the primary care giver to take the appropriate precautions in providing sun protection.

As a parent of young children or a person who cares for

children in a day-care center, there are several precautions you can take to help protect the children around you from future health problems related to the sun.

Follow these simple guidelines to help minimize the risks of excessive sun exposure.

1. Keep children out of the sun from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is the time when the sun's rays are the strongest. If outside activities are held between these times, check to see how much shade there is in play areas. It is better to sit or play in the shade.

2. Use a sunscreen. Apply a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15 to block the most harmful sun rays. This needs to be done before the child goes outside. Don't forget the lips, backs of hands and feet. Reapply sunscreen every two hours. Teach children to use sunscreen regularly, like they use a toothbrush and toothpaste. Children under six months should never have sunscreen applied to their skin. Keep infants out of direct sun and covered up.

3. Wear a hat. A wide-brimmed hat offers protection for the eyes, ears, face and back of the neck.

4. Wear sunglasses. Protect children's eyes from ultraviolet radiation. Sunglasses that provide 95+ percent protection greatly reduce sun exposure.

5. Wear protective clothing. Loose-fitting clothes that are tightly woven are a good choice.

6. Be aware of ground surfaces. Ground surfaces such as sand, cement and white painted surfaces reflect the sun's rays. In the water, ultraviolet light penetrates three feet deep. Summertime is not the only time of the year children need to be protected from the sun. Snow reflects from 80 to 90 percent of the sun's rays.

7. Practice the "shadow rule." Look for shade when

your shadow is shorter than you are tall.

Teach children the *ABC'S for Fun in the Sun*.

A is for *away*. Let children know about staying away from the sun in the middle of the day.

B is for *block*. Encourage children to use a sun protective factor (SPF) of 15 or higher sunscreen.

C is for *cover up*. Wear a shirt and a hat.

S is for *speak out*. Have children talk to family and friends about sun protection.

What children are more at risk to sunburn? A commonly used method to assess the risk is the Skin Type system. The lower numbers indicate children are more likely to burn. These include children who are fair-skinned, with light, red or light-brown hair; blue, green or gray eyes and have numerous moles.

### Skin Types

Type 1 Always burns, never tans

Type 2 Usually burns, tans with difficulty

Type 3 Sometimes burns, sometimes tans


Type 4 Burn minimally, always tans (Asians, Native Americans, Latin Americans)

Type 5 Rarely burns, tans profusely (light-complected African-Americans, east Indians)

Type 6 Never burns, deeply tans (dark-skinned African Americans) may need protection with intense exposure. Since all skin is not created equal, it is important to know that the more skin pigment, the better to prevent sunburn. For individuals who tan, tanning is a way the skin acts as a defense shield against damaging ultraviolet rays.

Since parents and child-care workers become role models to children, they need to set an example and follow the sun protection guidelines. For more information on sun safety, please contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or visit with your health care provider.

Source: *Nebraska Cooperative Extension publication Sun Protection Guide for Children*


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## Dare to Live...

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trapped in her routine. Sandra's goal was to work long enough to be able to retire. Then she would be able to enjoy life.

Her thoughts were mostly negative. When a friend pointed this out to her, Sandra responded that she would have better thoughts if her circumstances were better. What were some of the causes for Sandra's predicament?

Sandra listened to the opinions of her friends. She didn't want to be ridiculed. Sandra's friends talked about what was wrong with their lives as well as in the world. Sandra wanted to change jobs, but her friends told her it was a stupid idea because the economy was so unpredictable. So Sandra stayed in the job she didn't care for.

Sandra watched the evening news each night. She read the paper at lunch. Sandra allowed negative seeds to saturate her mind.

It's no surprise Sandra felt

the way she did. At any time, she can pull the weeds out of her mental garden and replace them with flowers. She has to alter the information she takes in. Sandra needs to seek out examples of success, inspiration and accomplishment.

Sandra's objective should be to fill her mind with positive thoughts that make her feel good. She has to get rid of concepts such as it won't work, I can't do it, what will people think, and I'm too old. They need to be replaced with I can, I will, today is a great day to start, and it doesn't matter what others say, think, or do.

Fill your mental garden with the flowers of positive thoughts. As your garden flourishes, you will become happier and more satisfied.

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## Borden County ISD to Offer Pre-K Day


Borden County ISD will be having Pre-School Day on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. If your child will be five years old on or before September 1, 2013, he/she is invited to visit the kindergarten class on this day.

After you have taken your child to the kindergarten class, please go to the library to complete your child's registration packet. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate, social security card, and im-

munization record.

**WE WILL BE HAVING AN EARLY DISMISSAL AT 12:30 ON PRE-SCHOOL DAY.** Pre-School students will attend school from 8:05 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The school will provide lunch. If your child would like to ride the bus, please contact the bus driver in your area.

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# Poka Lambro Annual Meeting Set for March 28th

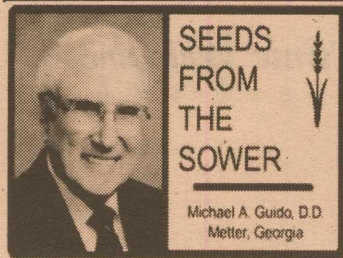
Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is set to host their 62nd Annual Membership Meeting – Thursday, March 28, 2013. The meeting will be held at Poka Lambro's main business office located 11.5 miles north of Tahoka, Texas on US Hwy 87.

Member registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:00 noon. The business meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting highlights will in-

clude the election of directors for Districts 2 and 6, the reports of officers and directors and the presentation of Poka Lambro Scholarships. All Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative members are encouraged to attend the meeting. Members may pick up door prize cards when registering at the meeting. Members must be present to win door prizes.

For additional information please contact Amy Preston at 1-800-422-2387.



In a Charlie Brown comic strip, Lucy asked Charlie Brown, "Why are we put on earth?"

"To make others happy," he answered.

"I don't think that I'm making anyone very happy," confessed Lucy. "And nobody's making me very happy."



Then she shouted, "Somebody's not doing his job!"

In our relationships with others, however unkind they are, we must practice the same love that our Lord practices with us. We must show them their worth, their value, their importance and their significance. We must always let others know that God's love is the glue that keeps us in contact with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Such love is a sign of strength, not weakness; courage not complacency.

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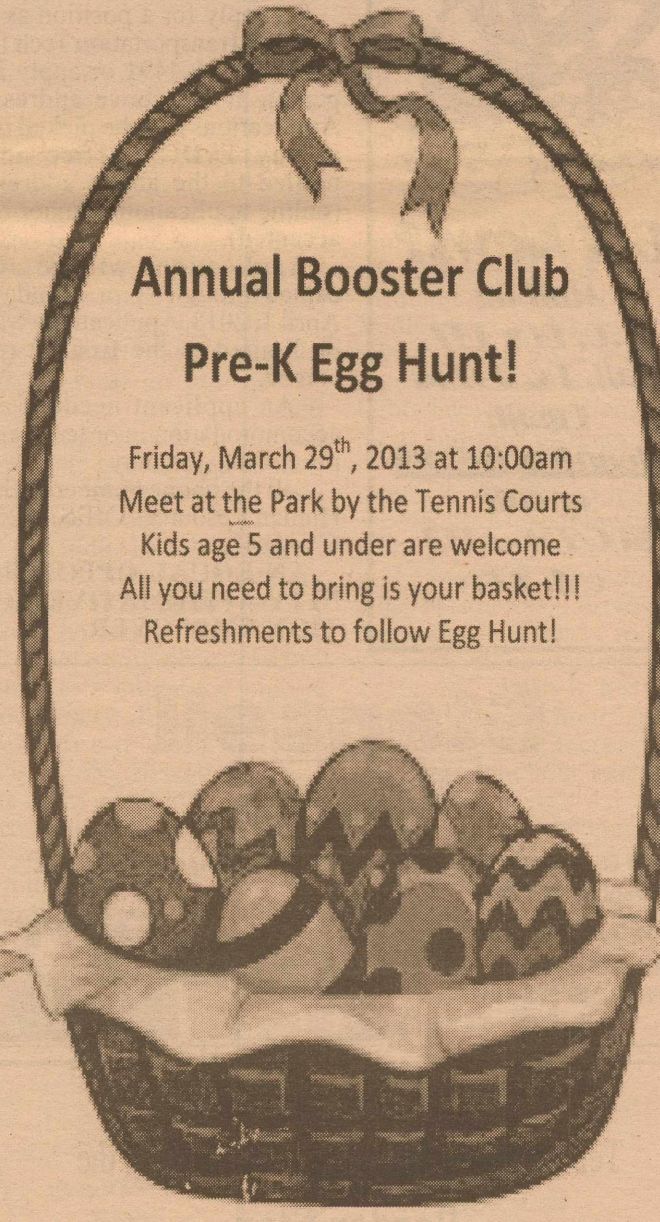
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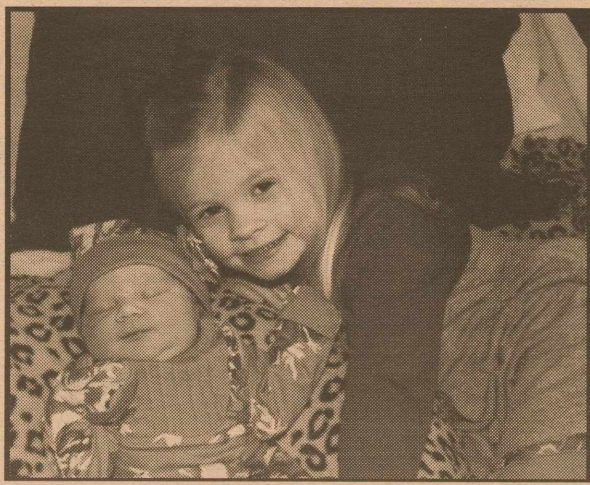


## Annual Booster Club Pre-K Egg Hunt!

Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 10:00am  
Meet at the Park by the Tennis Courts  
Kids age 5 and under are welcome  
All you need to bring is your basket!!!  
Refreshments to follow Egg Hunt!



## Sutton Laurel May



*Sawyer May would like to announce the birth of her new baby sister, Sutton Laurel May.*

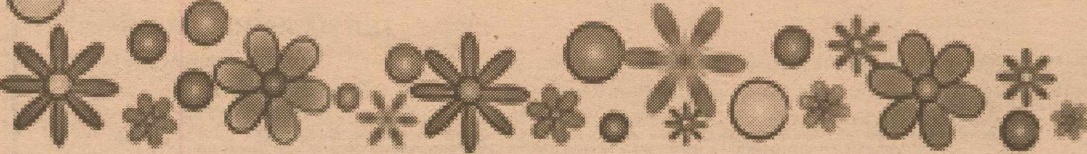
*Sutton was born on February 21, 2013.*

*She weighed 8lbs. 11ozs. and was 20 inches long.*

*She is the daughter of Slate and Kaci May of Tahoka.*

*Sutton is welcomed by cousins, Jaylee and Jozee Poole and her aunts & uncle, Kalli, Tanner & Candice Poole.*

*Grandparents are Dennis and Sheri Poole of Gail and great-grandmother is Laurie Eubanks of Abilene.*



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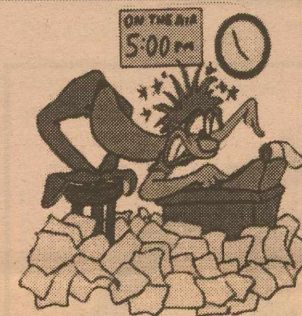
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**PRE-PLANT COTTON PRODUCTION MEETING**

**Wednesday, March 27, 2013**

**11:30 a.m.**

**Borden County Event Center**

**3 CEU's ( 1 Laws&Regs,1 Drift Min., 1 General)**

**Cost is \$10 per person**

11:30 a.m.	Registration and Lunch
12:00- 12:30 p.m.	Weed Control in Cotton for 2013 - <i>Dr. Pete Dotray</i>
12:30-1:00 p.m.	Nematode Management and Seedling Diseases - <i>Dr. Jason Woodward</i>
1:00-1:30 p.m.	Drift Management-TDA
1:30-2:00 p.m.	Conventional Cotton vs Transgenic Cotton- <i>Dr. Mark Kelley</i>

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### Rob Junell: Mountain Climbing Judge

Robert Junell of Midland is a federal district judge who likes to climb mountains. "I rode in rodeos for a while, then played polo for a number of years and thought I needed to retire from that, so mountain climbing was good third thing to go to."

His first two years of college were at New Mexico Military Institute. While there he got used to going over to Ruidoso to ski and hike. "I spent three years in Germany during my military years and was in the mountains quite a lot. I got my discharge in Europe and my wife and I went skiing and hiking in Switzerland."

He is still a serious skier and does ski patrol duty on winter weekends and holidays at Ruidoso's Ski Apache. "It's good to be in the mountain air. It clears your head and mind. Besides that, we're just going to be here once so why don't we grab on to all that we can. It's also a good reason to stay in shape not just for your doctor so he can brag on you, but for yourself so you can do more things. I'm goal-oriented, so having a mountain climb is a suitable goal and gives me a reason to get up early, go to the Y and work out."

The judge has climbed high mountains in Nepal, Argentina, Ecuador, Bolivia, Russia and other countries, including Kilimanjaro in Africa (19,000 feet). He climbed the highest mountain in America, 20,000 feet Mount McKinley in Alaska's Denali National Park. His main pastime is climbing Guadalupe Peak here in Texas. At an altitude of 8,700 feet, it is a thousand feet higher than the average Alp. "It's the highest point in Texas and is a great

place to go for training, especially, going up and down carrying a big pack. You met interesting people from all over the United States and beyond trying to climb high points in all the different states."

The first time he climbed it was in the fall of 2004. "I was in Pecos for court and the case fell through. I had my stuff with me and had been wanting to go, so I drove over there, about an hour and a half from Pecos. I got on the trail, ran into some fellow hikers and it seemed like it took me forever to reach the top. After getting up there, I was ready to get on an escalator to bring me back down. It does get easier. I've climbed it more than 120 times. Last year when I climbed it for the 100th time, the park rangers had a little ceremony and presented me with a plaque."

He usually makes the climb and the round trip to Guadalupe from his home in Midland in one day. "From Midland to Guadalupe Mountains National Park is a three hour drive. There are five stop lights between my house and there and four of them are in the city of Midland. The other one is in Kermit. So it's very accessible. Most of the times I go by myself. I leave at 5 or 6 in the morning, depending on what season it is. I drive over, climb the peak and I'm back by 6 or 7 in the evening."

He can climb it fast. His slowest time is 4 hours and 45 minutes. "The fastest I've done it is one hour and fifty-nine minutes. It's 4.1 miles with a 3,000 feet elevation change. I've been told that an ultra marathoner ran up the mountain in 58 minutes."

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*Till we meet again, D.M., you will be sorely missed.*



### Professional Rodeo Debut

Hanna Forbes, a Borden County High School senior, recently competed in the San Angelo rodeo and qualified for her first Pro Rodeo Performance. She qualified for a Performance early in the week by running the qualifying slack race, and then drew up in the Saturday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> Rodeo. Hanna ran a 14.47 in the rodeo for third place in the performance. Hanna is the daughter of Stanley and Shannon Forbes of O'Donnell.

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### 4-H Photography Entries Due!

4-H Photography entries are due to the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>! Please be sure to bring a quality 4X6 photo and complete a photo label for each picture entered (the guidelines and a fillable photo label form may be found online at: <http://d24-h.tamu.edu/events/photography/>).

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> at Levelland Middle School in Levelland. **The deadline for entering a Public Speaking Contest is Wednesday, April 10.**

For more information, please contact Julie Smith at the Extension office at (806)756-4336

### Borden County 4-Hers Successful at Major Stock Shows

Borden County was well represented throughout the stock show season at all the major livestock shows this year.

Borden County 4-Hers who exhibited throughout the stock show season were:

Clayton Addison, Colbin Briley, Myka Blissard, Brooklyn Gray, Hayley Gray, Paige Holbrooks, Kaci Hudson, Hunter Jones, Rayme Jones, Jayton Lewis, Riley Lewis, Trent Lewis, Payton Merket, Dylan Murphy, Erin Nix, Jody Nix, Thomas Nix, Flint Roberts, and Steelie Sanders.

#### Odessa

Flint Roberts – 6th Place Lightweight Hereford

#### Ft. Worth

Myka Blissard – 3rd Place Medium Weight Shorthorn

#### San Antonio

Myka Blissard – Reserve Champion Chianina; Steelie Sanders – 1st Place Duroc; Clayton Addison – 2nd Place Duroc; Cheyenne Hill – 3rd Place Duroc and Garrett Hill – 5th Place Duroc.

#### San Angelo

Flint Roberts – 3rd Place Lightweight European

#### Houston

Myka Blissard – Reserve Champion Shorthorn Heifer; J.W. Nix – 3rd Place ABC; Hayley Gray – 3rd Place Poland; Riley Lewis – 3rd Place Cross; Jayton Lewis – 5th Place Cross; Katie Gray – 7th Place Duroc; Steelie Sanders – 7th Place Poland; Cheyenne Hill – 8th Place Duroc; Brooklyn Gray – 10th Place Berkshire; Payton Merket – 10th Place AOB and Flint Roberts – 14th Place AOB.

Myka Blissard also competed in the Arizona National Livestock Show winning Supreme Open Heifer, Supreme Jr. Heifer, Reserve Supreme Jr. Heifer, Supreme Junior Showman and Champion Market Steer.



Several Borden County 4-Hers competed at recent stockshows around the state of Texas. Those pictured are (clockwise from top left): Myka Blissard, Jayton Lewis, Steelie Sanders, Hayley Gray, Clayton Addison, Katie Gray and Riley Lewis.