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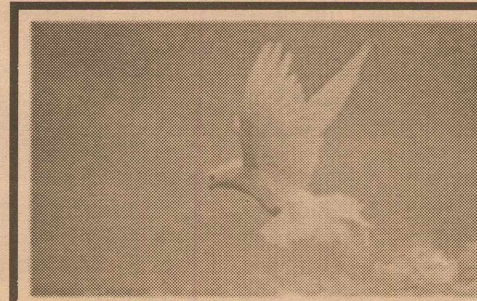
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## USDA Appoints Judith Canales as State Executive Director for Farm Service Agency

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack recently appointed Judith Canales as the new state executive director (SED) for the USDA Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA). Canales is a native of Uvalde, Texas and will join the Texas FSA team on Monday, June 3. Canales is no stranger to USDA; she was appointed to the Department of Agriculture in 2009 as Administrator of Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS). Since 2012, she has served as Rural Development's acting deputy undersecretary for operations and management in Washington, D.C. Prior to her appointment, Canales worked as executive director of the Maverick County Development Corporation in Eagle Pass and was an adjunct faculty member for Southwest Texas Junior College. Canales' previous roles with USDA include serving as deputy state director for Texas Rural Development and the acting associate administrator for Rural Business and Cooperative Service in Washington, D.C. She was also appointed as the legislative representative for the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Before Canales

started her federal career she served as an assistant city manager for the City of Eagle Pass. Canales' extensive education includes a Master of public administration degree from Harvard University at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, a Master of Arts degree in urban studies from Trinity University in San Antonio, a Bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Texas at Austin and an Associate of Arts degree from Southwest Texas Junior College. As SED, Canales will be responsible for overseeing FSA programs that protect agricultural practices to ensure a safe, affordable, abundant and nutritious food supply for consumers.

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## Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

### Opportunity

"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work."

—Thomas A. Edison

"Don't wait for extraordinary opportunities. Seize common occasions and make them great. Weak men wait for opportunities; strong men make them."

—Orison Swett Marden

Opportunity is sought by virtually everyone. People flock to the United States from all over the world in search of abundant opportunity. In our great country, there is more opportunity than anywhere else. Yet many of those who are born here don't fully appreciate all of the opportunities that surround them each and every day.

There are a couple of misconceptions about opportunity that are unfortunately embraced by too many. One fallacy is "opportunity only knocks once." Another is that you have to wait for your ship to come in.

The reality is, opportunity exists everywhere. There are new opportunities daily. Waiting for your ship to come in is comparable to playing

the lottery; a miniscule percentage of people have a ship that comes in, whereas the vast majority sits at an empty port.

The key to finding opportunity is swimming out and locating your ship. The two essential elements are searching while being proactive. You will never find opportunity if you don't look for it. You will never benefit from opportunity unless you work at it.

The essence of opportunity exists within you. It begins with the control you have over your destiny. You decide what you think about. Your thoughts shape your reality. What you believe to be possible is doable. Whatever you think is impossible will never happen.

After your thoughts, what happens to you is influenced by your behavior. You can have the greatest mindset, but without appropriate action, nothing will materialize. Thoughts without action are fruitless.

Since you have the opportunity to control your thoughts and action, you have the opportunity to make changes to your life. At any time, you can decide to make a change, and

then take the necessary steps to do so.

You have the opportunity to make decisions. You can say yes or no. If you make a bad decision, you have the opportunity to make another one. You always have the opportunity to improve your circumstances.

You have the opportunity to control your emotions. You don't have to give others the power to push your buttons. It's not necessary to get upset or angry. You are not obligated to fight or argue. You control how you react to your environment.

You have the opportunity to select the occupation that best suits you. If you don't like a particular job, you can get another. If you need more money, you can secure a better paying job. If you don't like being an employee, you can start your own business.

You have the opportunity to get an education. At any age, at any time, you can acquire whatever information you desire. From learning a new skill, to earning a degree, you just have to make the effort, and the

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# Richey Leads Strong Borden County Showing on 3-1A Team

Courtesy of Lamesa Press Reporter  
By Dwight Hines

After being District 3-1A's top seed in the post-season, the Borden County Coyotes pretty much dominated that league's honor roll.

Borden County landed six first-team all-district picks and put up three others on the second-team unit.

"This is pretty impressive, seeing this many of our kids get honors I think is a deal," Borden County Coach Bubba Edwards said.

"Whenever you put in a new system you've got to expect some growing pains. These kids worked hard at it, so it's nice to see them get some rewards out of this deal like a share of the district championship and accolades."

Leading the way for the Coyotes, who overcame a 1-5 start before making its playoff push, was senior Tanner Richey 3-1A's MVP pitcher.

Borden County's other first-team all-district picks are senior pitcher Jared Smith, junior catcher T.J. Basquez, junior outfielder Tristen Benavidez, senior outfielder Steven Howard and freshman Thomas Harrison at utility player. Coyotes earning second-team all-district honors are senior Helio Rosales at third base, junior first baseman Kurt Shafer and freshman right fielder Korbin Martinez.

Richey finished his senior season on the mound at 6-0 with a 2.69 ERA and 59 strikeouts.

"No. 1, Tanner's a competitor. The coaches in our district felt he did a great job in some crucial situations," Edwards said of Richey.

"He did a good job keeping hitters off balance. Tanner's a strikeout pitcher. He did a good job getting outs even on some better hitters in our district."

Tanner was also a force at the plate, hitting .512 including eight doubles.

Jared Smith progressed into a big go-to guy on the mound for the Coyotes. Smith finished at 6-4 with a 3.21 ERA, while striking out 69 batters. At the plate, Smith hit .420 while also scoring 15 runs in the sixth

hole in the Coyotes' batting order.

"He's the most improved player on our team this year," Edwards said of Smith.

"He went from being just a pitcher to a go-to guy. He came through in some big games, like beating Ira to help give us a part of our district championship."

"Jared came through for us several times. He helped clean some messes up and helped get us some big victories."

Handling the catching chores was junior T.J. Basquez.

"T.J. put the fear in a lot of base runners. People didn't try stealing on us much with T.J. back there," Edwards said of Basquez, who hit .429 including nine doubles while driving in 25 RBIs.

"He came through big time in our playoff game against Forsan when he threw out a guy who was also their state qualifier in track—a guy who qualified for state track in the 100. We were down 5-0 at that time, so that play sparked us."

Mason Coor should be another promising young player to watch at second base in the next couple of years. He finished the season hitting .409.

"He came up with some big plays on the defensive end. For a guy who hit in our seven hot (in our line-up), Mason kept on working hard to where he also ended up doing a great job at the plate," Edwards said. "He went from starting out the year hitting .200 to finishing up hitting .409."

Coor drove in 15 RBIs and scored 13 runs.

Tristan hit .509 for this year's Coyotes in this, his junior year to play high school baseball. He also led Borden County in hits with 28.

"Probably, the biggest thing about Tristen is how he became a better outfielder this year. He came up with some clutch hits in some clutch games, but his glove was just fabulous. He also ran down some big balls," Edwards said of Benavidez.

"He also came up with some big hits in lots of big moments

in some big ball games."

One of the biggest turning points to the Coyotes' big finish was moving senior Steven Howard to the top of their batting order.

He ended up hitting .500 and scored 30 runs.

"He helped get us going in district. Whenever a guy ends up scoring 30 runs you know that he's been on base a lot."

By hitting .389 while driving in 23 RBIs this, his freshman season, Thomas Harrison should be another player to watch at Gail the next three seasons.

"He did a good job putting the bat on the ball," Edwards said. "One of Thomas's jobs was to help knock in guys like Tanner and Steven. He did a pretty good job doing it."

Helio Rosales will be tough to replace at third base at Gail.

"Helio did a good job at third. He also swung a pretty good bat. He didn't strike out much," Edwards said of Rosales.

Kurt Shafer hit .326 in the Coyotes' No. 9 hole in their batting order.

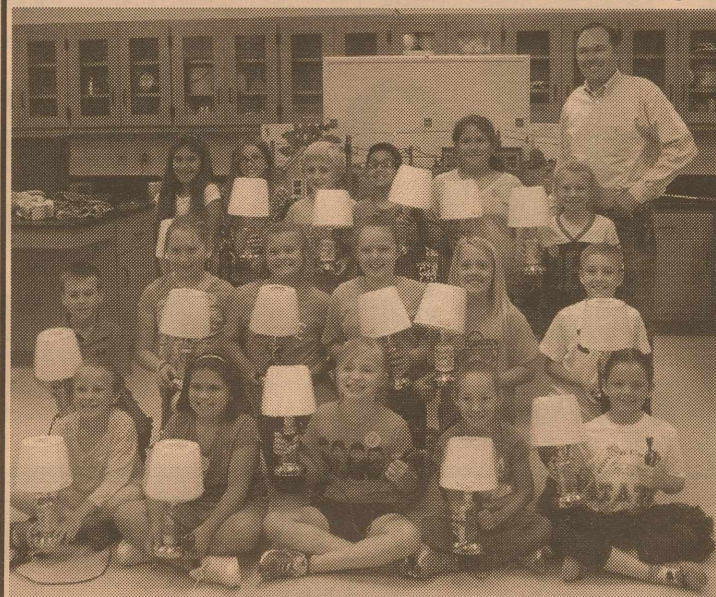
"He helped start a lot of big innings. He was huge in some big ball games," Edwards said.

After a break-through freshman year at Gail, Korbin Martinez should be another slugger to watch the next three seasons.

"He made some big catches. He got some big outs in right field," Edwards said of Martinez.

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# 3rd Graders Get Lesson in Electricity

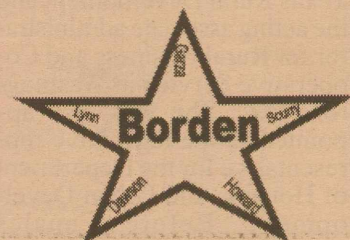


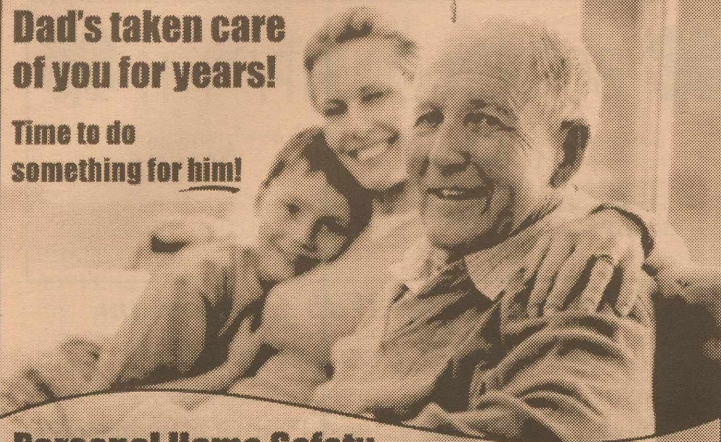
Mrs. Hayley Richey's third grade class had a special visitor last week. Mr. Blake Moore with Lyntegar Electric Coop. gave them a lesson on electricity safety. Mr. Moore and other special guests, Julie Smith and Cody Hill helped the students build their own lamps. Pictured are (bottom row left to right) Charli Snell, Lindy Miller, Shelby Milhauser, Haley Carpenter, Brooklyn Gray, (middle row left to right) Thomas Snell, Ryann Phillips, Jadeyn Merrill, Rae Lynne Clement, Tatum Harrison, Kelly Spencer, (top row left to right) Noemi Garcia, Rachel Thomas, Ethan Stephens, Christian Torres, Sheridan Gomez, Savannah Avey and Mr. Blake Moore.

# 2013 Grassland Reserve Program Sign-Up Underway

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Farm Service Agency (FSA) are accepting applications for the 2013 Grassland Reserve Program (GRP). GRP is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to landowners and operators for the restoration and conservation of grasslands through permanent easements or rental contracts. In Texas, all applications must be received by June 14, 2013. Deadlines vary by state. GRP benefits the environment by preventing grasslands from being converted to cropland or used for urban development. Rural economies also benefit from NRCS and FSA program participation. For more information or to submit a GRP application, please contact your

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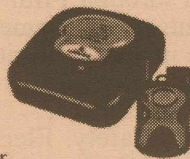
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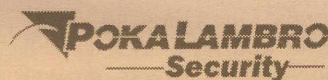
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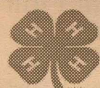
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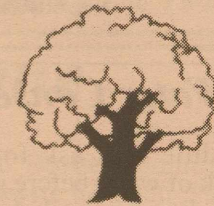
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Shea Burkett  
Valedictorian

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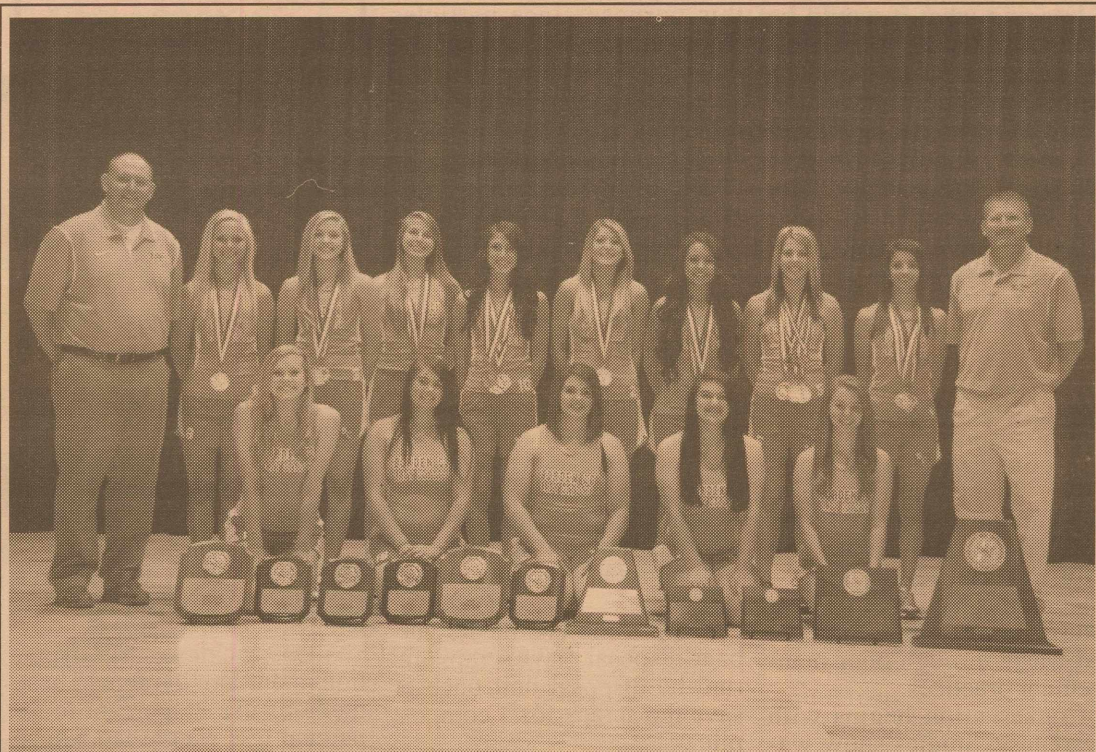


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## Water Conservation Starts With You

Little kids ask for a last drink of water before going to bed. Food is boiled or simmered or stewed. Clothes and dishes are washed several times a day. Sprinkler systems come on automatically.

Water is such a fact of life that it's easy to forget it's also an absolute necessity. That is why conserving water at home is so important.

Imagine what it would be like to turn on the tap and not get at least a drop of water. People in some parts of the country know this does happen. Water shortages are now a local or regional problem. Someday they may be a national problem. We even have many families right here in Borden County that know all too well about hauling water for daily living.

Conserving water does more than preserve a vital natural resource, she said. It also conserves energy and money. Energy is required to pump, move and purify water. Both energy and money are required to heat water – whether it is the water we heat and use or the water we heat and waste through poor management practices.

Conservation begins with awareness. Studies show water use at home usually runs between 66 gallons and 118 gallons per person per day, with urban households more likely to use larger amounts.

Any way you pour it, that's an enormous amount of water. The best way to conserve it is to stop wasting it. Some suggestions are:

- Inspect the plumbing system to check for leaks. If any are found, fix them immediately.
- Install reduced-flow showerheads.
- If leaving for a vacation or trip, turn off all water. This will prevent anyone from turning on outside faucets while you are gone and will eliminate the worry of burst pipes.
- To check for a leak in the toilet, put a small amount of

food coloring in the tank. If the color trickles into the bowl, repairs are needed.

- Replace old toilets with 1.6-gallon flush toilets. Or reduce the amount of water used in older toilets by filling a one-quart plastic (not glass, which can break) bottle with water and putting it in the tank. This will save a quart of water per flush. (Don't use a brick for this purpose since particles from the brick can damage the valve.)

- Don't wash partial loads of clothes in high water levels. If smaller loads must be washed, change the setting of the water level to low or medium.

- Limit shower time to four minutes per shower. Even more water can be saved if some showers are replaced with sponge baths.

- Turn the water off while shaving, brushing teeth and doing other grooming tasks. Turn the water on only when it's needed.

- When peeling and/or cleaning produce, use a pan of water instead of letting the tap run.

- Limit the use of the garbage disposal. Save scraps and run the disposal unit once or save the scraps for a compost pile.

- Use a pressure cooker to save time, water and energy.

- Keep a bottle of water in the refrigerator for instant cold drinking water.

- Save leftover vegetable juices to make stews, soups and gravy. Use syrups and juices from canned fruits for making gelatin salads and for drinking.

- Wash only full loads in the dishwasher. Most dishwashers use between 9 and 13 gallons per cycle.

- Scrape dishes if necessary before placing them in the dishwasher. Avoid unnecessary rinsing.

- When washing dishes by hand, use a pan of soapy water for washing and a second pan of clear hot water for rinsing.

- Wipe up small spills when



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they happen so the entire floor won't have to be mopped.

- Do household chores together to save water. Clean lightly-soiled surfaces first – such as mirrors, walls and woodwork – and floors last.

- Water indoor plants only when needed.

- Wash the car less often. Or better yet, take advantage of a soft summer rain – get out there with a soap and sponge and let the rain do the rinse job.

- Minimize landscape water needs by planting native plants and those that require less water.

- Use trickle or drip irrigation in outdoor gardens. These methods use 25 percent to 50 percent less water than a hose or sprinkler.

- Water the garden thoroughly but not as often. And don't let water run down the driveway or into the street.

- When choosing new appliances or plumbing fixtures, select models that are designed to help save water.

For more information this and other housing issues, contact the Extension Office or visit Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences Web site at: <http://fcs.tamu.edu/>, and click on the link to housing and environment. **You should also plan to attend the Water Conservation in the Home with the 40 Gallon Challenge program on Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Borden County Event Center. Cost is \$10.**



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## Elementary Fun With Curriculum Enrichment Lessons in May

Throughout May, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agents Julie Smith and Cody Hill presented curriculum enrichment lessons to Kindergarten through Fifth Grade students at BC Elementary. Topics included Nutrition, Cooking with Kids, Gardening and Horticulture, Bullying, Cybersafety, Electricity and Water Conservation. Special guest speakers presented the Electricity and Water Conservation lessons.

Deanya Williams of the Mesa Underground Water District came to speak to K-5 youth about the Ogallala Aquifer and how the aquifer works, as well as how run off affects our water quality. She provided a demonstration on the clay layer and sandy layers of the aquifer and students were able to view the mock aquifer display to see how it looks underground.

Blake Moore from Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. provided third and fifth grade students with the electrical safety demonstration using Electric Junction demonstration box. Third grade students were able to build a Coke Can Lamp and fifth grade students build an extension cord. Each of these youth learned about basic electrical wiring through these hands on projects provided by Lyntegar.

During the Nutrition lessons, Julie Smith taught K-5 youth about ChooseMyPlate, the basic food groups, basics of nutrition and how to read a Nutrition Facts Label. Through the Cooking with Kids lessons, Julie taught students basic cooking skills, kitchen safety and food safety. Parents were sent home a helpful tips sheet on increasing fruits and veggies and reducing sugary foods in their children's diets. Kindergarten

and First Graders made Pudding in a Bag and Second through Fifth Grade made Crescent Calzones and Mrs. Edwards Fourth Grade Class was able to make Fruity Smoothies as well.

Bullying and cybersafety are issues facing all youth in America today. Julie put together a lesson on being a Bulldog and Not a Bully. Through the lesson, students learned about what a bully is, what to do when you are bullied and how to be a good friend to everyone. Youth in Second through Fifth grades also learned about Cybersafety and what information you should keep private, what to do if you are bullied online and how to safely interact in social media. Students also were given handouts for parents on how to protect their children online. Julie also led a session with Fifth Graders on Teambuilding. Youth engaged in different hands on activities to build trust and work as a team.

Julie Smith and Cody Hill team taught the Gardening and Horticulture sessions with K-5. Youth learned about beneficial insects in the garden/yard and how birds can benefit the garden. Students were able to make Birdseed Ornaments/Disks to take home and place in their yards.

We would like to thank Borden County I.S.D., Mr. Bart McMeans, Mrs. Lisa Gray, Mrs. Kari Griffin, Mrs. Sarah Clement, Mrs. Hayley Richey, Mrs. Deidre Smith, Mrs. Kaci Edwards and Mrs. Shela Tucker for allowing us to come into the classrooms and enrich their students with the various topics. We would also like to thank Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Mesa Underground Water District and the Borden County Commissioners Court for supporting these lessons.

**Drive Safely. Watch for our playing children.**

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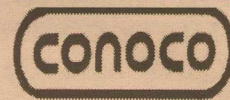
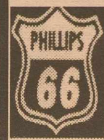
knowledge is yours.

You have unlimited opportunity. You can accomplish anything you want to. Realizing opportunity takes effort. If you chose the path of least resistance, which is often the path of least work, opportunity will constantly elude you.

Don't wait for opportunity. Time goes by all too rapidly. Search for, find, and seize opportunity. Do what it takes to turn opportunity into reality.

You have the opportunity to fail and the opportunity to succeed. The choice is yours.

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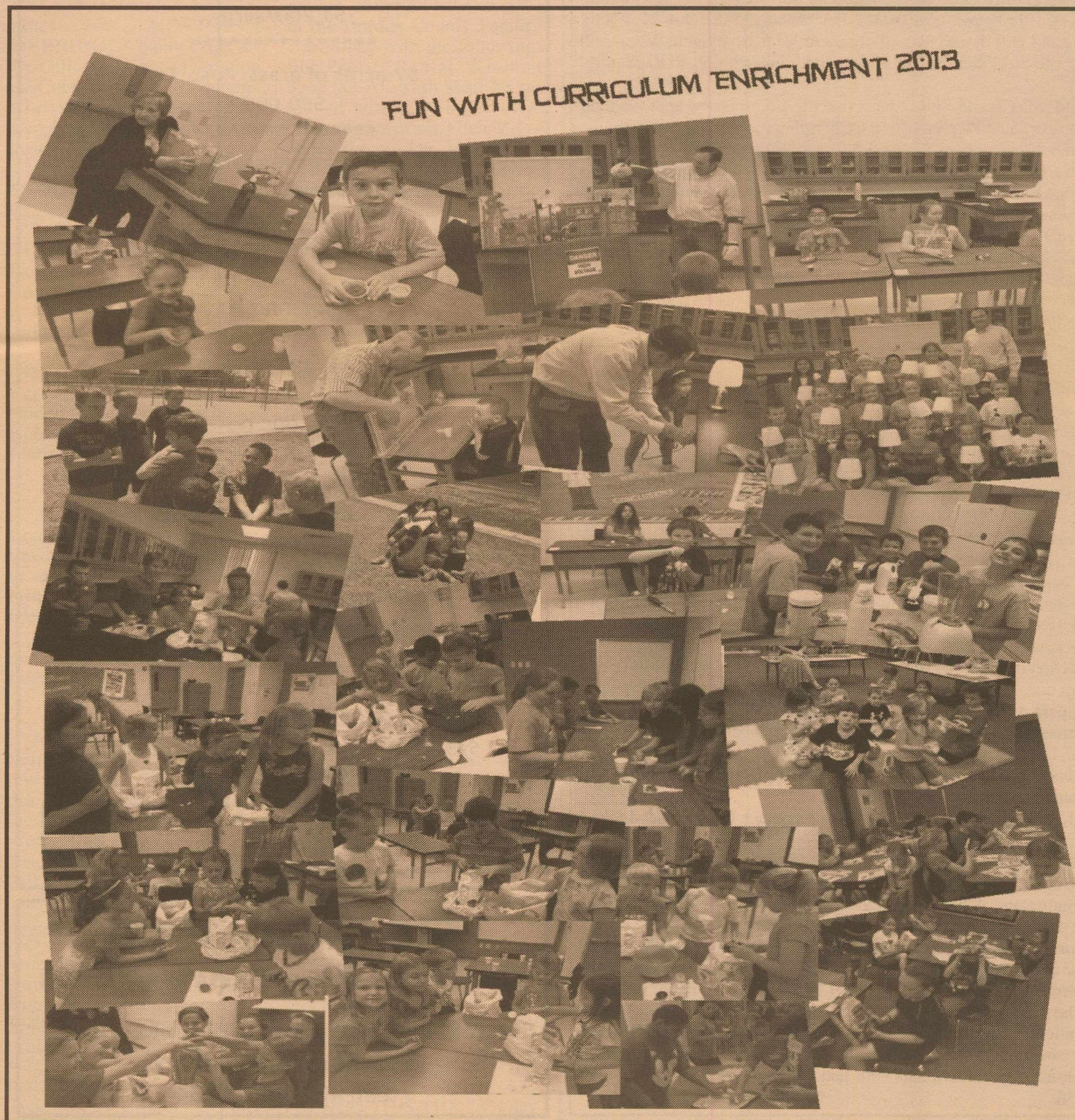
## Borden Co. Museum to Open Thru June

The Borden County Museum will be open Tuesday through Friday during the month of June. Hours: 10 am to 4 pm. and will be open Saturday, June 8th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Museum would appreciate any volunteers to help with inventory, clean up, scanning pictures, filing, and many other tasks. Also, if you or any family members have pictures of early Borden County settlers, pictures of Gail or Durham, sports pictures, class group pictures, Veteran pictures etc, please come by the museum so we can scan and save these photos. The Historical Commission has purchased a scanner just for this purpose. You can also scan and electronically forward your photographs to the following email address: [bordencohistory@gmail.com](mailto:bordencohistory@gmail.com) And don't forget to sign up for the Beginner's Genealogy class slated for Saturday, June 22 at the Borden County Event Center. Early registration fee is \$10. You may pick up a registration form at the courthouse or email the above address to request one. If you have questions about this class then stop by the museum or email your question to [bordencohistory@gmail.com](mailto:bordencohistory@gmail.com).

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On April 29, 2013, Sharyland Utilities, L.P. ("Sharyland"), Sharyland Distribution & Transmission Services, L.L.C. ("SDTS"), and Southwestern Public Service Company ("SPS") (collectively, "Applicants") filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUC" or "Commission") for regulatory approvals pursuant to PURA §§ 14.101 and 37.154. The docket number and style of this application are Docket No. 41430, Joint Report and Application of Sharyland Utilities, L.P., Sharyland Distribution & Transmission Services, L.L.C., and Southwestern Public Service Company for Approval of Purchase and Sale of Facilities, for Approval of Regulatory Accounting Treatment of Gain on Sale, and for Transfer of Certificate Rights. Sharyland and SPS are engaged in the transmission of electricity under certificates of convenience and necessity ("CCNs").

SDTS and SPS have executed an agreement under which, subject to regulatory approval, SDTS has agreed to purchase an approximately 33-mile segment of SPS's 230 kilovolt ("kV") Hobbs-Midland transmission line (and associated 230 kV to 138 kV transforming station located in Midland County, Texas) and an approximately 33-mile segment of SPS's 230 kV Grassland-Borden transmission line (and associated 230 kV to 138 kV transforming station located in Borden County, Texas), together with the certificate rights thereto. Consistent with the Commission's order in Application of Sharyland Utilities, L.P. and Sharyland Distribution & Transmission Services, L.L.C. for Regulatory Approvals Pursuant to PURA §§ 14.101, 39.262, and 39.915, Docket No. 35287 (Jul. 21, 2008), SDTS will hold legal title to the assets and will in turn lease those facilities to Sharyland, which will have sole responsibility for operating the proposed facilities and complying with all PUC requirements.

In their application, Sharyland, SDTS, and SPS request that the Commission approve their proposal in which SPS will transfer to Sharyland SPS's existing CCN rights concerning the transmission facilities described below; find that the transfer of the facilities from SPS to SDTS is consistent with the public interest; amend SPS's CCN to allow it to cease providing service over the portions of the Hobbs-Midland transmission line and the Grassland-Borden transmission line that SPS will dismantle; and approve the regulatory accounting treatment of the gain on sale of the transmission facilities by SPS. No new facilities are being sought in this filing, nor are the boundaries of SPS's or Sharyland's service areas affected by this filing.

Descriptions of the SPS transmission facilities that are the subject of this request are as follows:

- Borden Station Facilities: SPS proposes to transfer to SDTS existing transmission facilities in the Borden Station. Associated real property interests will be transferred from SPS to SDTS. The Borden Station is located approximately two miles west of Vealmoor, Texas on Highway 1785 in Borden County, Texas.
- Grassland to Borden Transmission Line: SPS proposes to transfer to SDTS the existing transmission facilities of an approximately 33-mile segment of the Grassland to Borden 230 kV transmission line. Associated real property interests will be transferred from SPS to SDTS. This segment of SPS's transmission line K48 extends from the Borden Station to a point of termination at and including SPS's structure number 64, located approximately ten miles south of SPS's Grassland Station in Lynn County, Texas.
- Midland Station Facilities: SPS proposes to transfer to SDTS existing transmission facilities in the Midland Station. Associated real property interests will be transferred from SPS to SDTS. The Midland Station is located approximately ten miles north of Midland, Texas on Highway 158 in Midland County, Texas.
- Hobbs to Midland Transmission Line: SPS proposes to transfer to SDTS an approximately 33-mile portion of the existing transmission facilities of the Hobbs to Midland 230 kV transmission line. Associated real property interests will be transferred from SPS to SDTS. This segment of SPS's transmission line K71 extends from the Midland Station to a point of termination at and including SPS's structure number 350, located near the intersection of the Oncor 138 kV line in Andrews County, Texas.

For all of the SPS facilities described above, the transfer will include as applicable certain telecommunications facilities related to the transferred transmission facilities.

If you have questions about PUC Docket No. 41430, please contact Bridget Headrick at Sharyland at (512) 721-2668.

A copy of the application is kept at Sharyland's office at 1031 Andrews Highway, Suite 400, Midland, Texas 79701, at SPS's office at 600 S. Tyler Street, Amarillo, Texas 79101, and at the office of Sharyland's legal representative, Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, at 600 Congress Ave., Suite 2000, Austin, Texas 78701, (512) 721-2700 (Telephone), (512) 721-2656 (Facsimile).

Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon the action sought, should mail their requests to intervene or their comments (along with 10 copies of your letter) to: Public Utility Commission of Texas, Central Records, Attn: Filing Clerk, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. The deadline for intervention in this proceeding is June 13, 2013 and the Commission should receive a letter requesting intervention no later than that date. Further information may also be obtained by contacting the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones ("TTY") may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

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## Commissioners' Court

**WHEREAS**, On this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

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

Other officers present: Ben Smith, County Attorney.

### CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the May 14, 2013 Regular Session of Borden Co. Commissioners Court to order at 8:45 a.m.

### MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of April 23, 2013 were read. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### COUNTY OFFICE REPORTS

After examination of the County Offices' reports, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve, accept and file submitted Reports in the County Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### SURPLUS EQUIPMENT BIDS

As advertised, Borden County Surplus Equipment Bids were opened at 9:00 a.m. Bids for various items were received from Steve Wolf for Wolf Farms, Jess Stone, Roy L. Jones, Max S. Jones, Brad Fincannon, Chuck Kimmel, Martin Penner and Ben Miller. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to accept the best bids of Wolf Farms, 1986 Mack Truck (\$3,550.00), 1981 Holden Lowboy Trailer (\$5,100.00) Bros, Rock Crusher (\$200.00); Jess Stone, Cedar Staves (\$25.00); Roy Lee Jones 1985 John Deere 4040 Tractor (\$4,150.00); Max S. Jones, Drag Type Rotary Broom (\$50.00); Martin Penner, Pickup Bed

Trailer and contents (\$350.00). Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### PETROLEUM PRODUCTS BID

As advertised, Bids for Petroleum Products were opened at 9:30 a.m. One bid from McCormick Marketing, Inc. was received. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to accept the bid and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### FACILITY USE POLICY

Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve the changes in the Borden County Facility Use Policy with the following: For-Profit Rental Kitchen \$350.00. All trash shall be removed within 24 hours after event. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Voting For: Commissioners Smith, Reyes, Belew, Judge Sharp. Voting against: Commissioner Adcock.

### APPRAISAL DISTRICT

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Lease Agreement between Borden County and the Borden County Appraisal District providing office space for the Appraisal District. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### BORDEN COUNTY WATER

Borden County Water was discussed.

### PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

No applications were received.

### SOIL CONSERVATION WORK

No applications were received.

### ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

### DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA

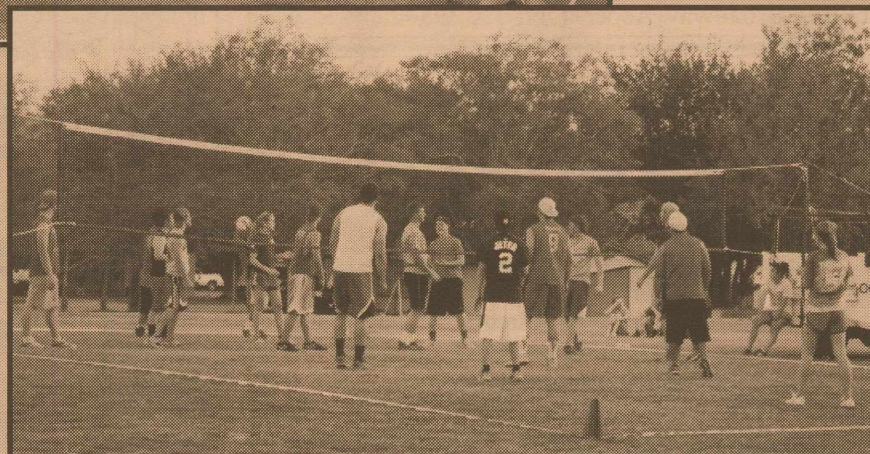
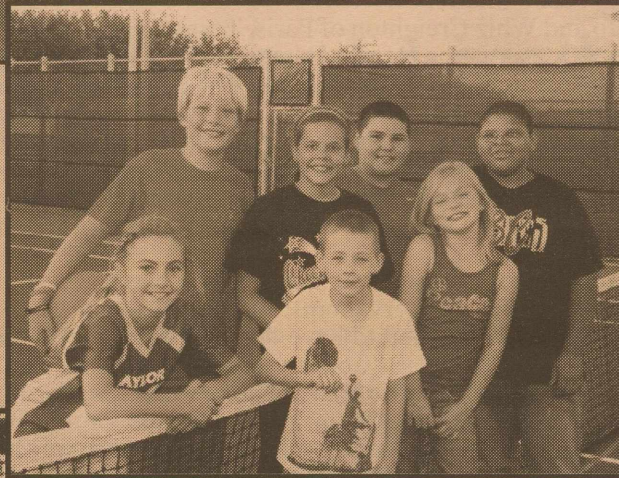
Borden County water.

### ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew and approved unanimously.

THE FORGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013.

## Booster Club End of Year Bash





Bo and Whiz Creighton (right) accept the Area I Absentee Conservation Rancher Award.

## Creighton's Recognized at Area I Conservation Honors Banquet

By Jacob Shaffer

Bo and Whiz Creighton of Paris, Texas were honored at the Area I Conservation Honors Banquet held at the College View Baptist Church in Plainview, Texas. The Creighton's were recognized as the Area I Absentee Conservation Rancher award winner. The banquet honored Area I essay, poster, and resident conservation farmer/rancher winners from Area I, which covers the Panhandle Area of the state. A meal was provided and a short video was played showing the accomplishments of each winner.

Accompanying the Creighton's to the banquet was, Jacob Shaffer, District Conservationist for Stonewall County. Stonewall County was proud to have the Creighton's represent the community at the Area I Conservation Honors Banquet. "This was a great honor and we really appreciate Jackie Martin, Tina Meador, and Jacob Shaffer for nominating us for this award," said Bo Creighton, "we actually drove in rain on the way home," added Mr. Creighton. "The Creighton's are excellent land stewards and always go above and beyond when it comes to conservation," said Jacob Shaffer, District Conservationist for Stonewall County.

The Creighton's are also very involved in the community, as they use their musical talent to entertain at the Gibson Care Center and Senior Citizens Center. They are also active members of the Church of Christ in Aspermont. The Creighton's never meet a stranger and are always willing to help others before themselves. Congratulations to the Creighton's and all their hard work that contributed to winning this conservation award.

For more information about NRCS/SWCD activities you can contact them at 940-989-2627 ext. 3 or visit the office located on 635 S. Broadway, Aspermont, TX 79502.

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## Borden County ISD Board Meeting

### Regular Board Meeting May 20, 2013

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas, met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Borden County I.S.D. Board members present were Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole, and Mike Valentine. John Anderson was absent. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas and Principal, Bart McMeans were also present.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:11 P.M. by Joe Harding.

2. There was no community input.

3. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the April 15, 2013, Board Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Mike Valentine to approve the May 2013, bills. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the Chemical Free Graduation Party for the Class of 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Dennis Poole to approve a scholarship amount of \$1,000

each for 2013 Borden County Resident Graduates that will be attending a post secondary institution for the 2013-2014 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the 2012-2013 Borden County I.S.D. Budget Amendments as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Randy Hensley to set the regular June 2013 board meeting for June 3, 2013, at 7:00 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joel Dennis to take action to sell two 14 passenger 2002 Collins buses at public auction. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Mr. Thomas reported that 240 students were enrolled as of May 15, 2013, a year to date financial report was given, a construction report was given, and the honor roll and failure report was given for the fifth six-week grading period. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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