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Coyote Duo Help West Dominate in Final High School Football Game

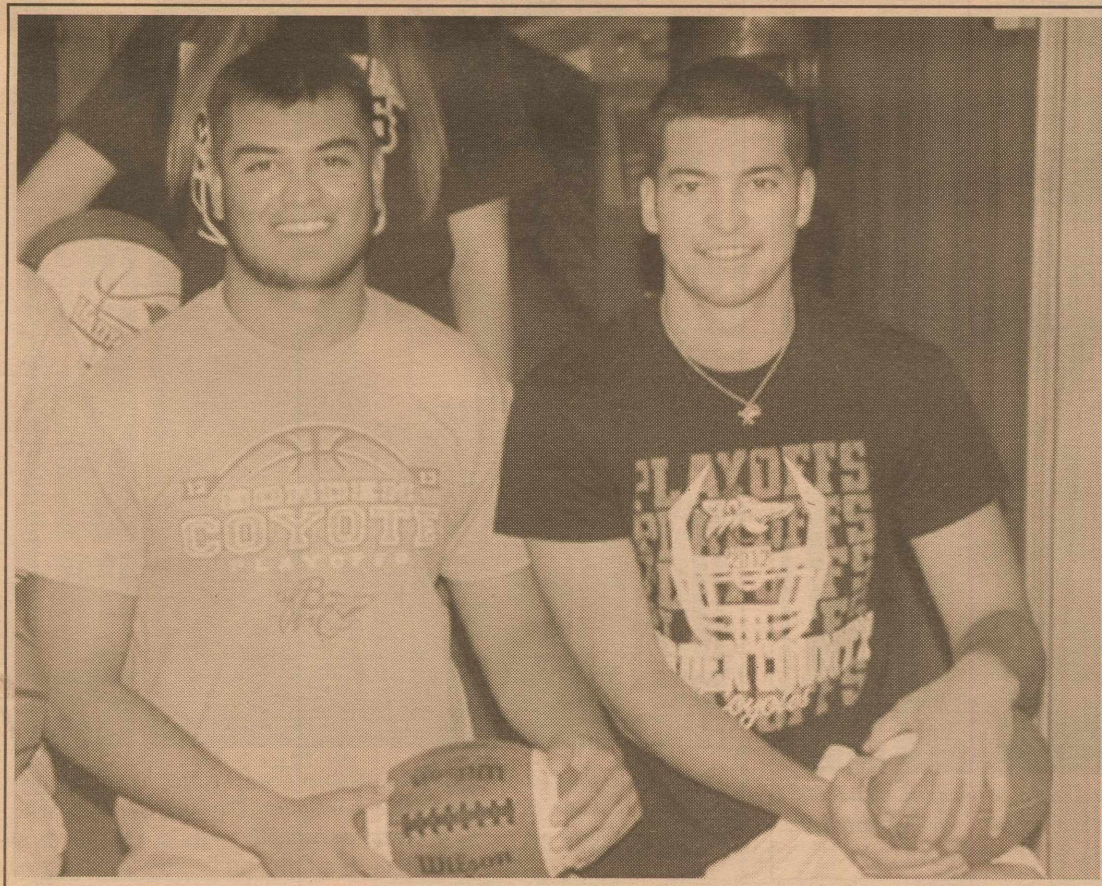
By Coach Richey

A pair of Coyote football players got to represent Borden County one more time in the Texas Six-man Coaches Asso-

ciation football game played at Frenship High School this past Saturday. The duo of Tanner Richey and Helio Rosales had

their fingerprints all over the 82 to 6 whitewashing of the East football team. The West

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Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Coping With Circumstances You Have No Control Over

There are many situations you have no control over. The weather, economy, gas prices, interest rates, other's actions, traffic, layoffs, train schedules, airport delays, and world events are all outside your direct influence.

Before I discuss effective coping strategies, let's identify what doesn't work: stress, worry, and fear. All they will do is give you anxiety, agitation, and perhaps feelings of depression. Additionally you may experience a variety of physical effects including digestive problems, high blood pressure, and sleeplessness.

As a coping strategy, start with identifying and accepting those things you have no control over. Living with events you can't change is a normal part of life. Attempting to change things you have no control over only causes frustration. Once you recognize something that is beyond your control, you can concentrate on an approach to make the best of it.

Taking action is much more productive than worrying. Although there are many situations you can't control, you can adjust your reaction to them. This is the essence of coping.

By directing your energy at finding coping strategies, rather than obsessing over your predicament, your attitude will improve. With action and a proactive attitude, you have a lot of leverage to improve your circumstances.

Although predicaments you have no control over can be a hardship, you do have the ability to survive tough times. You've endured before and you will again. Flexibility and creativity are the key to coping. You want to concentrate on the many areas you do have control over.

There is a solution to every problem. Each problem provides you with an opportunity. Don't limit your thinking, consider all possibilities. A solution may require temporary sacrifices or behavioral changes. Be willing to do what it takes.

High gas prices have a major impact. You may become angry, but it won't lower your costs. How can you cope? You can drive less. Although there is a certain amount of driving you have to do, there are many non-essential trips that can be eliminated. Instead of running out for separate errands, plan

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Coyote Duo in All-Star Game...

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football team was made up of a who's who list of all-state and state Track meet medalist from the 2012-2013 school year.

A few of the well-known players in this game were player of the year Gary Farquar from Throckmorton who was also a state track meet medalist, his teammate Levi Taylor an all-state linebacker and track medalist, Lance Morris of Ira, an all-state running back and state medalist, Dalton Michum of Rankin, an all-state running back and track medalist his teammate Ryan Thomas an all-state lineman and state qualifier, Kameron Buchanan of Valley the offensive player of the year and state track medalist, his teammate Carson Proctor an all-state defensive end and Colt Riley of Water Valley an All-state lineman.

Richey, the defensive Player of the year and state track medalist himself played quarterback in this contest while Helio Rosales an all-state defensive lineman and kicker played on the offensive line. This duo which both played in and were members of the 2008 state championship game as freshman with Helio kicking off a few times and Tanner Richey playing fullback and safety and garnering 6 tackles in that state contest managed to reach the state game again as Juniors with more significant roles. They then culminated their illustrious career this season coming up short of the dream of a return trip to the state game, but this duo along with their classmates ended their high school career with a 47 wins and 7 losses, 4 district championships, a state championship, a state runner-up and losing to the state champion twice.

Rosales playing on the line in this contest had several key blocks which allowed the West running game to dominate and Helio also kicked off several times. With the wind he split the uprights and had 5 touchbacks. Into the wind he was asked to do his specialty and kick the ball high and let the ball do its magic and that is just what happened as the ball landed with back spin and was fumbled around. Helio man-

aged to come up with the ball for West fumble recovery. With the game in complete control the West coach, Mike Reed of Throckmorton allowed Helio to play running back for a couple of plays and on the one carry that Helio had he broke a tackle and almost broke it as he rumbled 37 yards. Helio also was 3 of 3 on extra-point kicks.

Richey who was one of two athletes chosen to be captain for the West squad, (along with Levi Taylor of Throckmorton) played quarterback for the West. Tanner connected with Farquar for three scores, a 27 yarder on their first offensive play, a 35 yarder and a bullet from 41 yards. Tanner ended the game and half 6 of 8 passing for 144 yards. The two incomplete passes were two more possible touchdowns and Farquar juggled pass on the goal line in traffic before being jolted and forcing the ball loose. Another pass was dropped on a possible 27 yard scoring strike. Richey also had 2 opportunities to run the ball and had 41 yards on 2 carries

coming within an eyelash of breaking one. Tanner was the holder on all extra-points and played a hand full of defensive plays having only one tackle, but it was a touchdown saving tackle. For the Coyote duo, the highlight of the contest was the 17 yard hookup from Richey to Rosales one more time. These two young men have represented Borden County well in their athletic careers, academic career and just as two fine young men and they did the same during this week long all-star journey that culminated with the 82-6 victory. We will truly miss these two young men but we know that they will be very successful in the next phase of their life.

Congratulations guys on a great career, you have made the community, friends, family, teammates, and coaches very proud. You both were awesome in this game. Take care, God bless you both and good luck with what lies ahead. I would also like to thank those that came out to watch these two young men represent your school and community.

Lone Star Degree



Kalyn Massingill receives the Lone Star Degree at the 85th Annual State FFA Convention held in Dallas. The Lone Star Degree is the highest degree attainable in the organization.

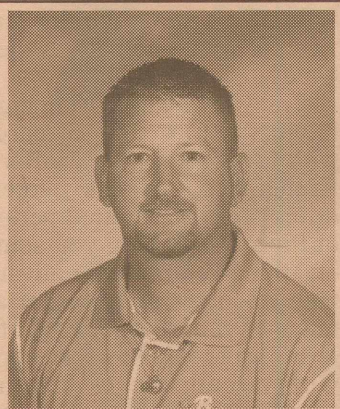


Maeghan Herridge receives the Lone Star Degree at the 85th Annual State FFA Convention held in Dallas. The Lone Star Degree is the highest degree attainable in the organization.



Gail FFA member Mollie McMeans receives the Lone Star Degree at the 85th Annual State FFA Convention held in Dallas. The Lone Star Degree is the highest degree attainable in the organization.

Athletic Physicals Scheduled For August 3rd in Abilene



Trey Richey
Head Coach

We are scheduled to take athletic physicals Saturday, **August 3rd** at **10:00 AM** in Abilene Texas.

We will depart from Gail at **8:00 AM**. You will need to have your physical form signed and filled out before we leave. The doctor will not sign it if your parent or guardian does not sign it. You will need to wear short and T-shirt for the physical.

We will be at the Action Sports and Physical Therapy clinic in Abilene. The telephone number there is (325)676-5633. The address there is 1717 Pine Street. Easy directions are, as you come in on Interstate 20 you will take the Hardin Simmons exit. Stay on Pine Street and it will be on your left, just a few blocks past the hospital.

If you would like to meet us there so you can stay and shop in Abilene that would be fine. You will need to bring some money to eat lunch. We will try to be back in Gail by **3:00 PM**.

If you plan to play a sport this year of any kind during the upcoming school year, you are required by our school district to take a physical. The school furnishes the physical at this time. If you cannot make this date then you will need to get a physical on your own and at your expense.

Also you will find I this letter an **Acknowledgment of Rules form** and a **Steroid Form**, read them, have your parent read them, sign them both and bring all of the paperwork with you. The medical

release, will allow us to seek emergency treatment for you if there is a need during the school year.

We are truly excited about the upcoming year and we look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at home or on my cell. Trey Richey: (806)756-4417 home and (806)759-3335 cell. Take care and enjoy the remainder of your summer.

Attention Borden County Parents

All 6th grade students entering the 7th grade during the 2012-2013 school year are required to show evidence of new vaccinations upon entering school in the fall. Two doses of Varicela, one dose of Meningococcal and a TDAP booster are the new requirements for this grade level.

You may choose to have your child immunized at the health department or by your family physician during the summer; however, evidence of completed vaccinations will be required upon the first day of entry into the 7th grade.

Please present an updated copy of your child's immunizations to the school secretary or school nurse upon entering the first day of school.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Kim Thomas R.N.



Kids in the Kitchen Cooking Camp

Tuesday, July 23 and Wednesday, July 24

from 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. each day

Borden County Event Center, Gail

Cost is \$25 for both days or \$15 for one day

Limited to 15 youth—open to boys and girls ages 8-12

Youth will learn basics of food safety, kitchen safety, food preparation and storage as we make some yummy food and have a GREAT time!!!

RSVP by Friday, July 19th



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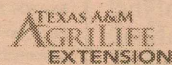
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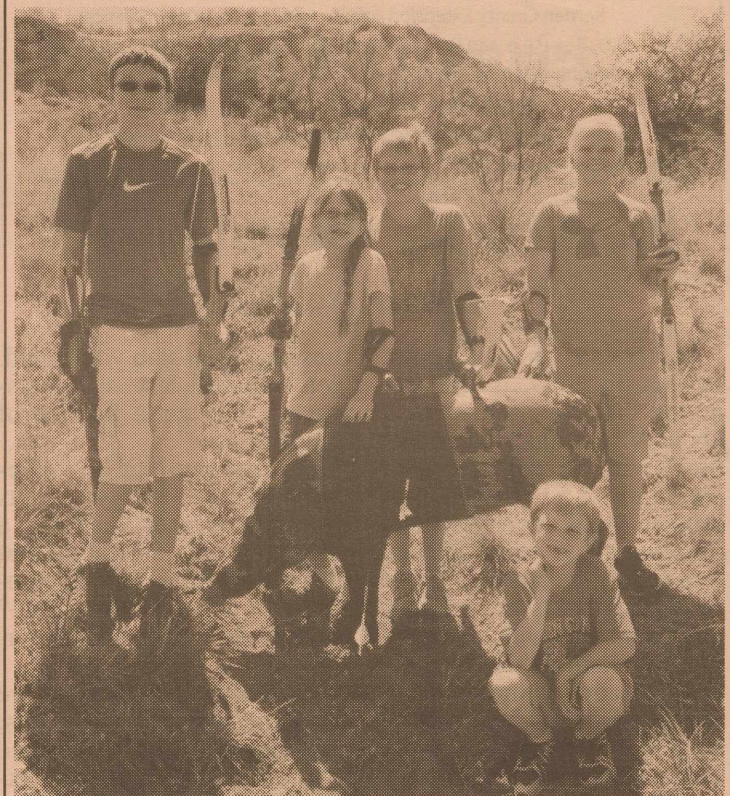
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Borden County Archery Club




On June 15, four members of the Borden County Archery Club participated in a 3-D shoot hosted by South Plains Archery near Buffalo Springs Lake. These participants competed against other youth from the area using recurve bows. Those participating were (left to right) Thomas Nix, Erin Nix, J.W. Nix and Ashlyn Tucker. Also pictured is Ben Nix.



On June 22, several members of the Borden County Archery Club competed against 4-Hers from across the state at a 3-D competition in Callahan County. Participants were grouped with archers from other clubs and of various ages. These participants spent the morning hours shooting 30 3-D targets set up in a walk-thru design. The afternoon was spent competing in the Field (bull's-eye) targets. Archers competed using either a compound bow or a recurve bow. Several members received medals in the 3-D and/or Field contests. Members competing included Kaitlyn Cribbs, Erin Nix, Kennedy Tucker and Ryann Phillips in the Junior Division. Those competing in the Intermediate Division included Ashlyn Tucker, J.W. Nix and Thomas Nix.

Pictured left to right are Erin Nix, J.W. Nix, Thomas Nix, Ashlyn Tucker, Kaitlyn Cribbs, Kennedy Tucker and Ryann Phillips.

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Watching the Waistline When Dining Out

Americans love to eat out. In fact, in 2009, it was estimated that Americans spend about 10% of their income on food, with an average of expenditure of \$151 per household on food! Increases in the number of working women, two-family incomes, and fast-food restaurants are some of the factors believed to be driving this trend. Unfortunately, eating out may come at the cost to our nutritional health. A recent report from the United States Department of Agriculture found that foods prepared outside the home were higher in calories and fat than foods prepared at home. Some restaurants serve meals that weigh in with up to 2,000 calories each. That is enough energy to fuel some adults for a full day. Of course, it is okay to treat yourself to a special meal every once in a while but eating high calorie, high fat meals on a regular basis can lead to unwanted weight gain, especially when physical activity is not increased.

The rise in the number of meals and snacks eaten outside the home is not expected to slow down. So what can a waist-watching consumer do? Many restaurants already offer tasty entrees that are low in fat and calories. These foods are often noted with a special mark on the restaurant's menu. In addition, here are some helpful nutrition advice for individuals who frequently eat out:

(1) Remember, complimentary chips and bread are not really "free." A basket of these foods can add as many as 1,000 extra calories to the table. If you need a little snack to tide you over until your main meal comes, ask for plain corn tortillas instead of chips or bread without added butter. Another alternative is a lettuce and tomato salad with dressing on the side. Dip your fork in the

dressing, then stab your salad. You will still taste the dressing but only get a fraction of the calories.

(2) Just say NO! to value-sized portions. For a few cents more, consumers can get a larger portion of fries but that also means more fat and calories. Is that really a value? Stick with smaller sized portions.

(3) If restaurant portions are too generous for your needs, consider splitting the entree with a friend and ordering extra vegetables or salad. You can also ask for a doggy bag and take part of the entree home for next day's lunch. Some restaurants will even let you order off of a child's menu. Just ask.

(4) Read the menu carefully and don't be timid about requesting substitutions. Choose pasta with marinara sauce over Fettuccini Alfredo and you can save as many as 800 calories and 80 grams of fat. For hamburgers, ask for mustard or ketchup instead of mayonnaise. Ask for steamed vegetables instead of ones sauteed in butter.

What about dessert? Is that a forbidden food at restaurants today? We can still have our favorite desserts. The key is to plan for them. For example, if you know that you want to have cheesecake for dessert, choose lower fat, lower calorie foods for the main entree. Also, some restaurants serve dessert portions that feed more than one person. Consider asking for an extra plate and fork and split the treat with a friend. If you have a choice between a cake that is named "Death by Chocolate" and plain ice cream, the ice cream is probably the healthier choice. Other healthful choices for satisfying that sweet tooth include fresh fruit and sherbet.

By making healthful food

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Thought for the Day

It is a vital moment of truth when a man discovers that what he condemns most vehemently in others is that to which he is himself prone.

-Unknown

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choices and exercising control with portion sizes, consumers can continue to dine out without risking an expansion of the waistline. To learn more about selecting nutritious foods when eating out, contact us at the Extension Office.

Dare to Live...

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ahead to accomplish as much as you can in one trip.

Car pool whenever possible. Work together with neighbors and friends. Someone making a grocery run can offer to take neighbors with them or pick up items for others and vice versa. When transporting the kids to various activities, split the driving with other parents. Staying closer to home for vacations is another way to save on gas.

Driving less may be inconvenient, but it is an effective way to keep your fuel costs down. If you don't want to reduce your driving, you can cut back in other areas or increase your income. Just suffering and complaining without taking any action is pointless.

Rising interest rates also put a squeeze on the family budget. They boost payments on adjustable rate mortgages (ARM) as well as outstanding credit card balances. Again, don't just sit and stress, take action. If you have an ARM,

look into converting it into a fixed rate mortgage where the payments won't change. Talk to your mortgage holder and find out what alternatives they have.

Transfer balances from high interest credit cards to cards with low or no interest offers. Even if these low or no interest offers are for a limited period of time, it will give you some breathing room. Take advantage of lower rates to get as much of your balance paid off.

It's up to you how you cope with circumstances beyond your control. Be proactive, creative, and do what it takes to get through tough times. A common sense approach is often the most effective.

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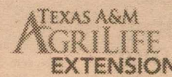
Preserving the Harvest

Basic Home Food Preservation Workshop
 Tuesday, July 30, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Borden County Event Center, Gail
 Cost is \$30 per person
 Limited to 12 participants
 Please RSVP by Friday, July 26th



Join us to learn about water bath, pressure canning, freezing and dehydration. Participants will receive 2 preserved items, the So Easy to Preserve book, refreshments and loads of information to safely preserve the season's bounty!

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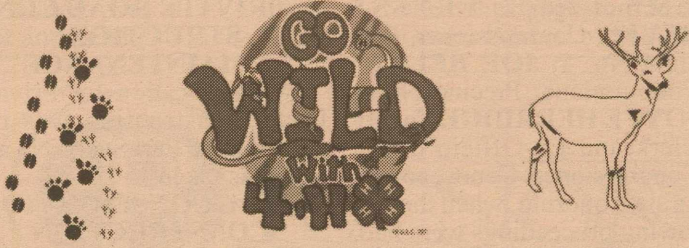
Borden County Youth Horse Club



The Borden County Youth Horse Club ended its summer program this month with much success. This year the club had over 50 members participating. Participants receiving All-Around Champions are: (middle photo left to right) 5 & Under-Jaityn Mires; 6-8-Luke Carpenter; 9-12-Kaden Prince; 13-18-Katie Rees They would like to thank each generous sponsor: The Monte Smith Family, The Matt farmer Family, Curtis and Julie Hudman, The Sam Butler Family, Gary and Judy Jones, The Kirk Jones Family, Day Show Cattle, Outlaw Conversions, BE Implement, Black Jack Energy, Shannon Forbes Insurance, Spike Dykes Ford and Rowdy's Backhoe & Construction. (Photos courtesy of Craig Kelly)



Benefit to Assist Freeman Family With Medical Expenses

The First Baptist Church of Gail will sponsor a benefit meal on Sunday, August 4th from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the Activities Building to assist with the medical expenses for Tanner and Quentin Freeman. The meal will consist of Brisket, Potato Salad, Beans, Bread, Cobbler and Tea. The brothers were injured on Sunday, July 14 in an ATV accident in Borden County. Tanner remains in Trustpointe Rehabilitation Center in Lubbock, Texas. Donations for the meal will be greatly appreciated.



Wednesday, August 7, 2013
from 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Borden County Event Center, Gail
Sponsored by Borden County 4-H for youth that will be entering Kindergarten through 3rd Grade
Cost is \$10 per child
Please RSVP by Monday, August 5th

Youth will learn about Wildlife and Nature, as well as make crafts, play games and enjoy a yummy snack!





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Commissioners' Court

WHEREAS, On this the 9th day of July 2013, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in the 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, Residing; **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.

Other officers Present: Ben Smith, county attorney.

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the July 9, 2013 Regular Session of Borden Co. Commissioners Court to order at 8:45 a.m.

There was no community input.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of June 25, 2013 were read. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Reyes 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 Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BORDEN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to accept the resignation of Philena Farmer from the Borden County Historical Committee. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Commissioner Belew made a motion to appoint Charles Jensen, Deputy Sheriff, as Borden County Emergency Management Coordinator.

Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BORDEN COUNTY WATER SYSTEM

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the submitted Title Opinion from David Cotton on the Williams and Vernon Estate concerning the purchase of Water Rights. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

An application for Private Road Construction was received from Earl Sealy. No action was taken.

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve the application for Soil Conservation Construction from Craig Hubbard for the Ox Bow Ranch in Precinct No. 3. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2014 BUDGET

A budget workshop was held.

FUTURE AGENDA

Appoint new member on Borden County Historical Committee, work on budget and consider Borden County water.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and pay said current accounts. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 16th day of July, 2013.



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Family Clinic

"Caring for Our Family, Friends & Neighbors"

Welcomes

Oscar Martinez, Jr., M.D.
Board Certified - Family Practice

Dr. Martinez and his family have moved to our community from Oklahoma to join the Cogdell family of physicians and staff.

Dr. Martinez will begin seeing patients on August 1, 2013.
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

On May 31, 2013, as required by the order of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") in Docket No. 39592, Sharyland Utilities, L.P. ("Sharyland Utilities"), a regulated electric utility company, filed an application with the Commission entitled *Application of Sharyland Utilities, L.P. to Establish Retail Delivery Rates, Approve Tariff for Retail Delivery Service, and Adjust Wholesale Transmission Rate* ("Application").

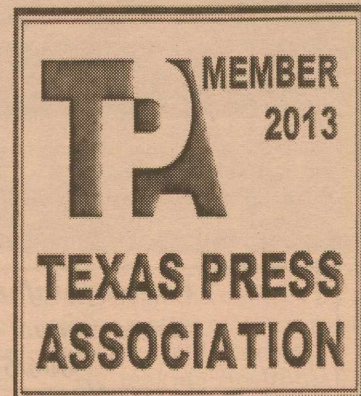
This Application has been assigned Docket No. 41474. Interested persons will be afforded the opportunity to participate in this proceeding. The deadline for intervention in this proceeding is August 9, 2013, and a letter requesting intervention should be received by the Commission by that date.

The Application is based on a twelve-month test year ending December 31, 2012, and supports a retail distribution base rate revenue requirement of \$75,116,884. Additionally, Sharyland Utilities proposes to recover an annual amount of \$3,839,015 through various riders. The primary purpose of this proceeding is to establish tariffs that will set the nonbypassable rates retail electric providers will be charged for delivery of electricity from the retail electric provider to the customer in order to transition to retail competition. The rates are to be effective on May 1, 2014, or ninety (90) days after Sharyland Utilities files its tariffs to implement the final Commission order approving the rates, whichever is later. The Application also supports rates sufficient to recover a revenue requirement of \$26,941,935, including amounts recovered through riders, for wholesale transmission service.

The Application potentially affects all customers and classes of customers in Sharyland Utilities' Brady, Celeste, Colorado City, and Stanton Divisions, but it does not affect retail delivery rates for Sharyland Utilities' McAllen Division. The Application also affects all customers taking service under Sharyland Utilities' Tariff for Wholesale Transmission Service.

A complete copy of Sharyland Utilities' Application is available for inspection at Sharyland Utilities' offices located at 1031 Andrews Highway, Suite 400, Midland, Texas 79701 and 1807 Ross Avenue, Suite 460, Dallas, Texas 75201, and at the office of Sharyland Utilities' legal representative, Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, at 600 Congress Avenue, Suite 2000, Austin, Texas 78701. If you have questions about PUC Docket No. 41474, please contact Bridget Headrick at Sharyland Utilities at (512) 721-2668.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should mail their requests to intervene or their comments (along with 10 copies of your letter) to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas, 78711-3326 with reference to Docket No. 41474. Further information may also be obtained by calling 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 or (800) 735-2989. All communications should refer to Docket No. 41474.



Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

Alley Oop Goes To College

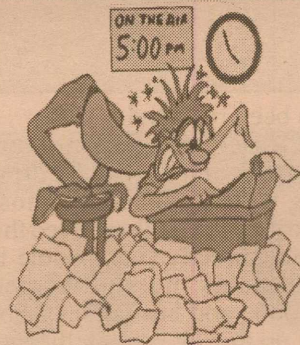
When Oop Shrauner of Andrews was growing up, he didn't do well in school. "I stood out like a rooster with socks on," he says. "I was hundred pounds heavier than anybody else and a foot taller. I didn't fit." Oop's nickname developed from his previous nicknames of Cave Man and Alley Oop. He made his living as a heavy equipment mechanic and got to be very good at his trade, even though he spent a good part of his adult life not knowing how to read or write. When he was 54 years old he decided to go to college. He told a girl in the registrar's office at Odessa College he wanted to enroll. When she asked him where he graduated he said he didn't have a diploma. She told him he couldn't go to OC. Now Oop may have been uneducated at the time, but he was resourceful. He found out who the president was and went to his office. Again he was told that the main man on campus couldn't see him. Oop told the receptionist: "You just jump back and hide and watch." Dr. Gibson, the college president was observing the confrontation and told Oop to come into his office, telling the prospective student that he had never met a man named Oop. Mr. Shrauner got enrolled.

"There I was weighing 400 pounds wearing overalls sitting with a bunch of 18 year old kids that were might near naked, a lot of them. They weren't in there for the same purpose I was." Oop could barely read. For every hour of class he spent four and a half hours at home studying. He had to get permission from the chair of every department be-

fore they'd let him take a class. One of his teachers considered Oop a novelty and teased him about not being able to write. Oop told him, "Sir, I can print all capital letters as fast as you can talk." He had difficult assignments. One teacher asked him who was his least favorite president. Oop replied, "Those whiskey running Kennedys, that's who. He told me 'good, that's who your thesis is going to be on.' I told him I didn't know what a thesis was. He told me it was a paper. I contacted the Dallas Morning News and talked to the first reporter who covered the Kennedy assassination. She gave me all kinds of information and I made 120 points out of a possible 120 points on that paper." It upset him that he got a B in the class. It was the only B he made. The rest were A's.

A female English teacher asked him to write about something he liked. "Well I wrote about my beautiful wife Patsy with her curly Indian hair and sparkling eyes that remind me of a sky full of stars and went on and on for a page and a half. When I finished reading it, she turned around with tears streaming down her face and told me I was a born writer."

Oop learned to like English and graduated with honors. "I graduated Phi Beta Kappa and Magna Cum Laude, sir. And from 650 students I drew the top award in world literature." Oop has a farm near Andrews and writes a column for the Andrews County News. *Tumbleweed Smith lives in Big Spring and produces THE SOUND OF TEXAS syndicated radio show. His website is tumbleweedsmith.com*



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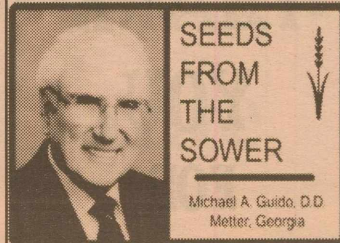
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"Dad," said a small child getting ready for Sunday school, "I want to be just like you. When will I be old enough not to have to go to church?"

The father blushed with embarrassment and said, "Come on son, let's go to church together."

Most parents are anxious that their children go to church. Unfortunately, many parents do not realize how important it is for them to set the proper example for their children. Going to church is one of the most important examples parents can set for their children. It demonstrates the value and priority they place on worshipping together.

Being a Christian without going to church is like a soldier going into battle without an army or a violinist preparing for a concert without any accompaniment. A family trying to live life without worshipping together is like a ship with no rudder.

The Apostle Paul wisely said, "Let us not neglect our church meetings, as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of His coming back is drawing near."

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Burkett Receives UIL Scholarship

Borden County 2013 Valedictorian, Shae Burkett, recently received an \$8,000 two-year scholarship from the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

She won the State Tennis bronze medal this year in her second trip to the state tournament. She also played basketball and ran cross country.

Burkett was an FFA member and belonged to the Span-

ish Club.

While in high school, she competed in UIL Number sense, Calculator Applications, Mathematics, Social Studies and Spelling and Vocabulary.

Shae plans to attend Texas Tech University Honors College and will major in pre-medicine in hopes of becoming a pediatrician.

Shae is the daughter of Mike and Donna Burkett of Lamesa.



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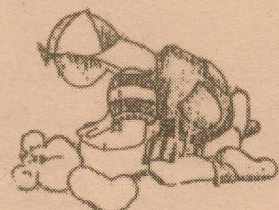
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Public Notice

Mandatory Public Notification Language Notice of Drinking Water ARSENIC Violation

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the BORDEN COUNTY WATER SYSTEM that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for arsenic. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for arsenic at 0.010 milligrams per liter (mg/L) based on running annual average (RAA), and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in

your community for arsenic indicates a compliance value in quarter one of 2013 of 0.018 mg/L for EP001.

This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

We are taking the following actions to address this issue:

The absorption media used in the arsenic removal system

has been replaced.

Please share this information with all people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (i.e., people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

If you have questions regarding this matter, you may contact the County Judge's Office, Borden County Courthouse, 117 East Wasson, Gail, Texas, 79738, phone 806-756-4391.

Ross D. Sharp, County Judge

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Babysitting Workshop

Wednesday, July 31, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

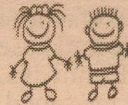
Borden County Event Center, Gail

For young men and ladies ages 12 and up!

RSVP by Monday, July 29th

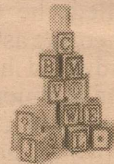


We are offering a Babysitter's Certification Course for all Borden County and area youth! This workshop will be open to youth ages 12-18. To receive the basic training, you will need to complete the one day workshop. Once you complete this workshop you are eligible to take the CPR/First Aid training which will be held at a later date yet to be determined (it will also be an 8 hour course).



Participants will learn:

- What it takes to be a babysitter
- Safety and First Aid
- Basic Child Development and How to Entertain Children
- Basic Nutrition
- The Business End of Babysitting



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Join Borden County 4-H as we travel to the depths of Carlsbad Caverns in a one-day trip on Monday, August 5th.

2 meals, snacks, admission to Carlsbad Caverns, & t-shirt are included in the \$25 registration fee (checks made payable to Borden 4-H)

This camp is open to 4-H and non-4-H members. We ask that a parent attend to chaperone youth not 4-H age.

4-H BAT CAMP

Borden County 4-H 806-756-4336

Monday, August 5, 2013

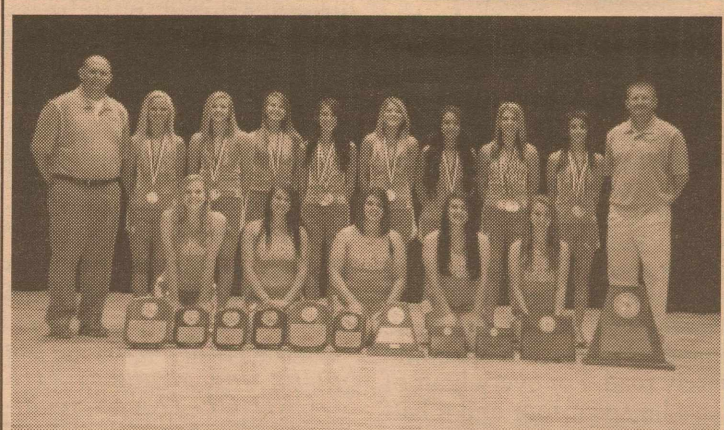
Time: 9:00 a.m.—?

Please call our office no later than July 29th to sign up so t-shirts can be ordered!



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We will be accepting donations until July 31st for the purchasing of State rings.

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