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USDA Finalizes Procedures for Sorghum Referendum

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is announcing procedures for the upcoming referendum regarding the continuation of the Sorghum Checkoff Program and is announcing the dates it will conduct the referendum.

The Sorghum Promotion, Research, and Information Order requires that a referendum be conducted no later than seven years after the start of assessments, which began on July 1, 2008. For the program to continue, a majority of those voting must favor the continuation of the order.

USDA will conduct the referendum beginning on March 23, 2015, through April 21, 2015, at county USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices for producers and the Agricultural Marketing Service office for importers. Ballots may be obtained in person, by mail or facsimile at county FSA offices, or via the Internet.

Any eligible person engaged in the production or importation of sorghum from January 1, 2011, to December 31, 2014, is eligible to participate. Individuals are required to provide documentation such as a sales receipt or remittance form that shows they engaged in the production or importation of sorghum.

The Sorghum Checkoff Pro-

gram, and its 13-member board, is authorized by the Commodity Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 1996. The Sorghum Checkoff is intended to be a national, coordinated, self-help marketing program designed to strengthen the position of sorghum in the marketplace, maintain and expand existing domestic and foreign markets and uses for sorghum, and develop new markets and uses for sorghum.

The final procedures were published in the Nov. 18, 2010, *Federal Register*. The notice announcing the dates of the referendum were published in the Feb. 19, 2015, *Federal Register*.

For more information, contact Craig Shackelford, Marketing Specialist, Research and Promotion Division, Livestock, Poultry, and Seed Program, AMS, USDA, 22 Jamesport Lane, White, GA 30184; Telephone: (470) 315-4246; craig.shackelford@ams.usda.gov. Procedures and additional information about the referendum can be found at: www.ams.usda.gov/SorghumReferendum.



Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Where Do You Start

You have lots of dreams. There are many goals you would like to accomplish. Your wish list probably contains many items. It's a little overwhelming. Your thoughts jump from one desire to another.

Where do you start? How do you decide what you should do first? There are a number of strategies you can utilize. The right approach for you depends on how much experience you have bringing your dreams to reality.

Perhaps you are adept in realizing your goals. You have been through the process before. You understand that you start with a goal, formulate a plan, and then put the plan into action. You recognize that the key to being successful is taking one step at a time, never giving up until your destination is reached.

If you are seasoned in bringing goals to reality, you can start with whatever dream is most important to you. Regardless of how out of reach your dream initially seems, you have confidence in your ability to do whatever is necessary to be successful.

To those with less experience in this area, your accom-

plishments may appear to fly in the face of what you should be able to do. People who don't understand how this process works, tend to have a negative attitude. They look at life as an endless struggle with little opportunity. Success is something that happens to others who have some advantage that they themselves lack.

If you have little or no experience making your dreams come true, you need to build confidence while gaining experience as you realize successes. This can only be done with practice. When undertaking any new endeavor, the best approach is to begin with simple tasks.

Start with a relatively easy goal. It's OK to use one with a low priority. A goal is low priority when it won't make a big difference in your life when it is accomplished or if it's accomplished at all. By beginning in this fashion, you won't be under any undue pressure to succeed. The more relaxed you are mentally, the greater the chances of you realizing your goal.

Your first task should be as uncomplicated as possible. For example, you could organize or paint a room. You

might make a phone call you have been avoiding. Accomplishing any task you have been avoiding is a great place to start.

Maybe you would like to lose weight but are confused by all of the options. Up to this point you have done nothing. Make it really simple; at your next meal eat a little less than you normally would have. By accomplishing your first goal, you will be successful. It doesn't matter what you did, but rather that you did it.

Once you have your first success, you are ready for the next one. Take another simple goal. It's more important to accumulate successes than to rush to more challenging objectives. Should something not work as planned, don't give up. Either try again or move to another task. As you become more adept at reaching goals, you can begin tackling more ambitious ones.

Regardless of whether a goal is easy or difficult, the process for its attainment is exactly the same. Identify your goal, create a plan to reach it, and then take action. Those who fail have given up. People who succeed keep going until their des-

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Coyote and Lady Coyote Hoopsters Among 12-1A's Elite

By Dwight Hines
Courtesy of Lamesa Press Reporter

It did not take Borden County long to make its presence known in its jump over into District 12-1 A this winter.

After making the move from its old District 11-1A to 12-1A, the high school hoop fans at Gail had plenty to cheer about with both Coyote hoop squads making the state playoffs this winter. Borden County's boys ended up going three rounds deep before falling to a highly touted Grady club that finished its season as the 1A state runners-up.

The Borden County hoopsters ended up putting six of their players on 12-1A's Dream Teams, including freshman Trace Richey as that boys' league newcomer of the year.

Three other Coyote boys who earned first-team all-district are senior Sean Tucker and juniors Korbin Martinez and Hunter Jones. A couple of Borden County boys earning second-team all-district are sophomore Corbin Summers and senior Riley Herridge.

Trace's sister, Borden County junior Tatum Richey, and freshman Preslea Hall are both first-team selections on the 12-1A All-District girls' team.

Borden County girls who ended up getting second-team all-district are Bailey Robinson as well as Zoie Key and Sydnee Jordan.

Borden County's Richey and Martinez also were recognized among this regions' best by both the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association and Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

After putting up 15 points and seven rebounds per game in his first year in high school, Trace Richey should be a fun player to watch at Gail for his next three years in high school.

"Trace is one of those young kids who puts a lot of his own extra time into the gym. Those are the kind of kids who end up earning accolades like this," Borden County coach Bubba Edwards said. "He ended up having a great year in high

school, but Trace also knows now how it's just as important for every from here on out to keep getting better. But, he's also the kind of kid who's going to keep working hard to get there."

It was a total team effort that helped Borden County's boys win their first two playoff games with Edwards as their head boys' basketball coach.

Tucker averaged nine points and seven rebounds per game his senior year at Gail.

"Sean's one of our seniors. We're just tickled pink to see him go out the way that he did in his high school basketball career-three rounds deep in the playoffs," Edwards said.

Like Richey, Borden County's Martinez and Jones are a couple of other players to watch in the future for the Coyote boys. Both Martinez and Jones averaged right at 13 points per game for the 12-1A runners-up.

"Korbin's another one of those kids who spends a lot of time in the gym. It's because of his good work ethics why he's been so successful," Edwards said. "After missing part of his season because of an injury it definitely helped getting Hunter back like we did."

Both Tatum Richey and Preslea Hall averaged over eight points per game, while helping this year's young Coyote girls become Mike Skelton's fourth straight playoff ball club at Gail. Tatum now has started on each of Borden County's past two playoff clubs.

With nearly all of this year's players coming back at Gail, do not be surprised to see Borden County's girls make a little more noise in the playoffs come next year.

"With nearly everybody coming back, we're looking forward to making a pretty good run out here next year. Our goal next year is to get to that regional tournament," Skelton said of his Coyote girls' future.

"We feel like we should have the skills to get there. Now, it's up to us to make that kind of commitment to make sure we get there."

Antelopes Prove to Be Too Much for Coyotes on the Diamond

By Coach Edwards

A wild inning allows the Post Antelopes to defeat the Borden Coyotes, 6-2, in non-district action last Tuesday.

Post scored a run in the first, fourth, fifth, and sixth inning to take a 4-0 lead.

The Coyotes rallied in the bottom half of the sixth and that is where the wildness began. Borden was down 4-2 with one out and bases were loaded. Frank Banman was at the plate with a 3-1 count. The next pitch seemed to be low and inside as Banman made an attempt to back up and the catcher reached inside but

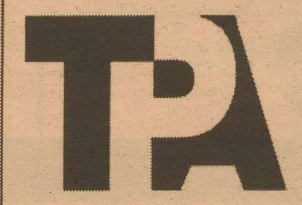
missed the ball. The runner from third was coming home but was tagged out at the plate. When all the smoke was clear, instead of being ball four, plating a run, and only one out with the top of the lineup coming up, the runner was called out giving Borden two outs and Banman struck out on the next pitch to end the inning with the Antelopes leading 4-2.

Post plated two more runs in the seventh to secure the victory.

Hurrikane Richter recorded

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All-District Basketball Honors



The Borden County Coyotes and Lady Coyotes make their presence known in District 12-1A basketball with the District Honor list being released recently. Making the All-District list are: (top row kneeling left to right) Corbin Summers, Hunter Jones, Trace Richey, Korbin Martinez, Riley Herridge, Sean Tucker, (sitting left to right) Zoie Key, Sydnee Jordan, Bailey Robinson, Tatum Richey and Preslea Hall.

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Coyotes Win First District Game Defeating Rotan

By Coach Edwards

The Borden Coyotes managed to hang on in a high scoring game against the Rotan Yellowhammers, 18-12, to win their first district game of the season. Borden improves to 1-1.

Rotan struck early scoring a run in the first. But the Coyotes fired back in the top half of the second inning. Steven Carrillo got a 1 out single. Then Ryan Willborn reached base with a walk. Mason Coor's two out triple plated 2 runs. Trace Richey followed with a rbi single. Hunter Jones followed that with a double scoring Richey giving the Coyotes a 4-1 lead and never trailed again.

Borden added 3 runs in the top of the third to extend their lead 7-1. But the Yellowhammers came storming back scoring 5 runs in the bottom of the third and trailing by 1 run, 7-6.

Rotan's pitching struggled in the top half of the fourth allowing the Coyotes to plate six runs to extend their lead to 13-6.

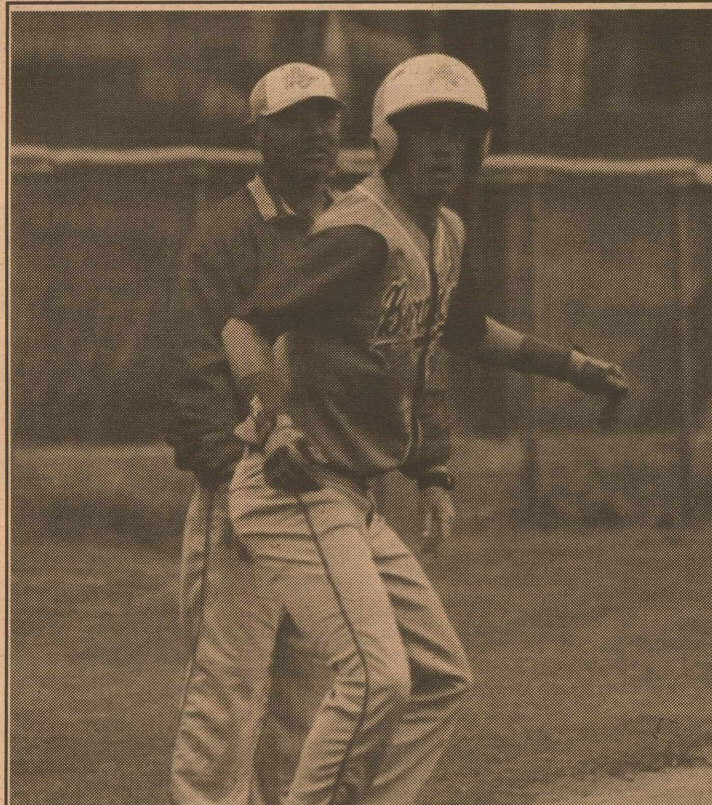
Rotan added two runs in the fifth, but the Coyotes matched that with two runs of their own in the top half of the sixth.

Borden added three more runs in the top of the seventh to take an 18-8 advantage. Yellowhammers managed to only score four runs which wasn't enough to catch the Coyotes.

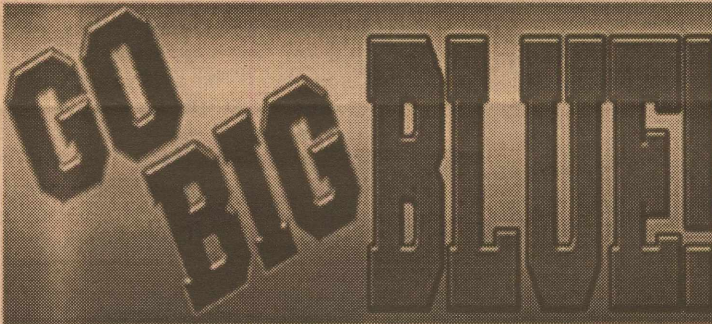
Coor had three hits and four rbi's. Richey three hits with two rbi's. Jones and Hurricane Richter both had two hits and two rbi's each. Carrillo and Korbin Martinez each had singles while Kale Yarbrow had a triple and three rbi's.

The Coyotes used three pitchers in the contest. Jones went the first two innings striking out four and walking two. Coor, who recorded the victory, pitched three innings, struck out five and walked eight. Richter pitched two innings, struck out five and walked two.

The Coyotes are 3-3 on the season.



Coyote junior, Korbin Martinez looks to steal home plate during Borden County's game against the Rotan Yellowhammers. The Coyotes defeated Rotan 18-12.



Antelopes Defeat the Coyotes...

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the loss. Richter struck out six and walked none and gave up one earned run in six innings. Trace Richey pitched one inning striking out one, walking two, and allowing two earned runs.

Richey and Hunter Jones each had a single and an double. Ryan Willborn and Stevn Carrillo each had two singles. Korbin Martinez added an single and Richter had an double with an rbi.



Annual Booster Club Egg Hunt

Friday, April 03, 2015
11:00am at the Pavilion
Ages 5 and under

Bring your baskets and come hunt eggs with the Easter Bunny Refreshments to follow

School Lunch Menu

Mar. 30-Apr. 3, 2015

Menu subject to change

Monday - Breakfast: Sausage Biscuit, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Roll, Mixed Fruit and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Chicken & Waffle Stix, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk. **Lunch:** Quesadillas, Salsa, Garden Salad, Refried Beans, Applesauce and Milk.


Wednesday - Breakfast: Breakfast Sliders, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. **Lunch:** Turkey & Cheese Sub, Tortilla Chips, Seasoned Corn, Baby Carrots w/Ranch, Orange Smiles and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Oatmeal Round, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Spaghetti, Breadstick, Garden Salad, California Blend, Apple Slices and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger, Zesty Cucumbers, Sweet Potato Fries, Peaches and Milk.

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Making Healthy Habits Last

Habits are difficult to break, but it can be done.

Try these tips to help you stay on track:

- Set attainable goals and know that it may take a long time to reach them. Losing weight and becoming physically fit can take a long time. Be ready to celebrate small victories. Your goal may be to be able to run one mile but you haven't even walked one mile. Celebrate when you are able to walk one mile!

- Set goals you are sure you can maintain. Many people lose weight by decreasing calories to a very low level. That may allow for a weight loss but not a loss that is easily maintained. It's just too hard for most of us to maintain a diet very low in calories for a long time and it's also not healthy.

- Choose just one healthy habit and work on it until you are sure you have adopted it and then move on to another. If your goal was to eat healthier, your first objective might be to eat 2 1/2 cups of vegetables every day. Once that is a daily habit, move to your next objective.

- Find a healthy habit partner. Change is so much easier

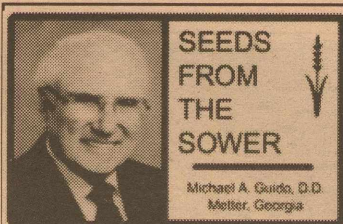
if you have someone to support you in your efforts. Even easier if that person is also trying to make some changes.

- If weight loss is your goal, plan for a small gradual loss. One-half to one pound of weight loss per week is a healthy, realistic expectation. (Keep in mind that you didn't gain it five or six pounds at a time.)

- If you get off track don't give up! We all get off track of many things in the course of a year. Acknowledge that you got off track and get right back on. It's just a matter of telling yourself that you can do it and you will feel better for it.

Healthy habits are easier to maintain if you have a goal in mind. It may be that you want to wear the outfit you wore on your honeymoon or you want to be healthy enough to travel when you retire. Just know that you will feel better and have more energy within weeks. That should help you stay on track!

Written by: Tammy Roberts, MS, RD, LD, Nutrition and Health Education Specialist in Barton County, University of Missouri Extension



Each church has its own "temperament." There are those where you find happiness and hope, a warm fellowship and a welcoming spirit. Others are cold and closed, old and tired. In between are some that are looking for an identity and try one thing and then another.

Psalm 33 is filled with enthusiasm for God. And it has some great advice on how to worship God. "Sing joyfully," said the Psalmist. "Praise the Lord with the harp and the ten-stringed lyre," he continues. But why?

One reason is that "The Word of the Lord is right and true." No one has ever rejected the Bible because it contradicts itself but because it contradicts the reader. "The only objection against the Bible," said Wilmot the infidel when he was dying, "is a bad life."

"The plans of the Lord stand true," is another reason. A father said to his son, "Go to the third step and jump. I'll catch you!" But he didn't and his son fell to the floor. "Now get up and remember," he said, "don't trust anyone - not even your father." Our Heavenly Father never tricks us nor tempts us. He is faithful in all things and at all times.

Finally, "The eyes of the Lord are upon those who fear Him. No army has ever saved a king," said David. Warriors work together and combine their strength but are often defeated. But "God delivers His own from death and keeps them alive in famine."

Humanists depend on human beings. Christians depend on Jesus Christ to "deliver" and "nourish" them.

Dare to Live...

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mination is reached. It's that basic.

So start with one goal. Avoid trying to do many things at once. Your efforts will be diluted, reducing your chances of success. As each goal is reached, you are ready for

more challenging ones. *Bryan is a management consultant, motivational speaker, author, and adjunct professor. E-mail Bryan at bryan@columbian.com. © 2008 Bryan Golden*

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Thought for the Day

One-half the troubles of this life can be traced to saying yes too quickly and not saying no soon enough.

-Josh Billings

Area Farmer Directs Funds to Borden County Historical Commission

America's Farmers Grow Communities Donation Supports Local Organization

GAIL, Texas, March 24, 2015 – The Borden County Historical Commission has received a \$2,500 donation from local farmer Donelle Hensley and America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund. The donation will help the organization purchase storage materials to help preserve the county's museum collection and civil, criminal and probate records in the courthouse. The materials include acid free boxes and folders, tissue paper, photo sleeves, display cabinets and proper cleaning supplies.

These records date back to 1891, when the county was organized, and they are still kept in their original tri-fold sleeves. The remaining funds will be used to repair broken stones and fences in two remote cemeteries in the county.

"These original records need to be preserved for future historical and genealogical research," said Lisa Mahler with the Borden County Historical Commission. "This commission started preserving the pioneer stories and materials over 50 years ago. From those stories, pictures and collectable items a museum was established. Our main mission is to protect what those early organizers collected and to continue the research."

For five years, America's Farmers Grow Communities has collaborated with farmers to donate over \$16.5 million to over 7,300 community organizations across rural America. This year winning farmers will direct another \$3.3 million to nonprofits to help fight rural hunger, purchase life saving fire and EMS equipment, support ag youth leadership programs, buy much needed classroom resources, and so much more.

America's Farmers Grow Communities is part of the America's Farmers initiative. Since 2010, the America's Farmers campaign and programs have advocated on behalf of farmers and their efforts to meet society's needs through agriculture. Today, consumers are more interested than ever in agriculture and how food is grown. Consider joining the conversation and helping to raise awareness about agriculture. Learn more at FoodDialogues.com.

A sister program in the America's Farmers effort, Grow Rural Education, is currently in its farmer nomination phase. Farmers interested in supporting math and science education in their communities should visit

www.GrowRuralEducation.com from now through April 1 to learn how.

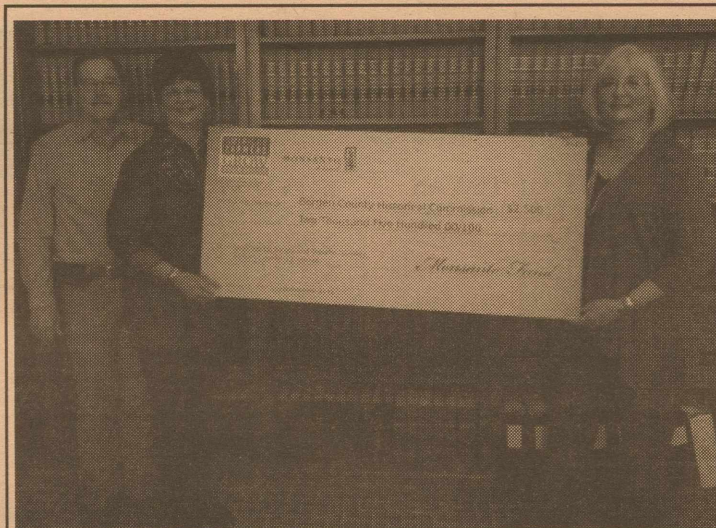
About America's Farmers
The America's Farmers initiative celebrates U.S. farmers and highlights the importance of agriculture through communications and community outreach programs. To learn more, visit America's Farmers at www.americasfarmers.com.

About the Monsanto Fund
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The Borden County Historical Commission receives a donation in the amount of \$2500 from Randy and Donelle Hensley and America's Farmers Grow Communities sponsored by the Monsanto fund. Pictured with the donation are members of the Historical Commission (left to right) Melba Rinehart, Betty Dennis, Joel Dennis, Lisa Dennis Mahler, Mary ann Awtry, Barbara Farmer, Shorty Farmer, Nelva Jones and Will Phinizy.



Randy and Donelle Hensley, winning farmers in Borden County for the America's Farmers Grow Communities Monsanto Fund, are pictured presenting the \$2500 to Lisa Dennis Mahler, Chairman of the Borden County Historical Commission.

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Commissioners' Court

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BORDEN

WHEREAS, on this the 10th day of February, 2015, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas the following members of the Court being present to-wit: MONTE SMITH, Commissioner, Precinct NO. 1; RANDY ADCOCK, Commissioner, Precinct NO. 2; ERNEST REYES, Commissioner, Precinct NO. 3; JOE BELEW, Commissioner, Precinct NO. 4; JANA UNDERWOOD, County Clerk and Ex-Efficio of the Commissioners Court with Judge Sharp absent due to illness; Commissioner Reyes conducted the meeting, thus constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda. Other officers present: Marlo Holbrooks, County Attorney, Benny Allison, Sheriff and Tax Assessor; and Shawna Gass, County Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Reyes called the February 10, 2015, regular session of the Commissioners Court to order at 8:42 A.M.

Max Drum, Sales Manager of Total Truck and Trailer of Snyder, Texas met with the commissioners and presented a presentation on what his company has to offer.

COMMUNITY INPUT

None

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of January 27, 2015 were presented. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said minutes as presented. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried

COUNTY OFFICER MONTHLY REPORTS

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve, accept and file submitted reports in the County Clerk's office. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Commissioner Adcock made a motion to pass said resolution. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COURT PAYMENT CARD PROCESSING PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the agreement between Borden County and Tyler Technologies, Inc. for Court Payment Card Processing Participation for the mandated e-filing process. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lance Wells CAT joins meeting

INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT

No Action Taken

DEPUTY COUNTY/DISTRICT CLERK

Commissioners were introduced to the new Deputy County/District clerk Brande Buchanan

COUNTY EMPLOYEE TIME-KEEPING METHOD

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve new time sheet for hourly employees. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

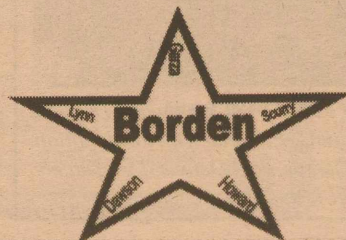
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FRONT-END LOADER

Lance Wells, with Warren Cat, visited with the court on the front-end loader he located for Pct. 1. Commissioner Smith made a motion to purchase the front-end loader from Warren Cat. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the following request:



Precinct 2- as needed Terry Smith

Precinct 1 - as needed John S Stephens Jr

Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOIL CONSERVATION WORK

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the following application:

Precinct 4 - one time only Pamela Beaver Davenport

Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Seal Coat Program with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper

CURRENT ACCOUNTS

Commissioner Smith made a motion to pay said accounts. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Belew made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion and approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015

Public Notice

Notice of Drinking Water Fluoride 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 FLUORIDE. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL FLUORIDE at 4.0 mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for FLUORIDE indicates a compliance value in quarter four, 2014 of 5.09 mg/L for EP001.

This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing FLUORIDE in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Fluoride in drinking water at half the MCL or more may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than nine years old. Mottling, also known as dental fluorosis,

may include brown staining and/or pitting of the teeth, and occurs only in developing teeth before they erupt from the gums.

An alternate source of water should be provided to the affected population, which consists of children less than nine years old. The alternate water should be used for drinking and cooking only. 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: water vouchers are available to families with children 14 years of age or younger, also we are working to correct the problem by investigating the possibility of connecting to another system.

For further information contact the County Judge's Office, Borden County Courthouse, 117 E. Wasson, Gail, Texas 79738, phone 806/756-4391

Ross D. Sharp, County Judge

Public Water System ID # 0170010

P.O. Box 156

Gail, Texas 79738

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF REBECCA MILLER JACKSON

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Rebecca Miller Jackson, DECEASED, were issued on March 20, 2015, in Cause No. 404 pending in the County Court of Borden County, Texas, to:

MIKE VALENTINE and TAMMY JO MILLER VALENTINE.

The address of such persons is: 1202 R Miller Road, Fluvanna, Texas, 79517

Persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Law Offices of

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By Norton Baker

State Bar No. 01602000

Attorneys for the Estate

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DEWEY FAY MILLER

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MIKE VALENTINE and TAMMY JO MILLER VALENTINE.

The address of such persons is: 1202 R Miller Road,

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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

How 'Bout a Tasty Longhorn Steak

James Gentz of Winnie used to show longhorn cattle.

"We started in 2002 and showed for about ten years," he says. "We've got all different types of the longhorn and at one time we had four saddle-broke steers that we rode in parades and people took pictures sitting on them. Then in 2004 we decided to start selling the longhorn beef. It's kind of a specialty product and has been good for us. We've had continual growth."

He says longhorn beef is ninety percent lean.

"I tell everybody to cook the steak low and slow because it doesn't have as much marble. The ground meat has very little fat, very little runoff. You get almost pure meat.

He sells all cuts of meat just like you would find in a butcher shop. In addition, he'll sell you a whole or half a cow. And if you like he'll sell you the tail and the head.

"Our calves on the property aren't big. They're about fifteen to eighteen months old. Sometimes I'll butcher them when they're twenty-four months. Their horns are not real long and so they don't have a problem at my processor. I don't raise longhorns for the horns. I can't grind them up and eat them."

He doesn't sell in stores because he is not sure he could meet the demand. He offers his products every Saturday at a Beaumont farmers' market from March to November. He also sells at his ranch where he has a big refrigerated box.

"They usually call me first. I tell people not to drive up because I have a ranch and a rice farm. If they give me thirty minutes I could probably arrange for me or my wife to be here at the office, which by the way is on the site of my grandparents' house."

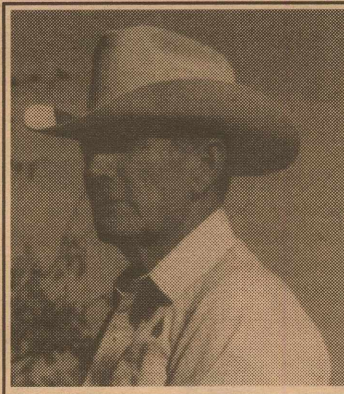
He does a big Internet business. His website is gentzlonghornbeef.net. His price is competitive. He had his first price increase this past year and went up fifty cents a pound on everything. He has some loyal customers who don't seem to mind the extra cost. He says they like knowing the meat is produced locally and is free of antibiotics and hormones.

"When we first started, we were probably two dollars higher across the board than what you could buy at the local market. Right now with beef prices the way they are, I'm right there close. Sometimes on things like ground meat, the local stores are higher than I am."

He says most people buy steaks, briskets, roasts or ground beef. His processor is 120 miles away.

"I go to a state-inspected facility in Bellville, Texas. That's why I can sell individual cuts of beef. They cut it and package it the way the customer wants it. Everything is vacuum sealed except the ground beef."

Tumbleweed Smith loves to listen to Texans tell their stories. Contact him at ts@tumbleweedsmith.com



Frank Beaver
1919 - 2015

Frank's definition of a friend, "Is a fella who even when you're wrong, he's for ya" This turned out to be a very good thing one day at a sheep round-up at Bert and John Dennis' place. Frank saved by bacon when John Dennis was ready to cook it. After a very long and very hot round-up it was time to go to the house for dinner (lunch to city folks). All the way to the house, a can of Mr. Pibb that had been sitting in the sun all morning bounced along on the pick-up's dashboard. By the time we got to the dining room, I had a very hot, very well shaken Mr. Pibb and as a young boy, I did not appreciate the enormity of what was about to happen. As I popped the top on that can it sprayed down John's entire dining room wall! A true con-niption ensued. John achieved low earth orbit right there before my very eyes. I was headed for the whipping post assuming I lived that long. In a great show of bravery Frank interceded and stayed my execution. Frank had my back again that day...even though I was wrong, he was for me.

"Always let the animals you are working with know where you are, what you are doing and don't surprise them." This led to Frank's outstanding singing of country and western songs which I can still hear in my head today. And I also do it when I am around the barn and corrals, but I also learned that this basic idea of constant communication and no surprises works very well with bosses and wives too!

Take care of your friends and neighbors and they will

Obituary

take care of you," I saw Frank live this every day. One day Frank took Dennis Falk on a deer hunt and when the time came, Dennis missed his shot. Frank got him a pair of deer skin gloves for Christmas that year and included a note: "Thought you might like to see what deer skin feels like!"

Whether it was rushing to fill the cattle sprayer with water to fight a neighbor's bush fire or reaching into his own pocket to see that his part time help got the cataract surgery needed, he lived his life by this Golden Rule.

I never met a man who did not respect Frank Beaver. His wisdom, his certainty of purpose, his humor and if it came right down to it, Frank's willingness to fight for what he believed in. Frank always commanded respect wherever he went...and I never saw him go without it. Nor did ever fail to see Frank extend it to other men who shared his strength of character...including my father.

If you were his friend, Frank always had your back. He was for you, no matter what. He was a man of true grit; a man of honor and integrity; and he was as true a hero of the American West as you could ever imagine.

And now he goes to his next great adventure, to a great new West bigger than Borden and Dawson counties. To new mountains more spectacular than the Apennines of Italy. To horses more beautiful than all the jumping horses in Virginia. To tall grass and warm rains that come every year! And most of all to that beautiful

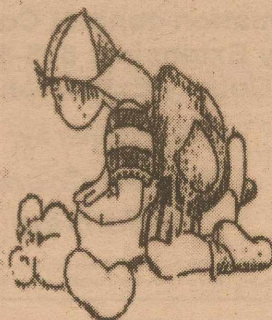
smart little blonde school teacher, the love of his life, Doris Glynn, who has been waiting for him to complete his business on earth. They will be out of our sight for a little while, but they are still here with us. I know this because I hear them every day in my head. I feel them every day in my heart. And I know we will see them again. They are whole and happy and free living on a beautiful ranch that is alive with friends and family. They are waiting to meet us there with open arms and with warm hearts. Frank will be ready with an all new arsenal of jokes. They will be ready to show us the way, ready to wipe away our tears and to fill our hearts with joy. Ready to stand with us again; ready to ride with us again and ready to be together with us forever.

God Speed Frank, my friend. We love you.

Jack O'Banion is Vice President, Strategy and Customer Requirements for Advanced Development Programs at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company. He graduated from the University of Texas in 1987 receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering with honors and graduated from Emory University in 1995 receiving a Master of Business Administration degree and the Most Outstanding Academic Achievement award. He and his wife Tammy have two sons, Austin a sophomore engineering student at Auburn and Brandon a sophomore in high school. Jack is also the son of Dr. John O'Banion and the late Eleanor "Mendy" O'Banion of Snyder.


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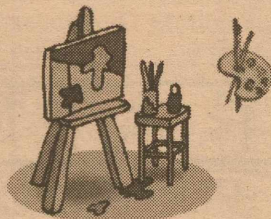
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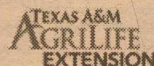
March 4-H Meeting
Monday, March 30, 2015 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Borden County Event Center, Gail



Join us for our March 4-H meeting on March 30th!
We will have refreshments, learn about painting with Mrs. Skelton and paint a picture (cost is \$5), as well as have our club meeting and recreation.
For our community service, we will be collecting money or gift cards to benefit the Haley Family (make checks to BCJLA).



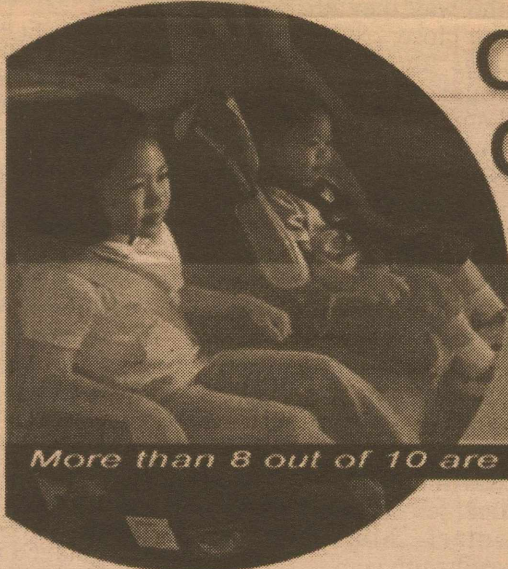
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