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USDA Announces 2015 Acreage Reporting Dates

In order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements, all producers are encouraged to visit the Garza-Borden County FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report by the applicable deadline.

The following acreage reporting dates are applicable for Garza and Borden Counties:

July 15, 2015:

- Sorghum Forage planted with the intended use of grazing or forage.

- CRP, Corn, Cotton, Grain Sorghum, Soybeans and Sunflowers

- Millet and Dual Purpose Sorghum

The following exceptions apply to the above acreage reporting dates:

If the crop has not been planted by the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.

If a producer acquires additional acreage after the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.

If a perennial forage crop is reported with the intended use of "cover only," "green manure," "left standing," or "seed," then the acreage must be reported by July 15th.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy holders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP covered crops is the earlier of the dates listed above or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

For questions regarding crop certification and crop loss reports, please contact the Garza-Borden County FSA office at 806-495-2801 x 2.



Borden County's Eighth Graders Enjoy Visit to National Ranching Heritage Center and Museum

On Friday, May 22, the Borden County Historical Commission sponsored a trip to the National Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock for the 8th grade class of Borden County I.S.D. The students were accompanied by teachers Sue Jane Sullivan and Peter Benavidez, and Commission members Lisa Mahler and Gerry Smith. The students were given a private tour of the structures located on the grounds of the ranching center. The center "strives to preserve the history of ranching, pioneer life and the development of the livestock industry of North America." Sandwiches from Jason's Deli were served in the "Rich Anderson" room. Following lunch the students were given a tour of the paleontology section of the Texas Tech Museum by staff paleontologist, Bill Mueller. One of the Commission's goals is to involve the youth of the community in its historical activities and they will strive to provide a trip to each 8th grade class in the future. Many thanks to Principal Bart McMeans and Superintendent Billy Collins for their cooperation in making this trip a possibility.



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*I measure every grief I meet
With analytic eyes;
I wonder if it weighs like mine,
Or has an easier size.*

*I wonder if they bore it long, 5
Or did it just begin?
I could not ell the date of mine,
It feels so old a pain.*

*I wonder if it hurts to live,
And if they have to try, 10
And whether, could they choose between,
They would not rather die-from "I Measure Every King of Grief"
by Emily Dickinson*

Art of Grief by guest writer T.R. Gardner

"Grief and love are conjoined; you don't get one without the other."—Jandy Nelson, author

Sometimes I just want to do what Judy Benjamin did in the movie "Private Benjamin" after her husband of six hours dies. She holes up in a hotel for eight days and then enlists in the Army. While the military enlistment might not be the exact exit from the real world I would choose, the point is, I would like sometimes to just disappear.

A broken heart. A very sick friend. Death. The loss of a job. The injustice of a rumor. The mean-spirited face of politics. A divorce. A debilitating illness. I'm not trying to ruin a positive image of Thanksgiving, but grief's cornucopia is filled with so many shapes, sizes, and sources of pain. The last thing I want to do is be grateful for that.

No one is protected from pain and grief. It is the club to which we all belong, the human race, and sometimes it just stinks.

There is no shortage of books or spiritual resources or prayer chains that can do their part to guide us through the process. Well-intentioned comments abound. Cards in the mail can certainly let us know we are not alone. It still stinks.

The one—and perhaps only—redeeming facet of grief is that it stems from love.

Had I not loved, my heart would not have been broken. Had I not had her or him for a friend, I might not be hurting now over her or his illness. If I didn't care about my country so much, the bitter campaigns would just be a funny reality show. Death would faze me less if I had not cared.

Love guarantees grief, and love will make us want to die.

Emily Dickinson's poetry, as it is prone to do, simplifies the concept of grief by posing all of us in as observers into other's pain. When we look at someone, what grief is written on the face?

"I wonder if it [grief] weighs like mine."

A more specific Dickinson would have written, "I wonder if a parent in Massachusetts who has buried a child grieves as much as a parent in Texas?"

Does a cancer diagnosis in Canada create as much anxiety as one in a small town clinic in Oklahoma?

Of course the answer is yes. And herein lies the art of grief.

It can be a beautiful thing to behold.

When people grieve, that pain stems from a deep love for someone or something that is gone: a life, security, health, career, a pet.

The only way any of those scenarios can be remotely beautiful to behold is what happens in their midst when human nature does what God intended it to do: love. We love by grieving, either for ourselves or for others.

It is no coincidence that on many walls in this part of the country are crosses, placed there as art, symbols of love and pain and grief.

When life stinks, it is worth the effort to reach out and love. Doing so will open your eyes to the fact that grief has a "fascinating" way of connecting the human spirit.

*And though I may not guess the kind
Correctly, yet to me 30
A piercing comfort it affords
In passing Calvary,*

*To note the fashions of the cross,
Of those that stand alone, 35
Still fascinated to presume
That some are like my own.*



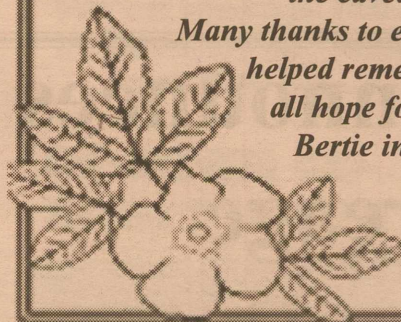
Thank You

I would like to thank Bertie Copeland for her many years of placing flags at the Veterans graves in our cemetery.


This Memorial Day her health prevented her from going to the cemetery, but members of her family and friends placed the flags/ I am so happy that no one was bitten by a rattlesnake nor did anyone fall into one of the caved graves.

Many thanks to everyone who helped remember the vets. We all hope for better health for Bertie in the days ahead.

Sadie Ludecke



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Saturday, August 1st

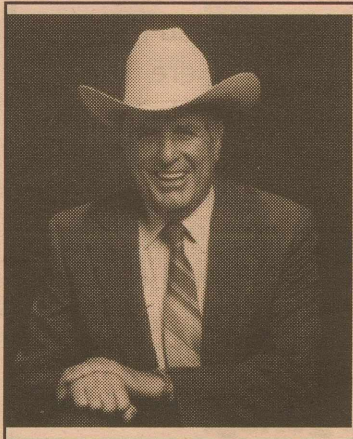
10:00 a.m.-Registration

Catered meal at noon-reservations due by July 1st

For more information,
email Carol Lewis at rdclewis@poka.com

Obituary

James Paul "J.P." Donald
1923 - 2015



James Paul "J.P." Donald, 91, passed away on Friday, June 12, 2015 at Lynn County Hospital in Tahoka after a lengthy illness. Graveside services were held in the O'Donnell Cemetery on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Reverend Jim Stephens officiating and services under the direction of Combest Family Funeral Homes.

J.P. was born on the family farm in Denton County, Texas December 1, 1923 to Timmus and Elizabeth Donald. He graduated from Justin High School and attended North Texas State University in Denton, Texas. He enlisted in the U. S. Army during World War II, and served in the European Theater. He was a member of the Plumbers & Steamfitters Union, Local 247, and worked throughout the U.S. on Nuclear and power plant projects. After retiring he returned to farming and moved to Borden County where he farmed and raised cattle for many years. He was a 32nd degree Master Mason, member of the Scottish Rite and O'Donnell Lodge 1187.

He is survived by his wife Helen of O'Donnell; son, Tim Donald and wife Virginia of Shreveport, LA; daughter, Pennye King and husband John of Oil City, LA; grand-

son, Justin Paul Donald and granddaughter, Jennye Reid and husband Tommy all of Shreveport, LA.; three great-grandchildren, Rylee, Ranger and Ryder Reid.

To our very special doctor, Melanie Richburg, your guidance, wisdom and encouragement through the years has been a godsend, and we will be forever grateful. To the staff at the Family Wellness Clinic and Lynn County Hospital, your kindness, prayers and understanding care meant so much to us. Our heartfelt gratitude, to Sharmye Jonas and Trisha Green with IntegraCare Home Health for helping us through the long difficult time at home. To our many friends and neighbors for your love, prayers and responding to our distress calls so many times. Your help and support will always be remembered. God Bless you all.

Please celebrate the life of J. P. by visiting www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

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Borden County Historical Commission Plans Heritage Days June 2016

The Borden County Historical Commission is planning a celebration to be held next year. It will be the 125th anniversary of the county's organization: 1891-2016. We will be organizing fun events for all ages. The Fort Concho Cavalry and longhorns from the State of Texas herd are already booked for the event. We will continue the planning process for many months to come. Artists, craftsmen, and writers are welcome to reserve booth space to showcase their talent. Volunteers are needed to help man events. People with abilities that a pioneer man or woman would have to have in order to survive are needed for demonstrations. Contact Lisa Mahler at bordencohistory@gmail.com to give suggestions, to ask for additional information or if you have questions. Donations are being accepted to help offset the costs associated with this celebration. Mail donations to BCHC, PO Box 71, Gail, TX 79738

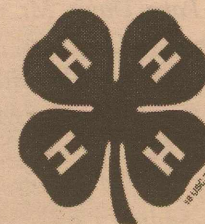


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Borden County 4-H would like to say THANK YOU to all those that contributed to our fund raiser raffle and meal!



Congratulations to our raffle winners:

Cassie Lewis - John Deere Grill

(donated by Southern Implement Company)

John Snell - Yeti cooler (donated by Mark Altman Crop Insurance)

Jeff Williams - Hotel Settles package (donated by The Hotel Settles)

We would also like to thank the donors that contributed to our meal:

Becky Justice,

Cat Construction,

and HEB Big Spring.

Thank you to all of our great 4-H families for working so hard to help with our fundraisers! We had a great meal and we appreciate all of those that came and ate with us on Friday!

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Thank* *you!

The Class of 2015 with their parents would like to express a heartfelt appreciation to the school, and all the families and business' that helped contribute to Project Graduation.

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"I would like to thank the Borden County EMS for the outstanding services that they have provided me with and for all that they do on a daily basis. I would also like to say "thank you" to the wonderful friends and neighbors that took time to send me get well cards, flowers and that came by to visit me.

I am so proud to part of such a loving, caring community."



Bertie Copeland

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF IM- POUNDMENT OF ESTRAY

Case No.: ES-003
On the 3rd day of June, 2015, I impounded the following estray:

Kind of Animal: Horse
Breed: Quarter Horse
Color: Brown-Sorrel
Sex: Female
Age: approx. 4 years old
Size: 5 ft. 10 in.

Brands, marks, identifying characteristics: white spot on forehead.

and, on the 3rd day of June, 2015, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Borden County, Texas.

I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands I Borden County, Texas, for the owner of the said estray, but the search did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 25th day of June, 2015, said estray will be sold at public auction/sheriff's sale at Big Spring Livestock Auction, 500 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

WITNESS my hand this 3rd day of June, 2015

Benny Allison
Sheriff of Borden County,
Texas

(Designee of Sheriff of Borden County, Texas)

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BORDEN LEGAL NOTICE

The Borden County Commissioner' Court will receive bids until 9:30 am, June 23, 2015 for the purchase of the following:

1. Fuels
 - a. Unleaded Gasoline
 - b. Diesel
 - c. Off-road Diesel
2. Propane

Specifications and information may be obtained at the Office of the County Judge, Borden County Courthouse, by calling 806/756-4391, by fax 806/756-4405 or by email at bordencj@poka.com.

Bids should be submitted to the Office of the County Judge, PO Box 156, 117 East Wasson, Gail, Texas, 79738. Bids should be labeled as "Fuel Bid" on the outside of

the submittal envelopes.

Bids will be opened and considered in the Borden County Commissioners' Courtroom in the County Courthouse.

The Borden County Commissioners' Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive all formalities.

BY THE ORDER OF THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

Ross D. Sharp
County Judge
Borden County

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