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## USDA Issues Safety-Net Payments to Farmers Facing Market Downturn

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) has announced that beginning today, nearly one half of the 1.7 million farms that signed up for either the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs will receive safety-net payments for the 2014 crop year.

Unlike the old direct payments program, which paid farmers in good years and bad, the 2014 Farm Bill authorized a new safety-net that protects producers only when market forces or adverse weather cause unexpected drops in crop prices or revenues.

**Example:** The corn price for 2014 is 30 percent below the historical benchmark price used by the ARC-County program, and revenues of the farms participating in the ARC-County program are down by about \$20 billion from the benchmark during the same period. The nearly \$4 billion provided today by the ARC and PLC safety-net programs will give assistance to producers where revenues dropped below normal."

The ARC/PLC programs primarily allow producers to continue to produce for the market by making payments on

a percentage of historical base production, limiting the impact on production decisions.

Nationwide, 96 percent of soybean farms, 91 percent of corn farms, and 66 percent of wheat farms elected the ARC-County coverage option. Ninety-nine percent of long grain rice and peanut farms, and 94 percent of medium grain rice farms elected the PLC option. Overall, 76 percent of participating farm acres are protected by ARC-County, 23 percent by PLC, and 1 percent by ARC-Individual. For data about other crops, as well as state-by-state program election results, final PLC price and payment data, and other program information including frequently asked questions, visit [www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc).

Crops receiving assistance include barley, corn, grain sorghum, lentils, oats, peanuts, dry peas, soybeans, and wheat. In the upcoming months, dis-

bursements will be made for other crops after marketing year average prices are published by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Any disbursements to participants in ARC-County or PLC for long and medium grain rice (except for temperate Japonica rice) will occur in November, for remaining oilseeds and also chickpeas in December, and temperate Japonica rice in early February 2016. ARC-individual payments will begin in November. Upland cotton is no longer a covered commodity.

The Budget Control Act of 2011, passed by Congress, requires USDA to reduce payments by 6.8 percent. For more information, producers are encouraged to visit their local Farm Service Agency office. To find a local Farm Service Agency office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

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## Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
Tumbleweed Smith

### *The Ocarina Plays More Than Yankee Doodle*

I run into surprises on a regular basis. I was surprised when I interviewed Chris Gale a few years ago and heard her play classical music on an ocarina. I was surprised last Saturday night when I attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual International Ocarina Festival in Allen. Chris and her husband arranged it.

The main concert was in the Allen Public Library Auditorium, which is a state of the art facility with excellent acoustics. It was full of people, many of whom were curious about having an ocarina festival in the first place. The audience members were not disappointed. They were amazed to see accomplished, educated and talented musicians dressed in formal attire play beautiful music on an instrument that was once considered by some to be a toy. The principal performers were from China, Norway, Japan and Texas. During World War Two, GI's carried ocarinas and played simple tunes on them. The instrument was called "sweet potato" because of its shape.

The ocarina, pronounced with a full OH to start (not AH), is in an ancient flute family that dates back 12,000

years. It's a small, enclosed space with four to twelve finger holes and a mouthpiece that projects from its body. Both the Mayans and Aztecs had versions of the ocarina, made of clay or ceramic. Today an ocarina is made of several materials including plastic, wood, metal and glass.

The modern ocarina dates back to the 1800's when Giuseppe Donati of Budrio, a town near Bologna, Italy transformed the simple instrument into a more comprehensive one. The word ocarina, in the Bolognese dialect, translates into "little goose." In 1998 the ocarina began being featured in video games. For centuries it has been an important instrument in Oriental music.

At the concert, Milt Ocarina of Japan, considered to be the best ocarina player in the world, amazed the crowd with his jazz, classical and oriental stylings. He looks like a rock star and was extremely popular with the audience. I interviewed him through an interpreter, since he doesn't speak English. Neither did the player from Norway, whose wife interpreted for him. Itsuki Shion of Japan sang as

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# Power Outage Doesn't Slow the Coyotes Down

By Coach Richey

Just as pre-game warm-up began for the Coyotes playing host in a pivotal District game and final home game of the 2015 football season, a blown transformer meant no electricity for all of Gail, including the football stadium. This would prove to be the only thing that would slow the Coyotes down on this Friday evening as they were too much for the Klondike Cougars. The score really doesn't do the domination justice as the final tally of 70-12 would mean the Coyotes are one step closer to their 8<sup>th</sup> straight district championship.

The Cougars would get the ball to start this huge contest between the two undefeated teams in the district. They came in using the tactic used by several teams this season as they tried to get in the tight formation, run the ball and slow play the clock snapping the ball with only a few seconds left on the play clock. The Cougars were seeing a bit of success as they converted back to back 4<sup>th</sup> downs to garner first downs and keep the clock running and drive going, but Hunter Jones would end that threat with his 3<sup>rd</sup> interception of the season. The Borden County offense would waste little time, in fact, this would match the most plays they would use on a drive on the night, using two plays to reach pay dirt as Corbin Sumners set sail behind nice blocks by Korbin Martinez, Trace Richey, Kale Yarbro, Ryan Willborn, and Hunter Jones going 56 yards for the first of 9 Coyote touchdowns. Easton Edwards kicked the extra point out of the hold of Morgan Wilson and snap of Nathan Souder for what would end up being an 8 of 9 night kicking the ball. On the Coyotes next defensive series, their defense consisted of K-Mart, and Sumners at Corners, Jones at Safety, Diego Bernal and Ben Justice at Ends along with Jayton Lewis and Ryan Willborn and Trace Richey at the Linebacker spot or defensive end switching

with Lewis. The group forced a quick 3 and out, but as the Cougars were attempting to punt, Justice snuck through and got his hands on the punt for a block and giving the Coyotes great field position. Borden County quickly padded its lead on the first play as Sumners hit a wide open Diego Bernal in the endzone and with the Edwards kick a 16-0 lead.

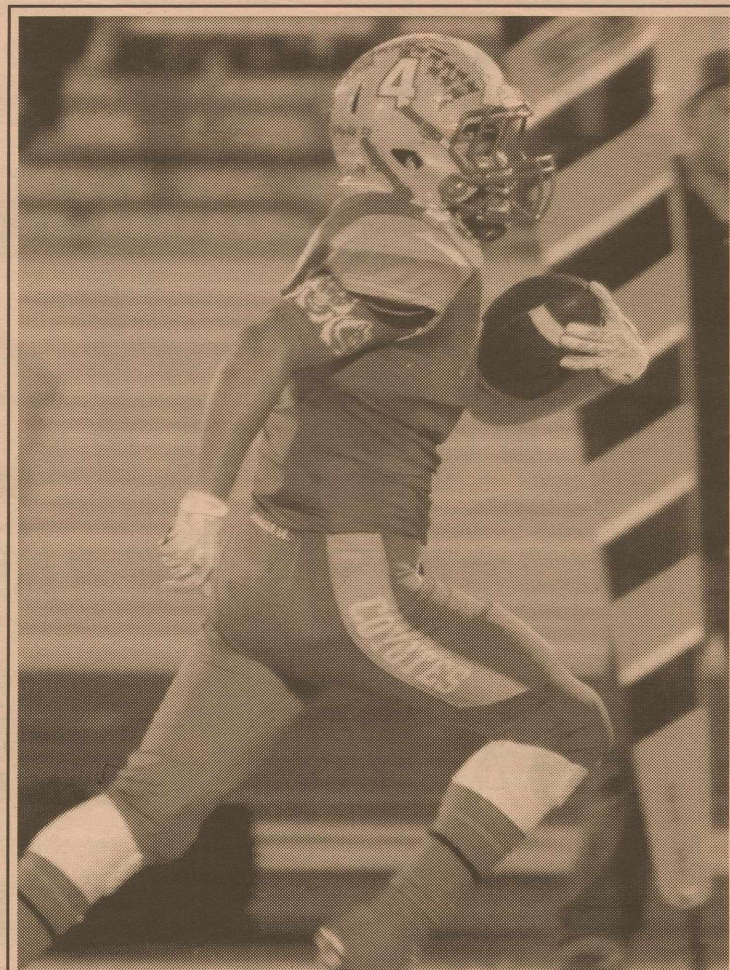
The Coyote defense forced the ball over on downs on the next possession and again, their offense used one play to reach the endzone as Hunter Jones found Korbin Martinez in the back of the endzone for the score on a nice pass and catch for the score. The Edwards kick made the first quarter score 24 to 0.

On the first play of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, Justice jumped for a loose ball forcing it to squirt and bounce and Martinez was Johnny on the spot to pick the ball up and sprint 11 yards to the endzone for the proverbial scoop and score. Another Edwards's kick extended the dominating effort to 32-0 only 7 seconds into the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. The Cougars would manage to mount their best drive of the evening cutting the lead to 32 to 6 for the Coyotes, but Sumners and the kick-off return team answer immediately as Corbin sprinted 72 yards untouched getting nice blocks from Colby Pennell, K-Mart, Noah Morales, Kale Yarbro and Morgan Wilson. Edwards answered with his 5<sup>th</sup> straight extra point kick to make the score 40-6 with 5:14 left in the half. The Coyote defense got another great stop as Noah Morales forced the runner to cut back and Trace Richey came in and forced the ball loose with a nice tackle and then recovered the loose pigskin himself. On the very first play, Jones hit Sumners with a short pass that he managed to turn into a 37 yards score, picking up nice blocks down field from Braxton Coor, and Diego Bernal. With the Edwards

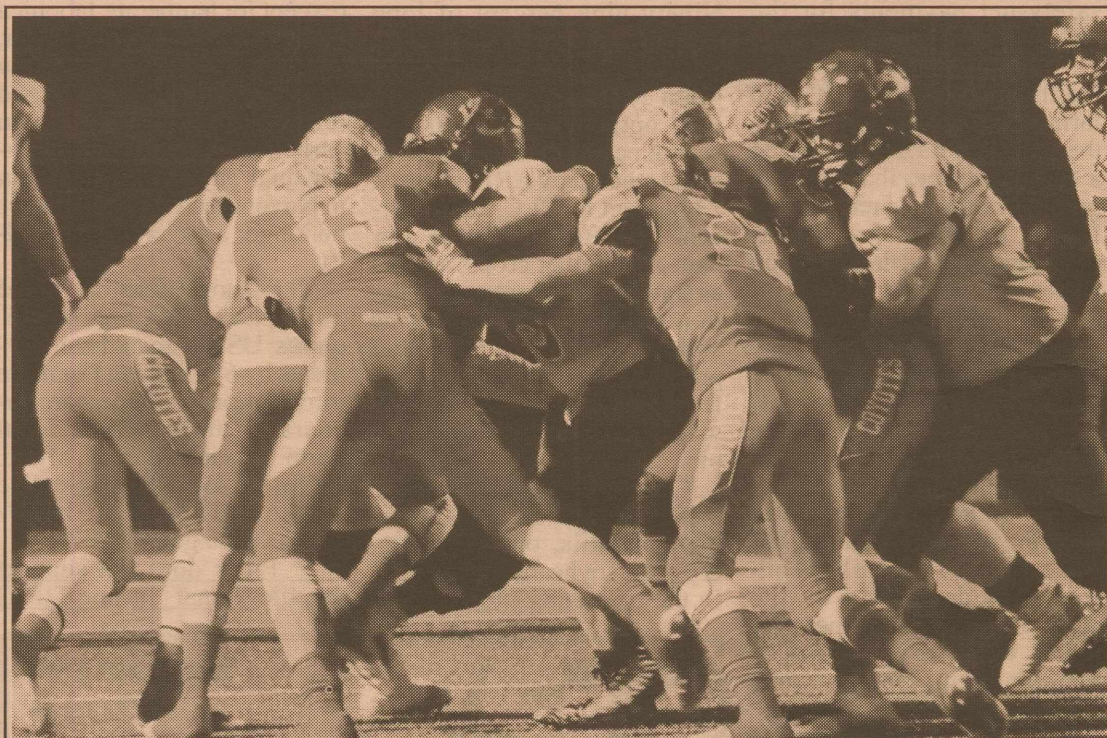
kick, the Borden County gang had complete control of this contest. Another defensive stop by the Coyotes would give the ball back to the home town Coyotes and again a one play drive would commence as Brian Torres would follow nice blocks by Coor, Bernal, Nathan Souder and Justice reaching the endzone from 46 yards out. The one blemish of the evening with the kicking game happened on this point after attempt making the score 54 to 6.

Klondike seemed content to just take the 45 point rule beating and just get it done as they ran several dives and powers, not trying to score by air at all but, on a 3<sup>rd</sup> and long play a Cougar squirted lose after a missed tackle to reach the endzone with: 29 left in the half. This cut the score to 54 to 12. After covering the inside kick the coyotes used their cheetah package to march 50 yards in 20 seconds capping the drive off with a 28 yards pass from Hunter Jones to Corbin Sumners. Edwards

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Sophomore, Brian Torres runs for the Coyote endzone in Fridays' game against the Klondike Cougars. The Coyotes dominated the game winning 62-12.



In the grips of the pack! Several Coyotes emerge on a Klondike ball carrier.

# Borden High School Speech and Debate on the Road

The last part of October was busy for high school speakers, as the squad competed in meets at Midland Lee, Amarillo Caprock, and Big Spring.

It's a young group, with seniors Nathan Souder (*Congress and LD*) and Lexi Cheatham (*Poetry*) paving the way.

At Midland Lee, the two did just that. Nathan won *Congress* in a field of 33 students, and Lexi advanced to the finals (top eight) against 35 other contestants.

Freshman Trent Collins, competing in *Congress* for the first time, made finals and placed ninth, just out of the medal range.

Four BHS speakers traveled to Caprock High School October 24.

All three *Congress* contestants brought home an award: Freshman Madi Cole, in her first *Congress* competition, took the third place trophy, Nathan finished fourth, and Trent placed sixth.

Freshman Paige Holbrooks traveled to Amarillo as well to compete in her first tournament against varsity *LD* debaters. She went 2-1, just missing the semi-final round.

This past weekend, several speakers made the trip to Big Spring to compete in the annual Halloween Tournament.

Special thanks to Mr. McMeans who helped transport students and to Zach McMeans and Mollie McMeans for lending a hand coaching debaters.

Lexi advanced through the prelims to the semi-final rounds of *Poetry* before exiting. She received ranks of 3, 2, and 5 in each of her rounds.

Junior Savannah Herridge, a returning Regional Qualifier in *Persuasive Speaking*, earned ranks of 2 and 3 in the prelims. Madi and Trent also competed in extemp—this was their first tournament.

Madi and Trent both competed in *Congress* Friday morning and then returned Saturday to compete in *CX Debate*.

Madi and her *CX* partner Katie Gray advanced to the semi-final round, losing out to San Angelo Central.

Trent debated with partner Carley Bell in the *CX* rounds, going 1-2, while sophomore Josh Murphy finished 2-1 in *LD Debate*.

Up next for Borden High School's speech team is District *Congress*, which will be held in Lubbock on Monday, November 9. Nathan is the defending district champion and will be joined by Madi and Trent with Lukas Grantham as an alternate.



Members of the BHS Speech and Debate teams competing in meets this weekend are (back left to right) Josh Murphy, Trent Collins, Nathan Souder, Carley Bell, Savannah Herridge, (front left to right) Lexi Cheatham, Madi Cole and Katie Gray. Not pictured is Paige Holbrooks.

## Coyotes Dominate the Cougars...

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kick made it 62 to 12. The Coyotes got a huge hit by Ryan Willborn on the kick-off and with one final play left, the Cougars tried to run a dive with it, but Colby Pennell stripped the ball and rumbled 11 yards for the exclamation point on this contest giving the Coyotes a 70-12 district victory ending the contest due to the mercy rule at halftime.

Contributing for the Coyotes in the district win and final home game were three seniors,

Korbin Martinez with an 18 yard touchdown catch, a scoop and score and some nice blocks and 10 tackles with a fumble recovery, a tackle for loss and a pressure. Nathan Souder snapped well again on extra points and was in on 2 tackles and some nice blocks. Colby Pennell had 6 tackles including the caused fumble and recovery.

Juniors, Corbin Sumners had 2 carries for 62 yards and a td, a 72 yard kick-off return, was 1 of 1 passing for 14 yards and a score and 2 receptions for 65 yards and 2 scores. Corbin was also in on 7 tackles, a pressure, a tackle for loss and pass breakup. Hunter Jones was 3 of 3 passing for 83 yards and 3 scores and was in on 7 tackles with an interception. Jayton Lewis was in

on 8 tackles with a pressure and a tackle for loss. Kale Yarbro had several nice blocks. Braxton Coor had a tackle and several nice blocks. Diego Bernal had a couple of tackles and a 14 yard scoring catch. Noah Morales was in on 4 tackles. Injured junior Steven Carrillo gave the pep-rally speech and it was one of the best speeches and a tremendous motivator for his teammates.

Sophomores, Ryan Willborn had a big hit in his 8 tackles; Brian Torres had 2 carries for 54 yards and a score. Morgan Wilson had a couple of nice blocks and a tackle. Easton Edwards was 8 of 9 on extra points and had 5 touchbacks. Trace Richey had a carry for 15 yards and was in on 17 tackles, a tackle for loss, a pass breakup, pressure, caused fumble and fumble recovery.

Freshman Ben Justice had 8 tackles, a caused fumble, 2 pressures and a blocked punt.

Congrats guys on the big win. Thank you all for enduring the rain and the power outage to support these young men. This week's game will be Thursday in O'Donnell. A victory will give the Coyotes their 8<sup>th</sup> straight title. Come out and support these young men.

## School Lunch Menu

Nov. 9 - 13, 2015

Menu subject to change

**Monday** - Breakfast: Sausage & Biscuit, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Nuggets w/ Mac & Cheese, Garden Salad, Green Beans, Apple Slices and Milk.

**Tuesday** - Breakfast: Minni Waffle & Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk. Lunch: Chili Cheese Combo, Veggie Cup, Fruit, Chocolate Pudding and Milk.

**Wednesday** - Breakfast: Egg & Cheese Sandwich, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Cheese Enchiladas & Spanish Rice, Charro Beans, Garden Salad, Cinnamon Apples and Milk.

**Thursday** - Breakfast: Stuffed Bagel, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Pizza, Salad, Tomato Cup, Fruit Cup and Milk.

**Friday** - Breakfast: Breakfast Bread & Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Corn Dog, Oven Fries, Baby Carrots w/ Ranch, Sliced Peaches, Crispy Cereal Treat and Milk.

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*This institution is an equal opportunity provider.*

### Borden County ISD Thanksgiving Meal

*Turkey w/Gravy & Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Cranberry Sauce and Fruit*

November 18th  
11:30 - 12:30  
\$3.50 per person

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## Holiday Savings for Your Family

Christmas is only 7 weeks away. Many of us are beginning to consider gift options for our friends and family. Oftentimes the best gifts we give and receive aren't those from the mall or department store, but from our own hearts. There are a variety of things we can give that are more meaningful than spending a fortune on Christmas gifts. From grocery shopping to gift wrapping, get a hold on your family's personal spending this season by taking these simple steps to help save money.

*Stop gobbling through food budgets.* Create your holiday menus and shopping list in advance, take the list with you to the grocery store, and don't go shopping on an empty stomach! That way you'll stay on target and not be seduced by every pretty package on the shelf. (You might also save calories!)

*Decorate your own wrap.* Save on expensive papers by encouraging your children to make their own wrapping paper. Collect stamps, stickers, crayons, etc., and let them express themselves on brown paper bags. You can even use newspaper and tie with pretty red and green ribbons. Friends and family will appreciate the personal touch!

*Give the license to enjoy.* Cut down on shopping time and extravagant spending by giving targeted gift certificates. Consider what the recipient would love and personalize it: a back massage, a trip to the movies with mom, one day without chores, or a fun-with-me pass for a picnic in the park. Remember that your "presence" in your gifts is priceless. You can even make a packet of certificates specific to each family member.

*Flower power on the cheap.* Save on expensive flower arrangements by making them yourself. Use unusual vases you can find around the house,

such as a colander or jar. *Go natural.* Don't go crazy at the craft store: All the natural elements you need, such as branches, berries, holly, and pine cones, can be found in nearby areas, or possibly your own backyard.

*Give the tree of life.* Research your family tree online and create your personal Ancestry Tree as a gift to mom and dad, or the grandparents. You can do most of the research online, and if your ancestors came through Ellis Island, you might even discover the boat they came on!

*Food for love.* Type up your favorite recipe, add a personal story, and put all the unbaked/non-perishable ingredients in a basket or jar to be given as a gift. You can also bake an assortment of cookies, candies and other goodies to give as gifts and "wrap" in decorative tins, baskets and bags.

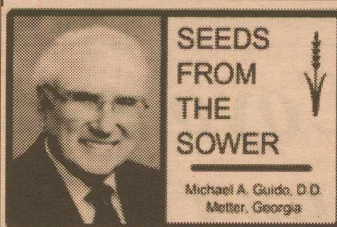
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## Thought for the Day

*"No one is ever so lost that he ceases to be missed by the One who loves him most."*

*-Gary Stanley*



"Mother," cried Sally as she climbed into bed, "you forgot my soul!"

"What do you mean, Sweetheart?" asked her Mom. "I don't understand."

"Well, when we said our prayers you didn't say, 'I pray the Lord my soul to keep.' What if God forgets about my soul tonight? What will happen?"

It is difficult to watch television, listen to the radio, or read a paper or magazine without the ever present emphasis to lose weight, get in shape, have cosmetic surgery or try a new shampoo. We are constantly challenged to nourish our bodies more carefully, strengthen our muscles to become healthier or do something to look more appealing.

Certainly God expects us to care for our bodies. He created us in His image and gave us the breath of life. But too often we are encouraged to care for our bodies at the expense of caring for our souls.

David longed desperately for God's presence in his life. He compared his longing to that of a thirsty deer panting for water. "My soul," he cried, "thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?"

The Psalmist's soul in himself and only the living God can satisfy him in the same way that streams of water will satisfy a thirsty deer.

God places in each of us a thirst that cannot be quenched by the waters of the world. As appealing as they are, fame and fortune, power and prestige, wealth and well-being can never satisfy the thirst that God has placed within us. Only "those who hunger and thirst for righteousness will be satisfied," said Jesus.

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well as played her ocarina. Cornell Kinderknecht of Dallas wooed the crowd with his humor and ability to play the ocarina, toy whistle and Indian flute. Jingya Liu looked and sounded elegant on stage. She teaches ocarina in Beijing. The concert featured duets and solos and ended with an ensemble of ocarina players on stage playing a piece they had rehearsed both individually (before the festival) and as a group (after the festival started).

The day after the main concert on Saturday, there was an ensemble practice, ocarina les-

sons lectures and demonstrations on the instrument and its history. Another concert in the afternoon wrapped up the festival. I was impressed with the high degree of talent, but most impressed with the love and respect the players had for each other. There is plenty of music composed for the ocarina and sheet music for the players. You can google the US Ocarina Association for more details.

Tumbleweed Smith thinks Texas is a great place to live. Contact him at [ts@tumbleweedsmith.com](mailto:ts@tumbleweedsmith.com)

## Blood Drive

**Wednesday,  
December 2nd**

**Borden County School  
contact, Hollye  
Martinez at  
806/756-4313 ext. 111  
for more information**

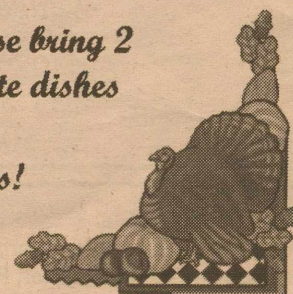
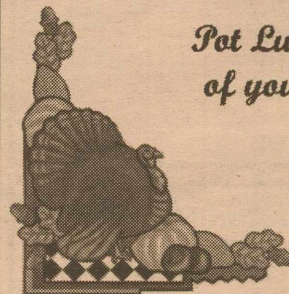


## Plains Community Annual Harvest Dinner

**Sunday, November 15th,  
at 1:00 p.m.  
at the Plains Community Center**

**Pot Luck-Please bring 2  
of your favorite dishes**

**No Dues!**



# Unity, Advocacy Key Elements in Avoiding Crop Insurance Cuts

By Mary Jane Buerkle

What happened with the budget agreement in Washington this week is a prime example of what can happen when agriculture unites for a common goal.

To recap, late Monday evening, reports began to surface that crop insurance cuts would be part of a budget agreement between the White House and Congress, without the prior knowledge of the House or Senate Agriculture Committees or the U.S. Department of Agriculture. By Tuesday morning, those proposed cuts were confirmed. This would mean certain death to Federal Crop Insurance.

Advocates went to work to save the program that has kept many a producer in business, providing them with a risk management tool that helps them through the tough times. Here on the Texas High Plains, we know risk and we know tough times – especially in the cotton industry, where crop insurance is just about the only provision we have left.

Fast forward to Wednesday. In less than 48 hours, House Agriculture Committee Chairman Mike Conaway and Ranking Member Collin Peterson had announced that they had an agreement with leadership to strike this harmful language from the budget in the upcoming Omnibus Appropriations Bill, which is expected to come before Congress in the coming weeks. Senate Agriculture Committee leadership also were vocal about their opposition to reopening the Farm Bill and breaking a key promise made to farmers. Chairman Conaway truly was relentless in his pursuit of this goal.

“Leadership has heeded our concerns by agreeing to completely reverse this disastrous provision in the upcoming omnibus,” Conaway said in a news release from the House Agriculture Committee. “Crop insurance is working as intended, and private industry deserves to be lauded, not thrown under the bus. I take our leadership at their word when they committed to me and many of my colleagues that we will eliminate these harmful provisions in the

not-so-distant future. While not the easiest path forward, this is a win for rural America and should be viewed as such.”

How did this happen so quickly? Organizations like Plains Cotton Growers, the National Cotton Council, and the Southwest Council of Agribusiness certainly played a key role in empowering and motivating members for what was a tremendous grassroots effort. But the real impact came from the farmers, ranchers, agribusiness leaders, and everyone with an interest in agriculture who took a couple of minutes to contact their Congressional representative. Technology enables us to be an advocate very quickly from wherever we are, and there is no doubt that many a call, an email, or a post on Facebook or Twitter, came from someone in the seat of a cotton stripper or a combine as they continued to do what they do best – produce the food and fiber that feeds and clothes this nation and the world.

So we thank Chairman Conaway, Ranking Member Peterson, and each and every Member of Congress who stood with agriculture. We thank each and every person who made a call, sent an email, posted on social media, or otherwise contacted their Representative or Senator. Our friends at Combest, Sell & Associates were told by Members of Congress that they had never seen a grassroots effort quite like this one. As PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett told Southwest Farm Press Editor Ron Smith, “Agriculture, as a whole, rose up and said enough is enough.”

Although this certainly is a

win for agriculture, our work is by no means done – we have much more to do. Opponents such as the Environmental Working Group will continue to attack crop insurance and other aspects of farm policy. We must be vigilant and continue to capitalize on opportunities to tell anyone and everyone just how important crop insurance – and good farm policy – is to not just cotton growers, or growers in general, but to the entire region, state, and nation.

## Thank You

*On Oct. 31st, the Borden County Booster Club held it's annual Fall Festival. During the Fall Festival a costume contest was held. There were 3 divisions: kindergarten & under, 1st -5th grade and 6th grade and up. In the kindergarten & under the winner was Braylee Cooley. In the 1st -5th grade division the winner was 2nd grader Eive Stansell and in the 6th & up division the winner was Gunner Shofner. We would like to thank everyone for coming out and helping make the Fall Festival a huge success. Borden County Booster Club*



THE LIGHTS FOR GAIL COMMITTEE CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO...

## The Twenty-second Annual Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain

Borden County Museum, Courthouse and Courtyard  
Gail, Texas

Friday, November 27, 2015

(day after Thanksgiving)

The Courthouse and Museum will open at 5:30 p.m. for viewing, reminiscing, fellowship and refreshments

Santa Claus will be available to visit with the children (Please bring your own camera for this photo opportunity.)

Join us for Christmas Music provided by local musicians, storytime for children, hayrides, ornament contest and door prizes!

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!**

**We look forward to seeing you and your family there!**

Drop Off for “Christmas for Kids” (Buckner Children’s Home) will be in the Borden County Courthouse again this year. Toys and gifts must be dropped off by December 14<sup>th</sup>. Children’s ages: Newborn-18 years

### Special Event

This year at the Lighting of the Star and throughout the month of December, the Borden County Historical Commission will have on display in the courthouse five historic quilts. The two oldest quilts are approximately 90 years old and names of Minnie Dorward’s Sunday School students are hand stitched on the fabric. A red, white and blue quilt made by Margaret Sharp for the 1986 county celebration will also be displayed. The quilt was won in a raffle by Doris Henderson, and she graciously donated the quilt to the museum. The last two quilts will be from the Texas Department of Agriculture. They are part of the TDA’s traveling display to promote Texas fibers. The themes of the quilts are “Legendary Ranches of Texas” and “Agriculture is Your Culture.”



Photos courtesy of Greg's Texas



For more information, please e-mail us at [lightsforgail@yahoo.com](mailto:lightsforgail@yahoo.com).

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## Public Notice

### Mandatory Public Notification Language Notice of Drinking Water FLUORIDE Violation November 2015

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 three, 2015 of 5.32 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 OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Great Western Drilling is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Spraberry (formation), Reo (Jo Mill, Lower) Unit TX RRC Lease No. 66511 Well Number 3503, 3505, 3506, 3508, 3511 and 3601. The proposed injection well is located 10 miles Northwest from Gail, TX in the Reo (Jo Mill, Lower) (field) in Borden County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 7,300 to 7,400 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Divi-

sion of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin Texas 78711 (Telephone (512) 463-6792).

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of James P. Murphy, Deceased, were issued on October 20, 2015, in Cause No. 410, pending in the County Court of Borden County, Texas, to: James Wayne Murphy.

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

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DATED the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

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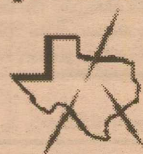
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**Operation Round Up is accepting applications for assistance through Monday, November 16 at 5:30 p.m.**

Operation Round Up funds are distributed to individuals and organizations for charitable purposes only in the counties we serve: Borden, Fisher, Garza, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall and Throckmorton. The directors on this board equally represent the counties in our service territory from north to south, and east to west. Decisions are made objectively and each application gets equal review and consideration.

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If you have questions about Operation Round Up or know of an individual, family, or organization who could benefit from this wonderful program, please contact Sarah McLen at (325) 776-3803 or [smclen@bigcountry.coop](mailto:smclen@bigcountry.coop), or share this contact information with the interested party. You may access information and download applications on our website, [www.bigcountry.coop](http://www.bigcountry.coop), and selecting the Operation Round Up icon.

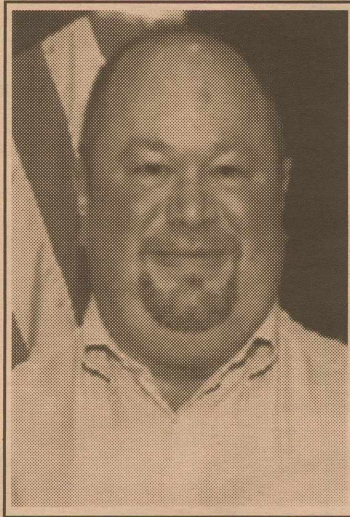


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# Obituary

**Patrick Kevin Haden**  
1964 - 2015



Patrick Kevin Haden, 51, passed away surrounded by family on Oct. 16, 2015, in Lubbock, Texas, seven weeks after being hit by a drunk driver. Patrick was born on March 7, 1964, in Sumter, S.C., and was the youngest of five siblings. As an adolescent, he displayed an uncanny ability to make people smile and a passion for playing baseball. He graduated from Dill City High School and went on to become an Operations Foreman at Texas Tech University, where he gained the loyalty of his employees and worked diligently over the course of 24 years (despite the fact that he was a diehard OU fan). On Jan.

26, 2000, Patrick celebrated the birth of his first and only child, Lexi Haden, and on Nov. 30th, 2013, he married the love of his life, Alexis Haden. Patrick will be remembered as a gentle and loving man; someone that never hesitated to lend a helping hand, be it airing up basketballs for the neighborhood kids, aiding elderly couples as they put up their tents at the local farmer's market, or stopping to change a spare tire for a stranded stranger. He enjoyed wrestling with his nephews, playing golf with his friends, and spending time with his family, all of whom will miss him dearly. Patrick is survived by his wife, Alexis Haden; daughter, Lexi Haden; parents, Jim Haden and Mary Wheeler; sisters, Deborah Brown and Toni Falen; brothers, Guy Haden and Jimmy Haden; several cousins, nieces, and nephews; and many, many friends. Services were held on Saturday, Oct. 31st at 2 p.m. at the Ransom Canyon Memorial Chapel, reception followed at the Ransom Canyon Ranch House. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that all donations go to your local little league baseball team in Patrick's name.



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## Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

### Questions are the Answer

Are you looking for answers? Are there things in life you are trying to figure out? Are you trying to solve problems? Would you like to take a new direction? Are there things you would like to change? Is there a challenge you would like to overcome?

If you are like many others, there are probably numerous questions you would like to have answers to. However, before you can get the answers you need, the right questions have to be asked. Questions are most effective when they are stated in a positive manner because they invite proactive solutions whereas negative ones tend to be defensive, attracting excuses and justifications.

You may have questions in many of your life such as your job, career, relationships, family, friends, health, happiness, attitude, goals, money, and self-image. I mention these categories just to get you thinking. Modify this list to match your lifestyle and values. The following are some examples of both positive and negative questions.

**Job. Negative questions:** Why don't I get paid more? When will I get a raise? How will I make it through until 5pm? How much more can I take? Will I ever get a promotion? **Positive questions:** What can I do to increase my value? How can I become an expert? How can I become qualified for the promotion I want?

**Career. Negative questions:** How much longer until I can retire? Why did I ever pick this career in the first place? How many more hours are there until the weekend? **Positive questions:** If I could do anything, what would it be? What do I have to do in order to change careers? Where can I learn new skills?

**Relationships. Negative questions:** Why don't people like me? Why is it so difficult to meet people? Why do I always get into arguments? **Positive questions:** What can I do to be more sociable? Are

there more activities I can get involved with where I can meet people? How can I improve my communication skills?

**Health. Negative questions:** Why can't I lose weight? Why am I always so tired? When did I get so out of shape? Why am I always eating junk food? Will I ever be able to fit into my clothes? I'm just getting older, what can I do? **Positive questions:** What can I do to lose weight? How can I change my schedule so I get enough sleep? How can I start getting in shape? How can I improve my diet? What are some fun things I can do to be more physically active?


**Money. Negative question:** Why don't I ever have enough money? Will these bills ever stop? Where does all the money go? Why is everything so expensive? Why am I always struggling? **Positive questions:** What should I be doing to get a raise or a better paying job? Am I wasting money? How can I make better spending decisions?

**Goals and Attitude. Negative questions:** Why can't I figure out what I want to do? Why am I unhappy? Will I ever find something I like? Why do these things always happen to me? **Positive questions:** What do I like to do? What situations make me happy? Are there changes I need to make? What do I need to do differently to get the results I want?

Negative questions reinforce problems. Positive questions get your mind programmed to find solutions. It's important to ask the right questions, in a positive way. Don't limit your questions because you are worried about what the answer might be. With a little practice, you will learn to use questions to find the answers you are seeking. The result will be a more fulfilling life.

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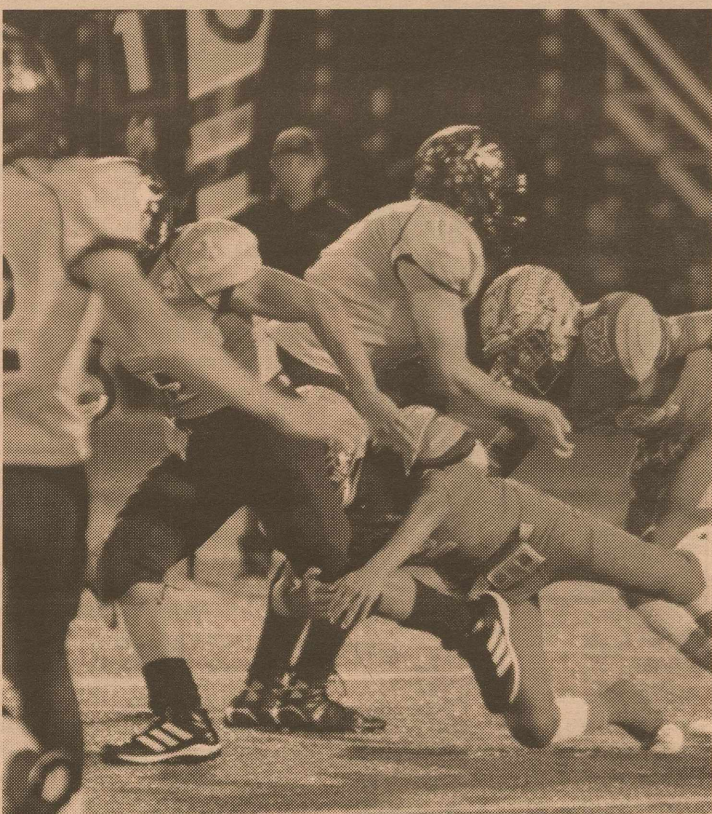
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# NOVEMBER 2015



\*District Game

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Fall back to Standard Time	2  OAP Practice-6:30	3 JH Football vs. O'Donnell-Here, 5:30 JV Football vs. New Home-Here, 7:00  BB @ Forsan-5:00, G	4 FFA LDE Contest @ TTU	5 *V Football vs. O'Donnell-There, 7:30	6 End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Six Weeks	7 State CC @ Roundrock  Speech Tournament @ San Angelo Central
8	9 Beginning of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Six Weeks  UIL Congress @ Lubbock JH Girls BB @ Sands-6:00 OAP Practice-6:30	10 BB @ Witharral-6:00 gG	11	12 FFA Lone Wolf District Leadership Contest-WTC, 1:30	13	14 BB @ Wellman-1:00, G
15	16 JH BB vs. Highland-4:00  OAP Practice-6:30	17 BB vs. Garden City-4:00, All	18 Elementary/JH Academic UIL @ Ira	19 Elementary/JH Academic UIL @ Ira	20 BB vs. New Home-4:00, All	21 Area II FFA Leadership Contest (Howard College, Big Spring)
22	23 JH BB @ Westbrook-4:00  OAP Practice-6:30	24 Progress Reports  BB @ Petersburg-4:00, All	25 Thanksgiving Holiday	26 Thanksgiving Holiday  <i>Thanksgiving Blessings</i>	27 Thanksgiving Holiday	28
29	30 JH BB vs. Hermleigh-6:00  OAP Practice-6:30					