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## USDA Seeks Grant Applications to Provide Development Support to Rural Cooperatives

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced that \$5.8 million in competitive funding is available to help start, improve or expand cooperative businesses in rural areas.

"Cooperatives have long been a key resource for small and midsized producers working together to access new markets or to market value added products," said Under Secretary for Rural Development Lisa Mensah. "This funding helps them continue their crucial role supporting farmers and other businesses that create jobs, provide services and improve the quality of life in rural America."

The Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) Program provides funding to nonprofit cooperative development centers and institutions of higher learning. Grants may be awarded for up to \$200,000 and matching funds are required equal to 25 percent of the total project cost.

USDA has invested more

than \$44 million in 228 grants through the RCDG program since 2009. In 2015, the Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC) in Minneapolis used a \$200,000 technical assistance grant to help rural Latino farmers form cooperatives. Through its farm incubation equipment sharing program, LEDC helps Latino farmers move from migrant work to year-round positions and from earning low wages as farmworkers to owning farms.

For information on how to apply for RCDG grants, contact your Rural Development state office or see page 16127 of the March 25 Federal Reg-

ister. The first round of applications is due June 20, 2016.

Since 2009, USDA Rural Development has invested \$11 billion in more than 103,000 rural businesses to start or expand their operations; helped more than 1 million rural residents buy homes; funded nearly 7,000 community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care facilities; financed 180,000 miles of new and improved electric transmission and distribution lines; and helped bring high-speed Internet access to nearly 6 million rural residents and businesses.



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## Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
Tumbleweed Smith

### *A Fierce Love of Ketchup*

When our oldest son went to France on a Rotary Youth Exchange visit, he told us the family he was living with served ketchup from a silver bowl at mealtimes. Now we're talking about an upscale family that resided on an estate and had a yacht on the Mediterranean, a chalet in the Alps and upstairs and downstairs maids. They just had a thing for ketchup and considered it special. We thought it strange to find that in a country known for its culinary delights. Sure enough, when the youngster from France came to spend a few weeks with us to complete the exchange, he had ketchup at every meal.

I have a friend who grew up thinking ketchup was a delicacy. His name is Jack Ed Irons and he lives in Dallas. He grew up on Big Spring's north side where his father ran a cotton compress. His dad also ran a compress in Stanton and occasionally Jack Ed would ride over there in the mornings with his dad. When his dad needed to stay in Stanton to tend to business, he gave his son train fare and Jack Ed rode the train the 18 miles back to Big Spring.

"Growing up in Big Spring was kind of a Normal Rockwell kind of experience. My dad would come home

from work and we'd have lunch and listen to Paul Harvey. We sat at a counter my grandfather made. We all had our special places. After lunch my dad went back to work and my brothers and I went back to school."

Jack Ed admired his mother. A plaque on her wall carried the phrase: "There's a special place in heaven for the mother of three boys." Somebody added some more words: "Especially your three boys." Jack Ed, the oldest of the three, says he was lucky to have the two brothers he had.

Ketchup was a big deal among the three Irons boys.

"My brothers and I loved ketchup," says Jack Ed. "We put it on everything, much to the chagrin of my dad. He really didn't like that too much but he put up with us. We used lots of ketchup. My parents must have bought it by the case. Finally they started rationing our ketchup. They came up with a plan to give each of us one bottle of ketchup a week. And that was it. We would not get any more until the beginning of the next week."

Well that wasn't enough for the Irons boys. "We devised a way to sell ketchup back and forth to each other for ten cents

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# Coyote Baseballers Remain Undefeated

By Coach Edwards

The Borden County baseball squad remained undefeated on the season defeating the Big Spring J.V. Steers, 13-3.

The Coyotes opened the flood gates in the first inning plating 10 runs. Hunter Jones triple scored Ryan Willborn and Trace Richey to open things up. Korbin Martinez singled to centerfield scoring Jones giving the Coyotes an early 3-0 lead. Still with no outs, Steven Carrillo tripled to the left center gap scoring Martinez, Braxton Coor, and Kale Yarbrow. Borden County led 7-0. With two outs in the bottom half of the first inning, Willborn reached base on a single then scored on a double by Richey. Jones followed with a double plating Richey. Jones scored on a single by Martinez.

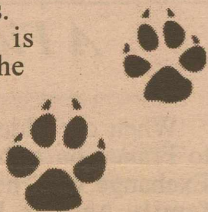
The game ended by the 10-run mercy rule in the bottom half of the sixth inning. Jayton Lewis led off with an inside the park homerun to

extend the Coyote lead, 11-3. Willborn later reached base on an error and scored on a balk. Yarbrow ended the game with a one out double scoring Jones.

"We are hitting the ball pretty well right now," Coach Edwards stated. "I thought are pitching was really good today as well."

Richey recorded the victory making him 1-0 on the early season. In three innings pitched, Richey allowed only one earned run, and struck out seven of the ten batters he faced. Yarbrow relieved with two innings pitched. The Steers managed two unearned runs against Yarbrow. Jones finished with one inning pitched striking out two batters.

Borden is 3-0-1 on the season



## Borden County ISD Board Meeting Minutes

### Regular Board Meeting Minutes - February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas, met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Borden County I.S.D. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Todd Holbrooks, Carol Lewis, and Randy Hensley. Billy Collins, Superintendent, and Bart McMeans, Principal, were also present.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Todd Holbrooks to approve the minutes of the January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the February 2016 bills. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Todd Holbrooks and seconded

by Joel Dennis to set the April board meeting on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the 2016 senior trip to New York, NY. The motion carried unanimously.

7. The board entered closed session under Section 551.074 of the Texas Education Code to discuss "Professional Personnel - Principal and Principal's Contract" at 8:47 P.M. and returned to open session at 8:55 P.M. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Todd Holbrooks to extend the Principal contract of Bart McMeans for an additional year. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Mr. Collins gave a year to date financial report and enrollment of 246. Several financial items including debt service and Chapter 41 recapture payments were discussed. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Todd Holbrooks to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joel Dennis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

## 'Cyrano de Bergerac' Advances!



Advancing!! The Borden County One-Act Play are advancing on to Bi-District this Friday at Borden County at 7 p.m. Also advancing was Hermleigh and Westbrook!!

Members of the cast receiving awards are Josh Murphy, Honorable Mention; All-Star Cast: Lexi Cheatham, Ben Justice, and Nathan Souder. Best Crew went to Hayley Gray, Paige Holbrooks, and Janya Gray!

Cast members pictured are: (back l to r) Josh Murphy, Ben Justice, Nathan Souder, Lexi Cheatham, Maddie Benavidez, Trent Collins, Brooklyn Cheatham, (front row l to r) Jeremy Souder, Tori Huckaby, Angelina Wilson, Madi Cole, Avery Price and Savannah Herridge.

## Thought for the Day

We turn to God for help when our foundations are shaking only to learn that it is God shaking them.

-Charles West

## School Lunch Menu

April 4 - 8, 2016

Menu subject to change

**Monday - Breakfast:** Pancakes & Bacon, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Fajitas, Salsa, Salad, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fruit and Milk.

**Tuesday - Breakfast:** Cheesy Toast or Cereal, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Asian Bowl w/Egg Roll & Rice, Baby Carrots w/Ranch, Steamed Broccoli, Pineapple, Sugar Cookie and Milk.

**Wednesday - Breakfast:** Biscuit, Gravy & Eggs, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Tex-Mex Stack w/Salsa, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Tomato Cup, Hot Cinnamon Apples and Milk.

**Thursday-Breakfast:** Strudel w/Yogurt, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Pig in a Blanket, Oven Fries, Western Beans, Diced Pears and Milk.

**Friday-Breakfast:** Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Parmesan, Breadstick, Green Beans, Salad, Apple Slices and Milk.

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## Asleep at the Wheel:

### Drowsy Driving is Impaired Driving

We all know the feeling, your head is feeling heavy, you open the window for more fresh air, turn the radio up louder — you are driving and beginning to feel sleepy. According to a survey conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), one in 25 adult drivers (age 18 or older) reported falling asleep while driving in the 30 days prior to being questioned. A survey conducted by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety found that nearly one-third of drivers admitted to driving in the past month when they were so tired they had difficulty keeping their eyes open.

Drowsy driving is a form of impaired driving. Like alcohol and drugs, sleep loss impairs driving skills, which makes hand-eye coordination, reaction time, vision, awareness of surroundings, judgment and decision-making more difficult. There will be a decrease in driving performance and an increase in moodiness and aggressive behaviors. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's National Motor Vehicle Crash Causation Study, drowsy drivers involved in a crash are twice as likely to make performance errors, as compared to drivers who are not fatigued. Whether young or old, drowsy drivers are a danger to themselves and other drivers and passengers on the road. AAA estimates that drowsy driving is responsible for more than 20 percent of fatal crashes. The risks of drowsy driving can be reduced by educating all drivers to watch out for signs of sleepiness at the wheel.

#### Who's at risk?

While drowsy driving is a problem that can affect all drivers, the problem is most prevalent among young drivers, shift workers, and those who work

long hours. In fact, working the night shift increases your risk by nearly six-times of falling asleep at the wheel. According to the National Sleep foundation, people with undiagnosed or untreated disorders, such as obstructive sleep apnea, have been shown to be seven-times more likely to have an increased risk of falling asleep at the wheel.

The majority of drowsy driving-related crashes are caused by drivers who are younger than 25 years, especially for males. AAA studies finds that drivers ages 16-24 are twice as likely to be involved in a drowsy driving crash as opposed to drivers 40-59 years old. Teens need more sleep than older adults, but they seldom get enough rest. Teens also are more inclined to drive at night and during the early morning hours when drowsiness is more likely to occur. Parents can help by making sure their teens are getting enough sleep.

Julie Smith, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agent in Borden County, reminds drivers to know the danger signals of drowsy driving. According to the CDC, some of the common warning signs associated with drowsy driving include:

- Yawning or blinking frequently
- Difficulty focusing, frequent blinking, or heavy eyelids
- Difficulty remembering the past few miles driven
- Missing your exit
- Drifting from your lane and hitting a rumble strip on the side of the road
- Daydreaming; wandering/disconnected thoughts
- Trouble keeping your head up
- Feeling restless and irritable



### Got News?

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Suggestions to keep alert behind the wheel:

Get adequate sleep — most adults need seven to nine hours of sleep to maintain proper alertness during the day

Schedule proper breaks — about every 100 miles or two hours during long trips

Arrange for a travel companion — someone to talk with and share the driving

Avoid alcohol and sedating medications — check your labels or ask your doctor

Countermeasures to prevent an asleep at the wheel crash:

Find a safe place to stop for a break, or for the night

Drink a caffeinated drink, but be aware that it may take up to 30 minutes for caffeine to enter the blood stream — this is only a short-term benefit, and people who regularly consume caffeine may not experience the same effect

Source: National Sleep Foundation, <http://drowsydriving.org>

Nothing takes the place of sleep in preventing a drowsy driving-related crash. Be sure to be well rested before you drive. Most people know how dangerous drinking and driving is — driving drowsy can be just as fatal as driving drunk. Drive Alert ... Arrive Alive!



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## Texas Stories

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a shake. Sometimes we would sneak some from another bottle from time to time. We all knew how to do that. We were famous about our love of ketchup."

They labeled their bottles and kept them in the pantry. Jack Ed says he always tried to hide his bottle behind the

other two. But his brothers did the same thing. They ran out of ketchup occasionally and those were horrible times at the Irons house.

Tumbleweed enjoys hearing good stories and sharing them with readers of his column. Contact him at [ts@tumbleweedsmith.com](mailto:ts@tumbleweedsmith.com).



### Lower Rolling Plains Ag Conference

at  
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#### AGENDA

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 - 9:30 a.m.	Cotton Economics Dr. Jackie Smith, Extension Economist-Management, Lubbock
9:30 - 10:00 a.m.	Commodity Economics Dr. Mark Welch, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Specialist, Assistant Professor Grain Marketing, TAMU
10:00 - 10:50 a.m.	Laws & Regulations Mr. Kyle Thompson, TDA, Field Inspector
10:50 - 11:00 a.m.	Break & Booth Visitation
11:00 - 11:50 a.m.	2-4D Management Techniques in Cotton Dr. Seth Byrd, Extension Cotton Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Lubbock
11:50 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
<b>Concurrent Sessions</b>	
<b>Session A</b>	
1:00 - 1:50 p.m.	Weed Management Strategies for 2016 Dr. Pete Dotray, Weed Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Lubbock
1:50 - 2:40 p.m.	Challenges of Soil Nutrient Management Dr. Katie Lewis, Professor Soil Fertility, Texas A&M AgriLife Research Center, Lubbock
2:40 - 2:45 p.m.	Break and Booth Visitation
2:45 - 3:15 p.m.	Alternative Crop Considerations Dr. Calvin Trostle, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agronomist, Lubbock
3:15 - 4:05 p.m.	Managing Invasive & Resistant Pests--The "New Normal" in Texas Agriculture: Old World Bollworm & Sugarcane Aphid Dr. Charles Allen, Professor and Extension Entomologist, San Angelo
4:05 p.m.	Distribute CEU Certificates
<b>Session B</b>	
1:00 - 1:40 p.m.	Cattle Market Outlook Cow/Calf Vaccination Program Dr. Ted McColium, Beef Cattle, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Amarillo
1:40 - 2:30 p.m.	Weed & Brush Control in Range & Pastures Mr. Gerald Hobson, Area Sales Manager, Bayer Inc.
2:30 - 2:40 p.m.	Break and Booth Visitation
2:40 - 3:10 p.m.	Quail Management Dr. John Tomecek, Wildlife Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
3:10 - 3:40 p.m.	Forage Quality & Forage Inventory Dr. Morgan Russell, Assistant Professor and Ecosystem Science Management, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Range Specialist, San Angelo
3:40 - 4:10 p.m.	Forage/Hay Production Dr. Calvin Trostle, Extension Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Lubbock
4:10 p.m.	Distribute CEU Certificates

#### The Lower Rolling Plains Agricultural Conference

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Contact Info:

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Scurry County Office (325) 573-5423 to pre-register.  
Please call 325-573-5423 to RSVP,

this will assist us in making an accurate head count for the meal.  
Lunch by Skeets

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## Borden and Garza Counties Eligible for Emergency Loans Following Administrator's Physical Loss Notification

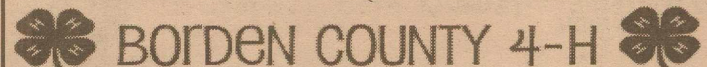
Borden and Garza Counties were declared a contiguous disaster due to blizzard that occurred December 26-29, 2015. Under this designation, producers with operations in any primary or contiguous county are eligible to apply for low interest emergency loans.

Emergency loans help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding and other natural disasters or quarantine.

Producers have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for emergency loan assistance. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. Producers can borrow up to 100 percent of actual production or physical losses, to a maximum amount of \$500,000.

For more information about emergency loans, please contact your local FSA office or visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

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### Archery

Practices will be held on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. at the Archery Range (South of the Event Center). For more information about the archery project, contact Brent and Shela Tucker.

### Trap & Skeet

Practices will be held on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact Ed and Tina Walker.

### Livestock & Wool Judging

If you have not already signed up (at the 4-H meeting) for either or both judging event, please let Cody know if you are interested. The first practice is anticipated to take place after Easter.

### Photography

Please be taking photos! For details about the Photography contest, please contact the Extension Office. **The deadline for county entries will be 5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 31st!**

### Save the Dates!

"We will have the Adopt a Highway Clean up on Saturday, April 9 from 8:30-10:00 a.m. - this will be part of the Don't Mess with Texas Trash Off Day across the state.

"General 4-H Meeting - Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. (this will be our last general meeting of the 4-H year and we will be electing officers at this meeting)

### 4-H Remind Text System

We are working hard to consistently use the Remind text system to notify everyone about upcoming activities, meeting, etc. Please take a moment and text @borden4 to 81010 to receive these texts. We will also continue with posting on Facebook ([Borden County Extension and 4-H](https://www.facebook.com/BordenCountyExtensionand4H)), as well as sending a weekly email update.

## BORDEN COUNTY HERITAGE DAY

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