

The Borden Star

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USDA Expands Farm Loans for Native Americans Farming and Ranching on Tribal Land

Department Awards First Loan Under Highly Fractionated Indian Land Program

USDA has approved and obligated the first loan under the Highly Fractionated Indian Land Loan program (HFIL). The program, made possible by the 2014 Farm Bill, provides revolving loan funds to qualified intermediary lenders, allowing qualified tribes and individuals the ability to purchase tribal farmland that has multiple owners.

The first recipient, the Native American Community Development Corporation Financial Services, Inc. (NACDCFS) of Browning, Mont., will lend funds directly to tribal members through a \$10 million intermediary HFIL loan from USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). NACDCFS addresses critical needs in Native American communities related to the growth of family assets, supports economic development, and enhances the quality of life for communities

and residents located on or near Montana's seven Indian reservations. NACDCFS provides one-on-one technical assistance to Native American entrepreneurs and agricultural producers. NACDCFS is a 501(c) (3), certified Native Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), through the U.S. Department of Treasury.

Under the 1887 Dawes Act, Indian reservation land was divided and allotted to individual tribal members such that with the passing of each generation, title ownership was divided and parceled among heirs, while the land was not. As a result, land once owned by a single person could today be owned by hundreds or thousands of individuals, resulting in what is known as "highly fractionated Indian land." In many instances, landowners are unknown or cannot be located, which complicates the coordination of ownership or prevents the use of the property

altogether. There are more than 245,000 owners of three million fractionated land interests, spanning approximately 150 Indian reservations.

Under HFIL, tribes and tribal members can submit an application directly to an intermediary lender. To participate, intermediary lenders first must be approved by USDA. The lenders may be private and tribal nonprofit corporations, public agencies, Indian tribes or lenders subject to federal or state regulation (such as a credit union or other financial institution). FSA will lend to the intermediary, which will relend to the applicant. The intermediary lender also will administer the loan for the applicant.

For more information on the program, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/farmloans or contact the local FSA county office. To find the local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit

A Wedding Ceremony to Remember

I have written more columns about my grandson Jackson than anything or anybody else. This will be a biggie. He was married last Saturday to Erika Davidson, a girl he met while they both were attending Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois. The wedding took place in Oak Lawn, a suburb of Chicago.

Erika planned the entire weekend from the wedding rehearsal, rehearsal dinner, the wedding ceremony and reception. In the plans she sent to family members, they included a timeline of who was supposed to be where and when. For instance, *Rehearsal Dinner: Time: 6:30 PM. Location: Palermo's Restaurant (4849 95th Street). Who needs to be there: Full bridal party, parents, grandparents and invited guests.*

She did a wonderful job. At the rehearsal dinner, the food was plentiful and drinks were consumed conservatively, even though a dozen or so of Jackson's fraternity brothers were at the event. Jackson's little brother, father and grandfather made toasts. Most impressive was the one by 13 year old Caleb, who expressed his love

for his big brother while wishing the bride and groom a long and happy life together.

Prior to the wedding, photos were taken of the groom's party at Hickory Hills Country Club, site of the reception after the wedding. The ceremony took place at 4:30 PM at Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church. Jackson and Erika wanted the groomsmen, father and grandfather to wear grey tuxedos with blue argyle socks. It was a sight to behold. I teared up more than once during the ceremony; the first time was when Caleb, wearing his charcoal tux and patent leather shoes, took his place along with the other groomsmen. Roses were presented to mothers of the bride and groom to symbolize their importance in raising Jackson and Erika.

A fraternity friend was the officiant who performed the ceremony. His words were meaningful and from the heart because he had known both the bride and groom for years. Jackson and Erika wrote their own vows that contained words of love and friendship and pledges to work together to

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Pups Cage the Cardinals

By Coach Bubba Edwards

The Borden Jr. High hoopsters continued their winning ways with a district victory over the Hermleigh Cardinals.

The Coyotes jumped out to a 10-4 first quarter lead behind a combined eight points from Mason Cole and Trey Edwards. Blane Justice poured in six of the team's 15 second quarter points to extend the Coyotes lead to 25-11 at the half.

Cole added another six points in the third frame and Tommy Kingston fired in

five points to push the lead to 38-17. Hermleigh outscored Borden in the final period, 8-6, but the Coyotes prevailed with a 44-25 victory.

Cole led all scorers with 15 points followed by Kingston with 11 points. Trey Edwards and Justice each finished with six points. Ethan Stephens chipped in three points and Keigan Benavidez with two points.

Borden County is 4-0 on the season.

Missy Coyotes Defeat the Cardinals

By Coach Michael Skelton

The junior high travelled to take on the Lady Cardinals of Hermleigh on December 6th. The defense was on point as the Lady Coyotes as the first quarter came to an end they were up 19-0. Sydni Coor, Maddye Sumners, and Kaci Hudson each dropped in 4 points to get things going in that quarter. The second quarter was just like the first as Gabi Skelton scored 8 points off two steals and 2 assists from Haddie Flangan, and one from Erin Nix. Hermleigh scored with 42 seconds to go in the half as the Lady Coyotes went into the locker room up 31-1.

The second half started and the Lady Coyotes came out a bit flat, but still managed to outscore the Lady Cardinals 6-3. The start of the fourth saw Maddye Sumners get hot as she scored 8 points with a 3-pointer, and made 3 free throws due from being fouled on a three point shot. Maggie Miller and Kaci also dropped in 4 points each as the Lady Coyotes won 58-4.

Scoring for the Missy Coyotes were: Maddye Sumners -14, Gabi Skelton-13, Kaci Hudson -11, Haddie Flangan-8, Maggie Miller -6, and Sydni Coor-6.



Commissioners Court

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BORDEN
WHEREAS, on this the 22nd day of November, 2016, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas the following members of the Court being present to-wit: ROSS D. SHARP, COUNTY JUDGE, PRESIDING; RANDY ADCOCK, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2; ERNEST REYES, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3; JOE BELEW, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4; JANA UNDERWOOD, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT; Monte Smith, Commissioner Precinct 1, absent, constituting a quorum, when the following business and other proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda:

Other officers present: Marlo Holbrooks, County Attorney; Benny Allison, Sheriff and Tax Assessor/Collector; and Shawna Gass, County Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the November 22, 2016, Special Session of the Commissioners Court to order at 8:35 A.M.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 8 and November 17, 2016 meetings as presented. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

SERVICES AGREEMENT COUNTY INFORMATION RESOURCES AGENCY

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the service agreement between Borden County and County Information Resources Agency for email and website support. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS' DECEMBER COURT DATE

Commissioner Belew made a motion to set the December Special Session Meeting of the Commissioners' Court to

December 19, 2016 at 8:30 A.M. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

NEXTERA ENERGY RESOURCES

Dan Venuti, representative of NextEra Energy Resources (Red Canyon Wind Energy Center) addressed the court on the company's plan to upgrade existing wind turban farms in the northeast part of the county.

2017 HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the 2017 holidays as listed below. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

UTILITY CABLE/PIPE-LINE CROSSINGS

No Applications

PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the following applications from:

Cindy Burcham - Pct 4 road construction; Borden County ISD - Pct 2 road maintenance and Ross D. Sharp - Pct 4 road

maintenance. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioner Adcock, Reyes, Belew

Voting Against: None

Judge Sharp abstained SOIL CONSERVATION WORK

No Applications
COMMUNITY INPUT
None

TOWN LOTS

Lee Gray addressed the Court asking them to consider the selling the county owned Lots 17 & 19 of Block 39 of the Gail, town site.

No Action taken

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Possible sale of county property

CURRENT ACCOUNTS

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

ADJOURN

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

Texas Stories

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build a solid future.

It was a textbook wedding, one that all weddings should follow. My wife said it was the most beautiful wedding she had ever seen and made her reach a state of happiness almost beyond measure. I'll go along with that. Jackson was with us twelve years before we had other grandchildren, so he was with us a lot.

The wedding reception featured food and drink for 130 people, toasts by the best man (Jackson's friend since high school) and father of the bride. A fabulous disc jockey played just the right kind of

music for such a gathering. Mostly it was for young people in their late 20's. Jackson is 26, the same age as his fraternity brothers. He is only the second of his fraternity class to get married, so many of his SAE buddies came for the wedding. At the reception there was lots of dancing and visiting. Wine flowed freely. Jackson makes his living as a writer, so he has already been asked by some friends who are engaged to help write their vows. Everybody felt good after the wedding.

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Heart and Home...



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Poinsettia Care

The Poinsettia is NOT Poisonous

The widespread belief that poinsettias are poisonous is a misconception. The scientific evidence demonstrating the poinsettia's safety is ample and well documented. Studies conducted by Ohio State University in cooperation with the Society of American Florists concluded that no toxicity was evident at experimental ingestion levels far exceeding those likely to occur in a home environment. In fact, the POISINDEX Information Service, the primary information resource used by most poison control centers, states that a 50 pound child would have to ingest more than 500 poinsettia bracts to surpass experimental doses. Yet even at this high level, not toxicity was demonstrated.

As with all ornamental plants, poinsettias are not intended for human or animal consumption and certain individuals may experience an allergic reaction to poinsettias. However, the poinsettia has been demonstrated to be a safe plant. In fact, in 1992, the poinsettia was included on the list of houseplants most helpful in removing pollutants from indoor air. So, not only is the poinsettia a safe and beautiful addition to your holiday and winter decor, it can even help keep your indoor air clean!

Do's and Don'ts of Poinsettia Care

DO place your plant in indirect sunlight for at least six hours per day. If direct sun can't be avoided, diffuse the light with a shade or sheer curtain.

DO provide room temperatures between 68-70° F. Generally speaking, if you are comfortable, so is your poinsettia.

DO water your plant when the soil feels dry to the touch.

DO use a large, roomy shopping bag when transporting it,

especially if it is windy.

DO fertilize your plant AFTER THE BLOOMING SEASON with a balanced, all-purpose fertilizer.

DON'T place plants near cold drafts or excessive heat sources. Avoid placing plants near appliances, fireplaces or ventilating ducts.

DON'T overwater your plant, or allow it to sit in standing water. Always remove a plant from any decorative container before watering, and allow the water to drain completely.

DON'T expose your plant to chilling winds when transporting it.

DON'T fertilize your plant when it is in bloom.



Quida J. Turner
1929-2016

Quida J Turner of Tahoka passed away on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at the age of 87. She was born May 31, 1929 in Dawson County to Willie McKinely and Roxie Lee (Smith) Isaacs. She married Dan Turner on September 6, 1947 in Lubbock. She was a homemaker.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband,

Obituary

Dan; daughter, Danna Curry (Zane); daughter-in-law, Jannette Turner; grandchildren, Bric Turner (Tanya), Kimberly Lightfoot (Steve), Rachel Lehman, Rebekah Filley (Reed), Ryan Curry (Erica) and Roxie Miller (Clay) and 13 great-grandchildren.

Ouida was preceded in death by her parents; son, Blaine Turner and two sisters.

Visitation was held 10:00

a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Thursday, December 8, 2016 with family receiving friends from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Combest Family Funeral Homes, Tahoka. Services were at 11:00 a.m. Friday, December 9, 2016 at First Baptist Church, O'Donnell. Interment followed at Gail Cemetery.

Please celebrate the life of Ouida by visiting www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com.



The Courthouse Santa Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas!

Everyone that has passed through Gail, Texas for the past 60+ years has seen our wonderful Santa! We have traced his history back to around 1955 when C.C. Nunnally was County Judge. He wanted to have something on our Courthouse lawn to welcome everyone into Gail during the Christmas season. Doris Rudd was the original designer and painter of Santa. At the time, Doris worked in the ASCS office. She was an avid, talented artist. Doris later served as the Borden County and District Clerk from 1962-1978. She painted him originally with a black mustache and he was mounted to the Sheriff's radio tower in front of the courthouse. He has stood in front of the courthouse, by the large mesquite tree on the corner and now on the front lawn near the jail. Santa has been repainted two other times in his life. In this mid 1990s, Renee (Sharp) Hobson repainted him and gave him his white beard and mustache we all know and love. After years of weather and fading, it was again time to have Santa repainted. Sandi (Brummett) Baker gave Santa life again this year after many years of fading and weathering. The cut out is the original one made in the 1950s. We look forward to many more years of Santa waving hello to all that pass through our township and county. If you have a past picture of or story about the Santa, please send a copy to the Lights for Gail Committee at PO Box 312, Gail, TX 79738 or email it to lightsforgail@yahoo.com

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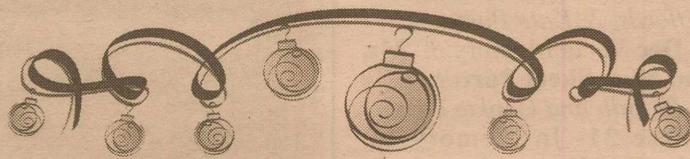
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Cindy Johnson

IS RETIRING after 34 years of service to the farmers and ranchers of Garza & Borden County.

Please join us for a reception!

December 20, 2016
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Garza-Borden County FSA Office
208 W Main St
Post TX 79356

You may send cards and well wishes to Cindy at:
1460 US Highway 84
Post TX 79356



23rd Annual Lights for Gail Honorariums and Memorials

The "Star" on Gail Mountain will be sponsored on the following nights:

Nov 25 - In Memory of: **Delmo Pearce, Karen Pearce, Martha Pearce, & Kenneth Bennett**

By the Lights for Gail Committee

Nov 26- In Memory of: **Edward Smith**

By Terry Smith

Nov 26- In Memory of: **Don A. Jones**

By Jones Family

Nov 27- In Memory of: **Jim and Katie York**

By Van and Barbara York

Nov 28- In Memory of: **Doyle Newton**

By The Shirly Newton Family

Nov 29- In Memory of: **Mo Herridge**

By Jibber and Cindy Herridge

Nov 30- In Memory of: **Doyle Newton**

By The Shirly Newton Family

Dec 1- In Honor of: **Borden County Historical Commission Members and Volunteers**

By Lisa Dennis Mahler

Dec 1- In Memory of: **Beno and Donna Hendrick**

By Ross Sharp Family

Dec 2- In Memory of: **Fagan and Flora Johnson**

By Carroll and Jane Stone and Family

Dec 3 - In Honor of: **The Citizens of Gail**

In Memory of: **Kenneth Bennett**

By Nancy Pearce

Dec 4 - In Memory of: **Bertie and Leslie Copeland**

By Becky Justice, Rika Law and Danelle Copeland

Dec 5 - In Memory of: **Nell and Binie White**

By Binie L. and Edna White

Dec 6 - In Memory of: **Mary Mullins Cary Family**

By Margaret Cary Billingsley

Dec 6- In Memory of: **Warren Beaver**

and in Honor of: **Betty Beaver, Bill Jennings and Burt Jennings**

By Terry Smith

Dec 7- In Memory of: **Barbara Anderson**

By Rich Anderson

Dec 8- In Memory of: **Bar-**

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By Rich Anderson

Dec 9 - In Memory of: **Bertie and Leslie Copeland**

By Becky Justice, Rika Law and Danelle Copeland

Dec 10 - In Honor of: **Oklahoma Truck Drivers**

By The Coyote Store

Dec 11 - In Honor and Memory of: **Warren and Betty Beaver and Edward and Terry Smith** (two of the couples that helped originate the star)

By Becky Justice

Dec 12 - In Memory of: **Nell Price**

By The Price Family

Dec 13 - In Honor of: **Connie L. Johnson**

By T. Ruffin Johnson, Jr.

Dec 14 - In Memory of: **Bill LaRue**

By The Lights for Gail Committee

Dec 14 - In Memory of: **Bert and Dorothy Dennis**

By Joel and Betty Dennis

Dec 15 - In Honor of: **All of the girls at The Coyote Store (Brenda Copeland, Terry Smith, Elane Green, Rika Law and Kylie Dean)**

By Becky Justice

Dec 16- In Memory of: **Warren Beaver**

By Betty Beaver

Dec 17- In Honor of: **Borden County Road Hands**

By The Lights for Gail Committee

Dec 18- In Memory of: **Warren Beaver**

By Betty Beaver

Dec 19- In Memory of: **Maurice Herridge**

By Mom (Joyce Herridge)

Dec 20 - In Memory of: **Jere Clayton Hubbard and Walter C. Hubbard**

By Ox Bow Ranch

Dec 21- In Memory of: **Warren Beaver**

By Betty Beaver

Dec 22- In Memory of: **Caden Nowlain**

By Granny (Joyce Herridge)

Dec 23 - In Memory of: **Frank "Fiddler" Herridge**

By Joyce Herridge

Dec 24 - In Memory of: **Martin and Alma Reinecke**

By Margaret Novak

Dec 24 - In Memory of: **Frank Herridge**

By Jibber and Cindy Herridge

Dec 24- In Memory of: **Pat Porter**

By Pat J. Porter, Sam Porter Giffords, & Kate Porter

Dec 24- In Memory of: **Avril Brewer**

By Ross Sharp Family

Dec 25 - In Memory of: **Warren Beaver**

By Betty Beaver

Dec 25 - In Memory of: **Caden Nowlain**

By Jibber and Cindy Herridge

Dec 25 - In Memory of: **Clint O'Brien**

By Barry O'Brien Family

Dec 25- In Memory of: **Denver and RuBye Dunn**

By Pat J. Porter, Sam Porter Giffords, & Kate Porter

Dec 25- In Memory of: **Buddy and Margaret Sharp**

By Ross Sharp Family

Dec 25- In Memory of: **Kenneth Bennett**

By Ross Sharp Family

Dec 25 - In Honor of: **William Ferguson**

By Borden County Waste Disposal

Dec 25- In Honor of: **Preston Sharp**

By Borden County Waste Disposal

Dec 25 - In Honor of: **Terri Edwards**

By Borden County Waste Disposal

Dec 26- In Memory of: **Skeet and Lela Porter**

By Pat J. Porter, Sam Porter Giffords, & Kate Porter

Dec 31- In Memory of: **Mr. and Mrs. Skeet Porter**

By Bob and Cookie Dyess

Dec 31- In Memory of: **John Harding**

By Joe, Rhonda, Sarah & Clay

Dec 31 - In Memory of: **O.D. and Jessie B. Jackson**

By R.D. and Carol Lewis

Dec 31- In Honor of: **Borden County Historical Commission Members and Volunteers**

By Lisa Dennis Mahler

Light bulbs for the "Star" on Gail Mountain are being sponsored for the following:

IN MEMORY OF:
Harold Guthmiller, Arlen Guthmiller and Johanna Guthmiller

By Margaret Novak

John Harding
By Joe, Rhonda, Sarah & Clay

Connie Hart, Brandon Adcock, Bertie Copland, John Paul Harris, David Holmes, Charles and Cleo Couture, Floyd and Edna Buchanan and Dewey Faye Miller

By Bob and Terri Buchanan

Logan Howard
By Ernest and Leslie Reyes

Annie Mae Mullins Nevill

By Doris Burlison

Preston and Ella Sharp, Barbara Sharp, Tom and Ann Melms, Maria Guerrero

Billy O. Gilleland and Herman Ledbetter

By Ross Sharp Family

Jere Clayton Hubbard and Walter C. Hubbard

By Ox Bow Ranch

James M. Gilchrist, Joan Blackwell, Aubry Rodgers and Beulah and Frank Walker

By Brenda Copeland

IN HONOR OF:
Lee Frances York

By Van and Barbara York

Sally Anderson, Mary An-

derson, John Robert Anderson and Martha Anderson

By Rich Anderson

Jason Sharp, LeAnn Robins and Sarah L Gilleland

By Ross Sharp Family

William Ferguson, Preston Sharp and Terri Edwards

By Borden County Waste Disposal

Jimmy Jack Whitaker, Robert Jordan, Monty Dawson and Family, The Kirks, Thomas Wright and Francie Krienitz

By The Coyote Store

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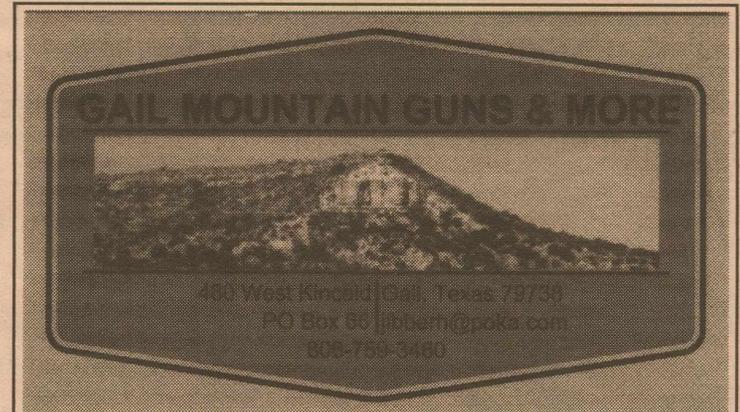
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