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## USDA Enhances Integrity and Defensibility of Farm Programs *Streamlines Payment Limits for Family Farmers*

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that USDA is partnering with the Internal Revenue Service to reduce fraud in farm programs and streamlining payment limits for family farmers. The actions are intended to strengthen the integrity and defensibility of USDA farm safety net programs and help the agricultural industry to meet requirements included in the 2008 Farm Bill.

"Today's announcement will ensure that the producers who depend upon the safety net of USDA programs will have future access to these programs by enhancing the overall integrity of the programs," said Vilsack. "It will also provide more flexibility for family farm operations across the country."

As part of today's announcement, USDA has finalized a Memorandum of Understanding with the Internal Revenue Service to establish an electronic information ex-

change process for verifying compliance with the adjusted gross income provisions for programs administered by USDA's FSA and Natural Resources Conservation Service. This agreement will ensure that payments are not issued to producers whose adjusted gross income (AGI) exceeds certain limits. The limits set in the 2008 Farm Bill are \$500,000 nonfarm average AGI for commodity and disaster programs; \$750,000 farm average AGI for direct payments; and \$1 million nonfarm average AGI for conservation programs.

The electronic process that USDA developed with IRS reviews data from tax returns, performs a series of calculations, and compares these values to the AGI limitations from the 2008 Farm Bill FSA and NRCS will receive a record that indicates whether or not the program participant ap-

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## All-Region Honors



Borden County shined on the All-Region Team list. Those honored included are (top row left to right) Tony Soto, R.T. Shafer, Karl Lamming, Derek Tatum, Quint Shafer, (Bottom row left to right) Coach Trey Richey, Tanner Richey, John Hensley, Zach Telchik, Miles Valentine, Michael Cooley and Flynn Chapman.

## Gridders Tackle All-Region

By Dwight Hines  
Courtesy of Lamesa Press Reporter

With all four of its neighboring schools finishing in the Division II's state six-man football, this area was very well represented on the D II all-Region II Football Team.

Borden County, winners of its last 29 games including back-to-back D II state six-man crowns, took top honors on that squad.

After guiding the Coyotes to back-to-back state crowns in his first three years as their head coach, Borden County's Trey Richey was Region II's Coach of the Year.

BC senior Michael Cooley is the Region II player of the

Year after rolling up nearly 2,500 yards and 62 touchdowns and being in on 111 tackles and picking off eight passes.

Dawson senior Landon Brown is Region II's Offensive Player of the Year after rolling up 1,755 yards and 48 touchdowns, while also hauling in 11 Dragon TD catches and even throwing for three scores.

Both Cooley and Brown have at least one more game remaining the their schoolboy football careers, after both were selected to represent their respective districts in this summer's six-man all-star

football game at Lubbock.

BC freshman Tanner Richey, son the Coyotes' head football coach, is the Region II Newcomer of the Year after finding the end zone 10 times in just his first year in high school.

After once again ring leading Borden County's stingy and hard-hitting defense, BC senior Flynn Chapman once again was named as this region's Defensive MVP. Chapman was in on 183 tackles, being in on eight quarterback sacks, had 10 pressures,

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Lady Coyote, Stefanie Cooley (#23) dribbles around a Forsan opponent during the Borden County Tournament. The Ladies defeated Forsan 37-30.

## Lady Coyotes Win Borden County Invitational Tourney

By Coach McCook

The Lady Coyotes defeated Southland 68-52, Colorado City 37-21, and Forsan 37-30 to win the 2009 Borden County Invitational Thursday and Friday. In the first game, the Lady Coyotes offense was clicking on all cylinders as the team poured in 23 points in the first quarter and 41 by the half, allowing them simply to maintain their advantage throughout the rest of the game. But the next two games were won on the defensive side. Both Colorado City and Forsan did a good job containing the Lady Coyotes' offensive attack; neither, however, had an answer for the team's defensive pressure. As the old saying goes, "Offense wins game, but defense win championships," so was the case here. The Lady Coyotes allowed only 51 points in the two games combined. It was the first time since 2003 that the Lady Coyotes won the annual tournament.

Against Southland, Taylor Richey led all scorers with 29 points, 4 rebounds, and 3 steals. Olivia Key had 21 points, 4 steals, and 2 assists. D'Nae Johnson had 6 points, 3 rebounds, 7 steals, and 3 assists. Brittany Day had 3

points, 3 rebounds, and 2 steals. Raegan Belongia also had 3 points and 3 rebounds. Kylie Voss had 2 points. Bailey Anderson added 1 point, 2 rebounds, and 3 steals. And Stefanie Cooley had 4 rebounds.

Complete stats are not yet available for the final two games. But against Colorado City, Taylor Richey scored 19 points; Bailey Anderson 7; Stefanie Cooley 6; Olivia Key 4; and D'Nae Johnson 1. And against Forsan, D'Nae Johnson scored 15 points; Olivia Key 9; Taylor Richey 7; and Bailey Anderson 6. Brittany Day, Kylie Voss, and Raegan Belongia also contributed to the team's success. JV players who suited up with the team for two out of the three games include Lexi Peterson, Krista Tarleton, Shea Burkett, Teryn Soto, and Kaylyn Dean. Kaylyn Dean hit a 3-pointer in the Southland game with less than a minute left.

All of these girls as well as those who could not suit up deserve congratulations. They have worked hard to get to this point and look forward to a great season. Congratulations, girls! We are proud of you!

## Varsity Boys Drop Season Opener

By Coach Baeza

With a short turnaround the Coyote Varsity hit the basketball court and put forth a great effort against a good Stanton team but came up short in the end with a 52-43 loss.

With only one day of practice the Coyotes started the game well as they took an early first quarter lead of 11-8. Defensively during the second quarter the Coyotes let their guard down as a single player for Stanton scored 15 points. The Coyotes however continued to do well offensively but the surge of offense by the Buffalo's allowed them to take a 27-24 half time lead.

During the second half the Coyotes did a much better job of defending as they allowed the high point from Stanton only two points in the third

quarter and eight total in the second half. Offensively for the Coyotes during the second half Brendan Tarleton began to heat up as he put in twelve points followed by Michael Cooley with four and Karl Lamming with three. The Coyotes hit a lull offensively during the fourth quarter that never allowed them to close in on the Buffalos with allowed them to take the game by nine points.

Overall this was a great effort for the first game and we are very excited about this season. Good Job Coyotes!

Scoring for the Coyotes: Brendan Tarleton 18, Karl Lamming 9, R.T. Shafer 5, Tanner Richey 5, Michael Cooley 4, and Zach Telchik 2.

## Pups Still Undefeated

By Coach Baeza

The JH boys traveled to Sands on Dec. 14 and came away with a hard fought victory. With this win the Coyotes have finished the first half of district and are in first place.

The Coyotes did not begin the game well as the only basket of the first quarter was scored by Matthew Proulx while allowing the Mustangs 8 points. The Coyotes responded in the second quarter with good defense not allowing the Mustangs any points led by Riley Herridge, Ricky Torres, Sean Tucker, and Zack McMeans. T.J. Basquez had a big second quarter offensively as he score 6 points which brought the half time score to 8 all.

The Coyotes continued to play hard in the third quarter with Matthew Ham contribut-

ing two points and T.J. adding three more but the Coyotes found themselves trailing by one going into the fourth quarter. The Coyotes again turned up the defensive pressure with Michael McClain, Cayden Vaughn, Nathan Ham, Frank Banman, Hurrikane Vankirk, Braden Dowds, Jayden Huse, and Michael Taylor all contributing during the third and fourth quarters. Kurt Shafer put the Coyotes ahead with a big three pointer and with T.J., Matthew Proulx, and Tristin Benavidez all contributing offensively the Coyotes held on for a 23-18 victory. Good Job Coyotes!

Scoring for the Coyotes: T.J. Basquez 14, Matthew Proulx 4, Kurt Shafer 3, and Matthew Ham 2.

### School Lunch Menu

Jan. 11 - 14, 2010

**Monday** -Breakfast: Biscuit & Gravy, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Burrito, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad, Fresh Fruit Choice, Sugar Cookie and Milk.

**Tuesday** - Breakfast: Pop Tart, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Barbequed chicken Macaroni & Cheese, tossed Salad, Chilled Pears, Cornbread and Milk.

**Wednesday** - Breakfast: Pancakes, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Frozen Cherry Bar and Milk.

**Thursday** -Breakfast: Omelet & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pizza, Tossed Salad, Fresh Banana, Cookies and Milk.

**Friday** -NO SCHOOL

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# Coyotes, Mustangs, Dragons, Cougars All on List...

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caused four fumbles and also scooped up three fumbles.

Chapman also earned first-team all-region honors as kicker after putting 83 PATs through the uprights and kicking two field goals, including a big one in BC's state title game against Highland.

Other players off of Borden County's two-time state championship team named to this region's first-team unit are senior tight end R.T. Shafer, junior center Derek Tatum, junior quarterback Miles Valentine, junior defensive lineman John Hensley, junior cornerbacks Tony Soto and Zach Telchik and senior safety Karl Lamming.

After going three rounds deep in the D II state six-man playoffs before losing to the eventual state champion Coyotes, the Sands Mustangs also were very well represented on this all-region football team.

Representing the Mustangs on that all-region first team are senior running back Johnny Rogers, senior fullback Daniel Armendariz, sophomore special teamer Junior Rogers, sophomore defensive lineman

Michael Gomez and senior defensive lineman Gabe Guillen.

Armendariz also earned second-team all-region honors at punter.

Joining Brown on that all-region first team from Welch was Dawson junior linebacker Ethan Goode.

Dragons getting second-team all-region are senior center Lonnie Brown, senior quarterback Alex Ramos and junior defensive end J.J. Vera.

After going through over a 20-year playoff drought, the Dawson Dragons won back-to-back league crowns arch of the past two seasons.

Klondike senior Jose Santana has been one of this game's top wide receivers each of the past two seasons.

This sure-handed Cougar caught a spot on this all-region's first team as one of its top wide receivers.

A couple of Cougars who earned second-team all-region are sophomore fullback Zach Barkowsky and senior cornerback Brock Bushong.

Shafer and Tatum helped lead Cooley and Company's

march back to the D II state throne room.

BC's Valentine threw for over 700 yards and 12 touchdowns after completing over 50 percent of his passes.

Hensley was in on 132 stops as well as 18 quarterback sacks.

Telchik was in on 135 tackles and picked off four passes.

Soto had 109 tackles and came up with seven interceptions, including one that he ran back for BC's first TD in their state championship victory over Highland.

Lamming was in on 78 tackles and picked off 12 enemy passes, four of which he ran back for touchdowns in the playoffs.

Rogers ran for 1,220 yards and 18 touchdowns and passed for 900 yards and 16 other scores.

Armendariz ran for over 1,500 yards and 31 touchdowns, while also throwing for eight other scores.

Gomez and Guillen helped lead the Mustang's stingy defensive unit.

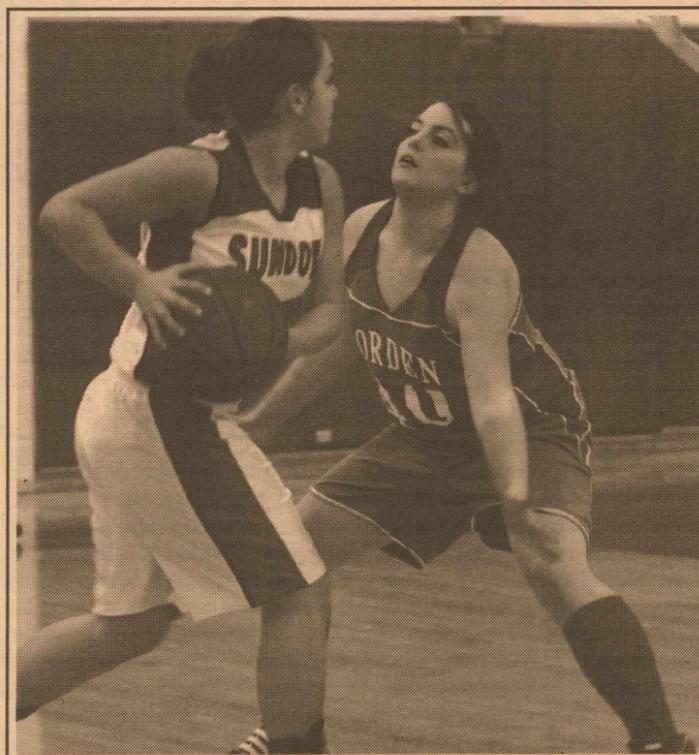
Gomez was I on 70 tackles, while recovering five fumbles and also picked off three passes—two of which he ran back for touchdowns.

Despite missing three games due to an injury, Guillen still piled up 68 tackles.

Just as valuable as Brown was to the Dragons' offense, Goode was to the defense at Welch.

Goode led Dawson's defense with 127 tackles, picked off three passes and scooped up four fumbles.

Klondike's Santana put up huge numbers for the Cougar's, who narrowly missed out on returning to the D II state six-man playoffs, coming up 34 catches for 858 yards and 12 touchdowns.



JV Lady Coyote, Kaylyn Dean (#40) guards a Sundown opponent in Saturdays' game against the Roughette's. The Ladies fell to Sundown in a final score of 46-27.

## JV Lady Coyotes Face Tough Test

By Coach Benavidez

The JV Lady Coyote squad faced a tough test on Saturday, January 2, 2010 in the form of the Sundown Roughettes.

The girls were trying to shake off some the rust that set in during the Christmas break and did a good job of trying to do so but came up just a little bit short in the end. The Lady Coyotes were led in the scoring department by post Krista Tarleton who had 12 points,

followed by Machelle Barr with 7, Aubree Lester 4, and Hanna Forbes and Kaylyn Dean with 2 each. Lexi Peterson, Teryn Soto, and Shea Burkett each assisted these girls with some good passes to help them scoring.

The final score was Sundown 46 and BC 27. Come out and support the Lady JV Coyotes as they compete in the Forsan JV Tournament.

### Four Coaches Coaching???



On the fourth day of Christmas Santa gave to me, Four Coaches Coaching...Borden County's coaching staff hesitantly participated in the Coyote Themed 12 Days of Christmas. Pictured are (left to right) Head Coach Trey Richey, Coach Peter Benavidez, Coach Colt McCook and Coach Ferney Baeza.



Borden County Basketball 2009 - 2010					
Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Site	Teams
Oct. 31	Sat.	Lorenzo (Scrimmage)	11:00	Gail	gG
Nov. 3	Tues.	Roscoe/Breckenridge (Scrimmage)	4:00	Roscoe	gG
Nov. 10	Tues.	Meadow	6:00	Gail	gG
Nov. 13	Fri.	Westbrook	6:00	Gail	gG
Nov. 17	Tues.	TBA	4:00	TBA	gGbb
Nov. 20	Fri.	TBA	4:00	TBA	gGbb
Nov. 23	Mon.	Whitharral	4:00	Whitharral	gGbb
Nov. 24	Tues.	Canyon	7:00	Lubbock Christian	G
Dec. 1	Tues.	Crosbyton	4:00	Gail	gGbb
Dec. 3-5		Coahoma Tourney	TBA	Coahoma	GB
Dec. 8	Tues.	Forsan	4:00	Gail	gGbb
Dec. 10 - 12	Th.-Sat.	Borden Co. Tourney	TBA	Gail	GB
Dec. 15	Tues.	Stanton	4:00	Stanton	gGbb
Dec. 18	Fri.	Wink	5:00	Gail	gGbb
Jan. 1	Fri.	Sundown	1:00	Sundown	gG
Jan. 5	Tues.	Loraine	6:00	Gail	GB
Jan 7 & 9	Th., Sat.	Forsan JV Tourney	TBA	Forsan	gb
* Jan. 8	Fri.	Dawson	4:00	Gail	gGbb
* Jan. 12	Tues.	Loop	4:00	Loop	gGbb
* Jan. 15	Fri.	Grady	4:00	Gail	gGbb
* Jan. 19	Tues.	Klondike	4:00	Klondike	gGbb
* Jan. 22	Fri.	Sands	4:00	Gail	gGbb
* Jan. 26	Tues.	Dawson	4:00	Welch	gGbb
* Jan. 29	Fri.	Loop	4:00	Gail	gGbb
* Feb. 2	Tues.	Grady	4:00	Lenorah	gGbb
* Feb. 5	Fri.	Klondike	4:00	Gail	gGbb
* Feb. 9	Tues.	Sands	4:00	Ackerly	gGbb

\*District Games  
Girls' Coaches: Colt McCook & Peter Benavidez  
Boys' Coaches: Fernando Baeza & Trey Richey

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**Heart and Home ...**

by Julie Smith  
Borden County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences

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## Get Moving! Start New Exercise Program in New Year

If the longest journey starts with a single step ... well, so does a physical activity program for the new year. Getting fit and staying that way are high up on the list of many New Year's resolutions. Physical activity can do a number of things for people of all ages but may be especially helpful to older adults.

Not only can exercise help strengthen muscles and bones, and delay or prevent the onset of such medical conditions as diabetes and heart disease, it also can improve mood and increase social contact. But while keeping all these positive points in mind, be advised of a little healthy caution too. Older adults need to be careful about diet and exercise because of changes in the body that occur with age. For that reason, always remember to discuss changes in diet and exercise with a health provider. Your health provider will be a key player in your exercise routine. You will want to discuss with him or her how your personal health condition may be affected by exercise. Start low and go slow. Doing too much too soon may seriously injure your body.

Recommendations from the National Institute on Aging should also be kept in mind when establishing a physical activity plan:

- Stretching: Before and after exercising, help loosen and warm up muscles with some stretches. This practice also might help prevent injury and muscle cramping.

- Working out: Any effective exercise plan should include at least 30 minutes, nearly every day, of some form of physical activity that increases heart and breathing rate. These 30 minutes can be broken up into 10-minute increments if necessary, but the total should be at least a half an hour. One rule of thumb: If you can't talk while exercising, you may be working too hard; if you can talk with no trouble during exercise, you aren't working out hard enough.

- Using muscles: Every move you make should use muscles. If not used enough, muscles become

weak. Strong muscles, on the other hand, not only strengthen the body but can help reinforce bones and lessen the chances of falling. Any physical activity - from raking leaves to washing the car to walking around the block - should be one that uses and strengthens muscles.

- Improving balance: In addition to strengthening muscles, an effective exercise program should also help improve balance. This too will help prevent falls.

A free publication on "Exercise: A Guide from the National Institute on Aging" is available for viewing or downloading at <http://www.niapublications.org/exercisebook/index.asp>.

Once the health care provider approves the program of physical activity, follow these tips from the American College of Sports Medicine:

- Keep your breathing regular while exercising your muscles - don't hold your breath.

- Use appropriate safety equipment such as a bicycle helmet or correctly fitting walking shoes.

- Unless your health care provider advises otherwise, drink plenty of liquids.

- Remember to bend from the hips, not the waist.

- Expect a little soreness or discomfort, but not pain.

For more information on this and other topics of interest to older adults, visit Texas AgriLife Extension Service's Family and Consumer Sciences Web site at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/> and click on the link to Family Life.

Source: Andy Crocker, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Gerontology Specialist

## Thought for the Day

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## First Buck...



Borden County 7th grader, Jaden Huse of Lamesa shot this 7 point buck at Leo Aranda Ranch in Coleman County on a recent hunting trip with his brother, Hunter and grandfather, Lamesa Chief of Police, Richard Garcia.

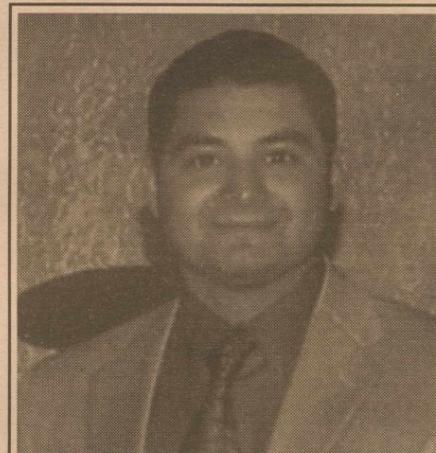
## UTPB Announces Dean's List

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin has announced its Fall 2009 Semester Dean's List.

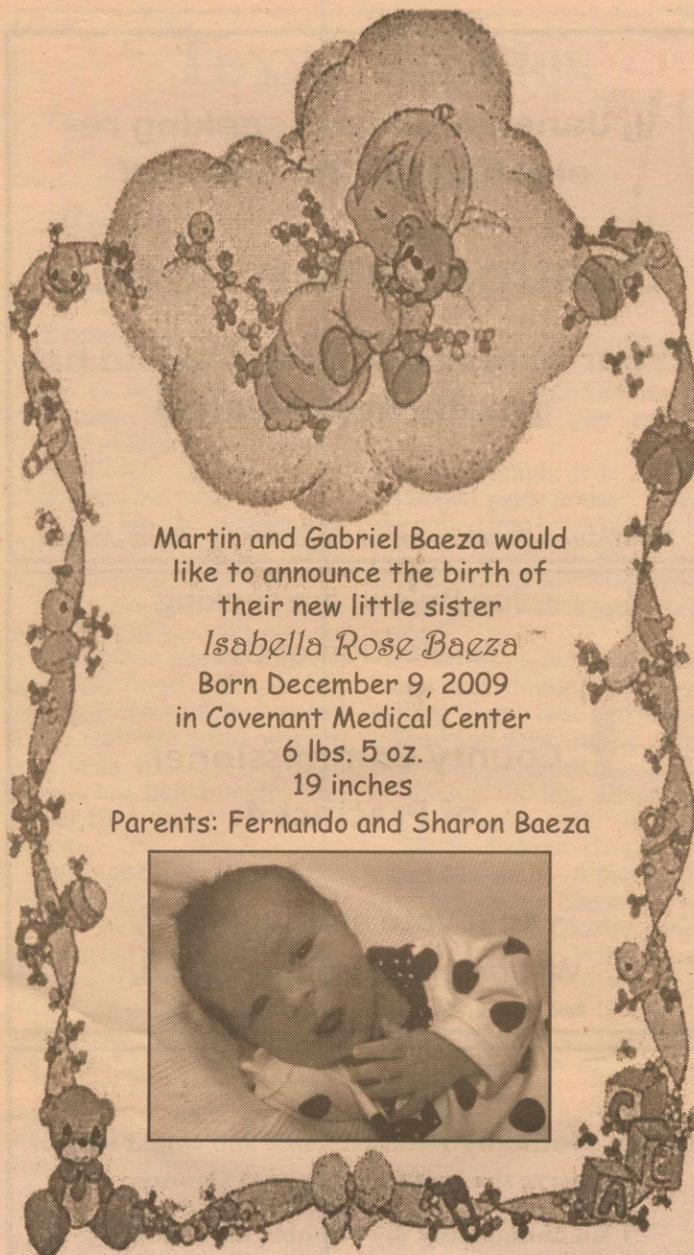
Included on the list is Henry Derek Rodriguez, a 2005 graduate of Borden County.

He is currently a senior with a major in Accounting. He is the son of Delfino and Mary Rodriguez of Borden County and the grandson of

Henry and Lina Torres of Lamesa and Delfino and Jeanie Rodriguez of Lubbock.



**Derek Rodriguez**



Martin and Gabriel Baeza would like to announce the birth of their new little sister  
*Isabella Rose Baeza*  
 Born December 9, 2009  
 in Covenant Medical Center  
 6 lbs. 5 oz.  
 19 inches

Parents: Fernando and Sharon Baeza



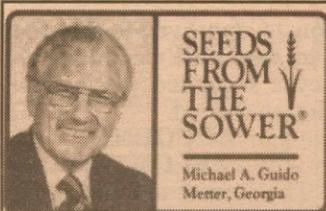
**2010 Borden County Jr. Livestock Show**

Thursday, January 14  
 Steer Show - 6:00 p.m.

Friday, January 15  
 Lamb Show - 8:30 a.m.  
 Goat Show - after Lamb Show  
 Swine Show - after Goat Show

Saturday, January 16  
 7:00 - 9:00 a.m.  
 Complimentary Chuck Wagon Breakfast

Awards Ceremony - 9:00 a.m.  
 Premium Sale - 9:30 a.m.



**SEEDS FROM THE SOWER**

Michael A. Guido  
 Metter, Georgia

Jimmy accompanied his mother to the store. After the purchases were made the grocer gave the boy a candy bar.

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# Glen Gray Files as a Republican Candidate for County Judge

Glen Gray has filed for the Republican candidacy for County Judge of Borden County. Glen is a native of Borden County and a graduate of Borden County High School. He earned an Associate Arts Degree from Western Texas College. He was also a member of Western Texas College Rodeo Team. Glen attended Texas Tech University and earned a degree in Finance.

Glen and wife, Lisa, have three daughters in Borden County Elementary. Hayley is a fifth grader, Katie is a third grader and Brooklyn is in kindergarten. Lisa teaches kindergarten in Borden County Elementary School.

Glen has 21 years experience in the banking business with 13 years at Snyder National Bank as the Data Processor Director, 6 years with Lamesa National Bank as Data Processor Director and 2 years with Texas Savings Bank as a Real Estate and Agricultural Loan Officer.

At present he is partner in Gray Ranch in Borden County. Glen is a Board of Director of RC&D Area Inc. RC&D is a branch of Natural Resource Conservation Service.

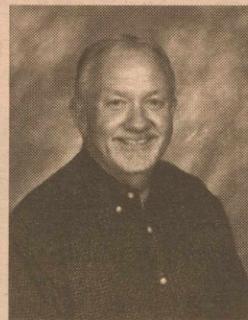
Glen believes it would be an honor and privilege to serve the citizens and tax payers of Borden County as County Judge. Paid political advertisement, Lisa Gray, Treasurer

## Re-Elect

**Randy Adcock**

for

**Borden County  
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for

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Democratic Candidate

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## Commissioners Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 8th day of December, 2009, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

**VAN L. YORK**, County Judge; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner, Precinct N. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE**, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

### MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meetings of November 24, 2009. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### BORDEN COUNTY SHOW BARN AND ARENA

David Cotton, Attorney-At-Law and Ben Smith, County Attorney met with the Court concerning the Two (2) Acre Block Number 8 and West 1/2 of Two (2) Acre Block 9, Original Town Site of Gail. Judge York made a motion to accept the proposal from Borden County ISD concerning Borden County Show Barn and Rodeo Arena and to authorize County Judge to sign the Deed. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.

### OFFICIAL COUNTY HOLIDAYS FOR 2010

A motion was made by Commissioner Adcock to set the Eleven County Court Holidays for the year 2010 as listed. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Years Day-Friday-January 1, 2010; President's Day-Monday, February 15, 2010; Easter-Monday, April 5, 2010; Memorial Day-Monday, May 31, 2010; Independence Day-Monday, July 5, 2010; Labor Day-Monday, September 6, 2010; Thanksgiving-Thursday & Friday, November 25 & 26, 2010 and Christmas-Thursday, Friday & Monday,

### December 23, 24 & 27, 2010. REGULAR COURT DAY

Commissioner Belew made a motion to set the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Tuesday of each month as the Regular Session for the Commissioners Court to convene for the year 2010. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

### PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Belew made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on January 26, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. on the Reinvestment Zone for Tax Abatement. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### FIREWORKS BAN

Due to dry conditions with high grass and vegetation, Commissioner Smith made a motion to Prohibit Certain Fireworks in the Unincorporated areas of Borden County during the upcoming holiday season. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

### COUNTY OFFICE REPORTS

After an examination of the County Offices' Reports, Commissioner Smith made a mo-

tion to approve reports that were submitted. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined and Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

### ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined. A motion was made by Commissioner Belew to approve the payment of said accounts and to include the payment for the Reversion Clause Property. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

### DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No new items were presented.

### ADJOURN

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2009.

## Legal Notice

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

### CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene  
Contract 6108-91-001 for THERMOPLASTIC PAVEMENT MARKINGS in MITCHELL County, etc will be opened on February 09, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office for an estimate of \$1,158,759.18.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification informa-

tion to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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I, Jane Jones, am seeking re-election for the office of

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Your vote and support would be greatly appreciated

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## County Commissioner of Precinct 4.

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Paid political advertisement, Joe Belew, Treasurer

## Borden County

Don Nunnally returned home and would like to serve the citizens of Borden County.

I am announcing my Republican Candidacy for the position of

## Borden County Judge

It would be an honor to serve you following in the footsteps of my father and grandfather.

Paid political advertisement, Don Nunnally, Treasurer

## Tony Isaacs

## Borden County Treasurer Candidate

As we move into the next decade, I would consider it a privilege to serve Borden County.

Exercise your right, get out and VOTE.

Paid political advertisement, Tony Isaacs, Treasurer

## Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
Tumbleweed Smith

### Butch Moody Lives It Up In The Valley

I continually make a study of characters, people who live life to its fullest and have fun every day. Some people look like characters but are not. Some people don't look like characters but are.

Butch Moody of Harlingen fits both categories; he looks like a character and is one.

Our visit started out at his real estate office. We got into a quiet place and he told me all kinds of stuff. He looks like a giant; 275 pounds and six and a half feet. He wears western hats with five and six inch brims, big belt buckles and boots that come up to his knees.

Of course he tucks his pants legs into the boots.

The belt buckle he was wearing has what looks like the rear end of a cylinder on a fully loaded .38 caliber pistol embedded into it. When he turns the cylinder, it clicks.

"I own 28 pairs of boots," says Butch, "and 27 hats. Almost that many belt buckles. I dress like this every day except when I'm officiating a high school football game. On those days I wear low quarters."

Every once in awhile a rambunctious player will accidentally collide with him on the field. After the play, someone will ask Butch if he would like anything. His standard reply is "Bud Light." When he goes into a steak place he tells the waitress to "just wipe its butt and cut off its horns and bring it to me." Sometimes he orders a hindquarter.

He started telling me about his house. "It's got slot machines, crap tables, a wet bar and a fabulous stereo system. The walls are full of trophy

animals." Intrigued and curious, I asked him if we could continue the interview at his home. He said "yep" and off we went.

Sure enough, it is a well-equipped party house. When we pulled into his driveway he opened the door of his pickup to show me the rosewood dashboard and ostrich quill seat covers.

Butch is an auctioneer and stays busy doing all sorts of selling. Some time ago he had a band and wrote music. One of his songs reached number 35 on the top 100 list. He is also a reserve policeman.

He is a dead ringer for Charlie Daniels. A picture on the wall of his house shows both Butch and Charlie standing side by side. When I was asked to point to the real Charlie, I pointed to Butch. "Everybody does that," he says. "You really can't tell us apart."

Butch has Charlie's cell phone number and they are close friends.

Occasionally Charlie will sneak into Harlingen, stay in Butch's house and shoot wild hogs on Butch's ranch. One-time Charlie told Butch "You're my twin. You look like me, talk like me and walk like me."

I've heard that everybody on earth has a twin. I've found mine."

Butch's real name is Bueford Charlie Moody. Sometimes he'll walk into a place where Charlie Daniels is playing, go backstage and even the security people will think he's the real Charlie Daniels. Maybe Charlie should see if he could pass for Butch.

## USDA Enhances Farm Programs...

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appears to meet the income limits. Written consent will be required from each producer or payment recipient for this process. No actual tax data will be included in the report that IRS sends to USDA. As part of the review and evaluation process, participants whose AGI may exceed the limits will be offered an opportunity to provide third party verification or other information to validate their income.

Meanwhile, beginning with the 2010 program year, USDA has amended the rules that govern the requirements to be 'actively engaged' in farming. These rules apply to eligibility for payments under the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) or Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program administered by the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA).

USDA has implemented the following change to permit certain operations, most often family-run operations, to meet 'actively engaged' in farming requirements under less restrictive rules.

Every stockholder or member of a legal entity, such as a corporation, does not have to contribute labor or manage-

ment if both of the following apply:

- at least half of the interest in the legal entity is held by stockholders or members who are providing active personal labor or active personal management that altogether qualifies as a significant contribution to the farming operation;
- the total direct payments received, both directly and in-

directly, by the legal entity and each of the members does not exceed \$40,000.

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### "Grab the Brass Ring" Benefit

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12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

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All proceeds will help purchase state football  
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Donelle Hensley at 806/439-6350

## Chevron Makes Donation to Borden Co. EMS



Borden County EMS member, Kenny Bennett (2nd from right) accepts a monetary donation from Chevron's Operation's Supervisor, Mark Cochran (2nd from left). Also pictured is (far left) Operations Assistant Cindy Webster and Safety Coordinator Eddie Pinson.

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for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive oil  
and gas.  
The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the **Jo-Mill Unit  
Lease (60465), Well Number 7242W.** The proposed injection  
well is located 7.5 miles N of Vealmoor in the **Jo-Mill  
(Sprayberry)** Field. Fluid will be injected into strata in the  
subsurface depth interval from **6200 to 7486 ft.**  
**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 Division of the Railroad Commission of  
Texas.  
Request for a public hearing from persons who can show that they are  
adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any  
aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within 15 days  
of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas  
Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Drawer 12967, Capitol  
Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 - (512)463-6792.

**Drive Safely.**  
*Watch for our playing children.*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Christmas Holidays						2 BB @ Sundown 2:00 JV girls & boys in separate gyms, 3:30 varsity girls, 5:00 varsity boys
3	4 Beginning of 4 <sup>th</sup> Six Weeks  HS OAP Auditions	5 Herff Jones 8:05, 8:35 <u>Rings &amp; Announcements</u> BB vs. Loraine Here 6:00 <u>GB</u> <u>HS OAP Auditions</u> ACT registration deadline for February 6 <sup>th</sup> test	6	7 FFA Officer Meeting @ 12:15  Forsan JV Tourney  JH BB @ Dawson 6:00	8 * BB vs. Dawson Here 4:00 gGbB	9 Forsan JV Tourney  Andrews HS UIL Practice Meet (all events)
10	11 Fun with 4-H after School 3:45-5 @ Show Barn  JH BB vs. Loop Here 6:00	12 Herff Jones 9:30, 10:00  * BB @ Loop 4:00 gGbB	13 FFA Chapter Meeting @ 12:30	14 Early Dismissal 12:30	15 Holiday  * BB vs. Grady Here 4:00 gGbB	16 O'Donnell HS UIL Speech & Debate Practice Meet or Brownwood UIL Practice Meet (all events)
Borden County Jr. Livestock Show						22 <b>PROGRESS REPORTS</b>  * BB vs. Sands Here gGbB
17	18 JH BB @ Grady 6:00	19 HS Boys' BB pictures & spring casual photos  * BB @ Klondike 4:00 gGbB	20	21	23 Texas Tech UIL Practice Meet (no speech or debate)	
Snyder HS UIL Practice Meet (speech & debate only)						29 * BB vs. Loop Here 4:00 gGbB
24	25 JH BB @ Klondike 6:00	26 * BB @ Dawson 4:00 gGbB	27	28	30 O'Donnell HS UIL Practice Meet (no speech or debate)	
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