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Coyote Sluggers Finish Historical Year in Hub

BC Had Lead in Both Bi-District Contests

Lamesa Press Reporter

It is not taking the Borden County Coyotes long to prove they can mix it up with some of the best on the high school baseball diamond.

Although last weekend's Class 1A bi-district playoff series against Morton ended the Coyotes' season, they had their shining moments at Lubbock Christian High School.

They owned a 4-3 lead midway through the fifth inning of Saturday's game two. Friday's game one also started out looking pretty good for the

Coyotes, who jumped out to a quick 8-2 lead.

Unfortunately, neither one of those games ended up with a Coyote win. After losing that first game to Morton, 17-8, Borden County watched its third season of high school baseball end Saturday in a 13-4 loss to the Indians.

"We still proved this weekend that us being in the playoff wasn't any kind of fluke," Borden County Coach Trey Richey said.

"Our guys played some re-

ally good baseball at times."

The Coyotes, who reached the playoffs as the third place team in District 4-1A, finished up at 15-11-1.

Unfortunately, bits and pieces were not quite enough for the Coyotes against the hard-hitting Indians.

Opportunity definitely knocked for the Coyotes, but they left 16 runners on the bases Saturday afternoon.

After scoring the final 15 runs of Friday's game one, the Indians came back and scored the first three runs of Saturday's game two—one in the bottom half of the first and two in the third inning.

The Coyotes cut Morton's lead to 3-1 by scoring their first run in the top half of the fourth inning. Miller Valentine, Clay Harding and Tony Soto all walked. Tyrell Massingill then singled in Valentine.

The Coyotes came back with three more runs in the top half of the fifth inning to go up 4-3. Michael Cooley, Clay Harding and Tony Soto each came up with big hits in that inning, which saw Flynn Chapman, Miller Valentine and Michael Cooley score runs.

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USDA Urges Farmers to Consider Options Before Breaking Out CRP Land

Officials with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) are urging farmers to consider USDA compliance and program eligibility before converting Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres to cropland production.

"More than 1 million acres in Texas covered under CRP contracts will expire in the next year and a half, and we could see a lot of land use changes, especially in the Panhandle region," said Don Gohmert, NRCS state conservationist for Texas. "We want landowners to understand options available to them and what they need to do to remain in compliance for USDA programs."

Conservation compliance, which began with the 1985 Farm Bill, is still in effect. Compliance means that farmers need to control erosion on highly erodible land, which includes CRP acres, in order to stay eligible for USDA program benefits, including farm loan programs, disaster assistance, commodity price supports, and conservation programs.

According to NRCS, the most common ways farmers get out of compliance with USDA is by eliminating soil-conserving crops, such as forage species, and adding a tilled crop, such as corn or cotton. When the farmer changes his soil cover from permanent grass to annually-tilled crops, he/she should always consider conservation compliance when planning their rotations, in addition to commodity prices.

"The lure of high crop prices may have landowners considering plowing up grassland and planting it to a commodity crop," Gohmert said. "Not only are there compliance issues to consider, but landowners should also look at what is best for the land."

According to Lori Ziehr, NRCS state agronomist, much of the land enrolled in CRP was classified as highly erodible, meaning it is susceptible to wind and/or water erosion. "That soil has not changed over the years the land was in CRP," she said. "If those acres are returned to cropland, landowners

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And He's Safe!



A Borden County baseball player slides in "safe" to homeplate at Saturday's game against the Morton Indians.

Burn Ban Expired

The burn ban for Borden County has now expired. Please continue to be cautious when burning your trash, grilling or welding.



Gail FFA members elected at Lone Wolf District Officers for the 2008-09 year are (left to right) Chasiti Rutherford, Lacey Roberts and Shylo Rinehart

Gail FFA Competes at Lone Wolf District Spring Event

By Buddy Wallace

The Gail FFA Chapter was once again busy competing this last week as they attended the Lone Wolf District Spring Meeting. Students from the district met and competed in several categories for the rights to advance to the Area II competition on May 16th.

Several FFA members were among the field of competitions and were successful in each of their events. The results are as follows:

Talent: Miller Valentine 2nd place

Sr. Prepared Public Speaking: Michael Porter 2nd place (Area Qualifier)

Soil Stewardship: Chasiti Rutherford 1st place (Area Qualifier)

Lacey Roberts, Shylo Rinheart, and Chasiti Rutherford were elected to serve as Lone Wolf District Officers for the upcoming 2008-09 year. These girls were selected as

two of the top seven from 17 candidates.

Also competing in the officer elections was Raylea Underwood.

Cory Teel and Jacie Eveland served as voting delegates at the meeting and Annie Stribling, and Miles Valentine attended as members and support staff.

Congratulations to all members who attend and competed in this event. Good luck to those advancing to Area!

Coyote Sluggers Finish Season

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It did not take Morton long to re-gain its lead as the Indians scored three runs of their own in the bottom half of the fifth.

"We had moments out there again today when we felt like we'd never get that third out to end an inning," Richey said. "You can't afford to give a good ball club extra outs, but overall we're still proud of the way our guys competed."

Most of Borden County's hope of pushing the series to a third game went out the window in the bottom half of the sixth inning, when the Indians scored seven runs to extend their lead to 13-4. Trey Kimbrell and Vicente Arguelles each came up with two-run hits in that inning.

Morton's Colton Bracken, who went the distance on the mound, struck out Borden County's Soto and Massingill for quick two outs to start the seventh inning. The Coyotes' Miles Valentine hit to center field before Bracken fanned Quentin Shafer for the final out of the season.

"We laid some pretty good ground work this year," Richey said. "If we can get here again next year, we'll have a better idea of what playoff baseball's all about. One thing we'll know for sure is that you've got to tighten things up on the defensive end at this level."

Borden County's Karl Laming had two hits to lead the Coyotes' attack. Miles Valentine, Flynn Chapman, Michael Cooley, Tony Soto and Tyrell

Massingill each had a hit for the Coyotes.

Morton's lead-off man, shortstop Trey Kimbrell, had three hits to lead the Indians' attack, while catcher Colton Risinger and left fielder Aaron Lewis had two hits each.

Don't be surprised to see the Coyotes field another contender on the high school diamond again next year.

"We've got an eighth grader coming up who'll help us out big time, and we'll also be getting a kid (Carlos Hernandez) back who could be one of our best infielders," Richey said.

A couple of players who the Coyotes will have a hard time replacing, however, will be senior pitcher-shortstop Quentin Shafer and first basemen Miller Valentine.

Shafer, who pitched in the Coyotes' first-ever high school baseball game three years ago, was also the pitcher in their first-ever playoff game last Friday.

"Q (Quentin) has had a good all-round year for us, while Miller came on strong here at the end with a great track season and also a good baseball year," Richey said.




Borden County 3rd graders joining Mrs. Julie Smith for Cooking with Kids are (left to right) Kale Yarbro, Dylan Murphy, Cheyanne Dowds, Hayley Gray, Mattie Benavidez, Avery Price, Bryce Turner, Hunter Jones, Tanner Freeman and Julie Smith.


Cooking With Kids

Julie Smith visited third grade for an afternoon of Cooking with Kids. She explained the importance of cleanliness and safety while cooking. The kids made Confetti Quesadillas with Cilantro Dip, Super Quick Guacamole, and Fresh Pina Colada Smoothies. It was an educational as well as tasty lesson for Mrs. Richey's third graders.

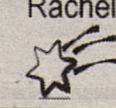
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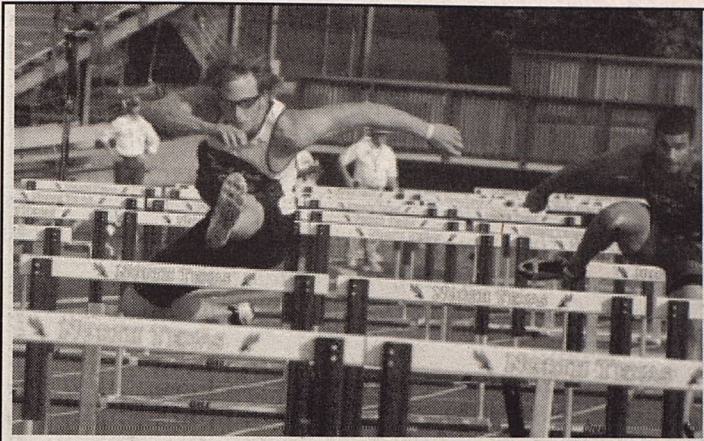


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Garrett Thomas sails over a hurdle in last weeks Abilene Christian Twilight Meet. Thomas, who is a Borden County graduate, will compete at Nationals on May 21-24. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Thomas of Gail.

Thomas Hurdles Toward Nationals

Tarleton State University had 17 track and field athletes attend the Abilene Christian Twilight Meet this past Thursday in Abilene. Among those was former Borden County student, Garrett Thomas.

Thomas finished sixth in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 14.27, another provisional qualifying mark for the Texan. Thomas will be competing in the 2008 NCAA Division II Outdoor National Championships to be held in Walnut, California May 21-24.

Gail FFA Greenhouse Plants for Sale

By Buddy Wallace

The Gail FFA chapter now has plants available for spring planting!

These plants are available in the greenhouse, which is located north of the Ag. Building on the Borden County Campus.

Quality plants are a result of hard work by the Borden County Ag. Science Horticulture class.

Anyone wishing to purchase starter plants can contact Buddy Wallace at 806-756-4313 (School) or 806-756-4478 (Home).

Customers can also place orders with students of the Horticulture Class.

Students are:

Jacie Eveland, Tyrell

Massingill, Clay Harding, Carlos Hernandez, Jake Cooley, Corey Teel, Bailey Benavediz

All plants are suitable size for ground planting. The Gail FFA chapter welcomes everyone to come view the plants and tour their greenhouse!

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District 3-1A All-District Baseball Team Results

Several Borden County students were recently named to the District 3-1A All-District Baseball Team. Results are the following:

Most Valuable Player: Markie Hall-Sr., Hamlin.

Co-Newcomer of the Year: Kylor Fine-Fresh., Ira.

Coach of The Year: Ryan Cordell, Hamlin.

1st Team:

Position:

Infield/Pitcher: Matt Hall, Soph., Hamlin; Dustin Daccus, Soph., Hermleigh; Tres Meyers, Sr., Aspermont; Rey Juarez, Soph., Ira; **Quentin Shafer, Sr., Borden County; Flynn Chapman, Soph., Borden County** and Phillip Carillo, Sr., Rotan.

Pitcher/Catcher: Johnny Sanchez, Sr., Roby and Seth Sanchez, Jr., Ira.

Outfielder/Pitcher: Leon Miller, Sr., Aspermont; Jacob Sanchez, Jr., Loraine and **Karl Lamming, Soph., Borden County.**

Infielder: Danny Turner, Jr., Hamlin; Cruz Ibarra, Sr., Hamlin; Gil Shafer, Sr., Ira and Brandon Ponder, Fresh., Hamlin.

2nd Team:

Position:

Infield/Pitcher: Zane Morris, Jr., Roby and Adrian Luna, Sr., Aspermont.

Outfield/Pitcher: Jeffrey Allen, Jr., Hamlin and Kenny Esquivel, Sr., Loraine.

Catcher: Miles Valentine, Fresh., Borden County; Jake Alaniz, Sr., Hermleigh and Levi Sparks, Sr., Rotan.

Infielder: Miller Valentine, Sr., Borden County; Roger Miller, Jr., Hamlin and Brandon Lunsford, Soph., Ira.

Outfielder: Michael Cooley, Soph., Borden County; Todd Krausse, Dr., Aspermont; Kyle Tomlinson,

Fresh., Hamlin; Ismael Tavarez, Soph, Ira and R.T. Shafer, Soph., Ira.

Honorable Mention: Clay Harding, Jr., Borden County; Tyrell Massingill, Jr., Borden County; Tony Soto, Fresh., Borden County; Carlos Hernandez, Jr., Borden County; Seth Cotton, Fresh., Ira; Dylan Warren, Soph., Rotan; Zach Floyd, Soph., Roby; Sean Lee, Jr., Rotan; Christian Gonzales, Soph., Roby; Derek Reese, Jr., Rotan; Anthony Gonzales, Soph., Loraine; Derek Martinez, Sr., Loraine and Adam Goodreau, Sr., Aspermont.

Spring Music Program May 22nd, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Borden County ISD will hold it's Spring Music Program on Thursday, May 22nd, at 7:00 p.m. in the School Auditorium. The program will begin with Kindergarten through fifth grade performing selections from "High School Musical". Fourth Grade will play several selections on their recorders, followed by Fifth grade band, Sixth and Seventh Grade band and concluding with the High School band. Come be a part of this wonderful enjoyable time of music and fellowship.



Borden County Youth Riding Club



Membership Night

May 29, 2008 - 6:30 PM @ the Gail Arena

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



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Help Spread The Word on Men's Health

Recently, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) joined with The Advertising Council to launch a national public service campaign designed to raise awareness among middle-aged men about the importance of preventive medical testing.

Why is this campaign being launched? Because most men aren't getting the preventive medical testing they need. Men are 25 percent less likely than women to have visited the doctor within the past year and are 38 percent more likely than women to have neglected their cholesterol tests. Furthermore, men are 1.5 times more likely than women to die from heart disease, cancer, and chronic lower respiratory diseases.

The new campaign encourages men over 40 to learn which preventive screening tests they need to get and when they need to get them. This campaign complements AHRQ's existing efforts toward improving the safety and quality of health care and promoting patient involvement in their own health care, including the "Questions Are the Answer" campaign launched with the Ad Council in March 2007 and the "Superheroes" Spanish-language campaign launched in March 2008.

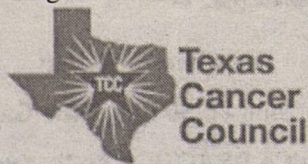
"We hope this campaign will inform men about the importance of prevention and show them that they should work with their health care providers to find out what they should do to stay healthy," said AHRQ Director Carolyn M. Clancy, M.D.

Created pro bono for the Ad Council by McCann Erickson Detroit, the public service advertising campaign includes new television, radio, print, and web advertising featuring the theme "Real Men Wear Gowns." The lighthearted ads

incorporate family as a key motivating factor for men to take a more active role in preventive health. They show the target audience that being a real man means taking care of themselves (and their health) in order to be there for their families now and in the future. Ad Council research showed this was a strong motivating factor for men. To view the PSAs, visit <http://www.ahrq.gov/realmen/watchvideos.htm>.

The campaign has created a comprehensive website, <http://www.ahrq.gov/realmen/>. The site provides the recommended ages for preventive testing (as well as a list of tests), a quiz designed to test your knowledge of preventive health care, tips for talking with your doctor, a glossary of consumer health terms, and links to online resources where you can find more medical information.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Texas Cancer Council encourage all men to stay up to date on all recommended preventive medical testing.



Source: Courtney J. Schoessow, MPH, Extension Program Specialist - Texas AgriLife Extension Service, and Meghan Wernicke. April 2008. Texas AgriLife Extension Service Family and Consumer Sciences website: <http://fcs.tamu.edu/>

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A special thanks to Borden County EMS, Flight for Life in Snyder, UMC Burn Unit in Lubbock, Kendall Amos and the Lamesa Fire Department and Claiborne's Super Market.

May God bless each and every person who had me in their thoughts and prayers or who gave financial aide in my time of need.

*Thank You,
Wyndel Culp*



First Baptist Church Youth Car Wash

The Youth of First Baptist Church will have a car wash on May 17th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the church to help raise money for pre-teen camp.

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Agriculture News
by Cody G. Hill
Borden County Extension Agent –
Agriculture

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Tom Green County Invitational Shoot

Two Gail Trap Club members traveled to San Angelo to the Tom Green County Invitational Shoot on May 3rd. Matthew Roberson competed in the Intermediate Division and Raylea Underwood competed in the Sr. 1 Division.

Matthew won High Overall with a score of 136 out of a possible 150 targets. He received 1st place in trap, 1st in 5-stand after a 2 man shoot off and 8th in skeet. There were 47 kids in the Intermediate Division.

Raylea scored a 134 out of a possible 150 targets. She was 3rd High Overall in a group of 30 Sr 1's. She also placed 3rd in skeet, 4th in 5-stand after a 2 man shoot off and 3rd in trap after a 5-man shoot off.

A good time was had by all! Dean Roberson, Ray Don Underwood and Jana Underwood also attended.

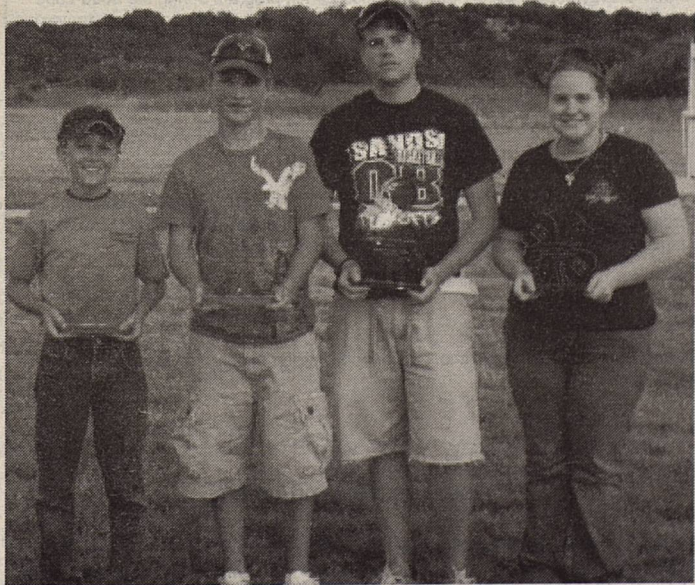
Crockett County 4-H Whiz Bang

This past weekend Raylea Underwood traveled to Crockett County for the annual 4-H Whiz Bang Shoot in Ozona Texas.

Raylea, a Sr. 1 Division shooter won High Over All in her age division out shooting 14 other shooters. She placed 2nd in skeet with a score of 48, 2nd in 5-stand with a 43 and 3rd in trap with 47. Raylea also won the High Over All girl shooter.

Also attending were her parents Ray Don and Jana Underwood.

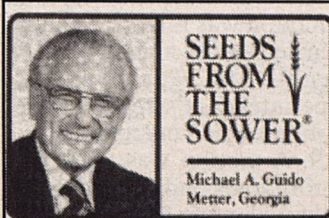
High Over-All Winner



Raylea Underwood (far right), Gail Trap Club member, won the High Over-All in the ladies division at the Crockett County 4-H Whiz Bang at Ozona, Texas. Shown with Raylea are the other High Over-All Shooters.

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Borden County ISD Board Meeting April 22, 2008

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 Borden County I.S.D. Board Room. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole, and Mike Valentine. Joe Harding was absent. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas and principal, Bart McMeans were also present.

1. The meeting was called to order by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2008 and April 14, 2008 meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the April 2008 bills. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Randy Hensley to appoint Jimmy Thomas as the 2008-2009 Borden County ISD Representative to the Region 17 ESC Advisory Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Mike Valentine to set May 2008 meeting time and date for 7:00 P.M. on May 19, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Carol Lewis to amend the

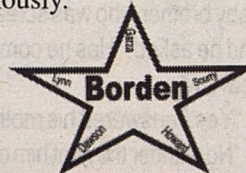
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2007-2008 Borden County I.S.D. Budget as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Mr. Thomas gave a year to date financial report and reported that 169 students were

enrolled as of April 15, 2008. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Mike Valentine to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.



BORDEN COUNTY I.S.D. PUBLIC NOTICE

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will sell the following vehicles at the Lubbock Auto Auction located at 1122 East 34th Street in Lubbock, Texas at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 15, 2008:

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Vin# 1GDC14K8JZ105778

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Vin# F50AKB42432

1995 Chevrolet 1/2 Ton Pickup
Vin# 1GCEC14H7S2256816

1996 Chevrolet Lumina Car
Vin# 2G1WL52M2V9122671

1999 Chevrolet Lumina Car
Vin# 2G1WL52M3X9194787

1994 GMC 16 passenger bus
Vin# 1GDHG31Y5RF533875

These vehicles may be viewed at the above address through May 14, 2008. Please contact Jimmy Thomas at (806) 756-4313 no later than 5:00 P.M. on May 14, 2008, if you would like to submit a bid on these vehicles. The Borden County I.S.D. Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposed bids, to waive any and all technicalities, and to accept the proposal that will best serve the needs of the district. Questions regarding additional information shall be directed to Jimmy Thomas by calling (806) 756-4313, e-mail jthomas@bcisd.net, or writing PO Box 95, Gail, Texas, 79738. Transmissions by fax may be sent to (806) 756-4310.

By order of the Board of Trustees
Borden County Independent School District
Joe Harding, Secretary

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

SINCLAIR OIL & GAS, PO BOX 30825, SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84130-0825 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 in the Spraberry Formation, Miller "527" Lease, Well Numbers 1. The proposed injection well is located 14 miles NE of Gail, Texas in the HOOD (Spraberry) Field, in Borden County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5264 to 5305 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division 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 Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Drawer 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 Telephone (512)463-6792.

LA NOTIFICACION DE PRE-KINDERGARTEN PARA EL AÑO ESCOLAR 2008-2009

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá el programa del pre-kindergarten durante el año escolar 2008-2009. El programa será para los estudiantes elegibles que tienen cuatro años en o antes de 1 de septiembre, 2008. Los estudiantes pueden calificar por el programa resolviendo por lo menos uno de los requisitos siguientes:

1. Sea económicamente perjudicado
2. Este limitado experto ingles (LEP)
3. Sea destituido

Si usted conoce de un niño que califique por el programa, notifica a Bart McMeans, director, Borden County School, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, o llame (806) 756-4313 para solicitar una forma de registro. Complete y regresa la forma antes del 31 de mayo, 2008.

LA DENEGACIÓN

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá este programa solamente si quince (15) o más estudiantes califican.

ESL PROGRAMA NOTIFICACION

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá un programa de ESL para los estudiantes del LEP (Experto Inglés Limitado) durante el verano de 2008. El programa será programado por un mínimo de 120 horas y concluirá antes del 1 de agosto, 2008. El programa esta diseñado para los estudiantes que entraran kindergarten o el primer grado en el otoño de 2008-2009. Los padres de niños elegibles serán responsables del transporte.

Si usted conoce de un niño que califique por el programa, notifica a Bart McMeans, director, Borden County School, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, o llame (806) 756-4313 para solicitar una forma de registro. Complete y regresa la forma antes del 31 de mayo, 2008.

LA DENEGACIÓN

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá este programa solamente si diez (10) o más estudiantes califican.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN NOTIFICATION FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

Borden County School will offer the pre-kindergarten program during the 2008-2009 school year. The program will be for eligible students who are four years of age on or before September 1, 2008. Students can qualify for the program by meeting at least one of the following requirements:

1. Be economically disadvantaged
2. Be Limited English Proficient (LEP)
3. Be homeless

If you know of a child who qualifies for the program, notify Mr. Bart McMeans, Principal, Borden County School, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, or call (806) 756-4313 to request a registration form. Complete and return the form by May 31, 2008.

DISCLAIMER

Borden County Elementary School will offer this program only if fifteen (15) or more students qualify.

ESL PROGRAM NOTIFICATION

Borden County Elementary School will offer an ESL program for LEP (Limited English Proficient) students during the summer of 2008. The program will be scheduled for a minimum of 120 hours and will conclude prior to August 1, 2008. The program is designed for students who will enter Kindergarten or First Grade in the fall of 2008-2009. Parents of eligible children will be responsible for transportation.

If you know of a child who qualifies for the program, notify Mr. Bart McMeans, Principal, Borden County School, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, or call (806) 756-4313 to request a registration form. Complete and return the form by May 31, 2008.

DISCLAIMER

Borden County Elementary School will offer this program only if ten or more students qualify.

Memorial Scholarships

John Harding Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the: *John Harding Memorial Scholarship*.

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application prior to May 21st, 2008. Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

John Harding Memorial Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an outstanding young person that is a positive representative of the Borden County School Community as evidence by their respective moral character; service-minded attitude, dedication and participation in school activities as a student of Borden County High School.

Recipients must be a candidate for graduation or be a former graduate of Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution to be eligible for consideration. The Select Committee will have sole authority to determine the candidate's eligibility status related to the post-secondary institution to be attended.

Financial need will not necessarily be a criterion for consideration; however, financial need may be considered by the Select Committee.

Members of the John Harding family will have no input into the selection process. Complete selection authority to waive all rules, regulations and formalities in order to select the candidates that the committee feels is most deserving.

Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the: *Brandon Adcock Memorial Schol-*

arship.

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application prior to May 21st, 2008. Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an outstanding young person that is a positive representative of the Borden County School Community as evidence by their respective moral character, service-minded attitude, dedication and scholastic achievement.

Recipients must be a candidate for graduation or be a former graduate of Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution to be eligible for consideration. The Select Committee will have sole authority to determine the candidate's eligibility status related to the post-secondary institution to be attended.

Financial need will not necessarily be a criterion for consideration; however, financial need may be considered by the Select Committee.

Members of the Brandon Adcock Family will have no input into the selection process. Complete selection authority has been delegated to the Selection Committee, and the Committee has the authority to waive all rules, regulations and formalities in order to select the candidates that the committee feels is most deserving.

J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the: *J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship.*

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application prior to May 21st, 2008. Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

J. Pat Porter

Memorial Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an outstanding young person that is a positive representative of the Borden County School Community as evidence by his/her high moral character, service minded attitude, dedication and determination to succeed along with maintaining passing grades.

Potential recipients must be a member in good standing of the current Borden County High School graduating class or must be a previous graduate of Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution to be attended.

Financial need, will not necessarily be a criterion of consideration; however, financial need may be considered by the Select Committee.

Members of the Porter Family will have no input into the selection process. Complete selection authority has been delegated to the Selection Committee, and the Committee has the authority to waive all rules, regulations of formalities in order to select the candidates that the committee feels is most appropriate. The selection process is a subjective task that will be left to the discretion of the J. Pat Porter Scholarship Selection Committee. The committee feels is a significant of the positive attributes that were exhibited by the late J. Pat Porter.

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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

You Have To Be Careful When You Milk A Porcupine

When Dan Klepper of Marathon was a part-time Park Ranger at Kickapoo Caverns State Park, he helped visiting biologists. One of them was Dr. Linda Elzey, a specialist in feral hogs and javelinas. She was doing her doctoral thesis on porcupines and was conducting a three-year study on the creatures. The stand of Pinon Pines at the state park was diminishing and she wanted to find out if the porcupines were the cause. Dan's job was to catch the porcupines used in the study.

"We would go out and locate a porcupine," says Dan. "It was fairly easy because they don't move too fast. They like to sit in trees. Tall trees. She would arm me with a poker stick, a long aluminum rod about four feet long that had a syringe at the end of it. She would load up the syringe with a cocktail of some kind that would paralyze the porcupine temporarily, but wouldn't put him to sleep. In my other hand I had a six-foot noose. I had to climb up the tree, inject the porcupine with the stick, then put a noose around him and slowly lower him before the narcotic would take effect. If it did kick in, the animal might get paralyzed and fall out of the tree."

Dan says Dr. Elzey was below with a net just in case something went wrong up in the tree.

"But I was about 99 percent effective in getting them down in time."

Once the animal was controllable, they took a blood

sample, looked for parasites, put a radio collar on it, then checked to see if it was male or female. Dan says he won't go into how they did that.

"If it was a female, we'd determine if it was lactating or not. It's like milking a cow except the cow was on its back and the utter was really, really tiny. But you could, through various massage techniques, get some lactation going and that would determine whether the porcupine was pregnant. If she was, then we watched when the porcupat (that's what they call baby porcupines) was born, then we got it and ran the same tests on it."

They were grateful that the belly portion of a porcupine is smooth and has no quills. Dan says they had to work fast because the narcotic wouldn't last very long.

"As soon as it wore off, that tail would go up. Porcupines can't throw their quills, but they can slap their tail and administer a lot of painful quills. So as soon as the narcotic wore off, they were hacked off, ready to express some anger and do some tail-flapping. We worked very quickly and very cautiously."

Dr. Elzey insisted on putting a bandana over the eyes of the porcupine while conducting their tests.

"I asked her why she did that and she told me if I had been roused from a rest, noosed and narcotized, turned upside down and had strange creatures looking at me and squeezing my nipples, I'd want something over my eyes, too."

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Drive Safely. Watch for Children

Law Enforcement to Write Safety Belt Tickets

The Texas Department of Transportation kicked off its 7th annual statewide Click It or Ticket campaign today with a stern reminder to Texas motorists; if you haven't gotten into the habit of buckling up, it can cost you a fine of up to \$200.

Thousands of state troopers, police officers and sheriff's deputies will be on Texas streets and highways between May 19 and June 1, including the Memorial Day holiday weekend, issuing citations to drivers who aren't buckled up and whose children aren't properly restrained. This year, law enforcement will also pay extra attention to front seat-passengers who are not wearing safety belts.

While more than 92 percent of Texas drivers buckle up, passengers are lagging behind when it comes to using safety belts. According to the Texas Transportation Institute, only 87 percent of passengers in Texas use a safety belt, and that number dips to 79 percent when evaluating pickup truck passengers.

"Since pickups are twice as likely as passenger vehicles to roll over in a fatal crash, we worry about the safety of people who don't take the simple precaution of buckling up when they're in a truck," said Carlos Lopez, TxDOT's Traffic Operations Director. "Wearing a safety belt reduces the risks of dying in a pickup rollover crash by as much as 80 percent."

Safety advocates report that drivers and passengers who buckle up have a 50 percent better chance of surviving serious traffic collisions and avoiding serious injuries. Since the Click It or Ticket campaign was first launched in Texas 2002, there have been an estimated 1,600 fewer traffic fatalities in Texas and 37,000 fewer injuries as a result of increased safety belt use.

"The simple act of buckling up is the easiest, least expensive and most effective way to prevent traffic deaths and injuries," said Lopez. "It also can keep you from getting a ticket."

Among partners joining TxDOT in the campaign are the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Texas Department of Public Safety, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, local law enforcement agencies across the state, the Texas Department of State Health Services, the Texas Municipal Police Association, AAA Texas and the National Safety Council.

USDA Urges Farmers...

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will need to take certain measures to ensure those acres will not erode beyond a level that the soil can tolerate."

For example, Ziehr said that a certain percentage of the field may need to be planted to high residue crops each year or that contour windstrips be left at certain intervals to prevent erosion. In some cases, she said, fields may already have terraces that need to be maintained to remain in compliance and help lower the potential for erosion.

Before a landowner takes any action at all, Ziehr encourages them to visit their local NRCS field office to find out what a compliance plan would entail and if there are any financial cost-share programs to help off-set some of the conservation costs. "A landowner has more options when his land is still in grass," she said.

"Grazing former CRP acres is another option to consider."

CRP is a voluntary program through which farmers and ranchers to plant grasses and trees on marginal cropland acres in exchange for rental payments. The USDA Farm Service Agency administers CRP; NRCS provides technical assistance for the program.

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MAY 2008



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	***Driver's Education 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. daily May 5 th -19 th ***			1 TAKS Math 9 th TAKS Science 5 th , 8 th , 10 th , 11 th Cheerleading applications distributed	2 TAKS Social Studies 8 th , 10 th , 11 th Bi-District Baseball-Borden Co. vs. Morton @ Lubbock Christian High School 7 pm	3 Bi-District Baseball-Borden Co. vs. Morton @ Lubbock Christian High School 1 pm SAT Test (must have preregistered)
4	5 FFA Chapter Meeting @ 12:20 FFA Lone Wolf District Banquet	6 JH/HS 4-H Meeting @ lunch-Conf. Room Cool Clovers Meeting @ 3:45-Show Barn SAT Registration Deadline for June 7 test JH District Tennis @ Sweetwater	7 Group pictures: 1) All 07-08 UIL participants 2) FFA during tutorials	8 Cheerleading applications due	9 Progress Reports ACT Registration Deadline for June 14 test	10 Band Trip
11	12 FFA Chapter meeting @ 12:20 FFA District Meeting	13 Athletic Supply- order letter jackets & patches @ noon	14 English I Field Trip	15 Cheerleading Tryouts 4:30 p.m.	16	17 Spanish III trip to Fort Worth
		Pre-Registration during Tutorials			FFA Area Convention	
18 Spanish III trip to Fort Worth	19 Senior Counseling Meeting - Tutorial Period	20 Driver's Ed. test in Lamesa 1:00 p.m. FFA Banquet 7:00 p.m.	21 Seniors' Local Scholarship Deadline @ 3:33 p.m.	22 Band Concert 7:00 p.m.	23 K-5 Field Trip U.I.L. Banquet 7:00 p.m.	24 Junior/Senior Banquet 6:30 p.m.
25 Baccalaureate 11:00 a.m.	26 Final 1 st period 8:05-9:05 FFA Cookout	27 Final 2 nd period 8:39-9:39 Final 4 th period 10:17- 11:17	28 Final 3 rd period 9:43- 10:43 Final 7 th period 1:10- 2:10 Awards Assembly 2:50 p.m.	29 Final 5 th period 11:06- 12:06 Final 8 th period 1:59-2:59 JH Graduation 7:00 p.m.	30 Final 9 th period 8:05-9:05 End of 6 th Six Weeks Elem. Track Meet 9:15 Early Dismissal 12:30 HS Graduation 7:00 p.m. Project Graduation	31 Senior Breakfast Work Day