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"Blue" and LaShae Win Grand Champion Lamb in Houston Livestock Show

"Blue", a 148-pound lamb, was shown by LaShae Johnson to capture Grand Champion Lamb at the 2001 Houston Livestock Show. "Blue" also won 1st Place HW Medium Wool and then was picked Medium Wool Breed Champion. LaShae was excited about winning, saying "I think it's great! I've won at other shows, county, district, that sort of thing-but not here!"

Wendell Johnson said, "This is our fifth year competing. We've put a lot of work into this and think it's great we were able to win."

"This was one of the most outstanding lambs I've seen," said judge John Cordeiro, professor of animal science at Fresno State University in California. "It's long-bodied, thick-made, but attractive, really structurally correct. LaShae did a great job of feeding the lamb and putting it together as a whole package," Cordeiro added.

Congratulations to LaShae on a great accomplishment! Look for a photo and more information in the next issue of the *Borden Star*.

Other results from the Houston Livestock Show are

as follows:

Lambs:

LaShae Johnson
Grand Champion Lamb
Med Wool Breed Champion
Shawna Kempf
1st Place HW Medium Wool
26th Place HW Medium Wool

Others exhibiting lambs were: **T. C. Stipe, Kate Wallace,** and **Miller Valentine.**

Steers:

Tanner Poole
3rd Place HW Shorthorn
Kalli Poole
9th Place HW Limousin

Others exhibiting steers were: **Kylia Culp, Kandace Kimmel, Kylan Reynolds** and **Tyler Wallace.**

Swine:

Tyler Wallace
15th Place HW Spot
Kate Wallace
18th Place MW Duroc

Others exhibiting swine were: **James Bond, Alexis Brooks, Megan Brooks, Heather Brooks, Bobbie Kempf, Kalli Poole, Tanner Poole,** and **Miller Valentine.**



Travel to Grady Meet this coming Friday

Track Season Underway; High School Boys Race to Third place in O'Donnell Ralays

Coach Bobby Avery had to smile some after the first track meet of the season.

With only two weeks of preparation, he watched the girls' and boys' track teams along with the high school squads rack up some points in both field events and running events.

The smile on his face is knowing that all but three of the athletes competing in track this year are underclassmen. They will be back.

The boys' team scored 70 points to finish third as a team behind Sands and host O'Donnell.

Medalists for the high school boys included gold for senior Trent Pepper in the 3200m run (10:08.95) and junior T.C. Stipe in the 800m run (2:03.38). Jacob Zant, another junior, also won first place in the 110m hurdles (17.43).

Sophomore T.J. Sharp placed second for a silver medal in the discus with a throw of 128'2". Zant captured another medal by winning second in the high jump by clearing 5'10".

Sophomore Raul Rodriguez would win a

bronze medal in the long jump, going 18'4 1/2".

The boys' high school sprint relay team took the second place silver medal with a time of 46.95. Team members in this event are Raul Rodriguez, Jacob Zant, T.J. Sharp, and Rowdy Dunlap.

The girls' high school team scored 20 points on junior Rika Copeland's wins in both the shot put and the discus.

Inclement weather prevented long distance runners Trent Pepper and Holly Thomas from competing in their mile races.

Results of other high school events along with complete junior high finishes are listed below:

HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

Raul Rodriguez: 6th in 100m dash (12.72); **Rowdy Dunlap:** shot put (33'1"), discus (99'3" for fifth place); **T.J. Sharp:** shot put (35'3"); **Kyle Pinkerton:** shot put (32'7") and discus; **Jessica Ellison:** shot put (20'11 1/2")

JUNIOR HIGH RESULTS

Ben Griffin: pole vault (7'6" for second place), long jump (12'8"), 100m dash

(14.59); **Cade Peterson:** pole vault (8' for first place), long jump (13'11 1/2"); **Garrett Thomas:** 100m hurdles (20.8 for second place); **J. Ryan Gicklehorn:** shot put (27'5" for 8th place), discus; **Derek Gwinn:** 800m run (2:35.69 for fourth place); **Andrew Lamming:** high jump (4'4"), shot put; **Aaron Pigford:** 100m dash (14.75), 400m dash (74.37); **Thelma Balaque:** high jump, 300m hurdles (58.24 for third place), sprint relay (59.01 for 5th place); **Cassidy Rinehart:** long jump (13'0" for third place), triple jump (28'10" for fourth place), 300m hurdles (57.14 for first place), 2400m run (10:13.37 for first place), sprint relay (5th place); **Emily Mayes:** long jump (12'9 1/2" for sixth place), 800m run (3:01.29 for third place), sprint relay (5th place); **Mika Peterson:** long jump (10'10"), sprint relay (5th place), 100m hurdles (22.0 for 6th place).

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Comptroller Rylander Kicks Off Fifth Annual Texas Tomorrow Fund Poster Contest

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander has invited Texas elementary school and middle/junior high school students to send her a drawing depicting 'What I Want to Be After College' for a chance to win Texas Tomorrow Fund scholarship sponsored by Belo Corp, Farmers Insurance Group, Intel Corp, and Fannie Mae.

"I am kicking off the fifth annual Texas Tomorrow Fund Poster Contest," comptroller Rylander said. "This annual competition attracts thousands of entries from children all over Texas. Six lucky kids will win Texas Tomorrow Fund scholarships that will guarantee that their tuition and required fees will be fully paid when they are ready for college."

The Texas Tomorrow Fund Poster contest is open to all Texas students enrolled in elementary or middle/junior high school. The grand-prize winner from the elementary school category and the grand-prize winner from the middle/junior high school category will each receive a four-year Texas Tomorrow Fund scholarship sponsored by Belo Corp. and Farmers Insurance Group.

This year, a third grand prize, the four-year Intel Math, Science, Engineering and Technology (IMSET) Scholarship, will be awarded in an elementary or middle/junior high school student whose contest entry depicts a career in a technical or scientific field. To be eligible for the Intel scholarship, contestants must mark a box on the contest entry form to indicate that they want their drawing to be judged in the IMSET category.

Three runners up in the Texas Tomorrow Fund Poster

Contest will receive one-year community college scholarships sponsored by Fannie Mae.

To enter, send a drawing depicting "What I Want to Be After College" to:

**College Scholarship
Poster Contest
Texas Tomorrow Fund
Comptroller of Public
Accounts
P.O. Box 13407
Austin, Texas 78711-3407**

The entry deadline is Monday, April 9. Winners will be announced during the week of April 23rd. For complete contest rules and an entry/parental consent form, go to Texas Tomorrow Fund Web site at www.texastomorrowfund.org. Contest rules and entry forms are also available from local schools.

The Texas Tomorrow Fund

School Menu Week of: March 12th - 16th

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets, corn, potatoes, hot rolls, fruit & milk **Breakfast:** Pancake Pup, fruit, juice & milk

TUESDAY: Turkey ala King, salad, squash, biscuit, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Cinnamon toast, fruit, juice & milk.

WEDNESDAY: Meat & gravy, potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit & milk **Breakfast:** Eggs & Ham, toast, juice & milk.

THURSDAY: Baked potatoes w/ ham & cheese, salad, crackers, cobbler & milk. **Breakfast:** French toast, fruit, juice & milk.

FRIDAY: Cheeseburger, French fries, salad, cup, cake, & milk. **Breakfast:** Pancakes, ham, fruit, juice & milk.

allows families to set up a flexible, affordable plan to prepay their children's college tuition and required fees at today's prices. For as little as \$33 a month, parents or grandparents of a newborn can prepay for two years community college. As little as \$129 a month covers tuition and fees for four years at a Texas public college or university for today's newborn. When the child is ready for college, the state guarantees to cover those costs, no matter how much they may have risen.

"Nothing is more important than education," comptroller Rylander said. "Twenty-five percent of the jobs in our new Texas economy require a bachelor's degree, at a minimum. The Texas Tomorrow Fund Poster contest encouraged kids to envision the career they want and think about the education and training they will need to make their dreams come true.

"I applaud Belo Corp., Farmers Insurance Group, Intel Corp, and Fannie Mae

for helping put children on the road to a bright future by sponsoring Texas Tomorrow Fund scholarships for the poster contest winners," Comptroller Rylander said.

Texas Tomorrow Fund Poster Contest Rules Entry Deadline 5:00 p.m. Monday April 9, 2001 Winners Announced the Week of April 23, 2001

1. Student in elementary and middle/junior high schools are invited to design a poster on the theme, *What I Want To Be After College*. There are three poster contest categories: 1) elementary; 2) middle/junior high; and 3) the Intel Math, Science, Engineering & Technology (IMSET) category, which is open to all elementary or middle/junior high school students. Students should choose whether their poster should compete in their designated age category or in

the open IMSET category. To enter the IMSET category, mark the Entry Form.

2. Drawings must be on a plain sheet of white 8 1/2 x 11 paper and can be drawn in pencil, pen, crayon, watercolor, oil or water-based paint, or any other medium that is not computer-generated.
3. All entries must be fully completed Entry and Parental Release form taped to the back of the entry.
4. All entries must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 9, 2001. Damaged or late posters will not be accepted. Determination of lost, damaged, or late entries will be made by the Texas Tomorrow Fund.
5. All entries become the property of the Texas Tomorrow Fund. All entrants and their parents are guardians agree to the Texas Tomorrow Fund's use of their drawings and names for future publications and for promotional display across the state of Texas. (See Mary Airhart for further details and entry forms).

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BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEE ELECTION

The Borden County Independent School District Board of Trustees met on Monday, February 19, 2001, and took official action to call a Trustee Election for Saturday, May 5, 2001. Three current trustee positions will be up for election this year. Incumbents Mr. John Anderson, Mr. Joel Dennis, and Mr. Kenny Hensley will have terms that will expire in May.

Mr. Joel Dennis will not be seeking another term as a School Trustee. As of the present time Incumbents John Anderson and Kenny Hensley have filed for a place on the ballot. In addition, Mr. Dennis Poole and Mr. Randy Hensley have filed for a place on the ballot. Persons interested in serving on the school board may file for a place on the ballot by signing up in the school superintendent's office.

Important dates associated with the upcoming trustee election are as follows:

- ◆ Last Day to Register to Vote—April 5, 2001
- ◆ First Day to file for Place On Ballot—February 19, 2001
- ◆ Last Day to file for Place on Ballot—5:00 p.m. March 21, 2001
- ◆ First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail—March 6, 2001
- ◆ Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail—April 27, 2001
- ◆ Deadline For Write-In to file declaration of Write-In Candidacy For School Trustee Election—5:00 p.m. March 26, 2001
- ◆ First Day An Election May Be Cancelled if there are no Opponents to the Candidate/s that have filed for a Place On Ballot—March 27, 2001

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Billy Joe Haney's Life Adventures

Billy Joe Haney was sheriff of Mendard County from 1961. He had only one opponent during his tenure. His roots are deep in Menard County. Five generations of his grandparents are buried in the Menard cemetery. The earliest birth date on one of their gravestones is 1797.

When he goes to law enforcement conventions, he draws a crowd as he tells about some of his adventures before, during and after his years in the sheriff's office. He has one of the most compelling voices I've ever heard. It's a cross between Andy Griffin and Paul Harvey. The stories he tells are equal to the quality of his voice.

He had only one jailbreak. A prisoner busted out but was caught a couple of hours later when he tried to hitch a ride on a highway. The car that stopped to pick him up was driven by a deputy.

He had only two jury trials while he was sheriff. "I never filed a case until I had the goods on 'em," says Billy Joe. "Then I'd get them to plead guilty. Saved the county lots of money."

Billy Joe knew the value of working with kids. He talked to them often. "I knew everybody in town, since I lived there all my life. I knew their kids are their dogs." When some high school students pulled up some of

the speed bumps in front of the high school, he found out who did it and made them help do the repair work.

When he learned that some of the youngsters were having a beer party, he went there and broke it up. On the way, he saw his daughter coming back from the party site. The person who furnished the two kegs of beer was fined one hundred dollars. Billy Joe went to all the kids who were at the party and had them pay five dollars toward the fine. "I told them my daughter paid, and they had to, too."

Alcohol kept Billy Joe busy since Menard was the only wet county around. Three beer joints were in the county. One, called the Lily Pad, was owned by his mother.

Once somebody got hold of a tear gas canister and set it off in a local pool hall. The perpetrator didn't get in any trouble. "It was just a prank. Nobody got hurt. In fact, the people in the pool hall thought it was kinda funny. Today if that happened, the person who did it would probably go to prison."

He loves to ride motorcycles. Once he and his daughter took a motorcycle trip to Canada. A motel

owner told them they should take a thousand-mile trip through the most beautiful part of Canada. So they did. Then they came back down Highway One along the pacific coast all the way to San Diego.

Since being out of the sheriff's office, Billy Joe started a business to haul livestock, mostly cattle, sheep and goats. He has a big sign on his truck that says "Eat Beef. Wear mohair."

Billy Joe Haney's philosophy is simple. "You've got to have fun every day or you'll go sour." He lives what he believes and has a most enjoyable time.

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90th Birthday Celebration

Jackie Turner, of the Plains Community in Borden County was honored with a 90th birthday celebration at Waldrops' Well in Lamesa, on Saturday, February 27th. Mrs Turner was born on February 17, 1911. The party, was hosted by her son and daughter-in-law, H.D. (Dan) and Ouida Turner with family and friends attending. Special guest was Eva Doyle of Borden County who has been a close friend for over 50 years. Also attending were

Zane, Danna, Rebekah and Ryan Curry; Bruce, Rachel, Kaitlyn, and Curry Lehman all of Tahoka; Erica Schooler of Lubbock; Janette and Roxie Turner, and Dale Lee of Lamesa; Bric, Tanya, Blake, Matie, Bryce and Macie Turner of Cleburne; and Kim, John-Morgan and Jarrod Lightfoot of Bryan.

Jackie was presented with a gold dipped rose, numerous personal gifts, and memory letters in honor of the occasion.

Parents Club Meeting

There will be a Parents Club Meeting
Monday, March 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Gail Community Building

The Parents Club Scholarship will be the discussion.
Please plan on attending this very important meeting.



March 2001



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 HOLIDAY	3 Sands Track JH & HS
4	5 SPRING BREAK MARCH 5-9	6	7	8	9 Grady Track HS	10
11	12 Classes Resume	13 Sr. Invitations 11:45 Jr. Ring Presentation 12:05	14 Daron Norwood Drug Free Program K-6 10:00-11:00 7-12 1:00-2:00	15	16 PROGRESS REPORTS Textbook adoptions to Mr. McMeans	17 Borden County HS Track
18	19 One Act Play West Zone	20 Jr. Ring Orders Cheerleading Applications Out Community One Act Play 7:00 p.m.	21	22 One Act Play District Tarleton Judging	23 Highland JH Track	24 Highland HS Track Sweetwater Judging
25	26	27 HS UIL District Contest @ Borden	28 ESL Reading Proficiency Test	29 HS UIL District Contest @ Borden	30 Canyon Judging	31 Klondike Track JH & HS Clarendon Judging

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Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 12th day of February, 2001, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present, to-wit:

VAN YORK, County Judge, Presiding; DOUG ISAACS, Commissioner, Prec. #1; LARRY D. SMITH, Commissioner, Prec. #2; ERNEST REYES, Commissioner, Prec. #3; HURSTON LEMONS, JR. Commissioner, Prec. #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 meeting of January 22, 2001 were read. Commissioner Lemons made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined and Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY INVESTMENT POLICY

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion that no charges be

made for the 2001 Borden County Investment Policy. The County Treasurer and County Judge, collectively, shall be the Investment Officer for Borden County funds. Motion carried unanimously.

BIDS

As advertised, bids for the purchase of a new car to be used by the Borden County Sheriff's Department were opened at 10:00 a.m. Bids were received from west Texas Ford of Anson; McLaughlin Ford LM of Lamesa; Bob Brock of Big Spring; Wilson Motors of Snyder. Commissioner Lemons made a motion to accept the bid of Wilson Motors as the lowest and best bid. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY ROADS DAMAGED

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion for the Commissioners to assess the damage done to County Roads at \$80.00 per mile for caliche roads and \$6,000 to CR 128 from the December 25, 2000, ice and snow storm. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY ROADS DAMAGE APPLICATION

Commissioner Lemons made a motion to apply to FEMA for Disaster Assistance from the December 25, 2000 ice and snowstorm at the rate of \$80.00 per mile. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

The Truth About Vaccines

Parents choose not to immunize their children for many reasons. One is the fear of adverse reactions to the vaccine. Sometimes parents perceive a greater risk in immunizing their children than in not doing so. But most parents have faith in their pediatricians and follow their childhood immunization guidelines.

Immunizations are necessary to protect children from dangerous childhood diseases that can cause serious health problems and even death.

Currently vaccines are available for measles, mumps, polio, rubella (German measles), pertussis (whooping cough), diphtheria, tetanus, haemophilus influenza type b, hepatitis and varicella (chickenpox).

The physicians of Texas Medical Association want you to know that vaccines are the best defense there is against infectious diseases. Preventable infectious diseases are at an all-time low and few people experience their effects. But that does not mean they cannot strike, and children who are not immunized present a health threat to themselves and others. Since most preventable diseases are spread communicatively, a community's health is nothing more than a sum of its citizens' health - adults and children.

Why Health Professionals Recommend Immunizations

- Children and adults who have not been immunized are at far greater risk of becoming infected with, and harmed by, serious infectious diseases.
- Infants and young children are particularly vulnerable to infectious disease and have a critical need for protection through immunization.
- Although there are small risks associated with every immunization, children and adults are far more likely to be harmed

by the diseases than by the immunizations.

- People who are not immunized increase the chance that others will get the disease.

Vaccines are Valuable

Vaccines are effective. For example, measles, a major killer worldwide, has almost disappeared in the United States. Before the measles vaccine was first used in 1963, more than 500,000 cases were reported per year. In 1998 and 1999 only 100 cases were reported per year. About 200,000 cases of whooping cough (pertussis) were reported per year before the vaccine was available. Currently the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report only about 7,000 cases per year.

As with all medicines, vaccines do carry a degree of risk. Vaccines are becoming safer and more effective as a result of medical research and ongoing review by doctors, researchers, and public health officials.

To ensure a vaccines safety, parents should be prepared to answer their pediatricians, questions including:

- Is the child sick?
- Does the child have allergies to medications, food or any vaccine?
- Has the child had a serious reaction to a vaccine in the past?
- Has the child had seizures or brain-related illnesses?

- Does the child, or any person who lives with or cares for him, have AIDS or other diseases of the immune system, leukemia, or cancer?
- Has the child taken cortisone, prednisone, or other steroids in the past three months?
- Has the child received a transfusion of blood or plasma or received immune (gamma) globulin in the past year?
- Is the child pregnant or is there a chance she could become pregnant in the next three months?

Individual immune systems may react to vaccines differently, possibly leading to unprotected periods. Commonly, children experience side effects after a vaccination such as a slight fever, rash, or soreness at the injection site.

The Food and Drug Administration regulates vaccines in the United States. Before receiving FDA approval, vaccines undergo laboratory studies, animal testing and human testing. Adult evaluation trails precede any testing performed on infants and children. The lengthy evaluation process ensures that the vaccine does not cause adverse harm.

For the best advice on where to find reliable information on immunizations, consult your doctor or nurse.

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