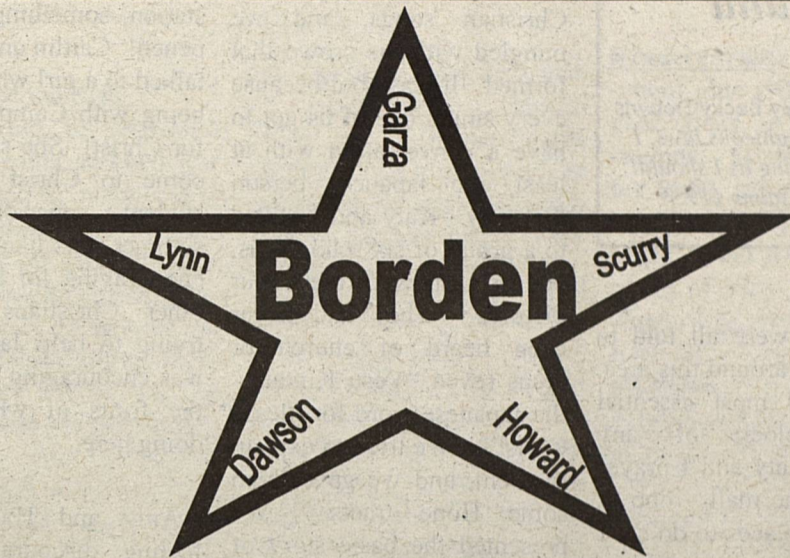


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## School Year begins Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

The 2006-2007 school year will begin on Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, at Borden County I.S.D. The school day will begin at 8:05 a.m. and will dismiss at 3:33 p.m.

Registration for all students in grades 6-12 and all new students in grades K-12 will take place at Borden County High School from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.

### SUMMER REVIVAL FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, GAIL

Everyone is invited to come and join us as we worship beginning  
**August 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 7:00 p.m.**

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Second Baptist Church, Lamesa

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## Shuttle Mission Captures American Spirit

*By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison*

Our nation's spirit is captured in the mission of NASA, to explore, to discover and to understand. The launch of Space Shuttle Discovery on July 4 – the first-ever Fourth of July launch – allowed for a simultaneous celebration of our past and our future. For 13 days, Discovery's crew confirmed the strength of NASA, and when the shuttle returned home safely on July 17, our nation beamed with pride.

Texas has long played a role in the success of our space program, from the establishment of NASA's headquarters at the Johnson Space Center in Houston to the thousands of Texans who have contributed to the program's 48-year history. Discovery's six-person crew – a seventh astronaut remained aboard the International Space Station – included mission specialists Mike Fossum and Stephanie Wilson, who followed in the

footsteps of 39 other brave graduates from Texas colleges and universities to travel into space. Specialist Fossum earned an undergraduate degree from Texas A&M and a master's degree from the University of Houston at Clear Lake, while Specialist Wilson earned her master's degree from the University of Texas.

Space Shuttle Discovery's successful mission took place in the wake of improved shuttle safety procedures, and the program is now in position to complete the assembly of the International Space Station over the next 18 launches. I enthusiastically support completing the space station and equipping it to conduct further research. In August, the Space Shuttle Atlantis will deliver another major part of the space station structure, an additional solar array to provide more power for scientific experiments.

Research conducted on the International Space Station and on shuttle missions over the past 25 years has proven the benefits of the unique scientific laboratory of space. Freed from the restraints of Earth's atmosphere and gravity, scientists can conduct experiments leading to advancements in areas ranging from fire control to potential sources of energy, as well as medical technologies and physiology that will benefit all of us on Earth.

NASA has led humankind's exploration of space, but also has helped lead in scientific exploration of all kinds. As Chairman of the Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Science and Space, I work to ensure proper funding levels are authorized for all of NASA's worthwhile endeavors.

President Bush has announced a new Vision for

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## Learning and Living

By Becky Dobyns

*When I learn your righteous laws, I will thank you by living as I should!*  
-Psalms 119:7

# Japan Journal

## Part 5: Makuhari

June 10

This morning we got to sleep until 9! It was exciting - especially for sleep lovers like me. We went down to a bagel/muffin bakery on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor for a change since the hostel's free breakfast closes at 8:30. I got a brown sugar bagel and cream cheese. It was funny because I was wearing my shirt that says "Beten fur Deutschland" (Pray for Germany), and a German family was in the elevator on the way up! So I prayed for them.

I had a really good Quiet Time on the train. Anyone can have time with God anywhere...they just don't think they can. I was really thirsting for God and needing to be filled up in such a spiritually dark place.

Today we went to Makuhari, which is in Chiba (a part of Tokyo), for the first time. It is supposed to be the most modern place in Tokyo. Everything here has been built in the past 30 years; in fact, it used to be all water. It was once Tokyo Bay, but has now become "the ideal place to live". Shopping, offices, community centers, schools, and houses are all within walking distance of each other. It's also really clean.

First, we were all told to prayer walk around this area. That is the most essential building block of any ministry. Katy and I prayer walked in the mall - one of the hardest places to do so, I think, because of all the distracting shops, arcades, and ever-present materialism. There were six floors, and we prayed over every inch of them. The Hope tract, which presents the Gospel and gives the receiver an opportunity to receive a free DVD about Jesus or a Bible, got rejected three times in there. This was discouraging, but then one sweet lady accepted it. It was probably because I had bought something from her shop. Then Katy and I put tons of tracts in bike baskets that were parked around the plaza and prayed around that area.

Part of our group went to this place called the Sharp Building today. It's supposed to house like the most technologically innovative company in the world or something like that. We took this funny virtual tour where we got in a spaceship in these comfortable chairs, and it went up in the air and rotated. Shakespeare and Puck then came onto these screens and told us about Sharp's technology. Very strange. I don't know what Shakespeare had to do with anything, but whatever.

After that, I went with a few of the team to minister with the California Baptist University Choir. They found a busy area of the plaza where they could sing

Christian songs, and we mingled with the crowd that formed. It was cool because every single one of us got to have a conversation with at least one Japanese person that way. Katy and I talked to a group of six schoolgirls, and we showed them our pictures. They had never even heard of church or Jesus (even "Yesu Kirsuto," the Japanese word for "Jesus Christ"). We tried to explain to them, and we gave them some Hope tracts. We presented the basic story of why Jesus came and what He did for us. The two main ones that I talked to were named Miki and Mikari. We took pictures and exchanged e-mail addresses. All six schoolgirls SCREAMED all at once and pointed and jumped up and down when they saw my prom dress! "BEAUTIFUL!!" It was so cute.

Some members on our team got to talk to a Buddhist monk named Mashi about Jesus during 5-Minute English (practicing English for free with Japanese, which opens the door for spiritual conversations). As a matter of fact, my team is still talking to him about Jesus as I write. God has answered two huge prayers today. Yesterday in the Buddhist temple, we prayed that Buddhist monks might put their trust in Christ instead. And then we met one today! Also, Katy hadn't yet gotten to have a real conversation with anyone, so I prayed for her and today she got to present the Gospel! Way cool.

Oooh, this is cool too! Right now at the train station, my friend Amy is showing the tract to a woman and sharing her testimony about what Jesus has done in her life.

Okay, on that train we were waiting for at the train

station, something cool happened! Caitlin and Elizabeth talked to a girl who ended up being with Campus Crusade for Christ! She said she had come to Christ through a student missionary one summer, just like us! It was encouraging for her to meet other Christians who are trying to help Japan, and it was encouraging to us to see the fruits of what God is doing here.

Amy and Haleigh were feeling discouraged today, and as they were eating dinner and talking about Christ together, a Japanese man overheard, came up, said, "Praise the Lord!", slapped something down on their table, and walked away! When they looked back up, he was gone. It ended up being a devotional about not letting your fears discourage you, not giving up, and not letting things get you down. It's so cool how God works like that. Logically we should not be meeting this many Christians in Tokyo, considering how few of them believe in Christ, but I know that God has set us up to meet each other.

Six members of the team and I all went to eat at an upstairs restaurant near our hostel for dinner. All together, since we were sharing everything, we had roast pork steak, rice and spiced soy, eggplant, carrots, broccoli, and the best curry I've ever tasted. It was well worth the thirty minutes that it took for us to communicate with the waiter. Afterwards, we walked to Starbucks and talked for a long time. I love being able to WALK to all these places instead of driving for an hour!

Neil and Cace got to play basketball with some Japanese guys today. They had lots of fun because Japanese guys don't jump when they play. Neil said it's like a totally different game over here, and way slower.

I just read Isaiah 46, and WOW. Read it. It's awesome. Nothing can compare to God. Gods that we make with our hands cannot do anything. The true God is ready to change the world right NOW, but any leader wants his followers behind him. Are we listening?

# PARTY-PARTY-PARTY

This *Hot & Dry* Summer  
Calls for a *Cooling Down* Time!

The Plains Community Center Directors  
say that an Ice Cream Supper is in order

Date: August 19<sup>th</sup>

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Come join us for Fun, Good Ice Cream  
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## Borden County ISD Dress Code

The Borden County School's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

Borden County's students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health and safety hazard to themselves or others. Clothing and grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operation is prohibited.

The Borden County School prohibits pictures, emblems, or writing on clothing that

1. Is lewd, offensive, vulgar, or contains obscene language

2. Advertises or depicts tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited by the school

3. Refers to satanic, cult, prison wear or gang activities

The following guidelines will be used to determine appropriate dress:

1. Dresses, skirts, split skirts and shorts should not be shorter than two inches above the knee. A student will lose the privilege of wearing shorts for the school year upon a third offense. Parents will be notified when the second offense occurs. Shorts must be tailored (hemmed with no frayed edges). No spandex biker shorts or wind shorts are allowed (loose-legged, athletic running shorts) and shorts

shall not be too tight.

2. Wearing of oversized or baggy pants and/or jeans is prohibited at school or at any school-sponsored activity on or off campus. No "saggin, baggin, or draggin." Pants must be an appropriate length and not drag the floor. Boys' pants will be worn at the waist and properly fit the waistline. No excessively wide legged pants will be allowed. No trench coats, dusters, jail attire or paramilitary attire will be allowed. No chains will be allowed on school property or at school sponsored functions.

3. Shirts and blouses must be buttoned appropriately with midriff and back covered at all times. (Tops must be long enough that skin does not show when arms are lifted.) Clothing shall be designed, constructed, and worn in a manner that is not suggestive or indecent, and that shall promote proper decorum. The opening on any type of shirt shall not exceed the equivalent of the first button below the collar of a dress shirt.

Tank tops and "see-through chiffon blouses" will not be allowed unless they are worn with a crew neck T-shirt underneath it or a shirt worn over them during all school hours and activities. Tailored shirt shirrtails must be tucked in unless you have a crew T-shirt underneath the shirt. (All tailored shirts will be buttoned and tucked into the pants or skirt when representing Borden County in any extracurricular activity.)

Sleeveless blouses are permissible but must be in good taste. Appropriate undergarments must be worn and must not be exposed at

any time.

4. Footwear shall be a part of regular attire. House shoes are not acceptable footwear. No metal cleats or plates on the soles of shoes shall be worn in the building.

5. Hair shall be clean and well groomed at all times while attending school, school functions, and school sponsored activities. It will be styled in a manner that will keep it out of the student's eyes and not obstruct one's vision. No unnatural or bizarre hair colors or haircuts will be permitted. Eyebrows must not be notched or shaved in an unnatural manner. Male students' hair may be worn no longer than the top of the collar. In addition: geometric or unusual patterns will not be allowed to be shaved or cut in the hair, and boys may not wear ponytails, rat-tails, or braids.

Students are to be clean-shaven at all times. Mustaches and beards are not allowed. Sideburns shall not be worn lower than the bottom of the ear lobe and no wider than one inch at the base.

6. Boys will not wear piercing jewelry. Girls may not wear exposed piercing jewelry other than earrings. No tongue piercing will be allowed for boys or girls.

7. Sunglasses may not be worn in the building during school hours or events inside the building unless prescribed by a doctor.

8. Students may not wear hats, caps, bandanas, or hoods inside the building during the school day unless approved by the school administration. In addition, they may not wear such headwear when participating in basketball games, whether

## School Supply List

**Kindergarten:** Elmer's school glue (**NOT** paste), 2 glue sticks, 2 boxes of 16 crayons, scissors (**Fiskars for kids**), supply box (**cigar box size**), 4 #2 pencils, gym shoes, towel for nap time, 2 boxes of baby wipes or wet wipes, big eraser, 1 box of Kleenex, 2 folders (**with pockets**)

**First Grade:** 2 boxes of 16 crayons, 5 #2 pencils, supply box, scissors (**Fiskars for kids**), 2 medium sized bottles of Elmer's school glue, 2 glue sticks, 1 1-subject spiral notebook (**wide ruled**), gym shoes, large box of baby wipes, 2 boxes of Kleenex

**Second Grade:** 12 #2 pencils, crayons, Elmer's school glue, notebook paper (**wide ruled**), scissors, eraser, gym shoes, ruler, large box of baby wipes or wet wipes, supply box, 2 glue sticks, box of Kleenex.

**Third Grade:** 1 spiral (**wide ruled**), (300) 3X5 index cards, 1 ruler (**metric and standard**), 4 red pens, 1 bottle of glue and 2 glue sticks, 2 pocket folders, 1 box Kleenex, 2 large boxes of baby wipes, notebook paper (**wide ruled**), 24-#2 pencils (**not mechanical**), large eraser, gym shoes, supply box, crayons, colored pencils, scissors **NO NOTEBOOKS, PLEASE!**

**Fourth Grade:** Crayons, box of #2 pencils, 3 red grading pens, 3 folders with inside pockets (**no brads**), **wide ruled** notebook paper, 1 standard and metric ruler, 1 large inexpensive box of baby wipes, 2 glue sticks, 1 eraser, scissors, 2 boxes of Kleenex, gym shoes, 1 bottle of glue, 1 pkg. lined index cards.

**Fifth Grade:** 1- 2 inch 3 ring notebook, 1-red 1 1/2 in. 3 ring notebook, 1 package of dividers with pockets, 1 red spiral notebook (**wide**

**ruled**), 1 red folder with pockets, 2 pkgs. notebook paper-**WIDE RULED ONLY**, 1 box of #2 pencils, 4 grading pens, 1 black sharpie (**twin tip**) 2 large glue sticks, 1- 8oz. Bottle Elmer's glue, 1 box of 36 colored pencils, 1 box of 10 crayola markers (**broad tip**), 1 package of 50 crayola washable markers (**super tip**), 1-ruler (**with both inches and centimeters**), scissors, 1 package of highlighters (**5 colors-green, blue, yellow, orange, pink**), 2 large boxes of Kleenex, 1 school box

**Sixth Grade:** One 2" 3 ring notebook (**regular notebook-no zippers or flaps**), 6 pocket dividers, 30 regular dividers, 1 package highlighters (**5 different colors: green, blue, orange, yellow, pink**), 1 package map colors (**at least 24**), 1-5 subject spiral notebook (**with holes**), 5 packages notebook paper (**wide ruled**), 2 packages lined 3x5 index cards (**4x6**), 2 boxes Kleenex, 1 package red pens (**10 at least**), 1 package black pens (**10 at least**), 1 package pencils (**10 at least**), 1 package blue pens (**at least 10**), 1 glue stick (**large**), 1 package wet wipes, 1 good pair of scissors, 1 Mead Composition black and white book, 2 black sharpie markers, 1 folder with pockets, ruler w/inches and centimeters, 1 large supply box.

**\*\*ONE LARGE SMILE AND A GOOD ATTITUDE\*\***

**(7th - 12th)**  
**Mr. Ard - English (7<sup>th</sup>), English (8<sup>th</sup>), Speech**

A comprehensive list will be given the first day of school. Loose-leaf notebook paper (**wide-or college-ruled**) and black/blue/&.red ink pens.

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## Borden County ISD Dress Code

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actively participating or sitting on the bench.

9. Any clothing or grooming not listed above that is determined by the school administration to pose a disruption, interference, or safety concern to the normal school operation or Borden County School Community will be prohibited and addressed as appropriate.

A student who violates the dress code shall be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student shall be assigned to in school suspension either for the remainder of the day or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeat offenses may result

in more serious disciplinary action. The principal, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity (for example: cheerleader uniforms may vary from normal requirements according to principal/sponsor approval). Students who violate these standards may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the school administration or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary action.

Violations of the Borden County Dress Code may be handled through the Student Code of Conduct.

## School Supply List

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**Coach Avery – Social Studies (8th), U.S. History (9th), World History (10th), W. Geography (11th)**

Notebook paper, pens

**Coach Benavidez – Spanish I (10<sup>th</sup>), Spanish II (11<sup>th</sup>), Spanish III (12<sup>th</sup>)**

1 ½ inch notebook, **RED PEN**, dividers, notebook paper

**Mrs. Key - Math (8th), Algebra I (9th), Algebra II (10<sup>th</sup> & 11th), Pre-Cal (11<sup>th</sup> & 12th), Facilitator for ITV College Algebra, Computer Applications (8<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> semester)**

Notebook paper, spirals, folder, notebook, plenty of pencils, red pens

**Mr. Lewis - Science (7th), Science (8th), IPC (9th), Biology (10th), Chemistry (11th), Physics (12th)**

Notebook or pocket folder, pens. Chemistry: Inexpensive calculator

**Mrs. Mayes – English I (9<sup>th</sup>), English II (10th), English III (11<sup>th</sup>), English IV (12<sup>th</sup>), Government/Economics (12th),**

1 ½ inch notebook, **RED PEN**, dividers, composition book

**Coach Richey - Math (7th), Algebra I (9th), Algebra II (10<sup>th</sup>), Geometry (10th)**

Notebook paper, spiral notebook, dividers (5 or 6), pencils, red pen, highlighter, dry erase markers (2 or 3), compass, protractor (NO PENS), 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade-inexpensive calculator

**Mrs. Soto - 7th Grade Reading**

Spiral notebook, 3-ring binder, 1 package of ruled

## Shooting Sports News

Seth Naumann, Mathew Roberson, and Raylea Underwood traveled to San Angelo on July 13-15 to compete in the Texas 4-H Shotgun Shoot Out. Each shooter shoots 350 targets in this 3 day period.

Matthew participated in the Jr. Division competing against 10 other shooters. His results were: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place High Overall after a shoot-off for 1<sup>st</sup>; 1<sup>st</sup> in American Trap shooting 48 out of 50 targets; 1<sup>st</sup> in American Skeet shooting 44 out of 50; 1<sup>st</sup> in International Trap shooting 45 out of 50; 4<sup>th</sup> in International Skeet shooting 25 out of 50; 5<sup>th</sup> in 5-Stand shooting 27 out of 50; and participated in Sporting Clays shooting 80 out of 100. Matthew won a Beretta 391 Sporting Clay automatic shotgun for 2<sup>nd</sup> Place High Overall.

Raylea participated in the Intermediate Division against 25 other 4-H shooters. Her results were: 1<sup>st</sup> Place High Overall Ladies Division; 7<sup>th</sup> Place High Overall; 4<sup>th</sup> in American

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index cards (3" X 5"), black or blue pen, highlighter (any color), notebook paper (wide or college ruled), red pencil or pen

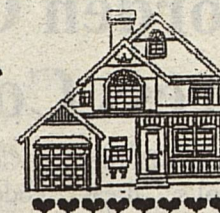
**Coach Turner – Social Studies (7th), Health (9<sup>th</sup>)**  
Spiral notebook and pens

**Mr. Wallace - Ag. Science (8th – 12th)**

8th grade: 3 ring binder notebook, 9 dividers w/labels, pens, pencils, and notebook paper  
9th – 12th grade: 9 dividers w/labels, pens, pencils, and notebook paper

## Heart and home...

By Julie D. Smith  
Borden County Extension Agent  
Family and Consumer Sciences



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## Food and Nutrition/Clothing 4-H Summer Tours

4-H youth interested in are being sponsored by the Food and Nutrition and/or District 2 Association of Clothing Projects are invited Extension 4-H Agents and to participate in the 4-H tours have **limited space** available, on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> in so please sign up today! Lubbock. Please contact the Extension Office (806-756-4336) for more information and to sign up. These tours

Youth will be provided transportation to and from the tours on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

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Skeet shooting 48 out of 50 targets; 3<sup>rd</sup> in International Trap shooting 49 out of 50; 6<sup>th</sup> in 5-Stand shooting 43 out of 50; 5<sup>th</sup> in International Skeet shooting 36 out of 50; participated in American Trap shooting 42 out of 50; and participated in Sporting Clays shooting 81 out of 100.

Clays shooting 91 out of 100.

Seth participated in the Senior 2 Division with 31 other participants. He placed 5<sup>th</sup> High Overall; 3<sup>rd</sup> in International Skeet shooting 41 out of 50; participated in American Trap shooting 48 out of 50; participated in American Skeet shooting 45 out of 50; participated in 5-Stand shooting 45 out of 50; participated in International Trap shooting 45 out of 50; and participated in Sporting

Matthew attended the 4-H State Shoot in San Antonio, Texas, the week of July 17. He participated in the Junior Division and represented Borden County well. The placings were awarded on the Lewis Class method. He placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in American Trap with a 46 out of 50 in Class A; 4<sup>th</sup> Place in American Skeet with a 31 out of 40 in Class C; 4<sup>th</sup> Place in International Skeet with a 33 out of 50 Class A. Matthew won 3<sup>rd</sup> High Overall in the International Games.

Congratulations again on your marksmanship! You have represented the 4-H youth of Borden County well as you participated in these and many other shoots this summer.

**REMINDER: BURN BAND IN EFFECT!**  
All of Borden County is under a BURN BAN.  
All trash barrels must have an appropriate covering before burning.  
Please take Special Precautions with any Fire during this time for the Safety of You and Your Neighbors.





## Let Me Get My Hat!

By Dennis Poole,  
Borden County CEA-Ag,

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## Coyote RHAA Competition – A Huge Success!

On Saturday, July 29, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Coyote Ranch Horse Association of America competition was held. Twenty-seven contestants from locals to as far off as Roff, Oklahoma competed. The results were as follows:

### Cowboy/Ranch Hand

#### Class:

1<sup>st</sup> - Josh Allen of Abilene riding Jades Smart Loop owned by Lytle Bend Ranch  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Josh Allen of Abilene riding Jades Smart Loop owned by Lytle Bend Ranch  
3<sup>rd</sup> - John Maeder of Roff, Oklahoma riding Herefords Starlight owned by Horseshoe Ranch

Top horse in the Cowboy Class went to Jades Smart Loop ridden by Josh Allen. He received a handmade bit donated by Clayton-Williams Ranch. Runner-up horse was Herefords Starlight ridden by John Maeder. He received a Mooremaker knife donated by the Munger Ranch.

Top horse in the Ranch Hand Class went to Jades Smart Loop ridden by Josh Allen. He received a handmade bit donated by C

& M Ranch. Runner-up horse was Uno Chex Hancock ridden by Bob Jones of Slaton. He received a Mooremaker knife donated by the Spade Ranch.

### Junior/Senior Class:

1<sup>st</sup> - Monte Hollar of Guthrie riding Tanquary Son owned by 6666 Ranch  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Kent Youngblood of Lamesa riding Docs Dual Peppy  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Monte Hollar of Guthrie riding Natural Future owned by 6666 Ranch

Top horse in the Junior Division went to Duhickey Magic ridden by Wayne Smith of Dickens. He received a handmade bit donated by Miller Land & Cattle. Runner-up horse went to Justa Dodging Whiz ridden by John Anderson of Gail. He received a Mooremaker knife donated by Jibber Herridge and Jym Rinehart.

Top horse in the Senior Division went to Tanquary Son ridden by Monte Hollar. He received a handmade bit donated by Indian Canyon Ranch. Runner-up horse went to Docs Dual Peppy ridden by Kent Youngblood.

He received a Mooremaker knife donated by JP Cattle Company.

This year a Youth Division was added as a new event. Those results are:

1<sup>st</sup> - Bailey Anderson of Gail riding Cupcake  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Bayley Falkenburg of Seagraves riding Woody  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Laramie Stewart of Munday riding Fire Ant  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Pate Stewart of Munday riding Bigun

Each contestant in the Youth Division received a set of reins donated by the Borden County Junior Livestock Association.

The judges this year for the RHAA competition were Jeff Williams and Rod Smith of Post, Texas. A special thanks to all who donated their time to announce, work the arena, transportation of cattle, use of cattle, and concession workers. All awards were sponsored by area individuals and ranches and we really appreciate your sponsorship. The awards furthered the success of this years competition. Thanks also to Cody Cooley and Tommy Cooley for wetting down and plowing the arena. If we missed thanking anyone, please know your assistance is appreciated!



## Feeding Horses During Drought Conditions

By Pete G. Gibbs

### Extension Horse Specialist

Late, 2005 and 2006 represent the third compromised hay crops in less than a decade. Horse owners who typically pay around \$3 to \$3.50 a bale for good grass hay during normal hay production years, have been faced with hay shortages and increased costs to secure good quality hay for horses. This has driven annual horse keeping costs upward by at least 25 %, with hay costs alone more than doubling in some cases.

Research conducted at Texas A&M representing previous dry periods has isolated changes in type of hay as the single biggest dietary factor associated with digestive disturbance in horses. Horses do not tolerate dietary change well, and the shortage of hay has caused some horse owners to have to feed hay of different types, or from different batches. Even the same type of hay can vary a great deal in quality, depending on how it was managed, when it was cut and where it was grown.

In typical years of adequate rainfall conducive to growing good Texas hay, horse owners have been able to be somewhat picky about hay and even ask for nutrient analyses prior to purchase. This spring of 2006, many owners are glad to just be able to find hay that is clean and free of mold, almost independent of nutrient content. This shortage of hay has prompted many questions about alternatives for meeting roughage requirements and keeping horses healthy with hopes for a good growing season this summer.

One way to stretch your existing hay supply is to

actually weigh each block or portion of hay prior to feeding, aiming for no less than .75% of horse body weight per day in long stem roughage. To keep the digestive tract healthy, this is the minimum, and daily hay provided between .75 and 1.0% of body weight will usually meet a horses need for chewing and for gut fill. Concentrate feeds that are higher in crude fiber than a horse owner might normally feed can be used to help decrease the need for long stem roughage. Feeds that are 14% crude fiber or higher will help, allowing horse owners to cut back to as little as ½% of body weight per day in long stem hay. There are even feeds on the market that exceed 20 % crude fiber, and this is enough fiber to keep the horse's digestive tract healthy, particularly if the feed is extruded, which can further slow rate of intake. Horse owners who have clean round bales can stretch the hay supply further by limit-feeding a round bale. This is easily accomplished by fencing or paneling off the round bale, allowing horses a limited amount of time to eat from the bale each day.

Some processed forms of roughage can also be helpful during the hay shortage. Processed roughage can be found in cubed and chopped/bagged forms. On a pound to pound comparison, these roughage sources are quite a bit more expensive than traditional square bales. However, the feeding value can be comparatively better because many of these alfalfa-based roughages have a guaranteed nutrient content.

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## Commissioner's Court Meeting

**WHEREAS**, On this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2006, 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, Presiding; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 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 June 26, 2006 were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

### ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

### COUNTY REPORTS

After examination of the reports, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the County Treasurer Report, County Family and Consumer Sciences Report, County Monthly Report and the County Tax Assessor Report. The County Agent report was not submitted. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion.

### COUNTY REPORTS

Commissioner Adcock

made a motion to approve the County Treasurer Report, County Extension Office, County Monthly Report, and the County Tax Assessor Report. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### CEMETERY

Commissioner Belew made a motion to Table Gail Cemetery improvements for further study. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### PRIVATE ROADS

Commissioner Smith made a motion to table the rate of charges for work on private roads as authorized by Art. 3, Section 52f of the Texas Constitution. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### FUEL BIDS

As advertised, bids were opened at 10:00 a.m. for the

purchase of Fuel for Precinct No. 1. A bid was received from Lamesa Butane Co. of Lamesa, Texas. Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept this bid for Precinct 1. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

An application for Soil Conservation Constructed of fireguards was received from Borden Gray in Precinct No. 3. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve the application at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for a motor grader and \$65.00 per hour for a dozer. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### 2007 COUNTY BUDGET

Commissioners held a Precinct Budget work session.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Cemetery improvements to be considered

### Mandatory Public Notification Language Notice of Drinking Water ARSENIC Violation

August 2006

The Texas Commission On Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the Borden County Water System that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for ARSENIC. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL ARSENIC at .01 mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for ARSENIC indicates a level of .026 mg/L in 2006

This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing ARSENIC in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system and may have increased risk of getting cancer.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

Borden County Water System is installing equipment to lower the level of ARSENIC to below the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) standards.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For further information contact the County Judge's Office, Borden County Courthouse, 117 E. Wasson, Gail, Texas 79738, phone 806/756-4391.

Van L. York, County Judge  
Public Water System ID#0170010  
P.O. Box 156  
Gail, Texas 79738

### ADJOURN

adjourn. Motion was second-  
A motion was made by ed by Commissioner Reyes  
Commissioner Smith to and approved unanimously.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BORDEN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT 2007 BUDGET

The Borden County Appraisal District Board of Directors will conduct its annual public hearing for the Borden County Appraisal District Year 2007 Budget at 12:00 p.m., on Monday, August 14, 2006. This meeting will be held in the Borden County Community Center at 116 E. Wilbourn, Gail, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget is as follows:  
Total amount of proposed budget \$71,189.00  
Total amount of current budget \$71,006.00  
Total difference between budgets.(increase of).\$ 183.00

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2007.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the appraisal district office.

Jill Freeman,  
Chief Appraiser

### Mandatory Public Notification Language Notice of Drinking Water FLUORIDE Violation

August 2006

The Texas Commission On Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the Borden County Water System that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for FLUORIDE. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL FLUORIDE at 4mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for FLUORIDE indicates a level of 5.3 mg/L in 2005 and 5.5 in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2006 and 5.6 mg/L in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2006.

This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing FLOURIDE in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Fluoride in drinking water at half the MCL or more may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than nine years old. Mottling, also known as dental fluorosis, may include brown staining and/or pitting of the teeth, and occurs only in developing teeth before they erupt from the gums.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

We are working to correct the problem by investigating the possibility of connecting to another system.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

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# Cash Give Away, Special Entertainment and Shopping at Old Mill Trade Days

The August event at Old Mill Trade Days in Post offers a variety of entertainment and shopping opportunities as well as a cash giveaway every day. "We had the cash giveaway earlier in the year and it was a big hit with our shoppers," explained Rosa Latimer, General Manager of Old Mill Trade Days. "We will be giving cash to shoppers all 3 days of the August event." Between Noon & 5 pm each day, shoppers can bring \$50.00 (or more) in OMTD vendor receipts (with that day's date) to the SE corner of the Weaving Room next to the Whistle Stop Café. Shoppers can trade the receipts for one draw from the Old Mill Money bin. The money bin will be full of cash from \$1 up to \$100 along with free passes to OMTD and gift certificates redeemable for a meal at Trade Days.

Saturday of the event features the Post City Idol finals. At 10:00 am, the 12 finalists from the 15 years & younger group will perform, immediately followed by the 10 finalists 16 years & older. Judges for the finals are Bryan Hughes, meteorologist for FOX34 in Lubbock; Kenny Maines, Cathy Whitten, and Glen Polk.

Kenny Maines will present a concert during the noon hour on Saturday and the winners of the "Idol" competition will be announced at 1:30 pm. The top contestant will receive \$100, a trophy and the opportunity to perform again

at Trade Days and also at the Garza Theatre in Post. Second and third place winners in each age category will also receive awards. The Post City Idol is sponsored by Old Mill Trade Days, FOX 34, the Post Dispatch and Coca Cola.

Sunday afternoon at 1:00 pm, Christian Country singing artists Ricky Russ, Genny Greenlee & Dub Shelton will take the stage at Trade Days.

Approximately 130 vendors will sell their wares during the three-day event. Along with jewelry, antiques, original art, collectibles, clothing, and furniture, food vendors provide a great choice of food such as funnel cake, barbeque, German popcorn, roasted corn, pizza, turkey legs and plenty of desserts.

Old Mill Trade Days is the first Friday, Saturday and



Kenny Maines

Event hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission on Friday is \$1.00 for adults/free for Senior citizens and on Saturday and Sunday \$2.00 for adults. Children under 10 are always admitted free when accompanied by an adult and parking is free. There is no additional charge for the entertainment events. Call 495-3529 for more

## Feeding Horses during Drought Conditions

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One solution to getting through these tough times is to use both clean, dry grass hay and a processed roughage such as those mentioned above. This can help stretch existing hay supplies. Again, for horses that also get some concentrate feed, total roughage at about 1% of body weight will usually meet the roughage need and minimize vices such as wood chewing and chewing of manes and tails.

Avoid some types of hay completely as several have been associated with various types of sickness in horses. Kleingrass should not be fed if it can be avoided, as there are indications that it can cause liver problems in horses. Given a choice, horses will select other grass hays over kleingrass, and voluntarily consume smaller amounts of kleingrass over time. Also avoid Johnson-grass, sorghum-sudan crosses (haygrazers), Russian, Foxtail and German millets if at all possible. Concerns over prussic acid and cystitis syndrome are the basis for this recommendation. Fescue is typically acceptable for most horses, except for broodmares during the breeding season. The last 90 days prior to foaling, mares should be kept away from fescue because of concerns over foal death at time of birth and the complete absence of milk production in some mares provided access to fescue. While prairie hay can be fed to horses, the nutrient content of this hay is usually quite low. So, if the prairie hay is clean and free of mold, a workable solution is to mix some prairie hay with a legume source such as alfalfa for horses.

If a horse that normally

eats hay quite well, refuses a new batch of hay, that should be a warning sign to the owner. Horses that are accustomed to good quality hay may refuse hay that is really mature and stemy, or hay that contains mold. There have been reports of square bales being offered for sale that were actually made by re-baling big round bales. If the round bales were of good quality, there should not be a problem. However, if the original round bales were weathered and contained any mold, a batch of square bales made from one large round bale could vary a great deal in quality from bale to bale.

Some of the senior feeds on the market are already being fed to old horses with teeth problems and to old horses that have had a noticeable problem with chewing and processing long-stem hay. These senior feeds are designed with enough fiber included so that older horses can eat the feed and actually do not have to be provided any long hay at all. Younger, mature horses fed these senior feeds can likely get by in the short term without any hay, however, a good recommendation is to still provide some roughage if at all possible.

For more information on selection and use of hay and processed roughage in feeding horses, go to <http://animalscience.tamu.edu> and click on equine science. Then go to the publications section and find information related to hay for horses, as well as feeding broodmares, growing horses and performance horses. For additional assistance, contact the Borden County Extension office at (806) 756-4336.

### BORDEN COUNTY ISD BID REQUEST

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School will receive bids for a school-bus.

Proposals shall be addressed to Jimmy Thomas; Borden County Independent School District; Box 95; Gail, Texas 79738, and shall be delivered in a sealed envelope marked "BUS BID". Proposals will be received up to but no later than 12:00 noon on Wednesday, August 23, 2006. Bids will be opened and read as they are received. Proposals will be tabulated, researched, and presented to the board of trustees for their consideration at the next scheduled meeting. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

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 bid specifications and additional information shall be directed to Jimmy Thomas by writing the above address; by e-mail to [jthomas@bcisd.net](mailto:jthomas@bcisd.net); or by calling 806/756-4313. (fax 806/756-4310)

By order of the Board of Trustees  
Borden County Independent School District  
Mike Valentine, Secretary

# USDA Guide Helps Agricultural Producers Protect U.S. Food Supply

(Post, TX) -- July 13, 2006 --  
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture has released a new guide to help agricultural producers enhance security at the farm level, announced Victor Ashley, County Executive Director for the Garza-Borden County Farm Service Agency (FSA).  
"There is no one-size-fits-all approach to protecting agriculture, but the 'Pre-Harvest Security Guidelines and Checklist 2006' is a guide that addresses potential security concerns for an agricultural operation regardless of type or size," said Ashley.

Food and agriculture bio-security is an important component of USDA's mission. Improving awareness through enhanced outreach and communications is a key element of USDA's homeland security efforts. The voluntary guidelines and checklists were developed based upon recommenda-

tions made by producers throughout the United States. Guidelines have been developed for general agriculture; dairy; crops; cattle and poultry security.

According to, Ashley, This guide is the latest in a series of materials produced by USDA to bolster food and agriculture security. USDA continues to work closely with its federal, state and local government partners as well as industry stakeholders to develop sector-wide guidelines. For instance, guidance has been issued by USDA for food processors and distributors, and for agricultural transporters in coordination with the trucking industry.

Agriculture and food account for 13 percent of the U.S. gross domestic product, 18 percent of its employment and \$140 billion in revenue. USDA continues to work with its federal, state, local

partners as well as industry in protecting the nation's agriculture and food production, from threats such as natural disasters and either the naturally occurring, intentional or unintentional introduction of diseases and pathogens as they do not respect geographic borders. The interconnected global food system contributes to our nation's economic strength by improving production and marketing efficiency and providing timely responses to consumer needs.

USDA's local Farm Service Agency Service Centers are distributing the "Pre-Harvest Security Guidelines and Checklist 2006" to agricultural producers throughout the country. For more information about USDA's homeland security efforts, go to [www.usda.gov/homelandsecurity](http://www.usda.gov/homelandsecurity).

and especially our young people - to go into science professions. Just as manifest destiny led American settlers into the West, our thirst for scientific knowledge will lead us into the far reaches of space.

This will allow NASA to implement recommendations of the Columbia Accident Investigation Board and provide relief for NASA facilities damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Vital research was being cut to fund emergency repairs, and this funding will restore core scientific missions for science.

"We must keep the dream of exploration of other worlds alive. With the help of increased funding, NASA can continue to expand our base of scientific knowledge while inspiring Americans -

# Neugebauer: "America is One Nation Under God"

Washington, DC-Congressman Randy Neugebauer believes that the United States is one nation under God and argues the Founding Fathers who wrote the Constitution would agree with him.

"The judges and activist groups who are trying to strike the words 'Under God' from the Constitution are attempting to write God and faith out of public life," Neugebauer said. "This was never the intent of our Founding Fathers, who themselves understood that faith is a part of public life."

To prevent judges from unilaterally striking the words 'under God' from the Pledge, the House approved the Pledge Protection Act, H.R. 2389, by a vote of 260-167. The legislation removes cases involving the Pledge from the jurisdiction of federal courts. In turn, the bill gives state courts the authority to rule on the constitutionality of the Pledge for their state only.

"The Pledge of Allegiance reflects the truth that faith in God has played a significant

role in America since the days of the founding of our country," Neugebauer said. "Therefore, it is appropriate that when we pledge our allegiance to Old Glory, we recognize that America is, indeed, one nation under God."

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## Shuttle Mission

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Space Exploration, which will see us replace the Space Shuttle with a new Crew Exploration Vehicle (CEV) that could transport our astronauts to the moon and eventually to Mars. We must continue our crucial leadership in the field of space exploration and scientific research, as well as intelligence gathering and use of satellites for national defense.

On July 13, I joined with Senator Barbara Mikulski in passing a bipartisan amendment to provide NASA with emergency appropriations.

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