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Joint Agreement Opens New Ground for Peanut Research

A joint development agreement between the Western Peanut Growers Association, Texas A&M University, Texas Tech University and the USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS) in Texas and Georgia has opened new ground for agricultural research on the Texas South Plains.

Representatives of these groups signed a memorandum of agreement in late January dedicating 320 acres of land near Denver City in Gaines County as a shared research farm.

"We decided the joint development agreement to promote a research farm was a good idea after taking a reading of our members. They decided we should do it," said Doyle Fincher, president of the Western Peanut Growers Association. "Our irrigation water is declining. We need more research on irrigation efficiency and water conservation to help us make the most of this limited resource in the future.

"We also need peanut varieties that are specifically suited to West Texas growing conditions. In short, we view our participation in this

endeavor as a way to help our growers maximize returns on the dollars they spend planting and growing peanuts."

Leased by the Western Peanut Growers Association, the farm will allow scientists and researchers to conduct a wide array of research and extension demonstrations, said a Texas A&M University peanut breeder.

"The farm will host research on crop rotations, peanut and cotton breeding, soil fertility, pest management and irrigation," said Dr. Mike Schubert, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station peanut breeder stationed at the Lubbock Agricultural Research and Extension Center. "How peanuts perform in rotation with other cash crops (such as cotton) under different management regimes is one of our chief goals at this site. Our success with peanut field research at the AG-CARES facility in Dawson County, and grower interest, was an impetus for putting the joint development agreement together."

The 240-acre Agricultural Complex for Advanced Research and

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Four Borden County Athletes and Coaches to participate in 6-Man Coaches All-Star Games

Four Borden County 2000 graduates will be making one last appearance on the court and field as representing Borden County, as they travel to Lubbock next week to participate in the 6-Man Coaches Association All-Star Games.

Julie Mayes and Lindsey Smith will represent the Lady Coyotes in the South Vs West basketball match up on Saturday, July 22nd beginning at 1:00 p.m. Following this game, Borden County's Justin Lawrence will be

representing the Coyotes at 2:30 p.m. in the South/West All-Star match up.

Borden County's Coach Gailand Winegarner will be coaching the West girl's team this year. These games will be held at Monterey Gymnasium in Lubbock.

Beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Lowrey Field, Borden Coyote, Kevin Pinkerton, will be getting fired up to help the West team take the victory over the East team in the East/West All-Star Football game. Kevin

will not feel completely alone without his fellow teammates because his coaches will be coaching the game. Coach Avery will be the head coach and Coach Richey will be assisting him.

The Borden County Coyotes will be well represented not only with outstanding players but also with an outstanding coaching staff.

Admission into all games will be \$10.00. Come out and watch these young athletes compete one last time in high school sports.

Most of Texas could be Cattle TB-Free when new federal regulations go into effect

The majority of Texas--252 of its 254 counties-- could be declared free of cattle tuberculosis (TB) infection, when new federal TB regulations go into effect in late 2000 or early 2001. Texas and other states have been working to eradicate this bacterial infection in cattle since 1917, when about five percent of the nation's herds were known to have

the chronic disease that causes internal lesions, and before pasteurization of milk, posed a public health threat.

Texas, New Mexico and Michigan are the only states not already carrying the "accredited TB free" designation from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Under the new TB regulations, New Mexico also would gain the "free"

classification.

"The USDA is poised to institute new cattle TB regulations, and states--or areas of states--that cannot be declared free of the disease will have more requirements when moving cattle out of state," said Dr. Terry Beals, Texas state veterinarian and executive director for the Texas Animal Health

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The National Society of Collegiate Scholars Inducts Ky Merritt

Ky Merritt, daughter of Tommy and Kelli Merritt has accepted membership in The National Society of Collegiate Scholars and will be honored during a campus ceremony this fall at Texas Tech University.

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) is a highly selective, national, non-profit honors organization. Founded in 1994, NSCS recognizes first and second year undergraduate students who excel academically.

The Society was established on the principle that with scholarship comes a responsibility to develop leadership and a duty to perform service.

"NSCS provides the opportunity for students, like Ky, to be recognized for their outstanding



academic accomplishments early in their college experience," said Steve Loflin, NSCS Executive Director. "Ky will also have the opportunity to join other high achieving college students in developing leadership skills and a sense of civic responsibility."

4-H News

Texas 4-H Scholarships top \$1 million for first time

The Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation 2000 Opportunity Scholarship Program is celebrating a tremendous milestone for the program, but more importantly for the youths, officials said.

The program will give more than \$1 million in scholarships to Texas 4-H members - the first time that any state has met that amount, according to Gayle Hall, 4-H and youth development specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Scholarship ranging from \$500-\$15,000 will be given to 155 Texas 4-H

members. The total in scholarships is \$1,018,900 according to Phil Pearce, foundation executive director.

"The 4-H Opportunity Scholarships serve both as a reward for youths who have been dedicated to 4-H work and academics and as an encouragement for those youths to continue to develop into productive leaders and citizens of the future," Pearce noted.

The Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Program is the largest 4-H scholarship program in the nation. It began in 1959 when the Houston Live-

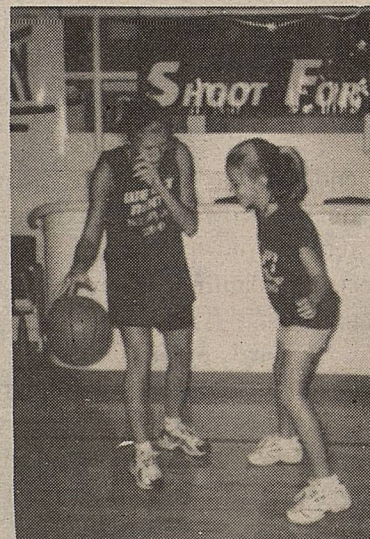
Basketball Camp Fun & Successful

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Baylee Benavidez
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Kisha Clement
Katherine Froman
Sharelle Gass
Laura Griffin
D'Nae Johnson
LaShae Johnson
Abby Jones
Erin Kitten
Emily Mayes
Chelsea Minnick
Lacey Newton
Cassidy Rinehart
Shylo Rinehart
Cristina Soto
Lindsey Stamper
Raylea Underwood
Kate Wallace
Hilari White
Rachel Wilson



Happy Campers . . . 25 girls attended the first annual "We Got Next" Basketball Camp.



On the ball...Erin Kitten, granddaughter of Bob and Cookie Dyess, guards Lindsey Smith during camp.



Ball-handling drills were a part of last week's camp as Hilari White, granddaughter of Bob and Cookie Dyess, demonstrates to Julie Mayes.

stock Show and Rodeo provided \$1,000 for a scholarship to be awarded to a deserving 4-H member. Since that time, the scholarship program has grown tremendously.

This year, funds for the 4-H scholarships are provided by 34 donors with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and the San Antonio Livestock Show being the two largest contributors, Pearce said.

Recipients of the 2000 Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarships were selected from more than 285 applicants. The scholarship application process culminated June 13 with the awarding of the scholarships during the Texas 4-H Roundup held on the Texas A&M University campus. Winners will be posted online at <http://texas4-H.tamu.edu/roundup/schwinn er.htm>.

Qualifying for a scholarship actually began many years ago for the applicants. The scholarships awarded are based on an accumulation of scores in five scoring areas. Those areas include: 4-H

experience, high school grade point average, college entrance exam scores, financial need (only considered for one donor), and a personal interview.

The 4-H experience of each applicant is evaluated by six judges who consider projects and activities, leadership, citizenship and community service projects, honors received, non 4-H leadership and activities and a personal narrative. To be competitive, the applicants must be able to demonstrate growth, responsibility and maturity in all areas over the course of their 4-H career.

Summer Paper

Since school is out, the Borden Star staff will be publishing the normal summer 4-page paper periodically throughout the summer months.

We still want your news to keep the Star the same quality paper, so if you have any news about summer activities, births, weddings, death, college students or any other bits of community information, please contact the Borden Star at 806/756-4402 or mail it to P.O. Box 137, Gail, TX 79738

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Texas Stories

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The tree that loves summer toys

I guess Dads will always be Dads. Their kids will always need some help only a Dad can provide. That's certainly the case with me.

My son and his family live in the Highland Park section of Dallas near a small attractive park that has a playground, baseball diamond and a big open area that is just perfect for throwing Frisbees or boomerangs.

My 9-year old grandson was playing with his brand new boomerang when it got hung up in a tall tree. His daddy tried his best to retrieve it, but it remained tightly secured to that tall tree.

They tried throwing things up at it to get it down. They threw a baseball up into that tree and it was lost among the leaves and branches and never came back down. They threw a baseball bag up there and it, too, became lodged in the foliage.

They went home, got a rake and started throwing it up there to try to get back some of their stuff. The baseball bat came down, but the ball and boomerang stayed up there.

They gave up. That's when we came on the scene.

When we arrived at their house for a visit, my daughter in law said something about the ultimate challenge. I asked her what she was talking about and she told us about the things in the tree.

Susan and I changed into our grubbies and headed for the park with our grandson. We didn't take anything with us. We had nothing to throw into the tree to retrieve the boomerang. But I knew we could get it down.

When we got to the tree, I surveyed the situation. I looked up there and saw the red, triangle-shaped boomerang hanging on a small twig. I noticed the lowest branch on the tree was at the ten foot level, too high to climb. The trunk was vertically straight and thick, no curves or notches or bumps for getting a good toe hold.

Nearby on the ground was a discarded pint-sized water bottle that had a little bit of water in it. I started throwing that up into the tree.

A man was playing catch with his son at the nearby

baseball diamond. When they noticed us, they came over to see what in the world we were doing. The man started throwing his baseball up into the tree, even after I told him about my son soling a baseball up there. One of his throws went right through the center of the boomerang. Another throw dislodged it and it fell to another small twig and got hung up again. I continued to throw the water bottle, which would lose water every time it came back down and banged into the ground.

My grandson went over to the playground picked up a shirt-tail full of pea gravel. Brilliant! We put some into the water bottle to give it weight. After a couple of throws, I hit the boomerang and it came down. I hung it on the door for my son to see it when he came home from work. He was impressed. I was proud.



Jace, Kortni and Karysa joyfully announce the arrival of their new baby sister

KARIGAN BROOKE

Born: June 20, 2000 - 12:20 p.m.
7 lbs 15 1/2 ozs. - 19 1/4"

Parents: Jay and Kelli Edwards, Midland

Grandparents:

Kenneth & Mary Lynn Williams

Billy & Sarah Edwards

Great-Grandfather: Harlin Williams

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Borden County EMS Member Profile

In an effort to inform Borden County residents of current EMT, Intermediate, and paramedic personnel in the county, *The Borden Star* will run a summer series profiling these people who volunteer their time in providing a valuable service for this county. Special thanks to Borden County EMS Reporter Brice Key for his input with this article.



This week's Borden County EMS Member Profile is **Nelda Burnett**.

Nelda lives at Lake Thomas and is an EMT Instructor at WTC in Snyder. She is a paramedic for the Borden County EMS and has been a member for 4 years. She is certified as a paramedic, instructor, examiner, CRP instructor, Advanced Cardiac Life

Support (ACLS); and Pre-hospital Pediatric Provider (PPP). She has served as a director, reporter and is presently serving as president of the BC EMS.

Nelda says, "I became an EMT to provide assistance to the Paramedic at the Lake and I liked it, so I stayed and become a paramedic myself".

Nelda wants the community to know that the Borden County EMS has some of the best-trained EMT's in the country. The ambulance and crew are equipped with some of the same equipment that is found in emergency rooms so that treatment can be started before getting to the hospital. She wants the citizen of Borden County not to hesitate to call them when they are in an emergency situation. That is what they are there for.

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Cattle TB-Free

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Commission. "Cattle herds in 252 of 254 Texas counties have been free of TB infection for more than five years and we will be asking the USDA to grant Texas 'split-state' status, so the majority of the state's 153,000 herd owners can continue to move cattle interstate without restrictions."

On the other hand, it could be tougher to transport cattle out of El Paso County and a small portion of Hudspeth County, two counties that will not make the "cut for TB-free status." State and federal animal health officials will meet with the area's producers to discuss the impending regulations at 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 18. The meeting will be held at the Texas A&M University, Agricultural Research & Extension Center on the southeast edge of El Paso, near the intersection of Interstate 10 and Americas Avenue.

In the El Paso Milk Shed, all but one of the 10 dairies have had recurring bouts of low-level TB infection during the past 15 years. A beef herd in the area also was found to be infected in the mid-1990's and was depopulated. The two cattle herds now quarantined in the U.S. are in this milk shed. Which runs along the U.S.-Mexican border in El Paso County and a small area of Hudspeth County," said Dr. Terry Beals. He emphasized that these dairies do not pose a public health threat, as pasteurized dairy products and cooked meat are safe to consume.

"In a last-ditch effort to finally eradicate this disease and stop the recurrence of infection, representatives from the U.S. Department of Agriculture have approached the 10 dairy operators about a possible one-time buy-out and liquidation of the

herds," he said. "Under the agreement, dairy cattle would be banned from the sites indefinitely." He pointed out that, even though this could solve the long-term issue of re-infection, the area still could not be declared free of cattle tuberculosis for at least three years after the last infected herd is destroyed.

He said new, more stringent requirements for moving cattle from the El Paso area could involve tagging feeder cattle with individually numbered eartags, and testing all breeding cattle for TB prior to movement. (Currently, Texas feeder cattle move interstate without identification, and TB testing requirements for entry are set on a state-by-state basis.)

"These additional requirements are no small order," said Dr. Beals. "Area ranchers and veterinarians would be significantly affected by the additional costs, workload and record keeping duties. TB testing all breeding cattle will be time-consuming, expensive and

could hurt trade opportunities for producers."

"We are working with El Paso area producers to determine how best to draw the split state boundaries and address other concerns of producers, so that we might minimize the impact on the area. I encourage cattle producers to meet with us, as these issues will affect us for the foreseeable future," said Dr. Beals.

Peanut

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Extension Systems (AG-CARES) farm near Lamesa, has hosted field research and Extension demonstrations on profitable cropping practices since 1990 under the sponsorship of the Lamesa Cotton Growers, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Peanut research there helped convince growers that peanuts are a viable and profitable crop on the South Plains. The need for more ground dedicated to peanut research grew in step with producers' interest in growing peanuts, Schubert said. "But peanuts won't be the exclusive focus on this acreage."

A short list of research-extension projects planned at this site includes: irrigation strategies and application methods (above ground and sub-surface drip) for peanuts and cotton grown in rotation; long-term soil fertility; the relationship of soil water and peanut and cotton diseases; weed control; harvest timing; inoculants and micronutrients; foliar-feeding insects; precision ag components such as global positioning and yield mapping; peanut and cotton variety trials' evaluation of experimental peanut and cotton lines; peanut oil chemistry and food quality evaluation; and side-by-side evaluation of peanut and cotton management

systems.

A farm manager, Ben Carreon, was recently hired to oversee the acreage and to help scientists and researchers improve the land and facilities necessary for full-scale crops research.

Some of the improvements and upgrades include installation of new irrigation systems on part of the acreage; trying two center pivot sprinklers together to ensure an adequate supply of irrigation water; drilling a new irrigation well; and extensive soil sampling for future site-specific precision agriculture research.

Construction of a farm headquarters building and equipment storage facilities are also part of the long-term farm development plan. Schubert said.

Grants and agency monies will enable individual scientists to fund their research at the farm. At the same time, the Western

Peanut Growers, Association will fund the annual land lease fee, basic production costs, and the farm manager's salary. The cost of future land and facility improvement will be shared jointly.

A nine-member steering committee composed of growers and research and extension personnel will guide the annual operation and long-term development of the farm.

The steering committee includes: Jim Grissom and Ted Higgingbottam, Gaines County; Tony Dill, Terry county; Aaron Thompson, Terry and Gaines counties; Mark Boardman, Dawson County; Dr. Dan Krieg, Texas Tech University; Dr. Don Wanjura, USDA-ARS; Dr. Calvin Trostle, Texas Agricultural Extension Service; and Dr. Mike Schubert, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. Grissom chairs the committee.

LEGAL NOTICE

Sale of Surplus Equipment

Borden County will accept bids for the following used equipment. Bids will be opened July 24, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. at the Borden County Courthouse.

Equipment can be inspected at Precinct #1 equipment yard. Yard is located 10 miles north of US 180 on FM 1054. Equipment is as follows:

- One 1983 diesel Ford Truck with dump body
- One 1979 gasoline Ford Truck with dump body
- One 1974 gasoline International Truck
- One 1962 gasoline International Truck
- One 2 wheel Welding Trailer
- One 1979 gasoline 2 ton Ford Dump Truck
- One 1972 diesel 290 Cummins International Truck Tractor

For further information contact Doug Isaacs, Commissioner, Precinct 1, phone 806/439-6619; Larry Smith, Commissioner, Precinct 2, phone 806/756-4346; Vernon Wolf, Commissioner, Precinct 3, phone 915/965-3393; Hurston Lemons, Jr., Commissioner, Precinct 4, phone 915/573-1459 or Van York, County Judge, phone 806/756-4391.

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