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Coyotes Set to Battle Meadow Friday Night Final Scrimmage Serves As Tune-Up For Season Opener

While some area schools kicked off their seasons last Friday night, the BHS Coyotes made final preparations in a home scrimmage against Jayton.

If that scrimmage is any indication of what's to come, the Coyotes will be ready to howl September 6 in Meadow.

Kick-off is set for 7:30 p.m. Coach Bobby Avery welcomes the leadership of four seasoned seniors: Brionne Jackson (quarterback), Talin Pepper (center), Raul Rodriguez (end, running back), and T.J. Sharp (running back). Another senior, Kevin Ellison, will be the team manager.

Pepper, Rodriguez, and Sharp each earned all-district honors last year on a Coyote team that went 5-5 on the season.

The Junior Class, though small in number, brings starter Andres Lozano (cornerback) along with quarterback Shane Tarleton and defensive specialist Dusty Gwinn.

Sophomores Adam Carter and Derek Rodriguez have seen starting time during the two scrimmages and will likely play a big role on both sides of the ball.

Other sophomores who look to contribute will be Ben Griffin (quarterback), Billy



Sharp looking guy – T.J. breaks loose for more Coyote yardage during last Friday's scrimmage against Jayton.

Roper (lineman), Tyler Wallace (center), and John Wilson (wide receiver).

This year's freshman class will find the following Coyotes in position come Thursday night in junior varsity games: J. Ryan Gickhorn, Derek Gwinn,

Andrew Lamming, Caden Nowlain, Aaron Pigford, Trey Soto, Austin Tarleton, and Garrett Thomas.

The junior varsity, coached by Trey Richey, will open its season Thursday night at home in Coyote Stadium against Meadow at 6 p.m.

Richey, Thomas, Wallace Win Back-To-School Golf Scramble

In the first-ever Duffers Classic held for employees of the Borden County ISD, top honors went to the team of Trey Richey, Jimmy Thomas, and Kate Wallace.

The team shot 2-under 33 on the Western Texas College golf course August 19.

The second-place team consisted of Bob Buchanan, Terri Buchanan, John Stroope, and Hayley Richey.

Other teams competing were Buddy Wallace, Sue Jane Mayes, Tommy and Charla Soto, Kevin and

Stephanie James, Trey Soto, and Garrett Thomas.

Kate Wallace won the longest drive contest on the number seven par 5, while Hayley Richey took the closest to the pin award on the number six par 3.

Tournament organizer, Sue Jane Mayes, hopes to make the scramble an annual affair for employees and their family members on the Saturday before school starts each year.

Special thanks to Kip Wallace for being the official photographer.



Back-To-School Scramble Team Winners – Jimmy Thomas, Kate Wallace and Trey Richey.

FFA News

FFA Begin Meat Sale

The Gail FFA Chapter has officially kicked off it's 2002 variety meat sales. The sale began on August 30th and will conclude on Sept. 23rd. The Gail FFA Chapter wishes to thank everyone who has supported their sales in the past and we look forward to working with you in the future. Anyone interested in purchasing products can contact an FFA member or the Ag Science teacher, Mr. Buddy Wallace at 806/756-4478 or 806/756-4313 (school).

Below is a list of FFA members selling these products:

FFA Salespersons:
Whitney Anderson, Megan

Brooks, Andrew Lamming, Brandi Hudson, J Ryan Gicklhorn, Caden Nowlain, Cassidy Ogden, Aaron Pigford, Austin Tarleton, Trey Soto, Garrett Thomas, Ben Griffin, LaShae Johnson, Cassidy Rinehart, Tyler Wallace, Amanda Boucher, Alexis Brooks, Shayla Gass, Dusty Gwinn, Menda James, Andy Lozano, Kyle Pinkerton, Shane Tarleton, Kyla Culp, Sunni Shipp, Raul Rodriguez, Brandy Shafer, Brionne Jackson, Bobbie Kempf, Dalene Kempf and T.J. Sharp.

Below is a list of items you may purchase:

MEAT SALE ITEMS

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| 1. Spiral Sliced Ham | \$33.00 |
| 2. Hickory Smoked Ham | \$22.50 |
| 3. Hickory Smoked Turkey | \$19.50 |
| 4. Pork Sausage patties | \$11.00 |
| 5. Peppered Bacon | \$12.50 |
| 6. Beef/Chicken Fajitas | \$14.00 |
| 7. Breaded Chicken Tenders | \$15.00 |
| 8. Pencil Link Sausage | \$13.50 |
| 9. Texas Beef Jerky | \$12.50 |
| 10. Pork Tenderloin | \$18.00 |
| 11. Tamales and Chili | \$15.00 |
| 12. Canadian Bacon | \$14.00 |
| 13. Smoked Turkey Breast | \$17.50 |
| 14. Jalepeno Cheese Summer Sausage | \$11.00 |
| 15. Snack Sticks | \$ 8.00 |

Parents Club News

Crispy Crème Donuts for Sale

On Saturday, Sept. 14th, the Borden County Parents' Club will be selling *Crispy Crème Donuts* beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the parking lot at the Coyote Country Store. This will be their first FundRaiser for the year.

Be sure and come by and get your *Crispy Crème Donut*

and support the Parents' Club.

Next Meeting Planned

The next Parents' Club meeting is planned for Tuesday, Sept. 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Building. Come and help make this the very best year ever.

4-H News

High School 4-H Club to Meet

The first meeting of the High School 4-H Club will be held on Wednesday, September 11 from 12:36 to 1:05 p.m. in the Conference Room. We will be electing officers and organizing this new club. Any high school student interested

is welcome to attend and be a member of 4-H! Those interested in community service are encouraged to bring a new pair of socks to be donated to an area shelter. Bring your lunch to the conference room next Wednesday and be sure to wear red, white and blue in honor of September 11. For more information contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or borden-tx@tam.u.edu.

School Menu Week Of:

Sept. 9th – 13th

MONDAY: Taco salad, corn, pudding, & milk.

Breakfast: Muffin, fruit juice & milk.

TUESDAY: Cheeseburger Mac, green beans, carrots, corn bread, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Pancake pups, fruit juice & milk.

WEDNESDAY: Bake Potato w/ham & cheese, salad, crackers, ice cream, & milk. **Breakfast:** Biscuits & gravy fruit juice & milk.

THURSDAY: Steak fingers, potatoes, green peas, hot rolls, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Cereal, fruit, & milk.

FRIDAY: BBQ on a bun, beans, French fries, cake & milk. **Breakfast:** French toast sticks, fruit juice & milk

COYOTE FOOTBALL

Thurs, Sept. 5th.

JV Coyotes vs Meadow Here - 6:00 p.m.

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Friday, Sept. 6th

Coyotes vs. Meadow There - 7:30 p.m.

Junior High 4-H Club to Meet

The Borden County Junior 4-H Club will meet on Monday, September 16 from 3:45 to 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. The program will be on Horse Health. Those interested in community service are encouraged to bring a new pair of socks to be donated to an area shelter. Any youth ages 9 (or currently enrolled in 3rd grade) through 8th grade are invited to attend.

For more information contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or borden-tx@tam.u.edu.

Borden Coyote Football Schedule 2002-2003

Aug. 30	**Jayton	Here	6:00
Sept. 6	Meadow	There	7:30
Sept. 13	Ropes	Here	7:30
Sept. 20	Ira	There	7:30
Oct. 4	***Highland	Here	7:30
Oct. 11	*Klondike	Here	7:30
Oct. 18.	*Sands	Here	7:30
Oct. 25	*Dawson	There	7:30
Nov. 1	*Loop	Here	7:30
Nov. 8	*Grady	There	7:30

*District Games **Scrimmages ***Homecoming

Varsity Head Coach: Bobby Avery

Assistant Coaches: Trey Richey & Kevin James

Band Director: Hector Agüero

Cheerleaders: Amanda Boucher, Shayla Gass, LaSahe Johnson, Emily Mayes, Cassidy Rinehart & Brandy Shafer

Mascot: Sunni Ship

Cheerleader sponsor: Lori Stephens

Jr. High and JV Football Schedule

Sept. 5	Meadow	Here	JV	6:00
Sept. 12	Ropes	There	JH	6:00
			JV	7:30
Sept. 19	Ira	Here	JH	6:00
			JV	7:30
Sept. 26	Wellman-Union	Here	JH	6:00
			JV	7:30
Oct. 3	Grady	Here	JH	6:00
			JV	7:30
Oct. 10	Klondike	There	JH	6:00
	Sands	TBA	JV	TBA
Oct. 17	Sands	There	JH	6:00
			JV	7:30
Oct. 24	Dawson	Here	JH	6:00
	Highland	There	JV	7:30
Oct. 31	Loop	There	JH	6:00
	Grady	TBA	JV	TBA

Cheerleaders: Kalli Poole, Lindsey Stamper, Sydney Shipp & Rachel Wilson. Sponsor: Cindy Herridge

COYOTE PHOTO PAGE *By LaNita*



Junior Shane Tarleton joins Senior T.J. Sharp and Raul Rodriquez after the Aspermont scrimmage

Aspermont & Jayton



Trey Soto and Garrett Thomas, Coyote Freshmen look on during the scrimmage.



Senior Coyotes, Talin Pepper and Brionne Jackson talk over the plan with Sophomore Adam Carter.



Willing & Able - Billy Roper, Tyler Wallace, Aaron Pigford and other Coyotes stay ready for action during the scrimmage.



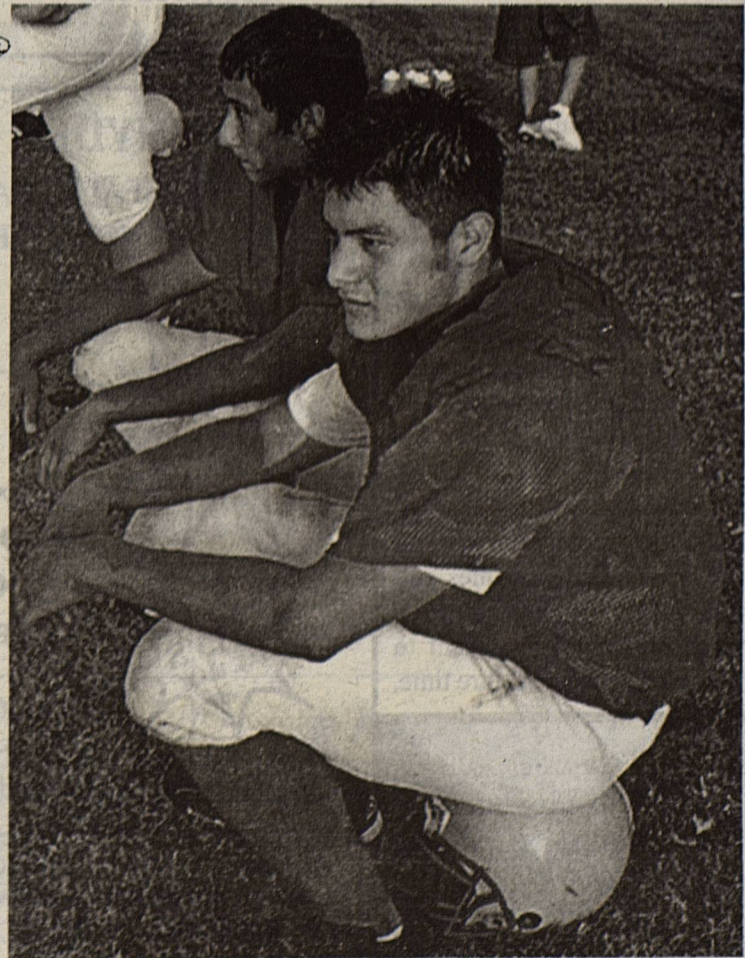
John Wilson, Kyle Pinkerton, Garrett Thomas, and J Ryan Gicklhorn kneel down after an injury to one of Aspermont's players. Junior, Kyle Pinkerton is recovering from an injury and hopes to join the action in a few weeks.



Freshmen Coyotes - Austin Tarleton, Caden Nowlain and Aaron Pigford watch and learn.



Freshman Garrett Thomas cuts back against a Jayton defender.



Taking a rest - Andy Lozano and Derek Rodriguez rest up after a defensive series



Heart and home...

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



Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. the Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

Investing at Your Bank

You probably know that you can use your bank to get cash, write checks and deposit money in a savings account. Now many banks also can sell you mutual funds, stocks, insurance annuities and other investments - and give you personal investment advice.

In 1999, a federal law, The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Financial Services Modernization Act, was passed making it possible for banks to merge with insurance companies and investment firms to create one-stop financial supermarkets. Hundreds of banks nationwide have converted themselves into financial holding companies as the law permits. The banking industry is also lobbying Congress to allow banks to sell real estate - someday you might be able to buy a home and get a mortgage through the same company.

Many banks offer deposit accounts, insurance and investment (brokerage) accounts at their branches and on the internet. Investments are also sold by investment firms known as brokerages - these include "discount borkerages" which allow you to buy and sell investments for a low fee.

Investments available at some banks include:
Annuities - contracts between life insurance companies and individuals which guarantee a fixed or variable payment to the holder at some future time,

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investors to a fixed return over a certain period of time.

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Stocks - shares in the ownership of a company. The value of stockholders' investments may rise or fall daily.

usually retirement, in return for a lump sum or periodic time.

Bonds - debts incurred by government agencies or corporations that entitle

U.S. Treasury Securities - obligations of the federal government.

Meeting Scheduled

A meeting is scheduled for **Monday, September 9th @ 7:00 p.m.** in the Borden Co. Courthouse, to begin preparations for the Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain.

Everyone in Borden County that is interested in keeping this Borden County Christmas Tradition continuing, is invited to come and help with the planning of this special event.

Your HELP and INPUT is Needed!



50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration



Don and Nelva Jones will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on September 7th, 2002. They were married on September 6th, 1952, at the First Presbyterian Church of Snyder and have lived in the Fluvanna Community since their marriage. Their parents were Mert and Ruby Jones and Bill and Jimmie Herring.

Don & Nelva will be joined by their children, Max and Janes Jones of Fluvanna, Donnelle and Randy Hensley of the Plains Community in Borden County, and Carla and Grant Sandusky of Roscoe and their 9 grandchildren in a celebration at the Wagon Wheel Ranch in Snyder.



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STENHOLM U.S. CONGRESS

Date: September 7, 2002
Place: Ericksdahl Picnic Grounds
Time: 4:30 to 8 p.m.

- ✓Casual Dress
- ✓Children's Activities
- ✓Drawing for Flags Flown over the U.S. Capitol
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Driving Around Waco

I visited Waco, the city where I was born. My nephew, John Lewis lives there and asked if I wanted to see the place. I did. I've always had fun in Waco.

He took me to our old house on Burnet Street. It was not a pretty sight. A rooster strutted among the old cars and trash. I remembered Blaze, my Shetland pony. He was kept in a lot behind the house. Blaze and I used to race motor scooters. We won every time. I could ride Blaze without the benefit of saddle or bridle.

Nearby was Bell's Elementary School where as a first grader I posed as a wounded soldier on stage during a War bond drive. I remembered the blackouts and the air raid wardens that came by to make sure all the lights were turned off. Back then, everybody was involved in the war effort.

We went to 16th and Clay where my daddy had the meat market leased in a grocery store. I used to play in a huge cave that was dug in a lot behind the store. It had electric lights strung along the ceiling and wooden boards on the floor of a tunnel that led to a large room.

We saw the Cotton Palace grounds and drove around the Baylor campus where I spent four of my best years. I told John some of my college adventures, like hitting golf balls out the window of our room at Brooks Hall or sailing pie plates before the

days of Frisbee. I was a trumpeter in the basketball band.

At Lover's Leap in Cameron Park, we threw rocks into the air and watched them fall into the

Brazos far below. The park is one of the biggest city parks in Texas. Mountain bike trails wind down the wooded limestone hills.

John showed me his law office in the renovated Waco hardware Building which has been transformed into an apartment, office, restaurant and entertainment complex. The famed suspension bridge is nearby.

On the wall of John's office suite is a framed picture of the cover of the yellow Pages. John's photo is on it.

I spent the night, then left the next morning for an

interview trip to East Texas. Before I left Waco, though, I took a ride around town by myself. I've always thought Waco is a beautiful city.

I saw the homes of old friends, the Red Cross Blood Center where I worked my senior year at Baylor. The building is now vacant and decaying saw the building, which housed Dub King's Ad Agency, where I worked for two months when I got out of the Army. I drive by the old Toddle House Diner, which my friends and I used to visit regularly. It, too, is ready for the bulldozer.

I saw the stately old homes on Austin Avenue and the mansions around the lake. One lot with a lake view is priced at \$399,000.

I went to Castle Avenue and saw the garage apartment my roommate and I shared our senior year. I saw Baylor Stadium, where our efforts at guarding the campus during homecoming my freshman year didn't prevent some TCU students from painting their school's initials on the stadium wall. The nostalgia was fun. I guess you can go home again. For a while, at least.

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GAIL TEXAS

SATURDAY NIGHT

COYOTE

BRISKET SUPPER 5:00 P.M.

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West Nile Virus

West Nile Virus [WNV] is an arbovirus [short for arthropod-borne virus] that may cause human disease, including encephalitis [inflammation of the brain]. The virus is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito, and can infect people, horses, and many types of birds. Most people who become infected with West Nile Virus will have no symptoms or only mild ones and will fully recover. Symptoms are flu-like, including sudden fever, headache, nausea and body aches. In severe cases symptoms include high fever, muscle weakness, convulsions, paralysis and, rarely, death. The risk of severe disease is generally low, 1 in 150 infections and usually occur in persons 50 years of age and older. There is no evidence to suggest that West Nile Virus can be spread from person to person or from animal to person. Humans and horses are considered dead-end hosts and do not contribute to the cycle or spread of the disease.

Although West Nile Virus can be carried in the bloodstream of over 100 species of birds, of particular concern are blue hays, crows and hawks, which die very quickly when infected with the virus. The State Health Department is testing these types of birds for the presence of the virus. To be tested, these specific birds must either be sick or freshly dead [within 24-hour period] to ensure tissues are viable for testing. Birds, which are decomposed, rotten or decayed or appear to have died from other reasons [killed by a cat, dog, or hit by a car] will not be tested.

Persons finding a dead blue jay, crow or hawk can contact the Texas Department of Health, Zoonosis Division in their area. Staff will determine whether the specimen should be submitted for testing. Bird testing takes place at the national Wildlife Health Center in Madison, Wisconsin and takes upwards of 10 days for results.

West Nile Virus was first detected in the United State in 1999 during an outbreak in New York. Since then, the virus has continued its westward movement across the US and into areas of Texas. West Nile Virus is dependent upon a bird - mosquito transmission cycle. Eliminating mosquito populations by fogging, removing breeding sites, or even through biological controls such as predacious minnows [Gambusia affinis] that will eat mosquito larvae will help to prevent human infections.

How Can I Reduce My Chances of Being Infected?

West Nile Virus in Texas, 2002 August 28, 2002	
Sample Type	Cases
Bird	182
Human	38
Mosquito	91
Horse	134
Total Cases = 445	

Roping and Barrel Race scheduled

The Scurry County Coliseum will host a roping and barrel racing events on September 14th - 15th.

Entries for the barrel racing must be postmarked by Sept. 8 and are to be sent to FB Barrel Racing, HC3 Box 191F, Kirbyville, TX 75956. The entry fee is \$45. Races will begin at 12 noon each day. Health papers and negative Coggins will be required for each horse at check in. Additional information can be obtained

Remember the "Four D's" to defend yourself against West Nile virus.

Dusk/Dawn are the times of day you should try to stay in doors. This is when infected mosquitoes are most active.

Dress in long sleeves and pants when you're outside. For extra protection, you may want to spray thin clothing with repellent.

Deet (chemical name, N,N-diethyl-meta-toluamide) is the active ingredient in many insect repellent products, it is used to repel biting pests when you are outside.

Drain standing water in your back yard and neighborhood - old tires, flowerpots, and Clogged rain gutters. These are mosquito breeding sites.

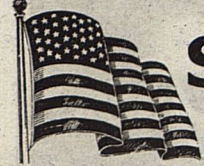
by E-mail at fbbarrels@worldnet.att.net or by calling 409/423-2551.

Martin Roping Productions will sponsor the roping, to be held in the coliseum annex. Books will open at 11 a.m. on both days, with roping to begin at 12 noon. Entry fee is \$60. For four head, pro after 1.A C&M two-horse trailer will go to the high point roper of the weekend. Information about the roping can be obtained by calling Joey Martin at 806/828-4104.

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Students Gather to remember!

"Patriot's Day" Community invited

The Borden County ISD students and faculty extends a cordial invitation to everyone in the community to remember the victims of the terrorist attacks on our country.

On Wednesday, September 11th, 2002, please wear your red, white and blue and come

join us as our hands are placed over our hearts to say the "Pledge of Allegiance" to remember the victims, and to honor those who exhibited great courage.

The program will take place in front of the High School building under the Flagpole at 12:05 p.m.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date (s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

District: Abilene

Contract 6089-86-001 for MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY in Borden County, etc. will be opened on October 24th, 2002 at 10:30 a.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$61,023.50.

Contract 6090-38-001 for HOT POUR RUBBER ASPHALT CRACK SEALING in Howard County, etc. will be opened on October 25, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$44,570.00

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Pre-qualified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit pre-qualification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Pre-qualification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 7322

State Office

Construction Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

DISTRICT OFFICE

Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, TX 79601
Phone: 915-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

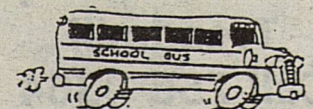
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BACK TO SCHOOL

Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 12th day of August, 2002, 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 L. YORK, County Judge, Presiding; **DOUG ISAACS**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 1; **LARRY SMITH**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 3; **HURSTON LEMONS, JR.**, Commissioner, Prec. 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.

Also in attendance were Commissioner Elect Prec. 2, Randy Adcock and Commissioner Elect Prec. 4, Joe Belew.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of July 22, 2002 were read. Commissioner Lemons made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried unanimously.

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

An application for Soil Conservation Construction of Fireguards was received from Kenneth P. Bennett in Precinct No. 2. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the applications at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for a motorgrader and \$65,00 per hour for a dozer. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PRECINCT NO. 1 COUNTY ROAD

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve work to be done on Lynn County

Road 391 (The Borden County-Lynn county line Road) by Jones Bros. Dirt & Paving Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$1.00 cost to Borden County plus possibility of some work by county Road Employees. Jones Bros. Will furnish all materials and equipment needed for project. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

BIDS

As advertised, bids for the purchase of a new Truck to be used in Precinct No. 3 were opened at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Cody Kinsey with Lubbock Truck Sales was in attendance. Bids were received from Lubbock Truck Sales, Inc. and from Bruckner's, Odessa, Texas. Commissioner Reyes made a

motion to table the bids for further study. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

RESOLUTION FOR TAX ABATEMENT

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to adopt the Resolution for Borden County to become eligible to participate in tax abatement as authorized by Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2003 BUDGET

Commissioners held a Budget work session.

Commissioners Court recessed at 12:00 noon to reconvened after the Public Hearing to be held at 1:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING DESIGNATING REINVESTMENT ZONE

Mr. Scott Rowland representative of Cielo Wind Power, L.L.C. and Texas Wind Power Company met with the Court and interested persons in a Public hearing held at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Court room. A discussion was held concerning designating cer-

tain property in Borden County as a Reinvestment Zone, which would be eligible for Tax abatement under Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code.

At 1:30 p.m., Commissioner Smith made a motion to close the Public Hearing and reopen the Commissioners Court Meeting.

REINVESTMENT ZONE

Mr. Scott Rowland, representative of Cielo Wind Power, L.L.C. and Texas Wind Power Company met with the Court discussing guidelines for granting Tax Abatements. Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve the Order Designating Reinvestment Zone for certain land in Borden County for the purpose of granting Tax Abatements (Chapter 312 Texas Tax Code). Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Isaacs to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and approved unanimously.

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WEST TEXAS HEALTH MATTERS

Health Care News for You and Your Family

by Patti J. Patterson, M.D., Vice President



It's Time to Bring Health Care Back to Your Community

Living a healthy life is a challenge for everyone, but in West Texas we face a unique challenge — access to health care in our small communities. It doesn't have to be that way.

More than you might realize, the western half of Texas is facing a shortage of health care providers. Nineteen counties in West Texas do not have a single physician, while 27 have less than three. The problem will only get worse as existing health care professionals reach retirement age.

We can stop this problem. Research shows that people who grow up in rural areas are more likely to return to rural areas to live and work. We must create a pipeline for students to become health care professionals.

The West Texas Area Health Education Program is a coordinated effort between the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, health care providers, communities and counties across West Texas.

In June, we opened the Area Health Education Center of the Plains (AHEC) in Plainview. In the coming months, the AHEC staff will introduce school-aged children to health care careers, provide rural training for students in health professions, offer continuing education to current health professionals and promote careers in health care to workers in other occupations. The goal is to establish similar programs to serve communities across the 108 counties Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center serves.

Next, we must reach out to students interested in health pro-

fessions with financial assistance. This year five entering freshmen who plan to pursue health professions received the Texas Tech Rural Health Education Stipend, valued at \$2,500 per year. It is renewable for up to four years of undergraduate education and may also be applied to four years of education at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

We must also prepare our students academically. This summer, college students participated in the Summer Academies. These students received up to six weeks of instruction in basic and social sciences, participated in a public speaking course, worked in clinics with professionals in their field of interest and attended lectures on rural health care practices and healthy aging. These academies are designed to help students improve skills they need to enter and successfully complete health professions training. Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center provided instruction, housing and dining at no cost to the student.

With health care providers in our communities, you and your neighbors will live healthier lives. Your community's next doctor, nurse or pharmacist is right there in your community. The next time you ask a young person about their plans for the future, suggest a career in health care. It could be the most important suggestion you've ever given.

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Texas Department of Agriculture Seeking Historic Farms and Ranches

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture is seeking applications for the 2002 Family Land Heritage Program, which recognizes farms and ranches that have been in continuous agricultural operation by the

same family for 100, 150, and 200 years. Since the program started in 1974, almost 3,700 farms and ranches have been recognized in 219 Texas counties.

"We must not forget our past," Combs said. "There was a time when few buildings and roads could be seen on the Texas landscape.

Instead, there were pioneer families, one after the other, homesteading on a great wilderness, building their homes and staking their claim to the land. This program recognizes these pioneers and the generations who have continued the farming or ranching heritage."

Farms and ranches that qualify will be honored during a ceremony in Austin in March 2003. The history

of the farm or ranch will be chronicled in the 2002 registry. Honorees can also obtain historic farm or ranch signage for their property.

Program applications are available through TDA, county judges and on TDA's

website at www.agr.state.tx.us. For more information, contact Family Land Heritage Coordinator, Melissa Burns-Blair, Texas Department of Agriculture, PO Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711 or 512/463-2631.

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