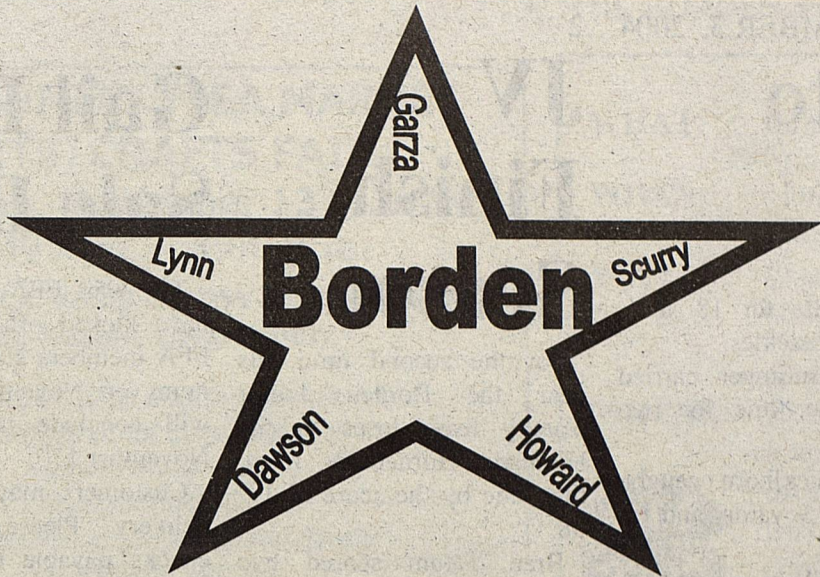


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Combs Reminds Cattle Owners to Test Herds for TB

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs reminds cattle producers to have their herds tested for cattle tuberculosis by December 31, the first step towards regaining Texas' TB-free status.

Texas' TB plan, developed in 2002 by a joint industry and regulatory working group. Originally called for testing at least 2,400 purebred beef and seed stock herds by the end of August, 2004. The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently announced that it was extending the testing deadline until December 31, 2004, to allow for more tests to be completed. If the 2,400 herds are not tested by the end of December, the USDA could revoke a temporary waiver that allows shipments of feeder cattle to go out of the state without restrictions.

"Testing these herds is a vital step towards our long term goal of regaining TB-free status for the Texas cattle industry," said Combs. "Since the deadline does not fall until the end of December, not only can cattle owners test their herds for free, they can take advantage of cooler fall months to work their cattle."

"We need the support of dairy and purebred beef

producers to find any possible remaining TB infection, to prevent further spread of disease and to regain our ability to move breeding cattle across state lines without a TB test," said Dr. Bob Hillman of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's regulatory agency for livestock and poultry health. "Allowing cattle TB to gain a 'hoofhold' would be extremely costly, in terms of credibility with consumers, and in our ability to trade freely with our interstate and international trading partners."

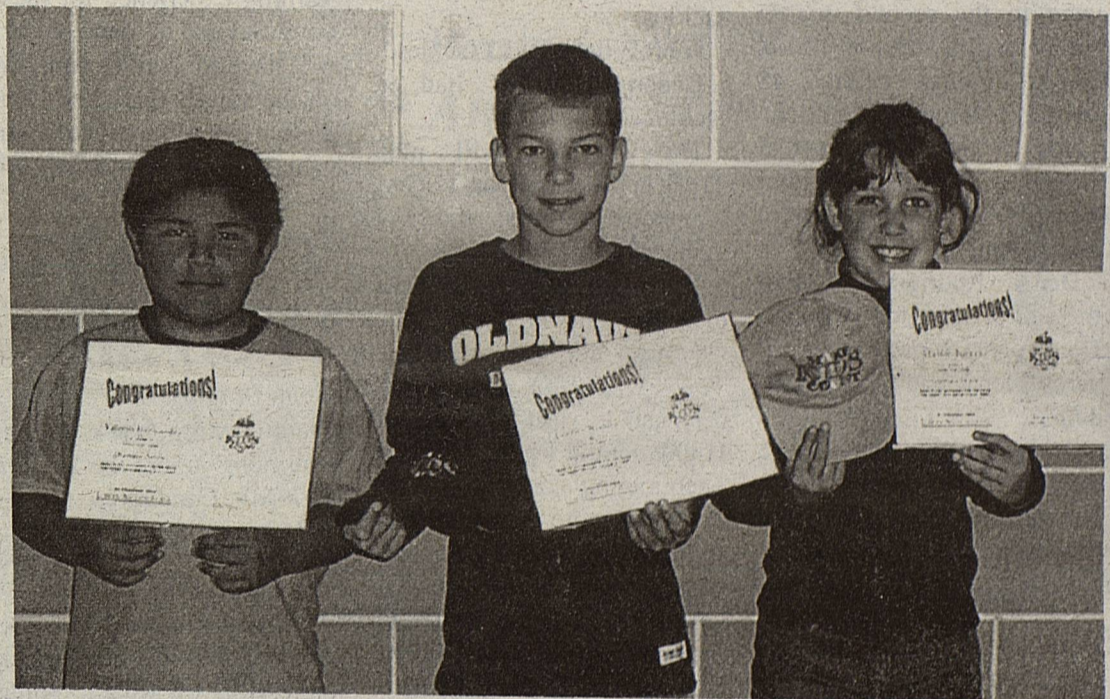
Since 1983, cattle TB has been detected in 19 Texas dairies and eight purebred beef herds. In 2000, Texas attained the TB-free status under the National Tuberculosis Eradication Program, but lost it in 2002, after two newly-infected herds were detected.

A joint industry and regulatory working group developed the Texas TB plan in 2002, agreeing to test 2,400 herds in return for a USDA temporary waiver allowing feeder cattle to move interstate without a test or official identifications.

Some beef producers are concerned that restrictions on

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Contest Winners . . .



The Borden County 4th grade class entered an Olympic Trivia Contest through the Lubbock Avalanche Journal. Students researched the Internet to answer their questions. Out of 100 "perfect" papers, three Borden County students' names were drawn. Valerio Hernandez, Tanner Richey and Mattie Turner received prize packages from the AJ, which included: binoculars, a cap, Tech Rowdy Rag, radio, stapler and other misc. prizes.

TxDOT highway conditions Web site upgraded

To make it easier for motorists to navigate their way around the Lone Star State, the Texas Department of Transportation has launched a more user-friendly highway conditions page on its Web site www.dot.state.tx.us.

"Motorists have been able to check our Web site for highway condition updates since 1998, but thanks to new technology, we have been

able to greatly improve the system and make it much easier to use," said Mike Behrens, TxDOT's executive director. "We recommend that anyone planning a trip in Texas check our Web site before they hit the road."

The new Web page features a Texas map that displays in real time highway conditions expected to last more than two hours and either close travel completely our cause

delays of more than a half-hour. Construction, weather problems such as floods, snow and ice, along with traffic crashes, fires and other incidents causing significant delays will be displayed.

To use the new system, go to the TxDOT homepage and click on the flashing "Road conditions" icon on the upper right. That brings up the roadway information portal,

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Coyotes Lose to Highland

The Borden Coyote varsity football team dropped another district game last Friday to the Highland Hornets, 52-6. Highland is undefeated in district play and 8-1 overall. The Coyotes are now 1-3 in district play and 3-6 overall. The Coyotes have one district game to play and the opponent is the Trent Gorillas. The winner will rank fourth in the district behind Highland, Ira, and Westbrook.

The Coyotes only score came in the second quarter Friday night, trailing 30-0, Garrett Thomas caught a 48 yard pass from Adam Carter.

Garrett rushed the ball 5 times for 28 yards he caught 4 passes for 116 yards and a touchdown.

Derek Rodriguez carried the ball 9 times for 19 yards. He caught 5 passes for 29 yards. Derek had 6 tackles on defense.

Adam Carter completed 13 of 32 passes for 163 yards, one touchdown and 3 interceptions. Adam had 11 tackles on defense.

Chase Pinkerton completed one of three passes for 37 yards and 2 interceptions. He

caught a pass for 18 yards and he had 2 tackles.

Michael Bullinger carried the ball one time for two yards.

J Ryan Gicklhorn caught one pass for 9 yards, and he had 8 tackles.

Tyler Wallace caught 2 passes for 18 yards.

Billy Roper caught 2 passes for 10 yards.

Andrew Lamming had 11 tackles and 1 interception.

Trey Soto had 5 tackles. Clint Chapman had 8 tackles.

John Wilson had 2 tackles. Caden Nowlain had a tackle.

The Coyotes will play Trent here in Gail on Friday, November 5th for the last game of the season.

"I would like to thank every one for your support of the Coyotes all season long. There was a lot of noise in the stands last Friday in Highland and I heard a lot of encouraging comments. You have one more opportunity to root for the football team this year. Every one come and support the Coyotes to victory against the Trent Gorillas," said Coach Avery

Coyote Pups Win Last Game of Year

The Borden JH Football team won the last game of the season last Thursday in Gail against the Highland Hornet JH team. The score was 14-6.

The Pups scored their two touchdowns first. The first one came on the opening kick-off as Michael Cooley ran the opening kick-off back 60 yards for the touchdown. The PAT was good for one point as Flynn Chapman ran the ball into the end zone. The Pups took a 7-0 lead.

The Pups next td came as Kegun Clement carried the ball on an end around and

went 40 yards for the score. A one point PAT was scored as Michael Cooley ran the ball into the end zone.

Highland then scored next late in the game to make the score 14-6. Highland threatened to score several times later but the Pup defense held them out of the end zone.

The Pups season ends with a 4-5 record and 2-3 in district play. Thanks goes to everyone for supporting these guys. You have been great and these guys have a good future ahead of them.

JV Finish Season

For the second time this year the Borden Junior Varsity team loses to the Highland Hornet JV team, this time by the score of 19-38.

Brad Tatum scored two touchdowns, JT Martinez scored a touchdown and Quentin Shafer ran over a point after. This was the last game of the year for the JV team. They finish the season 3-6, it has been a good learning experience for these guys. Several of these players will have to step up and play on the varsity next year. It is good that they get this valuable experience at this level.

TxDOT Web site

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where clicking "view current conditions" under the *TxDOT Highway Conditions* banner takes a user to the state map containing real-time information.

Color-coded dots on the map help viewers get a quick impression of what's going on in any part of the state. The interactive system allows a user to zoom in on a particular area or roadway for a detailed view.

"A TxDOT team put in a lot of work to make this feature user-friendly," Behrens said. "Anyone used to navigating the Internet should have little trouble finding their way around this page. And now they'll have less trouble finding their way around Texas, as well."

For those without Internet access, TxDOT continues to operate its toll-free road conditions hotline, 1-800-452-9292.

Your Local Pastor
Is as near as your PHONE...

Bro. Randy Hardman
Gail Baptist Church
Call: 806/756-4363
Mobile No: 759-9472



Gail FFA Meat Sale Begins

The Gail FFA Meat Sales have kicked off again. The FFA members started selling items on November 1st and will conclude the sale on November 17th.

Customers may pay upon delivery. Please make all checks payable to the Gail FFA,

The Gail FFA wishes to

express their thanks to all customers who have supported the chapter in their sale events. They look forward to working with you in the future.

Please contact any FFA member or Mr. Buddy Wallace if you wish to place an order.

MEAT SALE ITEMS

1. Cajun Meat Pies - 3 lbs	\$14.50
2. Smoked Sausage - 18 count	\$14.50
3. Peppered Bacon - 3 lbs.	\$13.00
4. Smoked Bacon - 3 lbs.	\$13.00
5. Pork Sausage Patties - 3 lbs.	\$12.00
6. Smoked Peppered Turkey - 2-1/2 lbs	\$16.00
7. Golden Chicken Tenders - 5 lbs.	\$18.00
8. Pork Tamales - 3 doz. per carton	\$15.00
9. Beef Fajitas - 2 lbs.	\$13.00
10. Chicken Fajitas - 2 lbs.	\$13.00
11. Sportsman's Pack - 4 items	\$20.00
12. Hickory Smoked Turkey - 8/10 lbs	\$20.00
13. Home Style Pit Ham	\$24.00

Test Herds for TB

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their herd would be enforced due to false positive results. But new follow-up blood tests have shown to be effective in eliminating needless culling or loss of genetics. To test a herd, producers should contact an accredited, private veterinary

practitioner and make an appointment. Testing is free. The Texas Animal Health Commission maintains lists of veterinarians who can conduct the test, and can be contacted at (800)550-8242 or www.tahc.state.tx.us for more information.

School Menu

Week Of: November 8th - 12th, 2004

MONDAY: Frito Pie, Salad, Pinto Beans, Fruit & Milk
Breakfast: Hot Pocket, Fruit Juice & Milk.

TUESDAY: Turkey & Dressing, Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Rolls, Fruit & Milk
Breakfast: Biscuit & Gravy, Ham, Juice & Milk

WEDNESDAY: Lasagna, Carrots, Salad, Garlic Toast, Fruit, & Milk.
Breakfast: Cheese Omelet, Fruit Juice & Milk

THURSDAY: Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese, Pickles, Jell-o, & Milk.
Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit Juice, & Milk.

FRIDAY: BBQ Sandwich, Beans, French Fries, & Milk.
Breakfast: Cereal & Toast, Fruit Juice & Milk

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SEEDS FROM THE SOWER®

Michael A. Guido
Metter, Georgia

They just returned from their honeymoon, and the husband said, "Now that we're married, it might be helpful if I pointed out your defects."

"Don't bother, darling," she replied. "I know them. They kept me from getting a better man."

The rose has its thorns, the diamond its specks, and everyone his defects. The Bible says, "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

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**COMMUNITY FLEA MARKET
ARTS/CRAFTS FAIR**

**Saturday, November 13th, 2004
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Borden County Show Barn - Gail
- To Benefit Local Family -**

Christmas Card Photography Booth

Fleece Hats for babies/toddlers

Sterling Silver Jewelry

Custom Made Cards

Baked Goods, Homemade Candy

Ledbetter Pecans

Raffle for NRA Print

New Items - Garage Sale Merchandise

Holiday Gift Baskets

Christmas Decorations

Holiday Wreaths and Centerpieces

Cindy's Famous Hot Sauce

Homemade Jelly/Preserves

Gun/Ammo

Concession-Grilled Burgers/German Sausage

And many other goodies

Community members have organized this area-wide flea market/arts and crafts sale to benefit the Pigford family with medical and living expenses.



Goodbyes can be happy and exciting.

Facing new challenges, meeting new people, and making new friends.

Goodbyes can also be sad.

Leaving your friends and neighbors, missing a "Bertie burger", or losing the comfort and security of Borden County.

So I'm just going to say "See You Later".

If your memories of the times we have shared together are just half as sweet as those that I take with me, I know you are full of joy and happiness.

Please call me (432)413-3620 or 520-3485; or write to me at 3301 South CR 1244, Midland, 79706; or e-mail me at nannakidd@cox.net.

In counting my blessings, one of my greatest joys has been living here the past ten years.

Thank you for making me a part of your community.

Jeanette (Koehler) Kidd



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Box 137- Gail, TX 79738**

WHAT: *Canned Food Drive*

(sponsored By Borden County 4-H)

WHEN: *Monday, November 1st through*

Friday, November 5th

WHY: *Please help us collect canned foods to*

be donated to families in Borden County and to the West Texas Food Bank.

WHERE: *Bring your canned foods to your*

home room class. The grade in each division that donates the most food

will win a "Sweet Treat" Party.

(Divisions are K-2nd, 3rd-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th)



A special thank you goes to Borden County I.S.D. for allowing 4-H to hold this food drive at school.

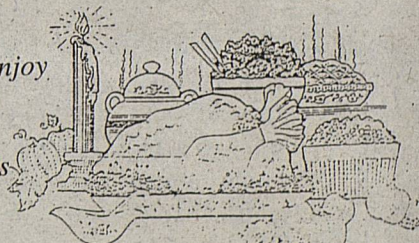
**Plains Community Center
Annual Harvest Dinner**

Sunday, Nov. 14th

12:30 - Potluck!

[Cleaning will be on Sat. Morning]

*Come and Enjoy
Visiting and
Eating with
Your Friends
Neighbors*



NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

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

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: **Abilene**

Contract 6121-42-001 for **LITTER PICKUP AND DISPOSAL** in **HOWARD** County, etc will be opened on **November 18, 2004** at **10:30 p.m.** at the District Office for an estimate of \$62,727.00.

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 Dist/Div 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: 14591

State Office

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

Dist/Div Office(s)

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.

From the Counselor

Mary Airhart

Borden County ISD Gifted/Talented Program

During the next three weeks, Borden County ISD will be involved in screening students in grades 1 - 6 to serve as a comparison study for the Borden County ISD Gifted/Talented Program. However, in accordance with its G/T Program Plan, the Borden County ISD is soliciting nominations from parents and community members for immediate attention to individual students.

Children and youth with outstanding talent perform and/or show the potential for performing at remarkably high levels of accomplishment when compared with others of their age, experience, or environment. Such outstanding talents are present in children and youth from all cultural groups, across all economic strata, and in all areas of human endeavor. The Borden

County ISD is making a concentrated effort to identify and serve these students through a cooperative effort involving parents, teachers, students, and community. The first step in this process is the nomination of individual students who are capable of performing at high levels. These nominations may be made by parents, teachers, and/or other students or community members. Do you know a student in this district who does things faster, more creatively, and with better understanding than other children of the same age? The Borden County ISD needs your help to identify such a student and would like to nominate that student for the G/T program, fill in a nomination form and return it to Mary Airhart at the school on or before Tuesday, November 16, 2004.

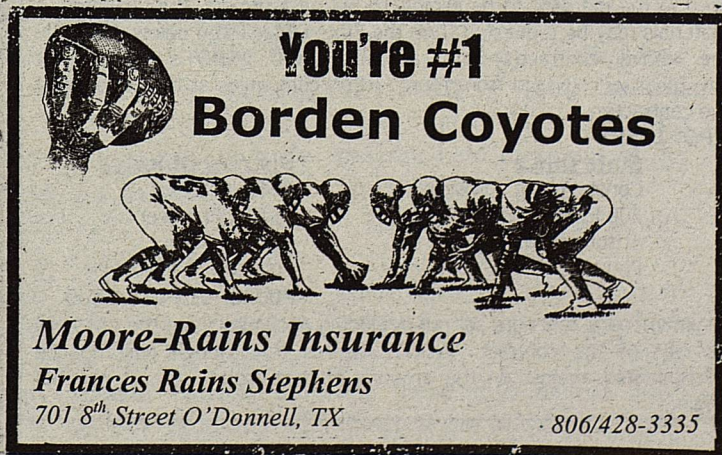
I would like to nominate _____
For the Borden County G/T Program, because, in relation to other students his/her age, she/he:

(Check any/all that apply)

- does things faster, sooner
- is more creative
- exhibits quicker understanding
- works more independently
- Other: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



You're #1
Borden Coyotes

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Scam Warning Signs

Just a reminder: Those who ask for money to supply financial aid/scholarship information are adding to their finances not yours. Scam warning signs are any of the following:

- You have to pay a fee.
- Money-back guarantee.
- Credit card/bank account information requested.
- Offer of exclusive information.
- Appointment for interview or financial aid seminar.

When in doubt, contact your school counselor or the National Fraud Information Center (NFIC) at www.fraud.org or call 1-800-876-7060.

A wonderful resource for financial aid and college planning is the workshop entitled "Destination College" which is available to any parent of a high school student at the Region 17 Education Service Center in

Lubbock on Monday, November 22. Please call me immediately (806-756-4313 Ext. 275) if you plan to attend so that I can register you in order to insure that enough handouts are available. Some of our senior parents attended this workshop last year and found it very helpful.

Contact Your BC EMS at 806/759-5111 Don't Hesitate to Call in Case of an Emergency!

DON'T DRINK and DRIVE!



8th Annual Borden County Home for the Holidays

"A Homemade Christmas"

multi-county program series

on Monday, November 15, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.

in the Community Room in Gail.

The favor of a reply is requested.

Please contact the Extension Office at (806)756-4336 or borden-tx@tam.u.edu to RSVP.

A nominal fee of \$8 per person will be charged at the door to cover the costs of food, program supplies, and the recipe book.

We hope that you will join us for a tasting of delicious recipes, entertaining tips, homemade gifts, food safety and storage, helpful holiday hints, and creative holiday decorations.

We will have fellowship and punch from 6:15 to 6:30 p.m. to allow an opportunity for everyone to visit. The program will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.

For a community service project this year, we ask that you please bring a new game or toy for the Toys for Tots program.

We will seek to provide all reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for any Extension program. We request that you contact your Texas Cooperative Extension office as soon as possible to advise of auxiliary aid that you will require.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

Make your plans now to enter your home and/or yard in the Christmas Decorating Contest sponsored by Lights for Gail. Entries will be judged on originality, quality and visual impact, and will be judged by an impartial party. Prizes will be awarded for the top three winners and will be announced in the Borden Star and at the Lighting of the Star.

Join in the fun! Complete and mail the entry form below and help decorate Gail for the Holidays!

CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

Name: _____

Physical Address: _____ Phone: _____

Directions to home: _____

Mail your entry to "Lights for Gail - Christmas Decorating Contest", P.O. Box 312, Gail, TX 79738. All entries must be received by November 22, 2004, and the location of the entry must be within a two-mile radius of Borden County Courthouse. Judging will be done on Friday, November 26, 2004, between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on outside decorating of your home and/or yard.