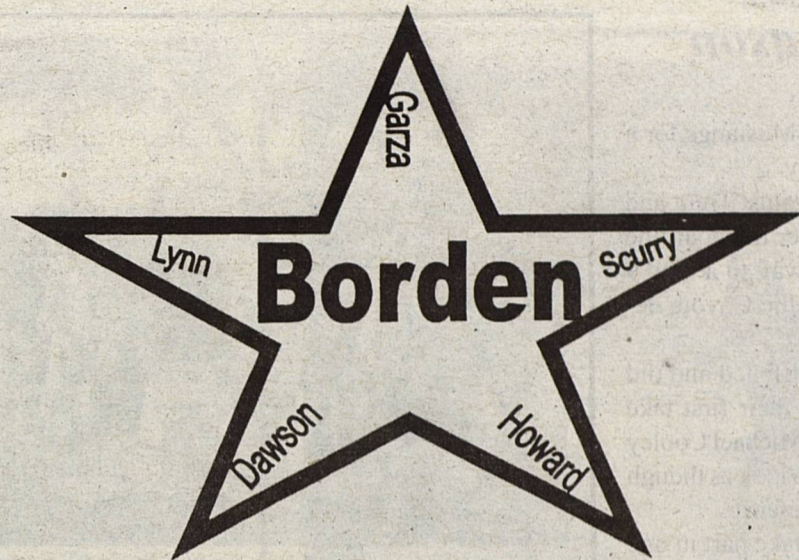


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## Coyotes Enjoy Successful Tune-up for Upcoming Season

### First Game Slated for Friday Night

The Borden County Coyotes traveled to Trent on Thursday to participate in a final tune-up for the upcoming season with a three-way scrimmage of Borden, Trent and Sands. The Coyotes were also christening the new football complex at Trent as they just recently built a brand new stadium with field turf as its playing surface.

The Coyote Junior Varsity consisting of Tony Soto, Brendan Tarleton, Tyrell Massingill, Clay Harding, Skyler Williamson, David Rodriguez, Michael Froman and John Hensley who was participating with the JV and varsity in this scrimmage.

During the JV's first defensive series, the Sands Mustangs managed to cross the goal line two times in their 10 plays. The Coyotes then took on the home team Trent Gorillas playing offense, but the Coyotes could not put together a successful drive.

The Coyotes then took their turn on offense against Sands. Two plays into this 10 play series, John Hensley busted loose for the first of his two touchdowns as he scampered 64 yards to pay dirt. Three plays

later, John set loose on a 35 yard run for the Coyotes second score. On the very next play, Tony Soto got into the action as he set sail on a 60 yard touchdown. With the score, the Coyotes won their portion of the scrimmage with Sands.

A few minutes later, the Coyotes took on the Gorillas again, but this time the Coyotes played defense. The Gorillas scored on the very first play, but the defense led by John Hensley shut the Gorillas down for the next 9 plays, but in the end the Coyotes found themselves on the short end of a 1 to 0 score against the Gorillas.

John Hensley led the Coyote JV with 104 yards on 5 carries and 2 touchdowns. John also caught 2 passes for 26 yards.

Tony Soto had 88 yards on 4 carries with a touchdown.

David Rodriguez had 14 yards on 4 carries and Brendan Tarleton was 2 of 6 passing for 26 yards. Brendan's stats could have been much better if not for a couple of dropped passes. Good job Guys!!!

The Coyote varsity, consisting of Quentin Shafer, Logan Howard, Pasqual Espinoza,

Flynn Chapman, Michael Cooley, Karl Lamming, Carlos Hernandez, Miles Valentine and John Hensley, took their turn as they opened up on defense against the Sands Mustangs. The Mustangs moved the ball down the field and threatened to score, but a solid defensive play by Carlos Hernandez and a pass break up on 4<sup>th</sup> down by freshman Miles Valentine ended the Mustang Threat.

The Mustangs continued with a new set of downs, only to be shut down with back to back solid plays from defensive ends Logan Howard and John Hensley. After the 15 play segment was completed, the Coyotes managed to keep the Mustangs out of the endzone.

The Coyotes continued the scrimmage with a 15 play segment against the Trent Gorilla's. Things did not start well in the first few plays, but Michael Cooley set sell on a 51 yard run. Two plays later, he finished what he started with a 5 yard touchdown run.

A long run by Quentin Shafer and a nice throw and catch from Miles Valentine to Flynn

Chapman led to another Cooley touchdown on a 12 yard scamper. The Coyotes continued their success in the Trent segment, as they did not let a dropped touchdown slow them down as Michael Cooley scored his third score of the scrimmage as he took a screen pass from Freshman Miles Valentine and turn it into a 41 yard touchdown.

After playing 30 consecutive plays, the Coyotes stayed on offense against the Sands Mustangs. Fatigue played a huge

part in the Coyotes inability to keep the high powered offense going as a very aggressive and active Mustang defense shut the Coyotes out for 12 plays, but on the 13<sup>th</sup> play, Valentine found what has looked to be his favorite receiver Flynn Chapman who collected the pass and rumbled his way toward a nice score, covering 30 yards.

Valentine found Flynn on the final play as Flynn caught the pass some 20 yards short of pay

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### School Has Now Begun!



Waiting patiently for the first bell of the school year to ring! Zach Bush, Tristen Benavidez, Matthew Ham, Zach McMeans and Matthew Proulx will begin this year as Mrs. Mayes first sixth grade class.

## Coyotes Gear Up for Season

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dirt and managed to push, shove and outrun the Mustangs for a nice 60 yard score and a 2 to 0 scrimmage victory.

The Coyotes took their defensive turn against Trent and the bigger Gorillas managed to push the ball over the goal line one time as they used their size to power their way to a nice 9 play drive and the only touchdown given up by the Coyote defense on the day.

After giving up the touchdown, the Coyotes stiffened and did not allow another first down and came up with their first take away as Quentin Shafer picked off a Gorilla Pass. Michael Cooley came up with a big hit and the Coyotes continued to look as though they are beginning to understand their roles on defense.

The Gorillas and the Coyotes decided to take part in one live quarter of action to give the guys a chance to get a feel for game situations.

The Gorillas started with the football, but good defense by Logan Howard and Michael Cooley forced the Gorillas to punt. The Coyotes took 4 plays to score, but the Combination of Valentine to Chapman struck again as Miles hit Flynn for a 24 yard touchdown.

The Gorillas moved the ball into Coyote territory, but a huge sack by freshman John Hensley and a big tackle by Flynn Chapman ended the Gorilla threat. The Coyotes mixed the run with the pass and methodically moved the ball down the field and eventually scored on a 2 yard run by Sophomore Michael Cooley to give the Coyotes a 16 to 0 one quarter victory. The Coyotes outscored the Gorillas 5 to 1 and the Mustangs 2 to 0.

Michael Cooley had 146 yards on 17 carries and 3 touchdowns. Michael added 70 yards on 3 catches and one touchdown.

Flynn Chapman had 5 receptions for 159 yards and 3 scores.

Quentin Shafer had 52 yards on 7 carries.

Freshman, Miles Valentine continued to impress at Quarter Back as he finished 8 of 16 passing with 216 yards and 4 touchdowns.

The Coyotes ended with 403 yards of offense in 42 plays. The defense gave up only one touchdown, which was a marked improvement as the Coyotes start to settle into their positions.

The Coyotes will next Open the 2007 season by playing host to the New Home Leopards at 7:30. The JV will travel to New Home for a 6:00 game on Thursday. Good job guys and good luck this week.

## FFA Blue Light Special!

The Gail FFA Chapter still has several meat items left from their 2006-2007 Sale. Prices have now been reduced in order to move items prior to school beginning. Blue light special! Anyone interested in purchasing these items can contact Buddy Wallace: 806/756-4478 (home) or 806/756-4313 (school).

Items available: Tailgate Party Pack-\$11.00; Smoked Sausage Kolaches-\$12.00; Peppered Bacon-\$10.00; Smoked Turkey Breast-\$12.00; Golden Chicken Tenders-\$15.00; Pork Tamales-\$11.00; Chicken Fajita-\$9.00; Beef Fajita-\$9.00; Cajun Meat Pies-\$10.00; Smoked Turkey-\$15.00. The Gail FFA Chapter wishes to thank everyone for their fund-raiser support!

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## Annual Golf Scramble

Those participating in the Annual Borden Open are (back row left to right) J. Ryan Gicklhorn, Tom Holcomb, Tony Soto, Buddy Wallace, Bob Buchanan, (front row left to right) Fernando Biaza, Sue Jane Mayes, Jimmy Thomas, Terri Buchanan, Haley Richey and Trey Richey.

## Wallace Team Claims Sixth Annual Borden Open

The annual back-to-school golf scramble was not settled until after three playoff holes.

Team members Buddy Wallace, Bob Buchanan, Terri Buchanan, and Tom Holcomb (minister of the Gail Church of Christ) took the 2007 title after a birdie on the third playoff hole.

The four-person team held off the efforts of Trey and Hayley Richey and 2006 BHS graduate J. Ryan Gicklhorn. Gicklhorn did win the longest drive contest after his drive on the par 5 number seven hole traveled at least 350 yards (generous estimate).

Holcomb won closest to the pin on the par 3 sixth hole and was presented a Bob Buchanan handmade golf club.

### Got News?

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ext. 275  
email:  
kdean@bcisd.net

## School Lunch Menu

September 3rd - 7th, 2007

**MONDAY** - Breakfast: Toaster Pasty, Fruit Juice, Milk. Lunch: Beef & Bean Burrito, Potato Wedges, Salad, Peaches, and Milk.

**TUESDAY** - Breakfast: Sausage, Biscuit, Fruit Juice, and Milk. Lunch: chicken Strips, Potatoes, Corn Hot Roll, Apple Slices, and Milk.

**WEDNESDAY** - Breakfast: Pancakes, Fruit juice and Milk. Lunch: Fajitas, Salad, Pinto Beans, Jell-o w/pear, and Milk.

**THURSDAY** - Breakfast: Cereal & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Meat & Gravy, Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Cobbler, and Milk.

**FRIDAY** - Breakfast: Biscuit w/gravy, Sausage, Fruit Juice, Milk. Lunch: Hot Dog w/çhili, Chips, Salad, Fruit, Yellow Cake w/frosting, Milk.

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## 2007 Borden County Coyotes Junior High Football Schedule

September 13	Wilman-Union	Here	5:30
September 20	Dawson	There	6:00
September 27	Southmid	Here	5:00
October 4	Aspermont	There	6:00
October 11	Open		
October 18	Loraine	Here	6:00
October 25	Tent	There	6:00
November 1	Hermleigh	Here	6:00
November 8	Jayton	There	6:00

Head Football Coach: Trey Richey  
Defensive Coordinator: Peter Benavidez  
Special Teams Coach: Fernando Baeza  
Assistant Coach/Trainer: Bric Turner

# Managing Stress

By Bryan Golden

Do you ever feel stressed? I stress a regular component of your lifestyle? What exactly is stress? What causes it and what can you do to manage and reduce it? What you experience as stress is the result of your reaction to the events, circumstances, and people you encounter. The more you feel frustrated, a victim, helpless, a target, or picked on, the more you feel stressed.

You are surrounded by potential sources of stress. Your job, family, friends, schedule, traffic, and finances are among the many possible origins of stress you encounter on a daily basis.

The key to managing stress is monitoring and controlling the way you react. Stress affects you mentally and physically. Mental manifestations include irritability, sleeplessness, a lack of focus, emotional swings, a feeling of helplessness, and a short temper. Physical symptoms include elevated blood pressure, ulcers, headaches, weight gain, and aches and pains.

Don't underestimate the destructive effects of stress on you. The consequences of stress can be debilitating. Left unchecked, stress can cut years from your life span and severely undermine your quality of life. Our innate fight or flight response is responsible for the physiological symptoms. Our bodies are designed to run from or combat any perceived source of stress. Modern society, however, prohibits us from doing either. Stress therefore finds an outlet by affecting us mentally and physically.

If you attempt to manage stress by trying to control your environment, you will only succeed in exacerbating your stress level. You can't change people or circumstances but you do have control over yourself. The only effective strategy for managing and reducing stress is learning how to manage your reaction to your environment.

Unless and until you change the way you react to stress, you will keep experiencing the same symptoms. You can't run away because wherever you go there are stress inducing situations. Only by changing you're your internal stress handling mechanism will you free yourself from the clutches of stress.

One effective method for managing your stress is constructing a written stress management handbook. The first step is to identify and write down everything that causes you stress. Next detail how you react to each of the sources of stress. The handbook is your own private document so be honest about what you react to and how you respond. Different people have varying reactions to the same circumstances. You are only concerned with your own behavior.

For each of your reactions, describe an ideal response that would minimize anxiety. For example, if obnoxious people stress you, your ideal reaction might be to ignore them without getting upset. Identifying the causes and effects of stress in writing enables you to formulate a stress management strategy. The following are some effective techniques for reducing your stress.

Take responsibility for your life. Don't blame others. You are the only one who has the power to change things. Make sure that you effectively communicate your feelings and desires. Don't assume that others know how you feel or what you think. Don't take personally the actions of others. If someone treats you poorly, it it's because they have a problem.

You don't want to allow frustrations and anger to build up internally. Doing so substantially increases stress levels. You need to re-structure how you interpret and react to sources of stress.

With practice you can train yourself to successfully manage and reduce your stress level. Doing so will improve your health and enrich your life.

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## Teaching Children of Former Students

Mrs. Sue Jane Mayes (center) is surrounded by former students and their children as the new school year began this week. Her former students are Peter Benavidez (left) and Bart McMeans (right). The children are (left to right) Tristen Benavidez, Zach McMeans, Mollie McMeans and Mallory McMeans.

## Borden County EMS ECA Class Meeting

Borden County EMS will be holding an orientation meeting on Sunday, September 2nd at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Cafeteria at Borden County School.

Items discussed will be ECA class to be held at Borden County and Class Schedule and

procedures Borden EMS currently serves all residents of Borden County with medical assistance and transportation at no charge. Borden County EMS is currently operating two Ambulances with eight organization members.

Borden County EMS is ag-

gressively seeking new membership to join the sponsored ECA class this fall. All interested parties are strongly encouraged to attend this important meeting and learn more about community service and involvement through EMS membership.



A gardener dried two hundred pounds of earth in a special oven. Then he poured it into a large container and planted a five hundred pound willow tree in it.

He watered it for five years, and then he weighed it. The tree had gained 169 pounds, and the earth had lost only two ounces - practically nothing at all.

Around you are hearts that are parched for the water of life. They need what you can give them. Help them. You won't lose by it.

The Living Bible says, "It is possible to give away and become richer! It is also possible to hold on tightly and lose everything. By watering others, he waters himself."

## 2007 Football Schedule Borden County Coyotes

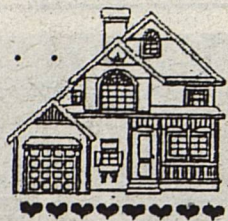
### Varsity

August 24	Scrimmage	Trent	5:00
August 31	New Home	Here	7:30
September 7	Robert Lee	Here	7:30
September 14	Wellman-Union	There	7:30
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## Heart & Home . . .

By Julie Smith  
Borden County Extension Agent  
Family & Consumer Sciences



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### School Bus Safety For Motorists

Another school year has begun in Borden County, as well as in the majority of communities across Texas! With school beginning, that means that the school buses will be out and about on our Texas Highways and County Roads. We need to keep in mind as motorists that we should take precautions in order to provide a safe ride for our county and state's youth. Here are a few tips to remember:

1. On county roads or rural highways, watch for school bus loading and unloading signs, as well as for children traveling to and from school (waiting for the bus at the end of a driveway, etc.).

2. Drive slowly, especially if you know children live in the area.

3. Watch for children playing or gathering near school bus stops.

4. Be alert, children sometimes dart into the street or road without looking for traffic.

5. Learn the flashing light system that alerts motorists that the bus will be stopping.

\* Yellow flashing lights mean the bus is preparing to stop and load or unload children. Motorists need to slow down and prepare to stop.

\* Red flashing lights and extended stop arm mean the bus has stopped and children are boarding or exiting the bus. Motorists must come to a complete stop a safe distance from the bus and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the arm is retracted and the bus begins moving before they start driving again.

### SCHOOL BUS SAFETY FOR CHILDREN

School bus safety starts with you! Every morning and every afternoon, keep these 10 rules in mind. They are easy to learn and simple to follow, and they start before the bus ever stops. So, be cool! Follow the rules!

1. Be on time.
2. Never run to or from the bus.
3. Stand at least 10 feet back from the curb or bus stop.
4. Don't push or shove.
5. Stay in your seat.
6. Don't yell or shout.
7. Always obey the driver.
8. Wait for the driver's signal before crossing the road or street.
9. Always cross at least 10 feet in front of the bus, never cross behind it.
10. Never crawl under a school bus.

Source: The National PTA

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Agriculture News  
by Cody G. Hill

## Biggest Costs of Bloat May Be in Undiagnosed Cattle

Cattle deaths due to bloat are an economic loss, but the greater cost may come during the early stages of bloat, said a Texas Agricultural Experiment Station researcher at Vernon.

"What you don't see will be the hidden loss of depressed animal gains ranging from one-third to a little more than one pound per day over a 60-day bloat period in cattle with slight to moderate bloat," said Dr. Bill Pinchak, Experiment Station range animal nutritionist.

"The loss in average daily gain may equal or exceed the total bloat death loss in most years," Pinchak said.

Wheat pasture bloat is the major non-pathogenic cause of death in the Texas stocker cattle industry, accounting for a 1 percent to 3 percent death loss in cattle grazing winter wheat pastures, he said.

But a bigger economic loss may be incurred because most producers don't recognize the less severe bloating, where it begins to cost them, Pinchak

said. At level one, with slight bloating or distension to the left side, cattle are already losing three-tenths of a pound of average daily gain per day.

Pinchak and a team of Experiment Station researchers are working to mitigate the impacts of bloat. So far their studies have shown it takes a weather change to prompt severe bloat onset. Also management can effect the severity of occurrence.

Management aspects involved include: land management (nitrogen fertilization) and grazing management (forage allowance), as well as intervention strategies (ionophores and other supplements), he said.

The studies have shown maximum fertilization in-

creases the amount of bloat, Pinchak said. Early winter grazing is generally not when bloat occurs. February through March, when the spring green-up begins, is a prime time for cattle to suffer from bloat.

Bloat is blamed for an estimated 2 percent death loss in the 2 million head of cattle in the stocker program in the North Plains, he said.

Bloat increases the pressure within the rumen and inhibits the nerves controlling belching, Pinchak explained.

Chronic stress due to bloat changes animal behavior and they spend more time idling. They are uncomfortable. Their jaw movement is less than if they are not bloated. They have much fewer grazing bouts during the day.

Collectively, the time the cattle spend off feed or at a reduced grazing rate can add up to decreased animal performance, Pinchak said.

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## Harris Receives Certification

Holly Harris, a 2001 graduate of Borden County High School completed requirements for licensure and certification as a speech language pathologist in May of 2007. She received a Masters Degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders from Abilene Christian University in May of 2006 and a Bachelor of Behavioral Science Degree in Speech Language Pathology from Hardin Simmons University in May of 2004. Harris completed a year of clinical fellowship in May 2007 while employed by the Abilene Independent School District which allowed her to obtain her independent State License in speech language pathology. She also completed the standards for certification of clinical competence in speech language pathology and passed the State Board of Examination for Speech Language Pathol-



Holly Harris

ogy and Audiology. Holly and her husband Link live in Abilene, Texas. She will be employed by the Taylor Callahan Special Education Cooperative during the 2007-2008 school year.

## 4-H News

### 4-H Re-enrollment Time

Anyone interested in being a 4-H member for the 2007-08 4-H year needs to complete a 4-H enrollment form. In order to be a member of 4-H, you must be enrolled in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and not be older than 19. These forms will be available at the 4-H meetings and are always available in the Extension office. *This is very important for any youth that plans to participate in a 4-H project, including a livestock project and the county stock show.* If you have not completed your enrollment form for the current 4-H year, please contact the Extension office immediately at (806)756-4336 or [borden-tx@tamu.edu](mailto:borden-tx@tamu.edu). We also have volunteer enrollment forms available for all volunteers that assist our youth in their projects. Please call or come by to get yours today!

### Cool Clovers 4-H Meeting

The Cool Clovers 4-H Club will meet on Tuesday, September 11 from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. The program will be on "Preparing for the Unexpected." Those interested in community service are encouraged to bring a new or slightly used children's book to be donated to the Children's Home in Jayton. Any youth ages 9 (or currently enrolled in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend. For more information contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or [borden-tx@tamu.edu](mailto:borden-tx@tamu.edu).

### Junior High and High School 4-H Meeting

The Borden County Junior High and High School 4-H will meet on Wednesday, September 12 from 12:20 to 1:05 p.m. The program will be on "Preparing for the Unexpected." Those interested in community service are encouraged to bring a new or slightly used children's book to be donated to the Children's Home in Jayton. We will also be electing officers for the new 4-H year. Any youth 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend. For more information contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or [borden-tx@tamu.edu](mailto:borden-tx@tamu.edu).

## Borden County EMS Offers Class

In a county the size of ours it is important that we have as many First Responders as possible. With this in mind Borden County EMS will be offering an ECA (Emergency Care Attendant) class this September. Classes will be held in Gail and there will be no charge.

As a certified ECA you will be able to perform basic first aid, CPR, help Paramedics and EMT's with their duties, and most importantly you will be able to drive an ambulance.

The strength of Borden County EMS has always been the giving spirit of our residents. Your county needs you at this time so please consider joining this class.

For more information you may

contact Mike Valentine at 806/759-5045, Philena Farmer at 806/759-5055, Buddy Wallace at 806/756-4478, Bric Turner at 806/759-5033, Carrie Hart at 806/252-4469, or any Borden County EMS member.

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## West Texas Rodeo Association Finals

### Hats Off to Borden County Rodeo Participants

The 2007 rodeo associations have crowned their winners after final summer competition, and Borden County students are well represented in those results.

Rowdy Clary, headed for Texas A&M, won the 2007 16-19 Year End Champion All-Around Saddle at the West Texas Rodeo Association Finals August 12. This event consists of tie down, breakaway, and ribbon roping.

Clary also won the champion tie down buckle and two rounds in the finals.

Another 2007 BHS graduate, Symeron Rinehart, won the 2007 16-19 Year End Reserve-Champion All-Around Buckle. He also won the champion ribbon roping buckle, two rounds at the finals, and had the top average in the tie downs at the finals.

Clary's brother Chance Taylor placed 9<sup>th</sup> for the 2007 season in the 9-12 boys, a large and competitive group. He won a handmade hoof pick and hay bag.

Other students placing and the events in which they participated are as follows: Dylan Murphy—Champion in the goat-tying 8 and under competition; Avery Price—17<sup>th</sup> in the 8 and under girls for 2007; J. Tom Price participated in the 5 and under Goat Ribbon Pulling. Cliff Price placed 5<sup>th</sup> for the



Borden County members of the 2007 West Texas Rodeo Association are (top left to right) Symeron Rinehart, Rowdy Clary, Cliff Price (bottom left to right) Avery Price, Dylan Murphy, and J. Tom Price.

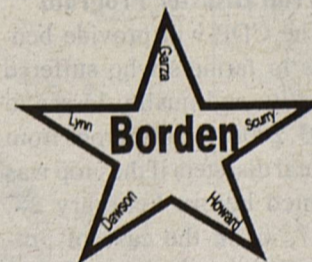
year in the team roping after winning 3<sup>rd</sup> on both days at the finals.

On the American Junior Rodeo Association (AJRA) circuit, Dylan Murphy was the 8 and Under Reserve-Champion All-Around Cowboy. During the AJRA finals, Dylan qualified for the short go in break away and goat tying. After competing in three rounds, he won the baverage in both the break away roping and the goat tying. For each average, Dylan received an event buckle.

The AJRA also awarded Clary a scholarship from their organization for \$1,500. Clary finished 4<sup>th</sup> in an AJRA round

and had the 4<sup>th</sup> best average at the finals.

This weekend, Chance Taylor cleaned up again at the Young Guns Roping in Sweetwater. Chance won cash and a buckle for winning the average in the 13 and under Breakaway competition, after roping three head in 9.6 seconds.



## School has Started!

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for the Children!

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BACK TO SCHOOL

# USDA Announces Disaster Sign-up Dates

By Shawn Wade

The U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced sign-up dates for the new Crop Disaster Program, Livestock Compensation Program and the Livestock Indemnity Program - three long anticipated ad hoc disaster programs that will provide benefits to farmers and ranchers who suffered losses caused by natural disasters between 2005 and 2007.

Eligible ranchers and other livestock producers can apply to receive benefits under the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) beginning September 10, 2007. USDA is developing individual fact sheets about these programs that will be posted online.

Eligible farmers can sign-up for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP) beginning October 15, 2007, if they suffered quantity losses to their crops. USDA will announce and conduct CDP sign-up for quality losses as soon as possible.

## Crop Disaster Program

The CDP will provide benefits to farmers who suffered quantity and quality losses to 2005, 2006, or 2007 crops from natural disasters if the crop was planted before February 28, 2007, or, in the case of prevented plantings, for crops that would have been planted before February 28, 2007.

Producers who incurred qualifying losses in 2005, 2006 or 2007 must choose only one year to apply for benefits. Producers may apply for benefits for losses to multiple commodities as long as the losses occurred in the same crop year.

As previously reported only producers who obtained crop insurance coverage or coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) for the year of loss will

be eligible for CDP benefits. Producers must have suffered quantity losses in excess of 35 percent to be eligible for CDP.

A more complete rundown of rules and information governing the new CDP should be available prior to the start of CDP sign-up on October 15. In the meantime, potential CDP participants are encouraged to download the 2005/2006 CDP Disaster Calculator compiled by Texas Cooperative Extension Risk Management Specialist Jay Yates of Lubbock. A download link to the Microsoft Excel-based calculator can be found on the Plains Cotton Growers home page at:

[www.plainscotton.org](http://www.plainscotton.org)

## Livestock Compensation Program

The LCP will compensate livestock producers for feed losses occurring between January 1, 2005, and February 28, 2007, due to a natural disaster. This can include producers who suffered losses resulting from blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007.

Livestock producers may elect to receive compensation for calendar year 2007 grazing season losses that are attributable to wildfire natural disaster occurring during the applicable period as determined by

the Secretary of Agriculture.

Producers in primary counties declared secretarial disaster areas or certain counties declared presidential disaster areas between January 1, 2005, and February 28, 2007, are eligible as are producers located

in counties contiguous to those counties.

Also, producers in a primary (or contiguous) county that received an Administrator's Physical Loss Notice directly associated with a disaster dec-

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## TxDOT Promotes Roby Rios as Maintenance Section Assistant in Howard County

Roberto Rios, a longtime resident of Borden County, was promoted to maintenance section assistant for the Texas Department of Transportation's Howard County maintenance section, effective May 1, 2007.

He went to work for TxDOT in July of 1998 as a maintenance Tech I in the Howard County section and steadily worked his way up to crew chief before being promoted to assistant.

Rios was born in Dilley, TX and moved to O'Donnell a short time later. He attended school in Borden County and lived there until he married Jan. They moved to Coahoma in 1995.

Roby and Jan have two sons, Nick age 15 and Sammy age 20.

Roby enjoys mechanic work, racing cars with his buddies from Lamesa and anything having to do with Dale Earnhardt Sr. and Dale Jr. He also enjoys anything having to do with history and watching old Western movies.

## Public Notice

Who exactly is a child with "special Needs"? We know that all children have needs and that every child is special. However, the needs of some children are greater than or different from those of the typical child. The special need might be in the area of mental, social, emotional, or physical development. If you are the parent or a friend of a child that might qualify for individual services, call Becky Nix, Special Education Director of Borden County ISD, Dawson ISD, and Klondike ISD at 806-756-4313 ext. 269, or contact the Child Find Coordina-

## Barbeque Benefit Meal

for

### Eddie Boucher

To assist with expenses from his accident and surgery

Sept. 9th

From 12:00 - 1:30

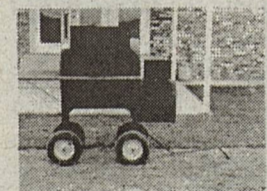
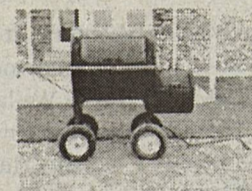
Following Morning Worship  
At the First Baptist Church  
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*"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus Himself said: It is more blessed to give than to receive."*  
Acts 20:35

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at the Borden County Show Barn in Gail.  
You do not have to be present to win!

# Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
Tumbleweed Smith

Some Words From A Funny Man

I first met Lee Bartlett when he was chief of police in Brownfield. It was in the seventies and my hair was longer than it is now and I had a beard. He was familiar with my radio program and quickly said yes when I told him I was in town and wanted to interview him.

When I walked into his office, I thought he was going to arrest me for not having a fresh haircut and shave.

He lives in Gatesville now and while I was there the other day, I called and asked him to come down to the Gatesville Messenger for a visit. I hadn't seen him in 30 years. The first thing he said when he got to the paper was "I see you've shaved."

Lee Bartlett was making humorous speeches back then and he still does them occasionally when they don't interfere with his golf game. "I play every day I'm able," says Lee, "and I'm able most every day."

We warm up for our golf game by playing dominoes first. That loosens us up."

He is a popular figure around Gatesville and I can understand why.

He is friendly-looking and loves to talk. He's happy and he's funny.

After he left Brownfield he ran an ambulance service in Lamesa, then moved to Gatesville and sold tires. He says selling tires is sort of like police work.

"You're still dealing with the public and they're usually upset about something."

His speaking experiences started with talking to youngsters about safety. Then he joined Toastmasters. The local club entered him in a contest and he won the highest award Toastmasters gives. That

speech was about the adventures of a rookie policeman. After that, he had all the free speeches he wanted. He made lots of speeches while doing police work. He'd make talks and throw people in jail.

"I've probably enjoyed making people laugh as much as anything I've ever done in my life. I think that's what's wrong with the world now.

We don't laugh enough. We need to laugh at ourselves more." Lee is nearly seventy now and still gets calls to speak. He has appeared at podiums all over Texas and New Mexico and never got paid for a speech, even though people have offered him money.

"I figure if God gave me the talent to make people laugh, I didn't need to get paid for it. If there's 40 or 400 in the audience and they're all smiling and laughing, that's better than money any day. I use lots of one-liners and sometimes pick on people in the audience. I might get serious for about 30 seconds at the end. But I never did think being serious was good for you. I think most people go to a banquet to eat, drink and laugh. I don't talk about the government or current events. I don't have anything dirty. You might call my speeches homespun. I tell 'em 4 out of 5 people suffer from diarrhea. Does that mean there's one that enjoys it?"



## USDA Disaster Sign-up Dates

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laration made by President Bush may also be eligible.

Producers incurring a loss in more than one of the 2005, 2006 or 2007 calendar years must choose only one year for which they want to apply for benefits.

### Livestock Indemnity Program

The LIP will compensate livestock producers for livestock losses between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, that resulted from natural disasters, including losses due to blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007.

Producers in primary counties declared secretarial disaster areas or certain counties declared presidential disaster areas between Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, are eligible as are producers located in counties contiguous to those counties.

Also, producers in a primary (or contiguous) county that received an Administrator's Physical Loss Notice directly associated with a disaster declaration made by President Bush may also be eligible.

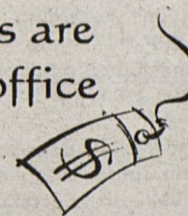
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More information about LCP, LIP and CDP is available in a fact sheet titled, Agricultural Assistance Act of 2007, found on FSA's Web site, <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>; click on Disaster Assistance Programs.

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**BORDEN COUNTY ISD  
PAVING BID REQUEST**

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive bids for paving and repairs to school parking lots.

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 "PAVING BID". Proposals will be received up to but no later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, September 13, 2007. 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.

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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 (office 806-756-4313) (cell 806-759-5467) (fax 806-756-4310)

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Mike Valentine, Secretary

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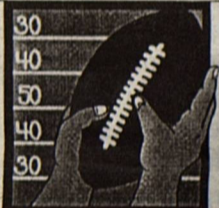
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# August 2007

(Updated)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Physicals (6 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> ) - Depart Gail 8:00 a.m.
5	6 Two-A-Days start 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. (future schedule will be discussed)	7	8 4-H Fun Day 1:00-4:00 @ Show Barn (K-3 <sup>rd</sup> )	9 4-H Food and Clothing Tours in Lubbock	10 ACT registration deadline for September 15 <sup>th</sup> administration	11
12	13 4-H Officer Training in Lubbock from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.	14 CPR Training	15 Registration 9:00-5:00	16 Registration 9:00-5:00	17 Registration 9:00-5:00	18 Varsity Football Scrimmage @ Ropes 10:00 a.m.
19	20 4-H Achievement Picnic @ 7:00 p.m. Show Barn	21	22 Staff Development	23 Staff Development "Saving the Fruits of Summer Program" 6:00-8:00 p.m. @ Comm. Room Varsity Football Scrimmage @ Trent 6:00 p.m.	24 Work Day	25
26	27 First Day of School  Issue books  No schedule changes	28 Teacher request for textbooks due to Principal	29	30	31 New Home Varsity Here 7:30  Staff return paperwork to Superintendent's office	