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## Buy-in Process Allows Growers To Meet 2008 Disaster Program Eligibility Requirements

By Shawn Wade

The Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 requires participants in the legislation's new permanent disaster programs to have crop insurance or non-insured crop disaster assistance (NAP) coverage for all crops and grazing lands in all counties on which disaster assistance could be requested.

Since the 2008 Act was enacted after the 2008 crop insurance and NAP application periods had closed, many producers do not have all of their crops and grazing land covered under these programs.

Fortunately, in addition to the coverage requirement, the 2008 Act also authorized a process that will allow producers to pay a fee, called a buy-in fee, and establish program eligibility under the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program, Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), Tree Assistance Program (TAP), and Emergency Assistance Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP).

This is the only opportunity for producers who would otherwise be ineligible for the new disaster assistance programs to gain 2008 eligibility. Any producer with 2008 crops, including grazing lands, that are not fully covered by crop insurance or NAP may take advantage of this one-

time opportunity. Growers who miss this opportunity will not be eligible for 2008 disaster assistance.

Producers should note that payment of the applicable buy-in fees does not provide the producer 2008 crop insurance or NAP coverage; it only affords eligibility for 2008 disaster program benefits.

The applicable buy-in form must be completed, and applicable fees paid, by September 16, 2008 as required by the 2008 Act. The buy-in fee for 2008 eligibility for currently uncovered crops is equal to the catastrophic risk protection insurance (CAT) or NAP coverage fee of \$100 per crop per county.

The 2008 Act limits the total amount of buy-in fees a producer must pay to gain eligibility to not more than \$300 per producer per administrative county, or \$900 total per producer for all counties less any previously paid fees for CAT and/or NAP and credits for previously purchased buy-

up plans of crop insurance.

Producers can contact their local administrative FSA County Office to file their application for the waiver and pay the applicable fees.

The crop insurance and NAP coverage requirements will be waived in 2008 for producers who did not obtain crop insurance or NAP coverage by the applicable sales closing date, if the producer files an application for waiver and pays a buy-in fee in an amount equal to the 2008 applicable NAP coverage or catastrophic risk protection plan fee for the crop or grazing lands.

Producers who meet the definition of "Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource," or "Beginning Farmer or Rancher," do not have to meet the Risk Management Purchase Requirement, and, therefore, are not required to pay the buy-in fee.

The SURE program will be available to eligible producers on farms in disas-

ter counties, designated by the Secretary, including contiguous counties that have incurred crop production losses and/or crop quality losses during the crop year. However, Congress determined that payments would not occur until the calculation at the end of the marketing year. It also will be available to any farm where, during the calendar year, the total loss of production on the farm, because of weather, is

greater than 50 percent of the normal production of the farm.

Because Congress did not provide a rulemaking exception for these programs, FSA must first publish a proposed rule seeking public comment, followed by a final rule. FSA is working to develop detailed regulations and software for these programs. Sign up for the 2008 disaster program is not expected to begin until this winter.

## USDA Declares Natural Disaster in 13 Texas Counties

The Agriculture Department has designated 13 Texas counties as primary natural disaster areas and numerous others eligible for assistance as the immediate neighbors of those disaster areas.

They include:

• **Borden County** was designated a primary natural disaster area because of losses caused by fire that occurred on March 31. Farm operators in Dawson, Garza, Howard, Lynn, Martin, Mitchell and Scurry counties in Texas also qualify for natural disaster benefits because they are contiguous.

• **Armstrong, Lubbock, Martin, Oldham, Potter, Sherman, Swisher, Willacy and Zavala** counties were designated primary natural disaster areas because of losses caused by drought that have occurred since Jan. 1. Contiguous counties, which also qualify for disaster benefits, include Andrews, Borden, Briscoe, Cameron, Carson, Castro, Crosby, Dallam, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dimmit, Donley, Floyd, Frio, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Gray, Hale, Hansford, Hartley, Hidalgo,

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### Attention Football Players

The 2008 football season will kick off  
August 4th, at 4:30 PM.

We will practice from 5:00 to 9:00 PM

## Borden County ISD Board Meeting June 16, 2008

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. in the Borden County I.S.D. Board Room. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, and Mike Valentine. Dennis Poole was absent. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas and principal, Bart McMeans were also present.

1. The meeting was called to order by John Anderson.

2. Misty Day, Mitch Day, Barbara Lamming, Lee Roberts, and Jana Underwood were present during the community input forum and expressed their opinion pertaining to continuing the senior trip.

3. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2008 board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the June 2008 bills. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joe Harding to approve an Option 3 & 4 Agreement with the State to equalize wealth, fund a technology consortium, and obtain an efficiency credit for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Mike Valentine to approve a \$1,200 raise in addition to a \$120 contribution to the tax sheltered annuity for a total increase of \$1,320 for the secretarial staff currently working on a twelve-month basis for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Mr. McMeans reviewed the 2007-2008 results of the reading inventory instrument for grades K-2.

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8. Mr. McMeans reviewed the results of the 2007-2008 TAKS Tests.

9. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joe Harding to solicit bids for propane and vehicle fuel for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joel Dennis to set the July 2008 meeting time and date for 7:00 P.M. on July 21, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the 2007-2008 budget amendments as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joe Harding to purchase a two acre plot of land (Block 46) from Suzanne M. Underwood for a price of \$1,500 and to allow Mr. Thomas to obtain a title insurance policy and all associated legal services associated for the purchase of this land at the expense of the Borden County I.S.D. The motion carried unanimously.

13. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Mike Valentine to purchase three homes from Hindman Ready Built Homes in Lubbock, Texas at a total price of \$330,000 and to place the homes on the west side of Highway 669 on Block 46 and to locate the houses facing east with the carports on the back of the homes. The motion carried unanimously.

14. A lengthy discussion pertaining to canceling future band trips and senior trips was conducted. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joel Dennis to discontinue yearly band trips from this point forward and to discuss senior trips in the future. The motion carried unanimously.

# Athletic Physicals Scheduled for Coming Year

Borden County athletes are scheduled to take athletic physicals **Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 AM** in Abilene Texas.

Students will depart from Gail at **8:00 AM**. You will need to have your physical form signed and filled out before we leave. The doctor will not sign it if your parent or guardian does not sign it. You will need to wear shorts and a T-shirt for the physical.

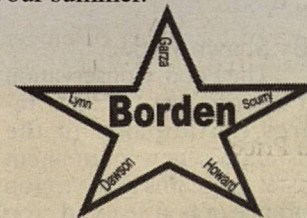
The physicals will be at the Action Sports and Physical Therapy clinic in Abilene. The telephone number there is (325)676-5633. The address there is 1717 Pine Street. Easy directions are, as you come in on Interstate 209 you will take the Hardin Simmons exit. Stay on Pine Street and it will be on your left, just a few blocks past the hospital.

If you would like to meet us there so you can stay and shop in Abilene that would be fine. You will need to bring some money to eat lunch. We will try to be back in Gail by **3:00 PM**.

If you plan to play a sport this year of any kind during the upcoming school year (7th-12th grades), you are required by our school district to take a physical. The school furnishes the physical at this time. If you can not make this date then you will need to get a physical on your own and at your expense.

Also you will find in this letter an **Acknowledgment of Rules form and a Steroid Form**, read them, have your parent read them, sign them both and bring all of the paperwork with you. The medical release, will allow us to seek emergency treatment for you if there is a need during the school year.

We are truly excited about the upcoming year and we look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at home or on my cell. Trey Richey: (806)756-4417 home and (806)759-3335 cell. Take care and enjoy the remainder of your summer.



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15. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to accept the resignation of Tanya Turner. The motion carried unanimously.

16. Mr. Thomas gave a year to date financial overview for the 2007-2008 school year and reviewed the sixth six-week failing reports, beta reports, honor roll reports, and semester grade reports. A motion was made by Joe Harding and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

17. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Randy Hensley to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

### Borden County Football 2008 Schedule

Week #	Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
Scrimmage	Aug. 16	Saturday	Ropes/O'Donnell	Gail	TBA
Scrimmage	Aug. 21 or 22	Thurs./Fri.	Klondike	Klondike	TBA
#0	Aug. 30	Saturday	New Home	Trent	10:00
#1	Sept. 5 or 6	Friday/Sat.	TBA	TBA	TBA
#2	Sept. 12	Friday	Wellman-Union	There	7:30
#3	Sept. 19	Friday	Rule	Here	7:30
#4	Sept. 26	Friday	Klondike	Here	7:30
#5	Oct. 3	Friday	Sterling City	There	7:30
*#6	Oct. 10	Friday	Buena Vista	Here	7:30
*#7	Oct. 17	Friday	Grandfalls-Royalty	There	7:30
*#8	Oct. 24	Friday	Sands	Here	7:30
*#9	Oct. 31	Friday	Westbrook	There	7:30
*#10	Nov. 7	Friday	Open		

\*\*District Opponents for 2008-2009: Sands, Grandfalls-Royalty, Buena Vista & Westbrook

Head Coach: Trey Richey

Assistant Coaches: Peter Benavidez, Fernando Baeza and Colt McCook

### Borden County Football Junior Varsity 2008 Schedule

Week #	Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
Scrimmage	Aug. 16	Saturday	Ropes/O'Donnell	Gail	TBA
Scrimmage	Aug. 21 or 22	Thurs./Fri.	Klondike	Klondike	TBA
#0	Aug. 27	Thursday	New Home	Here	6:00
#1	Sept. 4	Thursday			
#2	Sept. 11	Thursday	Wellman-Union	Here	7:00
#3	Sept. 18	Thursday	Rule	There	7:00
#4	Sept. 25	Thursday	Klondike	There	7:00
#5	Oct. 2	Thursday	Sterling City	Here	7:00
*#6	Oct. 9	Thursday	TBA	TBA	TBA
*#7	Oct. 16	Thursday	TBA	Here	7:00
*#8	Oct. 23	Thursday	Sands	There	7:00
*#9	Oct. 30	Thursday	Westbrook	Here	7:00
*#10	Nov. 6	Friday	Open		

Coaches: Trey Richey, Peter Benavidez and Fernando Baeza

# Borden Youth Horse Club Results

The Borden County Youth Horse Club held its final play day Friday, July 11th. We would like to thank the community for coming out and supporting our participants each week. Everyone had an enjoyable time each week visiting, cheering on the kids and supporting the Borden County junior high cheerleaders at the concession stand.

Thanks to everyone who made this a wonderful success.

Results for July 11, 2008 are as follows:

Lead Line Western Pleasure Participants: Quinten Freeman, Luke Carpenter, Kaci Hudson, Brooklyn Gray and J. Tom Price.

Lead Line Barrels Placings: 1<sup>st</sup>-Kaci Hudson, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Luke Carpenter, 3<sup>rd</sup>-Quinten Freeman, 4<sup>th</sup>-Brooklyn Gray and 5<sup>th</sup>-J. Tom Price.

Lead Line Poles Placings: 1<sup>st</sup>-Kaci Hudson, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Luke Carpenter, 3<sup>rd</sup>-Brooklyn Gray, 4<sup>th</sup>-Quinten Freeman and 5<sup>th</sup>-J. Tom Price.

Lead Line Flags Placings: 1<sup>st</sup>-Quinten Freeman, 2<sup>nd</sup>-J. Tom Price, 3<sup>rd</sup>-Brooklyn Gray, 4<sup>th</sup>-Luke Carpenter and 5<sup>th</sup>-Kaci Hudson.

Lead Line Goat Ribbon Pull Placings: 1<sup>st</sup>-Kaci Hudson, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Quinten Freeman and 3<sup>rd</sup>-Luke Carpenter.

8 & Under Western Pleasure Participants: Katie Gray

8 & Under Barrels Placings: 1<sup>st</sup>-Katie Gray.

8 & Under Poles Placings: 1<sup>st</sup>-Katie Gray.

9 - 12 Western Pleasure Participants: Hayley Gray, Avery Price, Flint Roberts and Blaise Freeman.

9 - 12 Barrels Placings: 1<sup>st</sup>-Tanner Freeman, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Blaise Freeman, 3<sup>rd</sup>-Flint Roberts, 4<sup>th</sup>-Hayley Gray and 5<sup>th</sup>-Avery Price.

9 - 12 Poles Placings: 1<sup>st</sup>-Tanner Freeman, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Flint Roberts and 3<sup>rd</sup>-Hayley Gray.

9 - 12 Flags Placings: 1<sup>st</sup>-Tanner Freeman, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Blaise Freeman and 3<sup>rd</sup>-Flint Roberts.

9 - 12 Goat Ribbon Pull Placings: 1<sup>st</sup>-Blaise Freeman, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Flint Roberts and 3<sup>rd</sup>-Tanner Freeman.

13 - 18 Western Pleasure Participants: Seleste Herridge.

13 - 18 Barrels Placings: Seleste Herridge

13 - 18 Poles Placings: 1<sup>st</sup>-Seleste Herridge.

13 - 18 Flages Placings: 1<sup>st</sup>-Seleste Herridge

13 - 18 Goat Ribbon Pull Placings: 1<sup>st</sup>-Seleste Herridge

Borden County Year End Results  
Lead Line Age Group: 1<sup>st</sup>-Quinten Freeman, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Luke Carpenter, 3<sup>rd</sup>-Kaci Hudson, 4<sup>th</sup>-J. Tom Price, 5<sup>th</sup>-Allie Murphy and 6<sup>th</sup>-Brooklyn Gray.

8 & Under Age Group: 1<sup>st</sup>-Katie Gray

9 - 12 Age Group: 1<sup>st</sup>-Tanner Freeman, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Flint Roberts, 3<sup>rd</sup>-Avery Price, 4<sup>th</sup>-Blaise Freeman, 5<sup>th</sup>-Dillon Murphy and 6<sup>th</sup>-Hayley Gray.

13 - 18 Age Group: 1<sup>st</sup>-Seleste Herridge.

# Borden County Youth Horse Club Members



Pictured are members of the Borden County Youth Horse Club and their helpers. (Top row left to right) Flint Roberts, Blaise Freeman, (bottom row left to right) Gary Stipe, Cody Hill, Seleste Herridge, Kaci Hudson, Brooklyn Gray, Katie Gray, Luke Carpenter, Cassidy Carpenter, Quinten Freeman, Jill Freeman, Tanner Freeman, Hayley Gray, Connie Stipe and Travis Rinehart.

# FITNESS MADE EASIER

Chiropractor, Athletic Trainer For The U.S. Olympic Track Team  
Offers Training Tips Anyone Can Use

(NAPS)—Having worked with athletes for more than 20 years, Los Angeles-based chiropractor and certified athletic trainer Dr. Glenn Lowenberg has heard about every ache and pain in the book. Whether it's the world-class track athlete with a strained hamstring or the intramural softball player with a sore back, Dr. Lowenberg has seen it all. Now he's heading to the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing to serve as a chiropractor on the U.S. Olympic Track & Field team.

"It's tough taking time away from my busy practice and my two children, but I love the work that I do and volunteering my time for this year's Olympics in China was a no-brainer," says Lowenberg.

In addition to his work with the Olympics, Lowenberg has participated in World Class Track & Field events, including five World Championships, U.S. National Championships and multiple Millrose Games. His association with U.S.A. Track & Field has taken him to athletic venues on five continents.

No matter what country he's in, Lowenberg always tells the athletes, whether competitive or not, to keep four simple tips in mind when participating in any type of workout.

• "One of the most important things I tell any athlete or patient



Los Angeles-based Chiropractor/Athletic Trainer headed to Beijing for 2008 Olympics.

is that you can never start a workout without stretching properly first," says Lowenberg. A good warm-up will consist of at least 20 minutes of stretching and target all of the muscle groups you intend to use during your workout.

• Another tip is to make sure to get a solid cooldown as well to help prevent strained muscles.

Adds Lowenberg, "Cooling down is extremely important; it gives a chance for the lactic acid in your muscles to dissipate."

• Lowenberg advises athletes to know their limits and not overextend themselves during their workouts.

"I'm an advocate for working

hard, but it's important not to push yourself beyond your limits and overtrain," says Lowenberg. "This is the easiest way to cause injuries such as pulled muscles, which can leave you out of commission for weeks."

• Despite our best efforts, Dr. Lowenberg knows that aches and pains are often inevitable as a side effect of working out. If this happens, Dr. Lowenberg recommends using THERA-GESIC®, a topical analgesic cream that can be applied to the skin to provide effective relief of muscle soreness.

"The first thing I tell my patients suffering from muscle pain after a workout is to try THERA-GESIC®. It's simple to use and, in my opinion, there's no other product that is more effective in topical pain relief—and you don't have to be a world-class athlete to use it," says Lowenberg.

"One of the great things is that it can work for nearly anyone. I recommend it to my patients suffering from arthritis pain and even those with nagging everyday pains, and the feedback is very positive."


The analgesic is available over the counter at your local pharmacy. For more information, visit [www.thera-gesic.com](http://www.thera-gesic.com) and for more information on Dr. Lowenberg, please visit [www.drglowenberg.com](http://www.drglowenberg.com).


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Heart and Home ...
 

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## Six Steps to Safer Fruits and Vegetables

The proportion of foodborne illness associated with fresh fruits and vegetables has increased over the last several years. As health and nutrition experts continue to recommend we add more fruits and vegetables to a healthy daily diet, it becomes increasingly important that consumers know how to handle them properly. Make food safety a priority!

### Check

\* Check to be sure that the fresh fruits and vegetables you buy are not bruised or damaged.

\* Check that fresh cut fruits and vegetables like packaged salads and pre-cut melons are refrigerated at the store before buying. Do not buy fresh cut items that are not refrigerated.

### Clean

\* Wash hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds before and after handling fresh fruits and vegetables.

\* Clean all surfaces and utensils with hot water and soap, including cutting boards, counter tops, peelers and knives that will touch fresh fruits or vegetables before and after food preparation.

\* Rinse fresh fruits and vegetables under running tap water, including those with skins and rinds that are not eaten. Packaged fruits and vegetables labeled "ready-to-eat", "washed" or "triple washed" need not be washed.

\* Rub firm-skin fruits and vegetables under running tap water or scrub with a clean vegetable brush while rinsing with running tap water.

\* Dry fruits and vegetables with a clean cloth towel or paper towel.

\* Never use detergent or bleach to wash fresh fruits or vegetables. These products are not intended for consumption.

\* Vinegar or lemon juice may be used on occasion as they are natural disinfectants and are safe for consumption

(please note that they will NOT kill all types of bacteria, such as salmonella, on produce).

### Separate

\* When shopping, be sure fresh fruits and vegetables are separated from household chemicals and raw foods such as meat, poultry and seafood in your cart and in bags at check-out.

\* Keep fresh fruits and vegetables separate from raw meat, poultry or seafood in your refrigerator.

\* Separate fresh fruits and vegetables from raw meat, poultry and seafood. Do not use the same cutting board without cleaning with hot water and soap before and after preparing fresh fruits and vegetables.

### Cook

\* Cook or throw away fruits or vegetables that have touched raw meat, poultry, seafood or their juices.

### Chill

\* Refrigerate all cut, peeled or cooked fresh fruits and vegetables within two hours.

### Throw Away

\* Throw away fresh fruits and vegetables that have not been refrigerated within two hours of cutting, peeling or cooking.


\* Remove and throw away bruised or damaged portions of fruits and vegetables when preparing to cook them or before eating them raw.



\* Keep fresh fruits and vegetables from raw meat, poultry or seafood.

\* Throw away any fruit or vegetable that will not be cooked if it has touched in doubt, throw it out!

For more information, please contact Texas AgriLife Extension Service Borden County at (806)756-4336 or visit the Fight Bac! Web site at <http://www.fightbac.org/>.

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 Borden County 4-H News
 

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## District 4-H Officer Training

Friday, August 1 from 9:30 to 12:30 at Tech in Lubbock. All 4-H'ers welcome to attend, but officers are strongly encouraged to attend.

Please RSVP for t-shirts by Monday, July 14. For more information please contact the Extension Office at 806/756-4336 or e-mail us at [borden-tx@tamu.edu](mailto:borden-tx@tamu.edu).

## Fun With 4-H Day Just That...Lots of Fun!

This year the Fun with 4-H Day was held on Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at the Borden County Show Barn. The day focused on energy with a theme of "Energize with 4-H." We were fortunate to have 14 4-H members on hand to serve as counselors for the day and we had 6 participants. During the day, youth learned lots of fun songs and played fun games, as well as made coke can lamps and ice cream in a bag. However, the highlight of the day was the presentation by Barry Pitman from Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. on electrical safety.

## 4-H Community Service Helps to Beautify Gail

Borden County 4-H'ers spent a little time on Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup> preparing small container gardens to be placed around local establishments in Gail. The project could not have been possible without the donation of soil, pots and plants by *The Greenhouse* in Lamesa (owned by Randy and Verna Adcock). 4-H'ers will be taking turns caring for the plants throughout the summer and early fall. We hope that they will bring a smile to your face when you see them around town. Currently, plants are placed at The Coyote Country Store, Gail Post Office, Borden County Texas Department of Transportation, Borden County Courthouse, and the Borden County Annex Building (which houses the Appraisal Office, Sheriff's Office and Extension Office). Plants will be placed at the Superintendent's Office at Borden County School later in the week.

## Lyntegar "Electric City"



The entire group takes a few moments to pose for a picture in front of the "Electric City" demonstration box. Pictured are (back row left to right) Mandi Hudson, Diego Bernal, Trace Richey, Flint Roberts, Garrett Hill, Barry Pitman, Thomas Nix, Tristen Benavidez, Zach McMeans Tanner Freeman, (middle row left to right) Lacey Roberts, Shylo Rinehart, Maddie Benavidez, Kylie Voss, Mollie McMeans, (front row left to right) Blaise Freeman, Kaci Hudson, Keigan Benavidez, Quinten Freeman, J.W. Nix and Cheyenne Hill.

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Agriculture News  
by Cody G. Hill  
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Agriculture

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## Texas 4-H Shotgun Shoot-Out

Matthew Roberson and Raylea Underwood traveled to San Angelo this past week-end to participate in the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas 4-H Shotgun Shoot-out. The competition proved to be very tough at this shoot.

Matthew participated against 44 other Intermediate shooters. He placed 6<sup>th</sup> in Skeet and was 11<sup>th</sup> High Overall.

Raylea placed 5<sup>th</sup> in Skeet, 5<sup>th</sup> in Trap, 1<sup>st</sup> Ladies High Overall, and was 14<sup>th</sup> out of 27 in the Senior 1 division.

At this shoot, three \$500 Caden Nowlain Memorial Scholarships are awarded to graduating Seniors who participate in this shoot. This memorial is in conjunction with the Larry Ratheal Memorial Shotgun Shootout. Scholarship recipients this year are Rachael Romine, Tyson Patrick, and Tyler Springer (see picture below). Funds for these scholarships are received through a benefit shoot held each year at Wind Walker Sporting Clays in Midland. The shoot this year will be held on Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Congratulations to Matthew and Raylea!

## Scholarship Recipients



Recipients for this years Caden Nowlain Memorial Scholarship are (left to right) Rachael Romine, Tyson Patrick, Borden County student, Raylea Underwood and Tyler Springer.

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## TxDot Urges Motorists To Be On The Lookout for Motorcyclists

AUSTIN – With gas prices topping \$4.00 per gallon, more and more Texans are trading their gas-guzzling SUVs and pickup trucks for more fuel-efficient motorcycles to save at the pump. More motorcycles on the road means more motorcyclists may crash and ultimately die on Texas roadways. That's why the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is launching a motorcycle safety campaign encouraging drivers to take extra caution watching for motorcyclists on roadways.

Because they have less physical protection than passenger vehicle occupants, riders are particularly vulnerable in a crash. Federal officials report that per vehicle mile traveled, motorcyclists are about 35 times more likely to die in a crash than passenger vehicle occupants.

"Registered motorcycles are at an all-time high in Texas," said Carlos Lopez, TxDOT's traffic operations director. "We're reminding drivers to be on the lookout for the nearly 400,000 motorcyclists on Texas roadways, especially at intersections where many crashes happen."

Starting July 14, television and radio commercials and billboards along interstate highways will urge drivers to look twice for motorcyclists. The public education initiative will run for two weeks, coinciding with National Ride to Work Day on July 16.

Co-sponsoring the effort is the Texas Motorcycle Roadriders Association, which educates riders and promotes motorcycle safety in Texas.

TxDOT and the Texas Motor-

cycle Roadriders Association have these safety tips for sharing the road with motorcyclists:

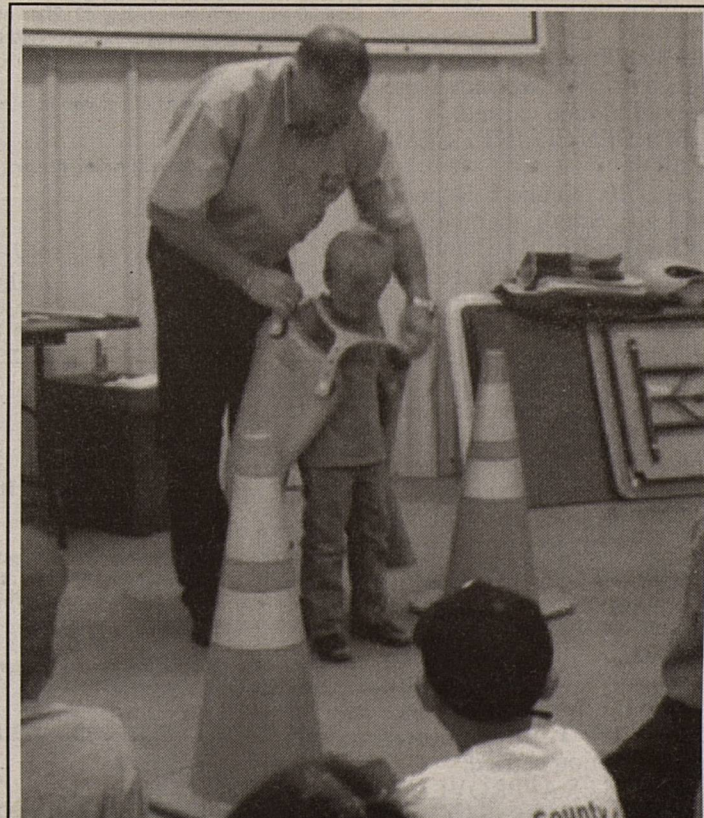
- Look twice for motorcyclists—at intersections, entering highways and whenever turning or changing lanes. The small size of motorcycles often makes them hard to see, and motorcyclists can get lost in blind spots.

- Always maintain a safe follow-

ing distance. Motorcycles can stop more quickly than passenger vehicles.

- When passing a motorcyclist, move to the other lane and allow a full lane for the motorcycle. After doing so, avoid re-entering the lane too quickly.

In 2006, 346 motorcyclists were killed on Texas roads, which is nearly ten percent of all fatalities.



Barry Pitman from Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. provided an outstanding presentation on electrical safety to the Fun with 4-H Day participants and counselors. Here, he is showing how the rubber arm guards fit over the body with Quinten Freeman as the model.

## Commissioners Meeting

**WHEREAS**, On this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

**VAN L. YORK**, County Judge; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JOYCE HERIDGE**, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

### BORDEN COUNTY PREDATOR CONTROL

Representatives with Texas Wildlife Damage Management Association met with the Court at 8:30 a.m. asking Borden County funding for predator control program. Mike Bodenckuh, State Director, presented a report. Other interested parties also attended as listed on sign in sheet. Judge York made a motion for the County to participate with the Texas Wildlife Damage Management starting in 2009 with Borden County paying \$26,400.00 per year. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### BORDEN COUNTY CEMETERY

At 9:30, Kenneth Bennett and Larry Smith, members of the Borden County Cemetery Association met with the Court. Also attending were Sadie Ludecke and Jess Everett. The West 2 acre block of the cemetery has been surveyed with lots and roads designated. Larry Smith presented a plat of the West 2 acre block of the cemetery to be recorded in Volume 1, Page 34 of the Play Record. The total bill for the survey was \$8,000.00. Commissioner Adcock made a motion for the County to pay \$4,000.00 with the Association paying the remaining \$4,000.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

### MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of June 10, 2008 were read. Com-

missioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

### 2009 BUDGET

Work session was held.

### SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

An application for Soil Conservation Construction of fireguards was received from Frank Beaver in Precinct No. 4. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the application at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for a motor grader and \$65.00 per hour for a dozer. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

### ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

### DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No new items were pre-

## Summer Fun Recipe

### Cracker Candy

What you will need:

- 35 to 40 Saltine Crackers
- 1 16 oz. package of chocolate chips
- 1 cup butter or margarine
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Instructions: Line a greased 9X13 cookie sheet with crackers, one layer thick only. Melt butter in sauce pan. Add brown sugar and stir until sugar is melted, blended, and bubbly.

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### ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2008.

Pour over crackers. (Crackers will float) Place in preheated 350° oven for 10 minutes. Remove. Add chocolate chips to top, spread until melted evenly over crackers. Add nuts if desired. Bake again for 15 minutes. Remove and cool. Cut into squares and ENJOY!!



### Thought for the Day

*It is far more impressive when others discover your good qualities without your help.*

Source: St. Louis Inspirational Christian Connection.



### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

**CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., #15 SMITH ROAD, MIDLAND, TEXAS 79705**

is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid in the Spraberry Formation, JO-MILL Unit (60465), Lease, Well Numbers 4323W, 4343W, 4421W, 4441W, 4521W, 4523W, 4541W, 4551W, 4621W. The proposed injection well is located 15 miles SW of Gail, Texas in the JO-MILL (Spraberry) Field, in Borden County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 7000 to 8000 feet.

**LEGAL AUTHORITY:** Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Drawer 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 Telephone (512)463-6792.

### BORDEN COUNTY ISD BID REQUEST

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive bids and/or quotes for propane, diesel, and gasoline for the 2008-2009 school year.

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 appropriately as "Propane Bid" and/or "Gasoline/Diesel Bid". Proposals may also be submitted by fax and/or by e-mail to the numbers or address listed below. Proposals will be received up to but no later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, July 17, 2008. Bids will be opened and read as they are received. Proposals will be tabulated, researched, and selected by the Board of Trustees or its designee as appropriate. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

The Borden County ISD Board of Trustees or its designee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposed bids, to waive any and all technicalities, and to accept the proposal that will best serve the needs of the District.

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

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

### COUNTY OF BORDEN

### STATE OF TEXAS

### PUBLIC HEARING

The Commissioners' Court of Borden County will hold a public hearing beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas on Proposed Traffic Regulations (Speed Limits) On Certain County Roads As Required By Subchapter E., Section 251.151 of Texas Transportation Code.

Any interested persons are invited to attend and present oral or written comments.

BY ORDER OF THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

*Van L. York*

Van L. York  
County Judge  
Borden County

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### STATE OF TEXAS

### PUBLIC HEARING

The Commissioners' Court of Borden County will hold a public hearing beginning at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas on the Borden County Water System. This public hearing is required by TCEQ to provide public participation.

Any interested persons are invited to attend and present oral or written comments.

BY ORDER OF THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

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## Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
Tumbleweed Smith

### Two-Wheeling In The Mountains

It's something I've wanted to do for a long time: ride my bicycle through some Texas mountains. My son Kevin had been wanting to do it for some time, too.

We decided to do it, finally, after years of just talking about it. And we decided to do it on my birthday.

On the way to the mountain country, we stopped at Peyton's Bikes in Midland and picked up some equipment for the trip. I bought a nifty mirror for my handlebars, some bike shorts and a pair of riding gloves.

We decided to make a family vacation out of it. On the afternoon before the ride, six of us checked into the Maverick Inn in Alpine. We swam, relaxed, had a delicious meal and later that evening looked at the stars through powerful telescopes at the McDonald observatory.

The next morning was my birthday. We drove to Fort Davis, unloaded our bikes, climbed on them and headed for Alpine, 26 miles away. My 17-year old grandson Jackson was with us. When I left a little after 8 AM, I was a little apprehensive, since I had not done anything like this before. A few years ago, the three of us rode bikes about fifteen miles through Fort Worth's Forest Park. Most of that was on level ground. The highway was fairly level as we left Fort Davis, then there is a slight rise. I thought it would be a struggle, but it was easier than I expected. The more miles we rode, the more confident I became.

The favorite thing I like to do on my bike is coast. When

we got to the steep downhill grades, I breezed down them. On one I was going so fast my new mirror fell off and I ran over it. I stopped, cleaned up the mess and got back on my bike. We stopped briefly to drink water and lather up with sunblock.

The worst part was the sun and the wind. The best part was we kept going. There was no shade and the ground was level the last few miles. It was just a matter of keeping the legs moving. When we hit the Alpine city limits, we rode on sidewalks back to the motel. Happy Birthday. The ride took just under 3 hours. It was not a race, just a ride. We took lots of photos along the way. We celebrated with chocolate cake. We swam. We had a delicious meal. Went to see the Zohan movie. Laughed.

The next day we got up early, drove to Marfa and prepared our bikes for another 26 mile ride back to Alpine. Jackson decided not to ride a second day, but Kevin's wife Jill joined us. She is super athletic and is in great physical shape. She could have ridden circles around us, but she stayed with us. We took more pictures on the second day. The hills didn't seem too severe and the flat stretches seemed easy to maneuver. What was most amazing was I didn't seem tired after either ride. When my son and I started planning our ride, I spent a few weeks taking a spin course at a local exercise center. The teacher was rough on us as we pedaled on the stationary bikes. The two 26 mile rides were a piece of cake compared to a spin class.

## USDA Declares Natural Disaster in 13 Counties...

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Hockley, Howard, Hutchinson, Kenedy, Kinney, La Salle, Lamb, Lynn, Maverick, Medina, Midland, Moore, Randall, Terry and Uvalde.

• **Concho County** was designated a primary natural disaster area because of losses caused by hail that occurred on May 14. Farm operators in Coleman, McCulloch, Menard, Runnels, Schleicher and Tom Green counties are contiguous.

• **Fisher County** was designated a primary natural disaster area because of losses caused by high winds that occurred on April 23. Contiguous counties include Jones,

Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Stonewall and Taylor.

• **Hartley County** was designated a primary natural disaster area because of losses caused by drought that have occurred since Jan. 1. Contiguous counties are Dallam, Moore, Oldham and Sherman.

All qualified farm operators in the designated areas are now eligible for low-interest emergency loans from USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment

ability. FSA has a variety of programs, in addition to the emergency loan program, to help eligible farmers recover from adversity.

More information is also available online at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

Source: [www.Texas Farm Bureau Ag.Headlines.com](http://www.TexasFarmBureauAg.Headlines.com)

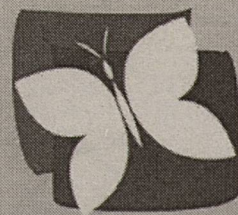
### Got News?

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### AgriLIFE EXTENSION

Texas A&M System

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# Do Well, Be Well with diabetes™

a program for people  
with type 2 diabetes

We request that you please RSVP by Friday, July 11th so that we know how many to plan for. Please note that there will be a minimal fee of \$10 for the entire series to cover supplies, materials and refreshments for the classes.

To find out how *you* can do well and be well with diabetes, contact the Texas AgriLife Extension Service-Borden County office at (806)756-4336.

Sponsored by the  
Garza/Borden  
Do Well, Be Well Coalition

The first class series will be held:

Monday, July 14

Thursday, July 17

Monday, July 21

Thursday, July 24

Monday, July 28

from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at

Community Room

(white building behind courthouse)

FM 669 and East Wilbourn in Gail.

Educational programs of Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin.

The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating

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## Borden County 4-H'ers Beautify Gail



4-H'ers that were on hand for the planting were (left to right) Diego Bernal (guest), Cody Hill (County Extension Agent-Ag) Maddie Benavidez, Keigan Benavidez (Clover Kid), Tristen Benavidez, Shylo Rinehart, Kylie Voss, Cheyenne Hill, Flint Roberts, Blaise Freeman, Garrett Hill, Trace Richey, Julie Smith (County Extension Agent-FCS) and Tanner Freeman.



During the planting of the container gardens, youth learned about soil, different plants, how to properly remove plants from their pots and how to properly plant them. Youth also learned about care and maintenance of the container gardens. Here you can see that Keigan Benavidez, Maddie Benavidez, Tristen Benavidez, Blaise Freeman, Trace Richey and Diego Bernal are getting their hands dirty while preparing the containers.



Another location you can spot a 4-H container garden in front of the Gail Post Office. 4-H'ers Shylo Rinehart, Tristen Benavidez, Cheyenne Hill, Blaise Freeman and Kylie Voss post out front with their container.



Bertie Copeland graciously allowed 4-H'ers to place a container garden in front of the Coyote Country Store. Here, 4-H'ers Cheyenne Hil, Shylo Rinehart, Blaise Freeman, Kylie Voss and Tristen Benavidez pose with the "famous" Bertie's sign.



4-H'ers Garret Hill, Tanner Freeman, Flint Roberts, Trace Richey, Maddie Benavidez and Diego Bernal stop to pose with Jacque Hendricks and Jibber Herridge at Borden County TxDOT while delivering th econtainer garden placed on their front porch.