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All-District Honors



Borden County Coyotes receiving All-District Honors are (top left to right) Zach Telchik, Michael Cooley, Carlos Hernandez, (bottom left to right) Brendan Tarleton, Karl Lamming and Flynn Chapman.

Borden County Coyotes Receive All-District Honors

With a winning season at an end, several Borden County Coyotes basketball players have been named to the 2009 District 9 Region II Boys All-District list.

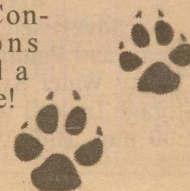
Borden County junior, Brendan Tarleton was named as MVP.

Making the All-District team are: Emmanuel Key,

Dawson; Landon Brown, Dawson; Alex Ramos, Dawson; Kody Bell, Loop; Flynn Chapman, Borden County; Michael Cooley, Borden County; Dustin Furgeson, Klondike; Johnny Rogers, Sands; Xavier Elizondo, Sands and Ethan Zant, Sands.

Those receiving All-District

Honorable Mention were senior, Carlos Hernandez, junior, Karl Lamming and sophomore, Zach Telchik. Congratulations Coyotes and a job well done!



USDA Announces Buy-In Waivers

By Shawn Wade

The recently approved American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) includes several agricultural disaster assistance components designed to enhance and extend assistance available through the 2008 Farm Bill's Supplemental Revenue Assistance (SURE) Program.

In accordance with the provisions of the ARRA, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced March 17 that USDA would extend to producers currently ineligible for the 2008 SURE program, because they did not previously obtain the statutorily required policy crop insurance from the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) or Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage through the Farm Service Agency for 2008, the opportunity to pay a buy-in fee to establish SURE program eligibility through May 18, 2009.

Paying the buy-in fee does not provide the producer with crop insurance or NAP coverage for losses incurred during the 2008 crop year.

Producers who have not already taken the necessary steps to become eligible for the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP), and the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) may now become eligible for such

programs by completing the following steps by May 18, 2009:

(1) Paying a \$100 buy-in fee per crop. The maximum fee for insurable or non-insurable crops is \$300 per county, per producer, not to exceed \$900 for multi-county producers.

(2) In the case of each insurable crop (those for which insurance is available from FCIC), excluding grazing land, agreeing to obtain a policy or plan of insurance for the next insurance year for which crop insurance is available that covers 70 percent or more of the yield at 100 percent of the price.

(3) In the case of each non-insurable crop, agreeing to file the required paperwork and pay the applicable administrative NAP coverage fee by the applicable state application closing date for the next available year.

Producers who choose to buy in under the ARRA provision will be considered, for insured crops for the 2008 Farm Bill disaster assistance programs only, to have obtained a policy or plan of insurance for the 2008 crop year at a level of coverage not to exceed 70 percent of the yield at 100 percent of the price.

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Commissioners Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 10th day of March, 2009, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

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 HERRIDGE**, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court, with Judge Van L. York absent, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

PRESIDING OFFICER

In the absence of Judge Van L York, Commissioner Adcock made a motion to appoint Ernest Reyes, Commissioner Precinct No. 1, as the presiding officer for this meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meetings of February 27, 2009 were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY OFFICE REPORTS

The February 2009 County Reports consisting of the Treasurer's Office past month's Financial report and Investment Report, the Tax-Assessor-Collector Report of Tax Collections for current tax year, Extension Office report of past month's activities and programs, District/County Clerk Office for fees collected for past month, and the Texas Wildlife Damage Control year to date activity (10-1 to present) were presented to the Court. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the reports as submitted. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DIVISION ORDER

After consideration of the Division Order for the Borden County ISD Permanent School Fund, Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the Division Order of Deatherage A17" #1 Lease in Martin. From Endeavor Energy Resources LP and authorize Judge York to sign Order. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

BORDEN COUNTY RADIO TOWER

Kenneth Bennett, County Treasurer, explained the placement of equipment on the County Radio Tower. Commissioner Smith made a motion to allow Skywarn from Midland to place equipment on Borden County Radio Tower for weather surveillance. Commis-

sioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

An application for Soil Conservation Construction of fireguards was received from Charles B. Campbell in Precinct No. 2. Commissioner Adcock 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 Smith. Motion carried.

COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

Julie Smith, CEA-Family & Consumer Sciences Agent, introduced Miles Dabovich, the District Extension Administrator, to the Court.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No new items were presented.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 23rd day of March, 2009.

WHEREAS, On this the 17th day of March, 2009, 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; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE**, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court, with Ernest Reyes, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3, absent, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

COUNTY WATER TANK BID

As advertised, bids for the Repair and Painting of Borden County Water System Ground Storage Tank #1 were opened at 2:00 p.m. Bids were received

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Agriculture News
by Cody G. Hill
Borden County Extension Agent -
Agriculture

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Houston Stock Show Results

The second group of barrows were shown at the Houston Livestock Show on March 18th and 19th. Shylo Rinehart placed 6th with her Duroc and Baylee Benavidez placed 7th with her Spot.

Congratulations again to all of the Borden County 4-H and Gail FFA members who exhibited their animal projects at the major stock shows in 2009. You are to be commended on your hard work and dedication to your animal project. We want to wish our Senior 4-H and FFA members the best of luck in their endeavors after graduating from high school. Those Senior members who have exhibited animal projects are: Baylee Benavidez and Krystal Hobson.



Borden County 4-H'er, Krystal Hobson, shown with her Heavy-weight York placed 8th in the first wave of swine at the Houston Livestock Show.



Thomas Nix (far right) is shown with his Champion Light-weight Chianina. Pictured with Thomas is (left to right) J.W. Nix, Dalton Nix, Lynn Nix, Becky Nix and Daniel Nix.

from N.G. Painting, L.P. of Kerrville, Texas and from Professional Sandblasting of Amarillo, Texas. The Court and David Perkins of Oller Engineering reviewed the bids. Commissioner Belew made a motion to accept the bid of Professional Sandblasting as the best bid. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Adcock to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew and approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 23rd day of March, 2009.



Canyon Reef Relays

The Borden County JV girls track team recently traveled to Snyder to take part in the Canyon Reef Relays. The results of the meet are as follows:

400 Meter Relay: 2nd-56.00-D'Nae Johnson, Stefanie Cooley, Olivia Key and Mabelle Barr.

800 Meter Run: 3rd-Marla Crenshaw-2:57.09.

100 Meter Dash: D'Nae Johnson-14.88; Brittany Day-14.88 and Mabelle Barr-14.88.

800 Meter Relay: 5th-2:02.10-D'Nae Johnson, Brittany Day, Olivia Key and Stefanie Cooley.

400 Meter Dash: 2nd-1:11.48-Krista Tarleton.

200 Meter Dash: Brittany Day-31.90 and Mabelle Barr-33.00.

1600 Meter Relay: 3rd-4:54.85-Krista Tarleton, Marla Crenshaw, Olivia Keya and Stefanie Cooley.

Shot Put: 3rd-Raegan Belongia-27'6.5" and Vivian Hernandez-20'3.5".

Discus: 1st-Taylor Richey-97'3"; 5th-Raegan Belongia-72'4" and Vivian Hernandez.

Long Jump: 5th-Mabelle Barr-12'11.25"; 6th-Marla Crenshaw-12'11" and Brittany Day-11'2.5".

Triple Jump: 3rd-Olivia Key-30'0.5" and Mabelle Barr-27'6".

High Jump: 3rd-Krista Tarleton-4'6".

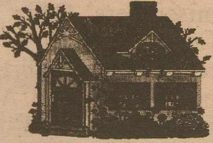
Pole Vault: 1st-D'Nae Johnson-6'6".

The girls team placed 5th with a total score of 89 points.

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Heart and Home ...

by Julie Smith
Borden County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences



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Spring Cleaning With Young Children

Spring is the time of year for cleaning. Your young children can help with cleaning tasks, especially when they are members of a team that works together. Such activities help children focus on a task, talk about what needs to be done, and follow through until completion. These experiences can promote a sense of competence and show children that everyone benefits from teamwork.

In the March 2005 issue of *Young Children*, Nancy Jones writes that she uses big jobs in her early childhood program. She defines a big job as "a useful, helpful task that requires several people to work together." Such tasks typically involve physical activity, problem solving and communication for planning and directing.

During her 30 years as an early childhood professional, Jones says she has observed that children benefit from completing big jobs. After finishing group tasks, she says children work more diligently at challenging activities and are friendlier with peers. Most importantly, children experience personal satisfaction by taking charge of themselves and the world around them.

Here are some ideas for indoor and outdoor big jobs for the home and early childhood setting. With the right tools (small buckets, sponges, rags, child-size shovels and rakes) and adult supervision, children can work together to complete

big jobs.

- * Try on summer clothes and donate items that are too small.

- * Sort through toys and books and decide which ones can be donated.

- * Vacuum and sweep closets.

- * Sort items for recycling, such as newspapers, cardboard, plastic milk jugs and metal cans.

- * Sweep patios and porches.

- * Pick up sticks and leaves from the yard.

- * Spread new mulch on flowerbeds.

- * Turn over dirt in the garden area.

- * Spread grass seed and hay over bare areas in the yard, then water newly seeded areas.

- * Dust toy shelves.

- * Select new clothing items for the pretend play area.

- * Wash tricycles and other toys for outdoor play.

- * Clean outdoor play equipment.

- * Sweep outdoor play area.

- * Pick up sticks and leaves from the playground.

- * Prepare an area for planting a garden.

- * Spread grass seed and hay over bare areas in the yard, then water newly seeded areas.

- * Fill a birdbath with clean water.

Written by: Sara Gable, Ph.D., State Specialist and Associate Professor, Human Development and Family Studies, University of Missouri Extension

Pre-School Day Set For April 10th

Pre-School Day will be Friday, April 10th. If your child will be 5 years on or before September 1, 2009, he/she is invited to visit the kindergarten class on this day.

After you have taken your child to the kindergarten class, please go to the library to complete your child's registration packet. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate, social security card, and immunization record.

This year, there will **not** be

an early dismissal for the rest of the school on Pre-School Day. Pre-School students will attend school from 8:05 - 12:30. The school will provide lunch. If your child would like to ride the bus in the morning, please contact the bus driver in your area. **However, you will need to make arrangements to pick up your pre-school child at 12:30.**

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 806-756-4313



Baylee Benavidez (third from left) placed 7th with her Spot at the Houston Livestock Show. Also pictured with Baylee is (left to right) Holly Benavidez, Debbie Clift, Baylee, Phillip Benavidez, Shylo Rinehart, Jym Rinehart, Krystal Hobson and Amy Rinehart.



Shylo Rinehart (third from left) placed 6th with her Duroc, in the second wave of swine at the Houston Livestock Show.

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School Lunch Menu

Mar. 30 - Apr. 3,
2009

Monday - Breakfast: Pancake Pup, Fruit Juice and Milk.
Lunch: Pizza, corn, Salad, Pineapple and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit Juice and Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Fried Steak, Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Fresh Fruit and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Biscuit w/gravy, Sausage, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken, Green Peas, Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Waffles, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Fish, Black-Eyed Peas, Potato Salad, Hush Puppies, Rosie Applesauce and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Oatmeal & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, French Fries, Salad Cup, Chocolate Chip Cookie and Milk.

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Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor, Councilmen, Judges and Commissioners of the Cities and Counties of Albany, Baird, Big Lake, Borden County, Breckenridge, De Leon, Friona, Lockney, McLean, Mitchell County, Monahans, Morton, Nazareth, Parmer County, Post, Roscoe, Shallowater, Swisher County, Tahoka, Tulia, Ward County, and Whiteface, Texas will be received at the offices of Oller Engineering, Inc., 2517 74th Street, Lubbock, Texas until 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 16, 2009 for furnishing all necessary materials, machinery, equipment, superintendence and labor for cleaning and seal coating certain streets for the Cities and Counties of Albany, Baird, Big Lake, Borden County, Breckenridge, De Leon, Friona, Lockney, McLean, Mitchell County, Monahans, Morton, Nazareth, Parmer County, Post, Roscoe, Shallowater, Swisher County, Tahoka, Tulia, Ward County, and Whiteface, Texas, including other incidental items of work as called for in the specifications. Total square yards per City or County:

Albany-13,000; Baird-8,898; Big Lake-11,340; Borden County-208,667; Breckenridge-29,240; De Leon-15,508; Friona-27,335; Lockney-9,781; McLean-6,100; Mitchell County-15,000; Monahans-128,082; Morton-28,140; Nazareth-2,080; Parmer County-17,675; Post-42,321; Roscoe-10,000; Shallowater-20,133; Swisher County-1,614; Tahoka-16,942; Tulia-17,012; Ward County-67,114; Whiteface-9,163. **Total Square Yards: 705,145.**

The Owners shall be those cities and counties herein identified and for which the construction services and work is being performed. Oller Engineering, Inc. and Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc., shall be the agent/agents for the Owner(s) and shall collect, analyze and recommend a Contractor based on their bid submitted and previous experience.

Bidders must submit a Cashier's or Certified Check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Bid Bond from a reliable Surety company, payable without recourse to the order of the CITIES AND COUNTIES OF ALBANY, BAIRD, BIG LAKE, BORDEN COUNTY, BRECKENRIDGE, DE LEON, FRIONA, LOCKNEY, MCLEAN, MITCHELL COUNTY, MONAHANS, MORTON, NAZARETH, PARMER COUNTY, POST, ROSCOE, SHALLOWATER, SWISHER COUNTY, TAHOKA, TULIA, WARD COUNTY, AND WHITEFACE, TEXAS in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the largest possible bid submitted as a guaranty that the bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds and guaranty in the forms provided within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without the required Check or Bid Bond will not be considered.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, written by a responsible Surety Company, authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and satisfactory to the Owner.

All lump sum and unit prices must be stated in both script and figures. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the prices in the bids, the Owner reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject the bid. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive formalities, and to accept the bid which seems most advantageous to the City's or County's interests.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions under which the work is to be done.

Payment for the work performed on this project will be paid for by the Cities and Counties of Albany, Baird, Big Lake, Borden County, Breckenridge, De Leon, Friona, Lockney, McLean, Mitchell County, Monahans, Morton, Nazareth, Parmer County, Post, Roscoe, Shallowater, Swisher County, Tahoka, Tulia, Ward County, and Whiteface, Texas.

Information for Bidders, proposal forms, plans and specifications are on file at the offices of the various City Managers,

County Judges of the Cities and Counties of Albany, Baird, Big Lake, Borden County, Breckenridge, De Leon, Friona, Lockney, McLean, Mitchell County Monahans, Morton, Nazareth, Parmer County, Post, Roscoe, Shallowater, Swisher County, Tahoka, Tulia, Ward County, and Whiteface, Texas, and Oller Engineering, Inc., 2517 74th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423, (806)748-5700 and Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc., 402 Cedar Street, Abilene, Texas, 79604, (325)698-5560.

Copies of the plans and specifications and contract documents may be secured from Oller Engineering, Inc., 2517 74th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423, (806)748-5700 and Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc., 402 Cedar Street, Abilene, Texas, 79604, (325)698-5560.

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—Poka Lambro Customer Notice-FUSC Surcharge Factor Increase—

Effective April 1, 2009, the amount of the Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) appearing on your bill each month will increase as a result of an increase in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) universal service fund contribution factor from 9.5% to 11.3%. The amount of the FUSC on your bill is calculated in accordance with FCC rules by applying the new universal service contribution factor of 11.3% (0.113) to the rates for interstate services that you used. The federal universal service fund program is designed to keep local service rates affordable for all customers, in all areas of the United States. If you have questions, please contact the Poka Lambro business office at 806/924-7234.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is given herewith that proposals will be considered from Banks and Banking Corporations desiring to serve as depository for public funds and county public school funds of Borden County, Texas. Such proposals will be considered Tuesday, April 14,

2009 at 9:30 a.m., and the Commissioners' Court of Borden County may, at its discretion, reject any and all bids or proposals submitted. Applications submitted should be in accordance with Article 116.021, Local Government Code, Vernon's Civil Statutes, and it is desired that same stipulate percent interest to be paid on time deposits and rate of inter-

est Borden County would pay on borrowed funds for ordinary operating expenses and borrowed funds for equipment purchases. Depository Bank would be expected to furnish printed checks and deposit slips for all accounts.

Van L. York
County Judge
Borden County

First Baptist Church Youth Group Fundraiser Meal

The Gail Baptist Youth Group will be having a fundraiser meal on
March 29, 2009
Following the morning worship service

The meal will consist of
Brisket, Potato Salad, Beans, Cobbler and all the fixings
with Tea.

The funds will go to help raise money for
Youth Summer Camp

BOOSTER CLUB PRE-SCHOOL EASTER EGG HUNT

The Booster Club will be hosting it's
annual egg hunt on
April 10th, 2009
At 1:00 p.m.



On the practice field.

Any pre-school age child is invited to
participate.

Please bring 1 dozen eggs
No unwrapped candy please.

Contact Tammy Simmons for more information at
806/756-4361.

USDA Waivers...

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For non-insurable crops for the 2008 Farm Bill disaster programs only, producers will be considered to have a level of coverage equal to 70 percent of the yield. These levels of coverage will be used to calculate the 2008 SURE guarantee. Producers who buy in will not be eligible for actual crop insurance or NAP benefits for the 2008 crop.

Producers who meet the definition of "Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource," or "Beginning Farmer or Rancher," are not required to pay the buy-in fee.