

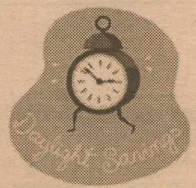
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# Borden Star

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Begins Sunday,  
March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
at 2:00 a.m.

Don't forget to set your  
clock forward 1 hour



## Construction Begins on Borden County Event Center and Arena



Construction crews recently began clearing the sight for what will be the Borden County Event Center and Arena. The sight is located on Hwy. 180 and Willow Valley Road. Judge Van York, who is overseeing the project, said the construction is on schedule and is expected to be completed by December 1, 2010.

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## SURE Program Payments Beginning to Go Out

By Shawn Wade

Two months into the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE) sign up period it appears that most of the program's implementation kinks are finally on their way to being ironed out by the USDA Farm Service Agency.

For farmers on the Texas High Plains, and elsewhere, that have gone through the sign up process and not yet received their payment, the wait may be close to an end. This includes, apparently, producers who have been unable to sign up for the program due to issues involving peanuts as well as those who purchased pasture and rangeland insurance.

Currently there is no deadline for completing the 2008 SURE enrollment process.

According to USDA officials in Washington, some \$100 million in SURE payments have already gone out and more are on the way. They indicate that over the next few weeks producers should see more SURE payments being delivered.

FSA officials explained that as they fine tune the many processes needed to deal with the significant amount of data required to deliver the program it has sometimes been necessary for FSA staff to rework previously completed applications to verify that initial pre-

liminary benefit calculations were accurate or, if necessary, substitute revised crop insurance yield or coverage information. USDA expects SURE payments to begin ramping up over the next few weeks.

A big contributor to the sluggish performance that has occurred thus far is the complicated nature of the program itself. USDA officials say that despite the challenges they are having to deal with from a complexity stand-point, they are actively working to incorporate the final pieces of the SURE calculation puzzle, namely the incorporation of a producer's weighted average Counter-cyclical Program (CCP) payment yield, into a revised version of the SURE sign up software used to calculate preliminary SURE benefits today.

The SURE program is significantly more complex than previous incarnations of ad hoc disaster assistance due to its application at the whole farm level, which often means dealing with multiple crops, as well as the fact that it addresses overall revenue on the farm instead of only focusing solely on yield-based losses.

Adding to the complication is the fact that FSA is also working closely with the USDA Risk Management Agency to obtain crop insurance yield, coverage and loss

data that must be incorporated into a producer's SURE Interim report.

Cooperation between the two agencies has been good as they work together to insure that the producer information developed for the SURE interim report is as accurate and complete as possible.

### SURE Benefit Estimator Version 3.0

For growers who haven't had an opportunity to complete their official SURE sign up, but still need to develop an estimate of the benefit they are likely to receive, the Texas AgriLife Extension SURE Benefit Estimator remains available for download and use from the internet. Growers interested in using it are encouraged to download the new version 3.0 file.

The file is available for download from the Plains Cotton Growers website, located at <http://www.plainscotton.org>, and from the South Plains Profitability Project website located at: <http://southplainsprofit.tamu.edu>. A copy of Microsoft Excel is required to view and use the estimator.

With an official release date of January 25, 2010, key changes made in version 3.0 include the incorporation of input spaces for data included on

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## Commissioners Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2010, 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 N. 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, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

### MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meetings of February 9, 2010. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### EVENTS CENTER AND RODEO ARENA

Storm Water Plans for The Borden County Events Center and Rodeo Arena was discussed.

### ROAD CONSTRUCTION

An application for Road Construction was received from Marge Toombs in Precinct No. 4. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the application. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

### ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

### PARTIAL ROAD CLOSURE

After reviewing the Notice of Petition and having deemed it to be in proper order, a motion was made by Commissioner Adcock for the approval of Order vacating public Road twenty foot section on the west side of South Maple Street starting at the northwest corner of Lot 12, Block 101, proceeding south to West Simpson Ave.; twenty foot section of

east side of South Maple Street from West Love Ave. To West Simpson vacating Public Road twenty foot section of east side of South Maple Street from West Love Ave. to West Simpson Ave.; and order vacating Public Road twenty foot section on the west side of South Maple Street at the northeast corner of Lot 6, Block 101, proceeding south to the northeast corner of Lot 12, Block 101. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No new items were presented.

### ADJOURN

Commissioner Belew made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2010.

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WHEREAS, On this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2010, 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 N. 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, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

Present: Randy Hardman and Ross Sharp.

### BORDEN COUNTY EVENT CENTER

After reviewing bids for Storm Water Elusion Prevention Plan for the Borden County Event Center and Rodeo Arena, Commissioner Adcock made a motion to accept bid from Earthco. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### BORDEN COUNTY EVENT CENTER

## School Lunch Menu

Mar. 15 - 19, 2010

**Monday** - Breakfast: Pancakes, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Hamburger, Lettuce & Tomato, Tater Tots, Baby Carrots and Milk.

**Tuesday** - Breakfast: Pop Tart, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Golden Fish Strips, Macaroni & Cheese, Black-Eyed Peas, Fresh Fruit, Hush Puppies and Milk.

**Wednesday** - Breakfast: Biscuit & Gravy, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Carne Guisade, Refried Beans, Seasoned Corn, Orange Smiles, flour Tortillas and Milk.

**Thursday** - Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans, Fruited Gelatin, Texas Toast, Ice Cream and Milk.

**Friday** - Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: BBQ on a Bun, Baked Chips, Pickle Spears, Salad, Cookie and Milk.

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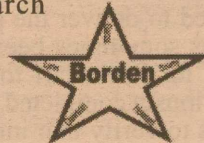
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Commissioner Adcock made a motion to authorize Judge Van L. York to oversee project and make Construction Decisions for the Borden County Event Center and Rodeo Arena. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

### ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2010.



## SURE Program...

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a producer's Farm Service Agency SURE Interim Report and a producer's crop insurance premium information on a unit-by-unit basis.

Another useful adaptation included in version 3.0 is the ability to toggle the Summary page to display the estimated amount of benefit payable through the Farm Service Agency's initial sign-up procedure or an estimation of the total amount of SURE benefit that might be payable once all SURE program features are implemented.

These changes will allow the spreadsheet to more accu-

rately calculate SURE guarantee amounts, including adjustments provided through implementation of provision of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), and the amount of crop insurance premium a grower may deduct from their calculated total revenue.

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service developed the original SURE Benefit Estimator with assistance from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. more than a year and a half ago to help answer producer questions about the SURE program.



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### 2010 Borden Track Schedule

#### High School

Day	Date	Meet	Location
Friday	February 26	Long Sleeve Relays	Hamlin
Friday	March 5	Sands Mustang Relays	Ackerly
Saturday	March 13	Blackland Divide Relays	Roscoe
Friday	March 12	Dragon Relays	Dawson
Saturday	March 20	Piper Relays	Hamlin
Friday	March 26	Roughneck Relays	Sundown
Saturday	March 27	Roby Invitational	Roby
Saturday	April 3	Coyote Relays	Gail
Friday	April 9	District Meet	Gail
Friday	April 16	Area Meet	Sundown
Mon./Tues.	May 3-4	Regional	Levelland
Fri./Sat.	May 14-15	State Meet	Austin

#### Junior High

Day	Date	Meet	Location
Thursday	February 25	TBA	TBA
Thursday	March 4	Sands Mustang Relays	Ackerly
Thursday	March 11	Spring Break/Dragon Relays	Dawson
Thursday	March 25	Roby Invitational ???	Roby???
Monday	March 29	District Meet	O'Donnell

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**Heart and Home ...**

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

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## Spring Cleaning, Room by Room

Make the big cleaning job straightforward and even fun with a plan of attack, a checklist and a rewarding celebration at the end.

### Begin with an action plan

One of the hardest parts of spring cleaning can be deciding where to begin and what to tackle first. Not to mention figuring out who will do what. So why not approach the big job like a pro this year: create an action plan, assign tasks to specific family members (or even to a professional) and then reward everyone for a job well done. Don't forget to hold a family meeting to brainstorm enticing and fun rewards that will inspire everyone to work hard!

### Checklists ease your way

To help you out with your big spring clean, create spring cleaning checklists: one for each room in your home, plus an extra to cover outdoor cleaning. Right@Home has created seven easy-to-use downloadable checklists that are available at <http://www.rightathome.com/view.aspx?pid=539>

Each list contains tasks, suggestions for who can best handle each task (adult, child or professional), tool and product recommendations, helpful tips—and even some of our favorite articles on related topics.

To download a checklist, locate the checklist names shown in the right-hand column of this page. Then simply click the name of the checklist you'd like to use.

Once you have your checklist, print it and use it as a guide to keep you and your family on track throughout your big spring clean. Here's a suggestion: tape the appropriate checklist to the door of the room you're cleaning and check off tasks as they are completed. That way everyone can track the progress of each room and share in a sense of accomplishment as you get

closer to your goals. It will make the chores seem more manageable too.

### Make safety a priority

As always, read the labels of any product you use so you fully understand all directions and precautions. Consider, too, whether you'll need special cleaning tasks that might be appropriate for them. However, some cleaning products should be kept out of reach of children (and pets too), so check labels to make sure. Be sure that you supervise them as appropriate

Children can often help out with spring cleaning and on our checklists we've indicated cleaning tasks that might be appropriate for them. However, some cleaning products should be kept out of reach of children (and pets too), so check labels to make sure. Be sure that you supervise them as appropriate

for their age.

### Celebrate a job well done.

Once the last checkbox has been ticked and your house is gleaming from roof to basement, treat the whole family to the agreed-upon reward. Whether it's dinner at a favorite restaurant or maybe a new hammock for backyard relaxing, it's certain to be a well-earned spring bonus!

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**On the Wild Side of Life**  
by Cody G. Hill  
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## Lower Rolling Plains Ag Conference

The Lower Rolling Plains Ag Conference will be held on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at the Scurry Coliseum, located at 900 E. Coliseum Drive in Snyder, Texas. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the program will start at 9:00 a.m. The registration fee is \$15.

The program is sponsored by the Texas AgriLife Extension in Borden, Fisher, Garza, Mitchell, Nolan, and Scurry Counties. Six (6) Continuing Education Units (CEUs) (4 General, 1 IPM and 1 Laws & Regs) will be provided for private, commercial and non-commercial applicators for attendance at this program.

For individuals needing a

TDA pesticide applicator's license, a separate room will be set up for training and testing. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m., training from 9:30 a.m. to noon, and testing begins at 1:00 p.m. For this training, RSVP by March 25. Call (325) 573-5423.

Speakers include Dr. Randy Boman, Dr. Calvin Trostle, Dr. Peter Dotray, Dr. Allan McGinty, Dr. Jackie Smith, Dr. Dale Rollins, Dr. Ted McCollum, Dr. Chris Sansone, Dr. Mark Welch all with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service; Mr. Jan Hatler, with the Texas Department of Agriculture, and Dr. Charles Church, DVM, Snyder, Texas.

Producers who plan on attending this conference need to RSVP to the Scurry County Extension office at (325) 573-4234, to assist in making an accurate head count for the noon meal.

We will seek to accommodate all persons with disabilities for this event. We request that you call the Scurry County Extension office at (325) 573-4234 as soon as possible to advise them of any auxiliary aid or service that you require.

## Thought for the Day

*God can never be outmaneuvered, taken by surprise, or caught at a disadvantage. He is a God who knows no crisis...Before an emergency arises, God in his providence has made adequately and perfectly timed provision to meet it.*

--J. Oswald Sanders

**State Representative Joe Heflin**  
*salutes*  
**National Ag Week**  
(March 14-20)  
AND  
**National Ag Day**  
Saturday, March 20



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I WISH TO THANK ALL OF THE BORDEN COUNTY VOTERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND TRUST IN THE PAST PRIMARY ELECTION. I COMMEND ALL FOR ACCEPTING THEIR RESPONSIBILITY AND EXERCISING THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE.

Thank you Borden County voters for your support in the March 2<sup>nd</sup> Primary election.

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A BIG "THANKS" FOR YOUR VOTE AND SUPPORT IN THE MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup> PRIMARY.

**DENNIS POOLE**



## March 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 4-H Clothing Project, Home Ec Room, 3:33-6:00 Coyotes vs. Paducah 88 Regional @ Frisco @ 6:30 pm	2 4-H Clothing Project, Home Ec Room, 3:33-5:00	3 TAKS—4 <sup>th</sup> Writing; 7 <sup>th</sup> Writing; 9 <sup>th</sup> Reading; 10 <sup>th</sup> ELA; Exit Level ELA Youth Board Meeting in Conference Room	4 Sands Mustang JH Relays @ Ackery Baseball Tourney @ Sundown, O'Donnell, 12:00; Crosbyton, 3:00	5 Sands Mustang HS Relays @ Ackery ACT Registration Deadline for April 30 <sup>th</sup> Test Possible Boys' Playoff game	6 Plains UIL Meet Baseball Tourney @ Sundown, Danzer City JV, 9:00; Sundown, 6:00 Possible Boys' Playoff game
7	8	9	10	11 Dragon JH Relays @ Dawson	12 Dragon HS Relays @ Dawson	13 Baseball @ Kress, 1:00 & 4:00 Blackland Divide HS Relays @ Roscoe
SPRING BREAK!!!!						
14 Daylight Savings Time Begins @ 2 a.m.	15 UIL CX Debate State Meet	16 Baseball @ Big Spring, Lamesa JV, 4:30; Big Spring JV, 7:00 CX Debate State Meet	17	18	19 Baseball @ Snyder (WTC), Albany, 5:00 (tentative) PROGRESS REPORTS	20 Piper HS Relays @ Hamlin
21	22 (Possible) OAP Community Performance 6:00 pm Golf @ Big Spring	23 Cool Clovers 4-H in Conf. Room 11:30-12; JH/HS 4-H in Conf. Room 12:30-1 Zone OAP @ Sands	24	25 CDE Judging Tariaton CDE Judging TTU Lubbock Roby JH Invitational @ Roby	26 CDE Judging WTAMU Canyon Roughneck HS Relays @ Sundown	27 *Baseball vs. Tahoka @ Snyder (Moffett), 2:00 CDE Judging Clarendon Roby HS Invitational @ Roby
28	29 Fun with 4-H after School 3:45-5 @ Show Barn JH District Track Meet @ O'Donnell Golf @ Lamesa	30 District OAP @ O'Donnell	31 District UIL LD Debate Meet-Wellman	* Denotes District Baseball Game March 8 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> Houston Stock Show (Lams & Goats) March 9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> Houston Stock Show (Steers) March 15 <sup>th</sup> - March 19 <sup>th</sup> Houston Stock Show (Swine) March 18 <sup>th</sup> - March 26 <sup>th</sup> Star of Texas Fair, Austin April 1 - District UIL Meet - Loop		

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## Living Well Educational Program BY MAIL

Realistically Eating Healthy  
Do you ever think to yourself how nice it would be to "diet" and eat healthy within reason? We are only human aren't we? Through this educational program by mail, participants will be provided with information about how to make healthy food choices while living a normal life.



Contact the Extension Office by Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> if you would like to receive the educational program packet by mail on Realistically Eating Healthy.

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Borden County 4-H News



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## 4-H Photography Project

Youth interested in participating in the 4-H Photography project should plan to attend the project meeting on Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room in Gail. For more information, please contact the Extension Office or Tammy Simmons at (806)756-4361.

Save This Date  
August 6 & 7, 2010  
Borden All-School 2010 Reunion

- The last "5 Year Reunion" held on the old school campus
- See plans for the new campus
- Send suggestions for activities this year
- Send new addresses of Exes/Employees/Parents/Friends of Borden School
- More information to follow

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