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## Cotton



## News

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### *Adversity Spawns Opportunity for Cotton To Aid Current and Future Oil Clean-Up Efforts*

By Shawn Wade

Through an innovative non-woven product called Fibertect, cotton has quickly become a compelling possibility to improve the efficacy of oil clean-up efforts and positioned cotton producers as unlikely beneficiaries of the developing environmental disaster in the Gulf of Mexico.

So far efforts to clean up the millions of gallons of oil that have escaped into the Gulf have highlighted the need for a more effective material to absorb the escaped oil than the containment booms made of synthetic materials used in current recovery operations. This realization is what has opened the door for cotton, which is many times more absorbent than current synthetic alternatives, to become a major player in current and future efforts to clean up the environment.

Manufactured by Hobbs Bonded Fibers, Inc. in Waco, Texas for First Line Technology of Chantilly, VA, Fibertect is gaining a lot of attention as an alternative to the status quo and allow the product to claim a significant role in current and future oil clean up efforts.

By proving it can significantly outperform current oil reclamation products, Fibertect is poised to quickly move beyond its originally designed use and greatly expand its range of use in the future.

According to Dr. Seshadri Ramkumar, the products inventor, it is the product's flexibility that makes Fibertect a perfect fit for the type of large-scale oil reclamation efforts needed in the Gulf of Mexico. In addition, Fibertect used in its original form could also be used as a wipe to assist in the rehabilitation of wildlife impacted by the spilled oil.

Dr. Ramkumar, an Associate Professor at The Institute of Environmental and Human Health (TIEHH) at Texas Tech University, says that the absorbency of cotton makes Fibertect clearly superior to the synthetic materials currently used. And unlike synthetic materials like polypropylene that are currently used in many oil containment booms, Fibertect made from raw cotton and carbon is both reusable and ultimately biodegradable.

Dr. Ramkumar explains that Fibertect's underlying struc-

ture of cotton sandwiched around an inner layer of activated carbon makes it the perfect medium for soaking up oil floating on the ocean's surface as well as trapping many of the toxic fumes chemicals that are released as the oil breaks down.

When first introduced the buzz around Fibertect was that the innovative, highly absorbent new product could make cotton a new player in the specialized market for chemical decontamination products to quickly and effectively clean toxic substances from the skin of accident victims or other contaminated surfaces.

With the recognition of its applicability in a broader range of scenarios, Fibertect, could well become the precursor to a whole new market for specialized cotton products.

Add in the fact that the product can be made from low quality cotton that isn't normally being sought by traditional users of raw cotton and it seems that the Gulf disaster may ultimately have a silver lining for the entire U.S. cotton industry.

### *New School Construction Continues as Summer Vacation Begins*



*The landscape around town is changing as construction crews begin picking up pace. Pictured above is what will be the new Bicentennial Park located just south of the school where the old tennis and basketball courts once were. (Below) Crews began ground work recently on what will be the site of the new warehouse and maintenance shops.*



## Lamesa Softballers Win Snyder Tourney



This past weekend the Lamesa Blue Crush softball team took 1st place at the Snyder Girls 8 and under tournament. Pictured are (back left to right) coaches, Kirk Jones, Kami Treadwell, April Morris, Glen Gray and Thadd Treadwell, (middle row left to right) Lucero Dimas, Eliza Frix, Madison Cole, Lucinda Morales, Tatum Treadwell, Rayme Jones, Summer Gutierrez, (front row left to right) Tagan Treadwell, Jaci Slover, Layla Ybarra and Katie Gray.

## Lacey Roberts Receives Youth Livestock Show Scholarship

Lacey Nicole Roberts, a graduating senior from Borden County High School has been awarded a four year \$5,000.00 Youth Livestock Show Scholarship sponsored by the State Fair of Texas. The \$1,250.00 a year scholarship is renewable by maintaining a 3.0 GPA.

Since 1992, the State Fair of Texas Scholarship Program has awarded scholarships to academically talented students who graduate from high schools in the Dallas State Fair Park area. In 1993, the State Fair of Texas Scholarship Program expanded its youth support by awarding scholarships to academically talented students who participated in State Fair of Texas Youth Livestock Shows. The 2010 Youth Livestock Show will be held this fall during the 124<sup>th</sup> State Fair of Texas, September 24 to October 17, at Fair Park in Dallas, Texas.

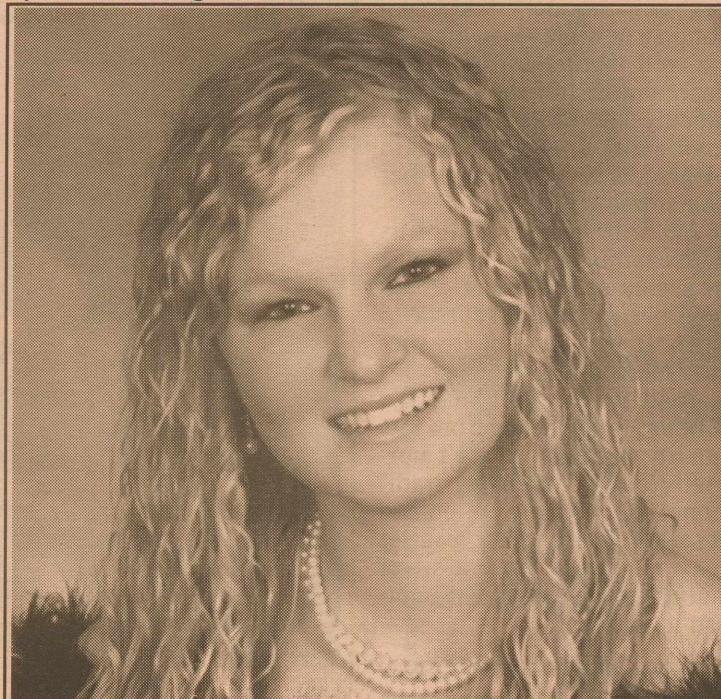
The State Fair of Texas is awarding 103 scholarships for the 2010-2011 school year. This includes 50 new and 84 renewed Youth Livestock Scholarships and 33 new and 24 renewed Fair Park Scholar-

ships.

Miss Roberts participated in the State Fair of Texas Youth Livestock Shows in 2005, 2007 and 2009. She showed Youth Market Beef Steer Shows. In high school she has been an active member of FFA, UIL Academics, Cross Country, Cheerleading and active in

community service. She has held numerous offices in those clubs and received many awards and honors during her high school career.

Miss Roberts plans to attend West Texas A&M and major in agriculture communications. She is the daughter of Freddy and Lee Roberts of O'Donnell.



## Borden High School Receives Grant for Project Graduation

ABILENE, Texas – The Texas Department of Transportation is once again providing mini-grants to area high schools to help defray the cost of all-night high school graduation events.

Called Project Celebration 2010, Borden County Consolidated High School is among 29 high schools in the Abilene District taking part in TxDOT's graduation program. Each participating school will receive a \$350 mini-grant.

"Teenagers have been known to mix alcohol and drugs into their celebrations. By providing these mini-grants to schools, TxDOT is helping support hundreds of high schools across the state as they provide organized and chaperoned graduation or after prom activities. These activities encourage teenagers to celebrate sober," Becky Estrella said. "I have a teenaged daughter and knowing that these types of activities are available makes

me breathe easier." Estrella is the Abilene District's traffic safety coordinator.

Estrella visited the participating high schools in the district. In addition to the \$350 each school will receive, she presented the Project Celebration chairperson colorful backpacks with the Zip-Zero-Zilch-Nada slogan on them for graduating seniors.

According to the traffic safety coordinator, these mini-grants are not intended to fully fund a Project Celebration event, but to provide seed money for schools to start and support alcohol and drug-free parties for high school students. The funds are to be used to cover expenses such as printing, materials, postage, supplies, room rentals, and the like.

According to Estrella, this program, which began in 1984 with only two schools, is one of TxDOT's most popular and well-received projects offered throughout the state.



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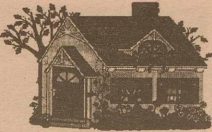
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**Heart and Home ...**

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

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## Four Weeks to More Fruits and Vegetables

June is National Fruit and Vegetable Month which perfectly coincides with the parade of fresh fruits and vegetables now coming into season. Fruits and vegetables are foods that everyone could stand to eat MORE of since they contain an abundance of vitamins, minerals, antioxidants, phyto-chemicals, fiber, and other cancer-preventing substances. Try this four week plan to consumer more of them.

**Week 1: Focus on breakfast.** Try to eat at least four different types of fruits during the week for breakfast. Bananas and apples are great for those on the go. Oranges add color and flavor to any meal. Berries and peaches are great over cereal or yogurt. Cherries are great to munch while you have tea or coffee. Kiwi fruit really wakes up a fruit salad with its color and flavor.

**Week 2: Focus on snacks.** Try to include fruits and vegetables in all your snacks this week. Your midmorning snack can include a vegetable juice such as low-sodium V8 or one of the new fruit and vegetable combination juices found in your grocery store. Read the label to be sure it is 100% fruit or vegetable juice. Take along a piece of whole fruit such as an apple, pear, plum, peach,

apricot, banana, cherries or grapes. Include vegetables in all you afternoon snacks. Try cucumber sticks, radish halves, baby carrots, celery sticks filled with peanut butter and raisins, zucchini sticks, yellow squash sticks, broccoli and cauliflower florets. Even if you eat the veggies with dip, you'll still be getting them into your diet.

**Week 3: Focus on dinner.** Try to include at least 2 or 3 servings of vegetables with every dinner you eat this week. A salad with 1 cup leafy greens and a ½ cup of sliced veggies equals two servings. Baked potatoes filled with steamed veggies, stir fries, chili, and pasta primavera are a few ideas for entrees based on vegetables. Fruits can be easily incorporated into dinner by serving fruit salsa or putting fruit such as oranges in your salad.

**Week 4: Focus on dessert.** Make fruit desserts this week. Keep cubed melon, washed berries, bananas, oranges, apples, and more on hand for fresh fruit cups.

Eating five or more servings of fruits and vegetables is a great step towards better health.

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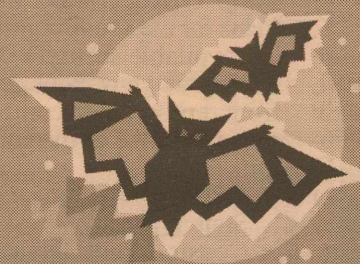
## Medical Fund for Brinlie Webb

A fund to help offset medical expenses for Brinlie Webb, Borden County 1<sup>st</sup> grader and daughter of Ryan and Brandi Webb of Lamesa, has been set up at State National Bank in Lamesa. She was diagnosed with a brain tumor last week and flown to Houston where she underwent surgery on Friday

To make a donation to by or mail to

State National Bank  
801 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lamesa, Texas 79331

# 4-H BAT CAMP



Join Dawson, Borden and Garza County 4-H members as we travel to the depths of Carlsbad Caverns and cruise the Pecos River on a

historic paddlewheel boat in a one-day trip on June 24th.

2 meals, snacks, admission to Carlsbad Caverns, boat trip & t-shirt are included in the \$20 registration fee.

Borden County 4-H 806-756-4336

Thursday, June 24th

Time: 9:30 AM-?

Please call our office no later than June 18th to sign up so t-shirts can be ordered!



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## Borden County Youth Horse Club

The BCYHC will begin play nights on June 1<sup>st</sup>

Every Tuesday night in June

Starting at 7:00 p.m.

For more information contact

Cassidy Carpenter

At 806/786-6796

## Legal Notices

### PRE-KINDERGARTEN NOTIFICATION FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

Borden County School will offer the pre-kindergarten program during the 2010-2011 school year. The program will be for eligible students who are four years of age on or before September 1, 2010. Students can qualify for the program by meeting at least one of the following requirements:

1. Be economically disadvantaged
2. Be Limited English Proficient (LEP)
3. Be homeless

If you know of a child who qualifies for the program, notify Mr. Bart McMeans, Principal, Borden County School, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, or call (806) 756-4313 to request a registration form. Complete and return the form by May 31, 2010.

#### DISCLAIMER

Borden County Elementary School will offer this program only if fifteen (15) or more students qualify.

#### ESL PROGRAM NOTIFICATION

Borden County Elementary School will offer an ESL program for LEP (Limited English Proficient) students during the summer of 2010. The program will be scheduled for a minimum of 120 hours and will conclude prior to August 1, 2010. The program is designed for students who will enter Kindergarten or First Grade in the fall of 2010-2011. Parents of eligible children will be responsible for transportation.

If you know of a child who qualifies for the program, notify Mr. Bart McMeans, Principal, Borden County School, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, or call (806) 756-4313 to request a registration form. Complete and return the form by May 31, 2010.

#### DISCLAIMER

Borden County Elementary School will offer this program only if ten or more students qualify.

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LA NOTIFICACION DE PRE-KINDERGARTEN PARA EL AÑO ESCOLAR 2010-2011

La Escuela de Borden

ofrecerá el programa del pre-kindergarten durante el año escolar 2010-2011. El programa será para los estudiantes elegibles que tienen cuatro años en o antes de 1 de septiembre, 2010. Los estudiantes pueden calificar por el programa resolviendo por lo menos uno de los requisitos siguientes:

1. Sea económicamente perjudicado
2. Este limitado experto ingles (LEP)
3. Sea destituido

Si usted conoce de un niño que califique por el programa, notifica a Bart McMeans, director, Borden County School, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, o llame (806) 756-4313 para solicitar una forma de registro. Complete y regresa la forma antes del 31 de mayo, 2010.

#### LA DENEGACIÓN

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá este programa solamente si quince (15) o más estudiantes califican.

#### ESL PROGRAMA NOTIFICACION

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá un programa de ESL para los estudiantes del LEP (Experto Inglés Limitado) durante el verano de 2010. El programa será programado por un mínimo de 120 horas y concluirá antes del 1 de agosto, 2010. El programa esta diseñado para los estudiantes que entraran kindergarten o el primer grado en el otoño de 2010-2011. Los padres de niños elegibles serán responsables del transporte.

Si usted conoce de un niño que califique por el programa, notifica a Bart McMeans, director, Borden County School, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, o llame (806) 756-4313 para solicitar una forma de registro. Complete y regresa la forma antes del 31 de mayo, 2010.

#### LA DENEGACIÓN

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá este programa solamente si diez (10) o más estudiantes califican.

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#### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be re-

ceived by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

#### CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene

Contract 6033-03-001 for ON DEMAND MBGF in FISHER County, etc will be opened on June 15, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$254,792.05

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 32910

#### State Office

Constr./Maint. Division  
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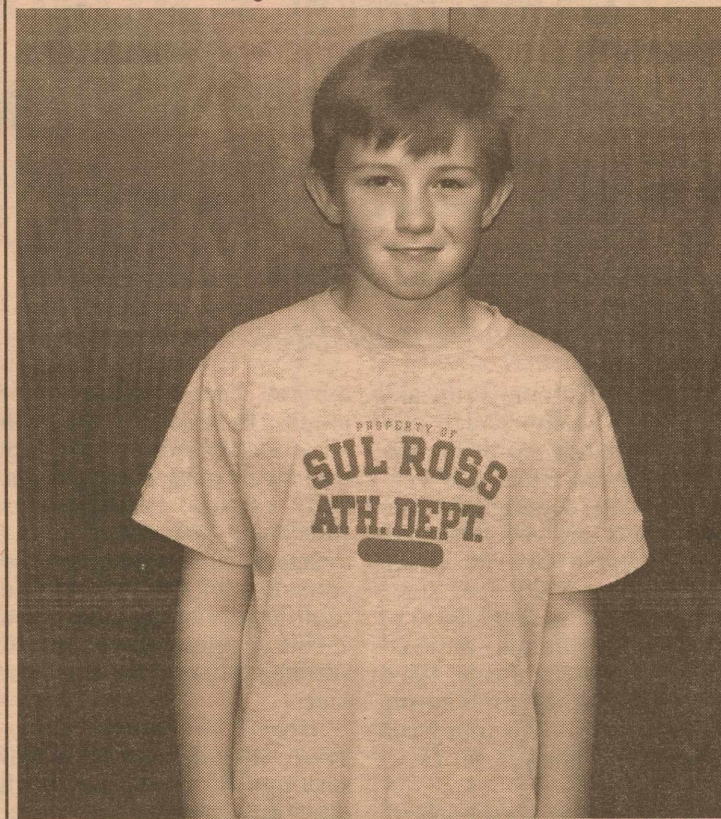
#### Dist/Div Office(s)

Abilene District  
District Engineer  
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Phone: 325-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

## New Bicycle!



Pictured is Borden County 4th grader, Kable Kleck, who recently won a brand new bike. He was eligible for the Accelerated Reading drawing for having over 50 points.

## Field Day



Borden County 2nd grader, Keigan Benavidez (front), takes off in the 400 meter relay at this years' Field Day held this past Friday. Also pictured is Mason Cole and Thomas Benavidez.

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