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## USDA Reminds Producers to Apply for 2011 Livestock Disaster Assistance

(POST, TX), April 12, 2011  
—Garza-Borden County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Victor Ashley, reminds eligible ranchers and livestock producers of the Jan. 30, 2012 deadline for applying for benefits under the provisions of the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) for losses incurred during the 2011 crop year. In addition to the counties that became eligible earlier in the year, the following counties triggered after April 1, 2011.

The following counties met the LFP trigger requirements for native and improved grasses: Blanco, Borden, Brooks, Burnet, Cameron, Childress, Coleman, Collin, Collingsworth, Comal, Concho, Cooke, Cottle, Dawson, Dewitt, Dickens, Donley, Duval, Eastland,

Fisher, Fort Bend, Gaines, Garza, Gonzales, Grayson, Hall, Hays, Hidalgo, Jackson, Jim Hogg, Jones, Kenedy, Kent, Lampasas, Lavaca, Lynn, McCulloch, McMullen, Menard, Mitchell, Montague, Motley, Nolan, San Saba, Scurry, Starr, Terry, Throckmorton, Travis, Webb, Wharton, Willacy, Yoakum and Zapata.

The following counties met the LFP trigger requirements for small grains: Borden, Brooks, Burnet, Cameron, Childress, Coleman, Collin, Collingsworth, Concho, Cooke, Cottle, Dawson, Dewitt, Dickens, Donley, Duval, Eastland, Fisher, Fort Bend, Gaines, Garza, Gonzales, Grayson, Hall, Hays, Hidalgo, Jackson, Jim Hogg, Jones, Kenedy, Kent, Lavaca, Lynn, McCulloch,

McMullen, Menard, Mitchell, Montague, Motley, Nolan, San Saba, Scurry, Starr, Terry, Throckmorton, Travis, Webb, Wharton, Willacy, Yoakum and Zapata.

“We anticipate more counties may become eligible between now and the end of September, so livestock producers should stay tuned,” said Ashley.

LFP provides payments to eligible livestock producers that have suffered livestock grazing losses due to qualifying drought or fire. Fire losses apply only to federally managed rangeland. Eligible livestock under LFP include beef cattle, alpacas, buffalo, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep and swine. For losses due to drought, qualifying drought ratings are determined using the U.S. Drought Monitor located at <http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html>.

“It is imperative that livestock producers meet this deadline for disaster assistance as there are no late file provisions for LFP,” said Ashley. “To ensure a smooth

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## 1600 Meter Relay



The Borden County varsity girls' 1600 meter relay team finished in 1st place at the District 9-A track meet last week. Pictured are (left to right) Hanna Forbes, Teryn Soto, Stefanie Cooley and Aubree Lester.

## Drought Ends With Coyote and Lady Coyote Track Titles

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes hosted the 2011 district 9-A track championships and for the first time since 1999, the Coyotes and Lady Coyotes came away with the team championship in each varsity division and will be well represented at the area track meet on April 14<sup>th</sup> in Hamlin. In the process of winning the track title several top performances and track records were set. On the girls' side, Reagan Belongia got things going with

a personal best throw in the discus to win the title with a throw of 106' even. Taylor Gass also turned in a personal best 13:04 in the 3200 to bring home the silver medal. Hannah Forbes ran a personal best and track record 49.19 in the 300 hurdles for the title. Aubree Lester also ran a track record time in defending her title in the 200 at 26.78. The foursome of Forbes, Teryn

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## Early Dismissal

Borden County ISD will dismiss classes at 12:30 p.m. on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 for Easter holiday and busses will run at that time. There will be no classes on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and classes will resume on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

# Coyotes Stay Alive With Double Header Victory Over Hermleigh

By Coach Richey

The Coyotes got a familiar face on the mound and also found some fun and familiar results as they pounded the ball early and often Saturday in their double header victory over the Hermleigh Cardinals.

Miles Valentine pitched for the first time in two years and with his three solid innings he came away with his first win since his freshman year. Miles gave up 2 runs in the 3 innings while striking out 6 Cardinal hitters giving up only 1 hit along the way. Meanwhile the struggling Coyote offense came out of hibernation again as it has done in all three of their district wins. They collected 16 hits in game one to produce 18 runs in the 18 to 2 victory in game 1 of the day. Austin Fields was 2 of 3 with 3 runs scored 5 RBI's and 3 stolen bases. Collin Telchik hitting in the 2 hole for injured Tanner Richey was 3 of 4 with 3 runs 2 RBI's and a double and 3 stolen bases. Quint Shafer was 1 of 3 with 2 runs scored and 2 RBI's and a triple. Zach Telchik continued his hot streak as he was 2 of 2 with 1 run and 4 RBI's. Miles Valentine was 0 of 3 with 2 RBI. Austin Tyler was 0 of 3 while TJ Basquez was 3 of 4 with an RBI and a double. Jared Smith was 2 of 3 with 2 runs and an RBI. Brady Bybee was 0 of 1 and Steven Howard was 3 of 4 with his first career homerun. Austin Tyler pitched two scoreless innings in relief for Miles.

In game 2, Collin Telchik got back to the winning side on the mound, improving to 3-3 on the season with the victory

as he pitched 2 scoreless innings before Fields pitched 2 scoreless innings. Jared Smith came in and pitched one scoreless inning as the Coyotes won game two 15 to 0.

These three pitchers gave up 2 total hits in the pitching master piece. Fields was 2 of 3 at the plate with 2 more runs scored and an RBI. Collin Telchik was 0 of 2 with a run scored. Quint Shafer was 1 of 3 with 3 RBI's. Zach Telchik was 3 of 4 with an RBI and 2 runs scored. Miles Valentine came out of his district slump by going 4 of 4 with 2 runs and 2 RBI's. Austin Tyler was 1 of 4 and a run. TJ Basquez was 2 of 3 with 2 runs and 3 RBI's and Jared Smith was 0 of 1 with a run. Steven Howard continued his career day by going 3 of 3 with 2 RBI's and scoring 3 times.

Every Coyote player played in both games as Luke Burkett started in left field in both games with Jared Smith DH'ing for him in game one and Quint Shafer in game 2. Michael Taylor played some first base in both games and Helio Rosales played some 3<sup>rd</sup> base in both games.



Gail FFA members pause for a fine meal and unique atmosphere at teh Big Texas Steak House in Amarillo during their recent Career Development Judging Competition.

# Gail FFA Members Busy With CDE Judging Events

By Buddy Wallace

Several members from the Gail FFA Chapter were busy honing their evaluation skills as they recently took a week-end road trip north to attend two Invitational CDE Judging Events.

The Horse, Cotton, Wool, Livestock, and Poultry teams competed in the Texas

WTAMU Canyon Invitational, and the Clarendon College Invitational Career Development Events on the April 1 and April 2.

Highlights of the contests included a 3<sup>rd</sup> Place finish from the Wool Team at WTAMU, and a 6<sup>th</sup> place finish at Clarendon College. The Cotton team also placed 6<sup>th</sup> at WTAMU and 10<sup>th</sup> overall at Clarendon College.

Teams and members attending were the following:

Wool:

Michael Froman: 6<sup>th</sup> high overall individual Clarendon  
Sydnie Day: 6<sup>th</sup> high overall individual WTAMU

Matt Roberson: 9<sup>th</sup> high overall individual WTAMU  
Dalton Thuett

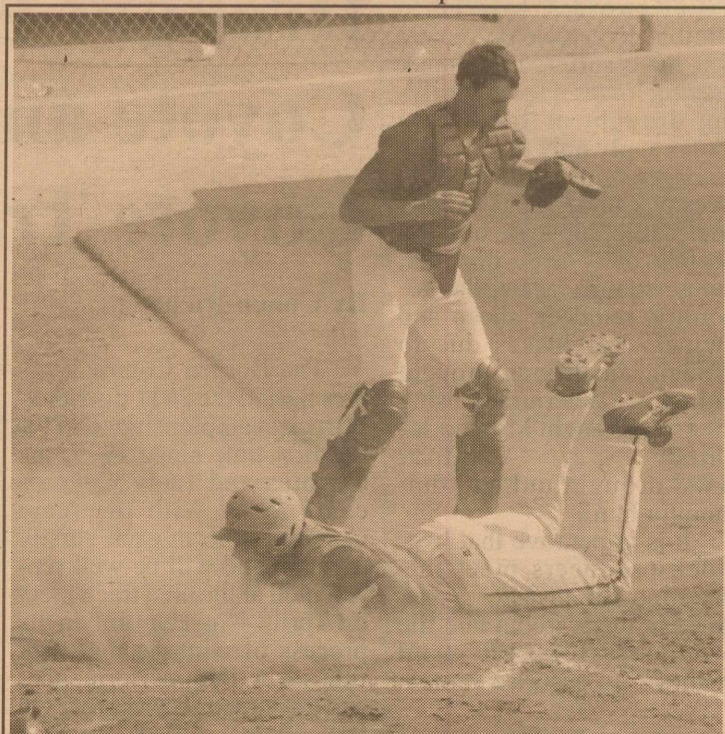
Cotton: Jordan Day / Teryn Soto / Jared Smith / Maeghan Herridge

Poultry: Mollie McMeans, Brady Dowds, Tristen Benavidez

Horse: Lexi Peterson, McLayne Hall, Kalyn Massingill, Matthew Ham

Livestock: Machel Barr, Steelie Sanders, Seleste Herridge, Kylie Voss

Thanks all Gail FFA members for attending these events and congratulations on your accomplishments.



Borden County baseballer, T.J. Basquez slides in safe to home plate during last weeks game against the Hermleigh Cardinals.

## School Lunch Menu

April 18 - 22, 2011

Menu subject to change

**Monday** - Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: BBQ Chicken, Salad, Baked Beans, Bread, Pears and Milk.

**Tuesday** - Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Fajitas, Refried Beans, Corn, Orange Smiles and Milk.

**Wednesday** - Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage & Gravy, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Nacho Grande, Lettuce & Tomato, Apricots, Crackers and Milk.

**Thursday** - Breakfast: Sausage & Biscuit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: PG&J Sandwich, Apple Slices, Baby Carrots, Animal Crackers and Milk.

**Friday** - NO SCHOOL

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# Track Teams Earn Titles...

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Soto, Kalyn Massingill and Lester teamed up for a season best and track record time of 1:51.9 to win the 800 relay. Then Forbes, Soto and Lester were joined by Stephanie Cooley to win the 1600 relay in a season best time of 4:23.35.

On the boys' side, Tony Soto brought home the title in the triple jump with a jump of 40'8". David Rodriguez turned in a track record and broke his own school record in winning the 400 meters in a time of 51.26. Rodriguez turned around and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 200 with a time of 23.36. The foursome of Steven Howard, John Hensley, Austin Fields and Joseph McConnell brought home the 400 meter relay title with a time of 45.68. Fields and Howard teamed up with Rodriguez and Quint Shafer (who had to replace an injured Tanner Richey) in the 1600 meter relay with a track record time of 3:38.9 to win the title.

Below are the results for each division that competed in the meet

In the Varsity Boys division Borden County placed first with 120 total points followed by Water Valley with a total of 77.33 points. Placing third was Sterling City with 70 points followed by O'Donnell with 69 points and Grady placed 5<sup>th</sup> with 61.33 points.

#### Varsity Boys' Division:

100 Meter Dash: 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Joseph McConnell-11.81.

200 Meter Dash: 2<sup>nd</sup> place-David Rodriguez-23.46.

400 Meter Dash: 1<sup>st</sup> place-David Rodriguez-51.26.

800 Meter Run: 5<sup>th</sup> Luke Burkett-2:11.94

400 Meter Relay: 1<sup>st</sup> place-45.68-Steven Howard, John Hensley, Austin Fields and Joseph McConnell.

800 Meter Relay: 3<sup>rd</sup> place-1:35.35-Steven Howard, Austin Fields, Quint Shafer and Tony Soto.

1600 Meter Relay: 1<sup>st</sup> place-3:38.90-Steven Howard, Quint Shafer, Tanner Richey and David Rodriguez.

110 Meter Hurdles: 4<sup>th</sup> place-Austin Tyler-16.84.

300 Meter Hurdles: 5<sup>th</sup> place-Austin Tyler-46.10.

Long Jump: 6<sup>th</sup> place-Tony Soto-19'2½"

Shot Put: 3<sup>rd</sup> place-T.J.

Basquez-40'10¼" and 5<sup>th</sup> place-Helio Rosales-39'6"

Discus: 4<sup>th</sup> place-Matt Roberson-109'9" and 5<sup>th</sup> place-T.J. Basquez-108'1"

Triple Jump: 1<sup>st</sup> place-Tony Soto-40'9¼"; 4<sup>th</sup> place-Austin Tyler-38'9½" and 6<sup>th</sup> place-38'6"

High Jump: 4<sup>th</sup> place-Quint Shafer-5'8" and 5<sup>th</sup> place-David Rodriguez-5'8"

In the JV Boys' Division Ira finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place with a total of 165 points followed by Sands with 142. The Borden County JV boys' team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> with 106 followed by Loop with 59 and Dawson coming in 5<sup>th</sup> place with 28 points.

#### JV Boys' Division:

400 Meter Dash: 1<sup>st</sup> place-Matt Proulx-57.09.

800 Meter Run: 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Matt Proulx-2:39.69 and 5<sup>th</sup> place-Dalton Thuett-2:49.56.

1600 Meter Run: 5<sup>th</sup> place-Zach McMeans-6:05.73.

3200 Meter Run: 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Zach McMeans-13:38.24.

400 Meter Relay: 2<sup>nd</sup> place-49.31-Matt Ham, Tristen Benavidez, Jared Smith and Collin Telchik.

800 Meter Relay: 3<sup>rd</sup> place-1:52.11-Matt Ham, Luis Andrade, Jared Smith and Tristen Benavidez.

1600 Meter Relay: 2<sup>nd</sup> place-4:02.70-Collin Telchik, Matt Ham, Jared Smith and Matt Proulx.

Long Jump: 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Matt Ham-16'5½" and 5<sup>th</sup> place-Collin Telchik-16'5"

Shot Put: 4<sup>th</sup> place-Brady Dowds-32'½" and 5<sup>th</sup> place-McLayne Hall-31'9¼"

Discus: 4<sup>th</sup> place-Brady Dowds-82'4" and 5<sup>th</sup> place-McLayne Hall-79'3"

Triple Jump: 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Collin Telchik-34'2½"

Pole Vault: 5<sup>th</sup> place-Matt Proulx-8'0"

In the JV girls' division, Ira finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place with 192 points followed by Borden County with a total of 170 points. Loop placed 3<sup>rd</sup> with 29 followed by O'Donnell with 25 points and Garden City placed 5<sup>th</sup> with 14 points.

#### JV girls' division:

100 Meter Dash: 1<sup>st</sup> place-Sydney Rebeles-14.63.

200 Meter Dash: 1<sup>st</sup> place-Sydney Rebeles-32.05.

400 Meter Dash: 1<sup>st</sup> place-Mallory McMeans-1:17.35.

800 Meter Run: 2<sup>nd</sup> place-

Lexi Peterson-3:18.81.

1600 Meter Run: 1<sup>st</sup> place-Mollie McMeans-6:47.21 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place-7:54.94.

3200 Meter Run: 1<sup>st</sup> place-Mollie McMeans-15:37.37.

400 Meter Relay: 2<sup>nd</sup> place-1:05.90-Kaylyn Dean, Jordan Day, Mallory McMeans and Sydney Rebeles.

800 Meter Relay: 2<sup>nd</sup> place-2:22.89-Kaylyn Dean, Kylie Voss, Jordan Day and Seleste Herridge.

1600 Meter Relay: 1<sup>st</sup> place-5:22.36-Lexi Peterson, Kylie Voss, Mallory McMeans and Mollie McMeans.

Long Jump: 1<sup>st</sup> place-Kylie Voss-12'1"; 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Mallory McMeans-11'10" and 4<sup>th</sup> place-Lexi Peterson-11'1¼".

Shot Put: 1<sup>st</sup> Kaylyn Dean-25'11"

Discus: 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Kaylyn Dean-46'6" and 5<sup>th</sup> place-Jordan Day-32'4"

Triple Jump: 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Kylie Voss-26'11" and 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Lexi Peterson-26'7½"

The Borden County varsity girls' team finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place with a total of 108 points followed by Water Valley with 95 points. Klondike finished 3<sup>rd</sup> with 78 points followed by Garden City with 66 and 5<sup>th</sup> place went to Wellman-Union with 63 points.

#### Varsity girls' division:

100 Meter Dash: 6<sup>th</sup> place-Machelle Barr-14.37.

200 Meter Dash: 1<sup>st</sup> place-Aubree Lester-26.78.

1600 Meter Run: 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Taylor Gass-6:04.80.

3200 Meter Run: 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Taylor Gass-13:07.30.

400 Meter Relay: 4<sup>th</sup> place-55.66-Machelle Barr, Stefanie Cooley, Teryn Soto and Kalyn Massingill.

800 Meter Relay: 1<sup>st</sup> place-1:51.61-Hanna Forbes, Teryn Soto, Aubree Lester and Kaylyn Massingill.

1600 Meter Relay: 1<sup>st</sup> place-4:23.36-Teryn Soto, Hanna Forbes, Aubree Lester and Stefanie Cooley.

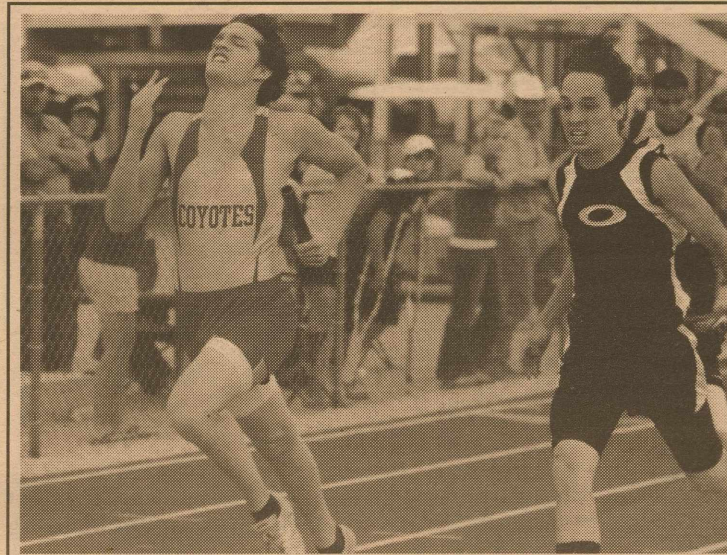
300 Meter Hurdles: 1<sup>st</sup> place-Hanna Forbes-49.19.

Long Jump: 6<sup>th</sup> place-Kalyn Massingill-13'10½"

Discus: 1<sup>st</sup> place-Raegan Belongia-106'0" and 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Taylor Richey-91'1"

Triple Jump: 5<sup>th</sup> place-Aubree Lester-31'3½"

High Jump: 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Krista Tarleton-4'10"



Joseph McConnell crosses the finish line earning the 400 Meter Relay team 1st place in the district meet. The team made up of Steven Howard, John Hensley, Austin Fields and Joseph McConnell will compete at the Area track meet to be held April 14th in Hamlin.

## BC Girls Golf Regional Bound

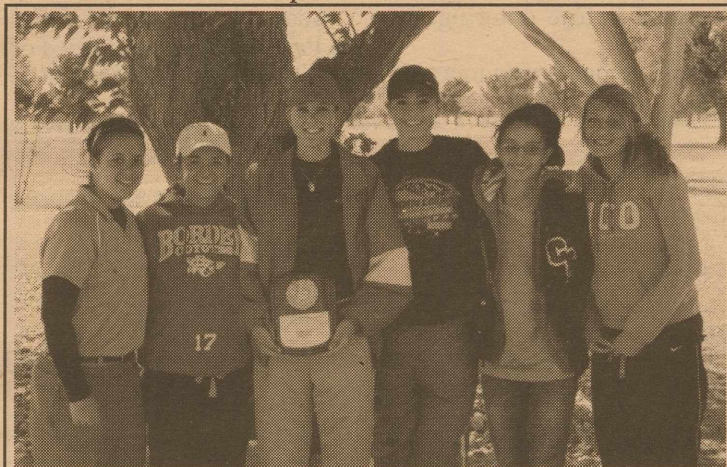
By Coach Baeza

The Borden County golf team participated in the district round on April 4 in Big Spring and advanced the girls' team to the regional round in Baird. Both boys' and girls' team competed well in the wind but in the end the boys were not able to put enough scores together to have them advance. The results are as follows:

Girls: Second place team Krista Tarleton-4<sup>th</sup> place


individ.-108; Michelle Barr-9<sup>th</sup> place indiv.-117; Seleste Herridge-10 place indiv.-119; Taylor Richey-120 and Teryn Soto-128 for a team total of 464. Kalyn Massingill was a medalist with 156.


Boys: Fourth place team Austin Fields-99; Michael Froman-105; Jared Smith-112; Matt Ham-120 and Zach McMeans-138 for a team total of 436.



The Borden County girls golf team advanced to regional round after placing 2nd at the district meet held in Big Spring. Pictured are (left to right) Seleste Herridge, Machelle Barr, Krista Tarleton, Taylor Richey, Kalyn Massingill and Teryn Soto.

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**Heart and Home ...**


by Julie Smith  
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## School Bus Safety is Everyone's Business

For 23 million students nationwide, the school day begins and ends with a trip on a school bus. The greatest risk is not riding the bus, but approaching or leaving the bus. Even though we are near the end of the school year, it is still very important for students and adults be aware of school bus safety. We often let ourselves become lax after a period of time.

Every school bus is surrounded by a danger zone. This danger zone consists of the 10 feet in front of the bus, and on all other sides of the bus. Following a few simple school bus safety tips will ensure that all children are safe around the danger zones of a school bus.

1. Children should arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes early to prevent running up to the bus stop when the bus is approaching.

2. As the bus approaches, stand at least 6 feet away from the curb, or edge of the road.

3. Wait for the bus driver to signal before entering the bus.

4. Use hand rails to avoid falls.

5. Tie loose strings together or tuck away to avoid being caught on handrails and in doors.

6. When crossing in front of the bus, wait for the driver to signal before crossing.

7. Be sure the driver can see you at all times. Just because a child can see the driver, does not mean the driver can see the child.


8. Always look left-right-left before crossing the street, road, or highway.

9. NEVER walk behind the school bus.

10. If you drop something, notify the driver immediately. Never try to pick it up without telling the driver.

School bus safety is everyone's business. Parents should take time to be sure children know and obey the rules of school bus safety. For more information on school bus safety, contact Julie at the extension office (756-4336).

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**Thought for the Day**

*Many Christians estimate difficulties in the light of their own resources, and thus attempt little and often fail in the little they attempt. All God's giants have been weak men who did great things for God because they reckoned on His power and presence being with them.*  
 -James Hudson Taylor

## Poster Contest



"Bicycling is fun...and Healthy too"  
 5<sup>th</sup> graders recently competed in a poster contest for the 2011 Saris Cycling Group. Students were asked to design a poster that revealed their understanding of the significant purpose bicycling can play in our community. The winner of the poster contest was Ashlyn Tucker. Her poster will be submitted to the State contest in hopes of advancing to the National level.


  
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 April/May 2011 4-H Calendar
 

April  
 14 Photography Project 3:45 to 5:15 in Home Ec Lab  
 15 **Deadline to register for North Region 4-H Leader Lab**  
 16 District 4-H Livestock Judging Contest in Lubbock  
 26 County 4-H Recordbook Workshop at 6:00 p.m. in the Extension Office Meeting Room **(THIS IS A DATE CHANGE)**

May  
 7 District 4-H Roundup in Levelland  
 23 4-H Monthly Meeting  
 (Cool Clovers: 11:30-12:00; JH/HS: 12:35-1:05 in Conference Room at School)  
 31-June 2 North Region 4-H Leader Lab in Levelland

## Locals Compete in THSRA Regional Finals in San Angelo

The Spur Arena in San Angelo was the site for the THSRA Regional Finals April 9-10 for Junior High students in Region II. Students from Borden County competing for State qualification were 6<sup>th</sup> grader Dylan Murphy and 8<sup>th</sup> grader Sean Tucker. Kindergarten student, Allie Murphy, competed in the Youth Division.

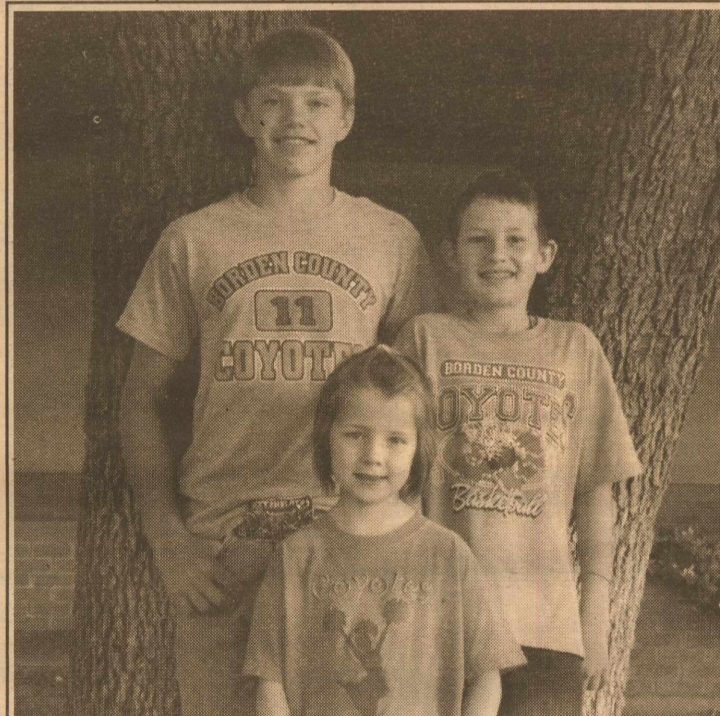
Allie Murphy clocked a rapid 22.33 in Pole Bending on Saturday for a second place finish to help her win 5<sup>th</sup> for the year. She also competed in Barrel Racing to finish the year in 6<sup>th</sup> place. Youth Division contestants do not get to compete on the state level. However, Allie accrued points for many prizes for her efforts.

In Breakaway Roping Dylan won first place for the year and received a championship buckle. His times of 14 and 15 seconds during the Regional Finals performances helped him to win second in Goat Tying and earn a berth at the State Finals. Dylan also qualified in Ribbon Roping with a 10 second run on Saturday, and a 9 second run on Sunday. His partner Chase Mertz of Eldorado helped him to win 5<sup>th</sup> place for the year. Dylan will compete in Breakaway, Ribbon Roping, and Goat Tying in Gonzales.

Sean Tucker earned State Qualification for winning 3<sup>rd</sup> in Team Roping with his partner, Dakota Felton, of Mountain Home, Texas. He will also com-

pete in Tie-Down Calf Roping for his third place finish for the year. Sean competed in Ribbon Roping with his partner McKenzie McAngus of Eldorado. After a second place finish on Saturday with a 9 second run for Sean and McKenzie, they were in a 3-way tie for first place with two other teams. In Sunday's performance, Landon Lambert of Grandbury and Megan Powell of Eldorado clocked 11 seconds to finish third for the year. They were

followed by Dakota Felton of Mountain Home and Whitley Whitewood of Bandera with an 8 second run and second place. Sean and McKenzie had a smoking 7.2 to win first place and the championship buckles. Sean qualified for the State Finals in Gonzales in Team Roping, Tie-Down Calf-Roping, and Ribbon Roping. The State Finals will be held May 30 - June 3, 2011 in Gonzales, Texas.



Borden County students competing in the THSRA regional finals this past weekend were (back left to right) Sean Tucker, Dylan Murphy and Allie Murphy. Sean and Dylan qualified for State finals to be held in Gonzales.

### Borden County Youth Horse Club

The Borden County Youth Horse Club will kick off Tuesday nights in June at the new arena. If you are interested in participating or if you would like to make a tax deductible donation to our awards fund, please contact Cassidy Carpenter at 806/786-6796 or at [cassidyogden@yahoo.com](mailto:cassidyogden@yahoo.com)

### PRE-SCHOOL DAY

Pre-School Day will be Thursday, April 21st. If your child will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2011, 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.

#### WE WILL BE HAVING AN EARLY DISMISSAL AT 12:30 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, please contact the bus driver in your area.

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

## Borden County Ag. Science Horticulture Greenhouse Plants Available

By Buddy Wallace

The Ag. Science Horticulture Class now have plants available for spring planting. These plants were grown from seed by the class. Anyone wishing to purchase starter plants can contact Buddy Wallace at 806/756-4313 (School) or 806/756-4478 (Home). Email [bwallace@bcisd.net](mailto:bwallace@bcisd.net). All plants are suitable size for ground planting. The Gail FFA Horticulture class appreciates your business!

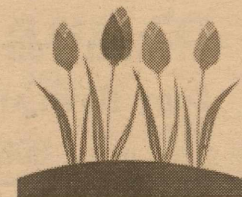
All plants are \$1.00 each. Plants available are as follows:

- Large Variety Tomatoes:
1. Early Girl
  2. Better Boy
  3. Bush Goliath

Medium Size Tomatoes:

1. Roma
- Small Tomatoes:
1. Sun Cherry
- Peppers: **\*\***(All peppers ready the week after Easter)
1. Bell Peppers (Early Sensation)
  2. Sweet Banana
  3. Early Jalapeno
  4. Fooled You Jalapeno
  5. Habanera

There will be several flower bedding plants available also.



### Booster Club Annual Pre-K Egg Hunt

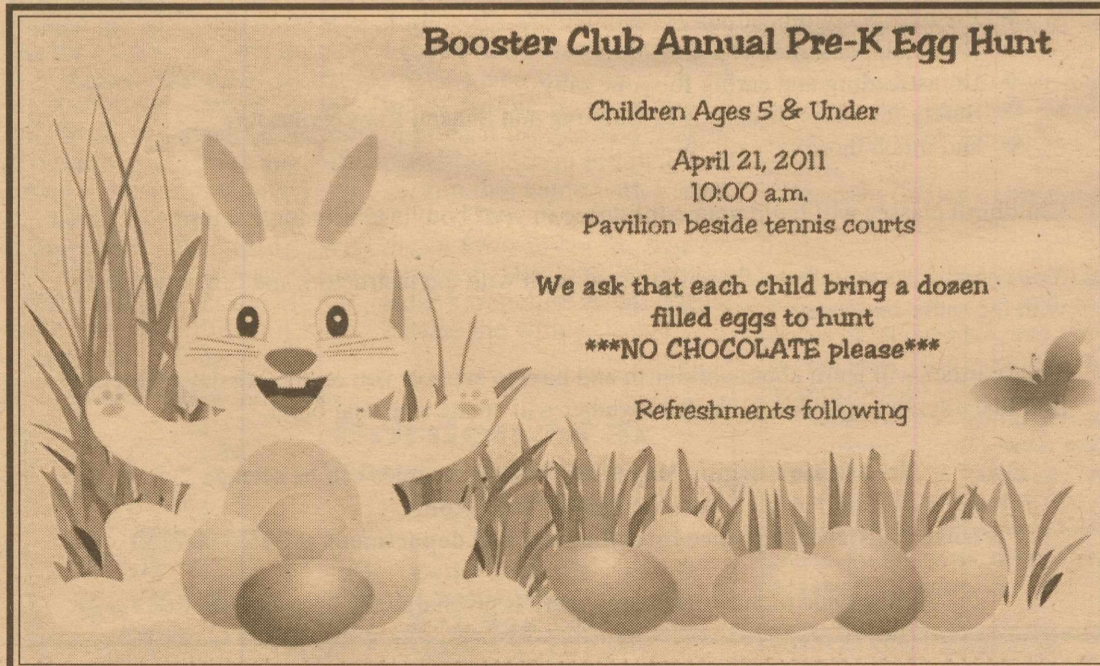
Children Ages 5 & Under

April 21, 2011  
10:00 a.m.

Pavilion beside tennis courts

We ask that each child bring a dozen filled eggs to hunt  
**\*\*\*NO CHOCOLATE please\*\*\***

Refreshments following



## Commissioners Meeting

**WHEREAS**, On this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2011, 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:

**ROSS SHARP**, County Judge, Residing; **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, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

Other officers Present: Treasurer Sharlot Stone and Ben Smith, County Attorney.

### CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp opened the March 22, 2011 Special Session of Borden Co. Commissioners Court at 8:44 a.m.

### MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commission-

ers Court Meetings of March 8, 2011 were read. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### SEAL COATING

Jonathon Ziegner and Zane Edwards representatives of Parkhill, Cooper and Smith met with the Court concerning Seal Coating Program for Borden County. No action taken at this time.

### WEST TEXAS CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

Ericka Dowds and Peggy Parrott representatives of the West Texas Children's Advocacy Center met with the Court explaining the work of the Center. Commissioner Belew made a motion proclaiming April 2011 as child Abuse Prevention Month. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

### SURPLUS ITEMS

A discussion was held on the surplus items that are to be offered for bid. No action was taken.

### HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER

Commissioner Belew made a motion to appoint the County Treasurer as the Human Resource Officer. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

### COUNTY ATTORNEY

Commissioner Smith made a motion to appoint Ben Smith as Borden County Attorney and Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### BORDEN COUNTY EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

A work shop was held on the Borden County Employee Handbook. No action taken.

### BORDEN COUNTY EVENT CENTER

The Use Policy for the Borden County Event Center was discussed. No action taken.

### ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

No applications received. ACCOUNTS ALLOWED  
The current accounts were examined. A motion was made by Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

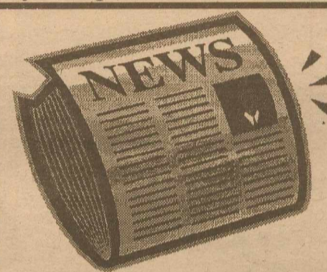
### DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Borden County Employee Handbook, Borden County Event Center, and Seal Coating.

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011.



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The Borden County Commissioners' Court will receive bids until 9:30 a.m., April 26, 2011 for the purchase of a used water truck for use in Borden County Precinct 2 and 4. Bids will be opened and considered in the Borden County Commissioners' Courtroom in the County Courthouse. Specifications may be obtained at the office of the County Judge, 806/756-4391, Commissioner Precinct 2, Randy Adcock, 806/759-8804 or Commissioner Precinct 4, Joe Belew, 325/573-7718.

The Borden County Commissioners' Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive all formalities.

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Ross Sharp  
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## Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
Tumbleweed Smith

### Adventure in Eating Out Away From Home

Years ago my wife Susan and I collaborated on a column about what makes a good restaurant. We covered atmosphere, cleanliness, service, food and drink, silverware, tablecloths, glassware, china and seating arrangements. We also talked about the proper way to clear a table.

Susan is a fabulous, creative cook. We dine every night. We've been able to eat in some of the finest restaurants in the country and beyond. We usually don't frequent franchise places, choosing instead to go to a local café or restaurant to soak up the atmosphere and flavor. This year, speaking appearances have taken us from one end of the state to the other. We've had some interesting and fun dining experiences.

At one barbeque place in central Texas, we got food from the grill, walked in the door and along the counter to pick up some vegetables, slaw and potato salad. We were happily looking over the merchandise when the girl at the cash register rushed up and told us we were on the wrong side of the counter and should be on the opposite side. Yes, ma'am. We complied. Some barbeque places have more rules than others.

In another restaurant, we noticed the table where we sat had the number 26 on it in several places. We finished eating and were waiting for the bill. When it was apparent that it wasn't going to come, we asked a person cleaning up if she could get our waitress to bring a bill. She said, "We don't give bills. Just go to the cashier and ask for the bill for table 26. We did and sure enough, there was our bill in

the stack with several others. I sometimes get the impression eating in local places that the wait staff never thinks that the people they're serving might be from out of town.

Still another experience happened on our way home from the coast. We had a delicious lunch and again, no bill. We asked about that and were told to "just tell the lady at the cash register what you had."

Late one afternoon we were shopping and asked the owner of the store where would be a good place to get some seafood. He enthusiastically named a restaurant. His wife, a most accommodating woman, said reservations were required and if we wanted her to call and make them, she would. We said yes. We were told that famous people from all over the world had eaten there. It was legendary. We were filled with anticipation and looking forward to a good meal.

Well, I gotta tell ya. Some legendary places should be taken off the list. There was no menu, no wine and practically no service. Ninety percent of the food was fried. The waiter who finally showed up at our table and told us what was being served seemed impatient that we had questions like "Is the shrimp from the gulf?" He wasn't sure. When I asked him what the specialty of the place was, he said, "A lot of people order drum." I ordered it broiled and it came pan-fried. Susan ordered fried shrimp that came with French fries. They were cold. We drove forty miles for that experience. Next time we'll consider a franchise meal. Please excuse the whine.

## Borden County ISD Board Meeting

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, Dennis Poole, and Mike Valentine. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas and Principal, Bart McMeans were also present. Guests present were Santana Gonzales, and Jay Bingham.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2011, board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the March 2011, bills. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made

by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the brick scheme for the new school building as presented by the representatives from Shiver Megert & Associates, to approve the baseball field turf layout as presented by representatives from Shiver Megert & Associates, and to request bids for parking lot and stadium upgrades as presented by Shiver Megert & Associates. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joe Harding to hire Wretha Wagner as a professional employee for the 2011-2012 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to take action to renew the contracts of all professional personnel as recommended by Mr. Thomas for the 2011-2012 school year. The motion carried six to one with John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole, and Mike Valentine voting in favor and Joe

Harding voting against.

8. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Mike Valentine to set the regular April board meeting for April 18, 2011, at 7:00 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Mike Valentine to approve the senior trip for the class of 2011 to go to New York as requested. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Mr. Thomas gave a year to date financial overview, reported that 224 students were enrolled as of March 21, 2011, gave a construction project report, gave a student failure and honor roll report, and gave a yearly school health advisory report. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

## Gail FFA Sponsors Clothes/Shoe Drive

By Buddy Wallace

The Gail FFA Chapter is once again sponsoring its annual "Give the shirt off your back" clothing and shoe collection drive.

The public is welcome to participate!

Categories: Clothing / Shoe Items

Items should be clean, folded and placed in a box or trash bag. (Shoes separate)

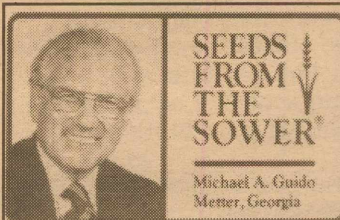
Items can be brought by the

Ag. Building or picked up by an FFA student right from your vehicle.

Final delivery date: Tuesday, April 19th.

All items to be delivered by Gail FFA to a needy area organization.

Gail FFA and Lone Wolf District ask you to help "Give the shirt off your back" or... out of your closet.... for a worthy cause.



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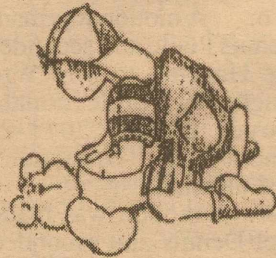
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# USDA Disaster...

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application process, producers should have all required supporting documentation with them at the time they visit our office to apply for benefits," he said.

In order for an LFP applicant to qualify for program benefits, the applicant must have purchased insurance coverage through FSA's Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) or the Pasture, Rangeland and Forage Insurance-Rainfall Index for Grazing (PRF-RI) program offered through the Risk Management Agency (RMA).

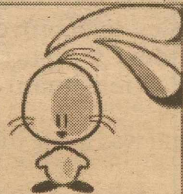
Producers who meet the requirements of a socially disadvantaged, limited resource, or beginning farmers or ranchers, as defined in the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, Section 2501 (e) (7 U.S.C. 2279(e)),

do not have to meet this Risk Management Purchase Requirement (RMPR).

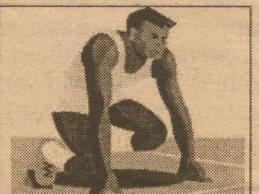
LFP program applicants should note that in addition to risk management provisions, certain payment limitation and adjusted gross income eligibility requirements must be met in order to qualify for livestock disaster program benefits.

For more information, county eligibility questions or to apply for LFP and other USDA Farm Service Agency disaster assistance programs, please contact the Garza-Borden County FSA office at 806-495-2801 X 2. Information can also be obtained on line

at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.



# April 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Baseball @ Hamlin-TBA  CDE Judging-WTAMU @ Canyon	2 CDE Judging @ Clarendon
3	4 District Golf @ Big Spring  TAKS - 5 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Math	5*Baseball vs. Ira @ Moffett 5:00  TAKS - 5 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Reading	6 HS District Track Meet @ Gail	7 HS Tennis @ Lamesa	8	9 *Baseball vs. Hermleigh @ Moffett 10:00 Possible DH Area II CDE Judging-Texas Tech, Lubbock ACT Test (must have pre-registered)
10	11 HS Tennis-District @ Garden City	12 Baseball vs. Ralls @ Moffett 5:00  HS Tennis-District @ Garden City	13	14 Area Track Meet @ Hamlin	15 End of 5 <sup>th</sup> 6 weeks  Possible- Regional OAP @ Clyde	16 *Baseball vs. Tahoka @ Moffett 6:00  State CDE Judging Texas Tech, Lubbock  Possible - Regional HS UIL @ Abilene
17	18 Beginning of 6 <sup>th</sup> 6 weeks Baseball vs. Crosbyton @ Moffett 4:30 Regional Golf @ Baird	19 Regional Golf @ Baird	20 Regional Tennis @ Abilene	21 Early Dismissal  Pre-K Day  Regional Tennis @ Abilene	22 <b>Holiday</b>	23 *Baseball vs. O'Donnell @ Moffett 12:00
	Start of Driver Ed. Tentative 4/18/11 - 4-6 p.m. Monday - Wednesday					
24	25 Cheerleading Applications Distributed  Driver Ed 4:00-6:00	26 TAKS-3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> Math  Driver Ed 4:00-6:00	27 TAKS- 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> Reading & 11 <sup>th</sup> Math	28 TAKS-5 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> Science & 9 <sup>th</sup> Math	29 Baseball vs. Hamlin @ Moffett - TBA  TAKS-8 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> Social Studies	30 JH Tennis-District @ Big Spring