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USDA Announces Conservation Incentives for Working Grass, Range and Pasture Land

Beginning Sept. 1, farmers and ranchers can apply for financial assistance to help conserve working grasslands, rangeland and pastureland while maintaining the areas as livestock grazing lands.

The initiative is part of the voluntary Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), a federally funded program that for 30 years has assisted agricultural producers with the cost of restoring, enhancing and protecting certain grasses, shrubs and trees to improve water quality, prevent soil erosion and reduce loss of wildlife habitat. In return, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. CRP has helped farmers and ranchers prevent more than 8 billion tons of soil from

eroding, reduce nitrogen and phosphorous runoff relative to cropland by 95 and 85 percent, respectively, and even sequester 43 million tons of greenhouse gases annually, equal to taking 8 million cars off the road.

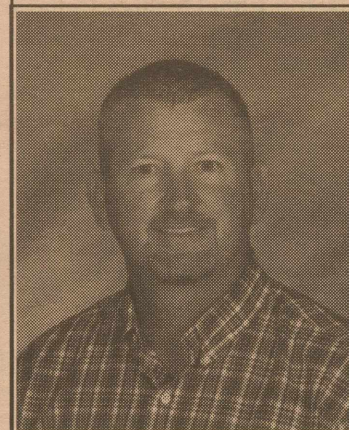
The CRP-Grasslands initiative will provide participants who establish long-term, resource-conserving covers with annual rental payments up to 75 percent of the grazing value of the land. Cost-share assistance also is available for up to 50 percent of the covers and other practices, such as cross fencing to support rotational grazing or improving pasture cover to benefit pollinators or other wildlife. Participants may still conduct common grazing practices, produce hay, mow, or harvest for seed pro-

duction, conduct fire rehabilitation, and construct firebreaks and fences.

With the publication of the CRP regulation today, the Farm Service Agency will accept applications on an ongoing basis beginning Sept. 1, 2015, with those applications scored against published ranking criteria, and approved based on the competitiveness of the offer. The ranking period will occur at least once per year and be announced at least 30 days prior to its start. The end of the first ranking period will be Nov. 20, 2015.

To learn more about participating in CRP-Grasslands or SAFE, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/crp or consult with the local Farm Service Agency county office. To locate a nearby Farm Service Agency office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>. To learn more about the 30th anniversary of CRP, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/CRPis30 or follow on Twitter using #CRPis30.

Athletic Physicals Scheduled For August 1st



Trey Richey
Head Coach

We are scheduled to take athletic physicals Saturday, **August 2nd at 10:00 AM** in Abilene, Texas.

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

We will be at the Action Sports and Physical Therapy clinic in Abilene. The telephone number there is (325)676-5633. The address there is 1717 Pine Street. Easy directions are, as you come in on Interstate 20 you will take the Hardin Simmons exit. Stay

on Pine Street and it will be on your left, just a few blocks past the hospital. If you would like to meet us there so you can stay and shop in Abilene that would be fine. You will need to bring some money to eat lunch. We will try to be back in Gail by **3:00 PM**.

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

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

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

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Borden County Elementary School Supply List 2015-2016

Kindergarten: Elmer's school glue (not paste), 2-glue sticks, 2-boxes of 16 Crayons, Scissors (Fiskars for kids), 4-#2 pencils 2-folders w/pockets, Big eraser, Supply box (cigar box size), Towel for nap time, Baby wipes/wet wipes (2 box), 1 box-Kleenex, Gym Shoes.

First Grade: 2-Boxes of 16 Crayons, 12-#2 Pencils, Scissors, 2 bottles Elmer's Glue, 2-Glue sticks, 4-Boxes Kleenex, 2-Pink eraser, Gym shoes, 1 bottle of sanitizer. NO FOLDERS AND NO SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS PLEASE!

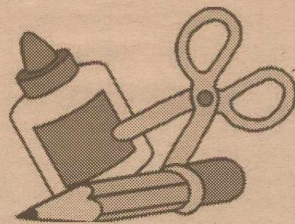


Second Grade: 24-#2 Pencils, 2 boxes of 16 ct. crayons or more, 2 Bottles Elmer's Glue, 2 Glue sticks, Flexible ruler, Scissors (Fiskars for Kids), Erasers, Colored pencils, 2 Boxes Kleenex, 1-Composition notebook, 1-Box Wipes, Gym shoes. No folders or pencil sharpeners, please.

Third Grade: 1-3-ring binder, 1-Ruler (metric & standard), 4-Red pens, 1 Bottle school glue, 2-Glue sticks, 2-Pocket folders (no brads), 10-#2 Pencils, Crayons, Scissors, 1 Box Kleenex, 1 Box wet

wipes, 8 dividers, 1 Pkg. notebook paper (wide ruled), 1 Pkg. 3X5 index cards, Composition book, Gym shoes.

Fourth Grade: 1-1" 3 ring binder, 1-Pkg. notebook paper, 1-Set of subject dividers, 1-pocket folder of choice, 1-Spiral notebook, Markers, 1 box 24 Crayons, 1 box #2 Pencils, 2-red grading pens, Colored pencils, 3-Composition book, 1-Ruler (metric & standard), 2-large Glue sticks, Scissors, 1-Bottle Elmer's school glue, Scotch tape, 1-Box Kleenex, Gym shoes.



Fifth Grade: 1-1 inch 3 ring binder, 1-set of dividers w/tabs (5), 1-Pocket folder of choice, 3-Composition notebooks (not spiral notebooks), 1-Box #2 pencils (may be mechanical), 1-Pkg. wide ruled notebook paper, 1 package colored copy paper, 4-Red grading pens, 1-Black sharpie, 2-Large glue sticks, Tape dispenser and Scotch tape, Colored pencils, Crayola Washable Markers, Ruler w/ both inches and centimeters, Scissors, Highlighters, 1-Boxes of Kleenex, Gym shoes.

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FFA Members Attend 87th Annual State Convention

By Kaylee Farquhar

Several Borden FFA Members attended the 87th Annual Texas FFA Convention this past week in Corpus Christi, Texas.

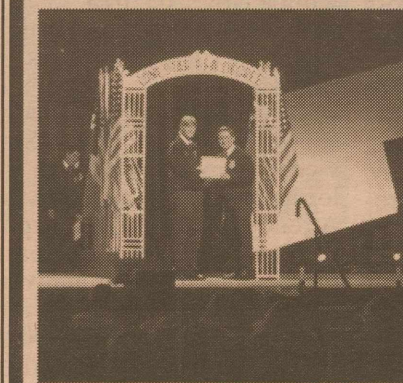
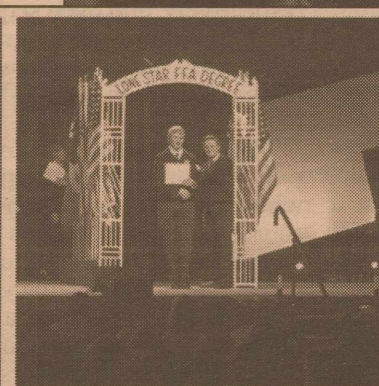
These members learned valuable life lessons among the other 12,000 FFA members from across the state, in RISING UP to the following: Tradition, Agriculture, Service, Achievement, Leadership, and Rising up for Tomorrow!

These select few are either

a new Borden FFA Chapter Officer or they competed or received an award at the State level. Nathan Souder received top honors as he competed in the Texas FFA Extemporaneous Speaking Contest on Monday and Tuesday. He finished out the year in the Top Ten receiving 9th place. Also, Nathan Souder, Flint Roberts, Colby Pennell and Rhaeden Bland walked across the big stage and received their Texas FFA Lone Star Degree; Mason

Coor also received his Lone Star, but was unable to attend.

The Texas FFA Lone Star Degree is the highest awarded degree at the State Level, this includes filling out a record book starting during the freshman year of high school. When you see these young men please congratulate them on their success! Braxton Coor, Avery Price, Carley Bell, Hayley Gray and Tori Huckaby also attended the Convention.



From top left-Nathan Souder receives a banner for Extemporaneous Speaking. Top right-Gail FFA members attending convention are (top l to R) Nathan Souder, Colby Pennell, Braxton Coor, Flint Roberts, Rhaeden Bland (front l to r) Hayley Gray, Avery Price, Tori Huckaby and Carly Bell. Left-FFA member receiving their Lonestar Degrees are (clockwise from top left) Rhaeden Bland, Colby Pennell, Flint Roberts and Nathan Souder.

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Children at Risk in Hot Cars

Summer Heat: The Silent Killer

We have been lucky to have had a fairly cool Summer so far, but lately the heat and humidity have been creeping up and making it almost unbearable! Keep in mind that with Summer we have an increase in outdoor activities and an increase in heat-related deaths and illnesses. The fact is, on average, more Texans are killed by heat each year than by tornadoes or hurricanes. Here are a few things to remember when working or playing in the scorching West Texas summer heat.

- **Slow down.** Heed your body's early warning signs. Reduce activities and stay in a cool, shady or air conditioned place as much as possible.

- **Don't dry out.** Drink plenty of non-alcoholic beverages. Water should be your drink of choice - even if you are not thirsty.

- **Dress for hot weather.** Wear lightweight, light-colored and loose-fitting clothing to help maintain normal body temperature. A wide-brim hat or cap is a must if outside. Wear sunglasses if prolonged exposure to the sun's rays and glare is anticipated, especially while driving.

- **Avoid thermal shock.** Go slow for those first few hot days. Heatstroke frequently develops swiftly with little warning. Over half of heatstroke victims become ill less than 24 hours before being hospitalized or found dead.

- **Get out of the heat.** If your residence is not air conditioned, get to an air condi-

tioned environment for at least a few hours a day. Visit the grocery store or Wal-Mart, or go to a shopping mall or theater. They are all excellent places in which one can escape the heat of summer. If this isn't possible, a well-ventilated shady area will do.

- **Don't get too much sun.** Sunburn makes the body's job of heat dissipation more difficult. Besides a hat, sunglasses and proper clothing, a good sun screen is recommended, no matter how fair or dark your skin is. There are also new fabric washes with sun screen in them. These products help to increase the protection your clothing provides from the sun. Check you local grocery store for these new products.

- **Beware of high humidity.** Perspiration is the body's natural way of cooling the skin. When the humidity is low, this evaporation actually "cools" the skin. Air movement, such as with a breeze, fan or air conditioner, acts to evaporate perspiration and cool your body. When the humidity is high, this evaporative cooling process is lost, and the danger of heat-related illness or death is greatly increased.

Source: Larry Peabody, National Weather Service, Austin/San Antonio

Thought for the Day

Be happy, young man, while you are young, and let your heart give you joy in the days of your youth. Follow the ways of your heart and whatever your eyes see, but know that for all these things God will bring you to judgment.

Ecclesiastes 11:9



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'I pledge my Hands to community service...' What a wonderful day Borden and Dawson 4-H'ers had on July 15th. The youth were awesom eduring our time spent with some of the residents at the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home in Big Spring. We look forward to returning again soon!

District 4-H Recordbook Results

Congratulations to BC 4-H'ers that entered their record books in the South Plains District 2 4-H Competition this week! Tres Spencer received First place with his Junior Goat book; Kennedy Tucker placed Second with her Intermediate Food and Nutrition book and Ashlyn Tucker received Fifth with her Senior Shooting Sports book. There were 176 books entered from across the district in the various age divisions and categories. We are proud of these 4-H'ers!

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Remembering Those "Happy Days"

By Janice Todd Hogg

There are few things that rank any higher than my childhood memories of growing up in Borden County, and my most treasured memories revolved around my school days. I will always recall the long bus rides to and from school every day and visiting with friends that shared that same ride, the excitement of seeing old friends and meeting new classmates on the first day of school every year, and the sadness upon discovering that your best friend would not be coming back.

A few weeks ago my sister, Verna Adcock, and I were reminiscing and looking through our old Borden County yearbooks. Combing through those pictures brought cherished memories to mind. Verna shared a story about a family that had left Borden County Elementary back in the early sixties, but had recently traced down a couple of old friends. The Reid sisters, Donna and Brenda, called the school, in hopes of reconnecting with friends that they hadn't seen since childhood. As luck would have it, they were given the phone numbers of Verna and Mary Ann Dennis Autry. What a surprise it was when the girls heard the voices of old friends once again.

Like a kid getting ready for that first day of school, I am antsy with anticipation for the all school reunion that will take place on August 1st. Who will be there, and who won't? Instead of packing a new book satchel with Big Chief tablets and fat yellow pencils, I am filling my mind with thoughts of those happy days. I can't wait to see friends that I haven't seen in years and see what memories they will bring with them!



Friendships renewed...classmates and childhood friends will soon be reunited at the Borden County All-School Reunion to be held next weekend. Sisters Donna and Brenda will be traveling out of state to attend the reunion. Pictured (clockwise from top left) are Brenda Reid (7th grade), Mary Ann Dennis (7th grade), Verna Todd (3rd grade) and Donna Reid (3rd grade).

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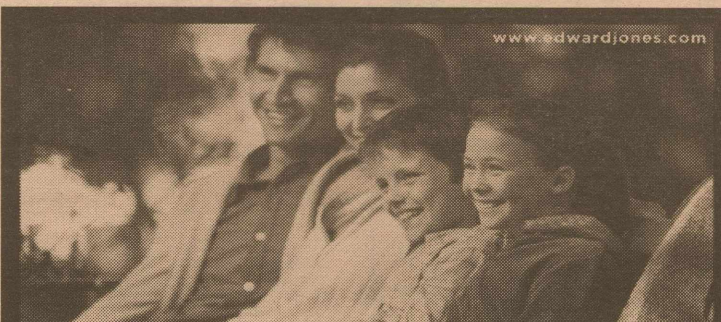
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