

# The Borden Star

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## USDA Encourages Producers to Consider Risk Protection Coverage Before Fall Crop Sales Deadlines

Farm Service Agency today encouraged producers to examine the available U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) crop risk protection options, including federal crop insurance and Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage, before the sales deadline for fall crops.

Deadlines are quickly approaching to purchase coverage for fall-seeded crops. Producers are reminded that crops not covered by insurance may be eligible for the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program. The 2014 Farm Bill expanded NAP to include higher levels of protection. Beginning, underserved and limited resource farmers are now eligible for free catastrophic level coverage, as well as discounted premiums for additional levels of protection."

Federal crop insurance covers crop losses from natural adversities such as drought, hail and excessive moisture. NAP covers losses from natural disasters on crops for which no permanent federal crop in-

urance program is available, including forage and grazing crops, fruits, vegetables, mushrooms, floriculture, ornamental nursery, aquaculture, turf grass, ginseng, honey, syrup, bioenergy, and industrial crops.

USDA has partnered with Michigan State University and the University of Illinois to create an online tool at [www.fsa.usda.gov/nap](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/nap) that allows producers to determine whether their crops are eligible for federal crop insurance or NAP and to explore the best level of protection for their operation. NAP basic coverage is available at 55 percent of the average market price for crop losses that exceed 50 percent of expected production, with higher levels of coverage, up to 65 percent of their expected production at 100 percent of the average market price, in-

cluding coverage for organics and crops marketed directly to consumers.

Deadlines for coverage vary by state and crop. To learn more about NAP visit [www.fsa.usda.gov/nap](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/nap) or contact your local USDA Service Center. To find your local USDA Service Centers go to <http://offices.usda.gov>.

Federal crop insurance coverage is sold and delivered solely through private insurance agents. Agent lists are available at all USDA Service Centers or at USDA's online Agent Locator: <http://prodwebnlb.rma.usda.gov/apps/AgentLocator/#>. Producers can use the USDA Cost Estimator, <https://ewebapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/costestimator/Default.aspx>, to predict insurance premium costs.



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## Texas Stories

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### *Sounds of the Mountains*

Back in the depression of the twenties and thirties the government started sending artists to national parks to live in the parks for a few weeks, create something about the area and donate it to the park. The artist in residence program has continued and grown and the parks have gained poetry, films, photographs, paintings and other forms of art.

This past spring the artist in residence at Guadalupe Mountains National Park was Victoria Meyer, who teaches audio aesthetics at Webster University in Saint Louis, Missouri. She would make a good Texan. She drove her pickup to the park from the Webster campus and immediately immersed herself into the Texas way of doing things. When she was asked what days she wanted off, she replied, "I don't need any. I'm off all the time. I love to go around recording things."

Victoria's grandparents raised her. "When I was in third grade my grandpa bought a little recorder because he wanted to play his turkey calls out in the field to get the turkeys to come to him. He brought that in on a Saturday morning and I found it and he didn't get it back until the next day. And he only got it back because he came in and handed me a new recorder."

In the Guadalupe she recorded natural sounds and incorporated them into music she composed. "If you just hear each individual natural sound it's not very interesting. But when you work them into strategic places in the music it gets pretty fascinating. The piece starts with a thunderstorm, and then goes into waterfalls then to a babbling brook that has bees and birds around it. I did some research on the musical instruments the Mescalero Apaches had and used those to create the music."

In her four-minute creation, drums provide a strong rhythm and the Indian fiddle and flute, mixed with the sounds she recorded make for compelling listening. "I set up my recording equipment and walk away and wait. Nature and children never do what you want them to do at the time you want it done. You have to really like quiet and like being alone to do this. I enjoy it. I feel like life is so hectic and to be able to sit on a rock and realize that I'm actually accomplishing something is a piece of heaven for me."

She records much more than she will ever use. "I feel lucky when I'm able to use five percent of what I record. Here I think I recorded seven hours of material and used maybe a

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# Following Final Tune-Up; Coyotes Eye Kick-Off

Courtesy of Lamesa Press Reporter  
By Dwight Hines

Coach Trey Richey's Borden County Coyotes continue to look like one of the top D I six-man football teams in the state. Borden County outscored Robert Lee six touchdowns to two on Thursday evening at Gail in their second tune-up. The Coyotes then later rolled past the Steers 40-6 in a live quarter.

"Defensively, it's one of those deals where we seemed to keep getting better as we went, which was good to see since that's a big focal point for us. Offensively, we keep seeing good things but we've also got some work to do, especially on our execution," Coach Richey said.

Defensively, the Coyotes recorded four take-aways: two via interceptions and two fumble recoveries. Offensively, Borden County ran for 400 yards and threw for 200 against Robert Lee.

In their first offensive series, Borden County's Ryan Willborn scored on runs from 20, 60 and nine yards out. The Coyotes' Hunter Jones threw a 60-yard touchdown pass to Korbin Martinez and then ran another score in from five yards out. Corbin Sumners also scored from eight yards out.

In that live quarter, Borden County's Sumners scored on runs of 23, 31 and 22 yards before hooking up with Korbin Martinez on a 23-yard touchdown strike. Sumners also caught a 15-yard touchdown pass from Hunter Jones.

Borden County's Easton Edwards kicked five Coyote PAT's.

"Again, we played a lot of guys the way we kept on rotating," Coach Richey said.

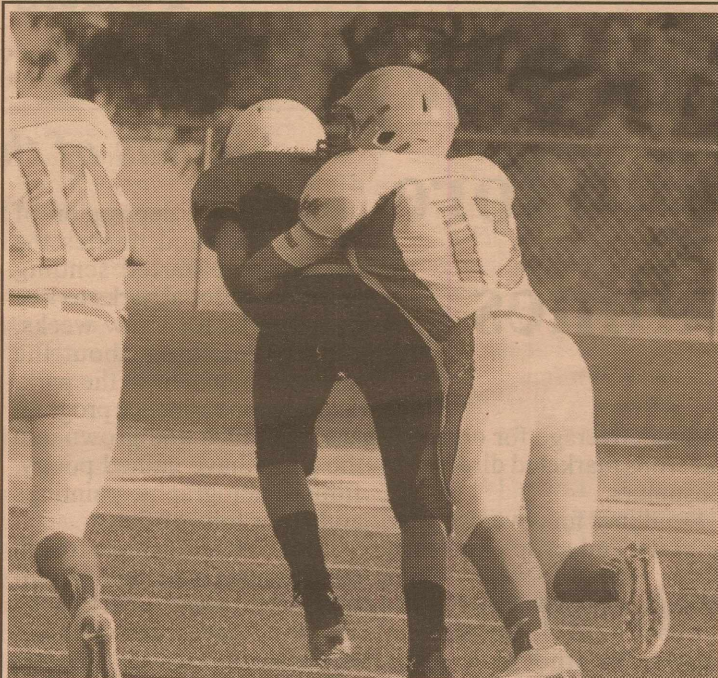
The Coyotes will open their season at 8 p.m. this Friday by taking on Crowell as part of Jayton's annual Kick-off Classic. Crowell should be a tough opening test after being crowned as the D I state champs each of the past two

years.

"It's probably not the ideal team to open up against, especially since we still feel like we've got some work to do," Richey said. "Our line's still pretty young. We've still got some growing up to do there."

"It should be a pretty tough team to start getting some things figured out against."

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Borden Coyote, Ben Justice (#13) tackles a Robert Lee opponent during last Thursday's scrimmage against the Steers.



Hunter Jones (#22) runs towards the Coyote goal line as fellow Coyotes, Colby Pennell (#33) and Corbin Sumners (#11) clear the path.

# Law Enforcement Cracks Down on Drunk Drivers During Labor Day Holiday This Year

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Transportation reminds drivers that law enforcement officers across the state are out in full force looking for drunk drivers in the weeks leading up to Labor Day, Sept. 7. Last year in Texas, 21 people were killed and 42 were seriously injured in 338 alcohol-related crashes over the Labor Day holiday.

"Labor Day weekend is a fun time for family and friends to celebrate, but you absolutely must have a sober-ride plan if you're going to consume alcohol," said TxDOT Executive Director LtGen Joe Weber, USMC (Ret). "Too many people are killed on our roads each year – especially during holidays – due to impaired driving. These crashes are inexcusable and 100-percent preventable. We are grateful to our law enforcement officers who will be keeping Texans safe by pulling over and arresting impaired drivers."

Many Texas communities implement "no-refusal" programs over Labor Day weekend, authorizing law enforce-

ment officials to obtain blood samples from suspected drunk drivers and motorcyclists. Drivers convicted of DWI in Texas face costs up to \$17,000 plus possible jail time, limited career prospects and loss of driver's license.

TxDOT strongly encourages everyone to have a plan for a sober ride before going out. Visit SoberRides.org to locate alternatives to drinking and driving, including:

- Calling a taxi or using a transportation app on your smartphone.
- Using mass transit.
- Asking a sober friend or family member for a ride home.
- Spending the night.

For more information, contact TxDOT Media Relations at [MediaRelations@txdot.gov](mailto:MediaRelations@txdot.gov) or (512) 463-8700.

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It is 4-H  
Enrollment  
Time!



It is time to enroll in 4-H for the 2015-16 4-H Year! Go to <https://texas.4honline.com> Members who are re-enrolling will need to update their profiles. New members will need to create a family profile and add members. (Note: if you are a first year 4-H'er in the third grade, please wait to enroll until after September 1.) If you need assistance with passwords, contact the Extension Office - we can help!



Please note that there is a participation fee of \$20 per 4-H'er through the end of October (after November 1 it will be \$25). We also invite parents to enroll as volunteers - our goal is to have ALL parents be a screened volunteer! (Note that there is a volunteer enrollment fee of \$5 volunteers.)

Please feel free to contact the Extension Office if you need any assistance. Looking forward to a great year for Borden County 4-H!!

\*Fees MUST be enrolled to participate in any 4-H contest, camp, activity or stock show or other event

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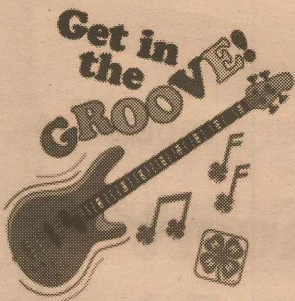
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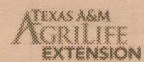


2015-16 4-H  
Kick Off Meeting  
Monday, August 31, 2015  
6:00 p.m.  
Borden County  
Event Center

Join us for our first 4-H meeting of the 2015-16 4-H year! We will enjoy recreation, pizza and meet to plan the new year! Help us get in the groove and make 4-H yours! All 4-H'ers and parents are encouraged to attend and we invite any new families to join us as well!



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If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact your local Extension office at least 3 weeks prior to the event.

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couple of minutes. I just put large memory cards in the recorder and let it run.”

Victoria plays guitar and piano and has multiple degrees including a doctorate in sound design. She did sound for a theater when she finished her bachelor's degree, then worked on the Ozzy Osbourne television show. In addition to teaching she creates sound and music for movies. She has taught at Webster University seven years and recently earned tenure. She has 115 majors studying with her. “They go out with their record-

ers and get all kinds of interesting stuff.”

When Tumbleweed Smith is not on the road looking for characters, he lives in Big Spring with his wife Susan. Contact him at [ts@tumbleweedsmith.com](mailto:ts@tumbleweedsmith.com)

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### Borden County Football 2015 Schedule

Week #	Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
Scrimmage	Aug. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Garden City	There	5:00
Scrimmage	Aug. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Robert Lee	Here	6:00
#1	Aug. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Crowell	Jayton	8:00
#2	Sept. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Lueders Avoca	There	7:30
#3	Sept. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Rankin	There	7:30
#4	Sept. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	New Home	Here	7:30
#5	Sept. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Knox City	There	7:30
#6	Oct. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Friday	Ropes	There	7:30
#7	Oct. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Water Valley	Here	7:30
#8	Oct. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Open	TBA	7:30
*#9	Oct. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday	Grady	Here	7:30
*#10	Oct. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Klondike	Here	7:30
*#11	Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	O'Donnell	There	7:30

\*District Opponents for 2014 - 2015: Grady, Klondike, O'Donnell

\*\* Homecoming game

Head Coach: Trey Richey

Assistant Coaches: Peter Benavidez, Mike Skelton and Bubba Edwards

### Borden County Football Junior Varsity 2015 Schedule

Week #	Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
Scrimmage	Aug. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Garden City	There	6:00
Scrimmage	Aug. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday	Robert Lee	Here	6:00
#1	Aug. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Hermleigh	There	6:00
#2	Sept. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Lueders Avoca	There	TBA
#3	Sept. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Rankin	Here	7:00
#4	Sept. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	New Home	There	7:00
#5	Sept. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Knox City	There	5:00
#6	Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday	Ropes	Here	7:00
#7	Oct. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Water Valley	There	7:00
#8	Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Amherst Varsity	There	7:30
*#9	Oct. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday	Grady	There	7:00
*#10	Oct. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	TBA	TBA	7:00
*#11	Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	TBA	TBA	7:00

Coaches: Trey Richey, Peter Benavidez, Mike Skelton, and Bubba Edwards

## School Lunch Menu

Aug. 31 - Sept. 4, 2015  
Menu subject to  
change

**Monday - Breakfast:**  
Pancakes & Bacon, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk.  
**Lunch:** Chicken Sandwich, Oven Fries, Beggie Cup, Mandarin Oranges and Milk.

**Tuesday - Breakfast:**  
Sunrice Sandwich, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk. **Lunch:** Nachos Grande w/Salsa, Refried Beans, Tomato Cup w/Ranch, Salad, Pears, Lime Sherbet Cup and Milk.

**Wednesday - Breakfast:**  
Buscuit, Gravy & Eggs, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. **Lunch:** Salisbury Steak w/ Brown Gravy & Biscuit, Roasted Potatoes, Salad, Fruity Gelatin and Milk.

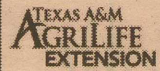
**Thursday - Breakfast:**  
Strudel & Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, Baby Carrots w/Ranch, Broccoli Salad, Fresh Grapes, Cookie and Milk.

**Friday - Breakfast:**  
Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. **Lunch:** Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Broccoli, Apple-Pineapple D'Lite, and Milk.

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## How Parents Can Help Their Kids Be Successful at School

"I just don't have the energy at the end of the work day to crack the books with my kid. Isn't that what we pay teachers to do?"

"Every child can't be an achiever, right?"

"My kid just isn't interested in doing homework. I've just given up. How do I help him turn things around in school this year?"

These are natural questions for parents to ask. The good news is that children are born learners. They are curious about the world around them. Here are some tips that parents can use to help their children be successful in school.

**1. Get a plan and stick to it.** Set a specific "quiet time" every day for homework or general reading. Involve your child in setting the rules for this. Ask your child to come up with 3 rules — for example:

Collect all needed materials before starting.

No talking or fooling around during quiet time.

Complete all work before stopping.

Write the rules on paper and post them in your house. Children are more likely to follow rules that they helped create.

Some elementary school students have 20-30 minutes a day set aside for this purpose. Junior and senior high school students may need at least 30-45 minutes for daily study time. Some schools expect students to spend at least 15 minutes per subject each day on homework. Check with the teachers to see how much homework to expect for your child.

Homework, even if routine, should not be viewed as optional, any more than is an assignment or project at your place of work.

**2. Be a cheerleader.** Some children do poorly in school because they see themselves as unworthy. For a child to feel good about learning, he must

first feel good about himself. Encourage your child by praising him for his efforts. Express interest in his school work.

**3. Make no excuses.** Avoid giving your child a reason for making excuses. Even if you think your child will feel better if you do so, never say this sort of thing: "Some people just don't have a head for math." Your child may think that you think she isn't able to handle a task. Success in a future job will require your child do the best she can. You will not help your child by encouraging her to make excuses whenever it is convenient.

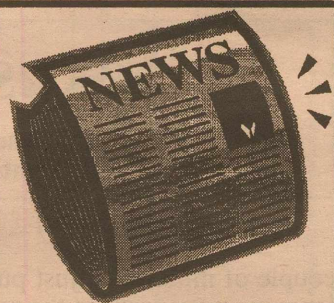
**4. Light a fire.** Be enthusiastic! It can be contagious. Don't give the message that homework is a boring chore. Children who do well enjoy learning. If your child does not seem motivated to do well in school, try to find ways to make the learning fun.

**5. Make learning "real."** The best learning is hands-on. Show how school work skills are needed and used in day-to-day life. For example, a child who helps make a meal learns fractions, telling time, reading and multi-step problem solving. Show your child what is under the hood when you work on the car. Ask for "help" when you balance the checkbook or write "thank you" notes and letters. Have your child jot down notes, reminders and shopping lists.

**6. Fight the frustration.** Listen carefully when your child talks about having difficulty with his homework. Encourage him to break down problems into small steps.

**7. Set the right mood.** Make your home a place where it is easy for your child to learn. Keep books, magazines, catalogs and writing materials at easy reach. Make sure that your child has a place to study.

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### Got News?

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# Telchick Graduates From LeTourneau

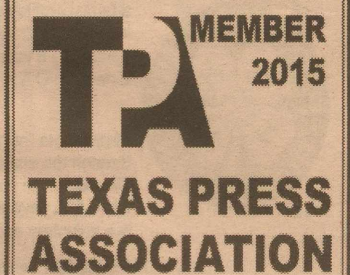
Zach Telchik of Lamesa has graduated with a Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering degree from LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas.

LeTourneau University is a comprehensive institution of Christ-centered higher education where educators engage students to nurture Christian virtue, develop competency and ingenuity in their professional fields, integrate faith and work, and serve the local and global community.

Around 1,300 students study at LETU's main campus

in Longview.

Zach is a 2011 Borden County graduate and is the son of Kevin and Lisa Telchik of Lamesa.



**COYOTE OPRY**

Steak Tips/Chicken Breast  
w/baked potato, salad, peach and cherry cobbler

**Country Music Concert**  
By Local & Area Talent

**PIE, CAKE & COBBLER AUCTION**

Saturday, September 26th  
6:00 p.m. Borden Co. Event Center

No Admission  
Donations Accepted  
Proceeds to benefit  
Borden Co. Jr. Livestock Assoc.



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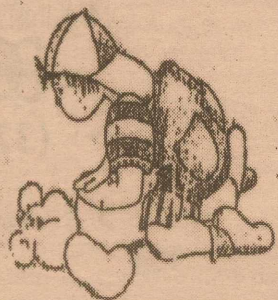
**School Supply Drive**



Borden County 4-H'ers Ashlyn Tucker and Kennedy Tucker organized a school supply drive to benefit students in Borden Count. Youth helped by donating supplies and going to the store and selecting supplies for each grade – K-5. 4-H'ers were able to provide a set of school supplies for each class and have a tub of extra supplies for teachers to utilize with students needing them throughout the year. Thank you to those community members and the 4-H'ers that assisted with this community service project (Ashlyn Tucker, Kennedy Tucker, Jenna Holbrooks, Brooklyn Gray, Tres Spencer and Rexie Sanders).

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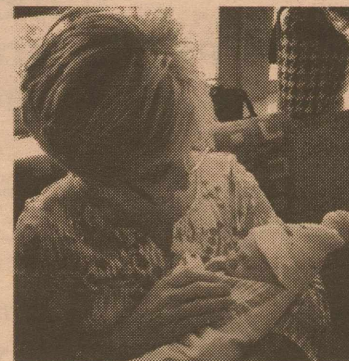
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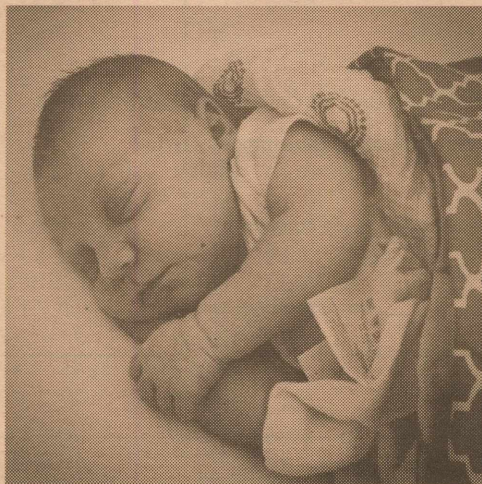
*3rd & 4th generations still serving this area.*



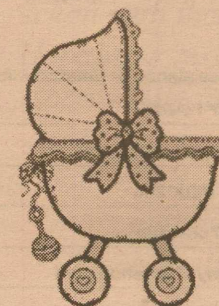
Announcing the birth of  
**Lillie Jane Rollins**  
 Daughter of Emily (Mayes) & Zach Rollins  
 of Snyder  
 Born July 22, 2015 at 12:59 p.m.  
 8 lbs. 7 ozs.



with maternal  
 grandmother,  
 Pearl



*"I love these little people;  
 and it is not a slight thing  
 when they, who are so  
 fresh from God, love us."  
 Charles Dickens*



**Beef Cattle & Range Challenges**

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September 1, 2015

Scurry Coliseum

900 E. Coliseum Drive

Snyder, TX

**Agenda**

- 8:30-9:00 a.m. Registration
  - 9:00-10:00 a.m. The Good, Bad & Ugly of Prescribed Burning  
 Dr. Morgan Russell
  - 10:00-10:15 a.m. Break  
 Capital Farm Credit
  - 10:15-11:00 a.m. Relationships Between Wildlife and Cattle  
 Dr. John Tomecek
  - 11:00-12:00 p.m. Nutritional Changes in Forage Plants Based Upon Time of Year or Plant Maturity Stage  
 Dr. Ted McCollum
- CEUs will be offered  
 \$10 Registration fee



**NOTICE OF 2015 TAX YEAR  
PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR  
BORDEN COUNTY**

A tax rate of \$ 0.55597 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of BORDEN COUNTY

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$	<u>0.55597</u>	per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$	<u>0.34564</u>	per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$	<u>0.62875</u>	per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for BORDEN COUNTY from the same properties in both the 2014 tax year and the 2015 tax year.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{property tax amount} = (\text{rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

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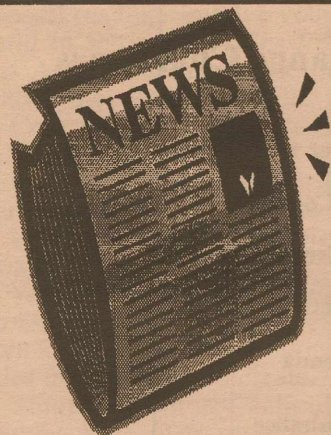
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**NOTICE:  
Texas Local Government Code**

**Section 152.013 PROCEDURE FOR SETTING AMOUNTS FOR ELECTED OFFICERS**

- (c) Each year the Commissioners Court shall set the salary, expenses, and other allowances of elected county or precinct officers. The Commissioners Court shall set the items at a regular meeting of the court during the regular budget hearing and adoption proceedings.
- (d) Before the 10<sup>th</sup> day before the date of the meeting, the Commissioners Court must publish in a newspaper of general circulation a notice of:
  - (1) any salaries, expenses, or allowances that are proposed to be increased;
  - (2) the amount of the proposed increase.

OFFICE	2016 PROPOSED SALARY	AMOUNT of SALARY INCREASE	TRAVEL ALLOW.	2016 TRAVEL INCREASE
COUNTY JUDGE	\$39,037 +\$25,200 State Supplement, +\$2,400 Juvenile Probation Board	\$0 County \$10,200 State Supplement	\$2,500	\$0
COMM. PREC. #1	\$26,897	\$0	\$2,520	\$0
COMM. PREC. #2	\$26,897	\$0	\$2,520	\$0
COMM. PREC. #3	\$26,897	\$0	\$2,520	\$0
COMM. PREC. #4	\$26,897	\$0	\$2,520	\$0
SHERIFF/TAC	\$50,591	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$0
COUNTY TREASURER	\$40,509	\$0	\$6,000	\$2,500
COUNTY/DISTRICT CLERK	\$40,509	\$0	\$3,500	\$0
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	\$12,108	\$0	\$500	\$0
COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$35,000	\$0	\$1,500	\$0



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Who exactly is a child with "special needs"? We know that all children have needs and that every child is special. However, the needs of some children are greater than or different from those of the "typical" child. The special need might be in the area of mental, social, emotional, or physical development. If you are the parent or a friend of a child that might qualify for individual services, call Becky Nix, Special Education Director of Borden County ISD, Dawson ISD and Klondike ISD at 806/756-4313 ext. 3 or contact the Child Find Coordinator at the Education Service Center at 806/792-4000.

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## Commissioners' Court

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BORDEN  
WHEREAS, on this the 11th day of August, 2015, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas the following members of the Court being present to-wit: ROSS D. SHARP, COUNTY JUDGE, PRESIDING; MONTE SMITH, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1; RANDY ADCOCK, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2; ERNEST REYES, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3; JOE BELEW, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4; JANA UNDERWOOD, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT constituting a quorum, when the following business and other proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.  
Other officers present: Marlo Holbrooks, County Attorney and Shawna Gass, County Treasurer.

### CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the August 11, 2015, regular session of the Commissioners Court to order at 8:35 A.M.

### COMMUNITY INPUT

None

### MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting of July 28, 2015 were presented. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve said minutes as presented. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

Voting for: Commissioners Smith, Adcock, Reyes, Belew and Judge Sharp

Voting Against: None

### 2014 ANNUAL AUDIT

Don Stephens presented the court with a review of the 2014 annual audit.

### COUNTY OFFICER MONTHLY REPORTS

Commissioner Smith made motion to approve, accept and file all submitted reports in the County Clerk's office; less the County Extension Ag Report and Texas Wildlife Damage Control Report. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion.

Voting for: Commissioners Smith, Adcock, Reyes,

Belew and Judge Sharp  
Voting Against: None  
**TEXAS COUNTY AND DISTRICT RETIREMENT**  
Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the correction to retirement account of Lonnie Doyle. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

Voting for: Commissioners Smith, Adcock, Reyes, Belew and Judge Sharp

### EVENT CENTER

Judge Sharp visited with the court on possible addition to the event center for the steers during the annual county stock show which was requested by Borden County Junior Livestock Committee

### SHERIFF FEES

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the 2016 Sheriff Fees with no changes. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

Voting for: Commissioners Smith, Adcock, Reyes, Belew and Judge Sharp

### PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

No Applications  
**SOIL CONSERVATION WORK**

No applications  
**2016 BUDGET**

Work session held on the 2016 budget. A budget work session is set for August 18, 2015 at 8:00 A.M.

### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Cemetery and Budget Work Session

### CURRENT ACCOUNTS

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioner Smith, Adcock, Reyes, Belew and Judge Sharp

### ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 25<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2015.

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BORDEN  
WHEREAS, on this the 18th day of August, 2015, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas the following members of the Court being present to-wit: ROSS D. SHARP, COUNTY JUDGE, PRESIDING; MONTE SMITH, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1; RANDY ADCOCK, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2; ERNEST REYES, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3; JOE BELEW, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4; BRANDE BUCHANAN, DEPUTY 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: Marlo Holbrooks,

County Attorney, Benny Allison, Sheriff and Tax Assessor and Shawna Gass, County Treasurer. Jana Underwood County Clerk absent due to personal reasons.

### CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the August 18, 2015, special session of the Commissioners Court to order at 8:05 A.M.

### BUDGET WORK SESSION

2016 budget work session held

### ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 25<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2015.



## Thought for the Day

*The coin of health has illness o the other side. The currency of joy has sorrow on the reverse. Turn the coin of serenity and there is the stamp of worry. You always have to take what is underneath and reckon with that too. Happiness rests on sorrow, life upon death, calm upon turmoil. Each day has its night.*  
-Jacob Rudin

## Notice of Public Hearing on Budget Borden County Appraisal District

The Borden County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2015 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on September 8, 2015 at 8:00 AM at the Borden County Courthouse located at 117 East Wasson Ave, Gail, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$294,089.00
The total amount of increase/decrease over the current year's budget.	\$20,074.00
The number of employees compensated under The proposed budget	2 (Full-time equivalent)
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	2 (Full-time equivalent)

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.





Heart and Home...



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This could be in the child's room, in the kitchen, or in another place where the lighting is good, and it's quiet. Be near enough to answer questions that your child has.

If your child does homework somewhere else (such as at his after school program or at a day care provider's home), be sure to discuss with them where and how the homework gets done. Ask them to provide a quiet, well-lit space for homework. Once your child is home, go over his homework to make sure it is complete. Answer any questions he has about his work.

The example you set will make more of an impression than your words. The more interested you are in his homework, the more your child sees you learning, the more excited he will be about learning. Make sure your child sees you reading. Limit the amount and kind of TV you watch.

Limit your child's TV viewing to no more than 10 hours per week. Suggest programs that have useful tie-ins to schoolwork, such as shows about history, computers or animal life. Discuss these shows with your child. Help him see the connection to his school work.

**8. Don't pinch hit.** Your child must learn to "face the music" for poor or incomplete work. While you should be actively involved with being sure your child does her homework, don't carry the whole load. Don't do the long division, write the essay or do the science project for your child. If you are getting overly involved in homework because of a concern that it is too difficult for your child, call or visit the child's teacher and share your concern.

**9. Encourage independent growth.** Eventually a child must take charge of her own learning. This means that it is important for you to "let go" when your child pursues hob-

bies and starts reading for her own enjoyment. One way to encourage independent growth is to maintain the daily "quiet time" even during vacations and weekends. Introducing your child to hobbies, even something as simple as reading the baseball scores in the sports section of your newspaper, is a good way to make non-homework learning fun.

**10. Use the school.** Get to know your child's teachers and what they expect. Compare your goals for your child to those of the teachers. Make sure that your child knows of your interest in his school. This will send the message that what he is doing is important.

- Tell teachers of special events, such as a recent family death, divorce or move, that may influence how your child does in school.

- Get answers to all of your questions about homework requirements, attendance policies, dress and conduct rules, discipline policies, and curriculum guidelines.

- Talk with your child and find out what his concerns are. If you learn that your child feels ignored or "picked on" in the classroom, talk with the appropriate school official. If you can't find the time to visit in person, call the teachers or attach notes to homework your child is taking back to school.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

If the steps described here don't help your child, see if he suffers from a physical or behavior problem or learning disability. Talk with a medical doctor or other qualified professional for expert advice.

Signs that your child may need assistance:

Your child has a hard time focusing on one thing—both at home and at school.

Your child is doing well in many areas, but has one area that is very difficult. For example, she always gets B's in reading and writing, but is doing poorly in math.

Your child is repeatedly "in trouble" – for disrupting class, not completing in-class work, or fighting at school.

Your child reports that no one at school "likes her," and seems to have no real friends.

You know your child could do better, but he "just doesn't apply himself" or "is just lazy."

Your child complains that she cannot see the board clearly.

Your child has great difficulty writing. For example, he can tell you what he wants to write, but can't seem to get it on paper.

Your child's handwriting is very poor, and does not improve.

Homework time has become a battle at home.

You have a feeling that "something" is getting in the way of your child's doing his best.

Your child's learning: A daily checklist

Clip this handy list and place it on your refrigerator or another spot where you will be sure to see it every day.

1. Is a learning "quiet time" scheduled for my child today?
2. How can I praise the effort and/or thinking of my child today?
3. Have I clearly talked about what I expect? Have I avoided making excuses for low effort by my child?
4. Can I praise a good effort?
5. What will I read or write today to set a good example?
6. How will I get relaxed before homework time so that I do not become impatient?
7. Have I made it clear that my child (not me) is responsible for homework?
8. Can I involve my child in a household activity today that will show the practical importance of learning?
9. Have I encouraged my child to pursue a hobby, reading the newspaper or another independent activity?
10. Did I remember to "sign off" on homework and attach a note if there is a problem?

Source: Nelson, P.T. (Ed) (2012). *How Parents Can Help Their Kids Be Successful in School. Families Matter! A Series for Parents of School-Age Youth.* Newark, DE: Cooperative Extension, University of Delaware.



# Legal Notice

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Sale of Surplus Equipment Borden County will except bids for the following surplus items. Bids will be opened September 1 at 9:00 a.m. at the Borden County Courthouse.

Equipment may be inspected at the Event Center in Gail, Texas or in the Precinct yard as noted. The equipment being offered is as follows:

- 1-lot (7) used motor grader and loader tires (Precinct 1)
- 1-12 foot drag-type box scraper (Precinct 1)
- 1-Gledhill 13 foot snow blade (Precinct 1)
- 1-Good Roads 10 foot snow blade (Precinct 1)
- 2-10 foot snow blades, shop-made, attach to dump truck bed (Precinct 1)
- 1-500 gallon fuel trailer, single axle, with duals (Precinct 1)
- 1-5000 gallon water semi-trailer, 32 foot tandem axle, with duals (Precinct 1)
- 1-1983 Eager Beaver equipment trailer, 8 foot x 24 foot, tilt bed (Precinct 1)
- 1-Tampo 9-wheel, drag-type roller packer (Precinct 1)
- 1-9-wheel packer, motor grader mount, hydraulic (Precinct 1)
- 1-heavy duty ripper (Precinct 1)
- 1-cement mixer, for parts (Precinct 1)
- 2-hose reels with heavy duty 1 inch hose (Precinct 1)
- 1-spreader box (Precinct 1)
- 1-lot cedar posts and staves (Precinct 1)
- 1-drag-type steel brush broom, 6 foot-8 inch x 10 foot (Precinct 1)
- 1-250 gallon fuel trailer, military issue (Precinct 3)
- 1-lot coated gravel (Precinct

- 4) 1-lot pea gravel (Precinct 4)
  - 1-lot coated gravel (Road & Bridge)
  - 1-lot pea gravel (Road & Bridge)
  - 1-1991 F-800 Ford Asphalt distributor truck, 2000 gallon tank (Road & Bridge)
  - 1-Koehring Chip Spreader, M/N: SPK-H, 13 foot-6 inch hopper (Road & Bridge)
  - Miscellaneous pieces of office furniture, to include chairs, desks, shelving, and filing cabinets.
  - Miscellaneous computer components, to include monitors, keyboards, CPU's (less hard drives) and printers.
- For additional information contact Monte Smith, Commissioner Precinct #1, phone 806-439-6379; Randy Adcock, Commissioner Precinct #2, 806-756-4378; Ernest Reyes, Commissioner Precinct #3, phone 432-213-6992; Joe Belew, Commissioner Precinct #4, phone 325-573-7718; or Ross Sharp, County Judge, phone 806-756-4391 or fax 806-756-4405.

Mail bids to: Borden County, PO Box 156, Gail, TX 79738

Deliver bids to: Borden County, 117 E. Wasson, Gail, TX 79738

All bids should be marked "BID" on the outside of the envelope.

Borden County reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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