

## USDA Commits \$20

 Million to Innovative Conservation Projects
## Proposals Sought for Water Quality,

 Outreach and Conservation FinanceWASHINGTON, March 7, 2016 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced the availability of up to $\$ 20$ million in competitive grants through the Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) program. The program aims to spark the development and adoption of cutting-edge conservation technologies and approaches for farmers, ranchers and other landowners.
"The Conservation Innovation Grant program has an impressive track record of fostering innovative conservation tools and strategies," said Vilsack. "Successes in the program can translate into new opportunities for historically underserved landowners, help resolve pressing water conservation challenges and leverage new investments in conservation partnerships with farmers, ranchers and other stakeholders."

Administered through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service
(NRCS), CIG is part of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program [ designed to focus on innovative conservation projects that promote science-based solutions to benefit both producers and the environment. Projects may include on-farm pilot projects and field demonstrations, and are funded to accelerate the transfer and adoption of promising technologies to landowners in order to address critical natural resource concerns.

Since 2009, USDA has invested over \$145 million to fund nearly 400 national and regional CIG awards. The CIG program spurs development of new tools and practices to improve things like on-farm energy and fertilizer use as well as market-based strategies to improve water quality or mitigate climate change. In 2016, USDA is seeking applications for innovative conservation projects to benefit historically underserved agricultural producers, improve and protect
water quality, and demonstrate the effectiveness of public private partnerships for conservation, sustainable agriculture tion, sustain

Up to \$2 million of this fiscal year's CIG funding has been set aside for projects targeted to historically underserved and veteran farmers and ranchers, beginning farmers and ranchers, and those with limited resources. In 2015, for example, the Minnesota Food Association was awarded funds to assist with the transfer of proven conservation technologies used in organic systems to historically underserved producers in Minnesota and Wisconsin, and to assist those producers with implementing conservation practices by addressing land tenure issues and accessing NRCS programs.

USDA is also seeking CIG proposals for projects to stimulate natural resource solutions to protect or improve the qual-
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## Texas Stories

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## Coal and Bricks in Thurber

As you approach Thurber from the west and look south from Interstate 20, you see some pioneer buildings on a hillside. The tendency is to think those buildings represent Thurber's museum. But that's not right. They belong to the historical society. The museum is in the big red brick building on the east side of the driveway leading to the restaurant on top of New York Hill. The assistant curator is Shae Adams and she showed me around. I couldn't have asked for a better guide.
"This is the W. K. Gordon Center for the Industrial History of Texas," she says, "and tells the story of Thurber. It was established as a coal mining town in 1886 and was a one hundred percent company town, owned by the Texas Pacific Coal and Oil Company. It was here for about fifty years. Bricks were also made here, in fact we're on the brick plant property here at the museum."

Thurber bricks have been found as far way as Arizona and Cuba. The best known landmark in Thurber is the big smokestack on the north side of Interstate 20. It was built with Thurber bricks in 1908 and served the ice and electric plants. But coal came first.
"The coal mines were just west of town. They're on private property now. The work-
ers took a train out to the coalfields. Another landmark in Thurber is New York Hill. When executives from the northeast started moving to Thurber, most of them moved to that hill. We had several ethnic groups here and they had their sections of town. We had Polander Hill and Italian Hill as well."

Miners had to lie down to get the coal. They were paid a dollar and fifteen cents a ton. Shae showed me a piece of coal the size of two footballs and it didn't weigh much. Thurber thrived until McKlesky Number One started the Ranger Oil Boom.
"They discovered oil in 1917 and it was pretty much the end of Thurber, although the town hung on until the mid 1930's; but as people started switching to oil, the coal mines were shut down. The brick plant also closed in the mid 1930's since asphalt was being used for paving streets."

The museum is bright and clean and well maintained. It has a replica of the town of Thurber, complete with an Opera House where museum events take place. It's also where visitors can see a film about the history of Thurber. When I was there one room had
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## Coyote Hoopsters Stand Out on AllDistrict 2016 List

By Coach Edwards

The Borden Coyotes Sumners, junior, first team allhoopsters made a huge show- district; Diego Bernal, junior, ing with its all district honors first team all-district; Morgan for the 2015-2016 basketball Wilson, sophomore, first team season. We got to see the Coyotes make school history by advancing to the Regional Tournament which was the first time in school history for the boys. Borden also won its first district championship since 2010. We were able to see Borden win a playoff game in the state of New Mexico. With all the teams' success, the district coaches felt the same way as we do for our beloved Borden County Basketball Team.

The $12-\mathrm{A}$ district Most Valuable Player was Trace Richey. Richey, a sophomore, finished the season averaging 15.4 points per game, 7.1 rebounds per game, 3.8 assists per game, and 3.5 steals per game. The Offensive Player of the Year went to Hunter Jones. Jones, a junior, averaged 10.6 points per game, 5 rebounds per game, and 2 steals per game. The Defensive Player of the Year was Korbin Martinez, the team's lone senior. During the playoff run, Martinez held the opponents leading scorers well below their season average. And the final superlative went to Ben Justice as the Newcomer of the Year. Justice, a freshman, came off the bench accumulating nearly three steals a game during district play.
And for the remainder of the Coyote team: Corbin
 all-district; Easton Edwards, sophomore, first team all-district; Nick Proulx, sophomore, first team all-district; and Braxton Barnes, sophomore, first team all-district.

All 10 on the varsity roster earned a spot on the first team.
"That's pretty amazing," Coach Edwards exclaimed. "In all my coaching, I have never seen anything like it. The coaches in our district have the upmost respect for our team. I am very proud for all of them."

The Coyotes defeated their district opponents by a margin of 78-33. Borden finished the season with a record of 22-5.


All ten members of the Coyote varsity basketball team made the All-District Basketball honors list. Those included are (back l to r) Braxton Barnes-sophomore 1st team; Easton Edwards-sophomore 1st team; Diego Bernal-junior 1st team; Trace Richey-sophomore MVP; Korbin Martinez-senior Defensive Player of the Year; (front lto r) Ben Justice-freshman Newcomer of the Year; Corbin Sumners-junior 1st team; Hunter Jones-junior Offensive Player of the Year; Morgan Wilson-sophomore 1st team and Nick Proulx-sophomore 1st team.

## Coyotes End Record Season at Regional Tournament

By Coach Edwards

The \#20 ranked Borden frame taking a 29-19 lead into County Coyotes found them- the half.
selves in the deepest round of The Coyotes offense had its playoffs in school history at the struggles in the third period Regional Tournament at due to Menard's size and Moody Coliseum located on quickness. Unable to score in the campus of Abilene Chris- the paint, the Coyotes had to tian in Abilene, Texas. Their rely on perimeter shooting. opponent, \#11 ranked Menard Nothing fell for Borden and Yellowjackets, were no were held scoreless, and fell stranger to the Regional Semi- behind 41-19. Menard final round. In fact, Menard outscored the Coyotes 11-5 in had been to the Regional Tour- the final period winning the nament three of the last four contest, 52-24, and earning a years. The Yellowjackets lost spot in the Regional Final to Grady in the Regional Finals against Grady. the previous year.

Borden stayed with Yellowjackets toe to toe for most of the first quarter. Menard hit a shot at the buzzer to give them a 14-10 first quarter lead. Grant and Garrett Emmons went to work in the second half scoring 13 of the teams 15 points in the second
"It was very frustrating to see your team struggle shooting like we did throughout the game," Coach Edwards said. "I was very proud on how our guys continued to fight and kept competing."

Coach Edwards also said
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Coyote senior, Korbin Martinez out jumps a Menard player to score for the Coyotes during the Regional Tournament in Abilene.

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## Lady Coyotes Reflect Back on 2015 Season <br> By Coach Skelton

These are the hardest types Richey; Newcomer of the of articles to write as a coach. Year-Emma Key; First Team You have so many emotions All-District Selection- Zoie and feelings you go through, and you start reflecting back not just on this season, but all the time you've had with the seniors that unfortunately now are done.

I've been blessed to have had these young ladies off and on for five years. We've spent countless hours teaching and learning from each other, and you hate to see it end. They all have worked tremendously hard to make themselves the best basketball players they could be. I know if they put forth that much effort into college and their careers, the sky will be the limit for each and every one of them. We held our All District Meeting the other day, and the following kids received awards.

District Co Offensive MVP- Preslea Hall; District Co Defensive MVP-Tatum

# Volunteers Requested for Borden County Track Meet 

2016 Borden County Track is excited to announce that they will once again host the Borden County Invitational Track Meet. This meet will take place March $31^{\text {st }}$ beginning at 3:30 on that Thursday afternoon.

The Borden County Coaching staff is asking, begging and pleading for anyone willing to help us run off a quality track meet. We will need all the help we can get, from running off a field event to raking, measuring, shagging the shot or disc, to timing and picking the races.

If anyone is interested in helping with the 2016 Borden County Invitational, please contact Trey Richey (806)7593335 (call or text) or e-mail trichey@bcisd.net and let us know what you would be willing to help with. I would like to thank you all for the help you have provided in the past, without your help this meet would not be possible. Thank you for your time and consideration.

## 2016 Borden County Lady Coyotes Softball Schedule

March 8th<br>Borden County @ Rotan 5 p.m. March 12th<br>Sundown@ Borden County 11 a.m. March 14th<br>Borden County @ Tahoka 5 p.m. March 15th<br>Forsan @ Borden County 5 p.m. March 26th<br>Seagraves @ Borden County 11 a.m. March 29th<br>Borden County @ Ira 5 p.m. April 5th<br>Borden County @ Sundown 5 p.m. April 9th<br>Tahoka @ Borden County 11 a.m. April 12th<br>Borden County @ Forsan 5 p.m. April 19th<br>Borden County @ Seavgraves 5 p.m. April 23rd<br>Ira @ Borden County 11 a.m.

*All games subject to change

## School Lunch Мепи

Mar. 7-11, 2016 Menu subject to change

Monday - Breakfast: Strudel \& Cheese , Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Spacheti Bowl w/ Breadstick, Garden Salad, Tusan Vegatables, Sliced Peaches, Vanilla Pudding and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Pancakes \& Yogurt, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chili \& Cornbread, Broccoli Bites, Garden Salad, Orange Smiles and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Kolache \& Cheese, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pork Chop w/Gravy, Roll, Baked Potato, Glazed Carrots Fruit and Milk.

Thursday-Breakfast: Breakfast Taco, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Quesadilla \& Salsa, Mexicali Corn, Charro Beans, Cinnamon Applesauce and Milk.

Friday-Breakfast: French Toast \& Nut Butter, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Popcorn Chicken w/ Roll, Sweet Potato Waffle Fries, Cucumber Dippers, Fresh Fruit, Cookie and Milk.
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the experience is so valuable for the years to come.
"These guys got taste of what it is like to play on a big stage," Edwards said. "Next Year, and there will be a next year, our team will know what to expect."

Trace Richey led the team in scoring with 13 points. Korbin

Martinez added four points. Hunter Jones, Nick Proulx, and Ben Justice chipped in two points. Braxton Barnes finshed with one point.
The Coyotes finish the 2015-2016 with a record of 225 and are Regional Semifinalists.


## National Nutrition Month 2016: <br> Savor the Flavor of Eating Right

Every March draws special to choose healthier foods more recognition to the importance of healthy eating. National Nutrition Month $®$ is a nutrition education and information campaign created annually in March by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. This year's theme encourages everyone to "Savor the Flavor of Eating Right" by taking time to enjoy food traditions and appreciate the pleasures, great flavors and social experiences food adds to our lives. The emphasis is aimed at balancing food and beverages as part of a healthy eating pattern rather than focusing on a specific food and nutrient. The overall goal is to achieve and maintain a healthy weight, develop sound physical activity habits, reduce the risk of chronic disease and promote overall health.

If you are ready to start making small shifts in your eating pattern for a healthier you, you may be wondering where to start? Before running to the grocery store, it is important to know how to make informed food choices based on your individual health and nutrient needs.

Learn Your Needs Your age, gender, body type, family history, existing health conditions and daily routines all play an important role in developing a healthy eating pattern that is right for you. A healthy eating patterns includes the 5 food groups from MyPlate - making half your plate fruits and vegetables, aiming for half your grains to be whole grain, selecting lean protein sources and choosing fat-free or lowfat dairy foods.
Find Your Foods In order for you to make informed food choices, it is crucial to understand what is in your food. According to the new 2015-2020 Dietary Guidelines, some ways to improve your eating style is


A young boy was lying on his back by a stream holding a string in his hand. A stranger walked up to him and asked, "What are you doing?" "I am flying a kite," came the reply. "Butl don't see any kite," said the mans"I don't either," said the boy. "But knowit's there. I can feel the tug on my string."
Like the boy, we are here on this earth. Butour Lord, like the kite, is beyond us in heaven. The string that binds our hearts to our Father in heavenis our faith. And the Holy Spirit is the One who connects us to Him and gives power to our prayers. We may notsee Godall of the time, but through faith we know that He is there-aboveus, beyond us, connected to us, waliting onus to call upon Him and feel His "tug." God wants us to stay in touch with Him through our faith in Him and feel His presence in our lives.

Visit us at: www. SowerMinistries org

> Thought for the Day

It is a very real possibility that someone you meet today will not like you, will not understand you, and will assume the worst about you. Nevertheless, do not give them permission to dominate your inner conversation. Rather, hear the voice that you are truly and deeply loved by God. Let THAT song resonate in your heart everyday!


Shooting Sports


Borden County 4-H shootiers Kaylee Walker (left) and Ryann Phillps (right) along with Coach Ed Walker, competed on March 5th in the Texas Tech Trap and Skeet Club Benefit Shoot in Lubbock, Tx. They competed as a 3 man team and brought home 2nd place in the adult team division.

## Archery

Practices will be held on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. at the Archery Range (South of the Event Center). For more information about the archery project, contact Brent and Shela Tucker.

## Trap \& Skeet

Practices will be held on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact Ed and Tina Walker.

## Livestock \& Wool Judging

If you have not already signed up (at the 4-H meeting) for either or both judging event, please let Cody know if you are interested. The first practice is anticipated to take place after Easter.

## Photography

Please be taking photos! For details about the Photography contest, please contact the Extension Office. The deadline for county entries will be 5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 31st!

## Save the Dates!

"We will have the Adopt a Highway Clean up on Saturday, April 9 from 8:30-10:00 a.m. - this will be part of the Don't Mess with Texas Trash Off Day across the state.
"General 4-H Meeting - Monday, April $25^{\text {th }}$ at 6:00 p.m. (this will be our last general meeting of the 4-H year and we will be electing officers at this meeting)

## 4-H Remin Text System

We are working hard to consistently use the Remind text system to notify everyone about upcoming activities, meeting, etc. Please take a moment and text @borden 4 to 81010 to receive these texts. We will also continue with posting on Facebook (Borden County Extension and 4-H), as well as sending a weekly email update.


During the recent FFA Week, the Gail FFA chapter sponsored a Kiss-AGoat contest. The winners of the contest were Les Huff (above) and Coach Michael Skelton (below). The chapter raised more than $\$ 363$ for the Keira Adkinson Fund.
Keira was the lone survivor of a car accident that took the life of her mother and grandparents, Tom and Carolyn Lewis. Mr. Lewis was a beloved science teacher in Borden County for many years.


403 N. Austin Avenue Lamesa, Texas 79331 806-872-8335 Fax: 806-872-8336 3rd $\& 4$ th generations still serving this area.

## Pre-School Day Set for Mar. 25th

Pre-School Day will be Friday, March 25 th. If your child will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2016, 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 ANEARLY DISMISSALAT 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.

Please note that if you do not reside within the district, you will need to call
for prior approval in order for your child to attend on this day.
If you have any questions, please contact the school at 806-7564313.


## First Baptist Church Ladies Bible Study

## The First Baptist Church of Gail will

 host a a Ladies Bible Study starting Thursday, March 24th at 6:30 p.m. in the new fellowship hall.
## The bible study is

 "The Ormor of God" by Priscilla Shirer from the movie "War Room". Bring your fovorite snacks and join us.
## Texas Stories

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an exhibit of immigration dirty. The tour ends with a repthrough Galveston. An old lica of McKlesky Number One, truck used during the coal min- complete with oil flowing ing days is a popular attraction. through a glass chamber and Others include a bandstand, a the sound of a gusher. The gift fully restored stagecoach and shop has books about the town. a brick oven.

Tumbleweed Smith is never
One display shows a coal desperate for an interview, but miner in full miner's clothing he's always looking for a good and paraphernalia lying down story. Contact him at working on a thin seam of coal. ts@tumbleweedsmith.com. He looks uncomfortable and

## Legal Notice

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF
TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION
DISTRICT 8A Rule 37 Case No. 0299597
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 8, 2016 Status/Permit No. 812313

NOTICE OF PROTEST DEAD-
LINE: 5:00 PM, Mar 14, 2016
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967

Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
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SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US
NOTICEOFAPPLICATI ON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the O'BENCO, INC., [RRC Operator No. 617512] has made
application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission
Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the

DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 518, Bk. 97, H\&TC RR
CO / JONES, D A Survey, A-1172, FLUVANNA Field, BORDEN County, being 3 miles NW direction
from FLUVANNA, Texas.
PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may
be granted WITHOUT A HEARING if no protest to the application is received within the
deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons
include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and
tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a
hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A
Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear
at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the
application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of
evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing
procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848.
If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth
in this Notice, please contact the

Commission's Drilling Permit Unit, at rule 37
(512)463-6751.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST

BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR

E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Mar 14, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED

WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE

GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION
REQUIRES PUBLICATION
The location and identity of the well is as shown below:
FIELD: FLUVANNA
Lease/Unit Name : FLUVANNA (MISSISSIPPIAN) UNIT

Lease/Unit Well No. : 108H
Lease/Unit Acres : 1320.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 660.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 1107.0 Lease Lines : 620.0 F S L, 509.0 F W L

Survey Lines : 620.0 F S L, 509.0 F W L
Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal
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Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 860.0 F W L
660.0 F S L

Terminus Location
BH County: BORDEN
Section: 535 Block: 97 Abstract: 945 Survey: H\&TC RR CO / JONES, D
A
Lease Lines: 860.0 F W L 660.0 F N L

Survey Lines: 860.0 F W L 660.0 F N L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows: FLUVANNA: OIL Special Rules 660/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 8200 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's
representative, Heather Haynes, at (318)8658568, x118.


| DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTION MARCH 1, 2016 |  | Eany | AnPets |  |
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Total Kegistered Voters
453
Total Votes Cast
313
Voter Percentage
69.09\%

## WAY TO GO BORDEN COUNTY VOTERS!!!

69\% OF THE REGISTERED VOTERS CAME OUT AND VOTED DURING THE PRIMARY ELECTION

THANK YOU TO ALL THE ELECTION WORKERS

COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU

SHIRLEY BENNETT - REPUBLICAN CHAIRMAN
JANA UNDERWOOD - BORDEN COUNTY CLERK

## USDA Commits $\$ 20$ Million...

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ity of ground and surface water. Last year, Tó Aání Enterprises (TLE), received a CIG award to conduct a three-year national pilot project to demonstrate the environmental, agricultural, economic and sociocultural effectiveness and benefits of solar energy systems for pumping irrigation water. The project was designed to encourage the adoption of such systems among Navajo, Hopi and other Ameri-can-Indian tribes. The early results have been so promising that the solar-powered system has already been adopted by many Navajo farmers.
In 2015, NRCS made eight
CIG awards for projects in the burgeoning field of conserva-
tion finance and impact investing. For 2016, USDA is seeking projects that develop additional innovative investment strategies that leverage private capital for private lands conservation. CIG funding may be used to help mitigate risk associated with new conservation investment vehicles, through the use of approaches such as first loss strategies, price floors, guarantees, buyer of last resort mechanisms or other credit enhancements. Successful proposals will demonstrate a likelihood of success and clear metrics for conservation outcomes warranting the use of public funds to support risk mitigation strategies. CIG awards are made
through a nationally competitive process. Projects may be single or multi-year, but cannot exceed three years. Projects must involve EQIPeligible agricultural producers or landowners. At least 50 percent of the total cost of CIG projects must come from nonfederal matching funds, including in-kind contributions.

A fact sheet summarizing other top CIG projects is available on the NRCS CIG website.
Applications for CIG projects are due by May 10, 2016. More information is available on the NRCS CIG website. This year's application process includes two other significant changes: an in-
crease in the maximum award amount to $\$ 2$ million, up from $\$ 1$ million in 2015, and a streamlined single proposal process.
Since 2009, USDA has invested more than $\$ 29$ billion to help producers make conservation improvements, working with as many as 500,000 farmers, ranchers and landowners to protect over 400 million acres nationwide, boosting soil and air quality, cleaning and conserving water and enhancing wildlife habitat. For an interactive look at USDA's work in conservation and forestry over the course of this Administration, visit https:// medium.com/usda-results [^.

> Public Notice

## Please DO NOT

 dump scrap metal in the Borden County Landfill-Borden County Commissioners

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