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TxDOT Employees Roadeo in Texas

Jibber Herridge and Robert Dean, Borden County maintenance section employees, recently competed in the Abilene district's first Roadeo competition.

Roadeo? That's right, Roadeo. "When the Texas Department of Transportation drivers hear the word 'roadeo' they don't think of ropes and horses, they think of dump trucks and diesel," Nan Sharp, Borden County maintenance section supervisor, said.

TxDOT's Roadeos test precision driving skills and preventive maintenance knowledge.

"As a maintenance supervisor, I find this competition not only recognizes the skills and pride exhibited in the safe operation of TxDOT equipment, but it instills a comradery between the employees and is a moral builder," Sharp said.

Herridge and Dean beat out their competition at the county level, finishing first and second respectively, to earn the right to compete for district Roadeo honors.

Contestants at both the county and district meets took dump trucks through a six-part precision driving course that tested such skills as stopping on a line, backing up to a



Robert Dean, left, and Jibber Herridge, right, show off the certificates they earned as participants in the Texas Department of Transportation's Abilene district Roadeo competition. Herridge and Dean, maintenance technicians for the Borden County maintenance section, finished first and second respectively at the county level to earn them the right to compete at the district. nan Sharp, center, is the Borden County maintenance section supervisor. (TxDOT photo by Mary Beth Kilgore)

loading dock, navigating a serpentine course and driving through narrow corridors. The participants also had to identify 10 maintenance problems during a five-minute vehicle inspection.

"The Roadeo was set up to imitate driving situations our employees might encounter on the roadway," Lauren Garduno, Abilene district maintenance

engineer, said. "Its not easy driving a truck, and not everyone who holds a commercial license can do the type of driving we expect of our employees," he added.

Although the focus of the Roadeo is to establish safe vehicle operation, Garduno said, we welcome this opportunity to recognize and

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4-H Fashion Show: Eight girls participated in the Borden County 4-H Fashion Show, no Tuesday morning at the County Courthouse. They modeled shorts they had made this summer, during their 4-H Sewing Project. Those pictured are (back row, L. to R.) Kaci Poole, Krystle Lee, Staci O'Brien and Wendy McNeely. Front row: Lindsey Stamper, Shaleena Laverty, Whitney McNeely and Laura Stamper. Also pictured is baby sister, Bethany Stamper. Those unable to participate in the fashion show were, Holly Thomas, Carrie Hart, and John Stamper. 4-H Leaders helping with the project were, Beth Stamper, Sheri McNeely, and Susan O'Brien.

Area Youth Get In Shape For Next Season Sports

Borden County students have been busy this summer attending sports camps and preparing for the 1995-96 sports season. Eighteen sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth grade girls attended a basketball camp held at the Borden County gymnasium coached by Coach Stout. Those attending were 9th graders: Rebekah Copeland Carey Cox, Wendy McNeely, & Kati Merritt. 8th graders: Hailey

Adcock, Adrianna Baeza, Shaina Isaacs, Julie Mayes, Ky Merritt, Staci O'Brien, Kaci Poole, Erica Schooler, Lindsey Smith, Jill Stout, & Amanda Watts. 7th graders: Rebekah Hensley, & Holly Thomas. 6th grader Rika Copeland.

Others students participating in various camps are as follows:

Texas All-Star Basketball Camp, Hillsboro: Kati Merritt, Fernando Baeza,

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Engagement Announced



Kirk Jones & Kembra Kemp

Johnny and Nancy Kemp of Post are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kembra Lea, to Kirk Wade Jones. Kirk is the son of Gary and Judy Jones of Lamesa.

Kembra is a 1995 graduate of Borden County High School in Gail. Kirk is the 1993 graduate of Borden county High School and attended Howard College in Big Spring. He is a farmer in Lamesa. The couple plan to wed September 16, 1995.

Area Youth Get into Shape

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Jeff Dennis & Colt McCook.

Frank Phillips Basketball Camp, Borger: Katie Kemp

Texas Tech Basketball Camp, Lubbock: Kevin Pinkerton, Justin Lawrence

LCU Basketball Camp, Lubbock: Jeffrey Dennis, & Cesar Mujica

South Plains Basketball Camp, Levelland: Ross Aten, Colt Miller & Quill Miller.

If you have attended camps this summer let us know and we will publish it in the Borden Star.

Wrangler Track Camp, Odessa: Jeff Dennis

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BORDEN COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING

Monday, July 17th at 8:30 p.m.
Borden County Courthouse

Special Brunch Planned

There will be a brunch held at the Herman Ledbetter home, Saturday, July 15th. for the 1976 Borden County High School foreign exchange graduate from Chili,

Melita Keim

Everyone is invited to come by and visit with Melita.

While attending school her senior year Melita lived with Gerald and Nancy Edwards.

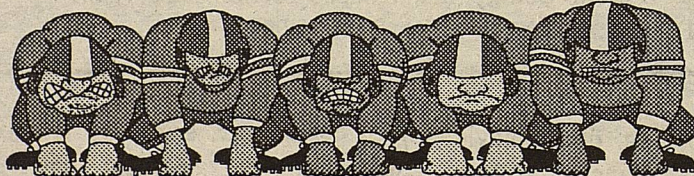


Sports Physicals

All Sports Physicals are scheduled for Saturday, August 5 in Lubbock.

If you are planning on participating in any sports during the 1995-96 school year, you will need to make plans to go on this date. For more information contact the Borden County School.

Football Workouts



Football Practice will begin on Wednesday, August 9th.

For all high school boys grades 9-12 who want to participate in the 1995 Coyote Football program.

TxDOT Roadeo

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reward our drivers for their work and safe driving practices.

"In the past our drivers have not received the recognition they deserve. On a daily basis they have to drive in some of the most dangerous situations possible. They are expected to analyze every situation, improvise and respond immediately in a vehicle that doesn't go as fast or respond as easily as a car," said Mike Taylor, Snyder area engineer.

"We are happy to have a program that will finally give the drivers the recognition they deserve," he said.

Although the program began 1993, this is the first year the Abilene district will participate in the statewide event. Finals will be held in Austin in September.

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Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On the 26th day of June, A.D. 1995, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session at the regular meeting place thereof in the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present and participating, to wit:

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| VAN L. YORK | COUNTY JUDGE, Presiding |
| FRANK CURREY | COMMISSIONER, Precinct No. 1 |
| LARRY D. SMITH | COMMISSIONER, Precinct No. 2 |
| VERNON WOLF | COMMISSIONER, Precinct No. 3 |
| HURSTON LEMONS, JR | COMMISSIONER, Precinct No. 4 |
| JOYCE HERRIDGE | COUNTY CLERK & EX-OFFICIO OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT |

constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, to wit:

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the meeting of 12th day of June, 1995 were read. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said minutes as read. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lemons.

Voting For: Commissioners Currey, Smith, Wolf and Lemons
Voting Against: NONE

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined. Commissioner Currey made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Voting For: Commissioners Currey, Smith, Wolf and Lemons
Voting Against: NONE

RETIREMENT PLAN

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to readop the

Annually Determined Contribution Rate for the Borden County plan under the Texas County and District Retirement System with no changes to be made. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioners Currey, Smith, Wolf and Lemons
Voting Against: NONE

Mr. C.M. English visited with the Court concerning his Oil Fortifier.

9-1-1

Commissioner Lemons made a motion to authorize Judge Van York to select and purchase a computer and software to be used in the County Judge's Office for 9-1-1 addressing. The Grant Money in the amount of \$7,000.00 is funded by the State 9-1-1 Commission. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioners Currey, Smith, Wolf and Lemons
Voting Against: NONE

TAXES

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to renew the contract for one year with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins and Mott, Attorneys at Law, for the collection of delinquent ad valorem taxes. Commissioner Currey seconded the Motion.

Voting For: Commissioners Currey, Smith, Wolf and Lemons
Voting Against: NONE

POLICY USE OF COUNTY ROAD MACHINERY

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Policy for Use of County road Machinery to comply with Art. 201.151, Agriculture Code, Vernons' Texas Codes Annotated. Commissioner Currey seconded the motion.

Policy on County Machinery for Fireguard Construction

Fireguards will be constructed only when machinery or equipment is not needed for building or maintaining the roads of the

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POSITION OPEN

The Borden County Commissioners' Court is Taking Applications For A Person To Maintain The Borden County Water System. Interested Parties Must Have A Valid Driver's License, A Working Knowledge Of Electricity and Plumbing, Be Able To Attend The Required Schools, And Pass A Certification Test. Applications May Be Picked Up At The County Judge's Office.

Borden County Would Also Consider Contracting The Maintenance Of The Borden County Water System To A Qualified Contractor. All Proposals Will Be Considered. Mail Proposals To P.O. Box 156, Gail, Texas 79738.

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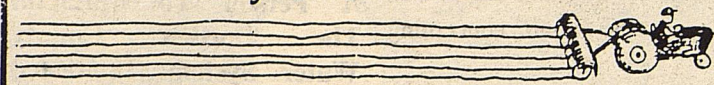


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Consolidated Farm Service Agency
Borden County CFSA Office**



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**FINAL REPORTING
DATE**

The final date to report acres on all crops is **JULY 17, 1995**. Producers should call the Borden County CFSA office to schedule an appointment to certify their crops before this date. Remember, that a complete certification is required for all program and non program crops and failed acreage must be reported before making other use of the crops.

In order to maintain eligibility for any FCIC benefits producers must file an accurate and timely acreage report on a ASCS-578 and have a FCIC appraisal made on any failed crop before crop disposition. This includes NAP crops as well as program crops.

**MEASUREMENT
SERVICE**

Borden County CFSA will supply, for a small fee, measurement services for acreage reports. This is a tool that producer's can use to make sure of compliance for acreage reports.

FAILED ACREAGE

Producers are reminded to file a ASCS-574, Application for Disaster Credit, for crops that are disaster affected in order to receive proper history for crop.

An application for failed acreage credit must be filed within 15 days of the disaster condition. Any crop destroyed without an

acreage report or approved ASCS-574, will not receive planting credit or base history protection.

A field visit must be made by the CFSA office before destruction or other use is made of the disaster affected crop.

In those situations where a program crop has failed after the final planting date for that crop, a subsequent crop planted on that acreage will be considered a "ghost crop". If failed crops total production is less than 50% of the crop's APH (Actual Production History). This determination will be on a field-by-field basis. If the crop is not insured, an APH for that crop will be computed. If you are contemplating the planting of a ghost crop, please provide us with the crop appraisal and APH, if we are not your insurance carrier, so we can determine if the subsequent crops a ghost crop or will count toward program acreage.

**EMS Memorials
& Donations**

Donations:

Mr. & Mrs. John T. Harper

Mr. & Mrs. J.B. White
Joe & Zo Landrum

Mr. & Mrs.
Martin Taylor
Leta Lloyd

In Memory of:

Jim Smith

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Currey
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ACREAGE TOLERANCE

The 1995 tolerance rule is the larger of 1.0 acre or 5% of the reported acres not to exceed 50.0 acres.

**EMERGENCY HAYING
AND GRAZING OF ACR
AND CU FOR PAY AND
CRP**

Due to early dry weather conditions, Borden County has been approved for emergency haying and grazing of ACR, CU for Pay and CRP effective immediately through December 31, 1995 for ACR and CU for Pay and through September 30, 1995 for CRP.

Producers interested in emergency haying and grazing, first must make their request at the CFSA office, prior to any haying and grazing.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

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county.

A written request must be presented to the Commissioners' Court before construction can commence. The Commissioners' Court may not be required to do the work unless the court determines that the work is of public benefit and elects to do the work.

The county is to receive compensation from the landowner or taxpayer for fire guard construction. The hour meter on the machinery or equipment will be used to record time spend on the job. Hourly rated for machinery are as follows:

- a. Motorgrader - \$35.00 per hour
- b. Dozer - \$35.00 per hour

The landowner or taxpayer shall contact the Commissioner for the precinct in which the land is located for arrangements to do this work. Applications for this service can be picked up at the County Judge's office or County Commissioner.

Voting For: Commissioners Currey and Smith
Voting Against: Commissioners Wolf and Lemons
Voting For: County Judge York

Motion Carried

DISCUSSIONS

The County Health Insurance was discussed. No action taken.

A Dump Ground Schedule for workers will be written.

The Commissioners Court will meet in the Jury Room starting July 24, 1995, in order to provide more work area for the County Judge. The present Commissioners Court Room will become the County Judges office and the present judge's office will become a work area for the Courthouse.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID
INJECTION WELL PERMIT**

Texaco Exploration & Producing Inc., P.O. Box 3310 Big Spring, Texas 79721 has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the **Spraberry, Jo Mill Unit**, Well number **2543**. The proposed injection well is located **12 miles SW of Gail, Texas** in the **Jo-Mill (Spraberry) Field**, in **Borden County**. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from **7130** to **7175** feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/445-1373).

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