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Agriculture Programs Spared The Knife

By Shawn Wade

The FY2010 Budget Resolution that was agreed upon by House and Senate conferees earlier this week, and subsequently approved by Congress, will not require cuts to commodity support programs authorized under the 2008 Farm Bill.

Confirmation that agriculture programs would be excluded from the many budget areas that will be tasked with providing spending reductions under the FY2010 Congressional Budget Resolution was welcome news for growers.

Producer concern about agriculture's potential treatment under the resolution stemmed from knowledge of renewed efforts to undermine commodity program provisions through the budget writing process and the fact that the Obama Administration's first budget blueprint highlighted changes in farm programs.

With this first hurdle cleared it is important to note that this is probably not the only bullet that agriculture will have to dodge before current the legislative cycle or the FY2010 Agriculture Appropriations process is completed.

It does however set aside as unworkable several potentially damaging proposals including the Obama Administration's suggestion to eliminate Direct payments to all farms with more than \$500,000 in gross sales and capping DCP and loan benefit payments at \$250,000 per individual.

Fortunately the same Congressional leaders, namely Senate Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad and House Agriculture committee Chairman Collin Peterson, that supported agriculture so strongly during the farm bill debate led the charge to clarify the fact that when it comes to providing budget savings and value on investment agriculture has delivered its fair share.

Agriculture's success in this round was aided by strong arguments against these proposals and supporting the implementation of the 2008 Farm Bill as approved by Congress before significant changes are considered. These arguments were put forth by a coalition of agriculture groups including Plains Cotton Growers, the National Cotton Council and the Southwest Council of Agribusiness.

Reminder: Borden County still remains under a Burn Ban. It is a violation to burn trash barrels with a fine of \$500.

One-Act Play



"The Beggar's Opera" ..Cast and crew members of the Borden County One-Act Play "The Beggar's Opera" end the season with being named as alternate to state at the Region 1-A contest in Levelland.

One Step Short Borden H.S. One-Act Play Named Alternate to State

The Borden County High School 2009 One-Act Play (OAP) production of *The Beggar's Opera* barely missed advancing to the State Meet after being named as the Alternate to State at the Region 1-A OAP Contest in Levelland on April 25.

Being named as alternate means that the production was in the top 12 plays in the state on the 1A level this year. Obviously, the students involved are disappointed, but they certainly put on a wonderful show at the Regional Contest. The judge was quite complimentary of many

different aspects of the production.

Thus ends the season for the production, but not without several awards received at the Regional Contest. Juniors D'Nae Johnson ("Lucy

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One-Act Play Named Alternate to State...

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Lockett") and Chasiti Rutherford ("Polly Peachum") were both named to the All-Star Cast, while fellow junior Eric Espinoza ("Captain MacHeath") was placed on the Honorable Mention All-Star Cast.

The BHS Technical Crew was also named as the "Best Technical Crew" of the Regional Contest. Crew members included senior Katherine Froman (stage manager), juniors Chellsie Pigford (props & costumes) and Shylo Rinehart (sound technician), and sophomore Tony Soto (light technician).

Rinehart and Soto were also honored individually as the top sound and light technicians from all six casts that competed at the regional level.

The alternate award earned BHS an additional 15 points towards their 4th place overall finish in the Region I-A Academic Meet. The indi-

vidual acting awards also netted another 10 points toward that total.

Advancing to the State OAP Contest from Region I-A were Sudan H.S.'s *Moon Over Buffalo* and Sunray H.S.'s *Unchanging Love*.

Also participating in the OAP from BHS were juniors Kagan Benham, Karl Laming, Michael Porter, Chelsey Sapp, & Brendan Tarleton. Sophomore participants included John Hensley, Phyneshia Rutherford, Krista Tarleton, & Miles Valentine. Freshmen participants were Raegan Belongia, Kobie Benham, & Collin Telchik.

With a quick overview of the cast and crew, one can see that all but one senior will return and a new crop of eighth graders will join them next year, so hopes are high for another great BHS production.

Congratulations, BHS OAP, for a tremendous season!

Local, Area Sluggers Playing Waiting Game

Courtesy Lamesa Press Reporter

In conjunction with this past week's University Interscholastic League (UIL) announcement, the Borden County Coyotes and O'Donnell Eagles could very well end up now having to wait until the 14th of this month to decide which of these area high school squads will be returning to the Class 1A state baseball playoffs.

With both finishing the District 3-1A race with identical 3-5 league records, both the Coyotes and Eagles ended up in a two-way tie for that league's third playoff spot. That tie was originally scheduled to be determined this weekend at Lubbock but in lieu of the swine flu outbreak, the UIL put a stop to all high school baseball action until at least May 11.

That playoff for the playoff has been tentatively pushed back until May 14.

Borden County Coach Trey Richey and O'Donnell Coach James Dillard agree that some-

times waiting is often the hardest part.

"We're at a point where we'd like to know where we're at—if we're done or if we're in," Richey said.

"But I think everybody would like to know one way or another where we really do stand. All of this just makes it hard to stay focused."

Dillard agrees.

"We all understand that the UIL is doing what it thinks is best to protect our kids, but the tough part now is making up some kind of a practice schedule for the next couple of weeks," Dillard said. "We've also got to find some way to keep our kids motivated. It's always hard to keep kids focused this time of the year with so many different activities going on anyway."

Anytime you're dealing with 14-, 15-, 16- and 17-year old kids, it tough anyway with the way their minds always wander."

Making the Grade!

5th Six-Weeks

Beta Achievement

Senior: Katherine Froman and Krystal Hobson; **Junior:** Brittany Day and R.T. Shafer; **Sophomore:** Bailey Anderson, John Hensley, Kimberly Proulx, Taylor Richey and Krista Tarleton; **Freshman:** Shaylie Boles, Austin Fields, and Chance Taylor; **Eighth Grade:** Shea Burkett, Jordan Day, Kayla Pepper, Tanner Richey, Matthew Roberson, Stellie Sanders and Riley Smith; **Seventh Grade:** Taylor Gass, Kalynn Massingill and Matthew Proulx; **Sixth Grade:** Tye Basquez and Sean Tucker.

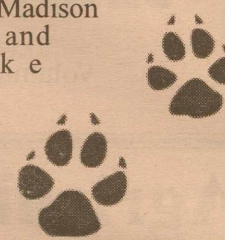
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Honor Roll

Senior: Baylee Benavidez; **Junior:** Kagan Benham, Chellsie Pigford, Lacey Roberts and Brendan Tarleton; **Sophomore:** Joseph McConnell, Zach Telchik and Miles Valentine; **Freshman:** Kobie Benham and Austin Tyler; **Eighth Grade:** Austin Cope, Steven Howard and Teryn Soto; **Seventh Grade:** Brady Dowds, Maeghan Herridge, Mallory McMeans, Mollie McMeans, Zach McMeans, Sydnie Rebeles and Kurt Shafer.

Sixth Grade: Frank Banman, Bessie Rhodes, and Cayden Vaughn; **Fifth Grade:** Thomas Harrison, Zoie Key, Channing Miller, Colby

Pennell, Samuel Raborn, Kyrsten Rebeles, Tatum Richey, Flint Roberts, Taylor Roberts, Caelan Thuett, Cheyenne Tucker, Merik Valentine and Tate Wheatly; **Fourth Grade:** Maddie Benavidez, Cheyenne Dowds, Hayley Gray, Hunter Jones, Dylan Murphy, Maria Neufeld, Avery Price and Kale Yarbro; **Third Grade:** Thadd Basquez, Kable Kleck, Harley Merrill, Thomas Nix, Nicholas Proulx, Trace Richey, Ashlyn Tucker, and Brittan Webb; **Second Grade:** Madison Cole, Gage Duncan, Katie Gray, Tanner Harrison, Rayme Jones, Emma Key, J.W. Nix, Madison Petty, and Brooke Swaffar.



CALENDAR FOR MAY 9, 2009 BORDEN COUNTY I.S.D. BOND ELECTION


- April 27, 2009-First day to vote early in person at Borden County I.S.D. Central Office
- May 1, 2009-Last day to receive an application for a ballot to be voted by mail
- May 5, 2009-Last day to vote early by personal appearance at Borden County I.S.D. Central Office
- May 9, 2009-Election Day at County Election Precincts as follows:

Precinct 1	Plains Community Center 2300 Farm-to-Market Road 1054 Plains Community, Texas
Precinct 2A	Gail Community Room 116 E. Wilbourn Gail, Texas
Precinct 2B	Vealmoor Election Building 651 County Road 236 Vealmoor Community, Texas
Precinct 3A	Murphy Election Building 650 County Road 383 North Lake J. B. Thomas
Precinct 3B	Fairview Election Building 100 County Road 338 South Lake J. B. Thomas
Precinct 4A	Borden County Courthouse 117 E. Wasson Gail, Texas
Precinct 4B	Don Jones Residence 4601 FM 612 Fluvanna Community, Texas
Howard County Precinct 2B	Vealmoor Election Building 651 County Road 236 Vealmoor Community, Texas

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Heart and Home ...

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Making Healthy Habits Last: Habits are difficult to change but it can be done!

Try these tips to help you stay on track:

* Set attainable goals and know that it may take a long time to reach them. Losing weight and becoming physically fit can take a long time. Be ready to celebrate small victories. Your goal may be to be able to run one mile but you haven't even walked one mile. Celebrate when you are able to walk one mile!

* Set goals you are sure you can maintain. Many people lose weight by decreasing calories to a very low level. That may allow for a weight loss but not a loss that is easily maintained. It's just too hard for most of us to maintain a diet very low in calories for a long time and it's also not healthy.

* Choose just one healthy habit and work on it until you are sure you have adopted it and then move on to another. If your goal was to eat healthier, your first objective might be to eat 2 1/2 cups of vegetables every day. Once that is a daily habit, move to your next objective.

* Find a healthy habit partner. Change is so much easier if you have someone to support you in your efforts. Even easier if that person is also trying to make some changes.

* If weight loss is your goal, plan for a small gradual loss. One-half to one pound of

weight loss per week is a healthy, realistic expectation. (Keep in mind that you didn't gain it five or six pounds at a time.)


* If you get off track don't give up! We all get off track of many things in the course of a year. Acknowledge that you got off track and get right back on. It's just a matter of telling yourself that you can do it and you will feel better for it.

Healthy habits are easier to maintain if you have a goal in mind. It may be that you want to wear the outfit you wore on your honeymoon or you want to be healthy enough to travel when you retire. Just know that you will feel better and have more energy within weeks. That should help you stay on track!

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On the Wild Side of Life
by Cody G. Hill
Borden County Extension Agent -
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The April 2009 Influenza Outbreak

This influenza outbreak has been called swine flu, H1N1, and North American Influenza. The virus is spreading from person to person. Early investigations indicate that none of the people infected in the U.S. had contact with hogs. People cannot get this disease from eating pork. The virus is not spread by food.

To protect yourself and others: Wash your hands often or use an alcohol-based sanitizer; Keep your hands away from your mouth, nose and eyes; Don't share drinking glasses or eating utensils with others; Avoid close contact with people who are sick; Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food; If you have flu symptoms, see your doctor right away. Do not go to school or work; Cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve so viruses are trapped in the fabric of your clothing and you do not contaminate your hands. If you cough or sneeze into a tissue, throw it away immediately. Then wash your hands.

For details and updates on

the flu outbreak, visit the following Web sites: Texas Department of State Health Services <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/> or Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>.

If you own swine, follow these practices to prevent the disease from infecting your herd:

- Workers should shower before entering swine facilities. Clothes worn on the farm should not be worn off the farm.

- Workers with flu symptoms should stay home and be encouraged to see a doctor immediately.

- Do not allow anyone except workers and essential service people to enter your farm. Keep all international visitors away from your farm.

- Be sure animal facilities are well ventilated so inside air is recirculated as little as possible.

- Vaccinate swine against the influenza virus.

- Contact your veterinarian if swine show signs of

flu or respiratory illness, especially if the onset and symptoms seem unusual. Then notify the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) at 800-550-8242. The TAHC will help investigate human cases of flu that may be linked to swine in Texas.

More information for swine producers can be found at these Web sites:

Texas Pork Producers Council <http://www.texaspork.org> or National Pork Producers Council <http://www.nppc.org>

Thought for the Day

*To grow old is to pass
from passion to
compassion.*

School Lunch Menu

May 11 - 15, 2009

Monday - Breakfast: Cinnamon Pastry, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Strips, Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Apricots and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Pop Tart, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Beef & Bean Burrito, Corn Salad, Fruit Mix and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Biscuit, Gravy & Ham, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Broccoli Supreme, Tomato Wedges, Crackers, Pear and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Cereal & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Steak Fingers, Green Peas, Salad, Bread, Peaches and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Pancakes, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: BBQ on a Bun, French Fries, Tossed Salad, Strawberry Shortcake and Milk.

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Area Wide Garage Sale

Gail, Texas
May 23rd & 30th
Rock Station
9 a.m. to 5 p.m

Everyone welcome
NO charge for set up spaces

For more information
Call Jean Taylor at 806/756-4434

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Legal Notice

STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF BORDEN)

LEGAL NOTICE Sale of Surplus Equipment

Borden County will accept sealed bids for the following surplus equipment. Bids will be opened May 26, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the Borden County Courthouse.

Equipment can be inspected on county lot located east of the Borden County Extension Office. Equipment is as follows:

1993 24 ft. covered goose-neck Easley Livestock Trailer

For further information contact Van York, County Judge, phone 806/756-4391 or County Extension Agent, Cody Hill, phone 806/756-4336.

Mail bids to P.O. Box 156, Gail, Texas 79738. All bids should be marked "BID" on outside of envelope.

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

BY ORDER OF THE
BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

Van L. York
County Judge
Borden County

LA NOTIFICACION DE PRE-KINDERGARTEN PARA EL AÑO ESCOLAR 2009-2010

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá el programa del pre-kindergarten durante el año escolar 2009-2010. El programa será para los estudiantes elegibles que tienen cuatro años en o antes de 1 de septiembre, 2009. Los estudiantes pueden calificar por el programa resolviendo por lo menos uno de los requisitos siguientes:

1. Sea económicamente perjudicado
2. Este limitado experto ingles (LEP)
3. Sea destituido

Si usted conoce de un niño que califique por el programa, notifica a Bart McMeans, director, Borden County School, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, o llame (806) 756-4313 para solicitar una forma de registro. Complete y regresa la forma antes del 31 de mayo, 2009.

LA DENEGACIÓN

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá este programa solamente si quince (15) o más estudiantes califican.

ESL PROGRAMA NOTIFICACION

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá un programa de ESL para los estudiantes del LEP (Experto Inglés Limitado) durante el verano de 2009. El programa será programado por un mínimo de 120 horas y concluirá antes del 1 de agosto, 2009. El programa esta diseñado para los estudiantes que entraran kindergarten o el primer grado en el otoño de 2009-2010. Los padres de niños elegibles serán responsables del transporte.

Si usted conoce de un niño que califique por el programa, notifica a Bart McMeans, director, Borden County School, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, o llame (806) 756-4313 para solicitar una forma de registro. Complete y regresa la forma antes del 31 de mayo, 2009.

LA DENEGACIÓN

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá este programa solamente si diez (10) o más estudiantes califican.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN NOTIFICATION FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

Borden County School will offer the pre-kindergarten program during the 2009-2010 school year. The program will be for eligible students who are four years of age on or before September 1, 2009. Students can qualify for the program by meeting at least one of the following requirements:

1. Be economically disadvantaged
2. Be Limited English Proficient (LEP)
3. Be homeless

If you know of a child who qualifies for the program, notify Mr. Bart McMeans, Principal, Borden County School, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, or call (806) 756-4313 to request a registration form. Complete and return the form by May 31, 2009.

DISCLAIMER

Borden County Elementary School will offer this program only if fifteen (15) or more students qualify.

ESL PROGRAM NOTIFICATION

Borden County Elementary School will offer an ESL program for LEP (Limited English Proficient) students during the summer of 2009. The program will be scheduled for a minimum of 120 hours and will conclude prior to August 1, 2009. The program is designed for students who will enter Kindergarten or First Grade in the fall of 2009-2010. Parents of eligible children will be responsible for transportation.

If you know of a child who qualifies for the program, notify Mr. Bart McMeans, Principal, Borden County School, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, or call (806) 756-4313 to request a registration form. Complete and return the form by May 31, 2009.

DISCLAIMER

Borden County Elementary School will offer this program only if ten or more students qualify.



May 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 11 th - 15 th TPRI testing (KG - 2 nd)					1 TAKS Social Studies 8 th , 10 th , Exit Level (11 th) Regional Track @ Levelland	2 Regional Track @ Levelland District 4-H Roundup @ Levelland
3	4 Holiday (Bad Weather Day) Lone Wolf District Meeting (Snyder, 4:30 p.m.)	5	6 Cheerleading Tryouts	7 State Academic UIL	8 Progress Reports State Academic UIL	9 State Academic UIL Bad Weather Day
10	11 Driver Ed. 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.	12 Cool Clovers Meeting in Conference Room 11:30-12 JH & HS 4-H Meeting in Conference Room 12:30-1 4-H Youth Extravaganza @ Show Barn 4 - 7 p.m.	13	14 FFA Lone Wolf District Banquet (Colorado City, 6:00 p.m.)	15 State Track Meet Area II FFA Convention, TSTC Sweetwater	16 State Track Meet Area II FFA Convention, TSTC Sweetwater
17	18 Driver Ed. 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.	19 Driver Ed. 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Band Concert 7:00 p.m.	20	21 Chapter FFA Banquet 7:00 p.m.	22 UIL Banquet 7:00 p.m.	23 Junior Senior Banquet 7:00 p.m.
24 Baccalaureate 11:00 a.m.	25 Final 1 st period 8:05-9:05 FFA Cookout	26 Final 2 nd period 8:39-9:39 Final 4 th period 10:17- 11:17	27 Final 3 rd period 9:43- 10:43 Final 7 th period 1:10-2:10 Awards Assembly 2:50 p.m.	28 Final 5 th period 11:06- 12:06 Final 8 th period 1:59-2:59 JH Graduation 7:00 p.m.	29 Final 9 th period 8:05-9:05 End of 6 th Six Weeks HS Graduation 7:00 p.m. Project Graduation	30 Senior Breakfast Work Day
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