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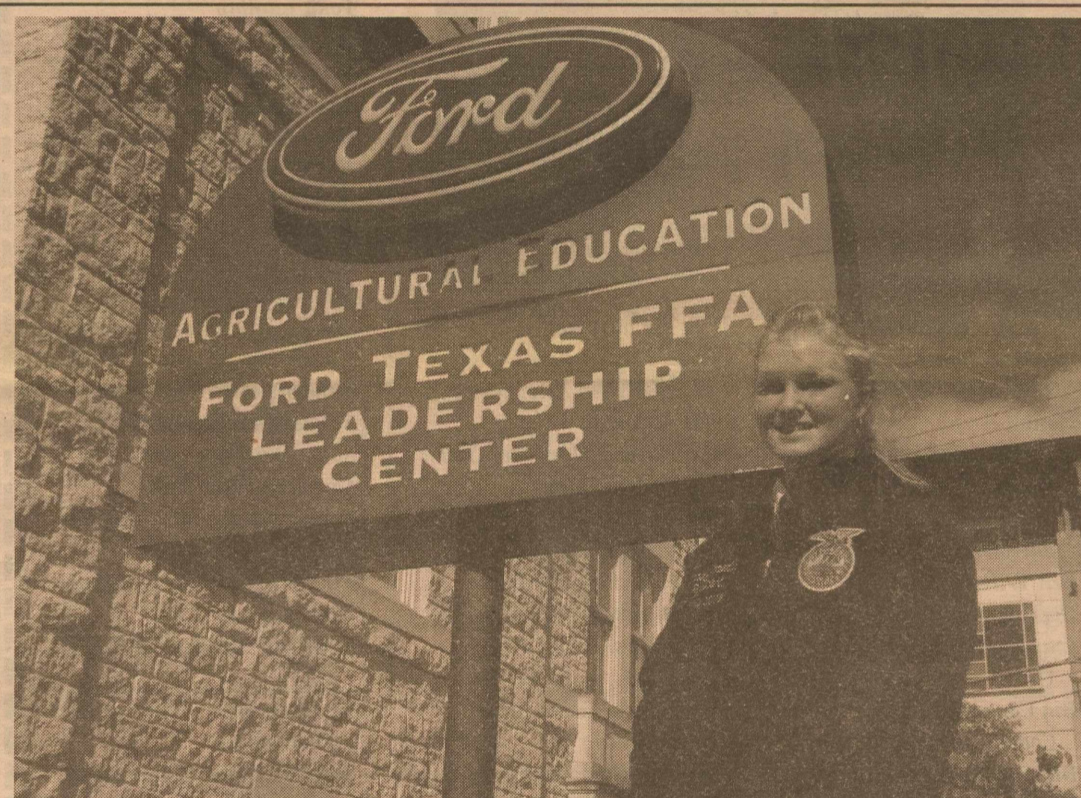
Seminars To Discuss “After CRP” Land Use Alternatives With Landowners

By Kay Ledbetter, Texas AgriLife Extension

Two conferences designed to explore the opportunities and alternatives available to landowners with expiring Conservation Reserve Program contracts have been scheduled in Amarillo and Lubbock. “After CRP: Wildlife, Farming and Grazing” conferences, sponsored by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, will run from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. on June 17 and June 18, said Ken Cearley, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist in Canyon. The conferences will be alike, varying only by regional differences, he said. Each will offer three general continuing education units toward pesticide applicator recertification. The June 17 conference will be at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center-Amarillo, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd. The June 18 conference will be at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center-Lubbock, 1102 E. F.M. 1294. “If you’re thinking about the future management of the land that you currently have under a CRP contract, or you are starting to consider various alternatives and

would like to know what others exist, these conferences will provide some answers,” Cearley said. They both will address: compliance issues, cost-assistance programs, land management and economics with wildlife in mind, the economics of farming and grazing alternatives, impacts on land value and the effect on future eligibility for federal farm programs. In addition to CRP contract holders, those contemplating or involved in buying or selling CRP land, agency personnel, educators and others with an interest in sound land management will likewise benefit from the program, Cearley said. Conference partners include Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Registration will be \$40 through June 12 and \$50 at the door. Lunch, refreshments and conference materials will be provided with registration. Participants may register online at <http://agrilifevents.tamu.edu> or by phone by calling 979-845-2604. For more information

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Pictured is Borden County FFA member, Lacey Roberts who was recently elected as the Area II FFA President the year 2009-2010.

Gail FFA Member Elected as Area II FFA President

By Buddy Wallace

Lacey Roberts, a Senior Gail FFA member recently achieved the honor of being elected as the Area II FFA President for the upcoming 2009-2010 year.

Lacey represents the Lone Wolf District and will join six other Area II members from each District in comprising an exciting officer team.

Being elected as an Area Officer is indeed an accomplishment as a member must interview, take a test over FFA, and deliver a campaign speech to the student delegates. This must be done initially at the district level, and if they receive the district nomination, the student must repeat the process at the Area level.

The Area delegates then rank the candidates based on their speech and test achievements.

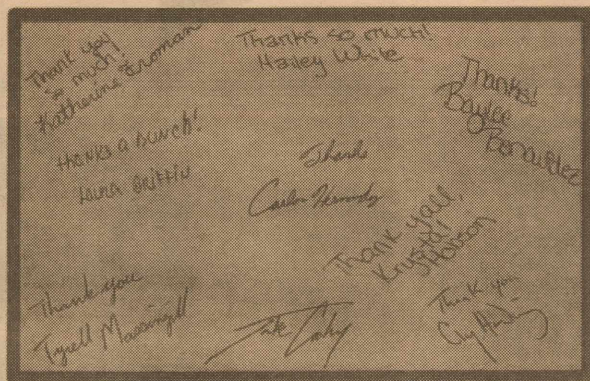
Lacey advanced to the Area Convention and was ranked first out of the seven candidates. This ranking secured her the President position.

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Gail FFA Sale Items Inventory Prices Slashed

Gail FFA still has cookie dough and meat items for sale at a now reduced rate.

Cookie dough \$12 each
Items available:
M&M Cookie-4
Sugar Cookie-2
White Chocolate Macadamia-2
Pecan Cobblers-4
Meat Items available:
Smoked Turkey-2-\$16
Party Pack-1-\$10
Smoked Bacon-5-\$10
Turkey Breast-1-\$12
Beef Fajitas-5-\$10
Chicken Fajitas-5-\$10

Pork Loin-5-\$12
Cajun Meat Pies-4-\$10
Contact Mr. Wallace or see an FFA member this week!

Thought for the Day

This must be put bluntly:
every man who has more
than is necessary for his
livelihood and that of his
family, and for the noram
development of his
intelligence, is a thief and
a robber. If he has toom, it
means that others have
too little.

--Romain Rolland

Area II President..

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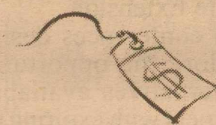
Students cannot run for this position until their junior year and they will serve during their senior year.

Lacey will depart with her Area Officer team and will attend the State Leadership Camp in Anna. The team will apply the skills learned there to plan and host the Area II Leadership Camp later in June.

We are very proud of Lacey and all of her accomplishments thus far. She is an outstanding FFA member and has been a driving force in the success of the Gail FFA Chapter.

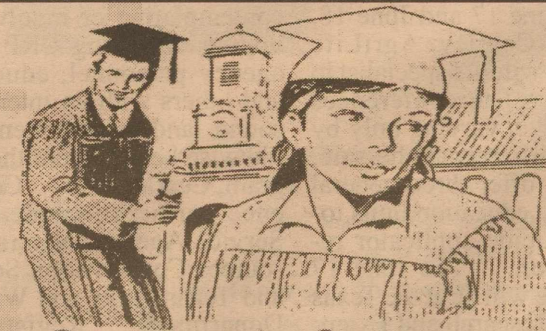
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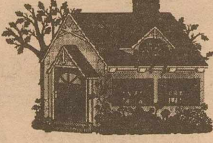
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Heart and Home ...

by Julie Smith
Borden County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences



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Preserve Foods at Home? Yes, you can, but do it safely

An abundance of home grown fruits and vegetables often triggers the desire to can foods at home. While this can be a fun and rewarding way to keep foods long after the season ends, care must be taken to assure that foods canned at home are safe to eat.

Following research-based methods and using tested recipes are just things to consider when canning foods at home. Not all recipes for home canning have been tested for safety. Sources of tested recipes include the National Center for Home Food Preservation (<http://www.uga.edu/nchfp/>), USDA, and manufacturers of home canning equipment and supplies. Recipes from cookbooks, out-dated Extension publications and the Internet should not be used. The *So Easy to Preserve* recipe book is available for purchase in the Extension Office for \$15.

Using the right equipment when canning also is important. Some foods can be preserved using a water bath canner but others must be processed in a pressure canner. If the right canning method is not used, then the finished product could make people very sick. Also, make sure that the equipment you have is in good working order. Experts advise that dial gauges on pressure can-

ners be tested annually to make sure they are accurate. In addition, canners should be checked to make sure they are in good working order. There will be a testing clinic at the Scurry County Extension Office (2605 Ave M, Snyder) on Wednesday, June 10 from 1:00 to 5:30 p.m.

There are many other aspects to canning that one needs to consider, including jar size, headspace, and recommended processing (canning) times. All of these can influence the safety of the final product. The last thing that you want to do is tell someone that the food they have just spent hours canning has to be thrown away or redone. However, if one did not use a tested recipe, if unsealed jars were not identified within 24 hours after canning, or if jars were not processed properly (i.e. using a water bath canner instead of a pressure canner) we may have no other choice. No one likes to throw food away, but no one wants to get sick (or worse) from eating unsafe food.

For more information about canning food at home safely, contact Julie Smith at the Texas AgriLife Extension Service - Borden County at 806-756-4336 or visit our web site at <http://borden-tx.tamu.edu>.

Drive Safely. Watch for Children

You worked, you studied,
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Succeeded.
Congratulations!



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Walk Across Texas a Huge Success!

Twenty-three Borden County residents participated in the *Walk Across Texas* program during March, April and May. Together, these individuals walked 1400 miles over the eight week period. What an accomplishment!

The mileage breakdown for each team is: R.A.C.E. (Ready Around the Clock to Exercise) = 769.5 miles; County Cruisers = 322.2 miles; and Cool Coyotes = 309 miles.

The *Walk Across Texas* program was designed to encourage people to start and maintain a physical fitness program. A reusable grocery bag will be given to each participant. We are very pleased that they walked over fourteen hundred miles! A special thanks to everyone that participated in the 2009 Walk Across Texas program!

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Texas AgriLife Extension Service -
Borden, Garza, Lynn, Mitchell and Scurry Counties
is sponsoring a:

Pressure Canner Testing Clinic

Wednesday, June 10, 2009 - 1:00 p.m. through 5:30 p.m.
Scurry County Extension Office (2605 Avenue M, Snyder)



Bring your pressure canner lid and gauge by during the afternoon of the 10th for testing to determine its accuracy and safety for this canning season. We will have an exhibit on the *Do's and Don'ts of Canning*, and also have handouts available regarding all methods of food preservation. We will have drawings for door prizes. *So Easy to Preserve* recipe books will also be available for purchase at \$15 each. For more information, contact your local Texas AgriLife Extension Service office.

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Living Well programs by mail will help improve your lifestyle and overall well-being to begin "Living Well in 2009."

A packet relating to the program topic will be sent to you and you will need to complete an evaluation by mail. This will take the place of a face-to-face program, and will allow you to receive the program information.

Food Preservation

Do you plan to can or freeze foods this year? Then you need to be up-to-date on the latest information about food preservation techniques. This educational program by mail will provide you with current information for the safest and easiest ways to preserve your Summer bounty!

Contact the Extension Office by Friday, June 19th if you would like to receive the educational program packet by mail on Food Preservation.

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Gail FFA Members Star at Chapter Banquet

By Buddy Wallace

It was a fiesta atmosphere at Borden County High School as the Gail FFA Chapter hosted its' annual Gail FFA Chapter Banquet. The event took place on May 21st in the school cafeteria, and was attended by 155 members and guests.

The Gail FFA Officer team played a significant role in hosting and conducting the banquet that allowed all student members to be honored for their accomplishments both in and outside of the Ag. Science classroom this year.

The banquet began with a dynamic entry by the Chapter Officer team. Chapter President Shylo Rinehart then conducted the official opening ceremonies. Mr. Wallace, Chapter Advisor then recognized the students of each class in the Ag. Science Department, as well as all students participating in fall and spring FFA events.

Kagan and Kobie Benham entertained the crowd as they displayed their keyboard piano playing talent by performing two songs.

Many other awards were given as the Honorary Chapter FFA, Star Chapter Greenhand, and Star Chapter FFA award recipients were honored and presented with chapter plaques.

Proficiency awards, Greenhand Pins, Chapter awards, Officer pins, and activity pins were given to students who were outstanding in meeting criteria necessary to

receive these honors.

The banquet concluded with a heart felt "Thank You" to all who helped the Gail FFA Chapter and Borden County Ag. Science Department students achieve their goal of another outstanding year.

Gail FFA and Mr. Wallace wish to express their thanks to those who attended the banquet in support of the students.

Thank you also to the 2008-2009 Officer team for planning, hosting, and conducting this first class event:

Officer Team: Shyol Rinehart, President; Lacey Roberts, Vice President; Chellsie Pigford, Secretary; Miles Valentine, Treasurer; Jacie Eveland, Reporter; Raylea Underwood, Sentinel; Chasiti Rutherford, District Student Advisor.

Award winners are as follows: Freddie Roberts, Honorary Chapter FFA Degree; Seleste Herridge, Star Greenhand Degree; Lacey Roberts and Shylo Rinehart, Star Chapter FFA Degree; Clay Harding, Beef Proficiency; Kagan Benham, Sheep Proficiency; Annie Stribling, Goat Proficiency; Krista Tarleton, Swine Proficiency; Chance Taylor, Horse Proficiency; Raylea Underwood, Diversified Livestock Proficiency; Skyler Williamson, Horticulture Proficiency; Clay Harding and Tyrell Massingill, Ag Mechanics Proficiency and Raylea Underwood and Chasiti Rutherford, Ag Sales Proficiency.

"After CRP" Seminars..

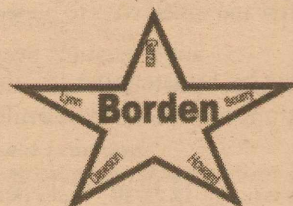
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about this conference, contact Cearley at kcearley@ag.tamu.edu or call 806-651-5760.

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pertaining to the High Plains cotton industry which is so vital to us all. Anyone interested in making comments about the contents of this column can call PCG at 806-792-4904 or Email PCG at: ctonews@plainscotton.org



Legal Notices

Mandatory Public Notification

Language Notice of Drinking Water ARSENIC Violation

The Texas Commission On Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the Borden County Water System that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for ARSENIC. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL ARSENIC at .01 mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for ARSENIC indicates a level of .0102 mg/L based on a running annual average of quarterly samples.

This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing ARSENIC in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have increased risk of getting cancer.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

Borden County Water System has installed equipment to lower the level of ARSENIC to below the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) standards.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For further information contact the County Judge's Office, Borden County Courthouse, 117 E. Wasson, Gail, Texas 79738, phone 806/756-4391.

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Mandatory Public Notification

Language Notice of Drinking Water FLUORIDE Violation

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This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing FLUORIDE in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Fluoride in drinking

water at half the MCL or more may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than nine years old. Mottling, also known as dental fluorosis, may include brown staining and/or pitting of the teeth, and occurs only in developing teeth before they erupt from the gums.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

We are working to correct the problem by investigating the possibility of connecting to another system.

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Color Me Healthy Fun Day



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Come join the fun!
Please RSVP by
Monday, June 15th

You are invited to attend the
Color Me Healthy Fun Day
in the Community Room in Gail
All youth age 4-7 are invited
We will play games, sing songs, make crafts
and snacks, while learning how to...
Color Me Healthy!

Date: Wednesday,
June 17th
Time: 2:00 to 4:30 p.m.

For more information or to
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