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Borden County school installs new computer lab

BY BLAKE LACEWELL

A new computer lab to be used by all grade levels is a new addition awaiting the return of students this month in the Borden County school system at Gail.

Second-year superintendent Jimmy Thomas said the new IBM computer lab would allow the students to become acquainted with the technology and skills they will need to succeed in tomorrow's world.

One use of the new lab will be a new micro-computer applications course for high school students.

Although returning students might not notice the change, Thomas said one part

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of the school will be gone. Or, at least one substance.

Borden Co. ISD's asbestos abatement project has completely removed that substance from the school, Thomas said.

Thomas said long-time principal Mickey McMeans will return to direct grades K-12.

Last year's high school faculty remains intact, but Thomas has hired a new kindergarten teacher and shuffled some personnel in the elementary school.

Deidre Smith is the new kindergarten teacher. She replaced Beverly Copeland, who retired.

Paula Miller will

be moving from third to first grade. She replaces Doris Steadman, who also retired.

John Wilson will be moving from the high school to fifth grade to teach English.

Shirley McMeans will move from teaching Gifted and Talented courses to third grade, a position which she has previously held.

Returning to the second and fourth grades, respectively are Pat Murphy and Dorothy Gray.

"We have an outstanding group of teachers and a outstanding group of kids," Thomas said. "We're looking

for a good school year.

Thomas is expecting 190 students to enroll in the county-wide school, with an anticipated high school enrollment of 53.

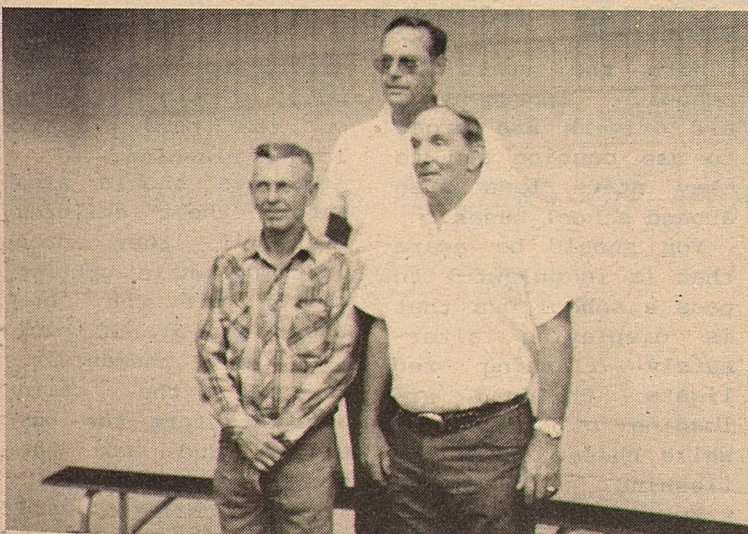
Thomas said the school board and school administrators have not been able to set the school's budget, due to the as-yet-unknown impact of the new County Education District taxing authorities.

Borden County ISD board members are: Jack McPhaul, Scott Clayton, Tom Ed Vestal, Joel Dennis, Kenny Hensley, Randy Adcock and D.M. Parks.

BORDEN COUNTY CALENDAR

- Aug. 13: Teacher workday.
- Aug. 14: First day of Classes.
- Sept. 27: End of first six weeks.
- Nov. 8: End of second six weeks.
- Nov. 26: Early dismissal.
- Nov. 27-29: Thanksgiving holiday.
- Dec. 19: End of third six weeks; early dismissal.
- Dec. 20: Teacher workday.
- Dec. 23-Jan. 1: Christmas holidays.
- Jan. 16: Early dismissal.
- Jan. 17: Livestock Show.
- Feb. 14: End fourth six week.
- Feb. 28: Ski Day.
- Mar. 13: Early Dismissal.
- Mar. 16 - 20: Spring Break.
- April 3: End fifth six weeks.
- April 17: Inclement weather day or Easter holiday.
- April 25: Inclement weather day.
- May 19: End sixth six weeks.
- May 20: Teacher workday.

EXES REMEMBER BORDEN DAYS



1953 to 1991. MEMBERS OF THE FIRST GRADUATING CLASS. Brent Murphy, James (Whisle) Worley and Bill Staggs.

On Saturday, August 10th, a busy Gail, Texas was the sight of the first Borden Co. ISD exes' reunion. Former graduates, former and current teachers and employees, their families and friends from as far away as Baltimore, Maryland and Portland, Oregon, enjoyed the sights and sounds of former classroom surroundings and talk of high school days gone by.

Various rooms of the school were decorated with memorabilia

recognizing people and events that shaped life at school. Children of exes had a chance to view their parents with non-graying hair, wrinkle-free faces and slim bodies in an assortment of pictures that captured them in a specific time of their youth.

In a special area, a collection of photographs was dedicated to the memory of the 34 known deceased students that attended school at Borden County ISD.

198 alumni registered for the festivities. Twenty-eight former and present teachers and employees were also present. A meal of chicken and fish, catered by Chick'N Sea of Lubbock, was served to a crowd of 368.

Afterwards those in attendance gathered in the school's gymnasium for a program led by Pat Porter, Big Spring class of 1955.

Porter, master of ceremonies, first

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COYOTE UP-DATE

On August 6th the Coyote junior high and high school football players went to Lubbock to take their annual physicals at the Health Science Center. There were 18 high school players and 6 junior high players that made the trip.

"We expect to have 20 or more high school boys out for football after school starts," said head Coach Avery. The high school boys began practice on Monday, August 12th.

Avery said, "we expect to have a good year." "Trent will probably be the team to beat in our district," he said. However, he is expecting a crop of good players to return from last year. Junior, Clint Wills; senior,

Juve Balaque and sophomore, Brandon Adcock will return in the backfield. John Paul Harris will probably be changed from the backfield to end. J.J. Kincheloe will return as center and Clay Miller and Kirk Jones

will also see action on the offensive line. New-comers Stacey Perry and Monty Stone will be here also to help out the Coyotes.

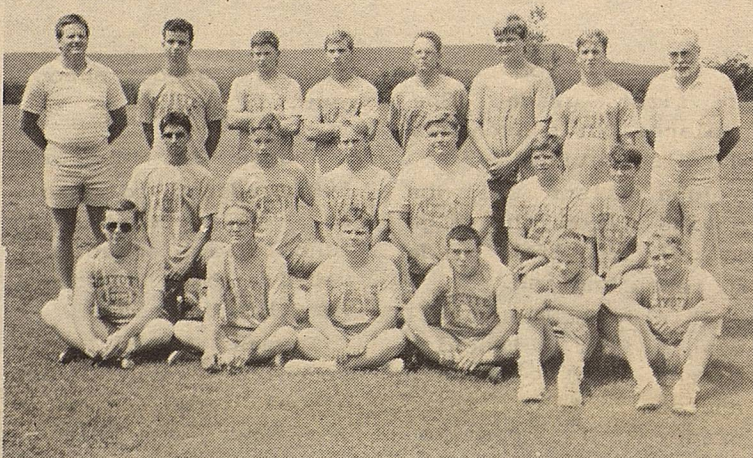
The first scrimmage

is planned for August 23, at 6:00 p.m. against Sands, at Sands. The second scrimmage is August 30th against Grady, at Grady. This scrimmage has been changed from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

"We are looking forward to a great season," said Avery. He wants the fans to put the Coyote games on their weekly schedule and come and support the teams.



1991-92 BHS CHEERLEADERS: L-R: JACQUELYN McPAUL, Jr.; MANDI HERRING, Fr.; KAYLA VAN VLEET, Jr.; JANA KINCHELOE, Fr.; MENDY HENSLEY, Soph. and HEATHER ARMSTRONG, Sr. Also pictured--(Maybe future cheerleaders?) Julie and Emily Mays.



BHS FIGHTING COYOTES: Back row:(L-R) Coach Bobby Avery, Clay Miller, Kirk Jones, John Paul Harris, J.J. Kincheloe, Richard Buchanan, Brandon Adcock and Coach Duke Frisbie. Middle Row: Juve Balaque, Cody Cox, Kurt Hess, Monty Stone, Guy Will Zant, and Clint Miller. Botton Row: Dough Flanigan, Seth Vestal, Will Shafer, Clint Wills, Virgil Glaze and Stacey Perry.

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FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Borden County Independent School District

VARSITY

Aug 23	Sands	Scrimmage	There	6:00
Aug 30	Grady	Scrimmage	There	6:00
Sept 6	New Home		There	7:30
Sept 13	Grady		Here	7:30
Sept 20	Wellman	Homecoming	Here	7:30
Sept 27	Loop		Here	7:30
Oct 4	Klondike		There	7:30
Oct 11	Hermleigh		There	7:30
Oct 18	Ira		There	7:30
Oct 25	Trent		Here	7:30
Nov 1	Lorraine		There	7:30
Nov 8	Highland		Here	7:30

JUNIOR VARSITY

Sept 5	Wellman	Here	7:00
Sept 12	Grady	There	7:00
Sept 19 or 20		To Be Scheduled	
Sept 26	Ira	Here	7:00
Oct 3	Trent	There	7:00
Oct 10	Lorraine	Here	7:00

JUNIOR HIGH

Sept 19	Hermleigh	Here	6:00
Sept 26	Ira	Here	6:00
Oct 3	Trent	There	6:00
Oct 10	Lorraine	Here	6:00
Oct 17	Open		
Oct 24	Highland	There	6:00

The Borden High School cheerleaders travelled to Angelo State University July 30-August 2 to compete in an ICF Cheerleading School. The squad finished 3rd in team competition and was named "Most Improved Squad."

The cheerleaders would like to thank the community for their support of the girls' fundraisers that helped pay their way to camp.

THANKS

Jacquelyn McPhaul

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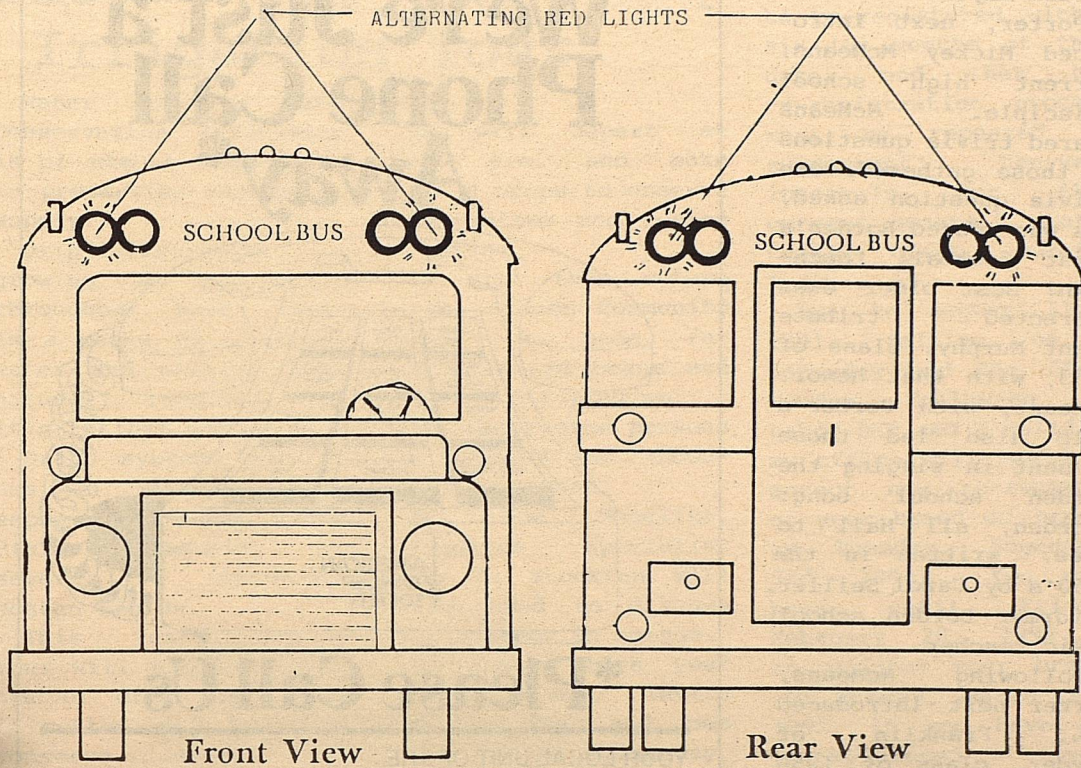
FLASHING BUS LIGHTS MEAN 'STOP!'

With the start of school approaching, all drivers are urged to use caution and to obey state laws when around school buses. Parents should also inform their children that if they drop anything while getting on or off the bus they should not pick it up themselves. Instead, the child should inform the bus driver and ask the driver for assistance.

You should be aware that it is unlawful to pass a school bus that is displaying alternately flashing red lights. Children are loading or unloading while these lights are flashing. Motorists must remain stopped until the school bus resumes motion, until they are signaled by the bus

driver to proceed, or until the red lights on the bus are no longer flashing. More children are killed each year by their own bus than by any other method cont. to pg. 3

Flashing bus lights mean 'STOP!'



IT'S THE LAW! -- Drive with care when you near a school bus. The Texas Driver's Handbook states that if you approach a school bus from either direction and the bus is displaying alternately flashing red lights you must stop and not pass until (1) the school bus has resumed motion, or (2) you are signaled to proceed, or (3) the red lights are no longer flashing.

during the loading and unloading process.

Children must be taught to be careful. Make sure that your child know and obey the 10 rules of the road.

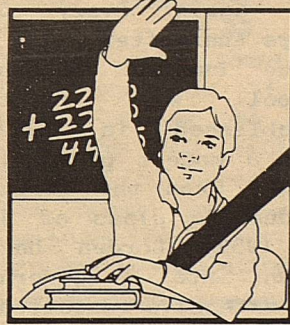
Those rules are:

1. Be on time.
2. Never run to or from the bus.
3. Stand back from the

curb.

4. Don't push or shove.
5. Stay in your seat.
6. Don't yell or shout.
7. Always obey the driver.
8. Wait for the drivers signal before crossing.
9. Always cross at least 10 feet in FRONT of the bus.
10. Never crawl under a school bus.

Get All A's in Safety



Buckle Up!

Welcome back to class !

Students, Teachers, Administrators
— especially those of you who are
new to our schools.

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BREAKFAST... Energy Booster

School is just around the corner, and parents are beginning to shop for supplies. But a nutritionist at the Children's Nutrition Research Center in Houston says one obvious entry on the annual checklist is often overlooked -- breakfast.

It is the most important meal of the day, especially for children. Breakfast supplies $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ of the recommended daily allowance of vitamins and minerals. If you skip breakfast, it is hard to catch up during the day.

Mastering the three Rs requires a lot of energy. Without breakfast, children are usually hungry by midmorning. A hungry child is too cranky and too tired to concentrate on school-work.

Breakfast gives a child an energy boost improving his or her behavior, attitude and physical and mental performance.

Healthy breakfasts draw on several of the basic food groups. Parents can fortify their mini-scholars by serving a dairy product, a protein, a bread or cereal and a fruit.

However, it is okay to vary the menu and offer foods that do not fit the traditional breakfast ideal.

The following alternatives are suggested:

- * peanut butter and jelly sandwich

- * yogurt and toast with jelly

- * fresh fruit and cottage cheese

- * cheese and crackers

- * soup

- * popcorn

- * breakfast taco

- * leftovers

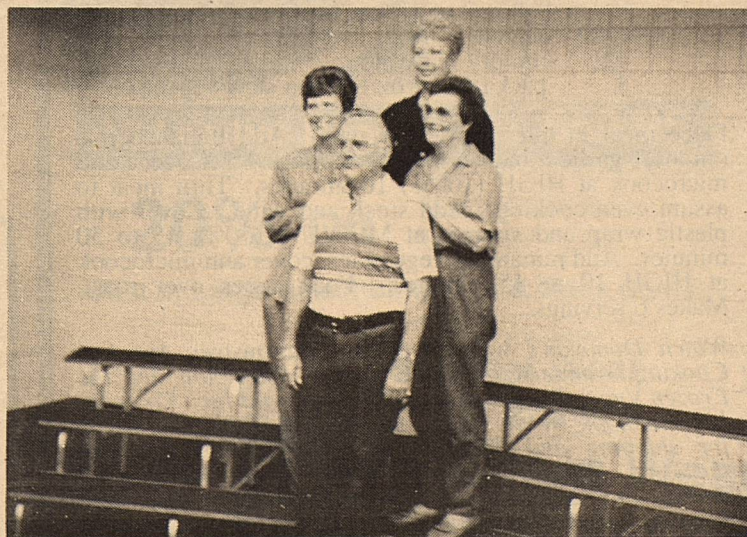
Before parents rush to the store and overstock the pantry with breakfast "goodies" they are encouraged to read labels.

To add protein to the morning meal, either Canadian bacon or ham that has been prepared in a non-stick skillet or microwave oven. Only 45% of the calories in Canadian bacon or ham come from fat.

Despite good intentions, parents may undermine efforts to start their child's day on a healthy note. Children's food choices and eating habits are influenced by the preferences of their parents.

Parents must set a good example, and Mom is an especially important role model. If she sips coffee and munches on a doughnut, what kind of message is she sending her child?

When possible, parents should also include the child in menu planning, shopping and meal preparation. The entire family should practice the ABCs of good nutrition.



****MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1954****

Pointers For Parents

Making It Easier For Your College Freshman—And You

If your son or daughter is going away to college for the first time, here are some ways to make it easier on yourself as well as your child.

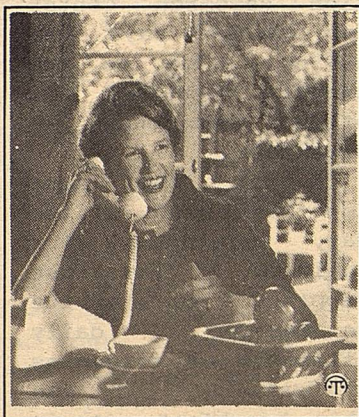
- If your youngster has reached the age of 18 without ever using a laundry machine, a lesson or two might lighten the load on you and him.

- So would a cooking lesson, should he or she be living off campus.

- To make it easier for your Freshman to keep in touch, give MCI's "Personal 800" service which lets your child call you for free since calls are billed to your home at a single, low rate. With Personal 800, students can call home at their convenience from any telephone or payphone anywhere in the country without complex dialing—or using their own funds. The service is also good for anyone with elderly parents living far away.

- Finally, if your youngster has learned how to handle money, a credit card in his or her name would give you peace of mind. It might increase the number of visits home.

It might also be a good idea for you to develop a new interest. Though you may think you'll breathe a sigh



A weekly "check in" call from a son or daughter at college can be very welcome.

of relief when your youngsters finally leave home, it's funny how much they're missed.

For further tips about sending your students away to school, write or call for MCI's free brochure, "Surviving Freshman Year...A Guide for Parents of College Freshman." Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: MCI "Surviving Freshman Year," Suite 1400, 40 West 57th Street, New York, NY 10019, or call toll-free 1-800-925-9925.

REUNION

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introduced Borden Superintendent Jimmy Thomas, who welcomed the crowd and extended an invitation to those present to visit Borden anytime.

Porter, next introduced Mickey McMeans, current high school principle. McMeans shared trivia questions to those gathered. One trivia question asked, was who scored Borden's first football touchdown? Most older exes corrected tribute Brent Murphy, class of 1953, with that honor. McMeans, with Porter's help also led those present in singing the Borden school song: "Borden, all Hail to Thee," written in the 1950's by Carol Seiller, a former Borden school music teacher.

Following McMeans, Porter next introduced E.L. Franklin of Snyder, class of 1956 and president of Borden ISD Exes Association. Franklin told those gathered that plans were tentatively made to stage a reunion again in 1995, and again every 5 years thereafter.

The current Borden School was first established in 1952 with a modest physical plant. From the first graduating class of 4 in 1953, Borden has grown into a modern and extensive educational facility with graduates serving the legal, medical, educational, theatrical, business and agricultural areas of Texas and the nation.

After the program, the crowd gathered in the school cafeteria and throughout other parts of the school for final farewells.

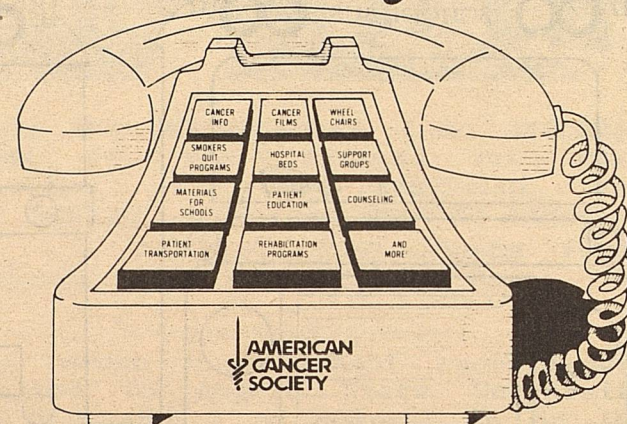
In addition to the program, former graduate, Darrell Taylor of Bryan-College Station, class of 1970, videoed events and people attending the reunion. The video is planned to be available to the public, and inquiries may be directed to Taylor at Rt. 2, Box

2612, Richards, TX. 77873.

Pictures were taken by professional photographers to be compiled in a booklet. This

keepsake item will also be available for sale. Further information about obtaining a copy, may be made to Wanda Smith at 806/756-4346.

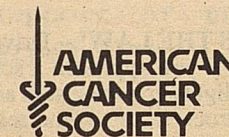
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by Donovan Fandre

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OLD-FASHIONED POT ROAST

- 3 - 4 pounds boneless chuck roast, cut into two equal pieces
- 1 tablespoon dried Italian herbs, crushed
- 1 cup frozen chopped onions
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 bay leaf
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup beef stock
- 1/2 cup dry red wine
- 1 package (24 oz.) frozen stew vegetables

Place meat in microwave-safe dish. Add Italian herbs, onions, garlic and other seasonings. Cover and microcook at HIGH (100%) 10 minutes. Turn meat to assure even cooking. Add stock and wine. Cover with plastic wrap and simmer at MEDIUM (50%) 45 to 50 minutes. Add remaining vegetables, cover and microcook at HIGH 10 to 15 minutes. Pour juices over roast. Makes 6 servings.

Watch Donovan's weekly series, "Microwaves Are For Cooking," underwritten for public television by the Frozen Vegetable Council and Rubbermaid Inc. To order his cookbook by the same name, send \$9.95 plus \$2.00 for shipping and handling to: Microwaves Are For Cooking, P.O. Box 10467, Dept. M, Oakland, CA 94610 or call toll free 1-800-826-6660. Get this cookbook free when you order the 1-hour video for \$29.95 (specify VHS or Beta).

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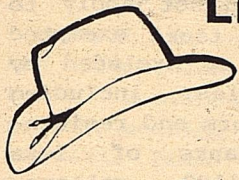
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BY DENNIS POOLE

Field Crops and Drip Irrigation Tour

Water quality and conservation efficiency is of utmost importance in preserving our water supply.

Drip irrigation is growing in popularity throughout West Texas as a means to conserve water and utilize this natural resource to it's fullest potential.

Drip systems are in use in Borden County especially in the Plains community in several different cotton fields.

This years cotton tour will highlight the use of drip irrigation in cotton as a means to conserve water and improve yields effeciently as well as economically.

The tour will begin at the Plains Community Center with registration at 9:45 a.m. along with donuts and coffee on Wednesday, August 21,

1991.

We will depart at 10:00 a.m. and make about 3 stops to observe drip systems and cotton varieties.

We will then return to the Plains Community Center at noon for cornbread and beans and conclude our program.

All interested persons are invited and encouraged to attend.

Dr. Joe Hengler, Irrigation Specialist from Ft. Stockton will be on hand to discuss drip systems in cotton.

So please mark your calendars now, invite your neighbors and come join us on Wednesday, August 21, 1991 from 9:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

We will travel in individual vehicles throughout the tour.

Your attendance and participation will be greatly appreciated.

Horsemanship Clinic For Adult Leaders

A horsemanship clinic will be offered on Saturday, August 24 for 4-H parents and leaders in District II.

John and Kenda Pipkin will serve as instructors for the clinic which will be held at the Ag Pavilion on the Texas Tech Campus.

The clinic is limited to the first fifteen (15) pre-registered. The registration fee is \$30. per person. Individuals may pre-

register by calling 915/758-2241 and mailing a check for \$30. made payable to the District II 4-H fund. You can mail to:

Marvin Ensor-CEA-AG
Gaines County
Extension Office
Courthouse
Seminole, Tex. 79360

The clinic will begin at 8:30 a.m. and all participants are encouraged to bring their horse and ride, but it is not mandatory to ride in order to

Time to Renew All Marks and Brands

"Article 6899j, V.T.C.S., requires that all marks and brands registered prior to August 30, 1991, must be re-registered within six (6) months of that date, and that the re-registration process must be repeated at subsequent ten-year intervals for then current owners," states County Clerk, Dorothy Browne.

Due to August 31st, 1991, falling on a Saturday and the first Monday following is Labor Day and a holiday; my office will begin to accept new re-renewals of your brand or brands on Tuesday, September 3rd, 1991. You will have until Friday, February 28, 1992 to re-register your brand.

On Monday, March 2nd, 1992, if you have not re-registered your brand, that brand registration becomes void and will be open for registration to any person desiring to record the brand in their name.

The recording fee will be \$5.00 per brand, per location. In other words, if you record "C" on the left hip, the fee will be \$5.00. If you place the brand in another location or locations, it will be an additional

participate in the clinic.

This should serve as a good opportunity for parents or leaders to experience what our children feel in competition and learning experiences. Also you could assist your children as well as others with the knowledge you could acquire.

\$5.00 for each location.

Come into my office in the Borden County Courthouse in Gail to re-register your brand, beginning on the 3rd day of September. Brand applications may be picked up in any County Clerk's office

and mailed, with the fee, to any County Clerk in any county in the state in which you have a brand registered.

"Come see us after September 3rd, 1991 and before February 28, 1992, to re-register your brands", is the invitation from Dorothy Browne, County Clerk, Borden County.

Tank Registration

The Texas Water Commission has announced that, beginning immediately, owners of underground and above-ground storage tanks who have not yet registered their tanks with the state agency may do so without penalty for late registration until October 15, 1991.

"Many individuals or small business owners who own and operate tanks, or who have unused tanks on their property, have not

registered the tanks with the TWC because of lack of knowledge regarding registration requirements or a fear of penalties for late registration," said TWC Executive Director Allen Beinke. "Because our main goal is for every tank to be properly registered in order to protect the environment, we are granting this short 'grace period' for owners to voluntarily

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Back-to-School Duds for Guys & Gals



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ACP funds are still available for cost sharing of conservation work on farms and ranches.

The Committee will review all applications received before their meeting in August. Priority will be given to those practices which achieve the most conservation benefit and can be completed by October 1.

MEASUREMENT SERVICE

Producers who requested crop measurement service should begin receiving their notices of measured acres soon. Remember that there is no tolerance this year on measurement service. If we measure your crop and the acreage exceeds the permitted, an acreage adjustment must be made back to the permitted. When an adjustment is made, the measurement service guarantee is lost and the crop becomes subject to a spotcheck - usually with only a 1.0 acre tolerance. If ACR is measured at less than the required, additional ACR must be provided which is also subject to a random spotcheck.

The measurement service notice will state the final date for you to make necessary adjustments and report acreages to the county office. Watch this date closely. If it is missed, late-filed fees will apply.

TOLERANCES

It will soon be time to conduct 1991 compliance spotchecks. The computer will select our spotchecks at random, unless you are a county committeeman who is required to be checked on all farms each year.

If you are selected for a spotcheck this is what you can expect. All crops and land uses certified will be measured and compared to the acres you reported. When there is a difference, a tolerance will be applied of at least 1.0 acre of 5 percent of the reported acres not to exceed 10 acres. The tolerance for program crops applies to differences of more or less than the reported acres. For ACR, CU for Pay, and CU for P&CP the tolerance applies only to differences less than the reported.

If you receive a notice of measured acres after a spotcheck, read it carefully. The notice will alert you if there is a discrepancy problem and you will have 15 days to respond. Your response is to appeal in writing to the county committee for a good faith determination. If they agree, the farm will be brought back into the program with standard payment reductions.

FAILED ACRES

Before mechanically destroying program crop acres that have failed, file a 574 to receive credit for planting the crop. A farm visit will be made and you will be notified as to when you may make other use of the acreage.

1992 WHEAT PROGRAM

The 1992 wheat program has been announced with a

5% acreage reduction. The reduction for 1991 was 15%. There will be no paid land diversion. Producers who comply with the 1992 requirement will qualify for target price protection at \$4.00 per bushel, the same as this year.

SCS PLANS

If you are farming highly erodible land and participating in a USDA program, you are required to have a conservation plan on file with SCS. Please review your plans and make sure you are in compliance with it. When windstrips or rotation crops are planted, you should report this to SCS. If the plan you currently have is not serving your needs, talk to SCS about a revision. Don't wait until you are spotchecked to find out that you are not following the plan--severe penalties may apply.

HAYING ACR

Haying and grazing of ACR and CU for Pay is authorized if requested by the producer and designated at the county office. Come by to sign a register before haying or grazing your ACR from now until September 1.

WEED CONTROL

Weeds continue to grow with the recent rains. We are making maintenance checks on ACR, CU for Pay, and CRP. Be a good neighbor and control your weeds before they cause a problem.

Tank Registration

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comply with the law."

Owners of underground storage tanks that contain petroleum and other hazardous substances have been required since 1987 to register those tanks with the Texas Water Commission. Tanks not currently in use, but not properly closed out according to TWC standards, also must be registered. In addition, aboveground storage tanks that contain motor fuel-type petroleum products have been required to register with the Commission since 1990.

Only owners of registered petroleum storage tanks are eligible for clean-up reimbursement from the state's petroleum storage tank remediation fund in the event their tanks leak and result in environmental contamination.

After the tank registration "amnesty" period ends on October 15, 1991, owners with unregistered tanks are subject to fines of up to \$10,000 per day. The amnesty policy does not apply to

persons who have unregistered tanks that are discovered independently by the

Texas Water Commission.

Registration requirements do not apply to certain tanks exempted by law or excluded by TWC rules, including small farm and residential tanks of less than 1100 gallons, heating oil tanks, hydraulic lifts, hazardous waste tanks, wastewater treatment tanks, small above-ground storage tanks of less than 1100 gallons, and certain other exempted or excluded tanks.

For more information on registering underground or aboveground storage tanks, please contact the Registration Section of the Petroleum Storage Tank Division of the Texas Water Commission at 512/371-6212.

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NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Borden County Independent School District

The Borden County Independent School District takes part in the National School Lunch Program/School Breakfast Program. Meals are served every school day. Children may buy lunch for \$1.00 and \$1.25 and breakfast for 25 cents. Meals are also available free or at a reduced price.

If you now receive food stamps or Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) for your child, that child can get free meals.

If your total household income is at or below the income chart, your child can get free meals or reduced price meals for 40 cents for lunch and 10 cents for breakfast.

If you have a foster child, that child may be eligible for benefits, regardless of your income.

TO GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS FOR YOUR CHILD, YOU MUST COMPLETE AN APPLICATION AND RETURN IT TO THE SCHOOL. WE CANNOT APPROVE AN APPLICATION THAT IS NOT COMPLETE.

OTHER INFORMATION:

VERIFICATION: Your eligibility may be checked by school officials at any time during the school year. You may be asked to send information to prove that your child should receive free or reduced price meals.

FAIR HEARING: If you do not agree with the school's decision on your application or the results of the verification, you may wish to discuss it with the school. You also have the right to a fair hearing. You can do this by calling or writing the following official:

Jimmy Thomas, Superintendent
P. O. Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738
Phone: 806-756-4313

REPORTING CHANGES: If your child receives meals based on income information, you must tell the school if your household size decreases or your income increases by more than \$50.00 per month or \$600.00 per year. If your child receives meals based on AFDC/food stamp information, you must advise the school if you no longer receive AFDC or food stamps for your child.

CONFIDENTIALITY: The information you give on the application will be used only to allow your child to receive free or reduced price meals and to verify eligibility.

REAPPLICATION: You may apply for free or reduced price meals at any time during the school year. If you are not eligible now but have a change, such as a decrease in household income, an increase in household size, become unemployed or receive food stamps or AFDC for your child, it would be advisable to complete an application.

In the operation of the Borden County Independent School District Lunch/Breakfast programs no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age, handicap, political belief, or religion. If you believe you have been discriminated against, write to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20050.

You will be notified when the application is approved or denied.

Every child will receive an application the first day of school.

HOW TO APPLY

If you now get food stamps or AFDC for the child you are applying for, the application must have the child's names, a food stamp or AFDC case number for each child, and the signature of an adult household member. If you are applying for a foster child, the application must have the child's name, the child's "personal use" income, and an adult signature. If you do not list a food stamp or AFDC case number for the child you are applying for, then the application must have the child's names, the names of all household members, and where it came from, the signature of an adult household member and that adult's social security number or the word "none" if the adult does not have a social security number.

INCOME CHART

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1.....	12,247.....	1,021.....	236.....
2.....	16,428.....	1,369.....	316.....
3.....	20,609.....	1,718.....	397.....
4.....	24,790.....	2,066.....	477.....
5.....	28,971.....	2,415.....	558.....
6.....	33,152.....	2,763.....	638.....
7.....	37,333.....	3,112.....	718.....
8.....	41,514.....	3,460.....	798.....

For each additional member add.....+4,181.....+349.....+81

APPLICATION FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, complete this application, sign your name and return the application to the school. Complete a separate application for each foster child. Call the school if you need help. #

1 Print STUDENT INFORMATION.

NAME	GRADE	NAME OF SCHOOL	FOOD STAMP NUMBER OR AFDC NUMBER

2 List each child's FOOD STAMP or AFDC case number, if any.

3 FOSTER CHILD: List the child's monthly personal use income. Write "0" if the child has no personal use income. \$

4 HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS AND MONTHLY INCOME: If you gave a food stamp or AFDC case number for each child, skip to PART 5.

NAMES OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS	MONTHLY Earnings (Before Deductions)		MONTHLY Welfare Payments, Child Support, Alimony	MONTHLY Welfare Payments from Pensions, Retirement, Social Security	Any Other MONTHLY Income
	Job 1	Job 2			
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
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5 SIGNATURE AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: I certify that all of the above information is true and correct and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is being given for the receipt of federal funds; that school officials may verify the information on the application; and that deliberate misrepresentation of this information may subject me to prosecution under applicable State and Federal laws.

X _____ Signature of Adult Household Member X _____ Social Security Number*
HOME TELEPHONE NO. _____ WORK TELEPHONE NO. _____ PRINTED NAME _____ DATE _____
STREET/APT. NO. _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

6 RACE: Please check the racial or ethnic identity of your children. You are not required to answer this question.
____ White, not Hispanic ____ Black, not Hispanic ____ Hispanic ____ Asian/Pacific Islander ____ American Indian/Alaskan Native

* PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT: SECTION 9 OF THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT REQUIRES THAT, UNLESS YOUR CHILD'S FOOD STAMP OR AFDC CASE NUMBER IS PROVIDED, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OF THE ADULT HOUSEHOLD MEMBER SIGNING THE APPLICATION OR INDICATE THAT THE HOUSEHOLD MEMBER DOES NOT HAVE A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. PROVIDING A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IS NOT MANDATORY, BUT IT HELPS US IDENTIFY THE HOUSEHOLD MEMBER IN CARRYING OUT EFFORTS TO VERIFY THE CORRECTNESS OF INFORMATION STATED ON THE APPLICATION. THESE VERIFICATION EFFORTS MAY BE CARRIED OUT THROUGH PROGRAM REVIEWS, AUDITS, AND INVESTIGATIONS AND MAY INCLUDE CONTACTING EMPLOYERS TO DETERMINE INCOME. CONTACTING A FOOD STAMP OR WELFARE OFFICE TO DETERMINE CURRENT CERTIFICATION FOR RECEIPT OF FOOD STAMPS OR AFDC BENEFITS, CONTACTING THE STATE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY OFFICE TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF BENEFITS RECEIVED AND CHECKING THE DOCUMENTATION PRODUCED BY HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS TO PROVE THE AMOUNT OF INCOME RECEIVED. THESE EFFORTS MAY RESULT IN A LOSS OR REDUCTION OF BENEFITS, ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIMS OR LEGAL ACTIONS IF INCOMPLETE INFORMATION IS REPORTED.