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Three Sr. football players represent BHS in All-American All-Star Game

Three Borden County football players extended their high school football careers this summer by playing in the 3rd annual All-American All-Star game. This year the contest took place in Breckenridge, Texas, as part of a doubleheader with an 8-man all-star game. (This contest was played between teams comprised of out-of-state football players.)

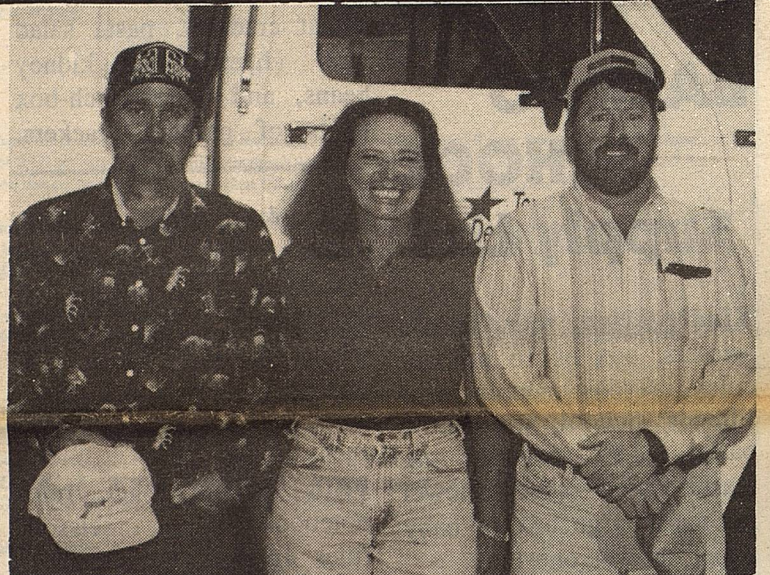
Borden County ex's Clint Scott, Trini Vasquez, and Bryce Dye represented BHS in Breckenridge on the South team. They got to Breckenridge Wednesday where they registered and began workouts with 12 other Texas All-Stars. Mitch Lee, who incidentally coached Panther Creek in the State Championship game in Wylie in December, coached them. (Note: Coach Lee was Coach



Representing BHS in All-American All-Star games: (L. to R.): Bryce Dye, Trini Vasquez and Clint Scott

Richey's high school coach's game he played in after best friend and he also graduating from Jayton.) coached Richey in the all-star

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TxDOT employees participate in Roadeo

Ray Don Underwood, left, and Norman "Jibber" Herridge, right, hold the hats they earned as participants in the Texas Department of Transportation's 1998 Abilene district Roadeo. This event tests drivers from throughout the district on their precision driving skills and their preventive maintenance knowledge. Underwood and

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1998-99 School Year to Begin on August 17th

School begins August 17th at Borden County ISD. The school day will begin at 7:55 a.m. and will end at 3:50 p.m.

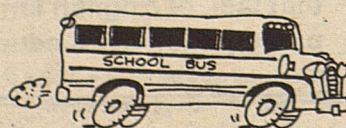
All high school students who have some questions about their credits or schedule will need to register on August 7th between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Mr. Dye will be

available on that day to discuss your needs.

High school students with established schedules and Junior high students can register between August 7th and 14th, 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Elementary students who are new to Borden County this year are encouraged to come in and

register between August 7th and 14th. All other elementary students will be registered on the first day of school, August 17th.



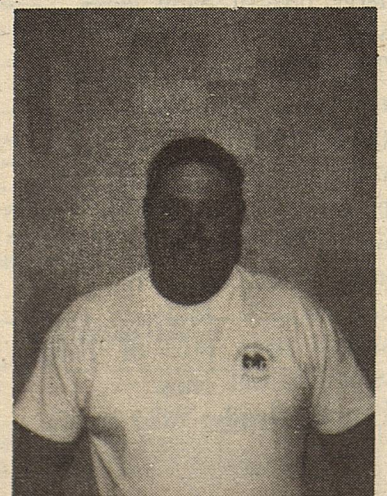
BACK TO SCHOOL

Meet Your Borden County EMT

The EMT for this week is Cody Furlow.

Cody joined the Borden County EMS in 1994 as an EMT. He advanced to EMT-Intermediate in 1995 and became a CPR instructor in 1998 and has been certified as EMT Defib.

He serves the Plains Community in Northwest Borden County where he lives and farms with his wife and children.



Cody Furlow

Packing healthy school lunches is as easy as ABC

HOUSTON--(July 27, 1998)- Remembering the ABCs will help parents pack healthy lunches for their school-age children.

A good guideline for packing nutrition into your child's school lunch is to have a source of vitamin A, a source of the B vitamins and a good source of both vitamin C and calcium. Because many foods rich in these nutrients are also good sources of vitamin D, iron, protein and carbohydrates.

BACK TO SCHOOL Supply List

Kindergarten: round edged scissors, box of 16 primary color crayons, supply box, Elmer's School Glue (NO paste), 2-#2 pencils, big eraser, gym shoes, towel for naps, large box of baby wipes or wet ones.

First Grade: 2 boxes of 16 primary color crayons, 4 or 5 - #2 pencils, supply box, scissors, hard rubber eraser, 2 medium sized Elmer's School Glue, 1-1 subject spiral notebook, (wide rule), gym shoes, large box of baby wipes or wet ones.

Second Grade: 2 - #2 pencils, crayons, Elmer's School Glue, red grading pencil, notebook paper (wide ruled), scissors, eraser, gym shoes, ruler, large box of baby wipes or wet ones.

Third Grade: loose-leaf notebook, note-book paper (wide ruled), spiral (wide ruled), 4-#2 pencils, 2-red pens or 4-red pencils, 12 inch ruler (metric & standard), small bottle of glue, crayons, 2 folders, gym shoes, large box of baby wipes or wet ones.

Fourth Grade: map colors, crayons, scissors, glue.

Here are the ABC's of packing healthy lunches:

A: For vitamin A, provide one half-cup serving of a deep yellow or deep orange fruit or vegetable. Baby carrots (packed with a favorite yogurt dip), cubed cantaloupe, or dried apricots are good choices.

B: B vitamins are found in whole grains, meat, nuts and seeds. Meat, cheese or peanut butter sandwiches on whole grain or enriched breads, low-fats cheese with whole wheat crackers, pasta salad with cheese and kidney beans, and even lunch-box treats of graham crackers,

notebook paper (Wide rule), solar powered calculator, 4-#2 pencils, 2-red pens, 8 folders w/pockets, ruler (metric & standard), gym shoes, large box of baby wipes or wet ones.

Fifth Grade: Wide ruled notebook paper, scissors, ruler (metric & standard), 4-red pens, blue or black pens (no rolling balls), 12 pencils (Not Mechanical), 3-77oz. glue sticks, map colors (24 count), set of 12 crayola washable formula BROAD line markers, set of 12 crayola washable formula FINE line markers, assignment book, spirals 179 count WIDE rule, a). 5 different colors, b). 5 matching colored folders with pockets, 24 county crayons, set of divers, 1 highlighter, large box of baby wipes or wet ones.



SCHOOL BEGINS MONDAY, AUGUST 17TH.

oatmeal cookies studded with raisins and sunflower seeds provide B vitamins, protein, carbohydrates and iron. For kids' lunches pack at least two servings of grains or bread and some protein every day.

C: Vitamin C and calcium are both found in calcium-fortified orange juice. Pack one half-cup of fresh strawberries, cubed pineapple, citrus fruits or citrus juice for vitamin C, and one cup of low-fat milk or yogurt for calcium. Low-fat dairy products also provide protein and vitamin D. This food source of vitamin D is especially important for children in cold climates who may not get enough sunshine in winter.

Lunch should provide one-third of a child's daily intake of vitamins, mineral and calories. To ensure children receive a nutritionally balanced diet, its recommended choosing a variety of foods from the USDA Food Guide Pyramid.

It's important to get children involved in the selection and preparation of their school lunches. Not only do most children want a say in what they are going to have for lunch, but parents can also use

All-American All-Star Game

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The three Coyotes definitely made an impact on the team. Unfortunately, the South team came away on the short end of a 32-28 score when the North All-Stars scored the decisive touchdown with only 16 seconds remaining in the contest.

Bryce Dye was elected captain of the South team—he played every offensive down and caught one pass for 11 yards. He also blocked well throughout the contest. Clint Scott played every offensive down and also got in on some defense. He rushed six times for 28 yards

this time to teach them how to make healthy choices. These lessons, will, in most cases, stay with them for the rest of their lives.

and intercepted one pass on defense. Trini Vasquez, a late addition to the contest, turned in a career game as he started on defense at safety and knocked down a couple of passes and had several tackles; but, it was his three catches for 110 yards and two touchdowns that left him only 16 seconds away from a possible MVP award in the game. He had 55-yard and a 35-yard touchdown receptions, but left the contest early with a neck injury—he is doing just fine today.

These young men represented not only themselves but also their school very well, and we are all very proud of their accomplishments—not only in this game but also in their high school careers. Congratulations and good job. Best of luck

SUMMER BAND '98

August 6th, 7th & 10th

Office Hours	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Full Band Rehearsal	3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
8th Grade Marching Band Clinic	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

August 11th & 12th

Full Band Rehearsal (Tentative)	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
8th Grade Marching Band Clinic	5:00 p.m. - 6 p.m.

After school starts, we will hold rehearsals every Monday evening from 5:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. I've already made sure there are no conflicts for those of you who have football practice. *Let's have a great year!!!*

/s/ Mr. G.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF NONDISCRIMINATION IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Borden County Independent School District offers career and technology education programs in Agricultural Science, Home Economics and Micro-Computer Applications. Admission to these programs is based on the needs of the students in the Borden County Independent School District.

It is the policy of The Borden County School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

The Borden County Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

Borden Co. ISD along with 10 area school districts receive 'exemplary' rating from TEA

Monday's results showed a record number of public school districts and campuses getting top marks from the state, and Education Commissioner Mike Moses told the Associated Press the increasingly stringent accountability system is doing its job.

District and campus rankings are based on student passing rates on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills' reading, writing and math tests; dropout rates; and attendance.

The state looks not only at overall student performance but at specific student categories - black, white, Hispanic and economically disadvantaged.

The state's highest rating, exemplary, requires that at least 90 percent of all students and each student group pass each TAAS test subject.

Also, there must be a dropout rate of no more than 1 percent for all students and each student group, and an attendance rate of at least 94 percent.

A total of 120 school districts and 1,042 campuses were rated exemplary. That was up from 65 districts and 683 campuses last year.

The next tier, recognized, requires at least 80 percent of students and each student group pass the TAAS, up from 75 percent last year.

The dropout rate must be 3.5 percent or less, and attendance must be at least 94 percent.

A total of 328 school districts were recognized this year, compared with 321 last year. This year, 1,641 campuses were

REPORT CARD

Here's how area schools ranked in the TEA ratings:

[Exemplary]: Amherst, Borden Co., Cotton Center, Dawson, Guthrie, Ira, Nazareth, Patton Springs, Plains, Rotan and Sundown.

[Recognized]: Abernathy, Andrews, Aspermont, Coahoma, Denver City, Farwell, Frenship, Friona, Hale Center, Highland, Idalou, Klondike, Lazbuddie, Loop, Lubbock-Cooper, Motley Co., New Deal, O'Donnell, Paducah, Petersburg, Plainview, Roby, Roscoe, Quitaque, Sands, Silverton, Snyder, Springlake-Earth, Spur, Tahoka, Tulia, Wellman-Union and Wilson.

[Acceptable]: Anton, Big Spring, Bovina, Brownfield, Colorado, Crosbyton, Dimmitt, Ector County, Floydada, Hart, Hereford, Hermleigh, Kress, Lamesa, Levelland, Littlefield, Loraine, Lorenzo, Lockney, Lubbock, Meadow, Midland, Morton, Muleshoe, New Home, Olton, Post, Ralls, Lubbock-Roosevelt, Ropes, Seagraves, Seminole, Shallowater, Slaton, Smyer, Southland, Spade, Stamford, Stanton, Sudan, Sweetwater, Three Way, Westbrook, Whiteface and Whitharral.

Source: TEA

recognized, compared, with last year's 1,617.

For a school district or campus to be rated acceptable, at least 40 percent of all students and each student group must pass each TAAS section. That's up from 35 percent last year.

The dropout rate also must be 6 percent or less, and attendance must be at least 94 percent.

A total of 581 school districts and 3,310 campuses were rated acceptable this year. Last year, 650 district and 3,679 campuses had that rating.

1998-99 National School Lunch Program Borden County Independent School District

The Borden County Independent School District serves meals each school day. Children may buy lunch for \$1.00 and \$1.25 and breakfast for 50 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/TANF) for your child, that child may have free meals or reduced-price meals. If your total household income is the same or less than the amounts on the Income Chart below, your child may obtain free meals or reduced-price meals. A foster child may have free or reduced-price meals regardless of your income. The reduced price is 40 cents for lunch and 30 cents for breakfast.

TO OBTAIN 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.

HOW TO APPLY

If you now get food stamps or AFDC/TANF for a child you are applying for, the application must have the child's name, a food stamp or AFDC/TANF case number for that 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/TANF case number for a child you are applying for, then the application must have the child's name, the names of all household members, the amount of income each person got last month 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	14,893	1,242	287
2	20,073	1,673	387
3	25,253	2,105	486
4	30,433	2,537	586
5	35,613	2,968	685
6	40,793	3,400	785
7	45,973	3,832	885
8	51,153	4,263	984
For each add'l member			
add.	+5,180	+432	+100

Verification: Your eligibility may be checked at any time during the school year. School officials may ask you to send papers showing that your child should receive free or reduced-price meals.

Fair Hearing: You may talk to school officials if you do not agree with the school's decision on your application or the results of verification. You may also ask for a fair hearing. You may do this by calling or writing:

JIMMY THOMAS
P. O. BOX 95
GAIL, TEXAS 79738
(806) 756-4313

Reporting Changes: If your child gets free or reduced-price meals because of your income, you must tell the school if your household size decreases or your income increases by more than \$50 per month or \$600 per year. If your child gets meals because of food stamps or AFDC/TANF you must tell the school when you are not getting AFDC/TANF or food stamps for them. You may then fill out another application giving income information.

Confidentiality: School officials use the information on the application only to decide if your child should get free or reduced-price meals. This information may also be released to federal, state or local education, health or means-tested programs. Some programs already identified are the National Assessment of Educational Progress and officials collecting data for Title I allocation and evaluation purposes.

Reapplication: You may apply for meals anytime during the school year. If you are not eligible now but have a change in status, like a decrease in household income, an increase in household size, become unemployed or get food stamps or AFDC/TANF for your child, you may then complete an application.

Handicapped: Meal substitutions at no additional cost for your children who meet the definition of "handicapped" will be served, provided a physician has submitted a statement attesting to this fact and prescribing a substitute.

IN THE OPERATION OF THE CHILD FEEDING PROGRAMS, NO CHILD WILL BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BECAUSE OF RACE, SEX, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE OR HANDICAP. IF YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE BEEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST, WRITE IMMEDIATELY TO THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20250.

We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

Every child will receive an application the first day of school

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. Call the school if you need help. #806/756-4313

1 Print STUDENT INFORMATION.	2 List the child's FOOD STAMP or TANF case number, if any.
NAME _____ GRADE _____	NAME OF SCHOOL _____ FOOD STAMP NUMBER OR TANF NUMBER _____

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

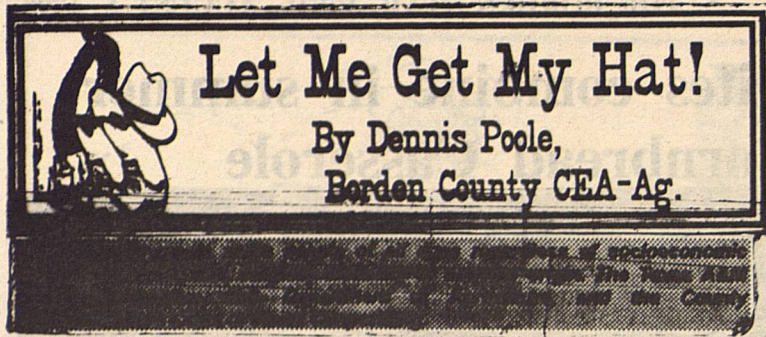
4 HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS AND MONTHLY INCOME: If you gave a food stamp or TANF case number for the child, skip to PART 5.

NAMES OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS	Gross MONTHLY Earnings (Before Deductions)		MONTHLY Welfare Payments, Child Support, Alimony	MONTHLY Payments from Pensions, Retirement, Social Security	MONTHLY Any Other Income
	Job 1	Job 2			
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

5 SIGNATURE AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: I certify that all of the above 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 the information may subject me to prosecution under applicable state and federal laws.

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

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



Perry announces statewide Ag Workshops to assist producers with disaster loan process

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry announced today that the Texas Department of Agriculture will host a series of 10 workshops statewide to help farmers prepare for the disaster assistance application process. The free workshops will be held throughout the month of August and are open to all agricultural producers. All 254 counties of

Texas have been declared an agricultural disaster because of drought. The designation allows farmers in each county to apply for low-interest loans from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency.

"Information on the disaster assistance process is a critical tool for farmers to ensure they remain a part of Texas agriculture," Perry said. "These workshops are aimed at providing vital information while also preparing producers on what to expect in the coming months."

In addition to providing background on the disaster assistance process, the workshops will offer essential information on resuming production following a drought. Area banking representatives will be on hand to assess the drought's impact on lending practices as well as the effects on agricultural loans for the 1999 crop year.

Ideas on managing farmland, pastures and water resources will be shared by leading agronomists.

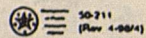
A TDA workshop is scheduled in Lamesa on August 11. Specific loca-

tion and time will be announced at a future date.

Perry said the Texas A&M University System, Texas Tech University and the USDA Farm Service Agency will be working with TDA to assist producers at these workshops.



In ancient Rome, parents seeking a good night's sleep would pray to the goddess Cuba that their babies would lie quietly in their cots.



1998 Property Tax Rates in Borden County

This notice concerns 1998 property tax rates for Borden County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,104,919	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0	\$	\$
Last year's total taxes	\$.385	\$	\$
Last year's tax base	\$ 286,992,064	\$	\$
Last year's total tax rate	\$.385 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,104,919	\$	\$
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 265,444,771	\$	\$
- This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$.4162 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$.4162 /\$100		

In the first year a county collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0 /\$100
- Effective tax rate	\$.4162 /\$100

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
This year's rollback tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and including taxes for state criminal justice mandate)	\$ 1,104,919	\$ 0	\$ 0
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 265,444,771	\$	\$
- This year's effective operating rate	\$.4162 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
x 1.08 - this year's maximum operating rate	\$.4494 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
- This year's debt rate	\$ 0 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
- This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.4494 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.4494 /\$100		

A county that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0 /\$100
- Rollback tax rate	\$.4494 /\$100

For a county with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rate for pollution control	\$ 0 /\$100
- Rollback tax rate	\$.4494 /\$100

Schedule A

Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General	\$288,435.00
Permanent Improvement	30,964.00
Jury	14,394.00
Road & Bridge	53,357.00
Precinct 1	11,192.00
Precinct 2	48,396.00
Precinct 3	98,847.00
Precinct 4	3,069.00

Schedule B

1998 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
None				\$ 0.00
(expand as needed)				
Total required for 1998 debt service			\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
- Excess collections last year			\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
- State aid for facilities			\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
- Total to be paid from taxes in 1998			\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 99% of its taxes in 1998			\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
- Total Debt Levy			\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Schedule C

Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities, and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes) In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$ Nдне in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

Schedule D

State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)

The Borden County Auditor certifies that Borden County has spent \$ 0.00 in the previous 12 months beginning June 19 97 for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Borden County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Schedule E

Transfer of Department, Function, or Activity

None

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at County Judge's Office

Name of person preparing this notice Van L. York
 Title County Judge
 Date prepared 7-28-98

Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 13th day of July, 1998, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present, to-wit: VAN L. YORK, County Judge, Presiding; DOUG Isaacs, Commissioner, Prec. No.1; LARRY D. SMITH, Commissioner Prec. No. 2; HURSTON LEMONS, JR., Commissioner, Prec. No. 4; JOYCE HERRIDGE, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court

with Vernon Wolf, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3 absent, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda:

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting of the 22nd day of June, 1998 were read. Commissioner Lemons made a motion to approve said minutes and motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaacs. Motion carried unanimously.

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

Applications for Soil Conservation Construction of Fireguards were received from Nan Martin in Precinct No. 1, and from Norman Ledbetter for property located in Precinct No. 2. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the applications and Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE

Borden County received an indigent health care application. This case No. 98-1 was reviewed by the Court. Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to deny application as it did not qualify. Commissioner

Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY ROAD

Commissioner Smith made a motion requesting the transfer of County Road CR 236 to the State. FM 1054 and FM 1584 is connected by 236, which is receiving heavy truck traffic. Commissioner Lemons seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously.

WATER SYSTEM

A violation of the Borden County Water System was found. Customer is to be notified so this violation may be corrected.

LEGAL NOTICE

A motion was made by Commissioner Lemons to advertise for bids for the purchase of one (1) new, 1999 pickup to be used by the County Extension Service. The bids will be opened at 10:00 A.M., August 10, 1998. Commissioner Isaac seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Smith left at 11:00 A.M.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER®

Michael A. Guido
Metter, Georgia

One day a visitor said, "You have a beautiful video taping garden. Do you pray for a beautiful garden?"

"I watch and pray," I answered.

"What do you mean?" he asked.

"I pray, 'Lord, send the sunshine and the rain.' And then I watch. When I see the weeds, I pull them out. When the grass needs cutting, I cut the grass. That's how I watch and pray."

Prayer isn't a way for a lazy person to get what he wants. The Lord doesn't listen to the lazy, only to the laborer.

So I'm going to watch and pray, for "the earnest prayer of a righteous man has great power and wonderful results."

were examined and Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Lemons seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Lemons to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaacs and approved unanimously.

TxDOT employees Rodeo

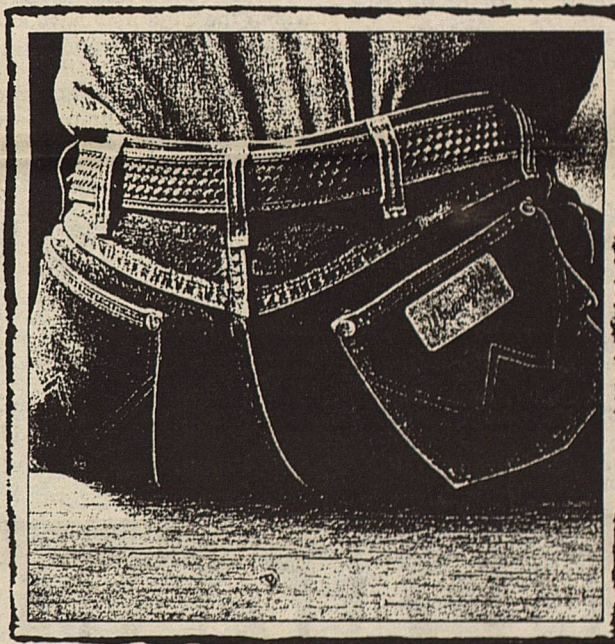
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Herridge, maintenance technicians in the Borden County maintenance section, finished first and second respectively at the county level to earn them the right to compete at the district. Nan Sharp, center, is the Borden county maintenance section supervisor. In the district event, Herridge came in second place overall. He will compete in TxDOT's state wide meet in Waco in November. (TxDOT photo by Mary Beth Kilgore)

Drive Safely
School Starting . . . Watch for Children

BACK-TO-SCHOOL

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NWF Seeks Prairie Dog Listing

Action Will Save Wildlife and Grassland Habitats

In what may become one of the most controversial endangered species issues of the decade, the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) today petitioned the federal government to issue emergency regulations listing the black-tailed prairie dog as a threatened species throughout its range, including land in Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming.

Along with reversing the decline of the prairie dog itself, the petition aims at harnessing the power of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to restore functioning Western short-grass prairie habitats which the prairie dog and scores of other species depend. Announcing its listing petition at a Denver news conference, NWF called on groups concerned by the action to work together to find ways of helping the species and its habitat

while avoiding the pitched battles that other ESA listings have created.

This is the best possible use of the Endangered Species Act.

If we can help the prairie dog, we'll be saving grasslands that benefit all sorts of wildlife, and people too.

The prairie dog is recognized as a keystone species whose peril reflects a far broader danger to an entire ecosystem. As a builder of shared burrows and an important source of food for predators, black-tailed prairie dogs are linked to the well-being of many other species, including the swift fox, mountain plover, ferruginous hawk and burrowing owl. They are also essential to the survival of the black-footed ferret, an endangered species on which millions of dollars have been spent for recovery efforts; that investment will likely go to waste unless prairie dog populations rebound.

Pointers For Parents

Vision Days May Improve School Days

(NAPS)—By identifying and correcting early vision problems, parents may be able to help children avoid unnecessary academic problems.

The American Foundation for Vision Awareness indicates that as many as one out of four school-aged children have vision problems significant enough to negatively impact academic performance.



"All too often it is the teacher who first recognizes problems when a child has difficulty reading the board. Unfortunately, by that time, it may be well into the school year and the child may have suffered academically. Therefore, it is important to screen students' vision before school starts," said Dr. Stephen Miller, Clinical Care Center director of the American



The smallest species of bird is the bee hummingbird, which is only two inches long.

Optometric Association.

To help children get needed visual screenings, Fisher-Price Eyewear—the leading brand of children's eyeglass frames distributed by ClearVision Optical—is teaming up with local optometrists, ophthalmologists and opticians to launch Vision Days, free "back-to-school" vision screen-

ings for children.

While these vision screenings are not intended to replace a more comprehensive visual examination, they are expected to identify potential vision problems.

For a free Parent's Guide and information on where you can purchase Fisher-Price eyewear, call ClearVision at 1-888-228-3739.

Do's and Don'ts in developing good ATM usage practices

Automated teller machines (ATMs) are a convenient, modern financial service used by millions of Americans every day. However, with this convenience come potential hazards that may be avoided with safety precautions.

When using an ATM:

- Avoid ATMs that are poorly lit or in secluded areas.
- Avoid ATMs located near bushes, fences or other obstructions that could provide easy hiding places for criminals -- ATMs in visibly open areas are the best locations.
- Try to bring a friend or family member with you to watch for trouble. If you must go alone, it is probably better to find an ATM located in a busy area or inside a business like a mall or grocery store.
- You should always have your card ready for transactions.
- Use your hand, arm, or body to obscure the ATM keyboard so no one can observe you entering your Personal Identification Number (PIN).
- Never give your PIN to anyone! If someone calls and



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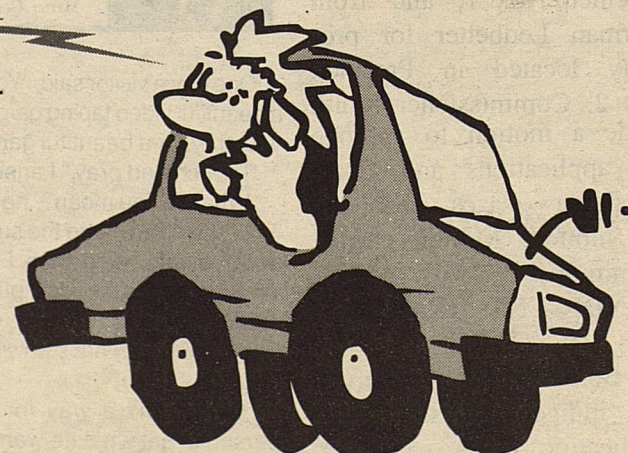
- says they are from your bank and need to verify your PIN, do not give the number to them. No bank employees are allowed to verify this information.
- Memorize your PIN and keep it to yourself. Do not keep it in your wallet or purse.
- At a drive-up ATM, keep your windows rolled up and doors locked.
- When you leave an ATM, take your receipt with you and tear it up before throwing it away. Your receipt has personal and private information that you don't want to fall into the wrong hands.
- Lastly, always report lost or stolen ATM cards immediately to your bank and the police.

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