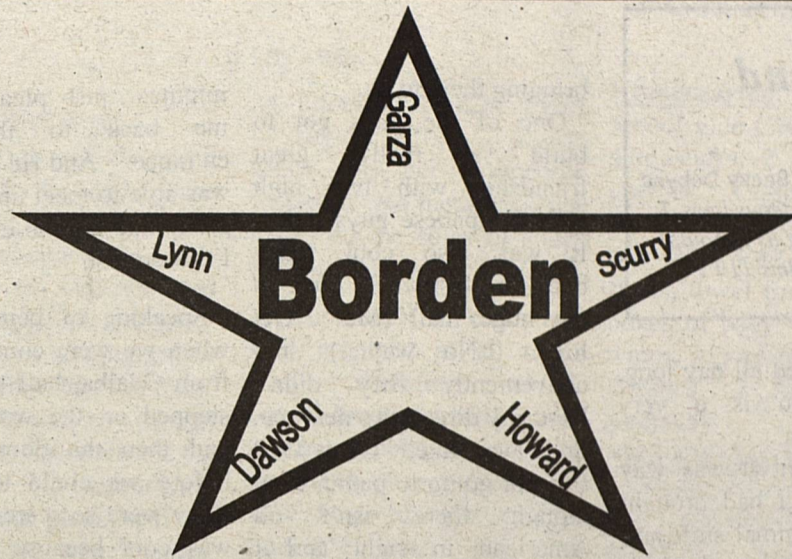


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Serving the Counties of Borden, Dawson, Garza, Howard, Lynn & Scurry

Two Paramedics log 20 years of service to Borden County EMS

In 1986 Borden County EMS was licensed by the State of Texas as a Basic Life Support Provider. They began their service with one ambulance and no radios to communicate with. In 1986 when EMT's went on a call there was no back-up, no helicopters, and no mutual aid. Whatever the problem was when they arrived on scene they handled it with no help coming. Borden County was filled with good dedicated EMT's in 1986. Since that time Borden County EMS has made many advances to provide the best possible service to our community.

The two members of the old Basic Life Support Emergency Medical Service that are still active in the new Mobile Intensive Care Service are Buddy Wallace and Kent Holmes.

Buddy moved to Borden County in the fall of 1983 to assume the duties of Vocational Agriculture Instructor for Borden County I.S.D.

He is a graduate of Robert Lee High School and Texas Tech University.

In the spring of 1984 Buddy married his high school sweetheart, Kip. Buddy and Kip both began their long teaching career in Borden School System. They have two children. Tyler is a graduate of Borden High and will be a sophomore in Austin College located in Sherman Texas. Kate will be a junior at Borden High School. Both Kate and Tyler have been very active in all school activities.

In 1985 Buddy enrolled in the spring class of EMT-B and was certified a Basic EMT and began a new part of his life as a member of Borden County EMS. He is now a licensed EMT Paramedic after studying for two and a half years. He has served as President, Vice President Director as well as

many other positions in the organization. He is presently on the finance committee, Quality Control Officer and on the Education Committee. He is certified Advanced Cardiac Life Support and Pre-Hospital Advanced Trauma Life Support.

Because of his dedication he is one of the most active members of the organization. He is very pleased to be an important part of an organization that can change as much as they have in the last twenty years and still have the personal touch of volunteers.

August 30, 1986 Kent Holmes was certified as a Basic EMT. Kent and Ollie are both graduates of Borden County I.S.D. They were married in 1964 after Kent was discharged from the U.S. Army. They have two children. Their son David, was killed March 1986 and that is the reason for the start of Kent's EMS career.

School Year begins Monday, August 21st

The 2006-2007 school year will begin on Monday, August 21st, at Borden County I.S.D. The school day will begin at 8:05 a.m. and will dismiss at 3:33 p.m.

Registration for all students in grades 6-12 and all new students in grades K-12 will take place at Borden County High School from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 8th through Thursday, August 10th.

Their daughter Dawn is also a graduate of Borden County I.S.D. and Texas Tech University. She is a Commercial Designer living in San Antonio, Texas.

Kent served as President of Borden County EMS for eleven and a half years. He served as Vice President for one and a half years. He has served as Education Director for seventeen years. He is Texas Certified Paramedic and a National Registry Paramedic. He teaches an NREMT-P Class for Western Texas College in Snyder. In addition he is an

Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Instructor for Scott and White Hospital Education. His other certification is Advanced Burn Life Support, Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support and Pre-Hospital Pediatric Provider.

Kent is very proud to be a member of a team of dedicated people that provides the best emergency service to Borden County that is possible and to provide these services at no cost to any patient.

**Drive Carefully:
Watch out for the Children!**



Learning and Living

By Becky Dobyms

When I learn your righteous laws, I will thank you by living as I should!
-Psalms 119:7

Japan Journal

Part 6: Odaiba and Balloon Animals

June 11

This morning I went to the other bakery for breakfast – not the one that had the bagels, but this one that had amazing ham and cheese croissants, pigs-in-a-blanket, and iced café lattes. I have a feeling I'm going to be going there every morning from now on.

Caitlin and I bought an international calling card with 25 minutes on it to share. It took like 30 minutes to figure out how to use it because it was really complicated on the Japanese phone...and that was with a Japanese guy helping us who worked at the hostel! I finally got a hold of Shylo so I could wish her happy birthday. After all, it's still June 10 in America! I asked the hotel guy how to say happy birthday in Japanese, and then I sang the birthday song to her in Japanese! She was laughing and so was my team.

We were supposed to go to Harajuku today, but we went to Odaiba (a part of Chiba...which by the way I learned is not a part of Tokyo, but actually a prefecture right outside of it). The reason we switched

is that it rained all day long, and Harajuku is a very outdoorsy area.

At one point it was way cool because I had brought my balloon animal stuff and started making balloon animals to pass time. I began to hand animals to parents with kids, and they would always accept a tract – very gratefully, in fact, without fail. Then the California Baptist University choir sang on that spot, right in front of the kids' stores, which drew a huge crowd. One lady came and stood right next to me, which is rare, so I talked to her. When her husband came up with her kid, I was able to present a tract to the whole family before they left. Then Charity (one of our leaders) said, "Now is a great time to bust out with the balloon animals! Good thinking!" And I felt all special because my idea had taken off.

It didn't just take off, it turned out to be really efficient. A couple people blew up balloons, some of us made them into animals, and then others handed them out with tracts. Before too long, I was totally out of balloons, and we were all running very low on tracts! Way awesome.

Then in a shop, I talked to two girls who really didn't speak much English at all, although they could understand some of it. I gave them tracts and explained about "Yesu Kirisuto" ("Jesus Christ" in Japanese). I love how the Holy Spirit is going before us each day, preparing these people and

bringing them to us.

One of the guys got to build a really great friendship with two high school Japanese guys today. It was also cool today because I lost where I was in the huge mall (Me? Get lost? No way...), and conveniently they didn't have any directories near me. So I was like, "Okay God I'm not going to panic, even though there isn't an American in sight and I totally don't know where I am and I've got to be back with the group in 5

minutes...just please guide me back to the right entrance." And He did! So I was able to meet up with the group and no one ever knew I'd been lost.

Speaking of being lost... when we were coming back from Odaiba, half the group stepped on the wrong train and then the doors closed before we could tell them. They were so scared. But it was cool because they got off at the next stop like they were supposed to, so they were easily found. Yay.



Fifth Annual BORDEN COUNTY OPEN

Saturday, August 19th
4:00 p.m.

Lamesa Golf Club

4-person scramble (drawing for teams)

Fundraiser for the
BHS Speech and Debate Program*

*Since 2001, this program has produced four individual extemp State Champions, three CX State Champions, one LD State Champion, and two Speech Team Champions



Parents Club Meeting!

Monday, August 21st, 2006
8:15 a.m.

School Conference Room
Meet, Greet and Make Plans for
2006-07 Activities

Come and join us in preparing
for the new School Year!

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School

Lunch Menu

August 21st – 15th

MONDAY – Breakfast: Muffin fruit juice and milk.
Lunch: Pizza, corn, salad, pineapples and milk.

TUESDAY – Breakfast: Pancake pup, fruit juice and milk.
Lunch: Chicken fried steak, potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fresh fruit and milk.

WED. – Breakfast: Biscuit w/gravy, fruit juice and milk.
Lunch: Chicken nuggets, green peas, potatoes, rolls, mixed fruit and milk.

THURSDAY – Breakfast: French toast sticks, fruit juice and milk.
Lunch: Fish, black-eyed peas, potato salad, Hush puppies, Rosie applesauce and milk.

FRIDAY – Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, fruit juice and milk.
Lunch: Cheeseburger, French fries, salad cup, chocolate chip cookies and milk.

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Borden County ISD Dress Code

The Borden County School's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

Borden County's students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health and safety hazard to themselves or others. Clothing and grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operation is prohibited.

The Borden County School prohibits pictures, emblems, or writing on clothing that

1. Is lewd, offensive, vulgar, or contains obscene language

2. Advertises or depicts tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited by the school

3. Refers to satanic, cult, prison wear or gang activities

The following guidelines will be used to determine appropriate dress:

1. Dresses, skirts, split skirts and shorts should not be shorter than two inches above the knee. A student will lose the privilege of wearing shorts for the school year upon a third offense. Parents will be notified when the second offense occurs. Shorts must be tailored (hemmed with no frayed edges). No spandex biker shorts or wind shorts are allowed (loose-legged, athletic running shorts) and shorts

shall not be too tight.

2. Wearing of oversized or baggy pants and/or jeans is prohibited at school or at any school-sponsored activity on or off campus. No "saggin, baggin, or draggin." Pants must be an appropriate length and not drag the floor. Boys' pants will be worn at the waist and properly fit the waistline. No excessively wide legged pants will be allowed. No trench coats, dusters, jail attire or paramilitary attire will be allowed. No chains will be allowed on school property or at school sponsored functions.

3. Shirts and blouses must be buttoned appropriately with midriff and back covered at all times. (Tops must be long enough that skin does not show when arms are lifted.) Clothing shall be designed, constructed, and worn in a manner that is not suggestive or indecent, and that shall promote proper decorum. The opening on any type of shirt shall not exceed the equivalent of the first button below the collar of a dress shirt.

Tank tops and "see-through chiffon blouses" will not be allowed unless they are worn with a crew neck T-shirt underneath it or a shirt worn over them during all school hours and activities. Tailored shirt shirttails must be tucked in unless you have a crew T-shirt underneath the shirt. (All tailored shirts will be buttoned and tucked into the pants or skirt when representing Borden County in any extracurricular activity.)

Sleeveless blouses are permissible but must be in good taste. Appropriate undergarments must be worn and must not be exposed at

any time.

4. Footwear shall be a part of regular attire. House shoes are not acceptable footwear. No metal cleats or plates on the soles of shoes shall be worn in the building.

5. Hair shall be clean and well groomed at all times while attending school, school functions, and school sponsored activities. It will be styled in a manner that will keep it out of the student's eyes and not obstruct one's vision. No unnatural or bizarre hair colors or haircuts will be permitted. Eyebrows must not be notched or shaved in an unnatural manner. Male students' hair may be worn no longer than the top of the collar. In addition: geometric or unusual patterns will not be allowed to be shaved or cut in the hair, and boys may not wear ponytails, rat-tails, or braids.

Students are to be clean-shaven at all times. Mustaches and beards are not allowed. Sideburns shall not be worn lower than the bottom of the ear lobe and no wider than one inch at the base.

6. Boys will not wear piercing jewelry. Girls may not wear exposed piercing jewelry other than earrings. No tongue piercing will be allowed for boys or girls.

7. Sunglasses may not be worn in the building during school hours or events inside the building unless prescribed by a doctor.

8. Students may not wear hats, caps, bandanas, or hoods inside the building during the school day unless approved by the school administration. In addition, they may not wear such headwear when participating in basketball games, whether

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School Supply List

Kindergarten: Elmer's school glue (NOT paste), 2 glue sticks, 2 boxes of 16 crayons, scissors (Fiskars for kids), supply box (cigar box size), 4 #2 pencils, gym shoes, towel for nap time, 2 boxes of baby wipes or wet wipes, big eraser, 1 box of Kleenex, 2 folders (with pockets)

First Grade: 2 boxes of 16 crayons, 5 #2 pencils, supply box, scissors (Fiskars for kids), 2 medium sized bottles of Elmer's school glue, 2 glue sticks, 1 1-subject spiral notebook (wide ruled), gym shoes, large box of baby wipes, 2 boxes of Kleenex

Second Grade: 12 #2 pencils, crayons, Elmer's school glue, notebook paper (wide ruled), scissors, eraser, gym shoes, ruler, large box of baby wipes or wet wipes, supply box, 2 glue sticks, box of Kleenex.

Third Grade: 1 spiral (wide ruled), (300) 3X5 index cards, 1 ruler (metric and standard), 4 red pens, 1 bottle of glue and 2 glue sticks, 2 pocket folders, 1 box Kleenex, 2 large boxes of baby wipes, notebook paper (wide ruled), 24-#2 pencils (not mechanical), large eraser, gym shoes, supply box, crayons, colored pencils, scissors NO NOTEBOOKS, PLEASE!

Fourth Grade: Crayons, box of #2 pencils, 3 red grading pens, 3 folders with inside pockets (no brads), wide ruled notebook paper, 1 standard and metric ruler, 1 large inexpensive box of baby wipes, 2 glue sticks, 1 eraser, scissors, 2 boxes of Kleenex, gym shoes, 1 bottle of glue, 1 pkg. lined index cards.

Fifth Grade: 1- 2 inch 3 ring notebook, 1-red 1 1/2 in. 3 ring notebook, 1 package of dividers with pockets, 1 red spiral notebook (wide

ruled), 1 red folder with pockets, 2 pkgs. notebook paper-WIDE RULED ONLY, 1 box of #2 pencils, 4 grading pens, 1 black sharpie (twin tip) 2 large glue sticks, 1- 8oz. Bottle Elmer's glue, 1 box of 36 colored pencils, 1 box of 10 crayola markers (broad tip), 1 package of 50 crayola washable markers (super tip), 1-ruler (with both inches and centimeters), scissors, 1 package of highlighters (5 colors-green, blue, yellow, orange, pink), 2 large boxes of Kleenex, 1 school box

Sixth Grade: One 2" 3 ring notebook (regular notebook-no zippers or flaps), 6 pocket dividers, 30 regular dividers, 1 package highlighters (5 different colors: green, blue, orange, yellow, pink), 1 package map colors (at least 24), 1-5 subject spiral notebook (with holes), 5 packages notebook paper (wide ruled), 2 packages lined 3x5 index cards (4x6), 2 boxes Kleenex, 1 package red pens (10 at least), 1 package black pens (10 at least), 1 package pencils (10 at least), 1 package blue pens (at least 10), 1 glue stick (large), 1 package wet wipes, 1 good pair of scissors, 1 Mead Composition black and white book, 2 black sharpie markers, 1 folder with pockets, ruler w/inches and centimeters, 1 large supply box.

****ONE LARGE SMILE AND A GOOD ATTITUDE****

**(7th - 12th)
Mr. Ard - English (7th),
English (8th), Speech**

A comprehensive list will be given the first day of school. Loose-leaf notebook paper (wide-or college-ruled) and black/blue/&.red ink pens.

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Borden County ISD Dress Code

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actively participating or sitting on the bench.

9. Any clothing or grooming not listed above that is determined by the school administration to pose a disruption, interference, or safety concern to the normal school operation or Borden County School Community will be prohibited and addressed as appropriate.

A student who violates the dress code shall be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student shall be assigned to in school suspension either for the remainder of the day or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeat offenses may result

in more serious disciplinary action. The principal, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity (for example: cheerleader uniforms may vary from normal requirements according to principal/sponsor approval). Students who violate these standards may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the school administration or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary action.

Violations of the Borden County Dress Code may be handled through the Student Code of Conduct.

School Supply List

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Coach Avery - Social Studies (8th), U.S. History (9th), World History (10th), W. Geography (11th)
Notebook paper, pens

Coach Benavidez - Spanish I (10th), Spanish II (11th), Spanish III (12th)
1 1/2 inch notebook, **RED PEN**, dividers, notebook paper

Mrs. Key - Math (8th), Algebra I (9th), Algebra II (10th & 11th), Pre-Cal (11th & 12th), Facilitator for ITV College Algebra, Computer Applications (8th - 2nd semester)
Notebook paper, spirals, folder, notebook, plenty of pencils, red pens

Mr. Lewis - Science (7th),

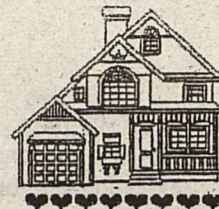
Science (8th), IPC (9th), Biology (10th), Chemistry (11th), Physics (12th)
Notebook or pocket folder, pens. Chemistry: Inexpensive calculator

Mrs. Mayes - English I (9th), English II (10th), English III (11th), English IV (12th), Government/Economics (12th),
1 1/2 inch notebook, **RED PEN**, dividers, composition book

Coach Richey - Math (7th), Algebra I (9th), Algebra II (10th), Geometry (10th)
Notebook paper, spiral notebook, dividers (5 or 6), pencils, red pen, highlighter, dry erase markers (2 or 3), compass, protractor (NO PENS),

Heart and home...

By Julie D. Smith
Borden County Extension Agent
Family and Consumer Sciences



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Bob Benson Memorial 4-H EXCELL Golf Tournament

The South Plains, District 2 4-H program will host a one-day golf tournament at Plainview Country Club, Tuesday, August 15, 2006. Proceeds from the golf tournament will support two important South Plains 4-H activities:

□ **The Bob Benson Memorial 4-H Scholarship** - Bob Benson was a longtime county agent in the South Plains 4-H, District 2, (Hale County). Bob lost his battle with cancer in August 1999, and a

memorial educational scholarship was developed in Bob's name for South Plains 4-H members. Fifty percent of the proceeds will be used to fund the scholarship.

□ **The 4-H EXCELL Scholarship** - Fifty percent of the proceeds will be used to fund travel for South Plains 4-H members who have qualified for National 4-H activities or events. (i.e. State Winning Record-books, National Judging Contest).

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7th & 8th Grade-inexpensive calculator

Mrs. Soto - 7th Grade Reading

Spiral notebook, 3-ring binder, 1 package of ruled index cards (3" X 5"), black or blue pen, highlighter (any color), notebook paper (wide or college ruled), red pencil or pen

Coach Turner - Social Studies (7th), Health (9th)
Spiral notebook and pens

Mr. Wallace - Ag. Science (8th - 12th)
8th grade: 3 ring binder notebook, 9 dividers w/labels, pens, pencils, and notebook paper
9th - 12th grade: 9 dividers w/labels, pens, pencils, and notebook paper

Funds are administered through the District 2 Extension Office and overseen by the Bob Benson Memorial EXCELL Committee.

The tournament is open to anyone wishing to play golf.

The tournament is limited to 22 teams. Lunch will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m. The tournament will begin at 1:00 p.m.

If you are willing to participate, we ask that you please contact the Extension Office as soon as possible. As always, we appreciate all the wonderful things you do to help us keep a strong and viable 4-H and Youth Development program. Thank you!

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Obituary

Dee Burrus 1914-2006

Graveside services for Dee George Burrus, 92, of Borden County were held at 10:30 am Saturday, August 5, 2006 in the Gail Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the personal care of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

Mr. Burrus, passed from this life on Tuesday, August 1, 2006 at his residence.

He was born June 28, 1914 in Loraine, Texas, to the late Frances Levi Burrus and Georgia Francis White Burrus. He married Willie Faye Monroe August 31, 1941 in Granbury, Texas.

Mr. Burrus served as a Borden County Commissioner for 12 years. He helped build the first O'Donnell Rodeo Arena. He was a farmer in Borden County for many years.

Those surviving him are his wife, Willie Faye Burrus, two sons, Bobby Glen Burrus and wife Janice of Miles, Texas; Tommy Lee Burrus and wife Sarah K of Bronco, Texas; one daughter, Jeanna Dee Love and husband Donald of Lamesa; six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, one sister, Francis Riddle of Boyd, Texas; and one brother, Jack Burrus-Smith of Andrews, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents, a grandson; John Willy Burrus, a brother; Stelvin Burrus, and one sister; Margaret Nell Burrus.

The family suggest Memorials to: Borden Co. EMS, Box 342, Gail, Texas or the Plains Community Center, 501 Border CR 130, O'Donnell, Texas 79351.

Consumer Tips August 2006

Are You Getting the Most from Your Bank?



With banks competing for your business, you now have several choices and opportunities to "shop around" for the bank that offers you the products and services that best suit your lifestyle and financial circumstances.

In today's fast-paced environment, some people are looking toward financial institutions that exist solely over the Internet and have no presence in your local community. It would be advisable to make sure that you know the web-based financial institution is legitimate and not a scammer. If you decide to bank solely via the Internet, you will have the advantage of added convenience, but will lose:

- Face-to-face contact with a personal banker who can best explain the services and products that meet your needs.
- A personal banker who knows you and would better understand your loan needs.

You also may need to rely on the mail to sign important documents, make deposits or conduct other business.

With a competitive financial market, you probably receive offers every week inviting you to open a new account. For example, XYZ Bank will "give" you a "free" computer or other incentive if you open an account. Before rushing down to take advantage of this "offer", consider the following:

- Do you really need the "free" gift?
- According to a 2005 report from the FDIC, banks are required by law to report the fair market value of the gift as income. If you receive items in one year with a total value of more than \$10, that value will also be reported as income and taxed accordingly.

- Be sure to read the fine print to determine what you could lose if you fail to meet all of the terms of the account offer.

Here are some things to consider when choosing a checking account that is best for you:

- Will you be writing a lot of checks each month? If so, you need to choose an account that doesn't impose fees on the number of checks you write.
- Do you prefer paying bills online instead of writing and mailing checks each month? If so, make sure your bank provides online banking services.
- Is there a minimum balance requirement and what is the penalty if your account drops below that amount?
- Will your account earn interest?
- What are the bank fees for overdrafts?
- Does the bank have branch locations near to where you live or work?

And always remember the importance of a long-term relationship with your community banker to make sure you receive the best fees, rates and services to meet your financial needs!

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Compiled by Mae Beth Palone and provided as a public service by the Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT) and the IBAT Education Foundation.

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HEALTHY IDEAS

(NAPS)—Results from a nationwide Harris Interactive survey, conducted among members of the National Association for Female Executives (NAFE), found that survey participants over the age of 35 with menopausal symptoms also experienced difficult sleeping or insomnia, an unexpected symptom that makes it even harder to cope. Fortunately, data show that low-dose estrogen plant-based therapy is a safe and effective option for women with symptoms.

Your feet require specialized care and Doctors of Podiatric Medicine (DPMs) are the physicians and surgeons who practice on lower extremities, primarily on feet and ankles. A doctor of podiatric medicine can make an important contribution to your total health, whether it is regular preventive care or surgery to cor-



rect a deformity. To learn more about treating foot problems, see the podiatrist.

Only the curious will learn and only the resolute overcome the obstacles to learning. The quest quotient has always excited me more than the intelligence quotient.

—Eugene S. Wilson

Have a Great Summer!



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The wisest mind has something yet to learn.
—George Santayana

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BORDEN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT 2007 BUDGET

The Borden County Appraisal District Board of Directors will conduct its annual public hearing for the Borden County Appraisal District Year 2007 Budget at 12:00 p.m., on Monday, August 14, 2006. This meeting will be held in the Borden County Community Center at 116 E. Wilbourn, Gail, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget is as follows:
Total amount of proposed budget \$71,189.00
Total amount of current budget \$71,006.00
Total difference between budgets (increase of) \$ 183.00

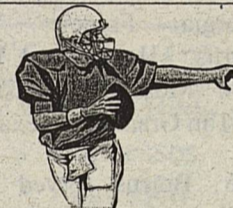
The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect on the 1st day of January, 2007.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the appraisal district office.

Jill Freeman,
Chief Appraiser

August 2006



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Physicals
6	7 Two-A-Days start 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. (future schedule will be discussed)	8 Registration 8:30-4:30 CPR Workshop	9 Registration 8:30-4:30	10 Registration 8:30-4:30	11	12
13	14	15	16 Staff Development	17 Staff Development	18 Work Day	19 Varsity Football Scrimmage vs. Ropes Here @ 10:00 a.m.
20	21 First day of school Issue book records Issue book covers No schedule changes	22 Teacher request for textbooks due to Principal	23	24 Varsity Football Scrimmage @ Abilene Christian High School	25 6 th -12 th to Lamesa HS – Motivational Speaker – Pat Williams, Sr. VP of NBA Orlando Magic @ 9:00 a.m. Staff return paperwork to Superintendent's office Debate Tournament @ Plano West High School	26 Debate Tournament @ Plano West High School
27	28	29 Sponsors elect class officers during tutorial period (6 th -12 th)	30	31 New Home JV Here 6:00	1 New Home Varsity There 7:30	2



HEALTHFUL EATING

Cherries Are The Pick Of The Season

(NAPS)—In the summer, life is a bowl of cherries. The long, warm days have produce sections brimming with big, juicy, sweet cherries. To promote the nutritional benefits of fresh produce, there's the Pick of the Season, a public health initiative spotlighting seasonal fruit and vegetables, with recipes this quarter for cherries, a produce selection that travels from the great Northwest right to you.

Besides the great taste, cherries are also low in calories—only 90 calories for 1 cup—and contain no fat, sodium or cholesterol. However, they pack in some great nutrients, including vitamin C, fiber and potassium. So whether they're Bing or Rainier, this beautiful fruit is a crowd pleaser. Delicious in a recipe or by the handful, for dessert or a midday snack, you can enjoy cherries all season long and beyond.

There are so many ways to add cherries to your favorite recipes, like in cherry-stuffed grilled chicken, cherry and hazelnut salad, cherry clafouti and this cherry smoothie:

Cherry Smoothie

- 1 cup light vanilla yogurt
- ¾ cup pitted fresh or frozen sweet cherries
- ¾ cup drained canned mandarin orange sections



Summer's cherries are well worth the wait.

(canned in juice, no sugar added)
¼ teaspoon almond extract
4 ice cubes

Combine all ingredients in blender; blend until smooth. Pour into a tall glass; serve immediately. POINTS® value per serving: 4; 239 calories, 0g fat, 3g fiber

Recipes like this one reflect the food values inherent in the Weight Watchers philosophy—that eating should be satisfying, as well as healthy.

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For more information on cherries, visit the Northwest Cherry Growers at www.nwcherries.com.

BORDEN COUNTY ISD BID REQUEST

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive bids for a school bus.

Proposals shall be addressed to Jimmy Thomas; Borden County Independent School District; Box 95; Gail, Texas 79738, and shall be delivered in a sealed envelope marked "BUS BID". Proposals will be received up to but no later than 12:00 noon on **Wednesday, August 23, 2006**. Bids will be opened and read as they are received. Proposals will be tabulated, researched, and presented to the board of trustees for their consideration at the next scheduled meeting. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

The Borden County I.S.D. Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposed bids, to waive any and all technicalities, and to accept the proposal that will best serve the needs of the District.

Questions regarding bid specifications and additional information shall be directed to Jimmy Thomas by writing the above address; by e-mail to jthomas@bcisd.net; or by calling 806/756-4313. (fax 806/756-4310)

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Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Borden County adopts a 2006 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.25079 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2005 taxes by \$ 49.00

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.

Jury	\$18,409.00	Precinct 1	\$70,784.00
General	\$842,157.00	Precinct 2	\$37,132.00
Road & Bridge	\$127,283.00	Precinct 3	\$199,521.00
Permanent Improvement	\$104,670.00	Precinct 4	\$210,910.00

Schedule B – 2006 Debt Service – None

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 \$ 0.00

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 Treasurer certifies that Borden County has spent \$ 0.00 in the previous 12 months beginning July 1, 2005, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Borden County 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 – No Transfer

Schedule F – Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures

The County of Borden spent \$ 0.00 from 6/31/05 to 7/1/06 on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$

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

Name of person preparing this notice Van L. York

Title County Judge

Date prepared 8/3/2006

-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from
Congressman Randy Neugebauer

Mid-Year Review

With Congress adjourned for the month of August, this is a good opportunity to look back at a few of the highlights from the first part of the year.

Clearly, border security has been the top domestic issue of the year, and rightly so. Securing our borders is an essential aspect of our national security. Several different House committees are holding hearings throughout the country during August in order help craft sound border security reform policy. Multiple proposals have already been laid on the table. I support the House bill, H.R. 4437, which focuses on securing the border first and does not give amnesty to those who have broken our immigration laws.

Expanding health care options for seniors has also been a big issue in 2006. On January 1 of this year, Medicare's new prescription drug benefit went into effect. Reports thus far indicate that this program has allowed millions of America's seniors to gain access to affordable prescription drugs. More than 90 percent of seniors are now saving an average of \$1,100 a year on their prescription drugs. In the 19th district alone, the number of Medicare beneficiaries with prescription drug

coverage has increased by more than 34,000.

---On the agriculture front, the House Agriculture Committee has already begun to focus on the 2007 Farm Bill. The committee has been traveling the country in order to gain feedback from farmers. I have personally attended six of these hearings, including one held in San Angelo. At each stop, farmers expressed support for many of the current programs. With this valuable input in mind, I look forward to beginning work on this important legislation in the coming months.

Our continued strong economy has been another important story this year. Budget deficit projections keep getting smaller, while the number of jobs in America keeps getting bigger. In fact, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week that the economy once again added jobs in July. This means the economy has experienced 35 straight months of job growth, resulting in 5.5 million new jobs since May 2003.

Finally, as we continue to fight the War on Terror, it is appropriate that Congress has also focused on veterans issues this year. The House has passed legislation that funds Veterans Medical Services at \$25.4 billion for 2007, which equals a more

than \$4 billion increase over this year's total. In fact, spending per veteran has more than doubled over the past 10 years.

This is just a snapshot of some of what has been the congressional agenda in 2006. These issues, in addition to supporting our troops at war and increasing

America's energy capacity, will remain top priorities for me and for my colleagues in Congress. I look forward to discussing these and other

issues with you during August at one of the many "Coffee with the Congressman" events I have scheduled.

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2006 Property Tax Rates in Borden County

This notice concerns 2006 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	\$ 1,500,889	\$ 0	\$ 0
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 1,500,889	\$ 0	\$ 0
Last year's tax base	\$ 453,989,533	\$ 453,989,533	\$ 453,989,533
Last year's total tax rate	\$.3306 /\$100	\$ 0 /\$100	\$ 0 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,500,889	\$ 0	\$ 0
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 598,445,190	\$ 598,445,190	\$ 598,445,190
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$.25079 /\$100	\$ 0 /\$100	\$ 0 /\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$.25079 /\$100		

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

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	\$.25079 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 1,500,889	\$ 1,500,889	\$ 1,500,889
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 598,445,190	\$ 598,445,190	\$ 598,445,190
= This year's effective rate	\$.25079 /\$100	\$ 0 /\$100	\$ 0 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.27086 /\$100	\$ 0 /\$100	\$ 0 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0 /\$100	\$ 0 /\$100	\$ 0 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.27086 /\$100	\$ 0 /\$100	\$ 0 /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.27086 /\$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	\$ 0 /\$100

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

+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$ 0 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0 /\$100

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