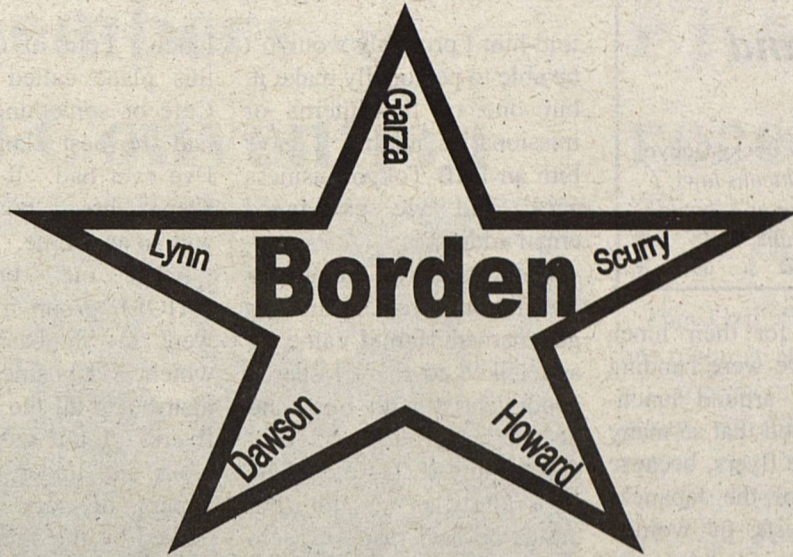


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Serving the Counties of Borden, Dawson, Garza, Howard, Lynn & Scurry

## Back to School! 2006 Borden Coyote

Dear Students, Parents and Borden County School Community:

The 2006-2007 school year will begin on Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. The official school day will begin at 8:05 a.m. and conclude at 3:33 p.m. each day.

New employees for the 2006-2007 school year are as follows: Mrs. Tracye Spencer-2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher, Mrs. Arica Proulx-cafeteria, and Mrs. Trudy Basquez-cafeteria.

The Borden County ISD will experience minimal program and curricular changes during the upcoming school year; however, the most recent legislative action will require high school student to add additional math and science courses to their graduation plan. High School students in the eleventh and twelfth grades will continue to have the opportunity to earn college courses if they qualify according to state guidelines and testing criteria. We will make a serious effort to continue to improve upon our student's TAKS Test scores during the 2006-2007 school year.



Jimmy Thomas  
Superintendent

Borden County students will also continue to receive free meals during the 1006-2007 school year.

We would like to encourage your help in promoting enrollment for the Borden County School District. During the 2006-2007 school year it is expected that we will send the State in excess of \$4,732,000 in recapture. The primary thing we need to think about when discussing school finance is that our school district cannot survive without a healthy student enrollment. Efforts by the

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**Meet the Coyotes:** Back row (L. to R.)Asa Rutherford, Clint Chapman, Symron Rineharet, Zane Williamson, Dore Rodriguez and Pascual Espinoza. Middle row: Quentin Shaffer, Jake Cooley, Miller Valentine, Michael Bullinger, Logan Howard, and Cory Teel. Front row: Skyler Williamson, Karl Lamming, Brendan Tarleton, Flynn Chapman and Michael Cooley.

### Meet the Coyotes!!! Saturday Morning, Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>.

Meet the Coyotes will be held following the 10:00 a.m. scrimmage against Ropes. Bring your ice cream and goodies and enjoy the scrimmage and visiting



## 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 7: DaVinci Code Flyers

June 12

Today we all split up into small groups and went to different train stations to pass out flyers advertising a showing of the Jesus film and explaining issues in "The DaVinci Code". We are hoping that people who have been made curious by the movie will come to the showing of the *real* story of Jesus, and maybe it will put right some of the lies people have come to believe.

My group of about ten people (including some California Baptist students, interns, Journeymen, and two-weekers) went to Shinagawa station. I was actually more successful at handing the flyers out than I thought I would be, but I still didn't totally complete my enormous stack. See, in Japan, nearly everywhere you go you see people on street corners and in the middle of train stations distributing advertisements and free samples. We were using this for Jesus' glory.

I found that it was mostly men that took the flyers. This surprised me, considering that the men have been the hardest to talk to since I've been here. I suppose it was because we were at a station where businessmen

often come for their lunch break, and we were handing them out at around lunch-time. It's good that so many men took the flyers, because about 80% of the Japanese church consists of women and children. I think we need some more guys in there too!

I learned about Japanese people through this ministry. I found that if I held the stack where people could see the large word "JESUS", it grabbed people's attention better. I also found that smiling, bowing, and saying "Konichiwa" (hello) really helped. What made me really happy was when people at first refused, but then saw the name Jesus, got wide eyes, and doubled back to take one. It made me sad, however, when two girls would walk by, and one would look interested but then turn away just because the other one did. It also made me sad when someone would be about to take one, but then see the name "Jesus" and turn away.

I found that this was also a great way to meet and have conversations with people! One Japanese guy named Michy came up and asked me all these grilling questions about my faith. It scared me for a second, but I answered each one of them, and it turned out that he was a Christian just testing me to make sure that my beliefs match the Bible. He wanted me to come help him and his wife Tomo with their English, which would probably open discipleship opportunities, over tea. I

told him I probably wouldn't be able to personally make it, but one of the interns or missionaries might. I gave him an IMB Tokyo business card, and we exchanged email addresses.

Then, as I was continuing to hand out flyers, an Iranian guy named Hamid came up and talked to me. I shared about Christ with him, and he said he loved Jesus too. I don't know if this means he is a Christian or not, but things he said made it seem like he was. He said he had some friends who were being detained in the country who needed to hear about Jesus. I gave him a business card and a few "Finding Peace with God" tracts. Actually, it freaked me out a little, because he then asked if he could buy me a drink. I said, very firmly, "No, thank you. My team and I are about to eat lunch," and things like that. He walked away, but then he came back with two new unopened bottles of water as a gift and then politely walked away! So maybe he didn't mean what I thought. I guess I just found it funny that someone who supposedly hates the USA was being so nice!

In addition to the Iranian and the Japanese couple, I also met a guy from Nigeria who was interested in Jesus, a guy who works with a Baptist Church in Tokyo and invited me to services, and a cute little kid who waved at me, stuck out his tongue, and kept making adorable little faces. What I thought was really cute was when couples would walk on by, but then the wife would break away all of a sudden and snatch a flyer from me, smiling really big the whole time. I pray that all the people who received flyers will come watch the video and bring friends.

Well, after that, we ate

lunch. Four of us went to this place called the NYC Café or something, where I had the best clam chowder I've ever had. It came in a French bread bowl, and it was so awesome.

After our break, the WHOLE group met up and went to Shinbashi Station, which is a business area. I distributed all the rest of my flyers! I put them in bike racks and under windshield wipers of cars that were parked by the street. I even had a couple of people run up to me and ASK for flyers! Then, once I was out of those, I got another huge Bible-sized stack of flyers and passed nearly all of those out too, in bike racks, on cars, or directly into people's hands. It was funny, the lower I bowed, the more likely they were to accept.

In Japan, no one really wants to stick out or be different, so if the first of a large wave of people accepts the flyer, the ones behind are more likely to accept one as well...and vice versa. One time the first of a group of businessmen accepted one, and so nearly 10 others behind him did as well, all in a row!

After that, we were "done" for the day (although ministry never ends). We all went to Denny's, which is even worse in Japan than it is in America. We ate a LOT since we're going to fast tomorrow. I ate a BLT, fries, French toast, and drank a café au lait! And yeah, it was totally expensive because American food is really high-priced here.

When we got back to Iidabashi station, where our hostel is located, Amy and I decided to go shopping at the stores near our hostel. I got a bag that says "foppish uncle." on it because it's really random and funny.

THEN...dum dum dum dummmmm...I had my first experience in a Japanese clothing store. Not fun. Okay. It started normally enough. I picked about 6 things to try on because that's usually the limit in the U.S. That's when the problems began.

First of all, the attendant knew no English. Second, she was irritated after a long day and it was about twenty minutes until the store closed. So when she started talking to me very fast in Japanese and gesturing rapidly, I was scared and had no idea what was going on. Thankfully, a sweet old lady customer translated for me. She told me I couldn't try on that many shirts at once, only three. So I picked out my three favorites and started toward the dressing room stall - and was stopped again. The attendant had to take the hangers off. Okay, now I was definitely ready! But alas, I was stopped again with my three hanger-less shirts. Apparently I wasn't allowed to try on any shirts with sequins or lace because they might get messed up, so I had to take two back and picked out others. Okay, now I was definitely ready!

I was FINALLY in the dressing room and about to shut the curtain, when the attendant came up again, gesturing wildly. I finally figured out I was supposed to take my shoes off. After apologizing profusely, I took them off and went back in again. I had only been in there a minute and was asking Amy's advice on whether or not to buy a shirt, when I looked out to see a Japanese woman waiting on the stall and the attendant tapping her foot impatiently. So I just went ahead and bought the shirt and got out

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## Gail FFA members attend State Convention

Bright lights! Patriotic music! Inspiring events! Motivational speeches! Leadership training! Johnny Cooper Concert! Rodeo! Fun Night! Six Flags! These were all included in the 78<sup>th</sup> State FFA Convention trip to Ft. Worth. Seven students from the Gail FFA Chapter made the trip with their advisor, Buddy Wallace and his wife Kip Wallace to take part in these events from July 10<sup>th</sup> - July 14<sup>th</sup> and became equipped with the tools to accomplish the convention theme of: "Ignite Your Passion".

The convention, which is the apex of the year's activities, was attended by more than 8,500 FFA members from across the Lone Star State. Members attending saw their present state officers in action and helped to elect the incoming state president and officer team for 2006-2007. Members from across the state participated in the 5<sup>th</sup> Texas FFA Rodeo. Ten talent teams also performed and competed for the right to represent Texas at the National talent contest. State and American degrees were awarded, and over \$150,000 in scholarships was awarded. State CDE and LDE teams and individuals were also recognized.

The following members attended and were involved in the events listed:

State Degree Awards Recognition/Area Officer Delegate Duties: **Lacey Newton**

FFA Rodeo Saddle Bronc Competition: **Miller Valentine**

Voting Delegates: **Shelby Roberts, and Chelsea Minnick**



**Gail FFA Members attend State Convention:**  
(L. to R.) Shelby Roberts, Chelsea Minnick, Kate Wallace, Sharell Gass, Miller Valentine, Dannelle Copeland and Lacy Newton.

Courtesy Corp Members:  
**Kate Wallace and Shelby Roberts**

Members: **Sharelle Gass and Dannelle Copeland**

Gail FFA members went full speed in order to take in all of the events and came home tired, excited and enriched from the five day trip.

## FFA members receive State FFA Degree

The Gail FFA Chapter has recently added three of its members to an elite group of FFA students across the State. Lacey Newton, Kylan Reynolds, and Symeron Rinehart joined these ranks as they have received their Lone Star State FFA Degrees.

To receive this prestigious award, a student must maintain outstanding Supervised Agricultural Experience Projects and maintain records on these projects for a minimum of three years. The students must earn a specified amount of revenue from these projects and acquire a specified amount of activity points in their records. These are recorded and kept current on the SAEP IMS computer program. The student must also actively participate in numerous FFA events while maintaining an acceptable academic record.

Gail members submitted their record books and applications for the preliminary record check at the Area II Convention this past May. Their material passed the Area Check and advanced to the State FFA Record Check Competition during June. The record books and applications were both accepted which was the final level of competition and checking in order for the students to become a Lone Star Member.

The members received their award at a special Lone Star Session that was held at the State Convention in Lubbock on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to Lacey, Kylan, and Symeron: all hard working Gail FFA members!

### Lunch Menu

August 21<sup>st</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>

**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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**PARTY-PARTY-PARTY**

This *Hot & Dry* Summer  
Calls for a *Cooling Down* Time!

The Plains Community Center Directors  
say that an Ice Cream Supper is in order

Date: August 19<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 6:30 p.m.

*Bring your favorite home-made ice Cream,  
cookies, brownies, chips or other treats and join us!*

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# Back to School

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Borden County School Community to encourage parents with school-age children to reside and attend school in Borden County will be sincerely appreciated.

Our desire for the upcoming school year is for every child of the Borden County School to have a successful educational and social experience. Your support and involvement is needed and appreciated. We would like to commend our community and staff for their dedication and support in providing an outstanding educational opportunity for our students. We encourage your continued involvement in your child's educational experience. Please contact your child's teachers or the school administration if your child is having problems in

classes or extracurricular activities. Your involvement and intervention is the best way to prevent problems relating to your child's educational success and positive school experience. Please fee free to call the following numbers as needed: central office 806-756-4313, principal's office 806-756-4315. Sincerely,  
Jimmy Thomas

## Borden County ISD School Calendar

Aug. 14-17 - Staff Development  
 Aug. 18 - Work Day  
 Aug. 21 - First Day of School  
 Sept. 4 - Labor Day - No School  
 Sept. 22 - End of First Six Weeks  
 Sept. 25 - Beginning of Second Six Weeks  
 Oct. 9 - Comp Day - No School  
 Nov. 3 - End of Second Six Weeks  
 Nov. 6 - Start of Third Six Weeks  
 Nov. 22-24 - Thanksgiving Holiday  
 Dec. 19 - End of First Semester  
 Dec. 20 - Teacher Work Day  
 Dec. 22-Jan. 1 - Christmas Holiday  
 Jan. 2 - Start of Fourth Six Weeks  
 Jan. 19 - Comp Day - No School  
 Feb. 2 - Staff Development - No School  
 Feb. 16 - End of Fourth Six Weeks  
 Feb. 19 - Start of Fifth Six Weeks  
 March 12-16 - Spring Break  
 April 6 - End of Fifth Six Weeks  
 April 9 - School Holiday  
 April 10 - Start of Sixth Six Weeks  
 April 27 - Bad Weather Day  
 May 11 - Bad Weather Day  
 May 25 - End of 2006-2007 School Year  
 May 26 - Teacher Work Day

### NOTICE

#### Teacher Qualifications

As parents of a student at Borden County ISD, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct your child, and Federal law requires the school district to provide you this information in a timely manner if you request it. Specifically, you have the right to request the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

- Whether the teacher meets the state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or provisional status because of special circumstances.
- The teacher's college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if so, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please contact Jimmy Thomas, Superintendent, at (806)756-4313.

## Japan Journal

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of there as soon as I could. I'm never going to try on clothes in Japan again!

I checked my email tonight to see if I received anything from my friend Eriko who I met on the train a few days ago. There was a letter...but I was a bit disappointed in its contents. It says she's busy this whole week and even a lot next week, so we likely won't be able to meet. If that wasn't bad enough, she then said something like, "I think you're in a Christian club. Not to be rude, but I

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|-----------------|----------------------|-------|------------|
| August 19       | Scrimmage Ropes      | Here  | 10:00 A.M. |
| August 24       | Scrimmage Rule       | ACHS  | 5:00       |
| September 1     | New Home             | There | 7:30       |
| September 8     | Robert Lee           | There | 7:30       |
| September 15    | Wellman-Union        | Here  | 7:30       |
| September 22    | Dawson               | There | 7:30       |
| September 29    | Southland            | Here  | 7:30       |
| October 6       | Aspermont            | There | 7:30       |
| October 13      | Open                 |       |            |
| *October 20     | Loraine (Homecoming) | Here  | 7:30       |
| *October 27     | Trent                | There | 7:30       |
| *November 3     | Hermleigh            | Here  | 7:30       |
| *November 10    | Jayton               | There | 7:30       |
| *DISTRICT GAMES |                      |       |            |

|              |               |       |              |              |
|--------------|---------------|-------|--------------|--------------|
| August 31    | New Home      | Here  | J.V.         | 6:00         |
| September 7  | Robert Lee    | Here  | J.V.<br>J.H. | 7:30<br>6:00 |
| September 14 | Wellman-Union | There | J.V.<br>J.H. | 7:00<br>5:30 |
| September 19 | Lorenzo       | Here  | J.V.         | 6:30         |
| September 21 | Dawson        | Here  | J.H.         | 6:00         |
| September 28 | Southland     | There | J.V.<br>J.H. | 6:30<br>5:00 |
| October 5    | Aspermont     | Here  | J.V.<br>J.H. | 7:30<br>6:00 |
| October 12   | Open          |       |              |              |
| October 19   | Loraine       | There | J.H.         | 6:00         |
| October 26   | Trent         | Here  | J.H.         | 6:00         |
| November 2   | Hermleigh     | There | J.H.         | 6:00         |
| November 9   | Jayton        | Here  | J.H.         | 6:00         |

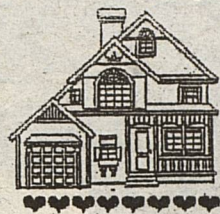
don't have any beliefs and would not have any. If you only want to meet with me to convert me, I'm not interested. I would like to meet your friends though if we just discuss culture. Have a great time in Nihon!"

I tried not to let it discourage me. I emailed her back and told her that of course

we wouldn't discuss anything she felt uncomfortable discussing. She's probably met Christians who force things on her, and that's a shame because it makes her suspicious of others who really want to be her friend. But I'm trusting that God will continue to work in her life even if He doesn't use me to do it.

## Heart and home...

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



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### Are you offering your child the right kind of food? MyPyramid for Kids can help

With the start of the new school year, providing your children with a well balanced diet will help them stay focused and process the new information much easier. MyPyramid for Kids illustrates the kind of food, and the amount of food, that should be offered to children 6 to 11 years old. The amount of food an individual child needs depends on their age, gender and physical activity level and varies widely from child to child and day to day.

Young children may need less food while older children, and children who are very active, may need more food. Parents should offer appropriate amounts of healthful foods and allow children to eat the amount of food needed to satisfy their appetite. Children should be allowed second helpings of food.

MyPyramid for Kids is a helpful tool in that it depicts the kind of food and how much food should be offered to children. For example, offer children about 5 ounces of grains each day.

One ounce of grains equals one slice of bread, 1/2 cup pasta or oatmeal, 1 cup of breakfast cereal or one six-inch tortilla. Children should have the opportunity to eat about 2 1/2 cups of vegetables and 1 1/2 cups of fruit each

day. Offer children over the age of 8 years three cups of milk each day; children under 8 years of age need 2 cups of milk. Yogurt, soy-milk and 2 ounces (1 1/2 oz. hard cheese) of cheese count as a cup of milk. Children should be offered about 5 ounces of food from the meat and beans group. A serving of meat the size of a deck of cards is about 3 ounces.

To learn more about the kinds of foods to offer to your child based on his or her age, gender, and physical activity level, visit MyPyramid.gov or contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336.

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District would like to make it known to eligible landowners in Zones 1 and 2 that they are able to run for election to serve as a director of the District.

Legal qualifications state that a candidate for the office of a soil and water conservation district must own land in the subdivision he or she represents, be 18 years of age or older and be actively engaged in farming or ranching. The candidate must also live in a county all or part of which is in the district. Soil and water conservation district directors serve four-year terms of office.

Zone One of the district includes all of Scurry County lying south of U.S. Highway 180 and east of State Highway 208. Zone Two of the district includes all of Scurry County lying west of State Highway 208 and south

of U.S. Highway 84 to the Colorado River.

Current members of the board of directors of the Upper Colorado SWCD are Jimmy McMillan, Chairman; Ted Crenwelge, Vice-Chairman; Myron Calley, Secretary; Max Jones, Member; and John Anderson, Member.

The purpose of the Upper Colorado SWCD, with headquarters in Snyder, is to promote sound soil and water conservation programs on agricultural lands within the district and to serve as a voice for farmers, ranchers, and local community entities on conservation matters.

The district board of directors coordinates the conservation efforts of various local, state, and federal agencies and other organizations. The district has the authority to enter into working agreements with these governmental agencies and private concerns to carry out its purposes.

All conservation programs

managed by the district are of a voluntary nature to the landowner or operator or other potential users of the SWCD's programs.

## Shooting Sports News

Seth Naumann and Raylea Underwood traveled to Post on Saturday, August 11 to compete in the Garza County 4-H Trap Shoot.

The Junior and Senior Division both had 25 participants. In the Senior Division, Seth placed 6<sup>th</sup> shooting 95 out of 100 targets. Raylea placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the Junior Division shooting 71 out of 75 targets. She also placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Girl's Division.

Congratulations to Seth and Raylea!



### Fifth Annual BORDEN COUNTY OPEN

Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>  
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

### BORDEN COUNTY ISD BID REQUEST

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School 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](mailto:jthomas@bcisd.net); or by calling 806/756-4313. (fax 806/756-4310)

By order of the Board of Trustees  
Borden County Independent School District  
Mike Valentine, Secretary



Herrel Hallmark/Press-Reporter

**CHAMPION COUNTY CALF ROPER:**

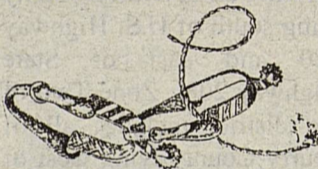
Borden County High School senior, Symeron Rinehart carries the championship prize saddle he won as the top county calf roper at the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Lamesa Rodeo. He is the son of Jym and Amy Rinehart of Gail. The presentation of the saddle was made by Travis Rinehart, a director of the 2006 Lamesa Rodeo Association. Another BHS senior, Rowdy Clary, received a bridle for placing third in the roping contest. He is the son of Doyce and Amber Taylor of the Borden County.



Herrel Hallmark/Press-Reporter

**CHAMPION COUNTY TEAM ROPERS:**

Tanner Miller, heeler and Clay John Anderson header, claimed the championship prize saddles as the top county team ropers in the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Lamesa Rodeo. Richard Garcia, (right), president of the 2006 Lamesa Rodeo Association is shown making the presentation.



**Parents Club Meeting**

Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>  
8:15 a.m.

School Conference Room

*Come and join us in preparing for the new School Year.*

**GOT NEWS?**

Mail it to:  
P.O. Box 137  
Gail, TX 79738  
806-756-4313  
ext. 275  
e-mail:  
vadcock@bcisd.net

**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 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2007.

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

Jill Freeman,  
Chief Appraiser

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL**



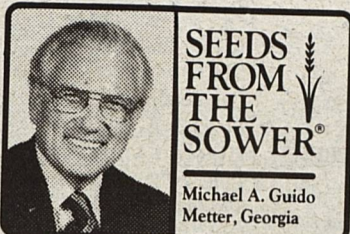
Welcome Teachers, Students, & Staff for another year!

**Snyder National Bank**

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A woman was ill and couldn't go to church. She sent her son, saying, "Listen carefully, so you can tell me what the sermon was about."

Running home, the boy said, "The sermon was, 'Don't worry! You'll get your quilt.'"

Puzzled, she phoned the pastor and asked, "What was your subject?"

He answered, "Fear not, the Comforter will come."

It wasn't a pad the pastor talked about, but a Person-the Holy Spirit-who indwells the child of God.

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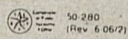
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE**

The Borden County Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00PM, August 28, 2006 in the Borden County I.S.D. School Cafeteria, Gail, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Maintenance Tax          | \$ 1.3168 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations) |
| School Debt Service Tax  |   |
| Approved by Local Voters | \$ 0 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)          |

**Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget**

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

|                            |                 |    |              |
|----------------------------|-----------------|----|--------------|
| Maintenance and operations | 15.72% increase | or | % (decrease) |
| Debt service               | 0 % increase    | or | % (decrease) |
| Total expenditures         | 15.72% increase | or | % (decrease) |

**Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)**

|  | Preceding Tax Year | Current Tax Year |
|--|--------------------|------------------|
| Total appraised value* of all property   | \$584,711,108      | \$720,181,549    |
| Total appraised value* of new property** | \$ 87,088          | \$ 382,312       |
| Total taxable value*** of all property   | \$482,201,810      | \$620,093,062    |
| Total taxable value*** of new property** | \$ 57,088          | \$ 367,312       |

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.  
 \*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.  
 \*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

**Bonded Indebtedness**

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ 0

\* Outstanding principal.

**Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates**

|  | Maintenance & Operations | Interest & Sinking Fund* | Total     | Local Revenue Per Student | State Revenue Per Student |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Last Year's Rate   | \$ 1.4400                | \$0.0000 *               | \$ 1.4400 | \$22,670                  | \$ 33.4                   |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service | \$ 1.2768                | 0.0000                   | \$1.2768  | \$20,482                  | \$31.7                    |
| Proposed Rate  | \$ 1.3168                | \$0.0000 *               | \$ 1.3168 | \$21,123                  | \$ 31.7                   |

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

**Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence**

|   | Last Year | This Year   |
|---|-----------|-------------|
| Average Market Value of Residences                    | \$15,565  | \$15,674.33 |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences                   | \$10,458  | \$10,615.82 |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$1.44    | \$1.3168    |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence                        | \$150.60  | \$139.79    |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes                          |           | \$10.81     |

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.3168. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.3168.

**Fund Balances**

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) | \$ 10,266,477 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)         | \$ 0          |

## Commissioner's Court Meeting

**WHEREAS**, On this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2006, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

**VAN L. YORK**, County Judge, Presiding; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner, Precinct. No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct. No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct. No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct. No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE**, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners' Court

constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

**MINUTES APPROVED**  
Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006 were read. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

**ACCOUNTS ALLOWED**  
The current accounts were examined and Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**COUNTY FEE ON VEHICLES**  
Commissioner Adcock made a motion to NOT COLLECT that optional county road and bridge fee for the year 2007 that can be collected on each vehicle registered in the county. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE**  
A motion was made by Commissioner Belew to renew the Texas Association of Counties Health Insurance for the County Employees with no changes for the year 2006-2007. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CEMETERY**  
Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the

Gail Cemetery improvements by purchasing Veterans Markers. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**2007 BUDGET**  
A budget work session was held.

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS**  
Commissioner Adcock made a motion to amend the 2006 Borden County Budget as follows. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS YEAR 2006 SECOND QUARTER GENERAL FUND**  
**LINE ITEMS TRANSFERS**  
**Miscellaneous**  
\$1000 from General und ending balance to EMS  
**Courthouse & Buildings**  
\$1000 from General Fund ending balance

to tool and supplies. \$14,000 from General Fund ending balance to Prisoner Expense  
**PERM. IMPROVEMENT FUND**  
**LINE ITEM TRANSFER**  
\$40,000 from Perm. Improvement Fund Ending balance to water System repairs  
**PRECINCT #2**  
\$10,000 from Precinct #2 ending balance to equipment  
**RECESS**

Commissioner Belew made a motion to recess the Special Session of the Commissioners Court Meeting so Court may enter into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**  
No new items were presented.

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### Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Borden County Commissioners Court will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.65 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on 8/28 and 9/5/2006 at Borden County Courthouse

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Commissioners Smith, Adcock, Reyes, Belew, County Judge York  
AGAINST:  
PRESENT and not voting:  
ABSENT:

#### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

|                            |      |              |    |  |              |
|----------------------------|------|--------------|----|--|--------------|
| Maintenance and operations | 12.2 | % (increase) | or |  | % (decrease) |
| Debt service               | 0    | % (increase) | or |  | % (decrease) |
| Total expenditures         | 12.8 | % (increase) | or |  | % (decrease) |

#### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

|  |                    |                   |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|
|  | Preceding Tax Year | Current Tax Year  |
| Total appraised value* of all property   | \$ 553,972,918.00  | \$ 600,138,532.00 |
| Total appraised value* of new property** | \$ 87,880.00       | \$ 382,312.00     |
| Total taxable value*** of all property   | \$ 453,966,778.00  | \$ 598,445,190.00 |
| Total taxable value*** of new property** | \$ 87,880.00       | \$ 382,312.00     |

#### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$ 0.00

#### Tax Rates

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year \$ .3306 per \$100 in value  
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year \$ 0.27 per \$100 in value  
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year \$ -.0606 per \$100 in value

Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year \_\_\_\_\_ % Increase OR 18.3 % Decrease

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.  
\*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.  
\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

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#### Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year.

|  | Preceding Tax Year | Current Tax Year |
|--|--------------------|------------------|
| Average residence homestead appraised value  | \$ 25,285.00       | \$ 25,559.00     |
| Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) | \$ 1,092,850.00    | \$ 1,101,590.00  |
| Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) | \$ 19,111.00       | \$ 19,229.00     |

#### Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$ 83.59. The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead, appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled), if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$ 69.00. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be an increase of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or a decrease of \$ 14.59 in taxes.

#### Special Provisions if Applicable NOT APPLICABLE

##### Criminal Justice Mandate (use for counties, if applicable):

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

##### Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures (use if applicable):

The \_\_\_\_\_ spent \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_.