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Butterflies Set Hearts Aflutter

Butterflies are setting human hearts aflutter. These winged beauties can be found on the latest styles in hair and clothing accessories. Butterfly gardening is gaining a new popularity.

John Jackman, entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, understands the overwhelming attraction to the butterfly.

"I think there's always been a lot of interest in butterflies," Jackman said. "It's an insect that is largely visual and attractive, so I think people are paying attention to it. Butterflies are a real popular item right now in Texas."

The Lone Star State is home to more than 400 species of butterflies, and many garden enthusiasts are learning to plant the right flowers to get these beautiful creatures to visit their backyards.

"A couple of things you can do is you can plant a variety of flowers," Jackman said. "Some flowers are a lot more attractive than others. Lantana is a good hosp plant - butterfly bush and butterfly weed too. There is a whole collection that is really good."

Butterflies and moths are a

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Treatment in sprinkler-irrigated fields explained

Sprinkler-irrigated fields present a special challenge in eradication efforts because the water can wash insecticide off the plants, diminishing its effectiveness.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation has developed guidelines to maintain the program's efficiency with the least amount of interference to the producer's operations.

If a crop has reached pinhead square and trap catches indicated the need for a field to be treated,

growers who use sprinkler irrigation systems will be given two options, said Charles Allen, Foundation program director.

Growers will be first asked if they are willing to shut off their irrigation units for 24-hours, which would allow the insecticide to adhere to the plant leaves and allow it to do its works, Allen said.

If growers would prefer to leave their units running, the position of the pivot or lateral-move boom will be marked with a

Food Irradiation Considered Safe

With summer's arrival, irradiated ground beef will be arriving for the first time at the grocery stores. But is it safe? According to a food safety researcher with Texas A&M University, it is as safe as eating food cooked in your microwave.

"Irradiation in itself is not a bad thing," said Dr. Elsa Murano, director for the Center for Food Safety. "It has a negative connotation to some people who don't know what it means."

Irradiation is the application of high energy to decontaminate food for microorganisms or insects or parasites. It is similar to the energy used in microwave ovens' however,

irradiation uses a shorter wavelength of much higher energy, she explained.

"You can treat raw vegetables, fruit, meat or poultry without affecting the way they look, taste or smell," she said.

Heat treatments - such as pasteurization - can change the composition of these products.

According to Murano, the benefits of irradiation are:

*Food safety - eliminating pathogenic organisms such as salmonella and E. coli 0157:H7

*De-infestation - eliminating insect pests, a great concern of the fruit and vegetable industry.

*Extending shelf life - reducing the number of food spoilage micro-organisms.

"For instance, you may have ground beef that spoils in the refrigerator in three to five days," she said. "If it is irradiated, it can last as long as 30 days. Strawberries may get moldy in the refrigerator in less than a week, but with irradiation, they can stay fresh for about 20 days."

Recent beef contamination scares - including a recall of 25 million pounds of ground beef feared contaminated with E. coli 0157:H7 in 1997 - has heightened interest in irradiation. The federal government approved irradiation for ground beef in February.

At food sterilization levels, or even higher levels of irradiation, products will be shelf-stable and will not have to be refrigerated, she said.

"Astronauts on the space shuttle eat beef steaks that have been irradiated at sterilization doses," she said. "(The steaks) are cooked first, packaged and irradiated. The astronauts heat them up and eat them."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently reported illnesses caused by food contaminated with food-borne pathogens have declined 19 percent since 1997. Approximately 855,000 fewer people in the U.S. became ill from food-borne illnesses in 1999 the CDC reported.

Still, food-borne pathogens are estimated to cause 76 million illnesses, 325,000 hospitalizations and 5,200 deaths annually in this nation, according to the CDC's latest figures.

"Five-thousand deaths is not acceptable," Murano said. "Consuming food for your health should not be considered a risky practice."

The food approved for irradiation by the Food and Drug Administration is irradiated at lower levels than that used for astronauts. Fruits and vegetables are irradiated against insect pests and

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4-H News

Borden County 4-H Horse Project

The Borden County 4-H Horse Project has consistently grown over the past several years with 29 4-H and pre-4-H age members participating. Participants in this project are involved in activities to assist them in improving their horsemanship as well as sportsmanship skills.

This project group met six times from June 6th - 27th at the county arena. Appreciation is extended to parents and leaders for their support of this project area as well as all the spectators who came out each night and encouraged and supported the 4-H members for their participation and involvement.

Placing in each of the four age groups are as follows:

PEE WEE

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| 1. Jessica Pelham | 58 |
| 2. Keid Williams | 54 |
| 3. Riley Smith | 48 |
| 4. Chance Taylor | 35 |
| 5. Bailey Anderson | 33 |
| 6. Lacey Roberts | 29 |
| 7. Chelsea Stephens | 21 |

JUNIOR

- | | |
|---------------------|----|
| 1. Cutter Whipple | 70 |
| 2. Shiloh Pool | 42 |
| 3. Garrett Pool | 39 |
| 4. Whitney Anderson | 33 |
| 5. Lacey Newton | 30 |
| 6. Chance Pool | 25 |
| 7/8 Kalli Poole | 24 |
| 7/8 Kylan Reynolds | 24 |
| 9. Sharelle Gass | 13 |
| 10. Rowdy Clary | 11 |
| 11. Brice Smith | 9 |
| 12. Shelby Roberts | 8 |
| 13. Kyann Williams | 7 |

SENIOR

- | | |
|-----------------------|----|
| 1. Clay John Anderson | 72 |
| 2. Clint Johnson | 58 |
| 3. Kyla Culp | 52 |
| 4. Tanner Poole | 50 |

PEE WEE LEAD

- | Name | Points |
|--------------------|--------|
| 1. Katy Pelham | 64 |
| 2. Flint Roberts | 52 |
| 3. Colton Stephens | 45 |
| 4. Colten Hughes | 36 |
| 5. Branson Smith | 35 |

Thanks to the Borden County Commissioners Court and Stanley Gass for the weekly preparation of the county arena for this project.

Congratulations and good luck to Cassidy at the State 4-H Horse Show.

District 2 4-H Horse Show

Cassidy Ogden represented Borden County 4-H at the District 2 4-H Horse Show held at the South Plains Fairgrounds in Lubbock on June 26th. Cassidy participated in barrel racing and break-away roping. Her win in the Jr. division barrel racing advances her to the

State 4-H Horse Show to be held in Abilene on July 23rd - 29th. Cassidy is the daughter of Randy and Lisa Ogden of the Plains Community in Borden County.

Summer Time Get-A-Way's

Please send me your Summer Get-a-Way stories. Mail it to Box 137, Gail, TX. or call 756-4402.



Borden County EMS Member Profile

In an effort to inform Borden County residents of current EMT, Intermediate, and paramedic personnel in the county, *The Borden Star* will run a summer series profiling these people who volunteer their time in providing a valuable service for this county. Special thanks to Borden County EMS Reporter Brice Key for his input with this article.



This week's Borden County EMS Member Profile is **Bob Kempf**.

Bob lives in Gail along with his wife Mary and daughters Shawna, Bobbie and Dalene where he works at the Texas Department of Transportation.

He has been a member of the Borden County EMS for 1 year, and is

trained as an EMS Intermediate and is certified in defibrillation. He is currently serving as a director for the EMS.

Bob said "I like to help people, and after watching the EMS team at Borden County work and seeing how much pride they have and how particular they are about their work, I thought it would be an honor to be a member of their team."

Bob wants the community to know that when the EMS are preparing a patient for transport it might look like they are overdoing things a bit, but it is better to over treat than under treat a patient.

**For your Emergency Medical Needs Call:
Borden County EMS
806/759-5111**

Obituary

Virdie Ramsey 1909-2000

Services for Virdie Rebecca Ramsey, 91, of Farmersville and formerly of Borden County was held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Hurst's Field-Baker Chapel in Farmersville.

Burial was held at 3 p.m. Monday, July 2nd, 2000 at Resthaven Cemetery in Lubbock under the direction of Hurst's Fielder-Baker Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ramsey died Friday, June 30, 2000 in Farmersville after a lengthy illness.

She was born June 11, 1909 in Farmersville. She married William Leonard (Bill) Ramsey in 1937 in Rockwall. They lived and farmed in the Plains Community of Borden

2000 Borden County 4-H Achievement Picnic

Thursday, July 6th, 2000
7:00 p.m. - Gail Park Pavilion
Located behind the school

All Borden County 4-H members and their families are invited to attend this annual event. If you have not turned in your achievement award application, please do so as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please call the Extension office at 806/756-4336

County for several years. Vernon and Millard Murray She was preceded in death of Alabama; and nine grandchildren. by her husband Bill in January 1991. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include three sons, Leonard Russell Ramsey of Brownwood, Sydney Lloyd Ramsey of Lubbock and James Carroll Ramsey of Maryland; a sister, Juanita Spearman of Farmersville; two brothers, Clyde Murray of Mount

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group of insects called Lepidoptera, which is coined from two Greek words meaning "scale winged." They have four wings that are almost always covered by colored scales.

The species, its life stage, the time of the year and each region of Texas determine host plants.

Females choose certain plants - usually on the food that will sustain the larvae upon hatching - to lay eggs.

An emerging caterpillar eats plant parts and attaches its chrysalis or silken cocoons to twigs or leaves, with the pupa inside. Inside the chrysalis, the caterpillar structures are broken down chemically, the adult's new structures are formed and the butterfly emerges.

Most butterfly adults sip nectar with their coiled proboscis.

The Extension service is now making it easier to identify 16 of the most popular butterflies of Texas through the creation of a full-color identification wheel.

"Butterflies of Texas" includes photographs of both the caterpillar and the adult butterfly of each of the species featured.

To help people attract more butterflies to their lawns and gardens, the wheel also lists host plants for the caterpillars as well as flowers that attract the adults. The wheel offers interesting facts about butterflies, skippers and moths and names the 12 Texas butterfly families and the number of species in each that call our state home.

The wheel was created to have a dual purpose, said Diane Bowen, Extension communications specialist and one of the creators of the wheel.

"When we made the butterfly wheel, we wanted to make it as useful and beautiful as possible," she said.

"We wanted to make it portable, water and dirt resistant so you could go out

to the garden and if you saw a butterfly, you could take it out and say, 'it's a black or tiger swallowtail,' and look at the wheel and see if it matches."

The "Butterflies of Texas" wheel can be purchased at most nurseries and garden centers, museums and through the Texas Agricultural Extension Service for \$10.95. To order a copy, send a check or money order payable to Texas Agricultural Extension service, Distribution and Supply, P.O. Box 1209, Bryan, Texas 77806. Specify publication L-5308, "Butterflies of Texas."

"They've been flying off the shelves," Bowen said. "Our first edition sold out in four months and our second edition sold out in two months, and now we are on our third edition. People just find it fun and useful way to learn about butterflies."

Classified Ads

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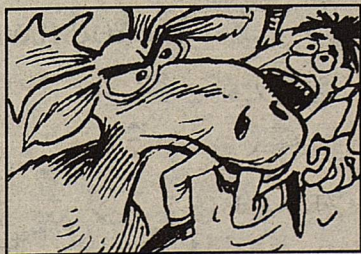
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Douglas/Evans Exchange Vows

Joni Lynn Douglas of Big Spring and Sgt. James O. Evans of Ft. Myer, VA were united in marriage May 27, 2000 at the Big Spring Country Club with the Rev. Jim Pope officiating.

Joni is the daughter of Benjamin and Geraldine Douglas, Big Spring. James is the son of Richard and Sandra Bloom of Coahoma, and the grandson of Norman Sneed of Gail and Opal Evans of Brownwood, formerly of Snyder.

Given in marriage by her father the bride wore an Alfred Angelo gown of white satin with a basket-weave bodice adorned with pearls. She carried a bouquet of white lilies and pastel pink roses.

Leeann Henderson, of Keller, sister of the bride was matron of honor. Crissy Mayfield of Denton and Andrea Baldock of Abilene were bridesmaids.

Sgt. Scott Frasen, Ft. Myer, VA, served as best man. Groomsmen were Javier Beccera of Big Spring and PFC Bradlee Evans, brother of the groom, Ft. Bragg, NC. Christopher Henderson, nephew of the bride was candlelighter and usher.

Tandace and Zack Gilliam, niece and nephew of the groom were flower girl and ring bearer.

A reception was held at the Country Club following the ceremony. The bride's table was covered with white lace cloths. The bride's cake was a three tiered white cake encasing a pair of champagne glass candles and trimmed with navy ribbon and white flowers. Also on the brides table was a silver punch bowl, and silver candle sticks with navy tapers.

The grooms table was covered with a white cloth decorated with blue and silver. The groom's cake was a chocolate double heart shaped with their names and chocolate




Mr. & Mrs. Jim Evans ...nee Joni Douglas

dipped strawberries. There was a silver champagne bucket and silver candle holder and a rose bud vase to complete the décor.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Big Spring High School and was employed by Wells Fargo

Bank in Big Spring. The groom is a 1994 graduate of Big Spring High School and is currently serving in the United States Army.

After a wedding trip to Las Vegas, NV, the couple will make their home in the Washington, DC Metro area.



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Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 22nd day of May, 2000, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special 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; VERNON WOLF, Commissioner Prec. No. 3; HURSTON LEMONS, JR. Commissioner Prec. 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 meeting of May 8th, 2000 were read. Commissioner Lemons made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

WATER DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to hire Randy Hardman for Borden County Water Maintenance and to hire Johnny Kite with hourly wage as Relief Maintenance and for electrical work. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to renew

the Permanent School Fund's Certificate of Deposit in the amounts of \$839,600.00 and \$734,300.00 for a period of six months in accordance with the Snyder Bank Depository Contract. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ASPHALT BID

No asphalt bids were received as advertised.

FUEL BIDS

Bids for the purchase of Diesel Fuel-No. 2 and unleaded Gasoline were opened as scheduled. Bids were received from Eddins-Walcher Company of Snyder and Parks Fuels, Inc. of Big Spring. Commissioner Lemons made a motion to accept the bid from Eddins-Walcher Company. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PROPANE BIDS

Bids for the purchase of Propane were received from Eddins-Walcher Company of Snyder. Commissioner made a motion to accept Eddins-Walcher's bid. Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GRAVEL BIDS

A bid for Gravel was received from R.E. Janes gravel of Abilene and Laredo Paving, Inc. of Big Spring. Commissioner Smith made a motion for Precinct 1 and 2 to accept R.E. Janes Gravel's bid and Precinct 3 and 4 to accept Laredo Paving, Inc.'s bid. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

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

Food Irradiation

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poultry and irradiated against salmonella, campylobacter other pathogenic bacteria.

Beef, pork and lamb are approved for irradiation to combat E. coli 0517-H7, listeria, salmonella and food-borne bacteria.

This summer there will be limited test marketing of irradiated ground beef, Murano said. However, she does not know if there will be any marketed in Texas. The wholesaler involved is reluctant to specify where it will be available until shortly before the test markets because of concerns about a groundswell of public rejection.

Products that have been irradiated will carry the internationally-recognized symbol called the radura, a green circle with a symbol similar to a flower inside.

The only products that do not carry the radura are those pre-packaged foods and stews that contain irradiated

spices. These spices are in such minute amounts it is not considered necessary.

Irradiation is not a new technology even though people tend to think of it that way, she said. It has been used since the 1950's in many areas of the world, including Europe.

"Over forty years of research shows the process will not affect the food in any way that will harm the consumer in the least," she said.

There are two types of irradiation. The first exposes products to gamma rays produced by radioactive isotopes such as Cobalt 60. This causes ionization, or separation of the product into ions (atoms or atom group).

The second method uses a machine called the linear accelerator, which produces either accelerated electrons or x-rays, both of which also cause ionization.

The rays penetrate food throughout, she explained, but does not leave residue or cause the food to "glow in the dark."

For any material to become radioactive, energy would have to be applied at levels at much higher than with irradiation.

"It is a physical fact that foods will not become radioactive when you use these sources," she said.

Irradiation has been approved by many health organizations, including the American Medical Association, Institute of Food Technologies, and the World Health Organization.

"It is one of those perceptions we need to overcome and will overcome with education," Murano said. "If consumers realize what you are doing is applying energy to food, and realize the food will not be changed in any way, they will accept it."



Did You Know...

Twenty children under 18 died from bicycle-related injuries in 1997; three-quarters of these deaths were due to head injury!

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BORDEN CO. EMS 806/759-5111

Summer Paper

Since school is out, the Borden Star staff will be publishing the normal summer 4-page paper periodically throughout the summer months.

We still want your news to keep the Star the same quality paper, so if you have any news about summer activities, births, weddings, death, college students or any other bits of community information, please contact the Borden Star at 806/756-4402 or mail it to P.O. Box 137, Gail, TX 79738

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