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## Foundation monitoring beet armyworm activities

Entomologists with the Texas Agricultural Extension service warned earlier in the year that conditions were ripe for a serious beet armyworm infestation during the 2000 growing season.

Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation officials have always been aware of the potential of unusual outbreaks of secondary pests and built into the treatment protocols the flexibility to deal with outbreaks. Foundation program personnel continually monitor insect activity in fields so adjustments can be made when warranted.

This year has been no different, and the foundation has been taking special care to monitor the beet armyworm population since worms began appearing on weeds, peanuts, and cotton early in the production season, said Charles Allen, program director for the foundation.

The foundation uses two sampling techniques for determining levels of beet armyworm infestation in a field, Allen said.

One method, called beat sampling or shake sampling, is conducted by beating or shaking the plants on a section of a cotton row, usually about three feet in length, and counting the larvae that are dislodged, he

said. Four, randomly selected sections in each field are examined.

This method is most effective early in the season when beet armyworms are primarily feeding on leaves, Allen said.

The other method the foundation uses is to randomly sample squares in the field, 50-100 per field, and check the number of beet armyworms, found and the amount of visible damage, he said. This method does not provide an estimate of the number of larvae per acre but does give a quick and fairly accurate picture of the level of damage and amount of larval infestation of squares.

Other entomologists use a variety of techniques to sample fields for infestations, and the results may vary widely, Allen said, but they all provide a useful picture of insect activity in the field. Foundation personnel receive information from growers and entomologists in an area in addition to doing their own sampling and use all the data to make decisions on whether to change treatment criteria.

When significant levels of beet armyworm infestations are found, the foundation may change the criteria it uses to determine whether fields need to be sprayed for boll weevils, Allen said. Such

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### State Board of Education increases high school graduation requirements

The State Board of Education (SBOE) approved more rigorous high school graduation requirements this summer, which will mean that all Texas students must now receive instruction in geometry, physics, and chemistry. Districts should use all communication vehicles to share this information with parents and the community at large.

The changes in the graduation requirements align the high school curriculum with a new testing program that was mandated by the 76<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature in 1999. The changes do not add to the total number of credits required for graduation.

Students entering the eighth grade this fall will be the first students who must meet these new graduation requirements. As part of the curriculum changes, the minimum math requirements for high school graduation will add geometry as a required mathematics course. Most Texas students now enroll in geometry classes, but it was not a

required class under the minimum graduation plan.

The revised graduation plan requires two credits of science, consisting of Biology and Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC). A student may enroll in either chemistry or physics as a substitute for IPC. Presently, students who are following the Minimum High School Program must earn two science credits, one of which must be Biology, Physics, or Chemistry.

The plan, approved by the board, also gives students following the Recommended High School Program greater flexibility in selecting elective courses. Presently, students have three options from which they must select.

The revised graduation requirements under the three high school plans follow. Changes are noted in boldface italics.

#### Minimum High School Program (22 credits)

*\*English language arts (four credits) - English I, II, III and IV; options for*

*Speakers of Other Languages; a fourth credit may be satisfied by Research/Technical Writing, Creative/Imaginative Writing, Practical Writing Skills, Literary Genres, Business Communication, Journalism, or concurrent enrollment in a college English course.*

*\*Mathematics (three credits) - including Algebra I, Geometry, and one additional math course.*

*\*Science (two credits) - Biology and Integrated Physics and Chemistry.*

*\*Social Studies (two-and-one-half credits) - World History Studies, World Geography Studies, U.S. History Studies Since Reconstruction, U.S. Government*

*\*Economics with emphasis on the free enterprise system and its benefits (one-half credit)*

*\*Academic elective (one credit)*

*\*Physical education (one-and-one-half credits)*

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### 2000-2001 Football Schedule High School

Aug. 25	Dawson (scrimmage)	There	6:00
Aug 31	Jayton (scrimmage)	Here	6:00
Sept. 8	Trent	There	7:30
Sept. 15	Ropes	Here	7:30
Sept. 22	Sands	Here	7:30
Sept. 29	Wellman	There	7:30
Oct. 6	Whitharral	There	7:30
Oct. 13	*Lorraine	Here	7:30
Oct. 20	*Ira	There	7:30
Oct. 27	*Hermleigh	Here	7:30
Nov. 3	*Westbrook	There	7:30
Nov. 10	*Highland	Here	7:30

\*Denotes District Games - Homecoming TBA

### Junior High and Junior Varsity Football Schedule

• Sept. 14	Ropes	There	JH & JV	6: & 7:30
• Sept. 21	Sands	There	JH & JV	6: & 7:30
• Sept. 28	Wellman	Here	JH & JV	6: & 7:30
• Oct. 5	Highland	There	JH & JV	6: & 7:30
• Oct. 12	Lorraine	There	JH only	6:00
• Oct. 19	Ira	Here	JH & JV	6: & 7:30
• Oct. 26	Hermleigh	There	JH only	6:00
• Oct. 26	Highland	@Hermleigh	JV	7:30
• Nov.	Westbrook	Here	JH	6:00

## Breakfast Improves Behavior

Making sure kids eat breakfast could mean fewer behavior problems in school. "Hungry children have more difficulty concentrating and are more likely to be described as depressed, anxious, fidgety, or irritable by parents and teachers," said Dr. Debby Demory-Luce, a registered dietitian with the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center.

They also have more trouble thinking clearly, suffer more fatigue, and are more likely to end up in the nurse's office complaining of tummy aches and dizziness.

A nutritious breakfast doesn't have to be boring or time-consuming. A slice of cold pizza and a glass of 100 percent fruit juice or a slice of toast with peanut butter and a glass of low-fat milk provide much of the protein, vitamins, and energy that school children need.

Time-challenged parents are also encouraged to check whether their children's schools offer a breakfast program.

"Breakfast needs to be as much a priority for parents and children as homework," she said.

## School Lunch Nutrition know how helps students stave off 'Freshman 15'

Week of:  
August 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>

**MONDAY:** Roast, potato, beans, bread, fruit, & milk.

**Breakfast:** Pancake pup, fruit, juice & milk.

**TUESDAY:** Chicken nuggets, green beans, macaroni & cheese, hot rolls, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Cinnamon toast, fruit, juice & milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Tamales, salad, corn, tortilla chips, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Eggs & ham, toast, juice & milk.

**THURSDAY:** Meat & gravy, potatoes, broccoli & cauliflower, hot rolls, juice bars & milk. **Breakfast:** French toast, fruit, juice & milk.

**FRIDAY:** Steak sandwich, tater tots, salad cups, brownie, & milk. **Breakfast:** Pancakes, ham, juice & milk

Brushing up on nutrition basics can help college-bound freshman avoid extra pounds while pursuing their higher education.

"Being on their own for possibly the first time and facing a heavy academic load can make the first year of college very stressful," said Dr. Karen Cullen, a behavioral nutrition researcher at the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "And, many college freshmen respond to stress by eating."

Temptations like an unlimited smorgasbord of fried foods and desserts in campus cafeterias and midnight pizza parties can also contribute to weight gain, especially if balanced meals, adequate sleep and regular physical activity are a low priority.

To help freshmen get a healthy start on the academic year, Cullen offers these tips.

\*Learn productive ways to deal with stress. A short study break practicing a musical instrument, exercising artistic talents, playing basketball, or walking is a healthier way to relieve stress than munching through a bag of chips.

\*Keep fat-calories in check. Choose low-fat cafeteria fare like grilled or baked fish, poultry and lean meats, fruit, vegetables, whole grains, non-fat milk and yogurt, and

low-fat salad dressings.

\*Limit high-fat and high-sugar treats to once a day.

\*Choose beverages wisely. Good daily choices are two or more glasses of fat-free milk, a glass or two of fruit juice and plenty of water or other calorie-free beverages.

\*Keep dorm-room snacks healthy. Stock up on pretzels, rice cakes, dry cereal, air-popped popcorn, instant soups, and baked chips with salsa. Fill dorm-room refrigerators with crunchy vegetables and low fat dip, vegetables and fruit juices, low-fat yogurt, water, and fresh fruit.

\*Make time to be physically active every day. Become involved in physical education classes, intramural sports teams or become a regular at the gym. Team up with a dorm-mate for regular rollerblading, biking, racquetball, basketball or tennis sessions.

\*Avoid skipping meals, especially breakfast. Meal-skippers rarely reduce their actual caloric tally, but often short change themselves nutritionally.

\*Have a plan. If weight gain begins to exceed three to five pounds, consider starting a food diary and physical activity diary to help identify problems. Also, many campus health centers have nutrition professionals who can help students struggling with weight problems. "For many freshmen, one of the most valuable lessons that college life can teach is that freedom must be tempered with self-control," Cullen said.

### Borden County School Calendar 2000-2001

#### Semesters:

1st Semester 85 days  
Aug. 15th - Dec. 15th  
2nd Semester 92 days  
Jan. 3rd - May 25th

#### Holidays:

Sept. 4 - Labor Day  
Nov. 22, 23, & 24  
Thanksgiving  
Dec. 18 - 31 - Christmas  
Jan. 1, 2 - New Year  
Jan. 12 - Stock Show  
Feb. 23 Houston Stock Show

March 2 - Ski Day  
March 5 - 9  
Spring Break  
April 13 - Good Friday

#### Bad Weather Days:

April 16th  
May 11th

#### Teachers Workdays:

August 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, & 10, Staff Development  
August 11 - Work Day  
Dec. 16 - Work Day  
May 26 - Work Day

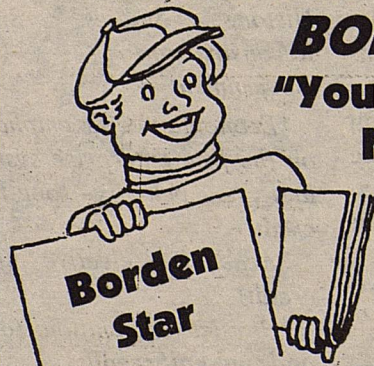


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# State Board of Education Increases High School Graduation Requirements

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\*Health education (one-half credit)  
\*Speech (one-half credit) Communication Applications  
\*Technology applications (one credit)  
\*Elective courses (five-and-one-half credits) - SBOE-approved courses for grades 9-12 relating to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), state-approved innovative courses, JROTC for one to four credits, driver education for one-half credit.

## Recommended High School Program (24 credits)

\*English language arts (four credits) - English I, II, III, and IV; options for Speakers of Other Languages  
\*Mathematics (three credits) - Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry  
\*Science (three credits) - Integrated Physics and Chemistry, Biology, AP Biology or IB Biology, Chemistry, AP Chemistry or IB Chemistry, Physics, Principles of Technology I, AP Physics, IB Physics.

\*Social Studies (three-and-one-half credits) - World History Studies, World Geography Studies, U.S. History Studies Since Reconstruction, U.S. Government.

\*Economics with emphasis on the free enterprise system and its benefits (one-half credit)

\*Language Other Than English (two credits)

\*Physical education (one-and-one-half credit)

\*Health education (one-half credit) - or health science technology (one credit)

\*Speech (one-half credit) - Communication Applications  
\*Technology applications (one credit)

\*Fine Arts (one credit)  
\*Elective courses (three-and-one-half credits) -

SBOE-approved courses for grader 9-12, relating to the TEKS, state-approved innovative courses, JROTC for one to four credits, driver education for one-half credit.

## Distinguished Achievement High School Program (24 credits)

\*English language arts (four credits) - English I, II, III, and IV; options for Speakers of Other Languages.

\*Mathematics (three credits) - Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry

\*Science (three credits) - Integrated Physics and Chemistry, Biology, AP Biology or IB Biology, Chemistry, AP Chemistry or IB Chemistry, Physics, Principles of Technology I, AP Physics, IB Physics

\*Social Studies (three-and-one-half credits) - World History Studies, World Geography Studies, U.S. History Studies Since Reconstruction, U.S. Government

\*Economics with emphasis on the free enterprise system and its benefits (one-half credit)

\*Languages Other Than English (three credits)

\*Physical education (one-and-one-half credit).

Health education (one-half credit) - or health science technology (one credit)

\*Speech (one-half credit) - Communication Applications

\*Technology applications (one credit)

\*Fine Arts (one credit)

\*Elective courses (two-and-one-half credits) - SBOE-approved courses for grades 9-12 relating to the TEKS, state-approved innovative courses, JROTC for one to four credits, driver education for one-half credit

\*Students must complete at least four advanced measures

to receive the Distinguished Achievement Program. Advanced measures may include research projects, Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate passing scores or exams, or college courses with grades of 3.0 or better.

## New exit-level test

The changes made in the graduation plans are meant to

ensure that every student has received instruction in the areas that state law requires to be covered in the upcoming 11<sup>th</sup> grade exit-level test. Beginning in the 2002-2003 school year, the exit-level test will be administered in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade instead of the 10<sup>th</sup> grade and will assess a broader range and depth of subjects.

Students will have to pass the 11<sup>th</sup>-grade exit-level test, along with their courses, to

receive a high school diploma. If students don't pass one or more parts of the test the first time, they can take that part again whenever it is given.

The Texas Legislature mandated that the 11<sup>th</sup>-grade exit-level test cover material about the following academic subjects:

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# School Calendar 2000-2001

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<b>Key</b>	<b>Holidays</b>	<b>Teacher Workdays</b>
○ School Days	Sept. 4 Labor Day	Aug. 2,3,4,7,8,9,10 Staff Dev. *
☁ Weather Days	Nov. 22, 23, 24 Thanksgiving	Aug. 11 Workday
☽ Holidays	Dec. 18-31 Christmas	Dec. 16 Workday
☀ Workdays	Jan. 1, 2 New Year	May 26 Workday
☁ Staff Development	Jan. 12 Borden Co. Stock Show	
	Feb. 23 Houston Stock Show	
	Mar. 2 Ski Day	<b>Bad Weather Days</b>
	Mar. 5-9 Spring Break	April 16
	April 13 Good Friday	May 1*

## Phinizy, Davis wed at Lubbock

Mary Kate Phinizy and James Ryan Davis were united in marriage on the evening of July 22 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Lubbock. The Rev. Peter Fritsch officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Mary John Phinizy of Gail. The groom is the son of Liz Metcalf and Tom Metcalf of Fort Collins, Colo. and Mike and Donita Davis of Panhandle.

Marihelen Snow of Lubbock provided organ and piano music for the occasion. The processional music was *Trumpet Voluntary*, and *Psalm XXII* by Marcello was the recessional song. Rich Anderson of Gail performed The Lord's Prayer.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride met the groom before an altar adorned with Leonidas roses.

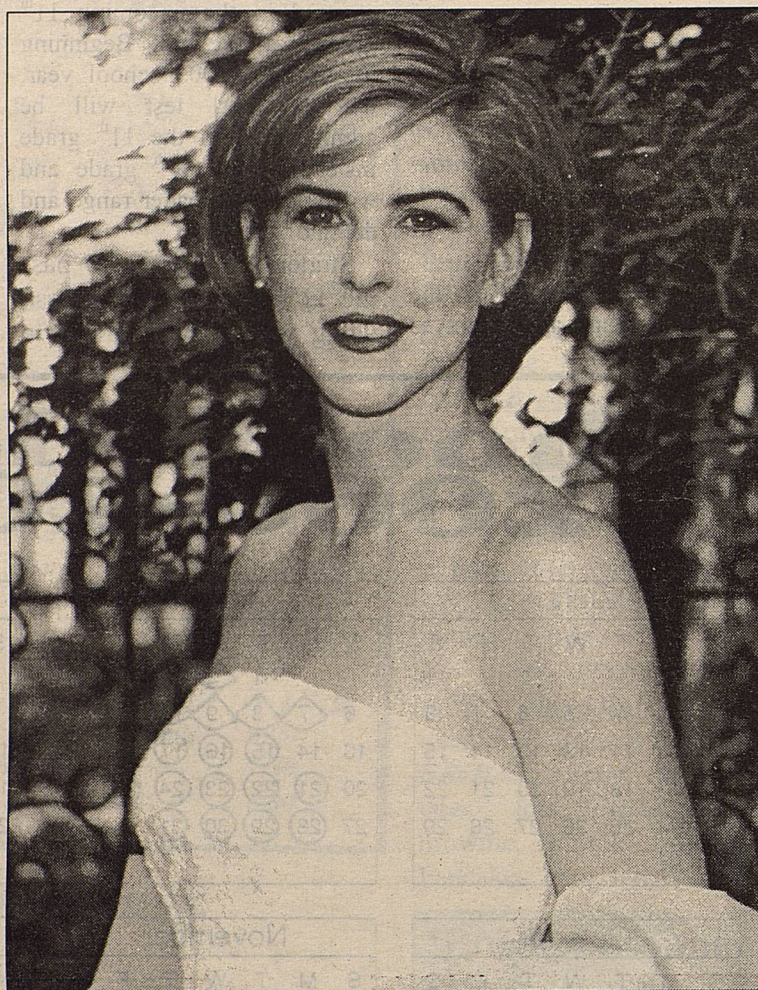
She wore a gown of silk and lace. A fitted sleeveless bodice of cream English lace complemented the straight lines of the bronze silk dupioni skirt. She completed her ensemble with a silk organza shawl and pearls that belonged to her late grandmother, Mrs. Howard Espy. She carried Leonidas and ivory roses.

Michelle Cooper Phinizy of Utopia, the bride's sister-in-law, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Amy Henderson Nix of Kingfisher and Kathy Wood of Fort Worth.

The bride's attendants wore sleeveless sheaths of cream silk and carried Leonidas roses.

Laura Phinizy of Utopia, the bride's niece, served as flower girl. She was accompanied by her brother, Jacob Phinizy. She wore a waltz-length dress of cream linen and carried mixed Gerbera daisies. He was attired in a knicker length cream suit.

Ring bearer was Conr Metcalf, the groom's brother. He wore a classic black tuxedo.



**Mrs. James Ryan Davis**  
*...nee Kate Phinizy*

Ashton Metcalf, the groom's sister, and Hunter Metcalf, the groom's brother, served as the candle lighters.

Blake Angell of Denton stood as best man. Groomsmen were Dave Malcolm of LaSalle, Colo. and Mike Murphy of Sheridan, Wyo.

Ushers were Rey Ralston of Spearman, Steve Sims of Hereford, Kevin Buse of Canyon, Will Phinizy of Utopia, and Brent Skaggs and Tempie Abney, both of Amarillo.

The groom and his attendants were attired in classic Black tuxedos.

### RECEPTION

A reception was held in the church parish hall.

The bride's table was draped in an antique lace cloth that belonged to her late grandmother, Mrs. Jack Phinizy. The cake featured butter cream icing and was adorned with Leonidas and cream roses.

The groom's table was

draped with a cloth of ecru linen and accented with an arrangement of mixed Gerbera daisies. The chocolate-covered cake was topped with chocolate-dipped strawberries.

Following a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple will reside in Amarillo.

The bride is a graduate of Texas Tech University and is employed at Will Rogers Elementary in Amarillo.

The groom is a graduate of Colorado State University and is employed by Cactus feeders in Amarillo.

### New Address:

Doris Rudd  
Cornerstone Courts  
2101 Ave. Q - Room #120  
Lubbock, Texas 79405  
806/763-9932 - Ext. 120

Please drop Doris a line, call her or even better yet stop by to see her, she would really enjoy hearing from her friends.



## Let Me Get My Hat!

By Dennis Poole,  
Borden County CEA-Ag.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Court of Texas Cooperating.

## 2000 Dawson County Fair

Preparations for the 2000 Dawson County Fair are now under way! The dates of the fair are August 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>, 2000.

The fair is open to residents of Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Gaines, Garza, Howard, Lynn, Martin, Mitchell, Scurry, Terry and Yoakum Counties.

Entries in the Community Division and Ag Exhibits will be taken August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Judging of those entries will take place Thursday morning, August 24<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. Exhibitors and potential entrants should consult the fair catalog for rules for each department. Departments in the Community Division in which individuals may place entries include:

Culinary, Canned Products, Textiles and Needle Art, Crafts and Hobbies, Relics and Antiques, Art Show, Photography, Exhibit Only and Agriculture Exhibits. All exhibits in this department will be released between 7:00 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.

The fair will also continue the traditions of the "World Championship" Goat Show, the Pet Show, Baby Contest and the Turtle Race and Frog Jumping Contests.

No late entries will be accepted in any division. Fair Catalogs are available by contacting the Dawson County Extension office located in the basement of the Courthouse, Room 101 or by calling (806)872-3444.

## Graduation Requirements

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\*English language arts, including at least English III and writing

\*Mathematics, including at least Algebra I and geometry

\*Studies, including early American history and United States history

\*Science, including at least

biology and integrated chemistry and physics. School districts can choose to implement the changes for classes graduating before 2005, but they must implement them by the time the Class of 2005 enters high school.



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**The Giddings Carousel horses are up and running**

A passing carnival ran into financial trouble years ago near Giddings and left an old carousel to cover some of its debts. The Merry-Go-Round had 28 painted wooden horses on it. All the mechanical equipment was in working order, even though it was in need of repair.

It was moved into town despite objections from residents who said they would prefer that piece of junk go somewhere else. A circular building was built in Firemen's Park to house the carousel. It's an old fashioned kind of building, with wooden walls that fold down halfway all the way around to allow cross ventilation.

Over the years, the carousel was placed into the care of various civic clubs around Giddings. It was operated only once a year, during the city's July 4th activities.

Very little work was done on the horses, which began to deteriorate. When the Giddings fire department took over the operation and maintenance of the carousel, things started happening.

A wood sculptor in Giddings, Wayne Peters, was asked to restore the horses. Wayne carves museum-quality figures. "I got bunged up in a car wreck in 1976 and was out of commission for about a year," says Wayne. "Sitting on the patio was unproductive, so I started whittling as part of my rehab."

He has a small shop behind his house where he works in a wheelchair with a tool kit on it. "I took one horse at a time

and worked on it," he says. "I'd take them apart completely. Carousel horses have about 20 pieces in them. These had caulking compound, all kinds of cement and glue, nails, all types of stuff that had been used in repairing these things. Even these old corrugated fasteners used to hold two pieces of wood together. All that junk. I took all the hardware out of them and replaced them with wooden dowels. There's no nails in them now. None of them had ears or tails. Most of them didn't have eyes. Some didn't have legs or feet. Parts of the head were missing. I just made pieces and put them back together. I cleaned them up, sanded them down and took all the old paint off. I used bando, the same stuff they used to patch automobile bodies."

He repaired all 28 of the horses. The project took years.

After getting the horses ready to paint, he sent them to a professional firm that specialized in painting carousel horses. He made sure that real horsehair was used in making their tails on the horses.

Wayne gave the firemen a

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lifetime guarantee on his work. "On my lifetime, not theirs," says Wayne, who is 84 years old.

Wayne is handicapped and is rated totally disabled. He has a left arm that is not much use to him. "I work single-handedly," he jokes. "But disabled is not unable."

The carousel in Giddings is now used several times a year and is kept in good shape. People from a large area go to Giddings with one special purpose in mind; to ride the carousel with the pretty horses.

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**BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BID REQUEST**

The Superintendent's office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School district will receive bids on the district's Property Insurance for the 2000-01 school year.

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 "Property Insurance Bid". Proposals will be received up to but no later than 1:00 P.M. on August 24, 2000. Bid proposals will be opened and read aloud in the Board Room at that time. Bid proposals will be tabulated, researched, and presented to the Board of Trustees for their consideration at the next regular 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@esc17.net](mailto:jthomas@esc17.net); or by calling 806/756-4313. Transmissions by fax may be sent to 806/756-4310.

By Order of the Board of Trustees  
Borden County Independent School District  
Joel Dennis, Secretary

## Dry Aged Steaks From The Old West

### WANTED: Discriminating Steak Lovers

Dodge City Steak Company (DodgeCitySteaks.com) announces the opening of their headquarters in Dodge City, Kansas, home to cowboys covered with trail dust, vast herds of cattle and the world's best steaks. DodgeCitySteak.com brings back the succulent buttery taste of dry aged and premium cut steaks like you used to get in the legendary Old West.

All cattle trails again lead to legendary Dodge City, Kansas -- the cowboy capital that put beef on the tables of America back in the 1870's and is looking to do it again in the 21st Century, in the time honored tradition of dry-aged steaks.

DodgeCitySteaks.com has set up business on the famous grounds of historic Boot Hill Museum and is shipping hand selected, specially-aged steaks to discerning steak lovers all over the United States. DodgeCitySteaks.com also supplies upscale steak houses with their superb legendary steaks.

"Most people have forgotten what a real steak taste like," says Doug Parker, CEO of DodgeCity Steaks.com. Most beef processors went to vacuum-packed wet-aging in the 1960's, and only a handful

of processors still apply the art of dry-aging. The process of dry aging allows the meat to tenderize itself under a rind that is trimmed away before the steaks are individually hand-cut. Anyone who tastes the rich, buttery flavor and experiences the tender texture of a DodgeCitySteaks.com isn't likely to settle for any other type of steak again.

DodgeCitySteaks.com has found its future in the past, returning to the time-consuming, labor-intensive dry aging process that goes back to the days when Fred Harvey served up excellent cuts of beef to rail passengers who stopped at his Harvey House restaurants along the old Atchison, Topeka and Sante Fe rail line. One of those restaurants was in Dodge City, where a pair of sun dials still rest alongside the tracks, a reminder of the days when westbound train passengers reset their pocket watches from central to Mountain Time.

Dodge City was a tough cowtown, a railhead where ornery cowboys who pushed herds of longhorns hundreds of miles from Texas came to slap off the trail dust and blow off some steam. But it wasn't all bar-room brawls and gunfights. The end of the

trail was also a place to get a fine meal and that meal always centered around a good steak.

DodgeCitySteaks.com still cuts 'em thick -- up to an inch-and-a-half in many cases and warns its customer not to cook 'em pas medium-well, to savor the full flavor and succulence of the beef.

Isn't it about time you slap a real beefsteak on your grill and relive a bit of what made the Old West great? For \$39.95 (plus shipping costs), DodgeCitySteaks.com will ship you two 10-ounce dry-aged sirloins and four 4-ounce bacon-wrapped filets in an insulated freeze pack, guaranteed to arrive colder than the Blizzard of '88 in two days time.

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## New University Is Coming to Midland

Lubbock Christian University announced at a news conference at Midland College that it is expanding its highly successful Organizational Management Program to Midland. Classes will be held on the Midland College campus beginning Sept. 7, 2000. Dr. L. Ken Jones, President of the University

was on hand to make the announcement along with Dr. David E. Daniel, President of Midland College.

Informational meetings will be held during the entire month of August so that those interested can investigate further. All informational

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## Beet Armyworm Activities

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a change allows for fewer acres to be sprayed, minimizing the impact on beneficial insects that prey on secondary pests.

This strategy appears to be succeeding.

In the latest edition of the Web-based newsletter Focus on Entomology, Jim Leser, extension entomologist in Lubbock, notes the foundation's efforts in monitoring and responding to beet armyworm infestations.

"Up to this point, I would be very hard pressed to show any correlation between beet armyworm or bollworm problems and eradication

activities," Leser wrote.

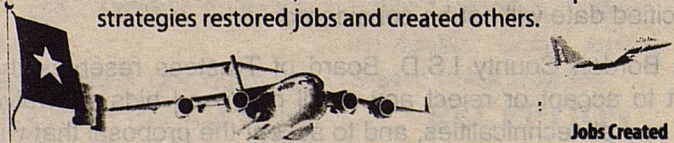
High Plains and Rolling Plains cotton growers can also find information on levels of insect activity by accessing Focus on Entomology at: <http://lubbock.tamu.edu/imp/AgWeb/index.html>. Data at that site indicate that beet armyworm infestations are a problem across the Plains, inside and outside of active eradication zones.

Allen has written an explanation of the various sampling techniques that appears on the foundation Web site at [www.txbollweevil.org/treatment.htm](http://www.txbollweevil.org/treatment.htm).

## Keeping an Eye on Texas

### Defense downsize shuffles jobs

Since 1988, Congress has recommended closing or reorganizing more than 500 military bases in the United States — seven of them in Texas. Jobs were lost, but local economic development strategies restored jobs and created others.





Base	Year Closed	Jobs Lost†	Jobs Created and Restored†
Chase Field NAS — Beeville	1993	1,801	2,219
Carswell AFB — Fort Worth	*	8,359	13,454
Bergstrom AFB — Austin	1993	6,678	3,500
Dallas NAS — Dallas	1997	1,642	+
Reese AFB — Lubbock	1997	2,492	1,450
Kelly AFB — San Antonio	2001	19,452	12,000
Red River Army Depot — Texarkana	*	4,512	2,900
<b>Total</b>		<b>44,936</b>	<b>35,523</b>

† Estimated  
\* Reorganized  
+ Transferred to Carswell

SOURCE: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

**CAPITOL COMMENT**

U.S. SENATOR  
**KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON**

### SOCIAL SECURITY WITHOUT LIMITS

The Social Security earnings limit always struck me as one of the most ill-considered parts of the federal tax code. Government shouldn't be in the business of discouraging adults from working, regardless of what age they are.

Until last April, Social Security recipients age 65 to 69 lost \$1 in benefits for every \$3 they earned above the earnings limit, which in 1999 was \$9,600. Beneficiaries subject to that penalty were being assessed, in effect, a 33 1/3 percent marginal tax rate after having paid into the Social Security system all their lives.

This punished and discriminated against seniors who remain active and productive in the workforce. It gnawed away at the idea that individuals should be allowed to decide how to spend their retirement years without government interference.

This earnings limit was the survivor of a bygone era, a product of the Great Depression when unemployment stood at 25 percent. At that time there was a national consensus that an individual should retire completely after

reaching a certain age, and make room for other, younger people badly in need of a job.

But in today's low-unemployment economy, it is important for those with experience and skill to stay in the workforce as long as possible. The continuing participation of older Americans is increasingly critical to the health of the U.S. economy. The 40 million-plus Americans age 60 and over represent a vast store of human capital. Economists estimate that removing the earnings limit could increase the labor supply by 5.3 percent by allowing individuals to continue working without tax penalties.

So in March of this year, Congress unanimously passed a bill eliminating the earnings penalty and it was signed into law the following month, directly affecting the hundreds of thousands of Social Security recipients who are working this year. The repeal is retroactive to January 1, so the 415,000 working seniors will get refunds for the money already deducted from their Social Security checks.

In addition to the basic issues of fairness and the desirability of maintaining a skilled workforce, the repeal will strengthen the retirement security of Americans by giving seniors the choice of working longer and saving more — an important consideration when more people are living longer than ever before. Breakthroughs in medicine and biotechnology mean future retirees will live even longer. Repealing the earnings limit will help to raise the standard of living for many, many seniors, as well as strengthen our overall economy.

This was a correction to the tax code we could afford to make. No recipients are receiving higher benefits than they would have otherwise. We have balanced the budget and begun to pay down the debt. We anticipate healthy surpluses. There was no reason not to make this adjustment in basic fairness. Getting rid of this tax on working seniors was the right thing to do.

## Borden County I.S.D. Student Dress Code for 2000-2001

Borden County School's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and teach respect for authority.

Borden County 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 judgement may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operation is prohibited.

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
3. refers to satanic, cult 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 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 para-military/camouflage 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 type T-shirt underneath it or a shirt worn over them during all school hours and activities. Tailored shirt shirrtails must be tucked in

unless you have a crew T-shirt underneath the shirt. (All tailored shirts will be buttoned and tucked in at 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. Foam rubber bathroom flip-flops and house shoes are not acceptable footwear for school. 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. Coaches/

sponsors may prohibit players and participants from certain hairstyles and color variations in the hair.

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 piercing jewelry other than earrings.
7. Sunglasses may not be worn in the building during school hours or events inside the building unless prescribed by a doctor.
8. All types of headwear are prohibited, (hats, caps, bandannas, or hoods) inside the building by boys or girls unless approved by the school administration. The school administration, coach, or sponsor may determine that headwear is inappropriate at certain times and/or places.
9. Any clothing or grooming not listed above that is determined by the school administration-

tion to pose a disruption, interference, or safety concern to the normal school operation or Borden County School Community will be prohibited and addresses 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 sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, in cooperation with the administration, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity (for example: cheerleader uniforms may vary from normal requirement or coaches may prohibit players from color variations in the hair.) 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 has Started!

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BACK TO SCHOOL

## New University is coming to Midland

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meetings will be held in the LBJ Room in the Midland College Library. LCU personnel will be on hand to answer questions and fully explain the program. The schedule for those informational meetings is as follows:

August 1st	6:00 p.m.
August 8th	6:00 p.m.
August 15th	6:00 p.m.
August 22nd	6:00 p.m.
August 29th	6:00 p.m.

Those interested can also call the toll free number 1-888-884-4804 or visit the website at [www.lcu.edu](http://www.lcu.edu).

Organizational Management is a program designed for working adults over 25 years of age who have at least 60 transferable hours and want to complete their bachelor's degree. Adult learners attend classes that are held one night per week, taking one course at a time. Class size is limited to 18. These adult learners

continue through the entire program together as a cohort. Students are able to finish a 48-hour major in an eighteen month period without quitting their jobs. **Classes are scheduled for Thursday evenings beginning on September 7, 2000 and will be held on the Midland College Campus.** The bachelor's degree earned is best described as a broad-based business degree and is fully accredited.

When asked why the Organizational Management Program/Department has been such a success at LCU, David Anderson, chair of the department replied, "Our policy is and has always been to accommodate the student first. We tried to create a program which would make it as painless as possible for someone who has a full-time job to finish their bachelor's degree. The Organizational

Management degree is a great choice because students can immediately put into practice what they are learning in their current jobs." What is David's greatest satisfaction in working with the OM students? "When someone says to me, 'you have changed my life' -- it doesn't get any better than that!"

Several Midland/Odessa area people have made the four-hour round-trip weekly to attend the OM classes in Lubbock and now hold

degrees from the University. One such student from Midland is Sherri Williams, who says about the program, "I am extremely proud to say I am an alumni of the Lubbock Christian University Organizational Management Program. It's exciting to know the OM program will be offered to the Midland/Odessa area residents. Now they may further their own careers with the convenience of this outstanding program. I thoroughly researched all of my options when deciding to go back to school and heard

about the unique 18-month program offered by Lubbock Christian University. For so many years, my goal was to have a college diploma hanging on my wall. LCU gave me the opportunity to complete this personal endeavor much quicker than any of the other universities in the area would allow. Fortunately, I did not have to interrupt my job or be away from my 2 children a husband several nights a week. For these very reasons, I felt the rewards were worth the many miles of travel to and from Lubbock."



Friday, August 11, 2000

### Crop Outlook Could Change By Next Month

LUBBOCK, August 11, 2000

By Shawn Wade

The first estimate of yield and production for the 2000 crop was released August 11 without many surprises.

USDA pegged 2000 crop production at 19.2 million bales while the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service pigeon-holed Texas production prospects at 5.5 million bales. The Texas High Plains is forecast to produce some 3.47 million bales for the season, although recent infestations of beet armyworms, a complex pest line-up and no rainfall on dryland acreage could alter that production scenario.

TASS crop reporting districts 1-N and 1-S, which comprise the bulk of the High Plains acreage, received fairly rosy yield forecasts based on the state of the crop during the last week of July.

Yields in district 1-N were forecast at 670 pounds with only 80,000 acres of forecasted abandonment from the 890,000 acres planted in the district.

District 1-S yields were estimated at 468 pounds per acre from 2.4 million harvested acres. The 1-S figures would indicate a final abandonment of 600,000 of the 3 million acres planted in 1-S by seasons end.

The effects of continued dry weather over much of the dryland acreage in 1-S and sustained insect pressure in fields throughout the area be seen as early as the September 1 estimate. If things don't moderate the effect could be an a drop in both expected yields and harvested acreage.

### PIRATE Not An Option For Beet Armyworm

LUBBOCK, August 11, 2000

By Shawn Wade

Despite the efforts of Plains Cotton Growers, the Texas Department of Agriculture and many others it appears that there is no chance that growers will be able to utilize Pirate against growing Beet Armyworm infestations throughout the Texas High Plains.

Conservative estimates that over 500,000 acres of High Plains cotton will eventually trigger economic treatment thresholds made little impression on Environmental Protection Agency personnel that visited the area August 7-8.

Even after listening to scientific arguments for the release of the product, it appears obvious that EPA will not make a decision allowing grower use of Pirate this year. Depleted supplies of Intrepid, Denim and Confirm further limit grower treatment options.

EPA officials voiced sympathy for the situation facing growers. However, sympathy won't kill worms.

Growers need to rethink their options and concentrate on making the best possible use of both money and application resources to get them through.

Promises from Dow Agrosiences of adequate supplies of Tracer™ and Lorsban™-4E; and from DuPont to increase production and delivery of Steward™ should help growers weather the storm.

The bad news is that nothing comes cheap and runaway infestations that have resulted from a near continuous egg-lay will probably require multiple treatments to contain.

Tough decisions will have to be made regarding marginal crops or treatment of fields that have already sustained significant yield altering damage. Secondary considerations for growers also include the need to control additional pests such as aphids, boll weevils or any of several other worms pests such as bollworms, fall armyworms and yellow-striped armyworms.

Growers are advised to follow treatment recommendations closely and include recommended additives plus adequate water to ensure total plant coverage regardless of treatment method. Check out this week's issue of the *Focus on Entomology* newsletter from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service to see what the latest situation report shows and options for control. Focus can be found on the internet at: <http://lubbock.tamu.edu/ipm/AgWeb/index.html>

### High Plains Hosts A Pair of Tours Aug 7-10

LUBBOCK, August 11, 2000

By Shawn Wade

Tour groups comprised of legislative aides from Washington, DC and cotton producers from the Mid-South got a better ideas of High Plains cotton production August 7-10.

The two groups, which toured the area separately, viewed area farms, visited with growers, and toured a number of locations during their stays.

The Legislative aide tour was organized by the National Cotton Council and Monsanto Corporation. The Mid-South producer group visited the area courtesy of FMC Corporation and the Producer Information Exchange Program.

Plains Cotton Growers hosted both groups during their visits and helped organize tour events and entertainment.

### LEGAL NOTICE

The Commissioners' Court of Borden County will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for Borden County for 2001, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 28, 2000 at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas.

A summary of the proposed Borden County budget is as follows:

Jury Fund -	\$600.00
General Fund -	\$703,998.000
Road & Bridge Fund -	\$518,515.000
Permanent Improvement Fund -	\$12,000.00

This proposed budget does include a 5% cost of living salary or wage increase for County employees and elected officials.

Elected Officials Salaries for 2001 will be:

County Commissioners	\$16,821.00
County Judge	\$22,365.000
	+ \$10,000.00 State Support
County/District Clerk	\$22,365.00
Sheriff/Tax Assessor	\$24,381.00
County Treasurer	\$22,365.00
Justice of the Peace	\$ 6,615.00

Any interested persons is invited to attend and present oral or written comments. The proposed budget may be examined at the office of the County Clerk or the County Judge.

The proposed tax rate for 2000 is .44 per \$100.00

BY ORDER OF THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

VAN L. YORK  
County Judge  
Borden County