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FFA Members receive State Degree

Four members of the Gail FFA Chapter have currently met all qualifications and received their Lone Star State FFA Degree for 2000-2001. Kandace Kimmel, James Bond, Cody Nowlain and T.C. Stipe recently received this prestigious award at the state FFA Convention in Houston.

To obtain their State Degree, members must begin and maintain a strong Supervised Agricultural Experience Program for a minimum of 3 years while in the Agricultural Science

Program. They must also be active FFA members and meet the minimum point and dollar figure for this degree.

The State FFA Degree is the highest degree bestowed upon FFA members at the state level and is achieved only through hours of hard work, dedicated record keeping, and success with the projects involved. The Gail Chapter and Mr. Wallace are extremely proud of these four students and their success in this area. Congratulations Kandace, James, T.C. and Cody!

Former Borden County Resident Long Way from "Home"

Some people say you can't ever leave home, but one former Borden County resident, Shawna Wills Patterson, a 1967 graduate of BHS, and daughter of the late Billy and Dotty Wills, is certainly a long way from West Texas and will be traveling farther.

Shawna and her husband and two grown sons are currently living right outside of Portland, Oregon, and have been since 1981. While in Oregon, Shawna has taught high school business and English classes as well as working in the computer department of a large hospital

system. She and her husband are part of a mission team who have been to Romania four times in the last two years taking medical supplies and baby supplies to friends of theirs who live in Bucharest, Romania. Shawna and her husband, Don, have rocked the babies that you may have seen on television who are in the horrible conditions of the Romanian State owned orphanages. Their hearts were broken after their first trip, and they were determined to do what they could to take supplies from

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Gail FFA Members Attend State Convention

The "Bayou city" of Houston was full of exciting activities as it hosted the 73rd annual Texas State FFA Convention. This spectacular event took place during the week of July 9th - 13th.

Eight members of the Gail FFA along with their advisor Buddy Wallace and his family pulled out for the big city early Monday morning on July 9th. Kandace Kimmel, James Bond, T.C. Stipe, Cody Nowlain, Heather Crawford, Shayla Gass, Amanda Boucher, and Kyle Pinkerton made up the convention crew from Gail.

After a full day's travel and two traffic jam delays, the group arrived safely in Houston. Swimming and Joe's Crab Shack rounded out the evening as the group awaited a big day on Tuesday.

It was early rising Tuesday morning as the Borden County Van pulled up to Pier 21 on Galveston Island at 7:30 a.m. There, some of the members, Mr. Wallace and Tyler Wallace, loaded onto a huge boat for a four hour fishing trip on the Bay. No spectacular fish were caught, but no one got sick and some enjoyed great snoozing on the boat. Other members opted to accompany Mrs. Wallace and Kate on a trip to the Galveston Aquarium. The whole clan met back at the pier for a complimentary fish



8 of 8,000 - Gail FFA members attend State Convention: Back Row (L to R): Kandace Kimmel, Mr. Buddy Wallace, T.C. Stipe, Cody Nowlain, Kyle Pinkerton and James Bond. Bottom Row: Shayla Gass, Amanda Boucher, and Heather Crawford.

fry in the shade. An afternoon of beach and surf on the beautiful Galveston Shoreline had everybody tired and ready for a sleepy ride back to Houston.

The Convention officially kicked off on Wednesday morning with a spectacular laser light show as the state officer walk in and ceremonies took place in front of 8,000 members and guests. The Borden County highlight of the day was watching four of the Gail FFA members proudly walk across the stage and receive

their Lone Star State FFA Degree. This degree, presented to Kandace Kimmel, James Bond, T.C. Stipe and Cody Nowlain serves as a symbol of their outstanding SAEP project work while in the Ag. Science and FFA Organization. Several of the Gail FFA members also attended motivating workshops put on by the State, and National Officer team. Wednesday night included a Stars over Texas awards session and a

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**COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER
IMMEDIATE WATER RATIONING**

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Borden County ISD Student Dress Code for 2001-2002

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

Borden County 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.

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

1. is lewd, offensive, vulgar, or contains obscene language
2. advertises or depicts tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited by the school
3. refers to satanic, cult or prison wear or gang activities.

The following guide-lines 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 over-

sized 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 paramilitary/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 shirt-tails 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 represent-

ing Borden County in any extracurricular activity).

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

4. Footwear shall be a part of regular attire. House shoes are not acceptable footwear. No metal cleats or plates on the soles of shoes shall be worn in the building
5. Hair shall be clean and well groomed at all times while attending school, school functions, and school sponsored activities. It will be styled in a manner that will keep it out of the student's eyes and not obstruct one's vision. No unnatural or bizarre hair colors or haircuts will be permitted. Eyebrows must not be notched or shaved in an unnatural manner. Male students' hair may be worn no longer than the top of the collar. In addition; geometric or unusual patterns will not be allowed to be shaved or cut in the hair, and boys may not wear ponytails, rat-tails, or braids. 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 exposed piercing

jewelry other than earrings. No tongue piercing will be allowed by boys or girls.

7. Sunglasses may not be worn in the building during school hours or events inside the building unless prescribed by a doctor.
8. 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 head wear is inappropriate at certain times and/or places.
9. Any clothing or grooming not listed above that is determined by the school administration to pose a disruption, interference, or safety concern to the normal school operation or Borden County School Community will be prohibited and 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 principal, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity (for example: cheerleader uniforms may vary from normal requirement according to principal/sponsor approval). Students who violate these standards may be removed or

excluded from the activity for a period determined by the school administration or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary action.

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

ATTENTION COYOTES All-Sports Physicals Set

If you are in the seventh (7th) through the twelfth (12th) grade and plan to play a sport of *any kind* at Borden County ISD you will need a physical. On Saturday, August 4th, students will be taken to Lubbock for a physical at the Rehabilitation center, at South Loop 289 and University. These physicals are \$10.00 and furnished by the school. If you are unable to make this trip you will need to get a physical on your own at your expense.

The bus will depart from Gail at 8:00 a.m. and return approximately at 1:00 p.m. If you plan to meet there you need to have your physical form with you and be there at 10:00 a.m.

If you would like to eat after your physical, you may go to the McDonald's near by and eat. Bring some money if you would like to eat.

For more information, contact Coach Avery at 756-4370.

**Borden
County
EMS**
806/759-5111
Alt. No.
806/756-4311
The numbers to
know in Case of
an Emergency!

Back to School Supply List

Kindergarten: Elmer's School Glue (NOT paste), 2 glue sticks, 2 boxes of 16 crayons, scissors (Fiskars for kids), supply box (cigar box size), 4-#2 pencils, gym shoes, towel for nap time, large box of Wet Wipes.

First grade: 2 boxes of 16 primary color Crayons, 4 or 5-#2 pencils, supply box, scissors, hard rubber eraser, 2 medium sized Elmer's School Glue, 1-1 subject wide rule spiral notebook, gym shoes, large box of Wet Wipes.

Second grade: 12-#2 pencils, crayons, Elmer's School Glue, red grading pencil, wide rule notebook paper, scissors, eraser, gym shoes, ruler, large box of Wet Wipes.

Third grade: loose-leaf notebook, wide rule notebook paper; wide rule spiral, 14-#2 pencils, 4-red pens or 4-red pencils, 12 inch ruler (metric & standard), 2 art gum erasers, small bottle of glue, crayons, 2 folders, gym shoes, 4 boxes Kleenex, 2 large boxes of Wet Wipes.

Fourth grade: 1 box Kleenex, crayons, map colors, 4-#2 pencils, 2 red grading pens, 8 folders with 2 wholes and inside pockets (no brads), wide rule notebook paper (not college rule), metric and standard ruler, 2 large boxes of inexpensive baby wipes, loose leaf notebook with 3 holes.

Fifth grade: notebook, wide rule notebook paper, dividers with pockets, ruler with metric & standard, scissors, 6-#2 pencils (NO mechanic), 4 red pens, 2 large glue sticks, map colors (24 or 48 pkg), markers (thin point & broad point), 2 black sharpies, 4 different colored wide rule spirals, 4 colored folders with pockets (to match spirals), large box Wet Wipes.

Sixth grade: notebook, wide rule notebook paper (2 pkg.), scissors, 2 red pens, eraser, 12-#2 pencils (NO mechanical), 3 black pens, pencil box, map colors 7 dividers with pockets.

FFA Members Attend State Convention

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hilarious Hypnotist exhibition by Dr. Jim Wand.

Thursday was filled with another exciting convention day as the students attended two action packed sessions which included dynamic keynote addresses and awards presentations. Following the sessions was the ever-popular Fun Night, which included a "Toga" theme from the State Officers. Area winning talent teams competed for the state title during the Fun Night session Capping off the evening was a Dance in the

Dome, which was attended by some 5,000 FFA members.

Friday morning came early, but the Gail members were up early in their official dress and ready for the final convention session. This session proved to be the most powerful as the students heard retiring addresses from both the State Vice President and the State President, along with the announcing of the new State President for 2001-2002. The convention officially adjourned at 11:50 a.m. on Friday morning and the crew headed home via the Salt Grass Steakhouse and

two more traffic jams. A lively bunch of Gail members, advisor, and family reached the wide-open spaces

of Borden County at 12:30 a.m. Saturday morning with memories of a great week of fun and excitement.



Ships Ahoy! Gail FFA members head out for a Bay fishing trip. (L to R.) Amanda Boucher, Heather Crawford, Shayla Gass, Kyle Pinkerton, T.C. Stipe, Kandace Kimmel, Cody Nowlain and James Bond.

ATTENTION! Football Players

The summer is about over and Football practice is right around the corner. It is time to be getting ready for the upcoming season.

FOOTBALL PRACTICE WILL BEGIN, MONDAY, AUGUST 6th AT 5:00 P.M.

If you are not able to make these work outs you need to let Coach Avery know at 806/756-4370.

Monday the 6th, equipment (helmets, shoulder pads, etc.) will be issued, you will run a timed mile, and hear one of Coach Avery's famous speeches, then go to the field for stretching and passing routes. Practice will begin each day at 5 PM and finish at dark.

Don't forget about the Physicals on Saturday, August 4th. See you then.

Let's go get 'em Coyotes!

2001-2002 Borden County ISD School Calendar

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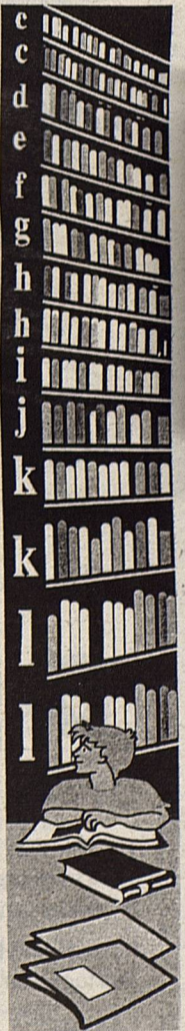
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Key			177 Student Days + 3 Workdays + 7 Staff Development Days = 187		
○	School Days	Sept. 3	○	Holidays	June 7
☁	Weather Days	Oct. 8	○	Labor Day	Aug. 15
☀	Holidays	Nov. 21, 22, 23	○	Columbus Day	Aug. 16
□	Workdays	Dec. 20-31	○	Thanksgiving	Aug. 17
◇	Staff Development	Jan. 1, 2	○	Christmas	Dec. 19
		Jan. 11	○	New Year	June 1
		Feb. 22 & 25	○	Borden Co. Stock Show	
		Mar. 11-15	○	Houston Stock Show	
		April 1	○	Spring Break	
		April 26	○	Easter	
		May 10	○	Regional Track	
			○	State Track	
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					Mind Map/Treasure Hunt
					Aug. 15
					Character Counts
					Aug. 16
					Nancy Robinson Masters
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					Bad Weather Days
					April 26
					May 13





**Vacation Bible School
Gail Baptist Church**

July 30th – August 3rd
6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

3 yrs. old – thru last years fifth graders

Bring a sack lunches for your evening meal
(drinks & cookies provided)

Keeping an Eye on Texas

TEXAS' TAX-FREE HOLIDAY

The Sales Tax Holiday is expected to save Texans \$31.2 million in state sales tax and \$8.4 million in local sales taxes this year. Shoppers can take advantage of the savings Aug. 3 - Aug. 5.

No state and local sales taxes will be charged on most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 including the following items:

- Dresses
- Baby clothes
- Underwear, socks
- Suits, slacks, jackets
- Jackets, coats, raincoats
- Jogging apparel-bras, suits, shorts
- Caps/hats-baseball, fishing, golf, knitted
- Shoes-sandals, slippers, sneakers, tennis, walking



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(www.window.state.tx.us)

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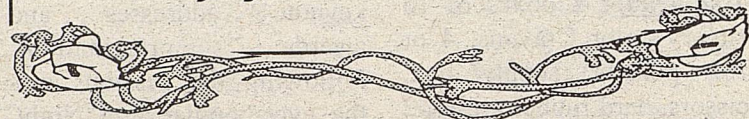
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Thank You

We would like to thank our many friends who called, brought food, sent flowers, and other acts of kindness during the loss of our Dad and Grandad.

*May God bless you,
Gary, Connie and T.C. Stipe*



**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF NONDISCRIMINATION
IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

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

It is the policy of The Borden County School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

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

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Jimmy Thomas, P. O. Box 95, Gail, Texas 79738, 1-806-756-4313.

**NOTIFICACIÓN PÚBLICA DE NONDISCRIMINACION EN PROGRAMAS DE
LA EDUCACIÓN DE LA CARRERA Y DE LA TECNOLOGÍA**

Borden County Independent School District ofrece programas de la educación de la carrera y de la tecnología en agronomía, la economía doméstica y aplicaciones del microordenador. La admisión a estos programas se basa en las necesidades de los estudiantes en el Borden County Independent School District.

Es la política del Borden County Independent School District a no discriminar en base de la raza, del color, del origen nacional, del sexo, o de la desventaja en sus programas, servicios, o actividades vocacionales según los requisitos del título VI del acto de las derechas civiles de 1964, según la enmienda prevista; Título IX de las enmiendas de la educación de 1972; el acto de la discriminación de edad de 1975, según la enmienda prevista; y sección 504 del acto de la rehabilitación de 1973, según la enmienda prevista.

The Borden County Independent School District tomará medidas para asegurar que la carencia de las habilidades de lenguaje inglés no será una barrera a la admisión y a la participación en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

Para la información sobre las sus derechas o procedimientos del agravio, entre en contacto con el coordinador del título IX, Jimmy Thomas, P. O. Box 95, Gail, Texas 79738, 1-806-756-4313.

Long Way from "Home" 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebrated

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the States to Romania. Shawna held fund raisers and collected money and supplies and was able to get donations of over \$200,000 in medical equipment from a large hospital system where she has been working in the computer department. They continue to help support their friends in their work in Romania.

The next big step in their lives is a to move to Ankara, Turkey, in August of this year. Shawna will be teaching computer classes in an international school on a two-year commitment. Ankara is the capital of Turkey and has about 3 million people. Turkey is about the size of Texas, and Ankara is cold in the winter and hot in the summer, but there' no humidity. The school has about 450 students all of whom come from children whose fathers are from embassies and from families of wealthy Turkish government officials. Her classes are all in English, which is good because she only knows four Turkish words. She plans on learning "how much is that Turkish rug?" first. Don is retiring so his main job over there is to plan their vacation trips.

They plan on following the "footsteps of Paul" as everything in the Bible that relates to Asia or Asia Minor is present day Turkey. Their first trip planned is to Euphesus and then to go to all of the cities where the Apostle Paul traveled that are discussed in the book of Revelation of the Bible. They are very anxious to explore the country and learn about the people. There is only one Protestant church in the city of 3 million people (the country religion is Islam-Muslims), and they have already corresponded by e-mail with the pastor and his wife and offered their services to help in a Turkish orphanage.

Shawna and Don leave for Turkey on August 17th. Currently their e-mail address is shawnapatterson@msn.com. She's not sure what her e-mail address will be after she arrives in Turkey. Shawna welcomes any e-mail addresses from those of you that remember her and would like to correspond before she leaves.

Your Local Pastor
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Bro. Randy Hardman
Gail Baptist Church
Call: 806/756-4363
Mobile No: 759-9472



Celebrate 50 Years of Marriage
July 6, 1951-2001

Buster Taylor and Jean Creighton were married on July 6, 1951 in Yuma, Arizona. In honor of their 50th wedding anniversary their children hosted a celebration and were joined by family and friends for a Bar-B-Q dinner at the County Line Restaurant in Escondido Canyon near Lubbock.

After dinner, friends and family enjoyed cake and live music on the patio. Those joining the celebration were: Darrell and Cindy Taylor of Bryan; Joe and Melisa Hancock, Manhattan, Kansas; Ceighton and Susan Taylor of Amarillo; Jay Taylor and Michelle Timmons, of Amarillo; Bo and Whiz Creighton of Paris; Benny and Angie Taylor, Verna Fay Ogden and Shorty and Barbara Farmer all of O'Donnell; Irene Creighton, June Durham, Larry and Wanda Smith, and R.D. and Carol Lewis all of Gail; Cecil and Estelle Foster, and Mike Toombs of Lubbock; Marge Toombs of Fluvanna; Van and Shirley Kounttz of Lake Ransom Canyon; Joe and Beverly Copeland of Colorado City; and Ben and Netta Jarrett of Comanche.

Buster and Jean have five children and six grandchildren.

COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER Water Rationing

It is hereby ordered by the Borden County Commissioners' Court that the following water rationing is in effect as of Tuesday, July 24, 2001, for all consumers of water on the Borden County Water System

1. Starting Tuesday, July 24, 2001, the Borden County I.S.D will water on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday for only 12 hours per day.
2. Starting Tuesday, July 24, 2001, the residents of Gail can water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for only 12 hours per day.
3. There will be no outside watering on Sundays
4. No open ended hoses for watering
5. The Borden County Water Superintendent will have authority to control water consumption in times of shortage

BY ORDER OF BORDEN COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Van L. York
County Judge, Borden County

Get Your Shopping List Ready – Third Annual Sales Tax Holiday

Just in time for back-to-school shopping, many clothes and shoes can be purchased tax-free August 3-5, during Texas' third annual Sales Tax Holiday, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced.

"On the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of August, no state or local sales tax will be charged on most clothing and footwear priced under \$100," Comptroller Rylander said. "The Sales Tax Holiday provides much-needed tax relief for hard-working Texas families and lets them stretch their budgets a little farther as they shop

for school clothes for the kids and work clothes for mom and dad."

This year, the Sales Tax Holiday is expected to save Texans \$31.2 million in state sales tax and \$8.4 million in local sales taxes. Cities have the option to not waive local sales tax during the tax holiday, but no community has opted out of the event this year.

The rules for the 2001 Sales Tax Holiday are the same as in previous years. They include:

- ◆ Most children's and adults' clothing and footwear priced under \$100 are

exempt from sales taxes. Customers may purchase as many tax-exempt items as they wish.

- ◆ Clothing and footwear used primarily for athletics or protective wear, such as golf cleats or football pads are not tax exempt. However, tennis shoes, baseball caps, jogging suits and other athletic clothes that are commonly worn on the street are eligible for the tax exemption.
- ◆ Accessories, jewelry, watches, handbags, wallets and briefcases are not tax exempt.
- ◆ Items previously placed on

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Texas Stories
A showcase of the Texas Spirit



Tumbleweed Smith
Part owner of Texas

The Joy of Working

I interviewed an 85 year old man in Seminole one time. He worked at his real estate office very day, wore a tie and coat and walked with a lively step. When he told me how old he was, I was surprised.

I don't blame him for working way past retirement age. Consider the alternative: getting old, fat, lazy and fuzzy-brained. Looking forward to doing the yard. Staying at home. Endless, mindless television.

My Army buddy in Minnesota is retired and now runs his wife crazy by staying around the house all the time. He finally got a part-time job building pallets just to get out for a few hours every day.

I have another friend who has retired and brags about how little he does every day. "I don't care how much fun you have working, retirement is better," he told me. He has just moved to Texas from Chicago. I asked him what was the high point of most of his days. "Going to get the paper barefooted," he replied.

These guys from up north just go crazy when they start enjoying our pleasant Texas climate and realize they don't have to shovel snow or do all that cold weather stuff any more.

I just realized I don't know any retired women. Interesting thought.

Some of my friends have retired and that puzzles me. I don't know why they stopped working. They're perfectly healthy, have active minds and have proven themselves at whatever job they had to be able to take some time off, to do a few things, go to a few places, and return to

turn mushy when they no longer have the responsibilities involved in working. They put on polyester leisure suits and grow fat. Smart, witty conversationalists at work become slow and dull in retirement. They miss working.

Oh, yes, I've seen retired people who are very happy. Most of those are people who don't like their jobs very much. They worked all those years just so they could retire. They put off doing things,

waiting until they retired. Not they're too old to do all the things they thought about doing while they were working.

Personally, I've never considered retirement. I'm having to much fun working. Years ago I realized I can work and still have time to do what is important to me.

The things I want to do, I do. I make time for them. Work in the yard? You bet. Travel? Sure. Family time? Of course. Write books?

Yep! One is with the publisher right now and another will get there before June. I'm working on two new CD's. All that's in my spare time, apart from my "work". I put it in quotation marks because I've never considered what I do work. To me, it's fun. I get to drive around Texas and talk to people, then bring my recordings and memories back and share them. Work? Not hardly. I probably couldn't to all those spare time activities if I was retired.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Borden County Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, August 7, 2001, in the Borden County School Cafeteria at 240 West Kincaid Avenue, 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.

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	\$1.450	\$0	\$1.450	\$18,110	\$319
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service**	\$ 1.088	\$0	\$1.088	\$17,830	\$692
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.450	\$0	\$1.450	\$23,714	\$692

*The Interest and 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	\$22,629	\$20,618
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 7,629	\$ 5,618
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate Per \$100 Value	\$ 1.45	\$ 1.45
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$110.62	\$ 81.37
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		DECREASE--(\$29.25)

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 \$1.14. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.14.

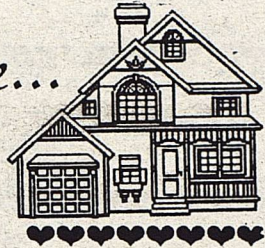
Fund Balances

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)	\$8,502,000
Interest and Sinking Balance(s)	\$0

Heart and home...

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



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Preparing Your Kids for Back-to-School

Summer is the perfect time to think about ways to eliminate the early morning scramble and hectic homework chaos that seems to accompany kids and school. Waiting until school starts to begin a routine only adds to the anxiety.

There are many things that you can do to help establish a routine and consistency in your household. Since many of our children have been sleeping later during the summer, it makes it difficult for them to get up early once school starts. Having them start waking up at the time they will need to get up for school will help them establish a routine much easier.

Another idea is to buy a big calendar for the kitchen - one with enough space for writing of school assignments, deadlines, sports and extra-curricular activities. Making entries can be part of the coming-home-from-school ritual. Position an "in" basket so notes and papers requiring parental signatures can go straight from backpack to basket and back again. Hang a clear vinyl shoe bag (at a height that kids can reach) on the inside of the coat closet. You can use this for shoes, caps, gloves and maybe even the grown-ups' car keys and house keys so there's no "treasure" hunt in the mornings.

Since we are not able to just "run to the store," you might consider buying a few extra school supplies for your home, especially things like paper, glue, scissors, tape, construction paper, and colors and makers. You might even buy a few pieces

of poster board to have on hand when your child forgets about that poster that is due tomorrow. Keep these items in a desk or in a storage tote where everyone in the family can access them. Encourage everyone to return the items used back to this location.

Help children organize their rooms. Once school supplies are purchased and all is organized, take "after" photos of the room, desk and backpack. Many children need visual reminders of where everything goes.

When purchasing new school clothes, check the care labels to make sure they can be easily laundered. Then, if a favorite time needs a night-before washing, it won't be a family crisis. You should also encourage your children to select their clothes the night before, this will eliminate the "what am I going to wear" dilemma in the morning.

School starts in Borden County on Monday, August 20th - which is only a little over three weeks away! So, now is the time to start planning for the new school year.

Do you need a baby sitter or help with your House cleaning?
Call: Cassidy Rinehart at 806/756-4323

Have a Great Summer!



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Let Me Get My Hat!

By Dennis Poole,
Borden County CEA-Ag.

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Texas County Cleanup

There will be an agricultural waste pesticide collection, Texas Country Cleanup, and household hazardous waste collection even on Tuesday, August 21, at the O'Donnell Farmers CO-OP Gin from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

They can accept: banned or unwanted pesticides, properly rinsed plastic pesticide containers, used motor oil, oil filters, lead acid batteries, and household hazardous wastes. Also, lab wastes from local school districts can be accepted. Please bring your Mercury thermometers, and they will exchange them for new non-mercury thermometers.

They cannot accept: tire collection **is not** available at this cleanup. Empty plastic pesticide containers must be clean, triple-rinsed or high-pressure rinsed to be accepted. There is a two 55 gallon drum limit per participant on oil filter recycling. Filters will not be accepted from businesses that change oil for a fee. All agricultural chemicals will be accepted **excluding**, pesticides, or herbicides containing, 2,4,5-T-Silvex (quantities less than 5 gallons can be accepted), biomedical wastes, explosives, compressed gas cylinders, fertilizers, nutrient materials that are neither hazardous or contain pesticide admixtures, pesti-

cides or wood preservatives containing pentachlorophenol.

For more information, you may contact TNRCC at 512.239.4749 or e-mail: cleantx@tnrcc.state.tx.us.

Their website is <http://www.tnrcc.state.tx.us/exc/oppr/agwaste/agwaste.html>.



Debut Release

The Thrift Store Cowboys debut release, "Nowhere With You," is not available at the following locations:

Gail - Coyote Store
Lubbock - Hastings Books & Music; Ralph's Records (both locations); and Buddy Holly Center

Also don't miss these live dates:

July 27th - Klusoz (CD release party)
1802 Buddy Holly Ave, Lubbock

August 10th & 11th - Post Stampede Rodeo Dance

Band members are: Clint and Colt Miller, Jeff Dennis, Daniel Fluitt and Amanda Shires

Meet Your Future
With A Straight Face
Buckle Up



HAPPY 40TH
BIRTHDAY
LOVE, MOM & DAD

Sales Tax Holiday

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- ◆ Layaway may be redeemed tax-free during the Sales Tax Holiday, and items placed on layaway during the Sales Tax Holiday may be redeemed tax-free later.
- ◆ School supplies and backpacks are not tax exempt.

"Earlier this year, I asked the Legislature to expand the list of tax-exempt items to include backpacks, school supplies, sewing supplies and safety gear such as bicycle helmets and car safety seats," Comptroller Rylander said. "I also proposed expanding the tax to five days to avoid the three-day traffic jam.

"However, the Legislature did not make the Sales Tax Holiday a priority, and the proposal died. Next session, I will again urge the

Legislature to make Texas families and the Sales Tax Holiday expansion a top priority," Comptroller Rylander said.

During the first two Sales Tax Holidays in 1999-2000, Texans saved an estimated \$69.8 million, including \$54.8 million in state sales tax and \$13.8 million in local sales taxes.

For more information about the Sales Tax Holiday and a list of tax-exempt and non-exempt items, see the Comptroller's Web site at: www.window.state.tx.us



Children's Health Alert

Helmets: What children are wearing this summer

Dr. John Hellerstedt, MD, FAAP

The next time your child wants to ride his or her bike this summer, don't let them leave the house without a helmet. In 1998, 138,000 children suffered head injuries from bike crashes. These kinds of injuries do permanent damage to your child's brain and could be prevented by simply wearing a helmet.

A good helmet should fit snugly and cover your child's forehead and the chin strap should fit comfortably around his or her ears, allowing a finger's width between the chin and strap.

When shopping for a bike helmet, look for the ANSI (American National Standards Institute), ASTM (formerly the American Society for Testing Materials), or Snell (Snell Memorial Foundation) sticker of approval.

Helmet prices can range from \$10 to \$250, but a well-ventilated, lightweight and comfortable helmet should cost about \$35.

If your child's helmet ever sustains a substantial hit, replace it. After a serious blow, bike helmets lose their capacity to absorb shock and become useless as a means of protecting your child.

It is your responsibility as a parent to make sure your child is safe every time he or she rides a bike. Don't let them get on a bike without a helmet.

The Children's Health Alert is presented as a public service by this newspaper and TexCare Partnership: connecting Texas families with children's health insurance for \$18 a month or less.

Call 1-800-647-6558 for information or to apply.

Dr. John Hellerstedt is the Medical Director of the Children's Health Insurance Program.



END OF GAME NOTICE

Scratch this batch before they're gone.



On August 30th, 2001, three Texas Lottery instant games will close - Cactus Cash (#150), Seasons Greetings (#119), and Jack O' Lantern Cash (#177). You have until February 26th, 2002, to redeem any winning tickets for this game. You can win up to \$20,000 playing Cactus Cash, up to \$40,000 playing Seasons Greetings, and up to \$1,000 playing Jack O' Lantern Cash. You can claim prizes of up to \$599 at any Texas Lottery retailer. Prizes of \$600 or more are redeemable at one of the 22 Texas Lottery claim centers or by mail. Questions? Call the Texas Lottery Customer Service Line at 1-800-37-LOTTO (1-800-375-6886).



More prizes.
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More fun!

NOTICE: A Scratch Off game may continue to be sold even when all the top prizes have been claimed. For current information on prizes remaining in a Scratch Off game, call 1-800-37-LOTTO. Overall odds of winning any prize in Cactus Cash are 1 in 4.52 including break-even prizes. Overall odds of winning any prize in Seasons Greetings are 1 in 3.32 including break-even prizes. Overall odds of winning any prize in Jack O' Lantern Cash are 1 in 4.56 including break-even prizes. Must be 18 years or older to purchase a ticket. © 2001 Texas Lottery.

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