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Reading Program provides Cool Ideas during Hot Summer Days

Several Borden County students will have a jump start on reading when school begins in August.

Thanks to a special reading program, funded by grant money, three Borden County educators spent Tuesday mornings during the months of June and July working with eleven elementary students.

Mrs. Deidre Smith (kindergarten teacher), Mrs. Paula Miller (first grade teacher), and Mrs. LaNita Avery used team teaching,

combining science and reading projects in their summer curriculum.

"Seeing and being with the students was a highlight for me," said Mrs. Smith. "I have always wanted to encourage reading over the summer and this was the first chance we have ever had to do this."

The students had take-home science and reading backpacks, consisting of at-home activities, books, crayons, and educational

games.

They were also allowed to check out books and laptop computers which gave each the opportunity to record books and enhance their reading skills.

By using team-teaching techniques, the three women were able to do many more hands-on activities with the small group of students.

"Getting to watch and learn from Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Smith and how they interacted with students

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West All-Star Win Big Hensley goes out winner in last high school basketball game

Bekah Hensley, daughter of Randy and Donelle Hensley, will remember her last basketball game for some time.

Not only was she a member of the winning All-Star team, but she scored 8 points and added several assists to help take some of the sting out of last February's season-ending loss to Brookesmith.

The All-Star game, played annually in Lubbock at the end of the Texas

Six-Man Schools Coaches' Clinic, highlights the best of basketball players from across the state.

Hensley, a 2001 graduate of Borden High School and soon-to-be Texas Tech freshman, enjoyed a week of fellowship with players who had once been rivals on the hardcourts.

The West team led by only three points at half-time, but Hensley and teammates pulled away,

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The gang's all here! Summer school reading and science students Sean Tucker, visitor Channing Miller, Jordan Day, Viviana Hernandez, Celina Guerrero, Austin Fields, Valerio Hernandez, Teryn Soto, Austin Tyler, Riley Smith, and Chance Taylor along with teachers Mrs. Deidre Smith and Mrs. Paula Miller.



BHS All-Star Bekah Hensley, front row, far right

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.

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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.

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was a highlight for me," said Mrs. Avery.

Some science themes covered in the summer unit were weather, solids, liquids, gas, life cycles of insects, plants, and colors.

Using all of the science themes, the teachers were able to coordinate the curriculum with such TEKS elements as sequencing, predicting outcomes, and vocabulary enhancement.

"Looking at science from a reading point of view was rewarding," said Mrs. Miller.

Students participating in the program, along with their quotes of favorite things, are listed as follows:

Jordan Day: "Reading was my favorite activity."

Austin Fields: Being able

to get and play on the computers...."

Celina Guerrero: "Being the Very-Hungry Caterpillar and eating more..."

Valerio Hernandez: "Having some fun on the computers...."

Viviana Hernandez: "Reading and playing on the computers...."

Tanner Richey: "Spending time with friends and using the computers...."

Riley Smith: "Mixing colors in the shaving cream and taking home the backpacks..."

Teryn Soto: "Being with friends...."

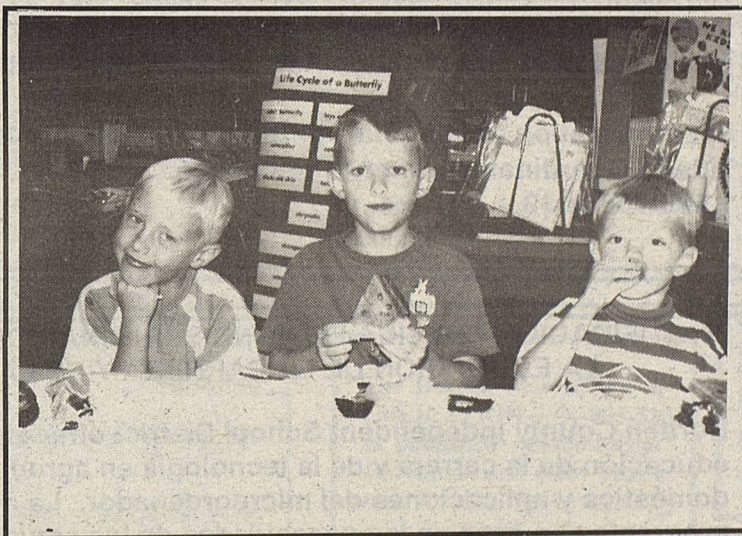
Chance Taylor: "Taking the computers home..."

Sean Tucker: "Spending time with the other kids..."

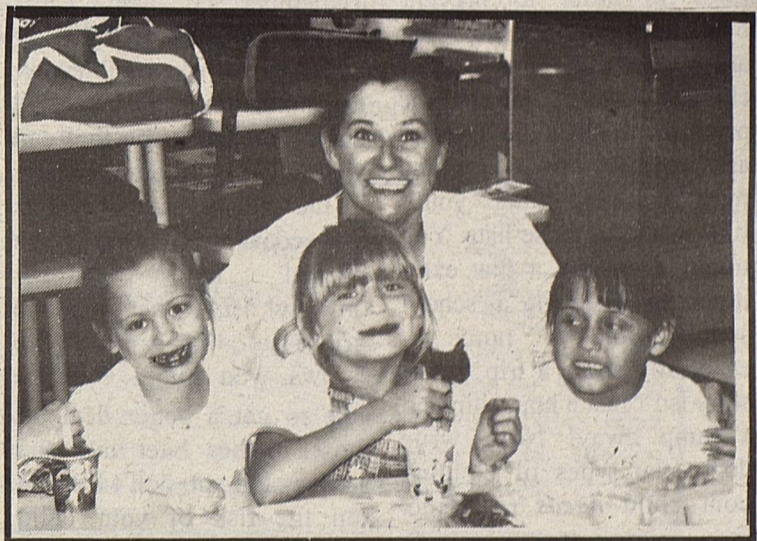
Austin Tyler: "Mixing colors in shaving cream..."



Participating in science and reading projects are Celina Guerrero and Teryn Soto.



One of the best parts of summer school is the food according to Chance Taylor, Riley Smith, and Sean Tucker.



Smile! Jordan Day, Teryn Soto, Celina Guerrero, and Mrs. Avery do just that.

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 BORDEN COUNTY COYOTES VARSITH FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

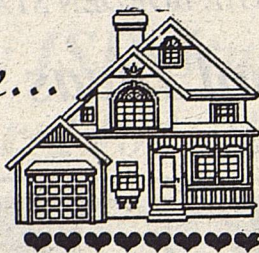
Aug 24, (scrimmage)	Dawson	Here	6:00 p.m.
Aug 30, (scrimmage)	Jayton	There	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 7	Trent	Here	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	Ropes	There	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 21	Sands	There	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	Wellman	Here	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 5	Whitharral	Here	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 12	Loraine	There	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 19	Ira	Here	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 26	Hermleigh	There	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 2	Westbrook	Here	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 9	Highland	There	7:30 p.m.

Head Coach: Bobby Avery

Assistant Coaches: Trey Richey & Mike Floyd

Heart and home...

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



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Back-to-school shopping tips

Wow! It seems like the kids just got out of school, doesn't it? Yet here we are facing a new school year. With the start of school comes the annual back-to-school shopping trip. Every year, the supply and clothing lists seems to get even longer and more expensive, but not to worry. There are several ways to keep things manageable!

First, decide on the amount of money you plan to spend on each child. This will vary from child to child and family to family. It is very important to budget your back-to-school shopping spree in order to prevent overspending. Second, what are the supplies your child(ren) need? Check the paper for the lists the teachers ask you to provide. There may be a few things you'd like to add to those lists. You might even buy a few extra items to keep in a school supply box at home - especially since a trip to the store isn't just a hop, skip and a jump away! Next, write down the types of clothing your child *needs* (example: five pairs jeans, one pair sneakers, four button-down shirts/blouses, etc.) Remember to allow for your child's growth spurts and changes in season, and tastes! Be sure to jot down an estimated price of each item. This will help you with budgeting. You should also have your child(ren) write a list of what clothes they *want*, and you should give these clothes an estimated price as well. This will help you know before hand what types of things your child is looking for, and may help the compromises at the store a little easier to handle.

Most of us have a hard time

saying no to our children when they *really* want a particular clothing item. If this is a problem for you, you may want to let your child know *before* you leave for the mall or department store that you will only buy what your child *needs*. Sometimes a compromise is needed, for instance, you might buy one pair of Tommy Hilfiger jeans, buy the rest will be Levi's.

After you have completed your lists, add up the estimated amounts for each child. Do they match your set budget? If not, you need to go back and work through the lists until they do. Remember, if you can't afford it, you shouldn't buy it! If there is no possible way to make things balance out, decide on the items that can wait until next month, or later in the fall. Sweaters, jackets and coats won't really be needed until October anyway! Buy what you can afford at this time. Who knows, you might even be able to get a better deal on those clothes later into the season, and you don't have to run the risk of your child outgrowing the garments.

If you stick to your list of supplies and clothing articles your child(ren) need, and remember to set a budget and stay within its boundaries, you should be able to manage your back-to-schools shopping spree! And be sure to take advantage of the state sales tax holiday this weekend (Friday, August 3 through Sunday, August 5)!

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

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.

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.



Let Me Get My Hat!

By Dennis Poole,
Borden County CEA-Ag.

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Africanized Honey Bees

In recent weeks Africanized Honey Bees (AHB) have been confirmed in Cochran, Lubbock, Garza, and Hockley counties. The most recent involved an incident in Hockley County where a beekeeper received 50 stings through his protective suit. Two findings were confirmed in Borden County the summer of 1999.

The results of testing showed a very strong Africanization of the Cochran County bees and a moderate Africanization of the Lubbock bees. Currently there is no data to affirm just how far North the AHB may have traveled. The most current aggressive AHB attacks (two confirmed as AHB so far) have involved abandoned or managed commercial beehives. This does not mean that the beekeepers brought in Africanized genes. It may only mean that these perfect bee hotels have been the

places where we first encountered the hybrids. Managed hives are the only place humans interact with bees on purpose. Under managed, unmanaged, and abandoned beehives should now be considered a liability.

In respect to farm and ranch animals, horses are at greater risk as compared to other livestock. AHB cues in on vertebrate breath and stings at the origin of breath. Since horses cannot breath through their mouths, stings to the interior of the nose or muzzle result in swelling, and swelling results in closure of airway and therefore could lead to death without prompt professional care.

If you would like to know more about the AHB or would just like to review more pertinent information, you may visit a website at <http://lubbock.tamu.edu/ahb>.

This website is updated by Dr. Pat Porter, extension Entomologist located at the

Destruction of unharvestable cotton vital to eradication success

Cultural controls are an important part of the boll weevil eradication effort, Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation officials said.

Following sound cultural practices will speed eradication and reduce the cost. Growers need to take special caution to destroy cotton

plants that will not be bought to harvest and to prevent growth of plants in fields that will be planted to another crop.

Producers who fail cotton acres for any reason should destroy the remaining cotton plants in fields thoroughly and as soon as possible.

Weevils will find the cotton left in these fields and use it for feeding and reproduction. The Foundation will need to maintain traps around these fields, check the traps weekly, and have the fields treated if they trigger. This unnecessarily increases the expense of the program, most of which is borne by the grower.

If producers intend to plant acreage to another crop but have not done so, Foundation officials encourage them to do what they can to prevent a new cotton growth or re-growth in these fields.

If producers have already

planted another crop, they are encouraged to do whatever they can to eliminate volunteer cotton growth in these fields.

Weevils will find, feed and reproduce on cotton plants growing in milo, sunflower or peanut fields as well as those growing in cotton fields.

Again, Foundation personnel will have to keep traps around these fields, monitor the weevil activity, and arrange for treatment if trap triggers are met or exceeded.

In all cases, the presence of hostable material in fields allows for increases in weevil populations that may overwinter. This slows the eradication effort the next season, again creating unnecessary expense producers will have to bear.

The cooperation of all producers will be greatly appreciated by Foundation personnel, but more importantly, growers will benefit themselves by eliminating a threat to their crops and saving their hard earned money.

Texas A&M University Agricultural and Extension Center or he may be reached at 806.746.6101.

Should a sting occur, please seek professional help before attempting to eradicate bees. After a professional eradicates the bees please try to collect a sample and place them in alcohol. The bee lab needs the sample to be in 85% alcohol or higher concentration. It is reported that 85% alcohol is not attainable, however, Everclear grain alcohol is 95% alcohol. The sample should contain approximately 1 pint of bees to get an accurate reading.

Have a safe summer and Bee careful!

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 Friday 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

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Are you missing some dishes?



You might check at the Baptist Church. There are several dishes that need to be picked up left from the Rios and Hendricks funerals. Also, they may be there from other funerals, that you may have forgotten about. If your missing some dishes, check to see if they are there.

Have a Great Summer!



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Discovering Harlingen and Places nearby

During a three-day visit to Harlingen, I interviewed 27 people and learned a lot about the city. It's young, as cities go. It was first called Rattlesnake Junction by railroad workers.

By 1904, a post office was established. Because of the many irrigation canals similar to Holland's waterways, the place came to be called Harlingen, named for a city in the Netherlands.

The city became an important military center and a trade and transportation hub.

Harlingen is home to the original Iwo Jima Memorial, the working model from which the bronze statue in Arlington, Virginia was cast. It was donated to the city by the sculptor.

Harlingen has about three flocks of parrots, green with

red heads, that fly over the city. Birds of all types have become a huge tourist attraction. Harlingen has a birding festival in the fall that attracts visitors from all over the world.

The city has two walking trails and a state of the art airport that serves the entire Rio Grande Valley

Harlingen is filled with people who have a strong sense of community and a wonderful sense of humor.

Bill DeBrooke made some money renting videos and started buying downtown buildings. He now owns a dozen or so. One of them houses his collections of trains, Tonka toys, batteries, fountain pens, cameras, toasters, signs and millions of other items.

G. Milton Jones, a pioneer

in air conditioning huge farm equipment, has an outstanding collection of Studebakers.

Enrique Ornelas owns the la Especial Bakery in nearby San Benito. His brick ovens, with an arched ceiling, cooks cow heads and breads. It is a popular place with a long line of customers every morning

John Houston f Rio Hondo has the Texas Air Museum, which features aircraft and vehicles from all wars.

Billy Snyder builds serenity gardens and takes people on trips to see butterflies and dragon flies.

Normah Knight is an artist who has painted several murals in Harlingen. The city is planning to expand its murals and develop a mural park.

Gordon Hill is a water engineer who has two famous grandfathers: Lon C. Hill, the man who founded the town and Tom Mix, the star of radio and movie westerns.

Within forty-five minutes of Harlingen is South Padre Island, a small city which has become a booming resort area in the last 25 years. George and Scarlet Colley will take you out to see some dolphins.

Fishing and hunting are big around Harlingen, a city of fifty-nine thousand people. I'll go back there.

TDH urging screening of all children for lead poisoning

Corral any group of 25 preschoolers and at least one child probably will have a level of lead in his or her body high enough to cause concern. That's a general idea about the problem in this state.

But the Texas Department of Health (TDH) wants to have more comprehensive picture of the extent of lead poisoning in children, for prevention and treatment purposes. So in January TDH began asking all health care providers to give a blood lead test to every child at 12 months and 24 months of age and report all results to TDH.

"In 1998, about 6 percent of Texas children under the age of 15 had a blood lead test, with about 4 percent of those tested showing elevated blood lead levels," said Teresa Willis, administrator of the Texas Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at TDH. "That means as many as 191,000 children in the state may have elevated blood lead levels."

Poisoning occurs when there is too much lead in the body. Lead is especially bad for children 6 and younger because it is absorbed so easily by their small bodies. Youngsters may eat or

breathe in lead from such things as paint, dust, drinking water, soil, toys or eating and drinking utensils. Many people may not realize that lead is around them because they cannot see it, taste it or smell it.

"We want health care providers and parents to understand how important we think this screening is for children," Willis said. "Even small amounts of lead can harm a child's brain, kidneys, and stomach. Lead poisoning can slow a child's development, leading to learning disabilities, hyperactivity and impaired hearing."

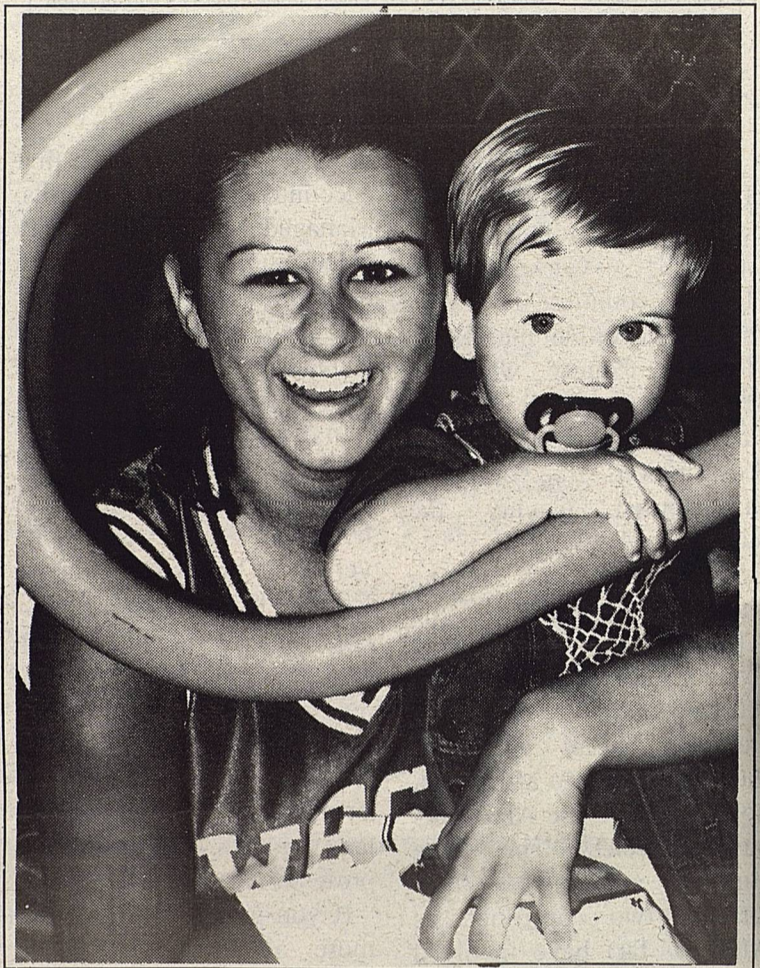
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thanks to some three-point shooting. Hensley added one of those herself.

Though Hensley's

official basketball playing days are over, she can now claim a victory at the end of her high school career.



Bekah and number one fan Brandon Paul Avery after the game

If caught early, however, these harmful effects can be limited by reducing a child's exposure to lead or by medical treatment.

A 1996 state law mandated the reporting of blood lead test results to the TDH Child Lead Registry, but even that reporting does not provide enough data to spot which children are at risk for lead poisoning or where they live. So TDH, working with an advisory group, put together a two-year plan that includes the screening recommendations.

TDH will give quarterly feedback to health care providers during the two-year period. "At the end of that tie, we will have put together a summary of the data and recommend final lead screening guidelines," Willis said.

Data from screenings also will be used to identify communities where people are at high risk for lead poisoning.

It sometimes is difficult to spot children affected by lead poisoning. "A child may have lead poisoning and not feel sick," Willis said. "Or a child may have general symptoms such as stomachaches, headaches, a poor appetite, trouble sleeping or be cranky, tired or restless."

Among the sources of lead are peeling or chipping paint in homes built before 1978, dust from sanding or removing old paint and wallpaper and soil near a major highway that may be contaminated from years of leaded fuels. Other sources are industries that used lead, old water pipes made of lead

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Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 9th day of July, 2001, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in regular 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; ERNEST REYES, 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 the posted agenda:

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting of June 25, 2001 at 9:30 a.m. and at 3:00 p.m. were read. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaacs. Motion was approved unanimously.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined and Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve and pay said

accounts. Commissioner Lemons seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

Borden County Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas visited with the Court concerning the new houses. The new School houses will be needing new or improved streets and the water system will need to be upgraded. The School is asking for these upgrades. The County asked for plans of the new sub-division to be approved and filed.

BORDEN COUNTY TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Joel Terry McCright with the Borden County Texas Department of Transportation discussed with the Court the location of supplies designated for County use.

COUNTY FEE ON VEHICLES

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to NOT COLLECT the optional county road and bridge fee for the year 2001 that can be collected on each vehicle registered in the County. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

COUNTY BUDGET

Budget work session was held for precincts 1,2,3, and 4.

BORDEN COUNTY COURTHOUSE GROUNDS

The water system for the Courthouse ground was discussed. An improvement on the system and price of repairs and/or new system will be studied.

ADJOURN

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

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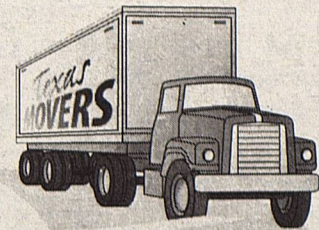
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- ▶ Collect at least 60 cents per pound, per item from the mover for damaged goods.

Sources: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us) and the Texas Department of Transportation.

2001-2002 Borden County ISD School Calendar

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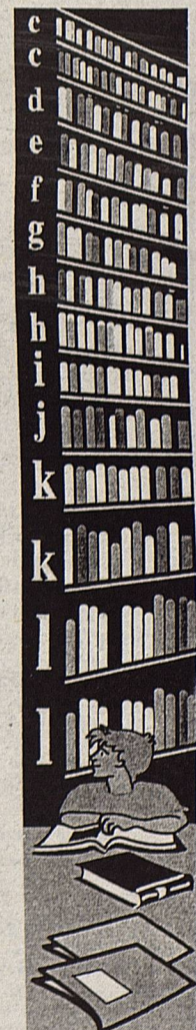
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Key

- School Days
- Weather Days
- Holidays
- Workdays
- Staff Development

- Holidays**
- Sept. 3
 - Oct. 8
 - Nov. 21, 22, 23
 - Dec. 20-31
 - Jan. 1, 2
 - Jan. 11
 - Feb. 22 & 25
 - Mar. 11-15
 - April 1
 - April 26
 - May 10

Teacher Workdays

- June 7
- Aug. 15
- Aug. 16
- Aug. 17
- Dec. 19
- June 1

Bad Weather Days

- April 26
- May 13

TDH urging screening

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or newer fixtures with lead solder, food grown in lead-contaminated soil, food stored in some glazed pottery or in open cans or leaded glass; bullets and fishing sinkers, hobbies that use lead such as stained glass and some fold remedies.

In addition, a pregnant woman can pass lead on to her developing baby. To protect children from exposure:

- Have children wash their hands and face after playing outside and before eating or sleeping.
- Clean bottle and pacifier nipples each time they fall on the ground.
- Wash infant and toddler toys often. Be cautious. Toys, especially those made in another country,

may use lead-based paints or dyes.


- Do not use hot water that may flow through leaded pipes or pipes soldered with lead for cooking or preparing drinks or infant formula.
- Check your home for chipping and peeling paint and paint dust.

- Place duct tape over loose paint or plaster for a temporary covering. Call your local health department or the TDH Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at 1-800-588-1248 for information on safe ways to remove paint, plaster and wallpaper.

"You can't tell if your child has lead poisoning unless he

or she is given a blood test," Willis said. "We are encouraging parents to have their children tested at 12 months and 24 months, especially if they believe their children are at risk for lead poisoning. It takes only 10 minutes but could make a lifetime of difference."

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2001 **Property Tax Rates in** Borden County

This notice concerns 2001 property tax rates for Borden County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 928,417	\$ 0	\$ 0
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 928,417	\$ 0	\$ 0
Last year's tax base	\$ 211,003,916	\$ 0	\$ 0
Last year's total tax rate	\$.44/\$100	\$ 0/\$100	\$ 0/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 928,417	\$ 0	\$ 0
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 303,337,986	\$ 0	\$ 0
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$.306066/\$100	\$ 0/\$100	\$ 0/\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$.306066/\$100		
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$.31524 /\$100		

In the first year a county collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0 /\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$.306066/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 928,417	\$ 0	\$ 0
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 303,337,986	\$ 0	\$ 0
= This year's effective operating rate	\$.306066/\$100	\$ 0/\$100	\$ 0/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.330551/\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0 /\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.330551/\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.33055 /\$100		

A county that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$.33055 /\$100

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

+ Additional rate for pollution control	\$ 0 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$.33055 /\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Borden County adopts a 2001 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.306066 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2000 taxes by \$ 537.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Jury	\$17,516.00
General	\$216,623.00
Officer's Salary	\$135.00
Permanent Improvement	\$32,270.00
Road & Bridge	\$98,810.00
Precinct 1	\$2,776.00
Precinct 2	\$42,750.00
Precinct 3	\$155,461.00
Precinct 4	\$123,100.00

Schedule B - 2001 Debt Service N/A

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax N/A

Schedule D - State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)

The County Auditor certifies that Borden County has spent \$ 1200.00 in the previous 12 months beginning January 1, 2000, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Borden County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Schedule E - Transfer of Department, Function or Activity N/A

Schedule F - Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures

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

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

Name of person preparing this notice Van L. York

Title County Judge

Date prepared 7/27/01