



The Area called Far West Texas

the real west. It's a place where cowboys take a Sunday ride on horseback right through downtown. Where ranch neighbors meet at a dirt crossroads on Saturday night and dance under the stars to the music of pickup radios. Where the paltry amount of annual rainfall comes in the form of violent storms. Where folks are tough as shoe leather but warm and friendly, hospitable courteous. Where families cling to the land where their ancestors lived. Where students go to college in Alpine to learn rodeo skills and hear cowboy poetry. Where turkey vultures spread their wings to sun themselves in the heat of the day.

It is known as The Trans Pecos, The Big Bend. The Marfa highlands. The Texas Mountain country. It is basically desert, sky and mountain.

For some people living in remote mountain areas, it is a ninety-mile trip to the

It is a place with the feel of grocery store, gas station, he real west. It's a place bank or post office. There cowboys take a Electricity and telephone are unday ride on horseback fairly new and are never taken for granted. Man's hold on the region is far from secure. Abandoned homes in aturday night and dance aturday night and dance the stars to the music one place in Texas where you altry amount of annual can live like a pioneer.

The Rio Grande River communities of Redford and Presidio are farther from a commercial airport than anywhere else in the lower 48 states. Presidio County has the hottest and coolest spots in Texas on a given day. Presidio is hot, Marfa is cool.

The school at Candelaria recently got bathrooms. Some of the kids had never seen a flush toilet. "They used to go to the outhouse," says teacher Johnnie Chambers. I guess you'd call that a room with a path.

Residents of Salt Flat, near Guadalupe Peak play golf on the salt, using colored golf balls. Ad agencies in New York call on Dell City for

Renewals of Registered Brands

Every ten years Texas livestock producers are required by law to renew their brands and earmarks if they intend to continue using them. This is in accordance with Article 144.044 of the Agriculture Code. There is a six-month period (August 30, 2001 through February 28, 2002) in which to register these brands and marks and the location on the animals which are currently being used. All brands that have not been renewed will become "void" on March 1, 2002 and available for the general public.

The recording fee will be \$11.00 per brand per location.

The Clerks Office will begin the process of renewals of brands on Thursday, August 30, 2001 and will continue through February 28, 2002.

tumbleweeds, which are shipped out in giant boxes. People in Sanderson cure arthritis with a piece of bark from a palo azul tree. Make tea with it and the water turns blue.

Tourism is the backbone of the region now. Thousands flock to Terlingua in the fall for the international chilicooking contest (humorist H. Allen Smith called Terlingua the only place on earth where

Commissioner Combs announces town hall meetings to discuss Agricultural Issues

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture will host a series of town hall meetings in September and October throughout the state. Commissioner Combs will meet with farmers, ranchers, rural economic development and community leaders and rural citizens to discuss issues that are affecting the agricultural industry and rural Texas.

The Martin county town hall meeting will be at 3 p.m. on Thursday, September 6th at the County Courthosue, 301 North Howard, Stanton. The meeting is free and open to the public from Martin and surrounding counties.

"I want to hear firsthand contact John Mcl what's on the minds of the Producer Relation farmers, ranchers, citizens at (512)463-4879

Agriculture Commissioner and leaders of our rural Susan Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture will host a series of town hall meetings in September and October throughout the state. Com-

"Rural Texas and agriculture is vital to the entire state and by working together we can address issues such as water, marketing, federal initiatives, rural economic development and drought," Combs said. "By letting us know what you need or want, we can address these issues and concerns together to ensure that rural Texas and agriculture thrives."

For more information on the TDA town hall meeting, contact John McFerrin, TDA Producer Relations specialist, at (512)463-4879.

MEETING PLANNED

BCJLA General Membership Meeting will be held on Tues. - Sept. 4th at 7:00 p.m in the Community Room in Gail

a disaster wouldn't be noticed). Tourist go swimming in Balmorhea or

visit the only two National parks in Texas, Guadaulpe

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PARENTS CLUB NEWS

New Parents Club officers were elected last week during the first Parents Club meeting held on Monday, Aug. 20th. The officers elected are as follows:

President: Jana Underwood Vice Pres.: Tammy Valentine Treasurer: Lee Roberts Reporter: Brandi Brooks

Room mothers were selected during the meeting, they are as follows:

Kindergarten: Cindy Massingill Shawn and Crawford. First Grade: Hayley Richey and Charla Soto. Second Grade: Amber Third Taylor. Grade: Donnelle Hensley, Tammy Valentine and Hayley Grade: Richey. Fourth Peggy Pigford, Tammy Bland

and Kelly Dear. Fittn Grade: Holly Benavidez, and Cindy Massingill. Sixth Grade: Carol Wilson and Wallace. Seventh Grade: Amy Cowart and Kelly Dear. Eighth Grade: Peggy Pigford and Brandi Brooks. Ninth Grade: Carol Wilson and Kip Wallace. Tenth Grade: Brandi Brooks and Sherry Gass. Eleventh Grade: Shelby Shipp and Patti Ellison.

next The Meeting is scheduled for follows: Thursday, September 13th 5 p.m. at the Community Building in Gail. Everyone try to attend.

Homecoming Dance

will be held in the Showbarn from the end of the game until 1 a.m., September 28th. We need donations to pay for the DJ and snacks. You can

The Homecoming Dance leave your donations at the Coyote Store or call Joe Zant @ 915/399-4347, evenings or 915-263-8344 daytime. Any contributions would greatly be appreciated.



Breaking Free Women's Bible Study

By Beth Moore

First Baptist Church - Gail

Begins, Sunday, Sept. 9th 4:45 p.m. All ladies welcome! Sign up by calling Hayley 756-4417 or Debra 756-4364 Cost: \$12.95 for book Deadline, Friday, August 31st,

School has Started!

Be careful and Watch Out for the Children!

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Aten selected to receive Scholarship

William Ross Aten, a 2001 graduate of Borden High School, has been awarded a scholarship by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

Aten received a Carl B. and Florence, E. King Foundation

Fall Festival

The Fall Festival will be Donnell Hensley. Twelfth held on October 27th from Grade: Brenda Copeland and 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the County Showbarn.

Booths that have been Tentative chosen for the grades are as

Kindergarten: N/A; First grade: Treasure Dig; Second grade: N/A; Third grade: Plinko & Baseball; Fourth grade: N/A; Fifth grade: Basketball & Football throw; Sixth grade: Roping/Golf; Seventh grade: Raffle & Video; Eighth grade: Ring Toss; Ninth grade: Turkey grade: Shoot; Tenth Haunted House; Eleventh grade: Pie Walk; Twelfth grade: Concession Stand;

4-H: Cake Walk. If you would like to help contact your child's room mother.

School Menu Week of:

September 3rd - 7th MONDAY:

NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY: Beef & bean burrito, potato wedges, salad, fruit & milk. Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, fruit juice &

WEDNESDAY: Fish, blackeyes peas, French fries, hush puppies, ice cream, & milk Breakfast: Sausage gravy, biscuits, juice & milk.

THURSDAY: Chicken strips, potatoes, green beans, hot fruit, & milk. rolls, Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, fruit juice & milk.

FRIDAY: Sub Sandwich, salad cup, chips, brownie & milk.

Breakfast: Egg & Cheese on English muffin, juice & milk.

have participated in the or university in Texas. University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular

This year the TILF awarded 445 new awards and will Scholarship in the amount of renew approximately 250 \$12,000., payable \$1,500 awards for a total of 695 each semester for four years. scholarships for 2001-02 with This year the King an approximate value of Foundation awarded a total of \$1,334,000. Recipients may 13 grants to students who attend any approved college

> Aten plans to attend Abilene Christina University and major in electrical engineering. Ross is the son of Bill and Donna Aten of Post.



achievement.

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2001 BORDEN COUNTY COYOTE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Aug 24, (scrimmage)	Dawson	Here	6:00 p.m.
Aug 31, (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

2001 JR. HIGH and JR. VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 13	Ropes	Here	JH & JV	6:00 & 7:30
Sept. 20	Sands	Here	JH & JV	6:00 & 7:30
Sept. 27	Wellman	There	JH & JV	6:00 & 7:30
Oct. 4	Highland	Here	JH & JV	6:00 & 7:30
Oct. 11	Loraine	Here	ЛН	6:00
	New Home	There	JV	7:30
Oct. 18	Ira	There	JH & JV	6:00 & 7:30
Oct. 25	Hermleigh	Here	ЛН	6:00
	Highland	Here	JV	7:30
Nov. 1	Westbrook	There	JH	6:00
	Ira	There	JV	7:30

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Mountains and Big Bend. McDonald Observatory in Fort Davis is where people from all over the world go to study the stars. The Post office at Valentine gets thousands of letters every February to be postmarked and mailed to lovers. Judge Roy Bean ran his courtroom and saloon in Langtry, where Rio Grande canyons look like Hawaii when rains create waterfalls. Some thirsty people wet their Whistle at the Girvin Society Club.

It is an area where doctors are scarce and curnaderos heal the sick. Marfa folks still talk about the time Giant was filmed there and the stars ate at the Paisano hotel. The mining town of Van Horn has

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a population of less than 3,000 but has numerous hotels and restaurants

because it is the first town of consequence west of the junction of Interstates 10 and 20.

The deepest gas wells in the world were drilled around Fort Stockton, now becoming known as a grape growing

area. Pecos is famous for rodeos and cantaloupes. The Trans Pecos is an interesting place.

Thanks Unto God For You!

Thank you so much to my friends in Borden County for your prayers, and calls,

And for the love you shared.

Two months in the hospital and home in bed. I'm recovering now and will soon be back to normal.

Jesus is my strength, and holds my hand.

God Bless You,

Clifton Igo

New Rules and Regulations for the Gail Cemetery

Please do not do any new curbing without checking at the Courthouse or call 806/756-5346 or 806/759-5537

Cemetery Committee

Mammography Unit to be in Gail October 5th, 2001

The Texas Tech Mobile Mammography Unit will be in Gail on Friday, October 5th. If you are interested in having a Mammography, please call 1-800-222-8388. A minimum of 20 people are needed to be scheduled for that day. Please call early to help make this Clinic a success

Thank You, Kim Thomas Borden Co. ISD, School Nurse

BORDEN COUNTY ISD 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 employee health insurance coverage for the 2001-2002 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 "Employee Health Insurance Bid". Proposals will be received up to but no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, September 14, 2001. Bids will be opened and read as they are received. Proposals will be tabulated, researched, and selected by the Board of Trustees or its designee as appropriate. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

The Borden County ISD Board of Trustees or its designee 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 ithomas@esc17.net; or by calling 806/756-4313. Transmissions by fax may be sent to 806/756-4310.

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF Borden

Order Creating a Justice Court Technology Fund and establishing the Technology Fee, Pursuant to Article 102.0173 Code of Criminal Procedure

The Commissioners Court of <u>Borden</u> County hereby adopts the following order, pursuant to Article 102.0173, Code of Criminal Procedure.

- A justice court technology fund is created to finance the purchase of technological enhancements of the justice court. All court costs collected under this order shall be maintained in the justice court technology fund in the county treasury, subject to expenditure by the commissioners court as permitted by law.
- 2. Upon conviction or deferred disposition of an offense committed on or after September 1, 2001, the justice court shall collect a technology fee of \$4.00 for deposit in the justice court technology fund.

Read and adopted by a vote of <u>4</u> ayes and <u>0</u> nays this <u>27th</u> day of <u>August</u>, 2001.

Van Lyab County Judge

Jayca Herridge,

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)
District: Abilene

Contract 6055-02-001 for BRIDGE REPAIR in HOWARD County, etc. will be opened on September 27, 2001 at 3:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$194,718.60.

Plans and specification are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Pre-qualified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit pre-qualification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Pre-qualification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 4456

State Office

Construction Division 200E. Riverside Dr. Austin, Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540

District Office(s) Abilene District District Engineer

4250 N. Clack Abilene, Texas 79601 Phone: 915/676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

Heart and home ...

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



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Your Child's Backpack-How Heavy is too Heavy?

In one year alone, nearly 13,000 school-age children visited physician's offices, clinics, and emergency rooms for injuries related to excessively heavy backpacks, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

In many schools, tight security or time limits keep students from going to their lockers between classes, and some schools have actually done away with lockers. The result is that students have to carry all their books and supplies for the entire day, every day.

Overloaded, heavy backpacks can cause muscle fatigue and strain, and can contribute to poor posture and excessive slouching.

Orthopedic surgeons who participated in a survey conducted by the American

Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons recommended these guidelines for using backpacks:

- A backpack's weight should not be greater than 20% of your child's body weight. The weight should be even less for a young child.
- Choose a backpack with wide, padded straps and a padded back, and a hip strap for heavier weights.
- ✓ Use both of the backpack's straps, firmly tightened, to hold the pack 2 inches above the waist.
- ✓ Place the heaviest items closest to the back.
- Consider purchasing a backpack with wheels, or a second set of books for home.

Source: <u>Health Connection,</u> Covenant Health System, Spring 2001

BCJLA General Membership Meeting

There will be a meeting for the general membership of the Borden County Junior Livestock Association on Tuesday, September 4, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room. We will provide an update on the 2002 Borden County Stock Show (dates, judges, classifier, and the addition of the Meat Goat Division) and the swine and lamb wash rack. We will also be electing directors. Directors that are up for re-election include Monte Smith and Gary Stipe. Anyone interested in running for director should contact BCJLA Chairman Sid Hart. We hope to see you at the meeting Tuesday!

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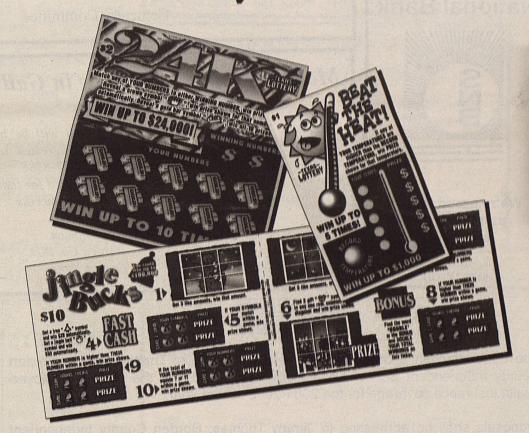
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and up to \$100,000 playing prizes of up to \$599 at any \$600 or more are redeemable claim centers or by mail. Lottery Customer Service Line at

\$1,000 playing Beat the Heat Jingle Bucks. You can claim Texas Lottery retailer. Prizes of at one of the 22 Texas Lottery Questions? Call the Texas 1-800-37-LOTTO(1-800-375-6886).

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Open Computer Lab Beginning September 10th!

The computer lab at Borden County School will be open to the community on Monday nights from 6:00-8:30.

If you...



...are an experienced user and have a project you'd like some help with!

...are a new user and want to try out a computer!

...would like to surf the net with extra speed for some information!

...want to try digital photography!
...have an idea to share!

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