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Texas Stories

A showcase of the Texas Spirit

Tumbleweed Smith
Part owner of Texas



The Area called Far West Texas

It is a place with the feel of 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 and 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

grocery store, gas station, bank or post office. Electricity and telephone are fairly new and are never taken for granted. Man's hold on the region is far from secure. Abandoned homes in the area declare the frailty of human presence there. It is one place in Texas where you 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 chili-cooking 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 Courthouse, 301 North Howard, Stanton. The meeting is free and open to the public from Martin and surrounding counties.

"I want to hear firsthand what's on the minds of the farmers, ranchers, citizens

and leaders of our rural communities," Combs said. "I want to know about issues affecting them, Their families and their community and to hear their ideas and solutions for the future."

"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, Guadalupe

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

and Kelly Dear. **Fifth Grade:** Holly Benavidez, and Cindy Massingill.
Sixth Grade: Carol Wilson and Kip 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 Donnell Hensley.
Twelfth Grade: Brenda Copeland and Patti Ellison.

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

Homecoming Dance

The 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

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,

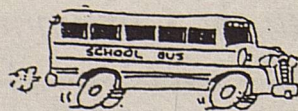
School has Started!

Be careful and Watch Out for the Children!

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BACK TO SCHOOL

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 held on October 27th from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the County Showbarn.

Booths that have been chosen for the grades are as follows:

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 Shoot; **Tenth grade:** 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 & milk.

WEDNESDAY: Fish, black-eyes peas, French fries, hush puppies, ice cream, & milk **Breakfast:** Sausage gravy, biscuits, juice & milk.

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



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

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

Scholarship in the amount of \$12,000., payable \$1,500 each semester for four years. This year the King Foundation awarded a total of 13 grants to students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement.

This year the TILF awarded 445 new awards and will renew approximately 250 awards for a total of 695 scholarships for 2001-02 with an approximate value of \$1,334,000. Recipients may attend any approved college or university in Texas.

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

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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	JH	6:00
	New Home	There	JV	7:30
Oct. 18	Ira	There	JH & JV	6:00 & 7:30
Oct. 25	Hermleigh	Here	JH	6:00
	Highland	Here	JV	7:30
Nov. 1	Westbrook	There	JH	6:00
	Ira	There	JV	7:30

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Heart and home...

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



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

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: *Health Connection, Covenant Health System, Spring 2001*

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!

Come Join Us!

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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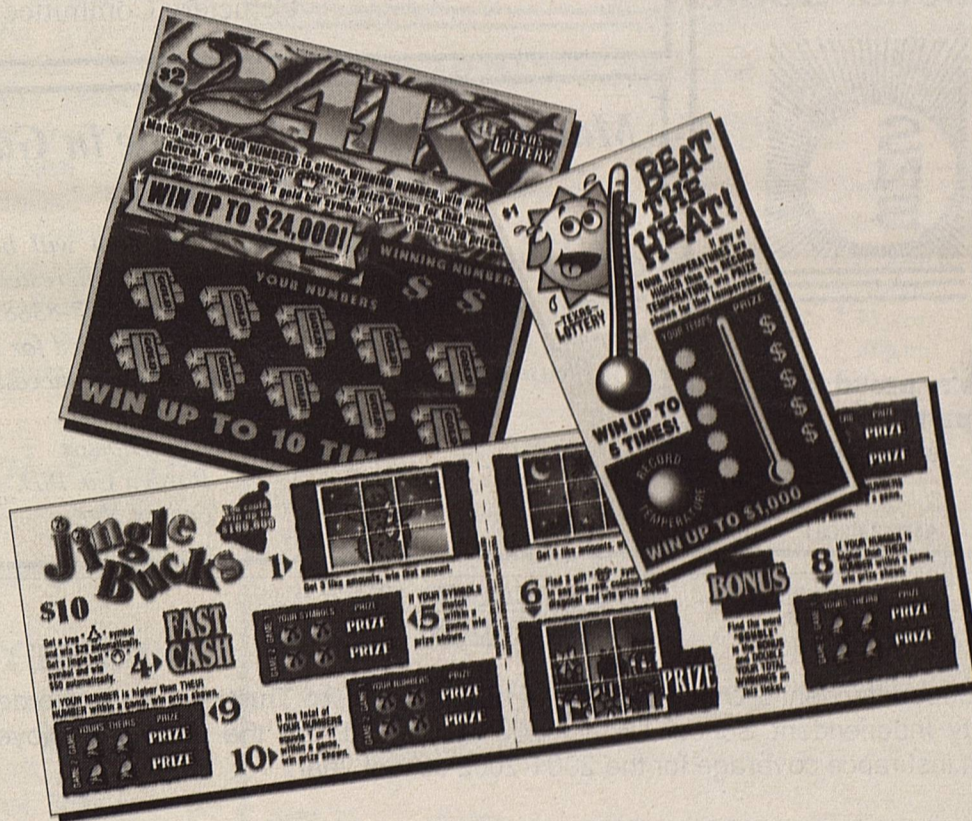
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END OF GAME NOTICE

Play 'em while you can.



On September 30th, 2001, three Texas Lottery instant games will close - 24 K (#211), Beat the Heat (#216) and Jingle Bucks (#224). You have until March 29th, 2002, to redeem any winning tickets for this game. You can win up to \$24,000 playing 24K, up to \$1,000 playing Beat the Heat and up to \$100,000 playing Jingle Bucks. You can claim prizes of up to \$599 at any \$600 or more are redeemable claim centers or by mail. Lottery Customer Service Line at



More prizes.
More winners.
More fun!

at one of the 22 Texas Lottery Questions? Call the Texas Lottery Customer Service Line at 1-800-37-LOTTO (1-800-375-6886).

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 24K are 1 in 3.63 including break-even prizes. Overall odds of winning any prize in Beat the Heat are 1 in 4.82 including break-even prizes. Overall odds of winning any prize in Jingle Bucks are 1 in 2.46 including break-even prizes. Must be 18 years or older to purchase a ticket. © 2001 Texas Lottery.