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January is National Volunteer Blood Donor Month

Community Blood Drive Set

January is National Volunteer Blood Donor Month, and to help make sure an adequate supply of blood is available. Gail Community is joining with United Blood Services to conduct a community blood drive from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Friday, January 11 at the Borden County Show Barn. As a special thank you for donating blood, We will give a newly designed T-shirt.

More than 45,000 units of blood were used at local hospitals last year. Blood and more blood products are used by people suffering from

cancer, heart disease, severe anemia, and bone and joint disorders. It is also needed by those injured in automobile and other accidents. Nationally, about four million ill and injured patients need blood transfusions each year.

President George W. Bush recognized the importance of blood donation in his official proclamation designating January as National Volunteer Blood Donor Month.

According to Rhonda Teal of United Blood Services,

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Dennis Files for Commissioner Race

Joel Dennis has filed to run for the position of Commissioner of Precinct 4 in Borden County. Joel grew up in Borden County, attended San Angelo College, graduated from Texas Tech and has a Master's from Stephens F. Austin State University.

After teaching at Union, then DeSoto, where he served his last two years as a Principal, Joel returned to Borden County to enter the ranch business.

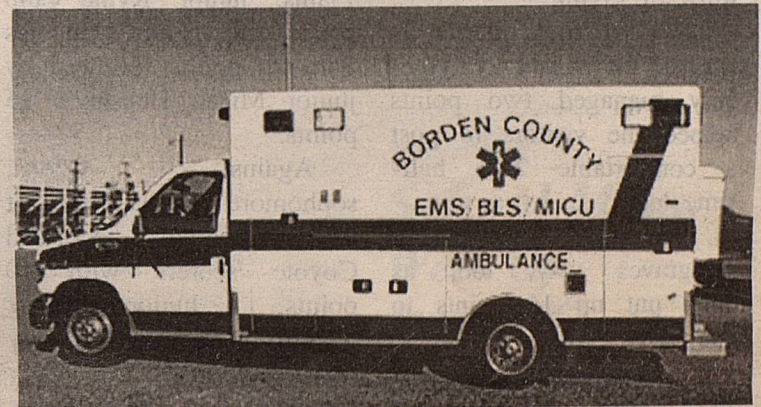
He recently retired after

serving 15-years on the School Board and as a member of the Borden County Appraisal Board. Joel worked with 4-H shooting sports for 6 years. He also filmed sports and other events for the Borden County Schools for over 20-years.

He feels his varied business and volunteer experiences make him very qualified to serve Borden County as Commissioner and will appreciate your vote and support in the March Primary Election.

BC EMS Receives New Ambulance

Borden County EMS has been short handed as far as ambulances were concerned since October, when the 1987 ambulance caught fire and burned. This was a concern for the BC EMS because when the Borden County EMS leaves to take a patient to Lubbock, the ambulance is out of the county and therefore, out of commission for up to five hours. If during this time, another Borden County resident was in need of ambulance service, Snyder EMS or one of the other surrounding services would



have to be called which lengthens response time considerably.

Before the loss of the ambulance, Mike Valentine,

President of BC EMS applied for a Texas Department of Health grant to help with the purchase of a new

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2002 Borden County Jr. Livestock Show January 10th, 11th & 12th



Thursday, January 10th
Steer Show – 6:00 p.m.



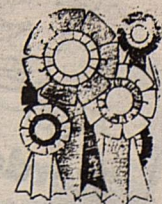
Friday, January 11th
Lamb Show – 8:00 a.m.
Goat Show – (following Lamb Show)
Swine Show – (following Goat Show)



Saturday, January 12th
Complimentary Ranch Breakfast
7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.



Awards Ceremony – 9:00 a.m.
Premium Sale – 9:30 a.m.



Everyone is invited to attend the 2002 BCJLA Stock Show!

Boys go overtime with State Football Champs Whitharral;
Copeland Named to Girls' All-Tournament Team

Consolation Title Goes to Lady Coyotes in Sundown Tournament

Borden High School's Lady Coyotes won three games after an opening-round defeat to eventual champion Seagraves to bring home the consolation trophy from the Roughneck Holiday Tournament in Sundown December 27-29.

Coach Bobby Avery and girls faced a talented Seagraves team at 10 a.m. two days after Christmas and found that Seagraves was not in the holiday spirit of giving.

A cold first quarter in which the Lady Coyotes only managed two points helped the visitors to post a comfortable 24-6 half-time lead.

The third quarter went Seagraves way, too, as they put up 16 points to the Lady Coyotes 6.

Seagraves took the 46-17 game and went the distance in the tournament,

defeating host Sundown Saturday for the championship trophy.

Meanwhile, the Lady Coyotes worked their way back, taking wins over Plains, perennial 2-A power Ozona, and Lubbock Christian High School.

The 3-1 tournament record earned BHS the Consolation title in final tournament play of the year.

In the 61-30 win over Plains, junior Kyliya Culp paced the Lady Coyotes with 20 points followed by junior Micah Hensley's 15 points.

Against Ozona, sophomore Shayla Gass hit two 3-pointers to lead Coyote scorers with 10 points. Junior Bobbie Kempf followed closely with 8 points. The Lady Coyotes won this game, 36-22.

In the hard-fought 55-50 win over LCHS, three Lady Coyotes hit in double-figures.

Bobbie Kempf was perfect at the free-throw line (5-of-5) to help her score 13 points. Senior Rika Copeland also finished with 13 points, and junior Dalene Kempf contributed 11.

BHS 2 4 6 5 17
Seagraves 14 10 16 6 46
Gass (2 pts.), Rodriguez (1 pt.); Culp (3 pts.); Hensley (4 pts.); Arellanos (2 pts.); B Kempf (3 pts.); D. Kempf (2 pts.)...also playing were Cassidy Rinehart, Rika Copeland, Emily Mayes

BHS 17 17 16 11 61
Plains 4 9 9 8 30
Rodriguez (2 pts.); Culp (20 pts.); Rinehart (6 pts.); Hensley (15 pts.); Arellanos (1 pt.); B. Kempf (7 pts.); D. Kempf (5 pts.); Copeland



Lady Coyotes: (L. to R.) Coach Bobby Avery, Carolina Arellanos, Dalene Kempf, Bobbie Kempf, Shayla Gass, Rika Copeland, Micah Hensley, Pati Rodriguez, Emily Mayes, Kyliya Culp, April Bouressa, (manager) and Cassidy Rinehart.

(5 pt.s)...also seeing action **BHS** 8 15 14 18 55
Shayla Gass, Emily Mayes **LCHS** 12 13 13 12 50

BHS 9 4 11 12 36
Ozona 9 2 8 3 22
Gass (10 pts.); Rodriguez (5 pts.); Rinehart (2 pts.); Hensley (5 pts.); Arellanos (7 pts.); B. Kempf (8 pts.); D. Kempf (1 pt.); Copeland (3 pts.) also playing, Emily Mayes

Gass (6 pts.); Rodriguez (2 pts.); Rinehart (1 pt.); Hensley (5 pts.); Arellanos (4 pts.); B. Kempf (13 pts.); D. Kempf (11 pts.); Copeland (13 pts.)...also playing Emily Mayes; out with ankle injury—Kyliya Culp

Boys Defeat Seagraves in Tourney Play; Drop thriller to Whitharrel

The side stories from the boys' bracket of the Sundown Tournament are that the guys finished with a 1-2 record, winning over Seagraves 46-39, and losing to Plains 70-46.

But, the highlight of the tournament had to be the second-round game against this year's State

Six-Man Football team, the Whitharral Panthers.

The Coyotes led the entire game against the athletic Panthers, but last second 3-pointers in both regulation and overtime changed the complexion of the game.

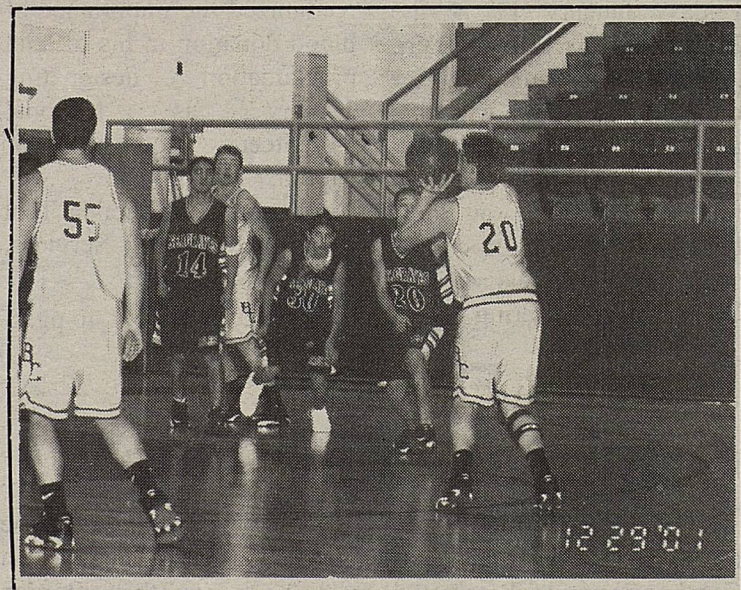
At the end of regulation play, BHS and

WHS were tied at 38 after Panther Charley Harley hit a trey to make it 38-38, sending the game into another four minutes of play.

In overtime, both teams battled to a 44-44 tie with only 2.8 seconds remaining.

On a cross-court inbound pass to Harley—the player who had scored only 6 points before the start of the fourth quarter—the Panther took the pass, shot, and hit nothing but net to seal the 47-44 win for Whitharral.

BHS 5 11 15 15 46
Plains 20 13 15 22 70
Griffin (8 pts.); Pinkerton (4 pts.); Pepper (11 pts.); Sharp (9 pts.); Nowlain (5 pts.); Zant (4 pts.); Carter (5 pts.)...also playing, T.C. Stipe and Brionne Jackson



Brionne Jackson takes aim, as other Coyotes wait for rebound.

BHS 11 12 3 12 (6) 44
WHS 7 11 6 14 (9) 47

Griffin (11 pts.); Pinkerton (6 pts.); Jackson (8 pts.); Pepper (8 pts.); Sharp (4 pts.); Nowlain (6 pts.); Zant (1 pt.)...also seeing action, T. C. Stipe, Adam Carter

BHS 6 13 14 13 46
SHS 9 4 11 15 39

Griffin (3 pts.); Pinkerton (10 pts.); Jackson (3 pts.); Pepper (17 pt.s); Nowlain (1 pt.); Stipe (2 pts.); Carter (10 pts.)



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District Play Opens: Lady Coyotes go 1-0 with win over Grady; Boys look to rebound against Ira

On the evening, the girls were only 8-of-25 from the free-throw line, but some good defense and rebounding offset the lackluster performance from the charity line.

Also scoring for the Lady Coyotes were Bobbie Kempf (7 pts.), Rika Copeland (6 pts.), Kyla Culp (6 pts.), and Dalene Kempf (4 pts.).

Shayla Gass, Laura Stamper, Pati Rodriguez, Cassidy Rinehart, and Emily Mayes also had key playing time.

The second season has begun, and both Coach Avery and Coach Richey know this is the one that counts.

District play opened Friday in Gail with Grady boys taking a come-from-behind win over BHS, 48-40.

The Coyotes led at

halftime, 26-20, but allowed 18 fourth-quarter points to give Grady the edge.

Juniors T.J. Sharp and Talin Pepper led Coyote scorers with 10 each.

Senior Jacob Zant followed with 9 points in the losing effort with another senior, Cody Nowlain, tossing in 6.

Ben Griffin and Kyle Pinkerton completed the Coyote scoring effort with 3 and 2 points, respectively.

Senior T. C. Stipe and junior Brionne Jackson played in the contest.

As always, the girls' game was a close one, but the Lady Coyotes pulled out the win, thanks to a 21-point scoring effort by junior Micah Hensley.

Hensley went to the line 11 times, hitting six free throws.

Making The Grade!

3rd Six Weeks Beta

Senior: Andrea Lozano, **Junior:** Michele Bond, Micah Hensley, and Talin Pepper. **Sophomore:** Kyle Pinkerton. **Freshman:** Garrett Chapman, Billy Roper and John Wilson. **Eighth Grade:** Whitney Anderson. **Seventh Grade:** Clint Chapman, and Jake Payne. **Sixth Grade:** Rachel Wilson.

3rd Six Weeks Honor Roll

Senior: Rika Copeland, and Ed Rodriguez. **Junior:** April Bouressa, and Dalene Kempf. **Sophomore:** Clay John Anderson, and John Stamper. **Freshman:** Emily Mayes. **Eighth Grade:** Trey Soto. **Seventh Grade:** Rowdy Clary, Kalli Poole, Christina Soto and Linsley Stamper.

Jr. High Teams split with Grady; Boys take 48-32 District Win

The long holiday layoff did not seem to hurt the Borden Jr. High boys' basketball team as they returned to action Monday, taking a decisive win over Grady.

Seven different Coyote Pups scored in the win at home, a victory that now places BJH tied for second in district with a 3-2 record.

Coyote Pups will be looking for revenge against Ira as they host the district leaders Monday, January 14 in a 7 p.m. game.

In the girls' game, the Missy Coyotes fell to Grady, 46-19. Their district record now stands at 2-3.

Sixth Grade: Sharelle Gass, Shelby Roberts and Miller Valentine. **Fifth Grade:** Carlos Hernandez, and Krystal Hobson. **Fourth Grade:** Flynn Chapman, D'Nae Johnson, Olivia Key, Karl Lamming, Rachael Payne, Chellsie Pigford, Shylo Rinehart, Lacey Roberts, Chelsea Stephens, Brendan Tarleton and Raylea Underwood. **Third Grade:** Bailey Anderson, John Hensley, Taylor Richey and Miles Valentine. **Second Grade:** Austin Fields, Vivian Hernandez, Seleste Herridge, Bethany Stamper, Chance Taylor, Austin Tyler and Karina Zamora.

1st Semester Beta

Senior: None. **Junior:** Michele Bond, Micha Hensley and Talin Pepper. **Sophomore:** Kyle Pinkerton. **Freshman:** Garrett Chapman, and John Wilson. **Eighth Grade:** Whitney Anderson. **Seventh Grade:** None. **Sixth Grade:** Rachel Wilson

1st Semester Honor Roll

Senior: Andrea Lozano and Ed Rodriguez. **Junior:** April Bouressa. **Sophomore:** Clay John Anderson and John Stamper. **Freshman:** Billy Roper. **Eighth Grade:** Trey Soto. **Seventh Grade:** Clint Chapman, Rowdy Clary, Jake Payne and Christina Soto. **Sixth Grade:** Miller Valentine. **Fifth Grade:** Carlos Hernandez and Krystal Hobson. **Fourth Grade:** Flynn Chapman, D'Nae Johnson, Rachael Payne, Chellsie Pigford, Lacey Roberts, Chelsea Stephens and Raylea Underwood. **Third Grade:** Bailey Anderson and Taylor Richey. **Second Grade:** Austin Fields, Bethany Stamper, Chance Taylor and Austin Tyler.

School Menu Week Of:

January 14th - 18th

MONDAY: Corn dog, salad, macaroni & cheese, fruit, & milk **Breakfast:** Cheese toast, juice & Milk.

TUESDAY: Steak fingers, potatoes, corn, hot rolls Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** Eggs & ham, fruit juice & milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken Nuggets, carrots, green beans, garlic toast, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** French toast sticks, fruit juice & milk.

THURSDAY: Meat & Gravy, sweet potatoes, green peas, rolls, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Pancakes, ham, juice, & milk.

FRIDAY: Chicken on a Bun, French fries, salad cup, cake & milk. **Breakfast:** Hot Pocket, fruit juice & milk.

Sophomore Leads Way With 26 Points;

Carter Chips in 20

Tarleton paces JV Boys' past Grady in 63-21 win

All Coach Richey had was five players in Friday's district jv game with Grady, but those five take care of business just fine.

With foul trouble the main fear factor, the Coyotes kept even that in check by picking up only 8 fouls in the contest.

All five players scored in the 63-21 win, led by Shane Tarleton's 12 field goals and two free throws for 26 points.

Freshman Adam Carter hit double figures as well with three 3-pointers to go along with a 5-of-6 free throw effort and three field goals to finish with 20 points.

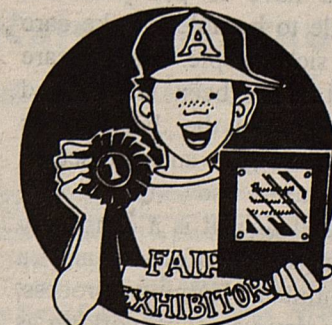
Derek Rodriguez had nine points, Garrett Chapman added 6, and John Wilson completed the scoring with two free throws.

JV boys	13	19	18	13	63
Grady	2	11	0	8	21

BOX SCORES AND POINT TOTALS

B. boys 17 13 12 6 48
G. boys 8 10 9 5 32
Zamora (19 pts.); Thomas (8 pts.); Lamming (7 pts.); Gicklhorn (5 pts.); Pigford (5 pts.); Nowlain (2 pts.); Garvin (2 pts.); also playing were Symeron Rinehart, Rowdy Clary, Austin Tarleton, Taylor Peterson, John Cowart, Trey Soto, Dore Rodriguez

B. girls 5 2 8 4 19
G. girls 10 10 14 12 46
Ogden (6 pts.); Brooks (4 pts.); Anderson (4 pts.); Stamper (3 pts.); Arellanos (2 pts.); also playing were Lacey Newton, Sarah Harding, Kalli Poole, Brandi Hudson, Cristina Soto





Is There A Nurse In The House?

I recently sat down with a bunch of experienced nurses who had graduated from nursing schools fifty years ago. Some of their revelations about nursing back then were interesting. Starched uniforms. Nurses accompanied doctors on their round and did everything from sewing up people to giving them back rubs. They cleaned the floors and venetian blinds and took care of new mothers, who stayed in bed two weeks after delivery. Women entering some nursing schools could not be married or be over 35 years old.

Cindy Stokes is Dean of Nursing at Howard College in Big Spring. She gathered this group to find out how nursing has evolved over the past half century. There was one thing all these women had in common: they felt strongly about their profession and were completely dedicated to it.

Cindy says the average age of nurses today is 52. The next ten years will see a severe nursing shortage unless more individuals can be motivated to take the training.

"You must get to the educational process to be a nurse," says Cindy. "It's an honor to be one and it's not easy. You have to want to one hundred and ten percent. You have to put your life aside to be able to take care of sick people. Health care had never been simple and never will be because as technology and diseases increase, so must our knowledge. It is a constantly changing profession and a continual learning process. The day you start working as

a nurse you learn new things.

"We try to tell our students how it is. You cannot be lax in anyway, shape or form. You'll hurt someone. You must always be diligent. That's in our oath. Nursing is a mind-set, a giving of yourself. I promise you these ladies stayed late, came in early, worried about their patients while at home and called to check on them. They became involved. They wore their uniforms with pride. They loved to make tight beds with mitered corners.

"We don't have near the

number of students to replace the nurses that are retiring. It's hard to tell someone who is not in the profession what to expect, but students must have the discipline to work hard and learn.

"We're teaching machinery now. Where they used to feel a wrist to get a pulse, not they plug patients into a machine. To get blood pressure, we plug them into a machine. No longer can you just listen to the heart, you have to hook them to a monitor that gives you a printout of what's going on in every chamber. More is required of nurses today, so they have to know more. It's stressful because nurses can't get to the patient's room due to paperwork or administrative duties. Or if they do get there, they have just five minutes and have to go do something else. These ladies spent time with patients, talked to them and did a lot of laying on of hands, which I think is

New Ambulance

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ambulance, because of the age of the ambulance. After it's loss, it became more important than ever that a grant would be received by the BC EMS, but was not sure if it would be obtained.

A BC EMS representative talked to the Borden County ISD Trustees and the Borden County Commissioners Court about the need of a new ambulance and received their full support for the purchase

of a new ambulance, with or without the grant. Three weeks later, word was received that the Borden County EMS had indeed received the Texas Department of Health Grant which would pay for about one-third of the new ambulance. The Commissioner's Court and Borden County ISD split the remaining cost and the citizens of Borden County are now the proud owners of a new 2001 TraumaHawk Ambulance.

healing. We're trying to get back to that, trying to teach students to touch and really give personal care.

"We can teach basic nursing, but when you get out there, you've got to become an expert in your area. It takes incentive to keep on learning. It is a lifelong process. Once you're a nurse, you're a nurse for life. It's in your blood."

Borden County EMS would like to thank the Borden County ISD, Borden County Commissioners Court, and the citizens of Borden County. To show their gratitude, an Appreciation Day will be held on Saturday, January 12th at the Borden County Showbarn from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Everyone is invited to come by and see the new ambulance.

Borden County Independent School District

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
And Changes in Fund Balances
All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds
Year Ended August 31, 2001

DATA CONTROL CODES	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		TRUST FUNDS	TOTALS	
	100-199 GENERAL FUND	200-499 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	806-809 EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS	98 AUGUST 31, 2001	
REVENUES:					
Local and Intermediate Sources:					
	Investment Income	\$ 590,009	\$ 138	\$ 2,663	\$ 592,810
	Other Local and Intermediate Sources	3,163,661	114,658		3,278,319
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	3,753,670	114,796	2,663	3,871,129
5800	State Program Revenues	141,425	84,751		226,176
5900	Federal Program Revenues		124,357		124,357
5020	Total Revenues	3,895,095	323,904	2,663	4,221,662
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0010	Instruction and instructional-related services	1,323,908	171,363		1,495,271
0020	Instructional and school leadership	152,653	114,522		267,175
0030	Support services - student (pupil)	416,353	153,544		569,897
0040	Administrative support services	260,929	2,709		263,638
0050	Support services - nonstudent based	773,421	1,058		774,479
0060	Ancillary services	16,625		10,862	27,487
0080	Capital Outlay	655,209			655,209
0090	Intergovernmental Charges	295,724			295,724
6030	Total Expenditures	3,894,822	443,196	10,862	4,348,880
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	273	(119,292)	(8,199)	(127,218)
7020	Other Resources	1,450	119,292		120,742
8030	Other (Uses)	(119,292)			(119,292)
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(117,569)	0	(8,199)	(125,768)
0100	Fund Balance - September 1, 2000	9,852,721		58,506	9,911,227
3000	Fund Balance - August 31, 2001	\$ 9,735,152	\$ 0	\$ 50,307	\$ 9,785,459



Let Me Get My Hat!

By Dennis Poole,
Borden County CEA-Ag.

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

Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference Slated for January

"A direct result of producer-requested educational programming, the Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference will focus on regulations and policies affecting Texas agriculture as well as the BM's (Best Management Practices) for cotton, grain sorghum, and peanut production," says, Dennis Poole, County Extension Agent for Borden County.

This conference will be held Monday, January 21 in the Dawson County Annex Building, located at 609 North First Street in Lamesa, Texas, and will begin at 8:00 a.m. The registration fee, which includes technical sessions, door prize ticket, lunch, refreshments, educational materials and access to exhibits, is \$15 if paid by January 17, 2002. After January 17, the registration fee will be \$20. Registration forms and fees, payable to "Dawson County Ag Fund", should be sent to the Dawson County Extension office at P.O. Box 1268, Lamesa, TX 79331.

The program, sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension in Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Mitchell, Lynn, and Garza Counties, will also feature information on the latest production technology for crop production, insect control, and weed control of cotton, grain sorghum, peanuts, and other crops. Crop Insurance and Farm Program Updates will also be discussed. Top quality speakers from across the state and South Pains are will make presentations concerning current research production trials. Producers will

have the opportunity to discuss their experiences with experts, specialist and other growers. Also, producers will be able to visit commercial booths throughout the day.

Five Continuing Education Units (CEU's) (2 IPM, 1 Laws, 2 General) will be provided for private, commercial and non-commercial applicators for attendance at this program.

Speakers include Dr. Randy Boman with the Texas Cooperative Extension; Dan Krieg with Texas Tech University; Calvin Trostle & Peter Dotray with the Texas Cooperative Extension; Steven Boston with the Texas Department of Agriculture; and Extension Agents, Tommy Doederlein and John Farris.

Producers who wish to pre-register should mail in a

Community Blood Drive Set

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giving blood is completely safe because donation supplies are used only once. Blood center personnel discuss medical history with every prospective donor to find out whether he or she is qualified to donate. They also check the donor's pulse, temperature, blood pressure and blood iron level. These measures safeguard the health of the donor as well as the health of the patient who will receive blood.

Start off the New Year with

registration form with their fee. Registration forms may be obtained from the Extension office in any of the counties listed above. Remember, the registration fee is \$15 if paid by January 17th, 2002. After January 17, the fee will be \$20.

We will seek to accommodate all persons with disabilities for the meeting. Please contact John Farris at the Dawson County office of the Texas Cooperative Extension (806)872-3444 as soon as possible to advise of auxiliary and/or service needed.

a good deed and donate blood! Julie Mumme, from Borden County Extension Service has been

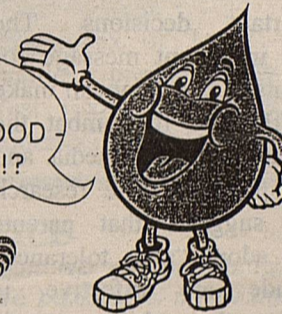
coordinating the Gail blood drives for several years and encourages anyone who is interested in becoming a blood donor to call 756-4336 for more information.

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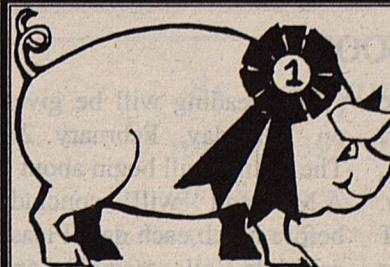
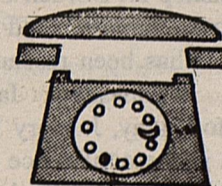
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From the Counselor:

By Mary Aihart

**FROM: Decisions Newsletters
Published by SADD (Students
Against Drunk Driving)**

According to new research, parents play a critical role in guiding their children's decision regarding drinking, drinking and driving, drug use, and sex. The *Teens Today 2001* study reveals that, contrary to popular belief, bad decisions and behaviors are not inevitable in teen life, and the findings offer encouragement to parents to continue to talk to their teens about making important decisions. The most important message for parents is that they can make a difference to combat the influence of the media and peer pressure. The research also suggests that parents who adopt "zero tolerance" attitude are effective in helping their children avoid trouble.

The teens themselves suggest the following ways that parents can help their children make healthy choices: initiating dialogue about decision-making; staying up late until teens return home; enforcing curfews; requiring teens to sleep at home; calling friend's parents to ensure supervision; asking teens to 'check in' by phone during the evening; and enforcing consequences for misbehavior. All the data from the research indicates the importance of parents being actively involved in shaping the attitudes and decisions of teens. Parents who vigorously embrace that role are less likely to have teen show make destructive decisions.

Financial Aid Workshop Update

The Financial Aid Authority will give the Workshop for Borden County Seniors, juniors, and their parents has been rescheduled from Wednesday, January 16th to Friday, January 18th at noon in the conference room. Ronnie Barnes of Panhandle-Plains Higher Education

will give the presentation. Because higher education costs are increasing and the financial aid process is constantly changing, parents are invited and encouraged to "brown bag" their lunches and join us.

TAAS Coming Soon

TAAS Writing tests will be administered to EXIT Level (10th) students, 8th graders, and 4th graders on Tuesday, February 19, 2002. EXIT Level (10th) Math will be given on Wednesday, February 20, and EXIT Level

(10th) Reading will be given on Thursday, February 21. The testing will begin about 8 A.M. and will conclude before lunch each day. Please schedule all medical and dental appointments accordingly.

Drive Safely



Watch Out for our Children . . .

The Wild Side of Home Economics

On Friday, December 14, 2001, Mrs. Stampers Home Ec. Class went on the Wild Side and enjoyed cooking and eating something's that they thought was a little wild and crazy.

Ashley Ellision took to the sea and cooked Mai Mai, and Catfish.

Eba Graves took to the dangerous side and fried Rattlesnake, and helped cook

Adam's 9.5 lb. Bass.

Thelma Balague cooked some Spanish rice and made some battered French Fries.

Amy Jackson went Caribbean and made some fruit salad and some fried okra.

Extra effort and support came from Donald Bullinger. All the students enjoyed this festive day in Home Ec. Class

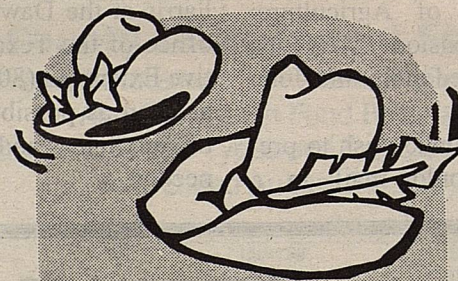
Thank You!

Thank you to all of the great Borden County EMS personnel who worked on me after my car wreck last Monday. Your speed, knowledge and heart-felt concern is certainly appreciated.

Thank you also to all those who called, stopped by or brought food, while I was in the hospital.

You make me proud to be from Gail

Sincerely, Shawn Lewis



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Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 10th day of December, 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 with the posted agenda:

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of November 26, 2001 were read. Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined and Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

BORDEN COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS

Julie Mumme, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, and Dennis Pool, Agriculture County Agent, met with the Court giving a review of the 2001 Education Program in Agriculture and Family and Consumer Sciences and a report on the 4-H & Youth Programs.

BORDEN COUNTY MAGNESIUM

C.D. Gray and Randy Hardman met at 10:00 A.M. with the Court showing samples, pictures, informa-

tion and explaining the use of Magnesium water for County Roads for dust control.

REGULAR COURT DAY

Commissioner Smith made a motion to set the second Monday of each month as the Regular Session for the Commissioners Court to convene for year 2002. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE

Indigent Health Care Number 4-01 was Re-Instated as requirements were met.

OFFICIAL COUNTY HOLIDAYS FOR 2002

A motion was made by Commissioner Lemons to set the County Holidays for the year 2002 as listed. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried unanimously.

Easter -

Friday, March 29

Memorial Day

Monday, May 27

Independence Day

Thursday, July 4

Labor Day

Monday, Sept. 2

Thanksgiving

Thursday & Friday
November 28: & 29

Christmas

Mon., Tues. & Wed
Dec. 23, 24 & 25

New Year's Day

Wednesday Jan. 1, 2003

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Isaacs to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lemons

State can allow speed limit increases in rural areas

Rural areas of Texas could soon see higher speed limits on portions of the state highway system.

New rules allowing for a maximum speed limit of 75 mph in rural, less populated areas were approved Thursday, December 13, by the Texas Transportation Commission during its monthly meeting.

The rules implement House Bill 299, which allows speed limit increases in counties with populations of less than 10 persons per square mile. The bill was passed during the 77th Legislative session.

Six counties in the Texas Department of Transportation's Abilene district fall into that category. They are: Borden, Fisher, Haskell, Kent, Shackelford and Stonewall.

"The reality is that in rural areas, People usually drive a few miles over the speed limit because of the distances involved in getting from point A to point B," said Rep. Pete P. Gallero, who authored the legislation. "The increase in the speed limit will allow people more room to gauge a comfortable yet safe driving speed when traveling."

According to Pat McKennon, traffic manager for the Abilene district, before an increase in the speed limit can be considered, traffic and engineering studies must be conducted by a TxDOT to ensure that a higher speed

limit is safe and reasonable for a particular roadway.

McKennon also said that the factors evaluated during speed limit engineering studies may include: prevailing speeds, roadway width, crash history, horizontal or vertical curves and shoulder conditions. The amount of and location of driveways for residents and commercial developments are also considered in the engineering studies.

The 75-mph speed limit will not apply to commercial trucks, truck tractors, trailer and semitrailers. But it will apply to light trucks and light trucks pulling a trailer. The nighttime speed limit will remain 65 mph.

Eighty-six of Texas' 254 counties, predominantly in West Texas, are eligible to request a 75-mph limit.

POLITICAL CALENDAR

County Judge:

Van L. York, (D)

County & District Clerk

Joyce Herridge, (D)

County Treasurer

Kenneth P. Bennett, (D)

Justice of the Peace

Jane Jones, (D)

County Commissioner

Precinct #2

Randy Adcock, (D)

Precinct #4

Joe T. Belew, (D)

Chuck Kimmel, (D)

Cody Newton, (D)

Joel S. Dennis, (D)

March Democratic Primaries

BID NOTICE

Borden County Commissioners' Court will receive bids until 10:00 a.m., January 28, 2002 for the purchase of a new truck for use in the Borden County, Precinct 4. Bids will be opened and considered in the Borden County Commissioners' Courtroom in the County Courthouse. Specifications may be obtained at the office of the County Judge, 806/756-4391 or Commissioner, Hurston Lemons, Jr., 915/573-1459

Borden County Commissioners' Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive all formalities.

BY ORDER OF THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

VAN L. YORK,
County Judge
Borden County

As we leave 2001

I would wish for you:

*Enough happiness to keep you sweet
Enough sorrow to keep you human
Enough hope to keep you happy
Enough failure to keep you humble
Enough success to keep you eager
Enough friends to give you comfort
Enough wealth to met your needs
Enough enthusiasm to look forward
Enough faith to vanish depression
Enough determination to make each day
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Vaccine helps protect seniors and at-risk populations from variety of infections

It kills 40,000 people in the United States each year – more than all other vaccine-preventable diseases – and, combined with influenza, is the seventh leading cause of death for Texans. But many potential victims of pneumococcal disease don't get the one shot that could protect them from a possible deadly infection of the lungs, the blood or the covering of the brain, Texas Department of Health (TDH) immunization officials report.

Anyone can get pneumococcal disease, says Lisa Davis, TDH's adult immunization coordinator. But those most vulnerable are over 65 and anyone 2 or older who had diabetes, heart or lung disease or other long-term health problems or lowered resistance to infection. "Those are the people who need the protection of the pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPV)."

The culprit is *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, a bacteria that is a common cause of pneumonia, bacteremia and meningitis. Drugs such as penicillin once were effective in treating infections such as these, says Davis. But the

disease has become more resistant to antibiotics, making treatment of pneumococcal infections more difficult and prevention through vaccination even more important.

Those who should get PPV include:

- All adults 65 or older
- Anyone 2 and older who has a long-term health problem such as heart disease, lung disease (not including asthma), sickle-cell disease, diabetes, alcoholism, cirrhosis or leaks of the cerebrospinal fluid.
- Anyone 2 and older who has a disease or condition that can lower the body's resistance to infection. These include Hodgkin's disease, lymphoma and leukemia, kidney failure, multiple myeloma, nephrotic syndrome, HIV infection or AIDS, damaged spleen or no spleen, or organ transplant.
- Anyone 2 and older who takes long-term steroids or certain cancer drugs or receives radiation therapy.
- Alaskan natives and

certain Native American populations.

Davis says that people 65 years and older – especially those living in group settings such as nursing homes and long-term care facilities – and those identified as being at risk for pneumococcal illness are more vulnerable to infection. "The idea is to prevent the infection from happening in the first place, and PPV is an effective and easy way to do that."

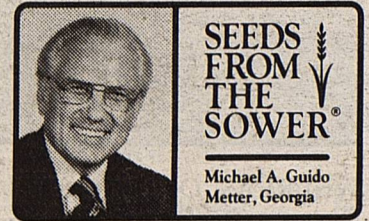
The vaccine is in adequate supply, she says, and one dose is all most people need – although there are a few exceptions to the one-dose rule. "If you were vaccinated before 65, and it's been at least five years since you received your PPV shot, you should ask your doctor if you

need a booster," Davis said.

Others, who may be candidates for a booster shot after five years include those with functional or anatomic asplenia, transplant patients, patients with chronic kidney disease and those who are immunosuppressed or immunodeficient, she adds.

Pneumococcal disease doesn't have a season, said Davis, although some infections seem to be more common in the winter and spring. "When you get the vaccination is not as important as *that* you do get it. A lot of people choose to get their PPV shot when they get their influenza vaccine because it is convenient to do both at the same time."

More than 55 percent of Texans 65 and older have received at least one dose of PPV. Health officials are aiming for a 90 percent vaccination rate for those 65 and older by 2010.



A boxer was taking an awful beating by his opponent. As he was hanging onto the ropes, his manager cried, "Get up! He's not even hitting you."

"Then watch the referee," shouted the boxer. "Somebody's hitting me!"

That's the way I feel when people say there's no devil. "Somebody's hitting me" with evil.

That's the devil's business. He tempted the Lord Jesus, and he tempts you. If you want to go on in sin you will go on in sin, and nothing can stop you.

But if you want to triumph over sin you can, and the devil can't defeat you. How?

The Bible says, "Submit yourselves to God, resist the devil, and he will flee from you." You'll do it, won't you?

CAPITOL COMMENT



U.S. SENATOR

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Capitol Comment
December 2001

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison
(R-Texas)

Every day since the terrorist attacks, in big and small ways, we have been reminded of exactly how much has changed and of how different our priorities must be. We are at war now. This touches every aspect of our lives – even some that may not come immediately to mind.

Today, for example, when we think of agriculture, we must not just think of grains and livestock, but also about bioterrorism. Agriculture is no longer just a means of feeding our people – but we must also be mindful that terrorists can use it as a means of attacking our people as well. We must counteract this threat, and safeguard both our food supply and our citizens.

Therefore, back in October I introduced the "Agricultural Bioterrorism Countermeasures Act." The purpose of this bill is to address the potential for bioterrorist threats to our farms, ranches, livestock, poultry, crops, as well as our food processing, packaging and distribution systems.

After I introduced my bill, Senators Bill Frist (R-TN) and Ted Kennedy (D-MA) brought forward an overall bioterrorism bill. I worked with both Senators to ensure that many of the measures in my legislation now form the foundation of the agriculture provisions of their "Bioterrorism Preparedness Act." This legislation is pivotal to the precautions we must take as it will enhance the capabilities of federal, state and local governments to coordinate:

- emergency preparedness efforts,
- stockpile vaccines and medical supplies,
- link channels of communication,
- modernize biosecurity facilities, and
- ensure the safety of America's health and food supply.

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) will be expanded to enhance inspection capability, implement new information technology, and develop methods for rapid detection and identification of plant and animal disease. To enhance its ability to respond to outbreaks of animal disease, USDA's Veterinary Services will be authorized to establish cooperative agreements with private veterinary practitioners and state animal health commissions/agencies that regulate livestock and poultry health.

Several of America's institutes of higher education are very good at animal and plant disease research, maintain strong ties to laboratories, and have excellent coordination with state programs. These institutions will play a key role in our efforts by providing the invaluable resources and knowledge needed for the war on agricultural bioterrorism.

To encourage these institutions to work together, this legislation tells USDA to establish a "Consortium for Countermeasures Against Agricultural Bioterrorism." This Consortium will bring together several institutions to form stable, long-term programs of research and development. Two of our Texas institutions will be involved in this project: Texas A&M will play a leading role as one of three national centers; Texas Tech will be one of seven additional members.

Obviously protecting our agriculture is not only critical to all Americans, but especially to our state, as it makes up some of our largest and most diverse economies. We – along with other agriculture states such as Mississippi, Georgia and California – are vulnerable to a bioterrorist attack.

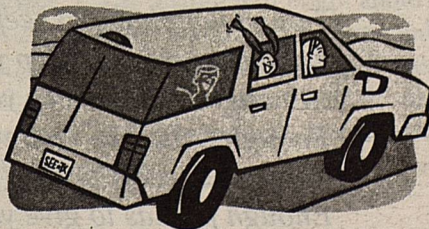
This is the first modern war where the front lines lie on our own shores, farms and fields, but I know that we are up to the challenge – especially Texans, who will proudly serve as the first line of defense for our entire nation.

It is truly a changed time. This is, whether we like it or not, a battle for the very survival of all the principles and ideals that we hold dear. But we are the best, we have a just cause, and we will prevail.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

Texas Tourism Industry

Travelers to Texas contribute more than \$800 million to the state government and more than \$600 million to the local government annually.



Texas Tourism Facts:

- Tourism is Texas' third largest industry.
- Without tourism-generated taxes, each Texas household would have had to pay \$615 in additional taxes last year.
- Texas ranks number two in the nation in the number of pleasure travelers to the state.
- Travel spending and tourist-related taxes help support and maintain historic sights and state parks.

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us) and the Texas Travel Industry Association.