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## 39 is LaShae's lucky number

Champion lamb nets \$55,000 –  
breaking record

The grand champion lamb named 39 fetched \$55,000 at the Junior Lamb Auction on the final weekend of the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, shattering a record set two years ago.

LaShae Johnson, owner of 39, had said she'd use the money to buy a Ford Mustang and college. But after the auction, Johnson, said her proceeds would not mean the car of her dreams.

"There won't be a Mustang – that's just a child's dream," said LaShae's proud mother, Cindy Johnson. "She's using it to go to college."

Last year at the Houston Livestock Show, she also showed the grand champion, which was auctioned for \$140,000. She got \$25,000, with the rest going to scholarships.

The auctioneer proclaimed, "We're going to make history," and more than 100 people in the stands cheered and rang cowbells. The cheering only got stronger as bids hit \$46,000, the record, and kept rising.

LaShae is the 15 year-old daughter of Cindy and Wendell Johnson of Post and a freshman at Borden County High School in Gail.

LaShae has won 13 shows this season with the lamb.



LaShae Johnson, BHS, freshman shown with her Grand Champion Lamb during the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo.

## National Agriculture Week- March 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Agriculture begins with the land, but it embraces an industry that provides products essential to our daily lives. It is easy for people to take for granted our agricultural abundance, made possible through the hard work and dedication of farmers, ranchers and many other agriculture professionals. National Agriculture Week offers Texans an opportunity to step back for a moment to recognize those individuals who touch their lives daily.

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## B.H.S. Out to Prove Our Country's Good One-Act Play set for Community Performance and Contest

With the horrific events of the past six months ever-present in our minds, the Borden County High School is ready to prove, competition aside, that we should all do something for *Our Country's Good* – the namesake of this year's entry in the annual University Interscholastic League One-Act Play competition.

Unfortunately, the title is where the play ceases to sound "American", as the seventeen students of the cast and crew have spent the last two months becoming British officers and convicts who are exiled from England during the post-Revolutionary War Period.

*Our Country's Good*, penned by English playwright Timberlake Wertenbaker, tells of a dramatized version of actual historical events that created modern-day Australia. As a penal colony for British convicts, the "Land Down Under" became home to an

### One-Act Play Community Performance

Monday,  
March 18, 2002

6:30 p.m.

Borden I.S.D.  
Auditorium

assortment of England's finest and worst.

The play tells the story of one officer, Lieutenant Ralph Clark (John Wilson, freshman), and his brave attempt to produce a play, using the convicts as his actors and actresses. The end result was and is one of both triumphant drama and hilarity.

The female convicts in the production are the talkative Dabby Bryant (Laura

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### Spring Break

March 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>.

Classes will resume on  
Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.



## One-Act Play

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Stamper, senior); the heartbroken Duckling Smith (Michele Bond, junior); the bitter Elizabeth Morden (Micah Hensley, junior); the innocent Mary Brenham (Ashley Ellison, freshman) and the old and smelly Meg Long (Cassidy Rinehart, freshman).

Adding humor to the play are the male convicts –the over-acting Robert Sideway (Cody Nowlain, Senior); the convict hangman James “Ketch” Freeman (Kevin Ellison, junior); the village idiot John Arscott (Adam Carter, freshman); and the writer John Wisehammer (Ben Griffin, freshman).

Completing the cast and three additional officers; Captain Arthur Phillip (Kyle Pinkerton, sophomore); Major Robbie Ross (Talin Pepper, junior); and Midshipman Harry Brewer (Jacob Zant, senior).

Leading the technical crew for this year’s production is senior Jessica Ellison (Sound). Freshmen Emily Mayes (Stage Manager), Garrett Chapman (Lights), and Thelma Balague (Props

& Costumes) complete the backstage help.

Mr. Darrin Ard serves as the director of the show.



### One-Act Play Zone Contest

Tuesday, March 19, 2002

Dawson H.S., Welch

Plays start at 2:00 p.m. and run back-to-back in the following order at a maximum of 40 minutes each:

- 1.) Grady
- 2.) Borden County
- 3.) Klondike
- 4.) Sands
- 5.) Dawson

Be there by 2:30 to assure admission for BC's show.

*No video cameras, photographs, cell phones, beepers, or young children are allowed during the shows.*

## National Agriculture Week – March 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

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National Agriculture Week in Texas runs March 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>.

“You don’t have to work on a farm or ranch to be touched by agriculture every day,” said Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs. “It’s easy to take for granted the abundant and safe food supply available to us every time we open our refrigerator or enjoy the plentiful supplies of clothes, furniture and plants that brighten our lives.


“All of this is due to the efforts of men and women who plant the seeds, cultivate the crops and raise the livestock,” Combs said. “Agriculture also has a major impact on our state’s economy.”

Texas is the second-largest

agricultural state, accounting for approximately 7 percent of the total U.S. agricultural income and generating \$80 billion a year for the state’s economy. As the second-largest industry in the Lone Star State, agriculture touches every Texan’s life in some form or fashion from the food we eat to the clothes we wear to the houses we live in.

Today’s Texas agricultural industry starts with the farms and ranches then extends to production, processing, transportation and retail, reaching every Texas home.

“Understanding agriculture gives us a sense of where things come from. It focuses our attention upon the impact that agriculture has on our



### 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.

## San Angelo Stock Show Results

Several exhibitors recently attended the San Angelo Livestock Show.

Placings are as follows:

### Steers:

**Kylia Culp** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place MW American

**Kalli Poole** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place LMW European

Others exhibiting steers were: **Brionne Jackson, Tanner Poole, Kate Wallace, and Sunni Shipp.**

### Swine:

**Miller Valentine** - 2<sup>nd</sup> LW Black OPB

Also exhibiting swine was **Miles Valentine.**

No lambs or goats were exhibited by Borden County 4-H or FFA members.

Congratulations to all exhibitors that attended the major stock shows in 2002! Thanks again to all the parents who helped transport children

lives, and should make us more appreciative of the hard work and dedication that make it all possible,” Combs said.

Texas’ agricultural heritage extends back more than 200 years.

“That is why you can’t look at Texas agriculture without seeing real people who are willing to take the risks and brave uncertainties, from the weather to the marketplace, these individuals forged our state’s rich agricultural heritage,” she said. “greater convenience for consumers.”

It is an industry that continues to meet the ever-increasing needs of consumers throughout Texas and around the world.

and animals projects to the various shows.

We want to wish our 4-H and FFA members a wonderful and prosperous future.

Congratulations to you again on all you have achieved!

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## School Menu Week Of:

March 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>,

**MONDAY:** Beef & Bean Burrito, potato wedges, salad, juice bar, & Milk.

**Breakfast:** French toast sticks, fruit juice, & Milk.

**TUESDAY:** Beef soup, grilled cheese, pickles fruit, & milk. **Breakfast:** Eggs & ham, biscuits, fruit juice & milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Meat & gravy, potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit, & milk. **Breakfast:**

Pancakes, fruit juice & milk.

**THURSDAY:** Fish, black-eyed peas, salad, hush puppies, ice cream, & milk. **Breakfast:** Hot pocket, fruit, & milk.

**FRIDAY:** Chili dogs, onion rings, bake beans, fruit cake, & milk.

**Breakfast:** Oatmeal, toast, fruit juice & milk.

## Open Computer Lab

**Beginning March 18th!!**

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!

...The doors on the east side of the school by the old gym will be open.

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## Heart and home...

By Julie D. Mumme  
Borden County Extension Agent -  
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### Tips for Controlling Clutter

Decluttering is the first step to good cleaning and reducing allergens. Here are some helpful tips:

1. Allow enough time to get organized. Average time are three to six hours per closet or one and a half-day per room.
2. Sort the mail daily. Set aside 10-15 minutes daily to sort mail and take action on necessary items. Sort mail over a trash can, eliminating as much as possible. Decrease junk mail by requesting that your name be removed from mailing list.
3. Toss old paperwork. Go through old piles and throw out expired coupons, warranties and service contracts, outdated schedules, invalid insurance policies, old grocery receipts, recipes and clippings you haven't used in five years or more. Remove and file special magazines and newspaper articles. Then toss newspapers older than a week and magazines older than three months.
4. Create a filing system for everything. Eliminate piles by filing everything no matter what is its stage of completion and keep a to-do list for items that need attention.
5. Keep a limited supply of bags, containers and jars. Keeping a few of these

items on hand is useful, but many people accumulate 10-20 times what they need. Limit yourself to a realistic quantity: 6-12 plastic containers and glass jars - about 12 paper bags and 24 plastic bags - let the rest go.

6. Save only important memorabilia. To get the most pleasure from what you save, keep only what's truly important. Buy each family member a "treasure chest" for memorabilia - a large plastic tub that fits under the bed or in the closet floor or garage shelf works well. They can add or delete items, allowing the container size to limit how much they keep.

Source: Cleanliness Facts: Tips and Trends from the Soap and Detergent Association; March/April 2002

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## Engagement Announced



Cody Cox and Lacey Hecht

Jane and Max Jones of Fluvanna and Vernon Cox, Jr. and Jill Cox of Granger, TX announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son Cody Cox to Lacey Hecht, daughter of Jim and Belinda Hecht.

Lacey is a graduate from Aspermont High School and Texas Tech University and is employed as a teacher in Lubbock I.S.D.

Cody is a graduate of Borden County High School and Lubbock Christian University with a degree in kinesiology. He is employed by Snyder ISD.

The wedding is set for June 8<sup>th</sup> at the First United Methodist Church in Aspermont.

## Easter Sunrise Services



The Frist Baptist Church of Gail will be having a Easter Morning Sunrise Service at the Gary Stipe home in Gail, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Sunday March 31st.

Following the Early Morning Services, a breakfast will be held at the Church Fellowship Hall followed by a Easter Egg Hunt at the church.

Everyone is invited to come join us for this Special Easter Service.

For more information contact Bro. Randy Hardman at 756-4363.

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## Parents Club Pre-School Easter Egg Hunt

There will be a Pre-School Easter Egg Hunt Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. At 2:00 p.m. at the Borden County Park Pavilion. Please bring 1 dozen Candy Filled Eggs (NO chocolate Please!)



## Gerry's Greenhouse

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## Mexico: Unofficial Borden Crossings

Jim Glendinning of Alpine writes guide books about the Texas mountain country. His latest one is called Mexico: Unofficial Border Crossings From the Big Bend and Copper Canyon.

Jim is certainly qualified to write a book about exploring unique places. He left his native Scotland to literally travel the world with a backpack. He did that for a number of years and stopped when he got to Alpine fifteen years ago.

"It's what I was searching for," says Jim. "It's got everything: friendly people who are alert and active, beautiful scenery and a worldliness and sophistication that surprises some people. The sense of freedom here is unsurpassed."

Jim says people living

along the Big Bend of the Rio Grande don't see the border the way most people do. They often have more in common with their immediate neighbors across the border than with their countrymen in the interior. After all, they share the same environment seasons and food, even if the economic and cultural differences are great."

He mentions three crossings from the Big Bend Park: Paso Lajitas, just across from Lajitas; Santa Elena, just across from Castolon, right in the middle of the Park and Boquillas, on the eastern end of the park across from Rio Grande Village. The crossings are made by small rowboats. \$2 round-trip.

"You can step back several years into a different world

just by stepping into a boat and crossing without any interference of customs or immigration on either side of the river."

Paso Lajitas is nothing like the resort city on the Texas side. "You find a dusty main street with abandoned vehicles, wandering chickens and straying burros. Two restaurants serve much the same food and exactly the same beer. You can book a room at Ramon's grocery store for a stay in small tourist rooms on the hillside above the store."

Jim's book points out that Santa Elena, Population 300, has four restaurants, rooms and a museum. "A blue sign near the Canon Restaurant advertises cuartos (rooms) with a shared bath, sheets and towels for five to ten dollars a bed."

The Buzzard's Roost in Boquillas is one interesting place he found. "It's a bed and breakfast where for ten or fifteen dollars you can listen to people playing guitars for most of the night

and share in this unusual border culture."

The village of San Carlos is 18 miles south of Paso Lajitas. A two hour pickup ride over rough terrain gets you there. In San Carlos you find a rain forest with dripping mountain springs and a deluxe bed and breakfast called La Gloria.

The book tries to make the

border invisible "It presents the idea of treating our neighbors across the Rio Grande as real neighbors and not as foreigners from a distant culture." The book is

available at Alpine Company Press, PO Box 1513, Alpine, Texas 79830 (866/837-1686). The website address is thealpinecompany.com.



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### Medical Arts Hospital

**Medical Arts Hospital** is located in Lamesa, Texas, County of Dawson at 1600 North Bryan Avenue. The hospital's main phone number is 806/872-2183. Medical Arts Hospital was erected under the Hill-Burton Act of 1958. It is licensed for 44 beds. The hospital's mission is: *"Dedicated to serving our community with compassion and quality care by striving to Reach Every Aspect of our Communities' Health."* The closest tertiary facilities are 60 miles away, therefore, Medical Arts Hospital is the "hub" of healthcare in this area. Our facility provides acute care, swing bed, obstetrics including newborn, pediatric and surgical services. Our Emergency Room is a Level IV trauma facility certified by the Texas Department of Health. We are recognized for having the premier Home Health Agency in the region. We serve patients as far away as 70 miles and service 13 counties. Recently our Home Health Agency became licensed for the Community Based Alternative Program and Primary Home Care Program. These programs allow us to provide total care to patients in their own homes. In addition we have a wide array of outpatient services that include, Radiology, Laboratory, Respiratory, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, and Occupational Therapy. Our Radiology Department includes general and vascular ultrasound, CT Scans, Mobile MRI, Mobile Bone Densitometry and Mammography. We are proud to provide an excellent Cardiac Rehabilitation/Wellness program, including Phase II and Phase III, as well as an ongoing program for wellness. Our hospital reaches out to the community through our Medical Arts Health Clinic. This clinic presently has three full-time Physicians and a Physician Assistant. The doctors and their specialties include, Dr. Hetlevia R. Jensen-Board Certified Family Practice/Obstetrics; Dr. Utpal Ghosh-Board Certified Internal Medicine and Family Practice, Cathy Mustain-Certified Physician Assistant. This clinic opened to service all of Lamesa and the surrounding counties. You may make an appointment with any of these talented physicians by calling 806/872-7494. A Speciality Clinic was opened in 1997, which allows specialty physicians to provide services to our community. Without this clinic our patients would have to travel several hours to have their needs met. Specialities provided include Dermatology, Orthopedics, Podiatry, Cardiology and Urology. The newest member of our medical community is Dr. Arunava D. Ray. Dr. Ray is Board Certified in both Internal Medicine and Cardiology. You may make an appointment with this specialist by calling 806/872-7424. Medical Arts Hospital is striving to be recognized as the FIRST CHOICE for healthcare in Lamesa as well as our neighboring counties. We encourage you to contact us for all of your healthcare needs as we together REACH to create a healthy community.

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

**Success Oil Company, 8306 Wilshire Blvd. Beverly Hills, CA 90211** has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation that is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the **Lower Clearfork Formation, Swepi/Txpo Lease (65170) Well No. 1**. The proposed injection well is located **11 miles SE of Gail Texas**, in the **Gray Gulch (Lo. Clearfork) Field**, in **Borden County**. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from **4,584 to 4,620** feet.

**LEGAL AUTHORITY:** Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711 (Telephone(512)463-6792).