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Serving the Counties of Borden, Dawson, Garza, Howard, Lynn & Scurry

BC EMS has new EMT-Intermediate

Borden County EMS is proud to announce that Philena Farmer has successfully completed her EMT-Intermediate training. Philena attended class at Texas Tech University. During this time she worked extensive hours in the emergency room, operating room, burn center and ambulance. The field training along with the classroom hours prepared Philena with the knowledge and skills she needed to pass her state

exam.

Philena plans to attend Paramedic class at Western Texas College in Snyder. This class is scheduled to begin in August and will be taught by Borden County Paramedic Kent Holmes.

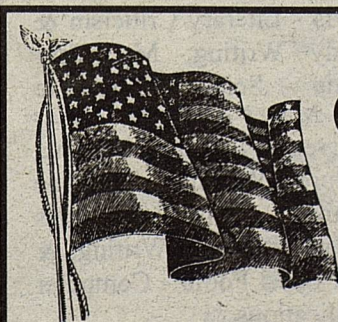
Philena lives in the Plains Community and is the first responder for this area. Please join the Borden County EMS in congratulating Philena on her accomplishments.

Gail FFA Members Compete at State Wool Contest

Four members of the Gail FFA chapter participated at the State Wool CDE in Lubbock this past Saturday. Team members Cody Nowlain, Raul Rodriquez, LaShae Johnson, and Emily Mayes placed 12th from a

field of 36 teams from around the state. Mr. Wallace was extremely pleased with the team's performance, as it was a new contest for all four members.

Way To Go Wool Team!



God Bless America!

Speaking of Austin . . .

Two B.H.S. Students Advance to U.I.L. Academic State Meet

A trip to Austin is a dreaded drive for most citizens of Borden County. For two Borden County High School students next weekend, though, the lengthy trip to Austin will be a dream come true.

B.H.S. students **Laura Stamper** and **Kyle Pinkerton** won the honor of the six-hour drive following top two finishes at the Region II-A Academic Meet held this past weekend at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

Both students advance to the U.I.L. Academic State Meet on May 2-4 at the University of Texas in Austin.

Stamper, a senior, advances to state after being named the regional champion in Poetry Interpretation. Her first place finish greatly improved upon her seventh place finish at the regional meet last year in the same event.

Stamper read a poetry collection from The Andrew Poems by Shelly Wagner and a single poem, "Blind Date," by Ursula Duba. She also competed in Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking at the regional meet but failed to make the finals.

Pinkerton, a sophomore and a first-time regional qualifier, advances to the



state meet after receiving second place honors in Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking. He also competed in Computer Applications and Headline Writing but did not place in the top six in either event.

Pinkerton made the finals in Persuasive Speaking after winning first place in the prelims, where he spoke on the topic: "Does Ron Kirk have a legitimate shot at defeating John Cornyn in the Texas Senate Race?" In the

finals, Pinkerton elected to speak on the topic: "Can Arthur Anderson be saved?"

Also representing Borden County at the Region II-A Meet were the following:

Senior: Jessica Ellison - Literary Criticism;

Juniors: Michele Bond - Lincoln-Douglas Debate; **Micah Hensley** - Editorial Writing, Feature Writing, News Writing, & Ready Writing; & **Talin Pepper** -

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EARLY VOTING

For the Borden County ISD Trustee Election

Will continue thru Tuesday, April 30th from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office

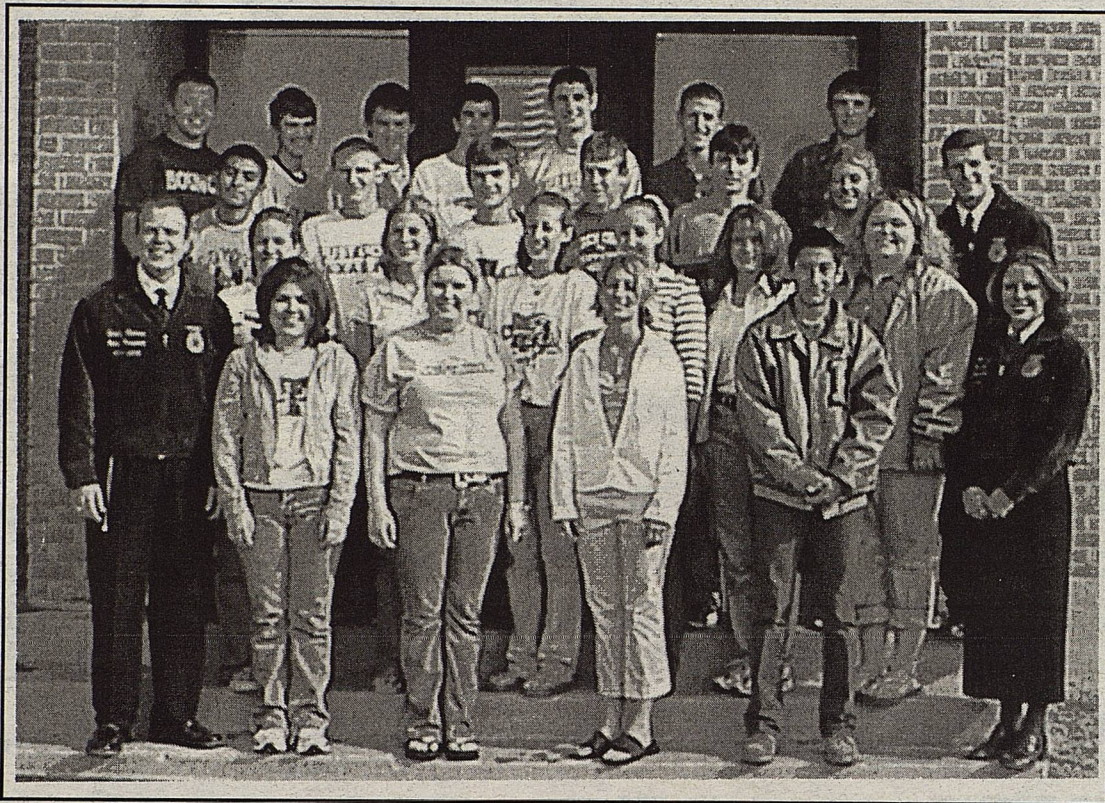
State Officers Visit Gail FFA Chapter

The Gail FFA members were buzzing with excitement after a great visit with three of their state level officers this past week. The state team arrived in Gail last Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. and kept the Gail FFA members on the edge of their seats until 9:30 a.m. The State President (Kurtis Thomas) was accompanied in his visit by First vice-president, Lace Frazee, and T.J. Lewis who is the State vice-president from Area II. The officer team worked together to bring a motivational, humorous, and insightful message to the Gail members while making new friends in the process.

The Gail stop is just one of many made by the officer team this year as they travel several thousand miles to visit several hundred schools, civic organizations, and businesses with the mission of promoting the FFA

program on the local through national levels. There is one officer elected on the state level from each of the ten areas in Texas. The team consists of a president, first vice-president, and eight acting vice presidents. These candidates are chosen from their respective Area convention delegations, and run for the presidency at the State Convention in July. The officer's job starts after they are instated by the outgoing officers at the convention.

After visiting with the students in Gail, Kurtis, Lace and T.J. honored the chapter members by posing in a group picture, which will be placed in the yearbook. If you would like to find out more about this dynamic team, check them out at www.agintexas.org on the FFA link.



Gail FFA members and State Officers: (Back row) L. to R. Kyle Pinkerton, Ben Griffin, John Wilson, Cody Nowlain, TC Stipe and Clay John Anderson. (Middle row) Raul Rodriquez, Billy Roper, Dan Griffin, Garrett Chapman, John Stamper, Jami Gass and state officer T.J. Lewis. (Second row) State President, Kurtis Thomas, Kyla Culp, Emily Mayes, Cassidy Rinehart, LaShae Johnson, Brandy Shafer and Sunni Shipp. (Front row) Heather Crawford, Alexis Brooks, Shayla Gass, Andy Lozano and State officer, Lace Frazee.

Making The Grade!

Fifth Six Weeks Beta

Senior: Rika Copeland, and Andrea Lozano; **Junior:** Michele Bond, Micah Hensley, and Talin Pepper; **Sophomore:** Kyle Pinkerton; **Freshman:** Garrett Chapman, Emily Mayes, Billy Roper and John Wilson; **Eighth Grade:** Whitney Anderson, and Trey Soto; **Seventh Grade:** NONE; **Sixth Grade:** Rachel Wilson.

Fifth Six Weeks Honor Roll

Senior: Edwardo Rodriquez, and Laura Stamper; **Junior:** NONE; **Sophomore:** Clay John Anderson, and Shane Tarleton; **Freshman:** NONE; **Eighth Grade:** Andrew

Lamming; **Seventh Grade:** Ana Arellanos, Clint Chapman, Rowdy Clary, Sarah Harding and Christina Soto; **Sixth Grade:** Shelby Roberts and Miller Valentine; **Fifth Grade:** Carlos Hernandez, Krystal Hobson and Tyrell Massingill; **Fourth Grade:** Flynn Chapman, D'Nae Johnson, Rachel Payne, Chellsie Pigford, Shylo Rinehart, Lacey Roberts, Chelsea Stephens, Brendan Tarleton and Raylea Underwood; **Third Grade:** Bailey Anderson, John Hensley, Taylor Richey, Tony Soto, Krista Tarleton and Miles Valentine; **Second Grade:** Austin Fields, Selestie Herridge, Bethany Stamper, Chance Taylor, and Austin Tyler.



BC's Twin Towers Heading to the Regional II-1A Tennis Tournament

By Dwight Hiens
Lamesa Press-Reporter

Borden County's junior twin towers Bobbie Kempf and Dalene Kempf are heading to the Regional II-1A Tennis Tournament as double partners after finishing second in the District 9-1A tournament on May 15th at Midland College.

After beating Dawson's Griselda Escajeda and Adrianna Ortega, 6-1 and 6-0, in their opening match, the Kempfs' lost their quarter-final match to a team from Grady. The Kempf rebounded by beating Sand's Brandi Woods and Deisi Porras, 6-3, 1-6 and 6-3. They earned a regional berth by beating a team from Grady in a tough three-set playback match for second place.

Borden County coach Trey Richey attributes the Kempfs' success on the court to chemistry.

"Bobbie plays the net really well. She's 5-foot-10, which

helps her cover a lot of ground. Dalene has good ground strokes," said Richey. "Dalene hits the ball well and does a good job of keeping the ball in play which helps Bobbie get a lot of her points around the net area."

The Regional II-1A Tournament is April 24th-25th at Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene.

Borden County's Talin Pepper finished fourth in boy's singles at the district tournament.

After opening the tournament with a victory over Ira's Todd Well, Pepper lost his semi-final match to Grady's Ky May and then a tough three-match set to Grady's Nick Winford for third place.

Borden County freshmen John Wilson and Garrett Chapman reached the quarterfinals in boy's doubles. After beating a team

from Ira in their first round match, they lost to a team from Grady in the quarterfinals.

Austin

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Literary Criticism;

Sophomores: Clay John Anderson - Current Issues & Events; & Dan Griffin, Literary Criticism;

Freshmen: Tyler Wallace - Prose Interpretation; & John Wilson - Mathematics & Science.

Coaches: Mr. Darrin Ard - Poetry, Prose, & Persuasive Speaking; Mrs. Darby Key - Mathematics; Mrs. Carol Lewis - Literary Criticism & Ready Writing; Mr. Tom Lewis - Science; Ms. Sue Jane Mayes - Current Issues & Events, Editorial Writing, Feature Writing, Headline Writing, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, & News Writing; & Mrs. Sheri Poole - Computer Applications.



A Bluebonnet Legend

The bluebonnet is known by other names such as buffalo clover, wolf flower and el conejo (the rabbit). It's most familiar name probably began when settlers moved to Texas. The blue flower they saw growing wild were thought to resemble the bonnets worn by women to shield them from the Texas sun.

Margaret Looper of Huntsville has studied bluebonnets and Indian legends that go along with the popular wildflower. Margaret supplied Tomi dePaola material for the book, *Legend of the Bluebonnet*.

"Great spirits, the land is dying. Your people are dying, too," the long line of dancers sang. "Tell us what we have done to anger you. End this drought, Save your people.

Tell us what we must do so you will send the rain that will bring back life."

For three days, the dancers danced to the sound of the drums and for three days the people called Comanches watched and waited.

Drought and famine are hardest on the very young and very old. Among the few children left was a small girl named She-Who-Is-Alone. She sat by herself watching the dancers. In her lap was a doll made from buckskin, a warrior doll. The eyes, nose and mouth were painted on with the juice of berries. It wore beaded leggings and a belt of polished bone. On its head were brilliant blue feathers from the bird who cries "Jay-jay-jay." She loved her doll very much.

The shaman went to the top of the hill to listen for words

from the Great Spirits who would tell him what to do so the rains would come and the earth would be green and alive.

While the shaman was gone to the hill, She-Who-Is-Alone thought of the mother who made the doll, of the father who brought the blue feathers and her grandparents who had all died in the famine. The warrior doll was the only thing she had left from those distant days.

The shaman returned and spoke: "I have heard from the Great Spirits who said the people have become selfish. They have taken from the earth without giving anything back. The great Spirits say the people must make a burnt offering of the most valued possession among us. The ashes of this offering shall be scattered to the 4 points of the earth. When this sacrifice is made, drought and famine will cease and life will be restored to the earth."

That night, She-Who-Is-Alone held her doll tightly to her heart. "You," she said, looking at the doll, "are my most valued possession. It is you the Great Spirits want."

School Menu Week Of:

April 29th – May 3rd.

MONDAY: Pizza, salad, corn, fruit, & milk

Breakfast: Pancake Pup, fruit juice & Milk.

TUESDAY: Chicken fried steak, potatoes, green peas, hot rolls, fruit & milk.

Breakfast: Jelly filled donuts, fruit juice & milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken & rice, carrot sticks, green beans, bread sticks, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Cereal, toast, fruit juice & milk.

THURSDAY: Fish, black-eye peas, potato salad, hush puppies, ice cream & milk. **Breakfast:** Oatmeal, toast, fruit, & milk.

FRIDAY: Smoked Sausage on a bun, French fries, beans, cake & milk.

Breakfast: Eggs, biscuits, fruit juice & milk.

After everyone was asleep, the small girl took a glowing stick from the tipi fire and crept out into the night. She ran to the place where the shaman had heard from the Great Spirits. She spoke. "Here is my warrior doll. It is the only thing I have from my family who died in this

famine. It is my most valued possession. Please accept it." She then gathered twigs and started a fire with the glowing fire stick and thrust her doll into the fire. In the morning, the ground was covered with flowers, beautiful flowers the color of the blue feathers on her doll.

Pet handling is no problem if kids wash hands frequently

Pets can transmit some types of minor infectious diseases to their owners, but that shouldn't prevent parents from encouraging their children to bond with the family cat or dog.

The majority of infections transmitted from animals to humans aren't serious, said Dr. maria Roeriguez Barradas, assistant professor of medicine at Baylor College of Medicine.

Most infections occur when a person comes in contact with dog or cat feces, then touches his or her mouth. Two of the common infections are toxoplasmosis,

associated with cats, and giardiasis, caused by dogs. Toxoplasmosis generally causes no symptoms or enlarged lymph nodes in healthy people. Giardiasis can result in diarrhea or cramping.

The solution is to frequently wash your hands and your children's hands after playing with pets or coming in contact with possibly contaminated soil, she said.

Children also should be reminded never to touch stray animals and to avoid sharing food or kissing pets on the mouth. Rodriguez-Barradas said.

Project Graduation Donations Needed

Parents and friends of the 2002 Senior Class of Borden County High School are asking for donations for Project Graduation.

Project Graduation is a Drug and Alcohol FREE celebration for graduation night.

Your gift would be greatly appreciated by our students and parents. Thank you for your help with this very worthwhile endeavor.

Sincerely,
Class of 2002 Senior Parents

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**Donations may be sent to
Borden County High School
"Project Graduation"
P.O. Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738**

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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RH National Ranching Center presents premier exhibit for 2002

The National Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock, Texas, announces its premier exhibition for 2002 – “VAQUERO: A VANISHING TRADITION,” featuring the photography of Bill Wittliff of Austin.

The exhibition opens May 3 and runs through Jan. 5, 2003, in the galleries of the DeVitt-Mallett Museum Building at the National Ranching Heritage Center.

Curated and designed by Lubbock-based professional artist and exhibit designer Duward Campbell, the “Vaquero” includes 70 photos and accompanying artifacts dating from the 16th century, together telling the story of the genesis of ranching in North America.

Specially designed panels and display cases add a third dimension to the impressive exhibit.

The Wittliff photographs were shot in 1970 when he traveled to Mexico to capture images of vaqueros living on a ranch in the northern part of the country. What developed was a visual essay of the people and an archive of the Hispanic contributions to the ranching industry.

“Mexican ranch life is going modern,” said author, historian Joe B. Frantz in his introduction to the publication “Vaquero: Genesis of the Texas Cowboy,” produced for the Institute of Texan Cultures in 1972. Eager to capture the twilight of this vanishing day, I called Bill Wittliff and explained that we had a last chance that wouldn’t – couldn’t – repeat. Did he want to go to Mexico with me for a last look? He didn’t have to be persuaded.

“Wittliff doesn’t photograph range life – he stalks it. Stalks it, savors it, and then preserves it,” Frantz added. “Thus almost everything you see in this exhibit was photographed on the job and on the run. Wittliff somehow accomplished the contradictory task of pushing his camera right up into a frantic

cutting horse’s eyeballs and staying out of the way of the workmen. And he did it with the precision of a craftsman.”

Wittliff’s photographs, each printed and toned by the photographer, have been exhibited in museums and galleries in the United States and Mexico. Many of the photos in the National Ranching Heritage Center’s exhibit, however, have not been viewed by the public for some 30-years.

An exceptional photographer with an eye for capturing real life drama and hardships, Wittliff is a screenwriter and producer. His motion pictures include “Lonesome Dove,” “The Perfect Storm,” “Legends of the Fall,” “The Cowboy Way,” “Ned Blessing,” “Red Headed Stranger,” “Barbarosa,” “Ragged Man” and more. He is also founder of Encino Press and the Southwestern Writers Collection at Southwest Texas State University.

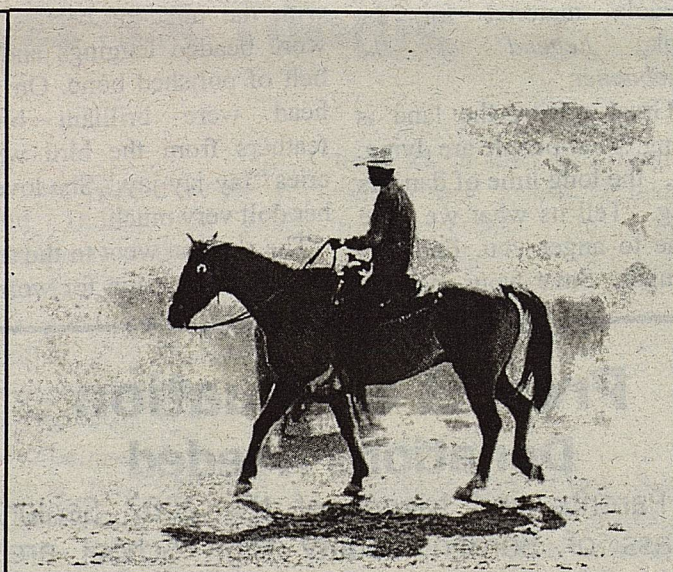
“Vaquero: A Vanishing Tradition” includes numerous artifacts that depict the evolving methods and tools of livestock management. Collectors in South Texas and northern New Mexico loaned such items as saddles (*sillas*), spurs (*espuelas*), cooking utensils, firearms and knives, and branding irons (*fierros*). Artifacts vary from exceptional craftsmanship to rustic, handmade quality to show how such tools were used by vaqueros.

Artifacts, covering a 400-year span from the Conquest and Colonial eras through the 20th century enhance the Wittliff photography, helping to provide a visual background and history for the images.

“Vaquero: A Vanishing Tradition” is being presented in both English and Spanish and will partially coincide with the “Treasures of the Vatican” exhibit at the Museum of Texas Tech, providing tourists with a



“At the harbor of Vera Cruz in 1521, Don Gregorio de Villalobos unloaded the first cattle on the North American continent. In time, the progeny of those first cattle and the men who raised and herded and worked them over vast open ranges from sure-footed and well-trained ponies would provide the New World her most enduring legend: the Vaquero, the cow-worker, the Cowboy.”
Bill Wittliff



“He piled his chaps on his saddle and we sat down. For how long, I wanted to know had he been a vaquero. ‘For a time of 20 years,’ he told me, ‘from the age of six years.’ ‘Your father also?’ I asked. ‘Si. Un vaquero.’ ‘And your grandfather?’ ‘Un vaquero.’ There was a silence. ‘Vaqueros siempre. Vaqueros always’ he said finally, ‘Desde el comienzo.’ Since the beginning.”
Bill Wittliff, Notes, June 1972, Mexico

second multi-cultural venue during the summer of 2002.

At the National Ranching Heritage Center, a museum and 16-acre historical park in Lubbock, Texas, the history of ranching, pioneer life and the development of the livestock industry in North America are preserved. Art, artifacts and architecture combine to tell the colorful story.

In the historical park, more than 35 authentic, furnished ranch buildings and structures have been relocated from some of the West’s most well-known ranches and show the evolution of ranch life from the late 1700s through early 1900s. Each building reflects the geography of its original location and the materials available for construction.

Visitors to the National Ranching Heritage Center see historic windmills, dugouts, barns, corrals and pens, a bunkhouse, one-room schoolhouse. Blacksmith shop, ranch headquarters buildings, elegant two-story ranch home, a locomotive, stock cars, depot and much more. Each building has been

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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.

Upcoming Wildlife Meeting in Snyder, TX

A wildlife program, "Sustainable Wildlife Management III" hosted by Scurry, Borden, Fisher, Nolan, Mitchell, and Garza County Extension Offices and sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, USDA-National Resource and Conservation Service, Texas Wildlife Association, Ezell-Key Grain Co., Inc., and the Wagon Wheel Guest Ranch, will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2002 at the Wagon Wheel Guest Ranch, 10 miles north of Snyder, Texas just off of U. S. Highway 84 on County Road 2128, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:10 p.m. This meeting is planned to help area landowners and managers to further develop their wildlife management skills toward profitable wildlife enterprises.

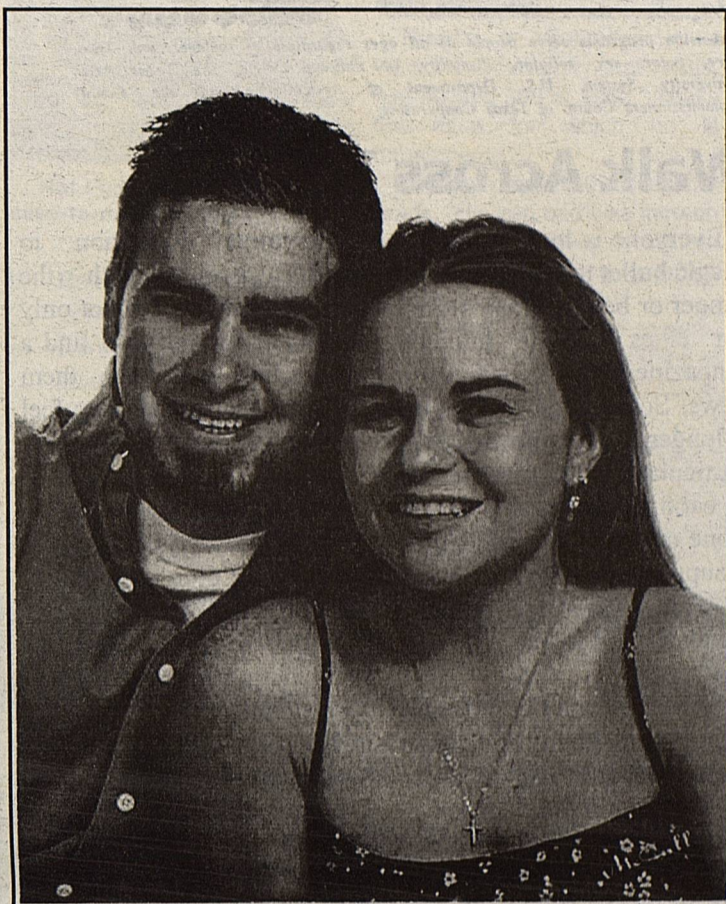
Leading off the program on Wednesday, 16 May at 9:00 am, will be David Brimager, Texas Big Game Awards Project Coordinator for the Texas Wildlife Association headquartered in San Antonio, Texas, who will discuss the Texas Big Game Awards program and how it can be of benefit to local landowners. Following David will be Jason Bynum, owner of Deep Creek Taxidermy and Outfitting, Snyder, Texas who will discuss with meeting participants ongoing plans for developing a big game award program for this area. After a break, Randy Rifenburg, Wildlife Manager for the Newell Ranch near Albany, Texas will discuss ways to develop successful

food plots to enhance wildlife nutrition. Finishing the morning session will be Kent Mills, General Manager and Nutritionist with Ezell-Key Grain Co., Inc., Snyder Texas, who will talk about seasonal feeding programs for deer in the Rolling Plains. After a steak dinner at the Rusty Spur Cafe, Steve Nelle, Wildlife Biologist with the Natural Resource and Conservation Service in San Angelo, Texas will cover the topic of leaving brush on your property to enhance deer populations. Dr. Dale Rollins, Wildlife Specialist with Texas Cooperative Extension in San Angelo, Texas will then discuss his concept of "grass sculpting" for quail populations. Finishing out the afternoon session will be a talk from Greg Simons, owner of Wildlife Systems, Inc., San Angelo, Texas on how to plan a guided hunt, and Jim Lionberger, Wildlife Biologist with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department will discuss mule deer management in the Rolling Plains compared to whitetail deer management.

The meeting is open to anyone interested in wildlife management. The fee for this Wildlife Meeting is \$20.00 for those who pre-register by May 9th. For those who wish to sign up at the door, the fee will be \$30.00. All proceeds in excess of the costs of the meeting will go toward a scholarship fund for area youths who attend either the Bobwhite or Buckskin Brigade, youth wildlife and

leadership camps sponsored on by Texas Cooperative Extension, Texas Parks & Wildlife, National Resource Conservation Service, and private and university volunteers. To pre-register, call your local county agent, or Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent - Agriculture for Scurry County at 915-573-5423.

Wedding Plans Announced



Ryan Curry and Erica Schooler

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schooler of Post have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Erica Jenae Schooler, to Ryan Douglas Curry of Tahoka, son of Dr. and Mrs. Zane Curry of Tahoka.

The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Borden County High School, and is attending Radiography Technology School in Lubbock.

The prospective bridegroom, a 2001 graduate of Tahoka High, is majoring in family financial planning at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

The couple will be wed July 27, 2002 at the Post Church of Christ.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of School Trustee Election to the Registered Voters of Borden County I.S.D., Gail, Texas: Notice is hereby given that a Trustee Election will be held on **Saturday, May 4, 2002**, to elect 2 trustees for regular three-year terms.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the **Borden County I.S.D Superintendent's Office** between the hours of **8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.** beginning on **April 17, 2002**, and ending on **April 30, 2002.**

Applications for ballots by mail shall be mail to: **Borden County I.S.D. P.O. Box 95 Gail, Texas 79738**

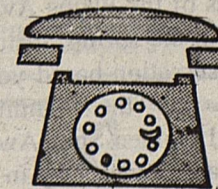
Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on **April 26, 2002.**

Those seeking a position on the Borden County I.S.D. Board of Trustees are:
Scott Clayton - Incumbent
Philena Farmer
Joe Harding - Incumbent
Freddy Roberts.

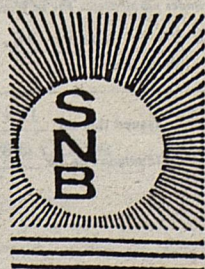
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Heart and home...

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.

Walk Across Texas

Everyone is looking for the magic bullet to help them live longer or better. Many search for clues on the Internet, magazines, and television news. Some think the key to a longer, better life lies in a particular dietary supplement or eating only organic foods. None of these other strategies is supported by the amount of research showing regular, moderate physical activity like walking is what

Everyone knows physical activity is good for their health, yet, starting, and most of all continuing, physical activity, are very difficult. Walk Across Texas (WAT) was created in 1997 by Texas

Cooperative Extension to provide people with the necessary support to not only start walking, but also find a group that can keep them walking even when they feel like quitting.

Whether you want to walk to improve your health or to spend more time with family and friends, here is your opportunity to get started by participating in Walk Across Texas. Call the Extension office at 806/756-4336 and sign up today! We will begin logging miles Monday, April 27th and wrap up on Monday, June 10th. Call Today and Get in a Group!

National Ranching Center

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authentically restored and furnished.

Dedicated on July 2, 1976, the National Ranching Heritage Center staff presents special events and exhibits throughout the year to promote education and interest in pioneer life and history and to perpetuate early ranching customs and values. Annual events include the Boss of the Plains Award Dinner in the spring; history- and preservation-based youth classes in the summer; National Golden Spur Award Dinner and Ranch Day in the fall; and Candlelight at the Ranch, a luminaria-lighted greeting card to the community, in December.

In the mid- to latter part of the 19th century, some of the country's largest and most historic ranches were established. A visit to the National Ranching Heritage Center will be an opportunity to walk back in time and

experience the *real* American West.

The National Ranching Heritage center is located east of Indiana Avenue at 3121 Fourth Street, in Lubbock, Texas. For information, call (806)742-0498 or e-mail RanchHC@TTU.edu. Additional information can be obtained at

www.TTU.EDU/RanchingHeritageCenter.

Hours of operation are Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. the National Ranching Heritage Center is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. No admission is charged, and the facility is accessible to persons with special needs.



Big Country Electric Co-op, Inc. Annual Membership Meeting

Saturday, April 27th, is the date set for the membership meeting for Big Country Electric Cooperative. The meeting will be held at the Hamlin High School, beginning with registration at 5:00 p.m., followed by a Bar-B-Que meal catered by "Johnny's" of Midland.

The business meeting will include reports from the manager and directors, and

the election of three board of directors.

There will be entertainment, and drawings for gifts through out the evening. Signs will be posted on all highways entering Hamlin giving directions to the High School.

We encourage all members to attend . . . This is "Your" annual meeting.

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Don't forget
to
Vote
Trustee Election is
Saturday, May 4th

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION REGENTES)

To the Registered Voters of BORDEN COUNTY I.S.D., GAIL, TEXAS
(A los votantes registrados del BORDEN COUNTY I.S.D. Texas), GAIL, TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 4,

20 02, for voting in a TRUSTEE election, to elect 2 School Trustees for regular
3-year terms

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 4th de Mayo

de 20 02 para votar en la Elección para electar dos miembros de education Pa
acostumbrado tres años termino.

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

Plains Community Center Community Of Plains (#1)	Borden County Courthouse South Gail (#2A)	Precint 2 House Vealmoor (#2B)	Murphy Election House Murphy (#3A)
Fairview Election House Fairview (#3B)	County Show Barn North Gail (#4A)	Don and Jacquelyn Wills Home Snelling (#4B)	

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at
(La votación en adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)
the office of the Superintendent-Borden County School

(location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 17, 2002

(date)

(entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 17 de Abril, 2002)

(fecha)

and ending on April 30, 2002

(date)

30 de Abril, 2002

(y terminando el

(fecha)

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:
(La votación en adelantada además se llevará a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera:)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Barbara E. York

(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación En Adelantada)

P.O. Box 95

(Address) (Dirección)

Gail, Texas 79738

(City) (Ciudad)

(Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Recommended but not required

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el)

April 26 - Abril 26, 2002

(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 18th day of February, 20 02

(Emitada este día 18th de Febrero, 20 02)

Randy Edcock
Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)

Combs cautions producers about pesticide phone sales

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs advised farmers and ranches to be cautious when dealing with solicitors peddling pesticide products over the phone. The Texas Department of Agriculture has already heard from producers who have been contacted at their home by telephone marketers offering products for the start of the planting season.

"Legitimate pesticide dealers may call to see what you're going to need this year, but most don't initiate sales through telemarketing," Combs said. "Products that are pushed over the phone are usually touted as more concentrated, more effective or just cheaper. In many cases, producers who take up the offer end up very disappointed."

Combs noted that TDA frequently gets calls from pesticide applicators who are unhappy after purchasing products over the phone. In some instances, the product is even labeled for use in Texas. Taking extra time to know what you are buying can prevent headaches and possible violations of state pesticide laws.

"The best advice is to buy pesticide products from your local licensed dealer," Combs said. "These are folks who can answer all your questions regarding a product's safe use, its effectiveness and its success in your particular area."

Combs advised applicators to follow some precautionary steps if they choose to deal with telephone marketers:

- Ask if the product is registered with TDA.
- Ask if the product label requires the applicator to be licensed before purchasing or using the product.
- Remember all products must be used according to label. The seller may claim the product can be

used on a particular pest or crop, but unless the label permits it, the applicator can be held liable for misapplication.

- Ask for details in writing (such as the label and material Data Safety Sheet).
- Ask for references
- Ask for the price, ingredients and concentration so you know what you are getting and can compare prices. Some products have been diluted, so it is crucial to get all the facts.
- Get the person's name, company name and phone number.
- Hang up if a telephone marketer won't answer all your questions. Any legitimate dealer will provide all the information you request.

Combs also reminded producers that if they want to know if a pesticide product lives up to the claims from a phone salesman, they can always call the Texas Department of Agriculture's Pesticide Division at 1-800-TELL-TDA.

Delightful Food Ideas

Recipe for Baking Success

Here's a tasty Hot Fudge Pudding Cake recipe

Hot Fudge Pudding Cake

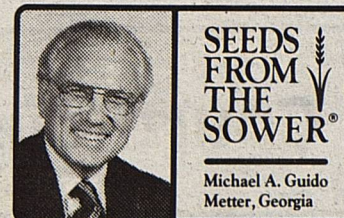
- 1-1/4 cups granulated sugar, divided
- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup Hershey's Cocoa, divided
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/3 cup butter or margarine melted
- 1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1-1/4 cups hot water
- Whipped topping

1. Heat oven to 350F. Combine 3/4 cup granulated sugar, flour, 1/4 cups cocoa, baking powder and salt. Stir in milk, butter and vanilla; beat until smooth.
2. Pour batter into ungreased 9-inch square baking pan. Stir together remaining 1/2 cup granulated sugar, brown sugar and remaining 1/4 c. cocoa; sprinkle mixture evenly over batter. Pour hot water over top; do not stir.



Hot Fudge Pudding Cake: an easy-to-make dessert

3. Bake 35 to 40 minutes or until center is almost set. Remove from oven; let stand 15 minutes. Serve in dessert dishes, spooning sauce from bottom of pan over top. Garnish with whipped topping. About 8 servings.



There's a tombstone in a Wisconsin cemetery that reads: "He bowled 300 in 1962." That's the thing for which he is remembered.

There's a verse in the Bible that reads, "His iron bed was thirteen and one half feet long by six feet wide." That's the thing for which King Og is remembered.

For what will you be remembered? Are you doing anything to make this world a better place in which to live?

Let's resolve to live godly, to serve nobly, to pray fervently and to overcome triumphantly that our Lord may say of us: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

END OF GAME NOTICE

Time's Up On These Ten!

<p>JUMBO BUCKS Game #260 (\$2) Jumbo Bucks *Overall Odds are 1 in 4.53</p>	<p>BREAK THE BANK Game #228 (\$2) Break The Bank *Overall Odds are 1 in 4.94</p>	<p>TEXAS BBQ BUCKS Game #241 (\$1) Texas BBQ Bucks *Overall Odds are 1 in 4.90</p>
<p>BIG BUCKS Game #245 (\$1) Big Bucks *Overall Odds are 1 in 4.55</p>	<p>These games will close on May 31, 2002. You have until November 27, 2002 to redeem any winning tickets for these games.</p>	<p>IN THE CHIPS Game #202 (\$2) In The Chips *Overall Odds are 1 in 4.51</p>
<p>DUNKS 7 Game #249 (\$2) Bonus 7's *Overall Odds are 1 in 4.76</p>	<p>MONSTER MONEY Game #263 (\$1) Monster Money *Overall Odds are 1 in 4.90</p>	<p>MERRY MONEY Game #252 (\$1) Merry Money *Overall Odds are 1 in 4.75</p>
	<p>9'S IN A LINE Game #247 (\$1) 9's In A Line *Overall Odds are 1 in 4.68</p>	<p>\$50,000 FORTUNE Game #705 (\$5) \$50,000 Fortune *Overall Odds are 1 in 2.99</p>

You can claim prizes of up to \$599 at any Texas Lottery retailer. Prizes of \$600 or more are redeemable at one of the 22 Texas Lottery Claim Centers or by mail. 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. *The odds listed here are the overall odds of winning any prize in these games, including break-even prizes. Must be 18 years or older to purchase a ticket. © 2002 Texas Lottery.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Commissioners' Court of Borden County will receive bids on the following until 10:00 a.m., May 13, 2002.

1. Fuel for 2002
 - a. unleaded
 - b. diesel

2. Propane for Courthouse, and Precinct #1 and #2 Barns

For specifications and information on the above, contact the office of the County Judge, Borden County Courthouse, 806/756-4391

Bids should be submitted to the Office of the County Judge, P.O. Box 156, Borden County Courthouse, Gail, Texas 79738.

The right is reserved by the Borden County Commissioners' Court to accept or reject any and all bids.

For the Borden County Commissioners' Court
Van L. York,
County Judge
Borden County

Submit bids to: County Judge's Office
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Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 8th day of April 2002, 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. #1; LARRY D. SMITH, Commissioner, Prec. #2; ERNEST REYES, Commissioner, Prec. #3; HURSTON LEMONS, JR. Commissioner, Prec. #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 Commissioner Court meetings of March 25, 2002 were read. Commissioner Lemons 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 Isaacs made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE APPLICATION
Borden County received an Indigent Health Care Application. Case No. 1-02 was reviewed by the Court. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to deny application, as it did not qualify. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

LEGAL NOTICE
Commissioner Smith made a motion to advertise for bids on Fuel (diesel and unleaded

gasoline) and propane for the Courthouse and Precinct No. 1 and Precinct No. 2 Barns. Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m. on May 13, 2002. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion carried

unanimously.
ADJOURN
A motion was made by Commissioner Reyes to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lemons and approved unanimously.

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