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2002 Senior Trip Provides Fun in the Sun

Graduating Class Takes on Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Eight graduating seniors from the Class of 2002 went where no class had gone before, but chances are some other senior trips will end up in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Years of fundraising and concession stands paid off nicely as the group enjoyed some "first time" experiences that will last a lifetime.

Ironically, the trip did not start off as well as it ended. The 6 a.m. flight was canceled June 5 out of Lubbock, but no one called to inform the school.

So, after leaving Gail at 2:30 a.m. to catch the flight, upon arrival at the Lubbock airport, the seniors and sponsors were greeted with the news.

Undeterred and adamant about plans, the group was then told a plane would be brought in later in the day to catch new connecting flights to Dallas, Charlotte, and then on to Myrtle Beach.

This was good news despite the fact that it meant a 22-hour day in airports throughout the South. At 11:30 p.m., the seniors arrived in Myrtle Beach.

First up on the

itinerary was a day on the water: parasailing, jet skiing, pirate ship adventure ride, and a marine biology tour of the cove.

Every senior and sponsor parasailed: 30 stories above the Atlantic Ocean in perfect weather, a first for all, and probably not the last since most everyone agreed that the experience was worth doing again at some point.

Mrs. Mayes went first so as to scare off all sharks with her lily-white complexion. It worked—no sharks were seen.

Also, at this point, the girls began their Cute Boy Contest (nominations taken, photo taken, and voting completed after the trip). Chris on Boat #1 rated well with Rika, Laura, and Mrs. Mayes.

Next up would be the short marine biology tour.

O.K.—so the timing was bad. After parasailing, the seniors weren't too pumped about the educational message about tiny creatures who live in the ocean, but the sponsors enjoyed the shade, the slow boat ride, and the facts about starfish, oysters, and crabs.

The afternoon hours on the first day were spent jet skiing—not just in the protected cove but out in the Atlantic Ocean.

Please read that paragraph again. Jet skiing in the ocean.

It's like surfing, only one is doing it on a fast moving object driven by crazy drivers.

Hang ten took on new meaning as Jessica Ellison, Ed Rodriguez, and T.C. Stipe can attest to.

Also, Cute Boy #2 was spotted during the lunch hour—Bill at the Dead Dog Saloon. Once again, Mrs. Mayes did the nominating.

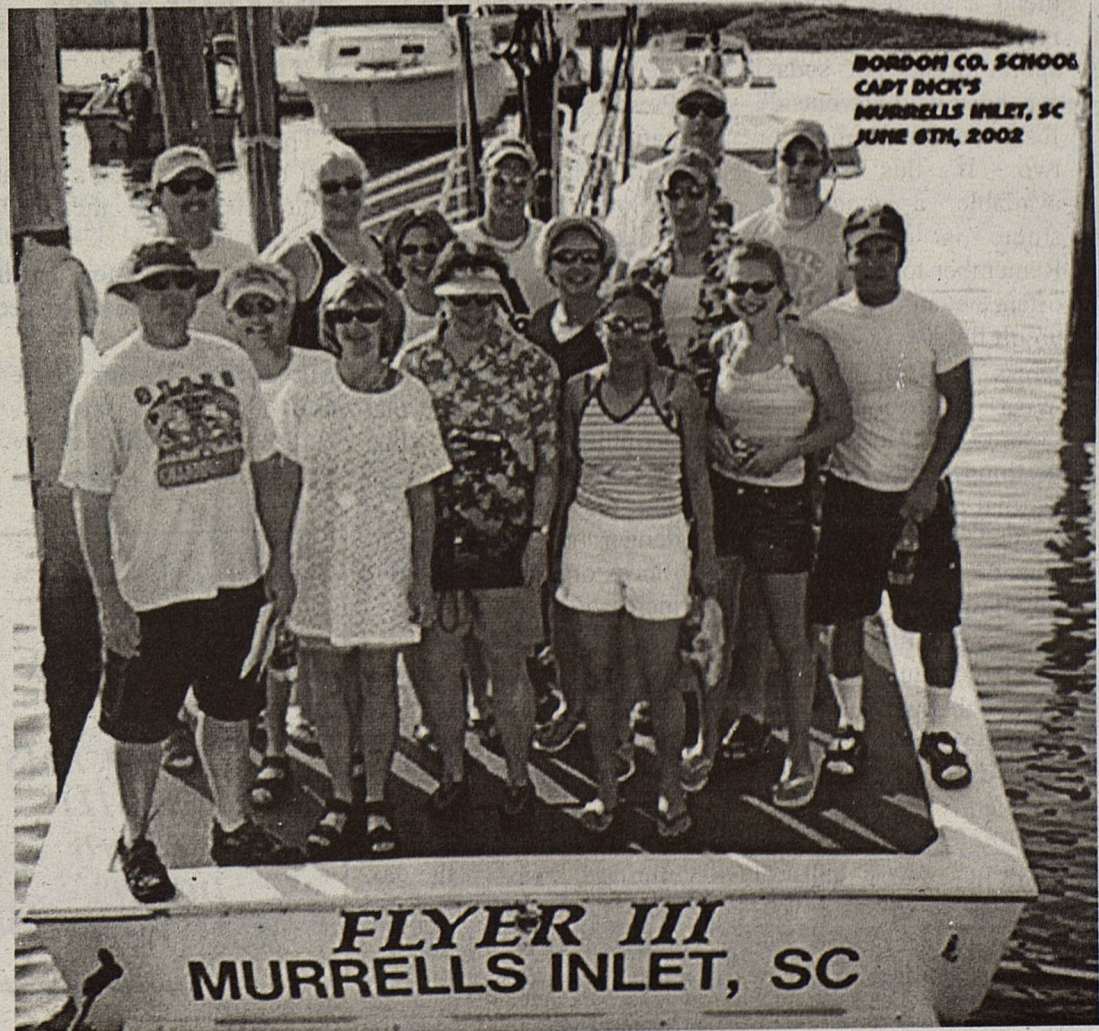
The day ended with Captain What's His Name

aboard a slow-moving boat that told legendary tales of pirates and settlers who had once roamed this area of Myrtle Beach.

The seniors returned to the hotel on the beach and wanted to do anything but go to bed.

Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Mayes steadfastly

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Heart and home...

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Safety Rules of Summer

With summer comes hot weather, an increase in outdoor activities and an increase of heat-related deaths and illnesses. Fact is, on average, more Texans are killed by heat each year than by tornadoes and hurricanes.

An easy rule of thumb to remember this summer, and especially when participating in outdoor activities is, "when the temperature goes up, slow down." No matter what activity is planned, remember these simple safety rules and make summer safer.

- ◆ Slow down. Heed your body's early warnings. Reduce activities and stay in a cool, shady or air-conditioned place as much as possible.
- ◆ Don't dry out. Drink plenty of non-alcoholic liquids. Doctors recommend a glucose replacement drink (juice or sports drink, not sodas) for those who are outside for more than an hour or two. If this is not available, a good substitute is plain water. Remember to drink water often, even when you aren't thirsty.
- ◆ Dress for hot weather. Wear lightweight, light colored and loose-fitting clothing to help maintain normal body temperature. A wide-brim hat or cap outside is a must. Wear sunglasses if prolonged exposure to the sun's rays or glare is anticipated.
- ◆ Avoid thermal shock. Go slow for those first few hot days. Heat stroke frequently develops swiftly with little warning. Over half of heat-stroke victims become ill less than 24-hours before being

hospitalized or found dead.

- ◆ Get out of the heat. If your residence is not air-conditioned, get into an air-conditioned environment for at least a few hours a day. If this isn't possible, a well-ventilated shady area will do. Today's ceiling fans provide adequate air circulation in non air-conditioned homes and buildings. If driving, use your car's air conditioner.
- ◆ Don't get too much sun. Sunburn makes the body's job of heat dissipation more difficult. Besides a hat, sunglasses, and proper clothing, a good sunscreen is recommended especially for fair skinned individuals.
- ◆ Beware of high humidity. Perspiration is the body's natural way of cooling the skin. When the humidity is low, this evaporation actually "cools" the skin. Air movement, such as a breeze, fan or air-conditioning acts to evaporate perspiration and cool your body. When the humidity is high, this evaporative cooling process is lost, and the danger of heat related illness or death is greatly increased.
- ◆ Don't forget your pets. They are subject to the same dangers posed by hot weather as we humans. Make sure they have a cool, shady, well-ventilated place to rest during the heat of the day and provide them with good cool, fresh drinking water.



BHS graduate received diploma from ASU

Nadia Baeza, a 1996 graduate of Borden County High School received her BA Degree during the 2002 Spring Commencement Exercises on May 10, in San Angelo, Texas. She was one of 469 students, which received their diplomas from Angelo State University.

Nadia was also listed on the Dean's List, for the Spring Semester by maintaining a 3.25 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Nadia received her Secondary Teaching Certificate with a major in English and a minor in Spanish. She plans to begin her teaching career this fall.

She is the daughter of Oscar and Lydia Baeza of Gail.

CORRECTION TO PROJECT GRADUATION THANK YOU LIST

The following names were left off of last week's Thank You List from the 2002 Senior Class.

Thank you for your donations to the Project Graduation:

- Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Poole - Gail
- Ralph Price - Fluvanna
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Gail FFA Member Competes at State Level

LaShae Johnson, an upcoming second year Gail FFA member recently competed in the State Star Greenhand Production interview process at Tarleton State University. This event hosted students from all ten areas in the state of Texas who had advanced from their Chapter, District, and Area level competitions. LaShae, representing Area II, submitted her application, star battery and record books for review at the competition. She also interviewed on these items in front of a panel of 15 judges. The interview consisted of testing the

student's knowledge of their enterprises, leadership activities, and career goals. LaShae's Supervised Agricultural Experience Program consisted of market lambs and market steers. LaShae will travel to the State FFA Convention in July and be recognized on stage along with the applicants from the other nine areas. The state winner will be announced at this time. Mr. Wallace and the Gail FFA chapter are extremely proud of LaShae and her accomplishments in this area. Good luck at the State Convention!

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Senior Trip Continues

searched for their fourth wind and found it in time to hop in the hot tub, take a walk on the beach, and down some late-night delivery pizza with the seniors.

God seemed to be aware of the itinerary on this trip, as Day One weather was perfect. Day Two was also, especially for a charter bus ride. It rained on the way to Charleston (a 90-mile trip down the coast), but the seniors were in a very nice bus with television monitors and restroom and room to sleep.

In Charleston, the group enjoyed a guided tour of the historic pre-Civil War sites and saw in a distance Ft. Sumter, where the first shots of the Civil War were fired.

After a great meal at Bubba Gump's—specializing of course in shrimp—the seniors did just a little bit of shopping in the flea-market style set-up in old Charleston.

Friday night (day two) brought the group to Alabama's theater—much like a Branson, Missouri, set-up. Here the seniors watched a live two-hour variety show, which included performances of contemporary music along with Broadway hits, gospel songs, dancing, and superb vocal talents.

This proved to be a mild surprise to the seniors who thought this part of the trip was thrown in for some "culture." Several commented that it was far better than they had anticipated.

Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Dye, Laura, and Rika nominated Cute Boy #3 at the show—the emcee who sang several songs throughout the evening, but seemed to win the women over with his black leather pants. For the record, Mr. Wallace and Mr. Dye looked just as good in their leather pants.

Day Three was free day, with some seniors choosing a round of golf and the others opting to sleep in and go shopping later.

T.C., Cody, and Jacob accepted the challenge made by Mr. Dye, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Mayes, and Mr. Thomas to a round of 18 holes on a Gary Player signature course.

The seniors left their mark, too, but probably not the same "signature" as Gary Player.

Myrtle Beach is known for its many beautiful golf courses, and this one lived up to the billing.

Mr. Dye—the golf game organizer—hit the Internet prior to the trip and found the course.

No bets or other forms of gambling took place during the round, but once again, for the record, some people would have been in serious debt had wagers been taken.

Meanwhile, back at the shopping venues, the women and Ed—who just chose to not spend his money anywhere and just chaperone his sister Miriam—were doing quite well.

They dined at Hard Rock Café and then met up with the golfers at the NASCAR Speed Park where T.C. and Jacob spent time and money on a 2-story swing. They did survive to tell about it.

After an evening group meal at Planet Hollywood, the seniors had one more thing on the itinerary—a short trip to the boardwalk amusement park.

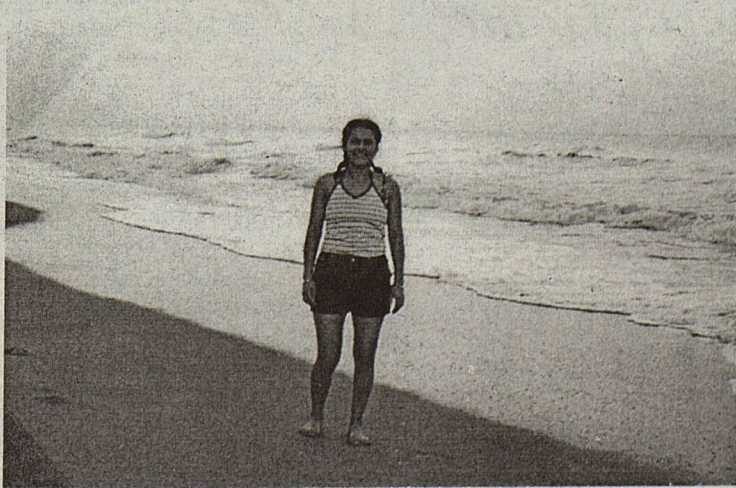
Roller coasters, bungee jumping (once again, T.C. and Jacob), and those nasty twirl-a-whirls that require Dramamine completed the evening's entertainment.

Back at the hotel for one last evening, the seniors walked the beach, ate pizza again, and hot tubbed—all within view of their devotedly tired sponsors.

The plane rides went well, the weather cooperated, and the seniors were the best dressed and best behaved of all the groups in Myrtle Beach for those few short days.

And, just for the record, Ed looks great in Hawaiian shirts and shorts, T.C. actually ate something besides chicken, Jacob was the surfin' dude, Cody inner-tubed in the hot tub, Miriam almost ran off with the fireman, Laura could not get enough of the beach, Rika bought Confederate gifts, Jessica did not want to come home, and Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Mayes got only 24 hours of sleep in five days.

Four nights and five days in Myrtle Beach—fun in the sun for the Class of 2002.



Miriam enjoying the Beach while on the Senior Trip.

Marriage Announcement



Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Milam
...nee Kristin Kilmer

Kristin Kilmer became the bride of Jerry Milam on Sunday, May 19, 2002, at the Dallas Arboretum. Sunshine and a cool breeze filled the glorious Sunken Garden for the lovely ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Rita and Keith Dotson of Lamesa, formerly of Gail and Richard and Sharon Kilmer of San Antonio, and the groom is the son of Bert and Radell Williams of Mertzon.

Kristin will graduate in August from UT Dallas with a teaching degree and plans to teach Special Ed in the fall. Jerry is in the process of earning a Engineer Technology degree.

They are planning to make their home in the Austin area.

NOTICE

The telephone number for the Borden County Sheriff's Office is a 24-hour Emergency Number. The number is **(806)756-4311**.

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Farm Bill provisions expand EQIP

The 2002 Farm Bill made new provisions and added additional funding to the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Farmers and ranchers have the opportunity to apply for additional 2002 funds totaling approximately \$24 million for needed conservation practices.

EQIP is designed to promote agricultural production and environmental quality through technical assistance, cost-share payments and incentive payments to assist crop and livestock producers with environmental and conservation improvements on private lands.

New program provisions and changes were made to improve program delivery and streamline administrative concurrence. Producers no longer have the bidding down option, all cost-share practices are set at a 75 percent cost-share rate. Producers will also be able to utilize program funds within the first year of their contract, and the payment limitation increased to \$450,000 per producer for the life of the farm bill. "These current provisions will be incorporated into all new contracts approved this year in Texas," said Jon Weddle, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) program manager in Lubbock.

Interested producers can contact their local NRCS office in their county USDA Service Center Applications can be made through June 28, 2002. Those producers having made prior applications in 2001-2002 should

contact their local NRCS office to review their applications. More information is available on the USDA Website at

www.usda.gov/farmbill

An additional farm bill provision was made with the creation of the Ground and Surface Water conservation Area under EQIP. Funding for this special emphasis area is specified for the purpose of water conservation on land above the Ogallala Aquifer.

The projected ground and surface water funding for this special area in Texas is approximately \$6 million. The focus will be on water conservation showing primary concern for water quality.

Farmers and ranchers will have the opportunity to install more efficient irrigation systems through cost-share contracting.

Producers interested in making an EQIP application for the Ground and Surface Water Conservation Area should contact their local NRCS field office for the application period beginning June 17 - July 12, 2002.

USDA Offers Additional Conservation Funds to Texas Farmers and Ranchers

John Fuston, State Executive Director for the Farm Service Agency (FA) announced a second sign-up period for conservation funding under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) that will run through June 28, 2002. The 2002 Farm Bill signed into law on May 13th, further extends USDA's allocation of monies targeted for conservation practice application on private lands.

"Interested producers are encouraged to act quickly if they wish to make application during this 'second chance' opportunity for federal financial and technical assistance provided through EQIP", said Fuston.

EQIP was established under the 1996 Farm Bill to address significant agricultural natural resource concerns through the application of select practices that were determined to be beneficial to the overall protection of the tract of land being treated. Participants entered into long-term contracts and agreed to treat all conservation issues identified by using a "whole farm" approach to planning.

According to Fuston, "EQIP now has a more flexible approach. Producers can treat specific resource concerns without locking their entire farm into a long-term contract. This gives them options to address new or unforeseen conservation problems as they arise."

EQIP remains a voluntary, competitive program. The new Farm Bill outlines

significant changes in program provisions pertaining to length of contract and payment limitations. The Bill eliminates Geographic Priority Areas (GPA's) and the "bid-down" option that enabled producers to make their applications more competitive by shouldering a higher percentage of the total cost of practice implementation. For Texas, cost-share is set at 75 percent.

"To date, Texas FSA has allocated \$60.2-million in cost-share assistance and incentive payments. Proactive producers statewide used these funds to treat the most environmentally sensitive farm and ranch land, voluntarily reducing soil erosion, improving water quality and quantity, preserving wildlife habitat and insuring the sustainability of Texas agriculture," stated Fuston.

For more information regarding the EQIP application process, conservation practices and eligibility requirements, please contact your local USDA Service Center. Information can also be found on FSA's website: <http://www/fsa.usda.gov>

RECIPE

Basil Parmesan Potato Salad

2 lb. new red potatoes, scrubbed thoroughly (about 12)
 1 cup finely chopped celery
 1/4 cup sliced green onions
 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil leaves
Yogurt Dressing:
 1 cup plain low-fat yogurt
 1 package (3 oz.) shredded Parmesan cheese (3/4 cup)
 1/2 cup light mayonnaise
 2 teaspoons vinegar
 1 teaspoon salt
 Cook potatoes in boiling water for 30 minutes or until tender when pierced with a fork. Drain; cool. Cut into bite-size pieces. Add celery, green onions and basil. In small bowl, stir together dressing ingredients; pour over potato mixture. Stir to combine. Refrigerate until chilled. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Have a Great Summer!



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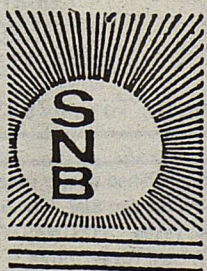
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The board will hear and determine taxpayer and taxing unit appeals on all matters permitted by TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.

The Appraisal Review Board will be in session on other days, notice for which will be duly posted, until all timely filed appeals are heard and resolved.

This notice is given pursuant to the Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551, Government Code.

Jeanette Koehler,
 Chief Appraiser for
 Borden County