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Gail FFA Member Receive FFA Degree

Kylia Culp, a senior at Borden County High School, has joined an outstanding group of FFA members across the state as a Lone Star FFA Degree recipient for 2001-2002.

To receive this prestigious degree, a student must maintain outstanding Supervised Agriculture Experience Projects and maintain records on these projects for a minimum of three years. The students must earn a specified amount of revenue from these projects and acquire a specified amount of activity points in their records. The students must also actively participate in FFA events while maintaining an acceptable academic record.

Kylia submitted her record books and application for the preliminary record check at the Area II Convention this past May in San Angelo. Her project consisted of show steers. Her material passed the Area Check and advanced to the State FFA Record Check Competition held at



Kylia Culp
FFA Degree

Stephenville during June. Her record books and application were both accepted which was the final level of competition and checking in order for her to become a Lone Star Member.

Kylia received her award at the special Lone Star Session that was held at the State Convention in Ft. Worth on July 10th. Congratulations to Kylia Culp, a hard working Gail FFA member!

Sales Tax Holiday Set for Aug. 2nd – 4th

The Annual Sales Tax Holiday is coming up August 2 – 4.

Start making your shopping

list for school clothes and shoes for kids and new clothes for mom and dad and take advantage of this holiday

Gail FFA Members Attend State FFA Convention

Bright lights, patriotic music, inspiring events, motivational speeches, leadership training, Pat Green Concert, Hurricane Harbor, Bass Pro Outdoor World, these were all included in the 74th State FFA Convention trip to Ft. Worth.

Seven students from the Gail FFA Chapter took part in these events from July 9th – July 12th and became equipped with the tools to accomplish the convention theme of "Going the Distance."

The convention, which is the apex of the year's activities, was attended by more than 8,000 FFA members from across the Lone Star State. Members attending saw their present State officers in action as well as helping to elect the incoming state president and officer team for 2003. Ten talent teams also performed and competed for the right to represent Texas at the National Talent Contest. State and American degrees were awarded as well as the star awards in these areas.

Gail FFA members went full speed in order to take in all of the events and came home tired, excited and enriched from the four-day trip. The following attendees had this to say about the convention:

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FFA State Convention: Gail FFA member attending the convention were: Standing (L. to R) Alexis Brooks, Kylia Culp T.J. Lewis, (Area II Vice President), LaShae Johnson, Sunni Ship and Tyler Wallace. Kneeling: Kyle Pinkerton.

Former BHS Athletes Participate in All-Star Game

All Borden County School students that are planning to participate in 2002-2003 school year sport activities are scheduled for their sports physicals on Saturday, August 3rd at 10:00 a.m., in Abilene.

They will depart from Gail at 8:00 a.m. and will travel to the Rebound Sports and Physical Therapy Clinic in Abilene at 1720 South Clack. The number there is 915/691-0093.

Parents must sign all physical forms before

leaving. Forms will not be completed by the dr., if forms are not signed by parents.

You will need to wear shorts and a T-shirt for the physical.

If you plan to play a sport of any kind during the upcoming school year, you are required by the school district to take a physical. The school furnished the physical at this time. If you cannot make this date then you will need to get a physical on your own at your own expense.



Spitting seeds at Luling's Watermelon Fest

The announcer screams out, "Nine feet, five inches. That's a good job for Jack Bowman of San Antonio." And the crowd cheers.

Competition is fierce at the watermelon seed-spitting contest at the Luling Watermelon Thump. The preliminaries take place on the grounds of the Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio during the annual Folklife Festival. At this year's event, James Fenoglio of Nocona won his division with a spit of twenty-nine feet, one inch. He backed up from the spitting line, took a big breath, came forward a couple of steps and launched his seed with a mighty upper body thrust.

"My technique is to just put it in my mouth and blow it. Of course I have to soak it in beer first. I don't like the taste of watermelon, so I have to get that watermelon flavor off of it."

James has won the state tobacco-spitting contest. He has several trophies for spitting.

Chris Powell, one of the organizers, strutted around with a hollowed-out watermelon on his head. It covers his entire face has holes for his eyes and mouth. He says it's a pretty good air conditioner and works great until the honeybees show up.

"Course the watermelon smell stays with me for a couple of days after I take it off. It makes my hair kind of sticky."

Fourteen year old Cash Emich of San Antonio was the overall winner at the preliminaries with a spit of thirty feet, nine inches.

"Just lots of practice," says

Cash. "I spit in the house. I'd like to thank my mom for cleaning up all the messes." Commenting on his name, Cash says his parents named him that so they could say they always had plenty of cash.

Jamie Nichols has been Master of Ceremonies for the spitting contest sixteen years. He says his city's annual festival started forty-nine years ago to celebrate a good watermelon crop.

"There was a naming contest and a high school student entered the name The

Luling Watermelon Thump and it stuck. Of course thumping is the way to test a watermelon for ripeness."

The record seed spit is sixty-eight feet, none inches. James says that was set by Lee Wheel is of Luling. "He did that in 1989. That's how long the record stood."

Luling has an official Spitway, made of concrete and asphalt. It is probably the only one of its type in the world.

The Thump has a fight song. Officials sing it at the end of each age group's competition.

"O when I step up to that starting line, I'm gonna blow with all my might this time. For I am eager and determined to show this grand old town just how good I can do. I'm gonna blow, blow with all my might. I'm gonna send that seed on a record flight. I'm gonna put my name in the Guinness Book, the Guinness Book, just wait and see."

Heart and home...

By Julie D. Mumme
Borden County Extension Agent -
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Tips for using Herbs

If you are interested in punching up your menus, try using fresh herbs. They are readily available in the produce section of the grocery store, and can be easily grown in your garden. Here are a few tips for using herbs.

**To store, wrap herbs loosely in a barely damp paper towel and seal in a plastic bag for up to five days.

**Like a bunch of flowers, place stems of basil, cilantro and parsley in a glass of water. Cover with a plastic bag and refrigerate up to a week.

**For maximum flavor, add fresh herbs to a dish near the end of cooking time.

**When adding herbs to a cold

dish, cover and refrigerate for several hours to blend flavors.

**To dry herbs, first rinse to remove any debris. Break off any damaged and dead leaves.

Tie stems into loose bundles and hang upside down in a warm, dry place.

**Dry herbs just before they flower (if cutting from your garden); this is when they contain the most aromatic oils.

**Snip herbs into small pieces using kitchen shears (scissors) and sprinkle over scrambled eggs or mashed potatoes.

**Dust plates with finely chopped herbs for a simple yet elegant garnish.

**Freeze chopped or pured leaves with a little water in ice

90th Birthday Celebrated



Maurine Hanks of Vealmoor was honored with a party for her 90th birthday in the home of her granddaughter, Kevva Anderson. Her two daughters, Glenodene Williams of Big Spring, and Wilella Tucker of Vealmoor, joined her six grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild to host the event. Mrs. Hanks' sister, Wanda Clayton of Lubbock, nieces and nephews were also in attendance.

Mrs. Hanks was born July 8, 1912 in Crews, Texas, Runnels County. She married Porter Hanks February 1, 1930. They moved to Vealmoor in 1932. They built their grocery store in Vealmoor that same year, which they operated for 32 years.

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FFA Convention

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Senior, Kyliya Culp (State Degree recipient), "I really liked the retirement speech of our area II State Officer, T.J. Lewis. He's my hero! His speech was truly the sermon of a lifetime and it made me want to make a difference in someone else's life. I started by dancing with a guy at the Pat Green concert who had been turned down all night. It really made me feel good about myself."

Senior, Sunni Shipp, "This year's State Convention was the best of the three I have attended. It was cool seeing so many blue and gold jackets together. I felt fortunate to know six of the ten state officers, especially T.J. Lewis. The convention was great."

Junior, Shayla Gass, (Voting delegate) "From my convention experience last year, I knew that this year's trip would be a blast. The State Officer retiring speeches were awesome! They inspired me and gave me key things to look for and to take advantage of in the future. I really enjoyed the talent teams and the fun night. I came home with a desire to be a more polite, generous, and respectful FFA member. My heart was touched by everyone who spoke at the convention."

Junior, Kyle Pinkerton, (Courtesy Corp member) "I had a great time learning all the qualities that I will need to reach my goal of becoming State FFA President. I also enjoyed talking with all of the crazy ladies." Kyle was elected as the Lone Wolf District President for 2002-2003 and looks forward to leading a strong district officer team towards a successful year.

Junior, Alexis Brooks, "This was my first State Convention and it was great! I had the best time and I will never forget it. I attended a leadership workshop called "Living It Up" that was about the meaning of life and why things happen. It was so neat and I learned the first ten

presidents. Coach Avery would be proud! I was impressed that I met so many people who treated me like they had known me forever. The State Convention inspired me and taught me many things, like you are never a loser and you are always a winner if you don't give up."

Sophomore, LaShae Johnson (State Finalist-Star Greenhand Production) "There were a lot of great things at the convention. I really enjoyed T.J. Lewis' (Area II State Vice-President) and Kurtis Thomas' (State FFA President) retiring speeches. They really showed me a new way to look at FFA and they inspired me to be all that I could be. I also enjoyed fun night and all of the talent teams. I am thankful that I got to meet so many new people and start new friendships while seeing over 8,000 kids that are just as involved as me. T.J.'s speech about making a difference in someone else's life reminded me of those who have made a difference in my life, and the importance of letting them know how much I appreciate it. I felt privileged to meet a guy at fun night that said he had noticed my courtesy in the show ring and how he

FFA Fishing Trip Great Success

Picture yourself 35 miles out in the deep blue sea, a party boat, fishing guides, food, fishing tackle, and perfect weather at your disposal. This perfect picture was a reality for seven members of the Gail FFA chapter earlier this month as they attended a fishing



Big Catch of the Day! Cody Nowlain and Kyliya Culp show with their big catch of the day.

admired that. It made me feel good that I might have touched the life of someone I had never met."

Sophomore, Tyler Wallace, "I had a great time at the convention! It was cool to see all of the talent teams perform. There were some really good bands and great singers. This inspired me to work hard and to be successful in the talent competition next year. Our State Officer Team also impressed me. The President, Kurtis Thomas, and the Area II Vice-President, T.J. Lewis, had great retiring speeches that really motivated me to be a better person. I also liked the leadership workshops and I think that this will give me the ammunition to be a better FFA member and run for District Office next year. We all had a great time at the Pat Green Concert and dance. I am already looking forward to next year's convention.

extravaganza in Corpus Christi. Cody Nowlain, Kyliya Culp, Heather Crawford, Garrett Chapman, Tyler Wallace, LaShae Johnson and Emily Mayes accompanied Mr. Buddy Wallace on the trip, which was sponsored by Ranch House Meats of Menard. The students earned the trip through their outstanding sales of chapter meat products this past fall.

The two major things to make a deep sea fishing trip successful are keeping everyone from getting sea sick and catching lots of fish. We are happy to say that no one on the boat got the least bit nauseous and 52 fish were hauled in. Big Stick, Cody

Nowlain landed the trophy for the day with a 25-lb - 50" long King fish. Cody was able to land the fish despite begging Mr. Wallace to take over for him while battling the big brute. Kyliya Culp came in second with a slightly smaller fish of the same type. We are also proud to say that the crew made it safely back to the pier despite Heather Crawford's turn at driving the boat.

The Gail FFA members and Mr. Wallace had a great deep-sea outing and several are looking forward to going back next year. Our thanks goes to all our meat sale customers who supported our chapter this past year.



Visiting the Bass Pros Shop: FFA members take in all the sights at the Bass Pro Shop (L. to R.) Kyliya Culp, Kyle Pinkerton, Tyler Wallace, Shayla Gass, LaShae Johnson, Alexis Brooks, and Sunni Ship.

ATTENTION FOOTBALL PLAYERS

It's that time of year again!
The 2002 football season will kickoff
August 5th.
Practice will be from 5 - 9 p.m.
until school starts.
Hope to see all High School boys there!

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS

A SUMMER CONDITION PROGRAM
will begin on Monday August 5th at
7:00 p.m. for all high school girls.

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From the Counselor

Mary Airhart

Gifted and Talented

The Borden County ISD is updating the Gifted/ Talented (G/T) program in keeping with the needs of its students as well as State mandates to include and serve a wider spectrum of our students populations. Children and youth with outstanding talent perform and/or show the potential for performing at remarkably high levels of accomplishment when compared with others of their age, experience, or environment. Such outstanding talents are present in children and youth

from all cultural groups, across all economic strata, and in all areas of human endeavor. The Borden County ISD is making a concentrated effort to identify and serve these students through a cooperative effort involving parents, teachers, students, and community.

The first step in this process is the nomination of individual students who are capable of performing at high levels. These nominations may be made by parents, teachers, and/or other



students or community members. Do you know a student in this district who does things faster, more creatively, and with better understanding than other children of the same age? The Borden County ISD needs your help to identify these students. If you know such a student and would like to nominate that student for the G/T program, fill in a nomination form and return it to Mary Airhart at the school on or before Thursday, Sept. 19, 2002.

I would like to nominate _____ for the Borden County G/T program, because, in relation to other students his/her age, she/he:

(Check any/all that apply)

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- exhibits quicker understanding
- works more independently
- Other: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

PURE RESOURCES, L.P. 500 W. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation, which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the **Canyon Reef** formation of the **Reinecke Unit, Well Numbers: 68 and 76**. The proposed injection wells are located **10 miles Northwest of Vincent, Texas**, in the **Reinecke Field**, in **Borden County**, Texas. Fluid will be injected into the strata in the subsurface depth interval from **6,685 to 7,000** feet.

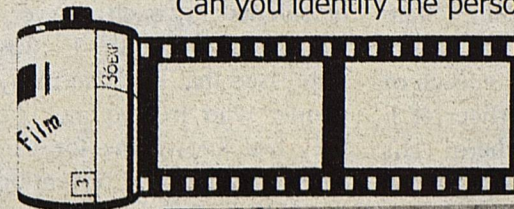
LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended. Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792)

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BID NOTICE

Borden County Commissioners' Court will receive bids until 10:00 a.m., August 12, 2002 for the purchase of a new truck for use in the Borden County, Precinct 3. 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, Ernest Reyes, Jr., 915/965-3212.

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

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