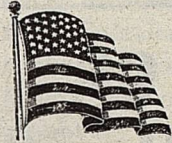


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Honoring All Veterans May 26th

Memorial Day Ceremony Planned at Local Cemetery

Thanks to the efforts of community member Bertie Copeland, Borden County will add a special touch to Memorial Day 2003.

With the county's addition of a flagpole at the cemetery, a flag-raising ceremony to honor fallen soldiers will take place at 11 a.m. May 26.

The Snyder VFW and American Legion Chapters will conduct the services, which are open to area veterans, their families, and all community members.

Following the ceremony, the Coyote County Store will open for a short time, providing a small brunch for those who would like to

spend some time visiting.

Prior to the Memorial Day celebration, the youth group at Gail's First Baptist Church will place flags at the headstones of servicemen buried in the local cemetery.

The flags have been donated by Mr. Bob Sealy on behalf of the Snyder VFW.

Mr. Bill Shaw, a Gail resident, is working closely with Mrs. Copeland to put together what many hope will become a tradition in Borden County.

Mrs. Copeland welcomes any questions or suggestions. She may be reached at the Coyote County Store at 806-756-4430.

New Tax Scams Surface

Although the federal tax filing season ended on April 15, the Internal Revenue Service continues to see new tax scams. Two new schemes target families of those serving in the Armed Forces and e-mail users. In both schemes, people represent themselves as being from the IRS.

The IRS has seen isolated instances of the scam that targets the families of those

serving in the Armed Forces.

The IRS warns consumers to beware of any variation of a scenario in which a telephone caller posing as an IRS employee tells a family member that he is entitled to a \$4,000 refund because his relative is in the Armed Forces and then requests a credit card number to cover a \$42 fee for postage. The scammer provides an actual

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BHS Class of 2003 Honors Announced

Mr. Chet Dye, principal of Borden County High School announced this week the valedictorian and salutatorian for the 2002-2003 graduating class.

Micah Hensley, daughter of Randy and Donnelle Hensley, was named valedictorian of Borden County High School. Micah has maintained a grade average of 100.733 for the four year period in high school.

Micah is a member of the National Beta Club. She has participated in UIL literary meets and in OAP all four years. She advanced to state in editorial and feature writing, where she won first place in feature writing in 2003. Micah was voted Most Likely to Succeed, and Miss BHS. Micah advanced to regional in hurdles and relays. Where she advanced to state in 300 meter hurdles. Micah has numerous accomplishments in basketball and was chosen All District past two years.

Micah plans to attend Angelo State University this fall.

The Salutatorian for the class of 2002-2003 is Michele Bond, daughter of Mary Bond. She has maintained a grade average of 98.881 for the four years. Michele is a member of the National Beta Club and participated in the UIL



Micah Hensley



Michele Bond

literary meet in OAP, Informative Extemporaneous Speaking, and LD Debate. Michele plans on attending Baylor University in the fall majoring in political science. She will eventually work toward a law degree.

Other members of the 2002-2003 graduating class

are: Carolina Arellanos, April Bouressa, Kyla Culp, Kevin Ellison, Oralia Galicia, Yessi Gonzalez, Brionne Jackson, Bobbie Kempf, Dalene Kempf, Talin pepper, Tanner Poole, Pati Rodriguez, Brandy Shafer, T.J. Sharp and Sunni Shipp.

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2002-2003 Awards Banquet

Honoring the UIL Achievement of Borden County High School Students

Tuesday – May 20th, 2003

7:30 p.m. – School Cafeteria

Ticket Price: \$6.00

Tickets may be purchased in advance in the Superintendent's Office. Please be sure to RSVP No later than 5:00 p.m. Monday May 19th. by calling 756-4313



Application's for Memorial Scholarships now being accepted

Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the: **Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship.** Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application prior to May 23, 2003. Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

**Brandon Adcock
Memorial Scholarship
Committee
PO Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738**

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an outstanding young person

that is a positive representative of the Borden County School Community as evidence by their respective moral character, service-minded attitude, dedication and scholastic achievement.

Recipients must be a candidate for graduation or be a former graduate of Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution to be eligible for consideration. The Select Committee will have sole authority to determine the candidate's

eligibility status related to the post-secondary institution to be attended.

Financial need, will not necessarily be a criterion for consideration; however, financial need may be considered by the Select Committee.

Members of the Brandon Adcock Family will have no input into the selection process. Complete selection authority has been delegated to the Selection Committee, and the Committee has the authority to waive all rules, regulations and formalities in order to select the candidates that the committee feels is most deserving.

J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the: **J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship.** Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application prior to May 23, 2003. Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

**J. Pat Porter
Memorial Scholarship
Committee
PO Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738**

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an outstanding young person that is a positive representative of the Borden County School community as evidence by his/her high moral character, service minded attitude, dedication and determination to succeed along with maintaining passing grades.

Potential recipients must be a member in good standing of the current Borden County High School graduating class


or must be a previous graduate of Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution to be attended.


Financial need, will not necessarily be a criterion for consideration; however, financial need maybe considered by the Select Committee.

Members of the Porter


Family will have no input into the selection process. Complete selection authority has been delegated to the Selection Committee, and the Committee has the authority to waive all rules, regulations for formalities in order to select the candidates that the committee feels is most appropriate. The selection process is a subjective task that will be left to the discretion of the J. Pat Porter Scholarship Selection Committee feels is a dignification of the positive attributes that were exhibited by the late J. Pat Porter.




Invitation to Band Concert



You are cordially invited to share an Evening of music with the Borden County ISD Music Department In their Annual Spring Concert



Thursday – May 22nd, 2003
7:00 p.m. – School Auditorium



Let Me Get My Hat

by Dennis Poole,
Borden Co. CEA-Ag.

Upcoming 4-H Events

Summer is around the corner and it's time to conduct our planning meetings for the Shooting Sports and Horse Project groups.

The Shooting Sports planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. at the County Extension Office Conference Room. We will be discussing our summer schedule, finances, safety issues, and upcoming events. We will also be electing officers for this project.

Our Horse Project will have it's planning meeting on the first night of practice which will be on Tuesday, June 3rd beginning at 6:00 p.m. This will allow for one less trip to town and we can accomplish several tasks at one time. Dr. Bo Brock will be on hand to administer Coggins Test and horse vaccinations at 6:30 p.m. at the county arena and show barn.

Please call our office if you have any questions or concerns about these upcoming projects at (806) 756.4336.

Honors

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The Baccalaureate service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 23rd, 2003 in the school auditorium.

Commencement exercise will be held Friday, May 28th, 2003, at 8:00 p.m. in the school auditorium with a reception following in the school cafeteria.

Little League Update:

Cubs go to 3-0

Borden County's baseball team remains undefeated through the first three games of the season.

An 8-3 win May 8th and Monday night's 8-7 victory keeps the Cubs at the top of the league.

In the first game, Aaron James struck out ten batters to pace the defensive efforts while Tony Soto bashed a home run to aid in the Cub win.

Three pitchers shared mound duties in the second game as Brendan Tarleton, Karl Jamming, and Tony Soto each threw some innings.

The local team is sponsored by Buchanan Pumping and coached by Kevin James and Trey Richey.

THANK YOU!

I would like to take this opportunity to Thank those of you for your vote during the Trustee election held May 3rd. Your votes were truly appreciated.

*Sincerely,
Mike Valentine*

Drive Safely



Watch Out for our Children . . .

Student Editorial:

By John Wilson,
BHS Sophomore

"SARS: Heyday for the Media"

Severe acute respiratory syndrome, better known as SARS, has held the world on the edge of its seat for the last two months.

Where will the next cases break out? How many more will die?

For much of the world, SARS is the most frightening thing to come out of Asia since Godzilla. With all the media attention and warnings from health organizations, it should be.

But will the next generation look back on this one and say, "Our parents were scared of that," much like we today say about our parents and Godzilla?

If anyone had the sense to actually look at the cold, hard facts we know about SARS, they could see that all we are doing is creating a new "monster."

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Although SARS is proving to have a higher fatality rate than previously believed, it has yet to prove uncontrollable. It is certainly a potentially fatal disease, but we already have diseases that have a much higher fatality rate, and SARS is confinable.

The very first case in the United States was in West Virginia, before SARS was even known. The patient was immediately isolated and no one else was infected. It is not an invincible disease.

The only thing truly unique about SARS is that it was previously unknown. It is new—which is exactly why it is so intriguing to so many people.

When something new appears out of nowhere and starts killing people, we tend to overreact. But America, you can calm down now. It is simply a variation of the same kind of virus that causes cold and diarrhea, albeit a much more lethal variation.

And, it's no super virus either. Most experts assert that it is starting to come under control, and some even claim that it could be completely contained by late May.

The particularly interesting part of the whole SARS "epidemic" is that as soon as America acknowledged that the Iraqi conflict was over—tired, too, of the nonstop coverage of the war—the attention turned directly to SARS.

Newsweek and *US News & World Report*, two of the biggest news publications in the country, both ran cover stories on SARS. Check out this headline: "SARS Hits Home." You must look deep into the actual article to find out that most experts believe that the US will only get a handful of new cases, and that we have had no deaths in the United States. Didn't the magazine covers lead us to believe otherwise?

The hard, cold truth is this: SARS is a tool for the media, a ratings-raising, magazine-selling machine, exaggerated to the point of temporarily crippling the Asian economy and creating a paranoia comparable to the "duct-tape" incident earlier this year. With Iraq over, the media desperately needs something to hold all of the additional viewers and readers it gained through the Iraq conflict glued to their TVs and magazines. And unfortunately, it's working.

Keep in mind that I am certainly not proposing travel to Asia. I just want America to keep this "epidemic" in perspective. Don't rush out and buy surgical masks. Don't cover your house with plastic sheeting. And for Pet's sake, don't buy any more duct tape.

Sharp, Hensley in Austin

BHS Athletes Score Points at State Track Meet

Earlier in the year, seniors T.J. Sharp and Micah Hensley were voted Most Athletic by the Borden High School student body.

Friday in Austin, the duo showed why.

Sharp, competing against guys who significantly outsized him, still managed to place in the top six with a throw of 142' 10".

That effort earned him a spot on the scoreboard and another point for Borden High School in state competition.

Hensley, who had battled a stomach bug prior to Friday's race, ran a gutsy race to finish 5th in a time of 48.01.

With her two points earned, BHS finished with a total of 38 points in combined academic and athletic UIL state competition this year.

Sharp—who finishes a distinguished athletic career at BHS this year—hit on all but one throw Friday morning.

His first throw, which surpassed 150 feet, was not officially marked because Sharp stepped out of the ring (a scratch).

He then launched throws of 133'11" and 140'9".

An all-state performer in football and basketball, Sharp will graduate as the school's record holder in the discus with a throw of 154'7".

Hensley was attempting to duplicate the gold medal win of Shelby Isaacs in 1996 in the same event.

She was also hoping to add to her medal count after last week's state-winning Feature Writing contest.

Hensley came out of the hurdles strong through the first 150 meters, running close to the front of the field of eight.

The curve was tough, but

You have about as much chance of dying from SARS as you do from Goodwill.

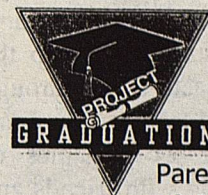
-----an editorial by BHS student John Wilson

Hensley managed to fight back and finish strong down the backstretch, just out of fourth place.

Both Sharp and Hensley will participate in this

summer's Six-Man All Start games to be held in Lubbock the week of July 14-19.

Coach Bobby Avery is the girls' track coach while Trey Richey works with the boys.



Project Graduation Donations Needed!

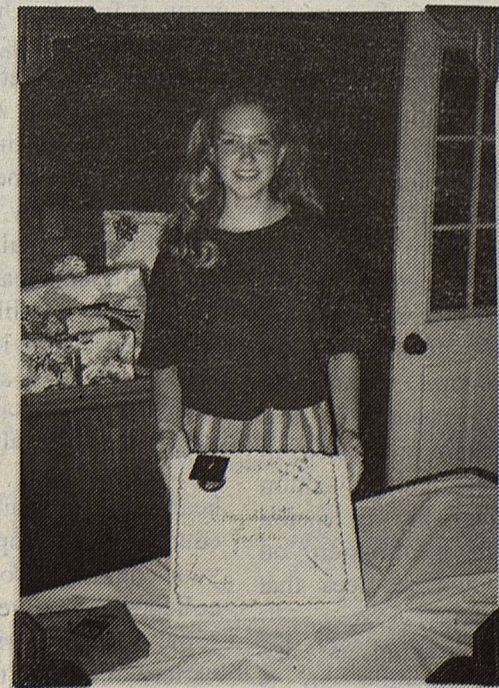
Parents and friends of the 2003 Senior Class of Borden County High School is asking for donations for Project Graduation.

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

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

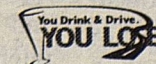
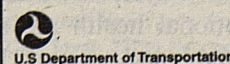
Sincerely,
Class of 2003 and Parents

Donations may be sent to:
Borden County High School
"Project Graduation"
PO Box 95 - Gail, Texas 79738



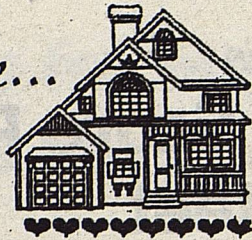
Jackie Esworthy was killed by a drunk driver one week after her high school graduation.

What should you do to stop a friend from driving drunk?
Whatever you have to.
Friends don't let friends drive drunk.



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.

May is "Older Americans Month"

When we think of the word "age," the most common thought is the number of years lived. However, as Americans continue to live longer we also must think about how well they are living - how successfully they are aging. Since May is "Older Americans Month" and "Older Texans Month" in the State of Texas, Texas Cooperative Extension would like to provide some tips on successful aging so that the quality of your life will increase with its quantity.

The first step to successful aging is to remain as physical healthy as possible for as long as possible. Poor health is to a consequence of aging and being healthy is not just the absence of disease. A chronic illness may be considered unhealthy but, if managed properly, the person suffering from that illness may be able to lead a normal, healthy life. A healthy life style may have a positive impact on a person at any age. Proper diet, exercise and preventive healthcare are three primary means to maintaining your physical health. People interested in diet, exercise and prevention may contact the Extension Office for information on programs and services that are available.

Successful aging is also tied very heavily to a person's mental health. Just as with physical health, decline in mental health is not a consequence of growing older. Many clinicians and family member attribute an altered mental state to someone's age rather than recognizing symptoms of a disease and seeking treatment for it. Something as simple as the wrong prescription in a pair of glasses may cause

disorientation and then may be confused with dementia. It is recommended to keep the mind active through stimulating activity such as reading or work games or even talking with friends and neighbors about a current news event. As an added tip, plenty of sleep in addition to any physical and mental activities. Plenty of sleep nurtures the body and the mind.

Emotional and spiritual well-being are key to any discussion regarding healthy aging. Social interaction is an important part of emotional health. Specialists remind us "to age well, we need to give and receive love." Whether it's through volunteerism or a group of friends who meet on a regular basis, staying involved in society gives a sense of purpose: a reason to get out of bed in the morning and to stay both mentally and physically healthy. We don't realize that mental, physical, and emotional health are all intertwined. It's like a stool with three legs - if you take one leg away, the stool won't stand-up. An excellent way to stay mentally healthy as well as strengthen emotional health is to participate in educational opportunities your community offers. Most colleges and universities, and some school districts offer a variety of classes that may be of interest to people of any age. The best part is that most classes are very affordable and offer flexible schedules.

Americans are still searching for the fable "Fountain of Youth" and until someone finds it, we must try to do what we can to age well. Physical, mental and emotional health are all interrelated and must be considered when discussing

successful aging. Texas Cooperative Extension has many resources available to help you in your pursuit of a long, healthy life. Here in Borden County, we have an educational program series entitled Aging Gracefully which will kick off its second series the first part of June. For more information regarding successful aging, contact us at the Extension Office and we will direct you to information you are interested in. You may also visit the National Institute on Aging "Age Page" at <http://www.nia.nih.gov/data/publist.asp>.

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These courses are excellent for new and old users. They can also help brush up skills for increased productivity.



Borden County School Lab will be available every Tuesday night, 6:00 P.M.-8:30 P.M., beginning June 3. Come in for extra help and practice.

Orientation classes are May 26 and May 27 at 6:00 P.M. at Borden County School Lab. Only one night's attendance is necessary.

Sign Up:

Call (806)756-4313 or (806)756-4336

Email kwallace@esc17.net or borden-tx@tamu.edu

Mumme, Smith Exchange Vows

Julie Diane Mumme and Gerry Edward Smith were married Saturday, April 5th at 5 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church of Slaton. Reverend Steven Campbell officiated the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Bill Mumme of Fredericksburg and the late Debbie Mumme. She is the granddaughter of Dick and Kathryn Cade of Slaton and Ella Mumme of Hondo and the late Stanley Mumme. Julie is a graduate of Hondo High School and Texas Tech University. She is employed by Texas Cooperative Extension in Borden County. The bridegroom is the son of Terry Smith of Gail and the late Edward Smith. He is the grandson of Veta Pearl Clift of Sweetwater and James Clift, and Juanita Smith of Midland and the late L.D. Smith. Gerry is a graduate of Borden County High School and Texas A&M University. He is currently employed by Friona Industries, LP.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a wedding gown of white delustered Duchesse satin in a princess design with a low scooped neckline and demure short sleeves. The bodice and sleeves were adorned with hand-beaded, re-embroidered lace which also accented the hemline and chapel-length train. A petal-shaped carriage back was emphasized by a row of dainty satin buttons trailing down the train. Her veil was a single layer of corded tulle attached to a comb adorned with Austrian crystals, sequin and pearl beads. Julie carried a bouquet with a palette of pastel spring colors, which included roses, tulips, hydrangeas, lilies and other flowers, with sheer and satin periwinkle ribbon adorning the base of the bouquet.

Matrons of honor were Melanie Shephard and Stephanie Thompson, both of Lubbock and both cousins of the bride. Bridesmaids were Candace Ditsch of Irving,

cousin of the bride and Tanya Smith of Stratford, sister-in-law of the groom. They all wore periwinkle blue dresses made of georgette fabric with a tie in the back. The dresses featured empire waists, button back and A-line skirts. Their bouquets mimicked the bridal bouquet.

Standing as best man was James Smith of Stratford, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Will Phinizy of San Antonio, Trey Carter of Mansfield, and Doug Husfeld of Fredericksburg, all friends of the groom. Ushers were Aaron Ferguson of Spring, cousin of the bride and Jay Wade Johnson of Happy, friend of the groom. The father of the bride, groomsmen and ushers all wore one button, black shawl collared tuxedos with black full back vests and neck ties, with the groom wearing a two button, black shawl collared tuxedo with charcoal full back vest and neck tie.

Flower girls were Lauren and Bailey Shephard of Lubbock, both cousins of the bride. Their dresses were sleeveless and made of white satin with sheer organza overlay. They featured an organza sash and collar, and the hem and collar were trimmed with lace and the waist was adorned with small white organdy roses and white satin ribbons. They wore floral halos intertwined with white satin ribbon and carried satin bags with silk rose petals of pastel colors which were sprinkled down the aisle.

The ring bearers were James Edward Clift and John William Clift of Sweetwater, both cousins of the groom, and Turner Smith of Stratford, nephew of the groom. They wore black pants, white shirts and black suspenders. Candle lighters were Katie Ganley and Cade Ganley of Philadelphia, PA, both cousins of the bride. They wore coordinating outfits of black and white.

Music was provided by vocalist Amy Matthews of Hondo, guitarist/vocalist Cody

Dailey of San Marcos, vocalist Dick Cade of Slaton, and pianist/organist Debbie Choate of Slaton.

As you entered the church, grapevine wreaths with fresh flowers were hung on the doors and the hand rails were adorned with periwinkle bows. The church was decorated with fresh spring bouquets on either side of the altar, and tea light candles in each stain glass window and along the communion rail, each adorned with greenery. Along the front pews on the aisle were fresh arrangements of periwinkle and white hydrangeas. On the altar was a cluster of white pillar candles surrounded by greenery lit in memory of the bride and grooms late parents and grandparents. The unity candle table was adorned with flowers and greenery as well.

A reception was held at the Knights of Columbus Banquet Hall in South Lubbock. A buffet dinner of fajitas and trimmings was provided for guests, and a dance followed the dinner.

The bride's cake was a beautiful double tiered white cake with butter cream frosting. It was decorated with periwinkle and lavender wisteria, greenery, and grapevine pillars made of tinted frosting. The cake was topped with a grapevine arch and pair of doves. A grapevine wreath encircled the base of the cake. A photo of the bride and her mother, as well as a small Boyd's Dollstone figurine of a child dressed as a bride and handmade lace gloves were placed on the table. Serving at the bride's table were Jenny Purcell of Eagle Pass, friend of the bride and Jill Ferguson of Spring, cousin of the bride.

The groom's cake was butter fudge with chocolate butter cream frosting which was adorned with a white block A&M. On his table was a barn cookie jar, John Deere tractor figurine with Mary Moo Moo's bride and groom and a photo of the bride and



Mrs. Gerry Smith

...nee- Julie Mumme

groom on their engagement day. Serving at the groom's table were Kathe Lunsford of Amarillo and Angie Burkes of Lubbock, both friends of the groom.

A rehearsal dinner, hosted by the groom's family was given at the Ashmore Inn and Suites in Lubbock. Bridal showers were given in Gail by friends

of the bride and groom and in Lubbock by family and friends of the bride and her mother. A couple's shower was given by friends and coworkers of the groom in Amarillo.

Following their wedding trip to Lake Tahoe, Nevada, Gerry and Julie made their home in Gail.



Searching for

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Texas Stories
A showcase of the Texas Spirit



Tumbleweed Smith
Part owner of Texas

A senior Trip for graduates of Dialville High

Clarence Trotter runs a produce store between Rusk and Jacksonville. He grew up on a farm and loved it. When he finished school he went to work for a tire manufacturing company in Tyler. He missed the outdoors, so he quit his job and started growing fruits and vegetables on 75 acres of land. He furnished produce to some of the largest stores in East Texas.

"I get a lot of customers driving between Dallas and Houston," says Clarence. "Some of them have been stopping at my place for years. They tell me I have the best fruit and vegetables they've ever eaten."

He specializes in home-grown peaches, plums and grapes. His store is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day. He's looking forward to a good sweet potato crop this year. They're grown around

Golden, near Mineola. "I've been buying them from the same man for thirty years"

He grew up at Dialville, about five miles from his store. A big swimming hole near there was called The Plunge.

"They had a big dance hall up there. They had a tire with a cable on it and you could slide down that cable into the water. It was fixed up real nice. They had the shallow parts cemented. Then on further out it was about thirty feet deep. Me and an old boy they called Tater Bug Slides used to swim down to the bottom and bring up mud. We were the only ones who could do it."

Clarence's first swimming lesson was when he was in an inner tube and some of his friends dumped him into the water. "I made it to shore

OK. Since then, I've been able to swim. I used to go down to the river, feel in those hollow logs and catch catfish with my hands. One weighed forty-six pounds."

He caught an alligator once. "It was seven feet long. And I put him in the boat, too. I brought him to Rusk and kept him for several months. He got to bothering people. I'd keep him tied to a tree, but a night he'd get out and walk across people's porches they had just painted. Then he'd try to get into their chicken houses. I finally gave him away. Ran an ad in the paper

for a free alligator. Somebody came and got it."

He graduated from Dialville High School in 1956. Twelve students were in the graduating class. "We took half the seats out of the school bus, put some mattresses back there and went to Florida. Stayed gone three weeks. Only eight of us went. Four didn't go. We had little plays and cake walks to pay for the trip. We made lots of money.

"Our superintendent and his wife went with us. He drove the bus. On the way to Florida we went to New

Orleans and stayed three days there, then went on down to Florida and went all over. Rented beach houses and motels. While we were on the road, those three or four mattresses were real comfortable. When we wanted to take a nap, we just lay down and went to sleep.

"We came back through Georgia and Alabama, on into Arkansas. We spent our last night in Henderson. It was just thirty miles from home, but we still had spending money and wanted to spend it. We had lots of fun on our senior trip."

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4-H News

Junior 4-H Club Meeting

The Borden County Junior 4-H Club will meet on Monday, May 19 from 3:45 to 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. We will discuss summer opportunities, re-enroll for next year and elect officers for the upcoming year. The community service project will be a book drive

which will be donated to The Children's Home for Lubbock.



Any youth ages 9 (or currently enrolled in 3rd grade) through 8th grade are invited to attend. For more information contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or [borden-tx@tamu.edu](mailto:tx@tamu.edu).

District 4-H Roundup Results

District 4-H Roundup was held on Saturday, May 3 at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Three youth from Borden County participated in this event. Shylo Rinehart, Lacey Roberts and Raylea Underwood competed in the Family Life Educational Activity with their illustrated talk on *Linking with Family*

and Friends. They received third place and bronze medals for their efforts and should be commended for their dedication and participation in this 4-H activity. Kalli Poole also participated as a District 4-H Council Representative and served at the awards assembly by handing out awards.

May 2003						
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				1 TAKS 9th Math TAKS 8, 10, 11 S.S. TAKS 5 Science JH Zone Tennis 3:30 at Lamesa Gain Eligibility at 3:33	2 TAKS Gr. 10, 11 Sc. State FFA Judging at A&M	3 State FFA Judging at A&M
					State UIL Academic Meet	
4	5	6 FFA Speaking Events at Colorado City	7 4-H Meeting at 12:30 in Conference Room	8 Cheerleaders Order Uniforms at 12:00	9 WEATHER DAY HOLIDAY	10
					State Track Meet	
11	12 FFA Lone Wolf Banquet Colorado City DEC VISIT BEGINS	13	14	15	16 FFA Area Convention at San Angelo Coyote Band Trip To Arlington	17
18	19 Gail FFA Banquet	20 Borden County ISD Awards Banquet	21	22 Borden County ISD Spring Music and Band Concert	23 Elementary & J.H. UIL Awards Assembly at 2:50 in Auditorium	24 Junior/Senior Banquet & Prom
25 Baccalaureate at 11:00 A.M. in school auditorium	26	TEST SCHEDULE		28	29 Junior High Commencement at 8:00 P.M.-Auditorium Awards Assembly-2:55	30 Finals 4th Period Elem. Track Meet High School Commencement 5:00 P.M. Project Grad. Snyder
		1st Period Final 8:05-9:05 Monday, May 26, 2003	2nd Period Final 1:44-2:44 Tuesday, May 27, 2003			31 Breakfast For Drug Free Party, Participants, and Staff STAFF WORKDAY
		3rd Period Final 11:06-12:06 Tuesday, May 27, 2003	4th Period Final 9:43-10:43 Wednesday, May 28, 2003			
		5th Period Final 2:33-3:33 Wednesday, May 28, 2003	6th Period Final 8:39-9:39 Thursday, May 29, 2003			
		7th Period Final 1:10-2:10 Thursday, May 30, 2003				

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Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 28th day of April, 2003, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge, Presiding; **DOUG ISAACS**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioners, Prec. No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE**, County Clerk and Ex-officio of the Commissioners' Court

constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of April 14, 2003 were read. Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were

examined and Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve and pay said account. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY NETWORK LAB

A motion was made by Commissioner Belew to place the Community Network Lab in the Community Room with one computer being in the Courthouse and one in the Ag Building and all being accessible to the public. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the Amendment to contract for the Collection of Delinquent Taxes and the Resolution Providing for a Penalty to Defray Costs of Collecting Delinquent Property Taxes Pursuant to Texas Tax code Sections 33.07 and 33.08. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to Recess the

Commissioner Court Meeting until 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioners' Court reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with all members of the Court present.

CEILO LAND AND CATTLE, LP

Mr. Randy Sowell representing Ceilo Land and Cattle, LP met with the court in regards to the Tax Abatement Agreement and concerns of the project.

DISCUSSION-ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No items presented.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Adcock to adjourn. Motion was seconded by commissioner Reyes and approved unanimously.

Busy schedule this summer with too much to do? Why not have someone help with the house cleaning?

Call Kim @806/439-6679 Gail and surrounding communities.

JOB FAIR NOTICE

Saturday, May 17th
1:00 p.m.



Gail Community Building

At the request of the Borden County Commissioner's Court a job fair will be conducted by Randy Sowell of Cielo Wind Power for the Brazos Wind Ranch. Resumes will be accepted for operations and maintenance positions including wind turbine technicians and administrative assistance. Local contractors interested in the construction process are also invited to attend. Public information about wind power and specific information about the Brazos Wind project will be provided.

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Tax Scams Surface

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IRS toll-free number as the call back number in order to make the call seem legitimate. However, the scammer then makes numerous unauthorized purchases with the victim's credit card number.

Genuine IRS employees who call taxpayers do not ask for credit card numbers or request fees for payment of a refund.

"Tax season may be over, but tax scams continue," said IRS Commissioner Mark Everson. "These types of shameless schemes hold out the allure of easy money. The IRS warns taxpayers to be on the look out for these schemes. And we urge taxpayers to remember that the IRS does not charge for refunds or solicit credit card information."

In another scheme, victims receive an e-mail that appears to be from the IRS. The e-mail contains links to a non-IRS Internet Web page that asks for personal and financial information. Such information could be used to steal the respondent's identity and get access to sensitive financial data or accounts.

Identity thieves can use someone's personal data to:

- take over his or her financial accounts.
- run up charges on the victim's existing credit cards,
- apply for loans, credit cards, services or benefits in the victim's name, or
- file fraudulent tax return.

The IRS does not request sensitive personal or financial data by e-mail.

Both of these schemes are being reviewed by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, which is authorized to investigate the misuse of the IRS name, insignia, seals, and symbols.

Taxpayers who are on the receiving end of one of these scams should contact TIGTA by calling the toll-free fraud referral hotline at 1-800-366-4484.

These are hardly the first scams involving impersonation of an IRS employee or misuse of the IRS name.

In the past, scammers have impersonated IRS agents by going to taxpayers' houses to "collect taxes." Genuine IRS special agents, field auditors, and collection officers carry picture IDs and will normally try to contact the taxpayer before they visit.

In another scam, the scheme promoters send out fictitious bank correspondence and phony IRS forms in an attempt to trick the recipients into disclosing their personal and banking data. The scheme promoters then used the information to impersonate the taxpayer and gain access to the taxpayer's finances.

Genuine IRS forms do not ask for sensitive personal and financial data except in very special circumstances.

Additional information on tax scams may be found on the genuine IRS Web site, IRS.gov, by going to The Newsroom page and then clicking on the "Scams/Consumer Alerts" link under the Topics sidebar.

An Open Letter to America's Teachers

Thank You.

Thank you for your dedication. Thank you for your hard work. Thank you for your service. Thank you for choosing this noble profession

Thank you for being a hero to both young and old. Thank you for being a best friend. Thank you for your love.

Thank you for believing in the bright hope of every child. Thank you for setting high standards. Thank you for believing every child can learn if given the chance.

Thank you for inspiring the leaders of tomorrow. Thank you for offering comfort in times of sorrow. Thank you for being a mentor for a lifetime.

Thank you for your professionalism. Thank you for your commitment. Thank you for staying after school and providing extra help. Thank you for doing whatever it takes to make sure no child is left behind.

As you go about your work this day and every day, know that you have the admiration, appreciation and respect of the President of the United States and all of the American people.

Sincerely,
Rod Paige,
U.S. Education Secretary

Teacher Appreciation Week,
May 4th through 10th.

License plates support wildlife conservation and park preservation

Protecting Texas' natural resources is an important part of passing on our state's heritage to future generations. This month, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and local county tax assessor-collector's offices are featuring conservation specialty license plates to create awareness about preserving state parks and wildlife in Texas.

"Texans can take their passion for our state parks and wildlife on the road with a conservation license plate," said Jerry Dike, Vehicle Titles and Registration division director. "These plates are mobile reminders promoting the wild and rugged nature of Texas."

The conservation specialty plates feature a variety of designs to choose from including a horned lizard, a bluebonnet, a largemouth bass and a white-tailed deer.

Conservation license plates are available to motorists for a \$25 annual fee, plus \$40 if personalized, in addition to regular vehicle registration fees. Of the \$25 annual fee, \$29 is deposited not a special fund administered by the Texas parks and Wildlife Department to raise money for fish and wildlife conservation and state parks.

Applications for conservation specialty plates are available at county tax

offices. On TxDOT's web site www.dot.state.tx.us, by calling the TxDOT Help Desk at (512)465-7611, or by calling TxDOT's Fax-On-Demand forms line at (888)232-7033.

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