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2002-2003 Gail FFA Banquet

The Gail FFA Chapter held their annual banquet on Monday, evening, May 19th, 2003 in the school cafeteria.

The banquet began with the introduction of FFA officers: President Kyle Pinkerton, Vice President, Shayla Gass; Secretary Kyla Culp, Treasurer Cassidy Rinehart; Reporter, Brandy Shafer, and Sentinel, Raul Rodriguez.

The invocation was given by Kyla Culp, secretary, followed by a meal of fried chicken, cornmeal rolled fish, battered fried fish, potato salad, coleslaw, pinto beans, okra, hushpuppies, bread and

cobbler catered by Danny's Catering which was served to members and guests.

Following the meal, FFA officers gave the opening ceremony followed by the Welcome to guest and fellow FFA members given by Cassidy Rinehart.

Brandy Shafer introduced the guest speaker Whitney Peil of Lubbock. Her speech was on being a part of the team, now and through life.

Following her speech, the Gail FFA Talent Team performed for the group. Team members were: Ben Griffin, Tyler Wallace, Kyle

Pinkerton, Shane Tarleton, and Garrett Thomas. These young men won the talent contest during Area Convention held in San Angelo and will performing in July at the State Convention.

Following the entertainment, FFA Advisor, Mr. Buddy Wallace recognized the leadership team members and judging teams and their accomplishments. He also praised the students for their hard work during this year.

Awards were then presented by the FFA officers to the following: Honorary

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2002-2003 FFA Officers: Brandy Shafer, Kyla Culp, Raul Rodriguez, Kyle Pinkerton, Shayla Gass and Cassidy Rinehart. Also pictured is special banquet quest, Logan West, newly elected District FFA President.

Graduation Exercises Scheduled for BHS & BJHS May 29th & 30th

Graduation Ceremonies for Borden County ISD High School and Junior High will be held May 29th and 30th in the School Auditorium.

The Junior High will begin at 8 p.m. on Thursday, with 21 students receiving their diplomas.

The High School Ceremonies will take place on Friday, at 8:00 p.m. with 18 students graduating.

There will be a reception each night in the school cafeteria immediately following the program for family and friends of the graduates.

The Class of 2003 will travel to Snyder to begin their Project Graduation All Night Party following the reception returning back to Gail Saturday morning for a early breakfast prepared by parents and friends.

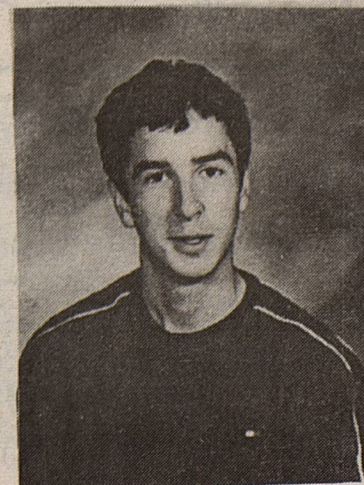
Piano Solo Wilson Earns Superior Rating at State UIL Music Contest

Borden High School student John Wilson can add another state medal to his collection.

The sophomore competed Monday on the University of Texas campus in the State UIL Music contest with a piano solo.

Playing Schubert's "Opus90 Impromptu No.3," Wilson won a division one rating—the highest score possible.

Wilson, the son of Tim and



Carol Wilson, studies piano with Lavoy Leach of Lubbock.

2002-2003 FFA

Banquet

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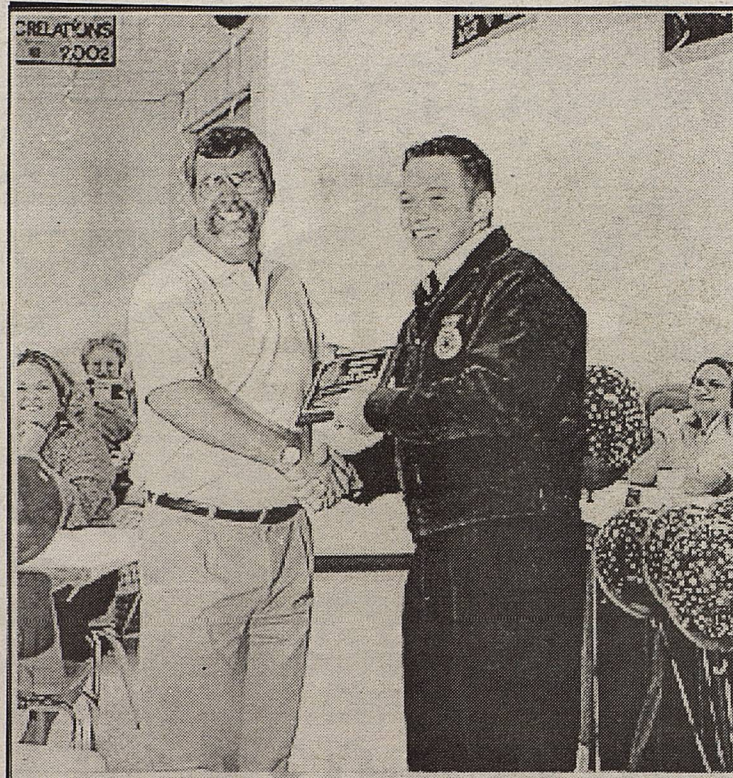
Chapter was presented to Ross Sharp. The Proficiency Awards were presented to Shane Tarleton for AG Mechanics; Caden Nowlain for Meat Sales; Garrett Thomas for Cookie Dough Sales; Sunni Shipp for Beef Production, Megan Brooks for Swine Production; Brandy Hudson for Goat Production; LaShae Johnson for Sheep Production; J Ryan Gicklhorn for Diversified Livestock Production; and Cassidy Ogden for Horse Production. The Star Greenhand award was presented to Brandi Hudson and the Star Chapter award was given to Kyle Pinkerton.

Raul Rodriquez, gave a special thanks to family and friends for their attendance and their support throughout the years.

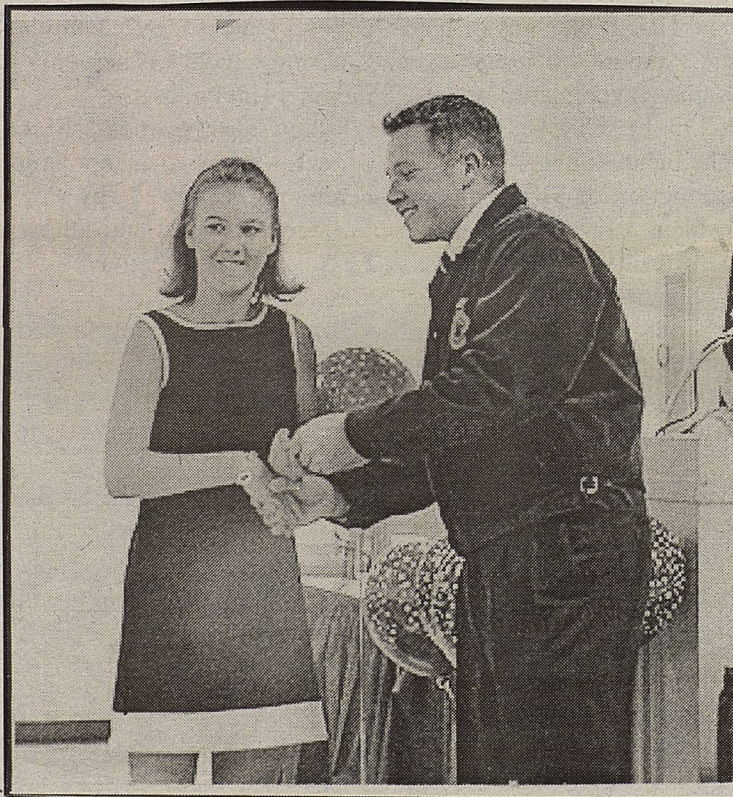
The banquet was closed by the FFA Closing Ceremony followed by the benediction given by Shayla Gass.



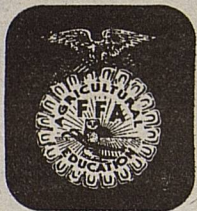
Pinkerton receives FFA Star Chapter for 2002-2003: The award for Star Chapter member was presented by Raul Rodriquez to Kyle Pinkerton.



Honorary Chapter recognition: Ross Sharp was presented with the Honorary Chapter Recognition award for all the help he has contributed to the FFA Chapter this year.



Star Greenhand: Freshman, Brandi Hudson received the honor of being chosen as this year's Star Greenhand Award.



Gail FFA Banquet

Gail FFA 2003 A Shinning Success

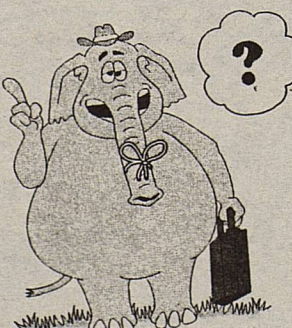
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Doing to learn . . .
Earning to live . . .
Living to serve . . .



Elementary Track Meet
 Fri, May 30th - 9:30 -11:30 a.m.
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 Borden County ISD Track Field

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 Friday, May 30th - 12:30 p.m
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 —Thomas B. Macaulay



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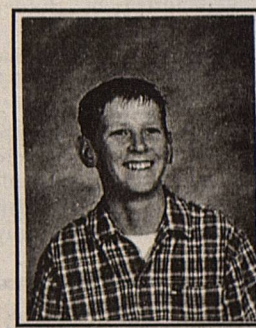
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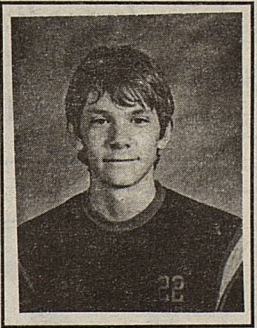
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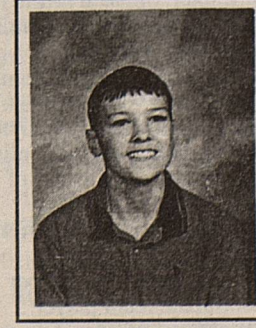
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Coyotes' academic all-starters

Borden County's Hensley, Pepper recognized by coaches

By Dwight Heins
Lamesa Press-Reporter

Whenever they receive their high school diplomas next Friday night at Gail, Borden County's Micah Hensley and Talin Pepper will be graduating toward the top of their class in every sense of that phrase.

Hensley and Pepper haven't only been very gifted athletes in the Coyotes' athletic program, but they've also been very talented students as well.

With her 3.854 GPA (grade point average), Hensley will be graduating as valedictorian of Borden County's 2003 senior class.

Pepper is graduating third in that class with a highly impressive GPA of his own in 3.792.

"Both of these young people are so well-rounded their resumes were both over a page long for our end-of-year banquet," said Borden County High School secretary Amy Rinehart.

That same drive which helped mold Hensley and Pepper into top-notch student athletes was rewarded again this week as both were named to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Association's 2002-2003 Class 1A Academic All-State Team.

Borden County's head girls basketball coach Kevin James and Coyote head boys' cage boss Trey Richey are delighted to see their players recognized in this fashion.

"As far as I'm concerned, this is one of the biggest honors you can get on our level," Richey said. "How many times do you see such good high school athletes have such good GPA's to match that athletic ability?"

"It's just nice to see these kind of people rewarded in this way."

"We're basically talking about the kind of kids who, as a coach, you never have to worry about being on the bus the minute it starts and who still take care of business whenever they get back home again."

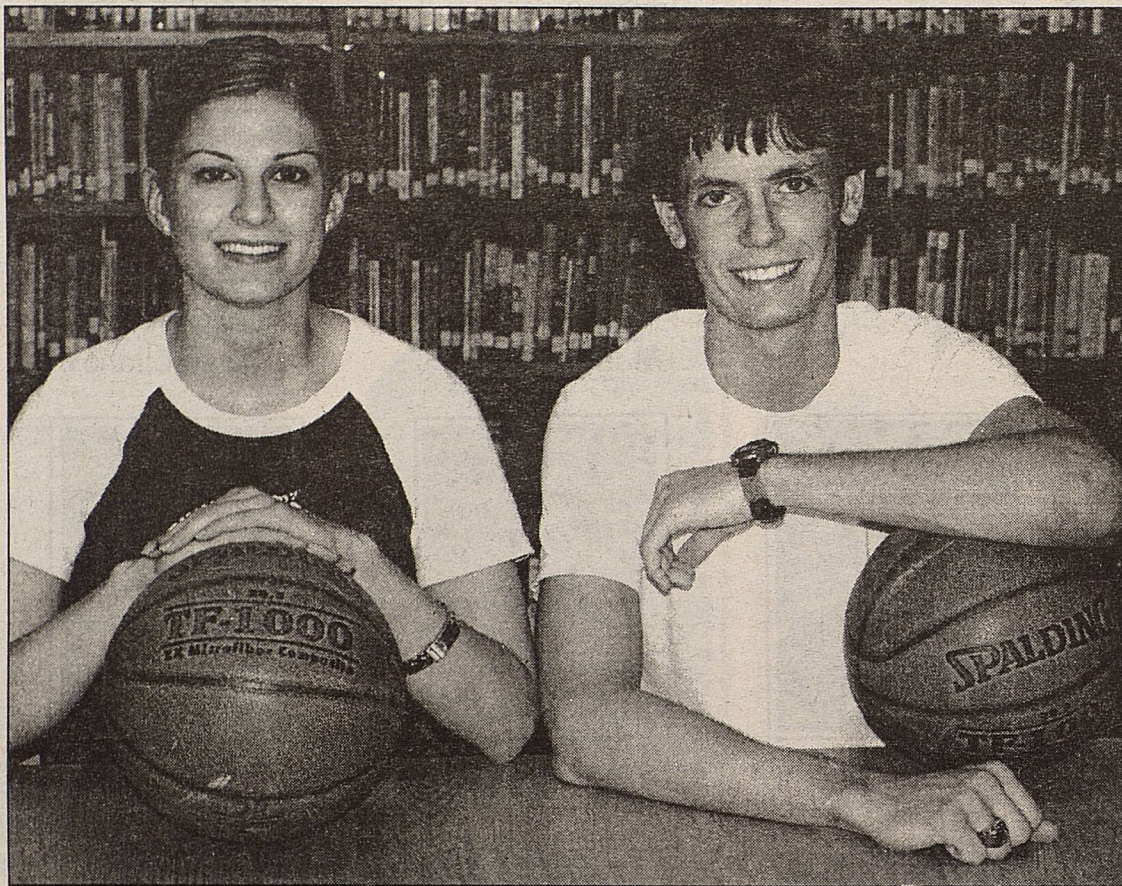
James also agrees with Richey by saying that academic all-state is one of the highest honors bestowed on high school athletes.

"Before now, I can remember only one of my players making this team - and that was J Ryan Ash my first year at O'Donnell," James said. "They set them high enough where it's hard for a kid to achieve them, which helps make it a really neat honor for the kids who do."

"It's just nice to see young people who are willing to put the same kind of time and effort into both areas."

Richey noted that the basic criteria for this squad is being an all-district athlete who maintains at least an A average in the classroom.

"Micah's had an outstanding career out here both athletically as well as academically," James said. "Graduating as our valedictorian also proves just how well that she also takes care of business in the classroom."



COYOTES' ACADEMIC ALL-STATERS
Borden County's Micah Hensley (left) and Talin Pepper are both named to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches' Class 1A All-State

Academic Team. Being named academic all-state caps off highly successful senior years for Coyote standouts.

Dwight Heins/Press-Reporter

“It’s just nice to see young people who are willing to put the same kind of time and effort into both areas.”

— Borden County Coach Kevin James, on academic all-state basketball team

"Anytime you get to deal with young people like Micah who are so motivated within, it helps make them a lot easier to coach."

Hensley was a big hit both in her sports as well as her athletic endeavors.

Hensley was a regional qualifier in cross country. In basketball, Hensley - along with high school teammate Bobbie Kempf - made both the six-man coaches' association's all-region and all-state team.

Hensley wrapped up her high school athletic career in the state track meet by coming in fifth in the 300-meter hurdles. Hensley ran in the state track meet only a week after she was crowned as a state UIL champion in feature writing. She also qualified for state in editorial writing.

Like Hensley, Borden County's Pepper also had a resume that read like a Who's Who. Pepper was an

all-everything cornerback on Borden County's playoff football team. He was an all-district point guard on their hoop squad, which went three rounds deep into the post-season. He was also a very talented pole vaulter, finished fourth in boys singles at their district tennis tournament and also played on their regional qualifying golf team.

"Whenever you look back on all of the success that we had out here this year, you'll see that Talin had a hand in just a little bit of everything," Richey said.

Richey was also a district champion in UIL literary.

Richey refers to Pepper as the consummate team player.

"We'll never forget how Talin once volunteered to run a spot on our mile-relay team realizing that we needed him to in order win a meet," Richey recalled. "He was already pretty run down at that

time, but he was still more than willing to help us out."

Pepper is hoping to extend his hoop career by trying out for Lubbock Christian University's JV basketball team this fall.

"Talin has dreamed about playing on this level and, just like we've always told all of our kids, anytime they dream about doing something they need to go ahead and give it a shot," Richey said.

Hensley, who plans on beginning her college studies this fall at Angelo State University, has at least one more hoop contest remaining in her high school career by getting the chance to play in the six-man coaches association's all-star game in July at Lubbock.

There's no doubt both Hensley and Pepper will be missed whenever they walk off that stage next weekend with their high school diplomas.

"You always hate to see kids like these graduate, especially at schools our size, but at the same time it helps just knowing that they are also going to end up being highly successful in their everyday lives as well," James said. "Anytime Micah sets her mind on doing something, there's a good chance that she's going to achieve it mainly because of as hard as she works at everything that she does."

"Talin has really come a long ways this year. He's really matured, not only as an athlete but also as a young man," Richey said.



Best Wishes

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Coyotes' Kempf all-state; again

By Dwight Heins
Lamesa Press-Reporter

Borden County hoop standout Bobbie Kempf has added still another honor to her strong senior year on the hardwoods, which has already read like a Who's Who In High School Basketball.

Kempf recently learned that she has also been named to Texas Basketball Magazine's Class 1A All-State Girls Basketball Team.

"This is the first time that I can ever remember one of my kids making this team," Borden County head girls coach Kevin James said.

"She got a really nice certificate in this deal, which helped make this another pretty neat honor to get."

Kempf played a big role in helping the Coyotes enjoy a strong 27-7 season this past year, which included still another district championship before going three rounds deep in the Class 1A Division II state playoffs.

"She's become one of our big go-to players out here. We really utilized Bobbie a lot this past year," James said.

"Bobbie ended up playing like a new position for us this season, after we found ourselves having to make some changes after graduating some of the kids they had out there the year before. By accomplishing that role as well as she did, it turned out being a real big plus in our season."

After averaging 18 points and 10 rebounds per game, Kempf's contribution in that program hasn't gone overlooked.

Kempf was tabbed as District 7-1A's MVP. She was selected to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches' all-region team. She also received all-region as well as first-team all-state honors from the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association.

"Bobbie's really had a great senior year for us," James said.

"Graduating players like Bobbie and Micah (Hensley) next weekend have left us having some big shoes to fill around here next year."



Bobbie Kempf

Kempf and Hensley will be reunited as high school basketball teammates in July in Lubbock in the six-man coaches association's all-star game.

"Both of those girls always came ready to get after it, even in practice which carried over with them into our games," James said of Kempf and Hensley. "As a result, they've become very good role models in our program. They've really become great examples, especially for our young kids."

"They've both played on some pretty successful teams out here in the past, and both were more than willing to work hard enough again this year toward keeping that tradition going out here."



M&M Kids learn the meaning of Giving . . .

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."
Luke 6:41

Giving! That is what the M&M Kids is all about. This small group of K - 5th grade students who meet on Wednesday afternoons at First Baptist Church have redefined the meaning of the work "give." M*^M Kids stands for *Mission-Minded Kids*, and they have certainly loved up to their name. This past school year, these kids have been involved in various projects to help others.

One of the biggest projects they undertook was a Walk-a-Thon to raise money to help other children around the world. Each child took pledges of money for how many times he or she could walk around the track in one hour. The day they walked, it was near 100 degrees and windy. Most of the kids walked an average of 10 laps with one child clocking 16! Afterwards, the kids collected the pledges and ended up raising over \$450.00. Next they decided how to best put the money to use. The first priority was taking of the two

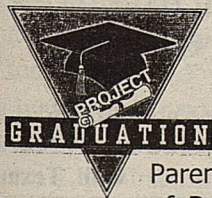
"adopted" children that the M&M Kids have been sponsoring through Compassion International.

Throughout this year each child has been donating \$4.00 per month (of their own money) to sponsor a young girl, Gabriela Barbosa Ricardo, in Brazil, and a young boy, Vijay Thambu, in India. With part of the Walk-A-Thon money, the kids were able to send enough money for the summer months' support of Gabriela and Vijay. Next, M&M Kids wanted to do something else that would help children in another country, so they pledge \$128.00 to Compassion International to help build a water pipe in Brazil for a very small village that has never had running water. The last gift the M&M Kids gave was to take a trip to Wal-Mart and purchase 16 new stuffed animals to donate to Buckner's Children's Home to be used in the program that assists the children who have been taken out of abusive homes. The stuffed animals are given to the children as a "security blanket" to help them during their time of adjustment.

Along with all of this giving of money, the M&M Kids have also give of their time. Throughout the year they have made numerous

trips to the Lamesa Nursing Home to visit and sing songs with the patients. The kids have also been around the Gail community delivering cookies to homebound residents. Many cards of "get-well", "sympathy", and "Thank you" have been signed by the kids and mailed to the wonderful people of our town.

Giving . . . it is something we all need to do everyday. Take a lesson from the "mouth of babes" and when you see one of these M&M Kids, pat them on the back and encourage them to keep up the good work!



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

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Pictured at Ft. Hood before his deployment to Iraq in March is PV-2 Cesar Mujica, a 1999 BHS graduate and son of Sandy Espinoza. Cesar's brothers are Pascual and Eric Espinoza, students at Borden County ISD. Cesar would love to receive mail—

PV-2 Mujica Cesar A.
ACO TF 1-66 Ar
Unit #92599
APO AE 09323-25599

Borden County High School received TxDOT grant, gifts for Project Graduation

ABILENE, Texas – Borden County High School is among 29 high schools in the Abilene District receiving a mini-grant for their graduation activities. Called Project Celebration, the Texas Department of transportation is providing these high schools a \$350.00 mini-grant each for Project Celebration 2003.

"I am delighted that TxDOT once again agreed to support graduation activities across Texas," Brenda Mitchell, Abilene District traffic safety coordinator, said.

"As TxDOT endeavors to

inform the public of the importance of safe and sober driving habits, it's essential that we do our part to help communities provide a safe and sober occasion graduating students can cherish for a life time," Mitchell said.

Mitchell also visited each high school and presented the Project Celebration chairperson mementos for each of the graduates who attend their high school event. Those mementos bare the slogan, *Drink, Drive, Go to Jail and Don't Drink & Driver. Ever.*

These graduation souvenirs are designed to be a reminder

Labor Department Remind Employers & Teen Workers & Parents about "Youth Rules!"

As the summer months approach and more young workers enter the job market, teens, parents and employers should be aware of the laws that apply to youth. Consistent with the Department of labor's "Youth Rules!" campaign to help youth work safely and legally, the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor offers the following quick guide to the Fair Labor Standard Act's provisions.

Youth age 14 and 15:

- May work in a variety of jobs, including: offices, grocery and retail stores, restaurants, gasoline service stations, amusement parks and movie theatres. They may not work in the following occupations: construction, manufacturing, mining, communications and public utilities, warehousing and storage, processing occupations, public messenger service, most cooking occupa-

tions, transportation, operating power grass cutting machinery and any occupation declared hazardous by the Secretary of Labor.

- May work outside of school hours; between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. (except between June 1 and Labor Day when the evening hours are extended to 9 p.m.); up to three hours a day on school days; up to 18 hours total in a school week; up to eight hours a day on non-school days, and up to 40 hours total in a non-school week.

Youth age 16 and 17:

- Have no restrictions related to hours they may work.
- Are prohibited from working in 17 occupations declared hazardous by the Secretary of Labor. Some of the more common of these are: motor vehicle operation,

power-driven wood-working machines, power-driven hoisting apparatus, power-driven bakery machinery, power-driven circular saws. Band saws, roofing operations, and excavation operations.

Through the *Youth Rules!* Initiative, the Labor Department seeks to promote positive and safe work experiences for young workers. The *Youth Rules!* Web page will educate teens, parents, educators, employers and the public on federal and state rules regarding young workers – the hours youth can work, and the jobs they can do. The initiative will also help teens and employers work together to ensure safe work experience.

For more information, contact the Wage and Hour Division's toll-free number 1-866-487-9243 or visit the *Youth Rules!* Website at: www.youthrules.dol.gov.



Congratulations From the Borden Star

to the students to remain drug and alcohol-free not only around prom and graduation time, but always, Mitchell said.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

To Van York and the County Commissioners
The Snyder VFW and American Legion
Sadie Ludecke
and the Borden County community
for your support of
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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.

Ticks on Pets

Ticks are common in our area, but they prefer to spend their time in places with some protection from intense sunlight, but which give them a good chance of grabbing a host if it should walk by. Yards with high grass, un-raked leaves, large shrubs, or other vegetation that provides shelter from direct sunlight are especially hospitable for ticks. Ticks are moved around in the environment by the animals on which they feed, including deer, rodents, dogs, and birds. Eventually, ticks arrive in our yards and infest our pets.

We usually notice ticks first on our pets because the pets are out in the yard walking around in the places ticks like to rest and wait for their blood hosts. If you find one or more ticks on a pet, then consider a comprehensive approach to tick control on your property. Comprehensive control relies on eliminating ticks from the yard, our pets, and from within our houses if necessary. It does little good to simply eliminate ticks from our pets, and then allow them to become re-infested in the yard.

Tick control in the yard is not too difficult. Mow all tall grass, cut hedges back as much as possible, rake leaves, and generally eliminate tick hang-outs as much as is practical. These actions will reduce the number of ticks in the yard, but insecticides will most likely be needed as well. The EPA has eliminated Dursban and Diazinon, common tick pesticides we used to use, but homeowners have access to some newer products. These include the relatively new synthetic pyrethroid insecticides that can be recognized for the most part by how the

last part of the active ingredient name is spelled. If the active ingredient name ends in the letters "rin", then the product is a pyrethroid. For example, the product Bayer Advanced Lawn & Garden Multi-Insect Killer has the active ingredient cyfluthrin, a synthetic pyrethroid. Carbaryl (Sevin) is still available for outdoor use as well.

Be sure to read the labels for any pesticides you plan to use. Your pets and children will be exposed to these products in the yard. It is often not necessary to treat the entire yard with a pesticide. It may be better to treat only those areas preferred by ticks.

Tick control on the pet is not as difficult as it once was. Veterinarians now possess many different, safe insecticides for control of ticks on pets. It is no longer necessary or advisable to dip pets in vats of insecticide. Less-toxic approaches are available, and it is certainly worth a few minutes on the telephone to get a good recommendation from your veterinarian. Various factors like your pet's age, health problems or allergies, etc. should be considered before making a

NRCS Announces Equip Financial Assistance available in Texas

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announced today that financial assistance will be available in Texas to conserve natural resources and address environmental concerns on private lands. These funds are part of conservation provisions contained in the 2002 Farm Bill and authorized by the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Eligible farmers and ranchers

may apply for these funds as cost-share assistance.

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tick control or prevention recommendation.

Of course you should remove ticks from your pets. Timely removal of ticks is very important in preventing the transmission of disease. There are numerous "folk remedies" for tick removal, but the important thing is to get the tick removed quickly (before it can transmit disease) and without spilling the contents of the tick's body into the wound. Always wear rubber or latex gloves when removing ticks. Remove as much of the tick as possible from your pet by grasping firmly at the base of the tick's mouth (where it attaches to the skin) with a tick removal tool or a tweezers. Pull gently but firmly. Try to allow some time for the tick to loosen its grip on the skin. After the tick has been removed, disinfect the

may apply for these funds as cost-share assistance.

In making the announcement Dr. Larry D. Butler, State Conservationist for NRCS in Texas said, "Each county will be provided a base allocation. Local Work Groups (LWGs) have established resource concerns, eligible conservation treatment practices, and developed the ranking criteria and screening processes. This is government at its best where local landowners and operators establish local conservation priorities all the grassroots level."

In Texas, NRCS works with 216 local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) to address local natural resource issues. Jimmy McMillan, Chairman

of the Upper Colorado SWCD, said he was pleased with the input they have received in developing the local conservation needs criteria for Scurry and Borden Counties. "This is an excellent opportunity for local people to provide substantial information in order to administer EQIP for our SWCD."

Applications for the 2003 EQIP program in Texas will be accepted through June 13, 2003. For more information about the 2003 EQIP program, contact the local SWCD district office or NRCS field office. Additional information is available on the agency website at:

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farbill>.

Nutrition Q & A

Q. I'm worried about how much activity my son will have during the summer months. How much exercise should a 9-year-old get each day?

A. Children should accumulate at least 60-minutes of physical activity every day, said Dr. Nancy Butte, a professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. New national guidelines recommend that calorie needs be directly tied to activity levels.

"Linking children's energy needs to their activity level is essential because, contrary to popular belief, a child's energy needs for growth are small compared to that for physical activity," she said.

Through age 9, children need only an extra 20 calories a day to support their growth needs. Children 9 to 18 only need an extra 25 calories a day. So, exercise along with good nutritional habits.

Q. We are planning a family vacation that includes a long car trip. What are the best foods to pack that the kids can eat easily in the car?

A. Instead of packing snacks to eat while driving, stop every few hours for short "snack and play" breaks, said Joan Clark, an instructor of pediatrics at the Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. She said using food as entertainment for children on car trips is contributing to the bad habit of encouraging them to eat when they're not hungry.

On trips less than two hours, water is the only thing you need to offer. On the long family road trips, stop for a 15-minute break and throw a football around in addition to having a little snack. "Let them burn off some energy," Clark said.

LEGAL NOTICE

Borden County Commissioners' Court will consider bids for the purchase of one pickup to be used by the County Extension Service. Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m. June 9, 2003 in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Borden County Courthouse in Gail, Texas.

Specifications may be obtained at the offices of the County Judge or County Extension Agent, 806/756-4391 or 806/756-4336.

BY ORDER OF THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

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COUNTY JUDGE
BORDEN COUNTY

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Mosquitoes Take a Bite Out of Summer Fun

Pest poses increased threat to humans & pets

Warm weather and longer days are here. And in many areas, so are the annoyances caused by mosquitoes and the potential for disease they carry with them.

With more than 2,500 different mosquito species in the world, no other organism causes more human suffering and deaths each year than mosquitoes. This tiny insect is responsible for the transmission of diseases such as malaria, yellow fever, encephalitis and the recently introduced and quickly spreading West Nile virus (WNV).

In 2002, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reported more than 4,100 confirmed human cases of the mosquito-transmitted West Nile virus and 277 deaths, mostly in the Midwest and South. The disease, which originated from Africa in 1937 and first appeared in the eastern U.S. in 1999, is now found in more than 40 states.

While most people bitten by an infected mosquito never show symptoms of the virus, about 20 percent do develop mild symptoms, which include fever, headache and body aches. An even smaller percentage of infected people develop major symptoms of the disease.

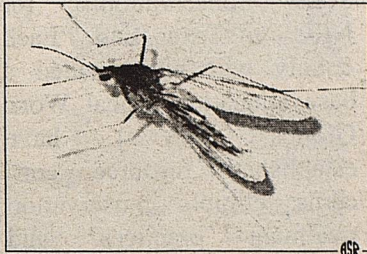
In addition, pet owners should be aware that dogs, horses and other animals are also susceptible to WNV, as well as other diseases and parasites carried by mosquitoes. Canine heartworm infects dogs and sometimes cats and other animals. Eastern equine encephalitis and WNV are two diseases that infect both horses and humans. It's important that pet and horse owners consult their veterinarian and vaccinate their animals against the diseases.

Homeowners, pet owners and people who enjoy the out-of-doors should take certain precautions to reduce the annoyance factor and disease risk caused by mosquitoes. The first rule is if there's any water standing for long periods of time, you can have mosquitoes. Therefore, the elimination of mosquito breeding areas and other habitats that attract the pest is critical for long term control. Under ideal conditions, mosquitoes can go from egg stage to adults in seven to 10 days.

According to the CDC, by following a few precautions, people can reduce the annoyance and risk of mosquito-transmitted disease.

- Apply insect repellent containing DEET when outdoors. Avoid applying high concentration products (greater than 30% DEET) directly to the skin or to children.

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants treated with repellent since mosquitoes can pierce through thin



clothing.

- Use oil of citronella or other repellents for controlling or repelling mosquitoes in confined spaces or outdoor areas.

- Consider staying indoors during peak mosquito biting times, usually dawn, dusk and early evening.

- Eliminate mosquito breeding areas and other attractive habitats around your home. Check and empty gutters, drains, birdbaths, flowerpots, unused swimming pools, discarded

tires and buckets, and other containers that may collect water for more than two days.

- Control weeds and other vegetation around the home. Adult mosquitoes prefer to rest on grass and other vegetation around foundations of building and near water sources.

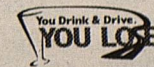
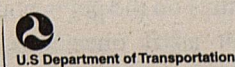
In addition, residents should check to see if there is an organized mosquito control program in their area and encourage local officials to take proactive measures to reduce mosquito populations. These measures include professional application of products to control mosquito larvae and adults in high insect population areas. Products, such as Trumpet® and Dibrom®, have been used safely and effectively for more than 40 years to control adult mosquitoes.

If no organized mosquito control program exists, residents should work with their local homes association, government officials or public health agencies to establish a program. Homeowners and outdoor enthusiasts can also obtain information on mosquito-transmitted diseases and mosquito control programs on the CDC Web site at www.cdc.gov or on the American Mosquito Control Association Web site at www.mosquito.org.



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