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Borden High School Senior Trip – 2003

A Daily Chronicle or---

"A Story of Sixteen Seniors, Six Sponsors, Sand, Spaceships, Sailing, Skiing, Studios, Site-Seeing, sleeping, snoring and . . . Saying Goodbye"

Day 1 – June 5th, 2003

A drowsy, but excited group of recent Borden High School graduates met their sponsors at the school for a 5 a.m. drive to Midland. Apprehension was felt by a few first-time fliers, namely Kevin Ellison, Oralia Galicia, Pati Rodriguez, T.J. Sharp, and Raul Rodriguez.

The seniors and their sponsors all boarded a small jet for a quick flight to Houston International Airport. T.J. had a slight seating problem and ended up keeping the pilot company in the cockpit of the tiny plane. Fortunately, the majority of the plane's attention was given to the extremely white knuckles blazing from Raul's direction.

After a delayed layover in Houston, the group continued its sojourn to Orlando, Florida, upon a much larger plane. It landed in the Orlando International Airport shortly after 2:30 p.m. Mr. Ard, class sponsor



Seniors at the Rocket Garden at Nasa Space Center: L. to R. T.J. Sharp, Sunni Shipp, Bobbie Kempf, April Bouressa, Talin Pepper, Yessi Gonzalez, Carolina Arellanos, Oralia Galicia, Michele Bond, Raul Rodriguez, Kylia Culp, Pati Rodriguez, Kevin Ellison, Micah Hensley, Tanner Poole and Dalene Kempf.

and a non-flier, met the group umbrella amidst a heavy downpour that hit Orlando about that time. She realized to her dismay that she had decided to reach for her

The fun of the trip started when Kylia Culp decided to reach for her

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Gail FFA Talent Team State Bound

The Gail FFA Talent team recently captured the District and Area titles and are on their way to compete for the State Title.

The five-member team began their musical showcase by performing two songs at the District Competition in May. The group performed in front of an adult judge panel and was selected as one of the top two-team finalists to perform in front of the student delegation. The team won first and advanced to the Area Competition, which was held at the Area convention in San Angelo. The Gail FFA members put on an outstanding performance and secured the first place Area

crown.

The group will travel to the State Convention and represent Area II as they compete in the exciting show for the State Talent Title. The members will perform in front of a crowd of approximately 10,000 people in Houston in July.

The Gail FFA Talent team consists of Kyle Pinkerton, (drums) Tyler Wallace, (vocals and lead guitar), Shane Tarleton, (guitar), Ben Griffin, (Lead vocals) and Garrett Thomas (bass guitar).

The team is excited about the state competition and who knows . . . maybe it's on the American Teen Idol?



Gail FFA Talent Team members: (L. to R) Shane Tarleton, Kyle Pinkerton, Tyler Wallace, Ben Griffin and Garrett Thomas.



Texas Stories
A showcase of the Texas Spirit

Tumbleweed Smith
Part owner of Texas

I'm thrilled to live in America. When I was 20, I went to school in Mexico. A year later, I went to Cuba. A year after that, I went to Europe for two years. I've been to Africa and China. When you get away from your home country, you get a better look at it. The perspective enhanced my appreciation for the USA.

I was in Europe during the era of *The Ugly American*. A book, that told us how American we looked and acted overseas. We didn't bother to learn the language of the country we were visiting, we wore only American clothing and sought out the food and places that most resembled America.

I try to eat native food and learn languages and generally blend in when I visit a foreign country so I can learn a little about it. I was taught to respect differences. Some of the places I've visited are very different.

I've not been to Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Iran or Iraq. Right now I think it would be hard for me to appreciate the differences in those countries. I don't understand Ben Laden.

He is a capitalist, yet he says he hates capitalism. He thinks he's following God by killing innocent people and destroying our buildings, factories, schools, stores, and service industries. What do you want, Osama? Why do you feel such a strong urge to conquer? Would you really be happy if all the people in the US believed as you do? I don't think so. Why is your degree of hate beyond measure? What have we done to you?

Here, most Americans are involved with taking care of

our families. We generously reach out to feed the hungry, heal the sick, give comfort to the troubled and bring hope to the poor. We encourage education and teach our children to aspire to lives of accomplishment.

Why do you teach your children to hate us? Are you jealous of what we have? I can understand that. I don't understand why there is murder in your heart. Not since Hitler have we seen such hate. And your desire is to surpass what he did. Have you ever heard of live and let live.

You have not succeeded in making us afraid. You've just made us mad.

Once we know who our enemy is, we can fight. You are our enemy, Osama. And we are fighting you. There's no reasoning with a crazy person. You won't listen to anybody but your so-called voice of Allah that promises you a good time in heaven. You poor man. Killing people in the name of religion. Have you heard that murder is a sin?

Visit our schools and our nursing homes. There you will find young people filled with hope and old people who have had interesting lives of fulfillment.

Instead of trying to see how many people you can kill, why don't you try to make your country come into the twenty-first century?

Have you ever lived as an American and experienced the life we have here? Have you felt our greatness? Seen our forests, our seashores, and our sunsets? Have you had a Dr. Pepper and watched a rodeo? How many people are trying to get into your country?

Make the Grade

Sixth Six Weeks Beta

Senior: Michele Bond
Junior: Kyle Pinkerton;
Sophomore: Garrett Chapman and John Wilson
Freshman: None
Eighth Grade: Rebecca Dobyms, and Jake Payne;
Seventh Grade: Miller Valentine and Rachel Wilson;
Sixth Grade: Katherine Froman and Carlos Hernandez.

Second Semester Beta

John Wilson, Sophomore
Rachel Wilson, 7th grade
Katherine Froman and Carlos Hernandez, 6th grade

Sixth Six Weeks

Honor Roll

Senior: Kyla Culp, Micah Hensley, Talin Pepper, Brandy Shafer and TJ Sharp
Juniors: Clay John

Anderson, Menda James, and Shane Tarleton
Sophomore: Ashley James, Emily Mayes, and Billy Roper
Freshman: Whitney Anderson and Trey Soto;
Eighth Grade: Clint Chapman, and Christina Soto
Seventh Grade: Shelby Roberts and Kate Wallace
Sixth Grade: None;
Fifth Grade: Aaron James, De'Nae Johnson, Chellsie Pigford, Lacey Roberts, Chelsea Stephens, Brendan Tarleton and Raylea Underwood;
Fourth Grade: Bailey Anderson, John Hensley, Kerianne Howard, Taylor Richey, Tony Soto, Krista Tarleton, and Miles Valentine;
Third Grade: Austin Field, Seleste Herridge, Bethany Stamper, Chance Taylor, and Austin Tyler;
Second Grade: Celina Guerrero, Lexi Peterson, Tanner Richey, Matthew Roberts, Riley Smith and Teryn Soto

Second Semester Honor Roll

SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Borden County will accept bids for the following used equipment. Bids will be opened June 23, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at the Borden County Courthouse.

Equipment can be inspected at Precinct #2 equipment yard. Yard is located 1/2 miles south of Gail on FM 669.

Equipment is as follows:

- One 1980 Ford F7000 6yd. dump truck, diesel CAT motor
- One 1977 Ford F600 with 2000 gallon water tank
- One 1976 Fontain dump trailer end dump
- One 1987 Holden equipment trailer

For more information contact Doug Isaacs, Commissioner, Precinct 1, phone 806/439-6619; Randy Adcock, Commissioner, Precinct 2, phone 806/756-4378; Earnest Reyes, Commissioner, Precinct 3, phone 915/965-3212; Joe Belew, Commissioner, Precinct 4, phone 915/573-7718 or Van York, County Judge, phone 806/756-4391.

Mail bids to PO Box 156, Gail, Texas 79738. All bids should be marked "BID" on outside of envelope

Borden County reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
BY ORDER OF THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Van L. York
County Judge
Borden County

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Sixth Grade: None
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Fourth Grade: Bailey Anderson, Taylor Richey, Tony Soto, Krista Tarleton and Miles Valentine.
Third Grade: Austin Fields, and Chance Taylor
Second Grade: Celina Guerrero, Tanner Richey, Matthew Roberson and Teryn Soto

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Wanted

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Two Gail FFA Members Elected to District and Area Offices

Pinkerton Elected as Area Secretary; Gicklhorn Elected as District Secretary

Kyle Pinkerton, a senior Gail FFA member recently achieved an honor of being elected as the Area II FFA Secretary for the upcoming 2003-2004 year. Kyle represents the Lone Wolf District and will join seven other Area II members from each District in comprising an exciting officer team,

Being elected as an Area Officer is indeed an accomplishment as a member must interview, take a test over FFA, and deliver a campaign speech to the student delegates. This must be done initially at the District level, and if they receive the district nomination, the student must repeat the process at the Area level. The Area delegates then rank the candidates based on their speech and test achievements. Kyle advanced to the Area Convention and was ranked third out of the seven candidates. This ranking secured him the secretary position. When interviewed Kyle stated "...this has been a goal former since I was a freshman." Students cannot run for this position until their junior year and they will serve during their senior year. Kyle also stated that the next step in his officer goal is to run for the Area II state office nomination next year.

Kyle just arrived home from the Area Officer Training Camp in East Texas and will apply the skills learned there as he and his officer team members host the Area II Leadership Camp next week.

We are very proud of Kyle and all of his accomplishments thus far. He is an outstanding FFA member and has been a driving force in the success of the Gail FFA Chapter.

The Gail FFA Chapter is proud to announce the election of J Ryan Gicklhorn



Area Secretary: Kyle Pinkerton along with other FFA delegates stand awaiting results of Area II Officer Rankings.



District Secretary: J Ryan Gicklhorn and the 2003-2003 Lone Wolf District Officer Team.

as a District Officer for the 2003-2004 school year, J Ryan, a sophomore Gail FFA member, recently secured this position at the District FFA meeting and election in Ira. J Ryan competed with some 20 other members from the Lone Wolf District for the honor of being a part of the 7-member officer team.

Members competing were required to submit an application, and interview in

front of an adult panel. Students selected then had to deliver a candidate speech to fellow student delegates who in turn, ranked the candidates for officer positions. J Ryan ranked third in this process and secured the District Secretary office. He will represent the Gail FFA in this position in several District Level events next year. This is indeed an honor and we are proud of J Ryan and his accomplishment.

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Let Me Get My Hat!

By Dennis Poole, Borden Co. CEA-Ag.

Shooting Sports News

Three Borden County 4-H John Coward, Jr. Division, Shooters traveled to Abilene on Saturday, June 14, to participate in the Taylor County 4-H Trap, Skeet & Shooting Underwood, Sub Jr. Division, J. Ryan Gicklhorn, Jr. Division, participated in trap, skeet and 5-stand. John placed 5th in trap, after shooting in a shoot off, with a score of 44 out of a possible 50 and placed 2nd in 5-stand with a score of 33 out of a possible 50 targets. Congratulations to these shooters on a job well done!

Little League Buchanan Pump Cubs Take Second Place; Five get ready for All-Star Competiton

In only their second year of existence, Borden County's Little League team will send five players to next week's all-star tournament.

The Cubs, rebounding from a 2002 debut season that saw few wins, came back strong this spring and summer to post an 8-4 record.

In fact, the Cubs played for the championship against an O'Donnell team June 13.

A loss in that game dropped the local Little League squad from first, but it was a remarkable comeback season for the players and coaches.

The all-star tournament games begin June 28 in Lamesa.

Cubs on the all-star roster are John Hensley, Aaron James, Tanner Richey, Taylor Richey, and Tony Soto.



Buchanan Pump Cubs: Back row (L to R) Assistant Coach Trey Richey, Karl Lamming, Shylo Rinehart, Taylor Richey, Brendan Tarleton and Coach Kevin James. Middle row: Trey Soto, Aaron James, Olivia Key, Bailey Anderson and Kristasha Benavidez. Bottom row: John Hensley, Skyler Williamson, Bethany Stamper, Tanner Richey and Michael Froman.

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picked up the wrong luggage from the baggage claim area. An identical bag, full of little girl clothes, had found its way into her hands. Unfortunately, her bag had found itself into the little girl's hands and was long gone. The group headed to Planet Hollywood for dinner wondering whether Kyliya would be able to make it the rest of the week on borrowed clothes.

On the charter bus to Planet Hollywood, the group realized it had picked up way more than just luggage in the baggage claim area; they had also picked up the most talkative bus driver/tour guide available in all of Florida. Paul, the driver for the entire trip, became the butt of many jokes from that point on.

Following a nice meal at Planet Hollywood, the group made its detoured way (thanks to Paul!) to its ultimate destination - New Smyrna Beach, Florida - the self-proclaimed "safest beach in Florida," despite its large number of shark attacks.

Upon checking into the Holiday Inn, the class hit the beach for the first time for a cool night-time frolic with the waves.

The sun winked in the west, and the class hit their pillows late after a very long day.

Day 2 - June 6th, 2003

A 7:15 a.m. departure time attacked the group several hours later. Unable to eat breakfast and with the late arrival of one of the guides, the cranky bunch finally headed up the coast twenty miles to the world famous Daytona Beach for a morning of parasailing. The mood was uplifted somewhat when it was discovered that Kyliya's luggage had been brought to the hotel during the night. She was ecstatic.

On Daytona Beach,

fifteen seniors and three sponsors took to the waves on airboats and then to the clouds as a tiny cord hoisted them, two-by-two, almost 1,200 feet into the air.

The highlight of this portion of the day (according to the girls of the group, that is) was not the fantastic view of the area but rather the guy doing the hoisting. After being questioned, Micah Hensley proclaimed, "I was going to go again so he could put that thing [safety harness] around my waist." Unfortunately for her, that didn't happen.

Pati Rodriguez, a bit fearful of such an adventure, exclaimed, "I almost died. There was a shark, and it was going to eat me."

Almost everyone agreed with T.J., though, when he stated, "Everyone should try it." The group was glad that T.J. had missed breakfast.

Following the parasailing trip, the group again boarded the charter bus to head back to New Smyrna Beach for a much anticipated lunch cruise aboard the Manatee Cruise Line. The trip was to take the group into the intercoastal waterways of the eastern coast of Florida in search of manatees, an endangered species known also as a "sea cow."

However, the Borden County group should have taken the ominous clouds rolling in from the west and the playing of the *Gilligan's Island* theme song as foreshadowing signs. If those were not enough, the faded paint on the boat and the two appointments for the entire month of June on the boat calendar should have given it away.

The boat ride "featured" the sighting of a single manatee during the trip's five-mile course. Perhaps the mid-day nap experienced by the majority



of the class was the highlight.

The members of the Class of 2003 had many comments about this part of the day. Oralie calmly stated, "I ate two sandwiches . . . I eat when I'm bored."

Carolina Arellanos quipped, "Captain John should go down with his boat!"

Dalene Kempf perhaps spoke what was on everyone's mind: "How much did it cost? They should have paid us!"

Sister Bobbie Kempf, always a sucker for quick wit, sarcastically added, "I wished we stayed at the hotel next to it so we could ride it every night."

Despite the disappointment about this part of the day, several saw the silver lining from behind the looming clouds that began clearing as the boat came up to dock.

Michele Bond led several in saying that it was "a good nap." Micah, the lone user of the boat's "facilities," stated, "The toilet was fun to flush . . . Hold for 15 seconds, then let go . . ."

After seeing the backs of many extravagant homes with boat docks, Sunni Shipp was hit with an epiphany: "The bigger the boat, the smaller the house." And she was right!

All in all, the downtime in the middle of

the day provided some relaxation before the group headed back to Daytona Beach for a late afternoon of jet-skiing.

The group of seniors arrived at the Southside Jet Ski facility after getting lost for yet another time on the charter bus. Much to their dismay, they also discovered that the finals they had taken the week before would not be their last in their high school career; they were required to take a watercraft licensing test before being allowed to operate the jet-skis.

In a surprise race to become tops in the class, Raul missed only two out of 26 questions to overturn the class valedictorian honors held by Micah, who missed five questions. Overall, the class had a 94% passing rate (not bad on a test over material you have spent only five minutes on).

Raul, the newly self-proclaimed "police" of the waterway, led the class into the water for a three-hour fight for justice.

The girls of the group, however, saw to it that Raul would be kept on his toes.

Kyliya and Carolina were named the worse drivers in the class following a class poll. "Kamikaze Kyliya," as she became known by some, and "Hell's Angel of the Sea," as labeled by Mr. Aguero, Kyliya agreed with the first

nickname only because of her circular doughnut driving technique. She figured her 300 doughnuts on the open sea could be challenged only by the number of Krispy Kremes Ms. Mayes has eaten in the last year.

Carolina explained that she was not a reckless driver and that the jet skis were much more enjoyable than driving on Highway 180. Fortunately for her classmates, the top speed of the jet skis was 50 mph (roughly half of her highway driving speed).

The tragedy of this part of the day occurred following one of many jet-ski flips of the day. Talin Pepper went mano y mano with a jellyfish as several classmates watched from the safety of the above-water crafts. Talin said that the pain reached the level of an 8 out of 10, but he said he was "comforted" by two or three offers from his classmates to urinate on his legs to reverse the sting's effect. Luckily, that was not needed, as the shop owner had a vinegar mixture that helped dull the pain.

The fun continued for another hour or so - with many more bruises obtained from additional flipping accidents. After one too many "accidents", Raul offered one final piece of advice to his fellow classmates: "When you flip,

it's every man for himself! Use other's heads to get back on..."

After much needed showers, Day 2 ended with a dinner back in New Smyrna Beach across from the hotel and then a shopping adventure down the streets of the quaint city.

Day 3 – June 7th, 2003

Despite yet another early wake-up call, the group anxiously awaited their day trip south to the Kennedy Space Center, home of NASA. Some had awakened in time for breakfast, so the day's outlook was good.

That is until Paul, the bus driver, took control of the bus's VCR. In an act that would make Mr. Lewis proud, the class waded their way through a 45-minute adventure with *Hern's Nature Video Series: Wild Florida – Secrets of the Peninsula*. The video's information remains a secret as far as the class is concerned, because all sixteen graduates slept right through it. But, hey, at least the sponsors finally got to see that manatee!

After the film finally ended, the class awoke to frigid bus temperatures and to Paul's proclamation that alligators could be seen in the swamps on each side of the road leading to the space center. In an anonymous poll taken during this portion of the trip, the class was asked

who they would like to send to "see" the alligator up close and personal. With no explanation needed, Paul was the overwhelming choice. Mr. Ard came in a distant second (the other sponsors had it in for him, too!)

At the Kennedy Space Center, the group viewed an IMAX presentation on the building of the NASA program. Then, they boarded NASA charter busses to take a closer look at the Orbiter Assembly Facility, the world's third largest building. From an observation deck approximately one mile away from the space shuttle launch pad, memories of the

Columbia tragedy were vivid in everyone's mind.

The tour bus then transported the group to the Apollo Museum, site of the original Apollo mission control room.

After leaving the Kennedy Space Center, everyone agreed that the long term impact of the visit would outweigh the current disappointment with this portion of the trip. Highlights included walking under an actual, unused Apollo rocket that stretched the entirety of the large facility (approximately one regulation football field in length).

April Bouressa and Micah agreed that it was odd that the space center did not have much of a memorial yet for the crew of the *Columbia*.

For lunch, the group headed to Titusville, hometown of classmate April. After getting lost for a fourth time, the class feasted on shrimp at Dixie Crossroads, a local favorite.

A quick stop for the essentials at Wal-Mart followed before the group headed back to New Smyrna Beach for the night.

Back at the hotel, many members of the class went shopping in the tourist area of the city for the afternoon, while the remaining portion hit the beach for some sand volleyball.

Sunni and Michele had a duel to see who could spend the most money on this portion of the trip. The winner is still up for debate, but Oralia won the prize for the most expensive single item – a \$30 pair of shorts for Raul. Isn't he special?

The rest of the class claimed that their benevolent nature took over on the trip and that they hadn't bought anything for themselves. That is debatable.

Dinner was spent that night at the Riverview Hotel and Restaurant, an award-winning eatery in New Smyrna Beach. A remarkable view of the



Chelsie's Riverview Restaurant in New Smyrna where they enjoyed eating.

intercoastal waterway (seen the day before on the illustrious manatee cruise) was accompanied by a live jazz band on the outdoor patio.

This meal was considered to be the top food on the trip; the girls agreed that once again, the waiters (Jared and Josh) made the food taste even better. The guys did not want to argue, but had their own opinions of the wait staff.

A brief ride back to the hotel made the graduates realize that they were about to spend their last night on the beach before heading back to Orlando for the final two days of the trip. Burying each other in the sand and lounging in the hotel pool ensued as the tide rolled out, saying goodbye to the Class of 2003.

Day 4 – June 8th, 2003

After a short night of sleep for most (as little as an hour and a half for some), the charter bus with its illustrious tour guide Paul was packed with luggage in order to head to Orlando.

Everyone got breakfast this morning as the class discovered a bagel shop across the street from the hotel. A brief delay was spent as Tanner Poole thought he lost his wallet. Fortunately, he had simply

packed it in his bag during the wee hours of the morning.

The class decided to get smart on this leg of the trip and decided to listen to music over the DVD player in order to drown out Paul. The Beach Boys' "Surfin' U.S.A." brought the bus into Orlando and straight to the Hard Rock Hotel, the home for the class for the next day and a half.

Upon entry into the hotel, the class was in awe of the lobby's décor, especially its projected clock onto the floor just inside the main entryway. Cloth towels in the lobby bathrooms added to their amazement. Tanner, ever the optimist after finding his wallet, declared, "We should have been here all week!"

For the rest of the morning and all afternoon, the class split up and visited Universal Studios-Orlando. Everyone agreed that the IMAX-simulated *Back to the Future* ride was the best in the park. *Men in Black* came in a close second. Pessimism set in as Micah explained that she couldn't believe she had to pay four bucks for a hot dog. Sunni added, "Storm rides stink!" after visiting *Twister*, a simulated tornado attraction. However, Sunni did agree that it was hilarious when Raul almost fell over when the fake cow came

flying in his direction. He will definitely have nightmares.

A meal in the world's largest Hard Rock Café led the class to agree that the burgers were the best meal. One of the waiter even commented on how well-mannered the group was.

Quick wardrobe changes back at the Hard Rock Hotel met the class as they prepared for what became the highlight of the trip for most of the class: a performance of the Cirque du Soleil.

A Montreal, Canada, based theatrical and acrobatic company on the Walt Disney World Complex, the Cirque du Soleil is world famous for its creative and artistic renditions of traditional circus acts. The Borden County group sat spellbound with approximately 5,000 spectators as the story of *La Nouba* was communicated through French clowns, Russian dancers and acrobats, Chinese yo-yo artists, and other amazing feats of skill. The acts were all choreographed to a musical score with impeccable lighting throughout the production.

Comments erupted from the class on the bus following the performance.

"Awesome!" chimed in Carolina, Bobbie, Dalene, Michele, and Micah.

Oralia, Raul, and T.J. agreed as they stated, "This was the best thing we did the entire trip!"

If you ever get the chance to see one of their touring productions, it is well worth the money and traveling distance. The BRAVO network also broadcasts televised performances of Cirque du Soleil from time to time.

The class returned to the Hard Rock Hotel for one final night together before returning home. Many relaxed in the luxurious rooms, while others opted for sand volleyball on the shores of the resort's artificial beach.

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Trade with the firms that support Borden County

Holly's Drive In "Since 1971"

This restaurant is located at 615 S. Broadway in Post and is one of the finest and most popular in this section. They have gained a name that has spread over a large area as a place where both the local and traveling public can well satisfy their demands in good eating. The menu consists of many tempting dishes served with courtesy and a pleasant smile. At is indeed the way of fast service and good food. Here you will find inside dinning in nice surroundings or if you wish they have curb service where by you may eat in the convenience of your own car. Or if its take-out you want, you may phone 806/495-2704 and they will bring it out to you when you arrive. Everyone will find this a pleasant place to visit while in Post, whether working or shopping for the day.

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Justice - Mason Funeral Home

Dee & Janet Justice - Bryan & Becky (Copeland) Justice - Brent Justice Time and service have honored the name **Justice - Mason Funeral Home** located at 301 W. Main in Post. Phone, 495-2933. For years this reputable firm has served the people of this section. They relieve you of all worry and responsibility and by sympathetic cooperation bring comfort in the hour of distress. Their service supplies the consoling thought that the final tribute to your loved one has been beautiful and fitting. They have in their employees only those who have a natural fitness for this profession. When a funeral director must be called, may we suggest that you place this firm in charge. They will relieve you of all the many details that must be taken care of at the same time see that everything is done according to your desires. In this Good Neighbor Review we unhesitantly refer our readers to this reliable firm and suggest that you call them when in need of a funeral director.

McDonald's of Post

Bill Cohen - Owners

McDonald's is always recognized as a social center for travelers and the public in general. They are known by those who visit them as headquarters for "Good Eats". Come in and bring your friends, for here you are always welcome. There is always a friendly atmosphere and their patrons, seen for every walk of life make these popular places their regular eating-place. You will find their inside dining area always clean and orderly arranged. Or if you wish take out service they have a convenient drive up window. When Bill Cohen had the idea of opening a McDonald's in Post, it was with the idea that this modern restaurant would be greatly appreciated by the people of Garza county and surrounding areas, and we, the writers of this Good Neighbor Review of the Post business firms predict this will be proven to be true. Bill Cohen wishes to take this opportunity to invite the people of Borden County as well as all the surrounding areas to come in and visit them and see what they have to offer you.. Phone 806/495-0495.

Rick & Carolyn's Burgers & Fries

Bryan Harper - Owner

Here is a popular meeting place for folks in this section. Stop here for a meal the next time you are in Post. The management invites you to drop in for some of the fine foods in which they specialize. There is something about Rick & Carolyn's Burgers & Fries that sets it apart from other eating-places and makes it highly satisfactory. The extreme care and thought that goes into everything, the service, cooking and arrangement creates an atmosphere that should be visited regularly. Here you will find varied menu of sandwiches and dinners as well as side orders of fries, onion rings and etc., along with a variety of drinks and desserts, all prepared in a careful manner in a spotless and sanitary kitchen. They also have a drive up service whereby you can order by phone and it will be ready for you when you arrive. Phone 495-0546 for drive up service or drop by 601 N. Broadway for inside dinning. We think you will be pleased with their service and food.

Palmer Oil Field Construction

Sammy Palmer - Owner

This firm is one of the leaders of its kind in this district and they have built their reputation upon the service, satisfaction and good will extended to their many customers. Having been in this line for a number of years, the management provides the demands of his customers with quality service and workmanship at reasonable prices. The oil industrial people of this area prefer using the services of **Palmer Oil Field Construction** because they know they will be treated fairly. It has often been said "That business goes where it is invited and stays where it is well treated". Through constant vigilance and execution of this policy they have attained success and popularity among the oil industrial people of this district. In this review of the reliable concerns in our trade territory we recommend **Palmer Oil Field Construction** located on Hwy. 207 in Post. Their satisfactory service, quality workmanship and fair prices purvey the ultimate reason for their success. Phone 495-2710.

Wells Fargo Bank

Wells Fargo Bank, located at 216 W. Main in Post is a member FDIC bank. A strong bank instills confidence in a community. Grow with your local bank. This bank is not only able but will care for every reasonable want of its customers. Our readers will find this bank a friendly bank, providing all of the facilities and services of a large city bank together with personal interest in every customer. So be prepared to take advantage of opportunity by depositing a reserve in this strong bank. When you are contemplating making an investment of any kind, it is a safe plan to consult the officers of this bank before you make that investment. A great deal of credit is due the officers and directors, who have done their best toward the developing of the farming, ranching and other interests of this area. The Community Board Members of this bank are fine, public spirited men who believe in this area and feel that there are better days ahead for the energetic person who works with a plan backed by sound judgment and reasoning. We are pleased to recommend to our readers this outstanding bank in Post, Phone 495-2804.

Jackson Bros. Meat Packers

We would like to call the attention of our readers to the advantage of having a modern packing plant in our vicinity. They are wholesalers and processors of fine meats and supply markets and restaurants of this and surrounding areas. They are fast becoming known for their quality of work and fair prices. This modern packing plant also does custom slaughtering and butchering which is a great service to the local farmer and rancher. They work on the principal that every customer must have the best and most expert service that they can give them. By reason of the fact that the management follows this rule at all times and has wide experience in every feature of the meat packing business they have continued to witness the increase in the number of their patrons. We in this Good Neighbor Review wish to commend this firm on their products and service rendered to the people of this trade area. Phone 806/495-3245.

Covenant Home Health Care

As one makes the important decision of choosing a home care provider, there are many facets to consider. Our recommendation is **Covenant Home Health Care** located at 231 East Main Street in Post, phone 495-3533. They are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and are built of health care personnel who are dedicated to providing the highest level of personal care. One is the myth that home care is just for the elderly. Covenant Home Health Care Post offers a multitude of services within one company, providing a continuum of care. Not only can Covenant Home Health Care offer skilled nursing and home care aides, but also a variety of specialty services that will cover patients of any age from birth on up with the assurance that warmth and understanding are only a phone call away. Pediatric home care is for patients from birth to age 18. An OB/GYN program can provide care for those patients who are expecting a baby and are not as stable as they should be. Also available are nurses who specialize in wound and ostomy care. One other option for home care is telemedicine. Covenant Home Health Care is an exclusive provider of HomMed telemedicine which places a monitor in the patient's home and monitors their vital signs daily, leaving a peace of mind that they are being looked after daily, even though a nurse is not actually present in their home. Some other needs for a patient to recover at home that are available through Covenant Home Services include home infusion and home medical equipment. Covenant Home Infusion can provide IV antibiotics and hydration in the home setting eliminating the need for an extended hospital stay. Covenant Home Medical Equipment is often needed to continue the recovery process at home. Items such as oxygen, hospital beds, wheel chairs, and walkers provide the extra support a patient needs. This organization is definitely dedicated to serving you and providing professional standards and personal excellence second to none. A referral requires a physician's order, yet anyone can get the referral started as they see a need arise. Medicare, Medicaid, and or private insurance cover many of these services. Each provider has different guidelines and coverage. Check with your provider and look into your options. In our annual Business and Professional Good Neighbor Review 2003, you will find no firm more deserving of our highest recommendations in the field of home care. Remember **Covenant Home Health Care's** phone number **495-3533** for any information or to set up an appointment to discuss any questions that you may have about their services.

BHS Senior Trip A Daily Chronicle

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The final day of the trip found members of the class doing a variety of activities before heading home that evening.

Talin teamed with Mr. Dye for an early morning tee time on the award-winning Mystic Dunes Golf Course. Talin claims that he let Mr. Dye beat him, but Mr. Dye thought it was due to their golf cart's Global Positioning System, which told them exact yardage on the course. Perhaps, it was waking up at 5:45 that threw Talin off as Mr. Dye netted an 83 while Talin shot a 105.

Other members of the class opted for an early morning swim in the resort pool, complete with dual water slides. However, several members of the class claim that Dalene broke the slide that morning because the lifeguard shut it down after she went down. There's a story in that plunge.

After the swim, the majority of the class went out for stroll in a local outlet mall not far from the hotel. There

were many great shoe purchases as Bobbie hit the Adidas outlet, Sunni hit the Nike store, Kyla found some cheap orange slip-ons, and Micah found a cheap pair of clown shoes that looked like those worn by the clowns the previous night at Cirque du Soleil. You can spot her for miles around.

T.J. had a slight mishap as he tried to shop for a shirt for his girlfriend. The cashier told him it was ugly, but he bought it anyway.

Tanner and Kevin decided to soak in the Hard Rock Hotel some more as they slept in and then visited the City Walk area of the Universal Studios complex.

April and Pati eventually visited the Islands of Adventure, the roller coaster park next to Universal Studios. They both agreed that it was well worth the fifty dollars. April mentioned that she even met her future husband; unfortunately, he didn't speak English.

The entire group reconvened in the early

afternoon for some group pictures in front of the hotel. Then, it was back to the Orlando Airport for check-in procedures. Better late than never, or so the saying goes, but the group got to relax for quite a while on the hard floor of the check-in area. After five hard days of vacationing, it didn't matter.

When asked for their final thoughts about the trip, various emotions were expressed.

Yessi, Micah, and Oralia reiterated one another as they said, "I don't want to go home!"

"When I'm rich, I'll come back!" Pati confided.

T.J., lying flat on his back groaned, "I'm give out! It was lots of fun, though. I'd come back."

Bobbie & Dalene commented, "It was fun. I have some good memories."

Sunni led a group in saying, "It was good, but I'm glad to go home!" Michele, Kevin, and Kyla said the same. Kyla, correct baggage checked in, added, "And we can wave Paul, the bus driver, good-bye..."

Carolina offered only a slight snore as she lay still.

"Always do what you want to do..." insisted Tanner, still wishing for

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL



Seniors gather for a Kodak Moment at the Cirque Du Soleil Theatre at the Disney Complex

another night in the Hard Rock Hotel.

Talin, awakened by this reporter's shaking hand, commented, "... Fun ... It was worth the concession stand."

"It was the best group trip I've ever taken," April added, and then with hugs and tears from each classmate, she left the terminal with her mother, now back home in Florida.

In a melancholy tone, Raul seemed to question, "It went by so fast. This will be our last time together."

Mr. Ard left with his

family for his long drive back to Texas, and then the long wait for departure followed.

And then the reality set in. Within a few hours, the plane took off from Orlando. After a short layover in Houston, another plane landed in Midland in the late evening. Then the bus ride home to Gail ensued, and the thoughts ran through their heads. Parting ways... High school is really over now... We have great memories... I hope I have a promising future... We are the Borden High School Class of 2003.

APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD FOR THE BORDEN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT, TEXAS Notice of Public Meeting of the Appraisal Review Board:

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting of the Appraisal Review Board of the Borden County Appraisal District will convene at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 20, 2003, at the meeting room in the county courthouse.

The board will hear and determine taxpayer and taxing unit appeals on all matters permitted by Texas Property Tax Code.

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

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

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Borden County Appraisal District
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The boys take it easy at Chelsie's Riverview Restaurant after a long afternoon of shopping. Pictured here are Raul Rodriguez, Tanner Poole, T.J. Sharp, Kevin Ellison and Talin Pepper.



Look! Palm Trees. Taken outside the Airport in Orlando. The girls were excited to see real Palm Trees as they arrived in Florida. Pictured here Sunni Shipp, Dalene Kempf, Bobbie Kempf, Carolina Arellanos, Micah Hensley, Oralia Galicia, Michele Bond and Yessi Gonzalez.

Ranch Estate Planning

Estate taxes are a major problem for ranch owners – and their heirs. Dr. Wayne Hayenga, and Attorney with Texas Cooperative Extension, will hold a Ranch Estate Planning Seminar on August 6th and 7th, 2003, in conjunction with the Annual Beef Cattle Short Course which will be held August 4-6. The Seminar will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on August 6th, and on August 7th from 8:30 a.m. until noon. It will be held at the College Station Conference Center.

Topics covered will include the basic tools of estate planning: Wills, Living Trusts, and Powers of Attorney. But most of the time will be spent on income and estate tax saving plans for ranching families. Irrevocable trusts, generation skipping trusts, bypass trusts, property ownership, community/separate property, special use valuation for ranches, partnerships and corporations will be discussed in the context of the gift and estate tax rules.

Dr. Hyenga is an excellent communicator. He delivers a top notch educational program emphasizing key points with an entertaining style illustrating estate and income tax law provisions with practical examples that make learning a pleasure. His teaching makes full use of his broad background and practical experience as a farmer, banker, and lawyer.

Registration fee is \$100.00 per person. It includes seminar materials, lunch on Wednesday, as well as refreshment breaks. For more information, call Sharon at (979)845-2226,

Fax: (979)847-9374 or email: s-welshing@tamu.edu. (Send us your fax number and we will fax a copy of the brochure to you!)

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Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date (s) shown below, and then publicly read.

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Dist/Div: Abilene

Contract 0908-00-053 for THERMOPLASTIC PAVEMENT MARKINGS in TAYLOR County, etc. will be opened on July 02 2003 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Pre-qualified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit pre-qualification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Pre-qualification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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State Office

Construction Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

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District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, TX 79601
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