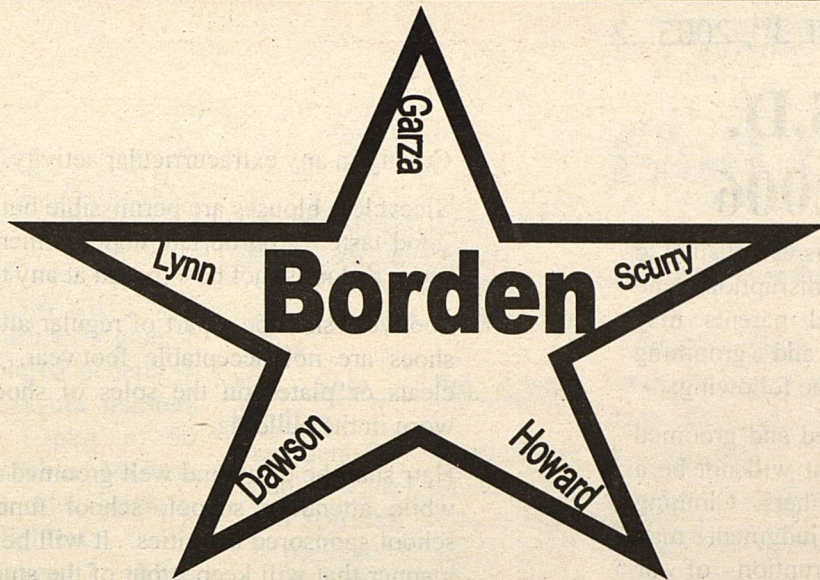


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Gail FFA members receive State FFA Degree

The Gail FFA Chapter has recently added four of its members to an elite group of FFA students across the State. J Ryan Gicklhorn, LaShae Johnson, Brandi Hudson and Caden Nowlain have joined these ranks as they have received their Lone Star State FFA Degrees.

To receive this prestigious award, a student must maintain outstanding Supervised Agricultural Experience Projects and maintain records on these projects for a minimum of three years. The students

must earn a specified amount of revenue from these projects and acquire a specified amount of activity points in their records. These are recorded and kept current on the SAEP IMS computer program. The students must also actively participate in numerous FFA events while maintaining an acceptable academic record.

Gail members submitted their record books and applications for the preliminary record check at the Area II Convention this past May.

Their material passed the Area Check and advanced to the State FFA Record Check Competition during June. The record books and applications were both accepted which was the final level of competition and checking in order for the students to become a Lone Star Member.

The members received their award at a special Lone Star Session that was held at the State Convention in Lubbock on July 12th.

Congratulations to J Ryan, LaShae, Brandi and Caden, all hard working Gail FFA members!

School begins August 17th

The 2005-2006 school year will begin on Wednesday, August 17th, at Borden County ISD. The school day will begin at 8:05 a.m. and will dismiss at 3:33 p.m.

Registration for all students

in grades 7-12 and all new students in grades K-12 will take place at Borden County High School from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 2nd through Thursday, August 4th.

School Zone Safety Tips



- Obey speed limits
- Watch for students walking and riding bicycles
- Be prepared to slow down and stop when school buses flash yellow and red lights.

Just a Reminder, brought to you from the TxDOT

Horse Team Recognized at State Convention

It was an exciting time in Lubbock during the fourth session of the 77th annual State FFA Convention. This excitement was fueled by a special presentation to Gail FFA members as the State Winning Horse Judging Team for 2005. Kylan Reynolds and Lacey Newton were present and smiling on stage as they were presented with a plaque from State officials as the State Horse Judging Champions. The students were also presented with a \$500.00 check from the Houston Livestock Show

and Rodeo in honor of their accomplishments. Kylan and Lacey are part of the four member horse team along with LaShae Johnson and Shelby Roberts who were unable to attend the presentation due to summer conflicts.

The team is now working hard and looking ahead to the National Horse Career Development Event to be held in Louisville Kentucky in October. Gail FFA will represent the great state of Texas in the National

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All-School Reunion Information

What: Borden County School Reunion (Held every five years)

When: August 5th & 6th, 2005 (Friday night & Saturday)

Where: Borden County School; Gail, Texas

Friday, August 5th - 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Early registration and visiting in cafeteria with light refreshments

Saturday, August 6th - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Registration and visiting in School Cafeteria

Pictures of classes, friends, families & individuals

Tours of the school available

Catered Lunch served in County Show Barn

Lunch Reservations Necessary: Please RSVP as soon as possible.

Cost: Adults - \$10; Children below 12 yrs. - \$7.00

Please make checks payable to Borden County ISD Exes, and mail to:

Judy Kingston

751 Borden Co. Rd. 130

O'Donnell, Texas 79351

Borden County I.S.D. Dress Code 2005-2006

The Borden County School's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

Borden County's students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health and safety hazard to themselves or others. Clothing and grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operation is prohibited.

The Borden County School prohibits pictures, emblems, or writing on clothing that

1. Is lewd, offensive, vulgar, or contains obscene language
2. Advertises or depicts tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited by the school
3. Refers to satanic, cult, prison wear or gang activities

The following guidelines will be used to determine appropriate dress:

1. Dresses, skirts, split skirts and shorts should not be shorter than two inches above the knee. A student will lose the privilege of wearing shorts for the school year upon a third offense. Parents will be notified when the second offense occurs. Shorts must be tailored (hemmed with no frayed edges). No spandex biker shorts or wind shorts are allowed (loose-legged, athletic running shorts) and shorts shall not be too tight.
2. Wearing of oversized or baggy pants and/or jeans is prohibited at school or at any school-sponsored activity on or off campus. No "saggin, baggin, or draggin." Pants must be an appropriate length and not drag the floor. Boys' pants will be worn at the waist and properly fit the waistline. No excessively wide legged pants will be allowed. No trench coats, dusters, jail attire or paramilitary attire will be allowed. No chains will be allowed on school property or at school sponsored functions.
3. Shirts and blouses must be buttoned appropriately with midriff and back covered at all times. (Tops must be long enough that skin does not show when arms are lifted.) Clothing shall be designed, constructed, and worn in a manner that is not suggestive or indecent, and that shall promote proper decorum. The opening on any type of shirt shall not exceed the equivalent of the first button below the collar of a dress shirt.

Tank tops and "see-through chiffon blouses" will not be allowed unless they are worn with a crew neck T-shirt underneath it or a shirt worn over them during all school hours and activities. Tailored shirt shirttails must be tucked in unless you have a crew T-shirt underneath the shirt. (All tailored shirts will be buttoned and tucked into the pants or skirt when representing Borden

County in any extracurricular activity.)

Sleeveless blouses are permissible but must be in good taste. Appropriate undergarments must be worn and must not be exposed at any time.

4. Footwear shall be a part of regular attire. House shoes are not acceptable footwear. No metal cleats or plates on the soles of shoes shall be worn in the building.
5. Hair shall be clean and well groomed at all times while attending school, school functions, and school sponsored activities. It will be styled in a manner that will keep it out of the student's eyes and not obstruct one's vision. No unnatural or bizarre hair colors or haircuts will be permitted. Eyebrows must not be notched or shaved in an unnatural manner. Male students' hair may be worn no longer than the top of the collar. In addition: geometric or unusual patterns will not be allowed to be shaved or cut in the hair, and boys may not wear ponytails, rat-tails, or braids.

Students are to be clean-shaven at all times. Mustaches and beards are not allowed. Sideburns shall not be worn lower than the bottom of the ear lobe and no wider than one inch at the base.

6. Boys will not wear piercing jewelry. Girls may not wear exposed piercing jewelry other than earrings. No tongue piercing will be allowed for boys or girls.
7. Sunglasses may not be worn in the building during school hours or events inside the building unless prescribed by a doctor.
8. Students may not wear hats, caps, bandanas, or hoods inside the building during the school day unless approved by the school administration. In addition, they may not wear such headwear when participating in basketball games, whether actively participating or sitting on the bench.
9. Any clothing or grooming not listed above that is determined by the school administration to pose a disruption, interference, or safety concern to the normal school operation or Borden County School Community will be prohibited and addressed as appropriate.

A student who violates the dress code shall be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student shall be assigned to in school suspension either for the remainder of the day or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeat offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action. The principal, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity (for example: cheerleader uniforms may vary from normal requirements according to principal/sponsor approval). Students who violate these standards may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the school administration or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary action.

Violations of the Borden County Dress Code may be handled through the Student Code of Conduct.

4-H News

Shooting Sports

Seth Naumann and Matthew Roberson recently participated in the Texas State 4-H Shooting Sports competition held in San Antonio, Texas, on July 23 and 24.

Matthew participated in the Sub Jr. Division in Trap and Skeet competition. Matthew won 6th Place in Trap in Class A.

Seth participated in the Sr. Division in Trap and Skeet. Seth saw tough competition in these events. Even though he did not place, he shot well and enjoyed the opportunity to compete.

Congratulations to these two young men on a job well done! The State 4-H Shoot brings out the best shooters throughout the state and Matthew and Seth rank high among this group of outstanding 4-H members.

Others attending this shoot were Dean Roberson, Tom Ed and Patty Vestal and Hanna Naumann.

Horse Team

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competition.

As State champions, the team has also accepted an invitation to compete in the AQHA World Horse Show Judging Event in Ft. Worth on August 11th. This will help the team prepare for the National Contest.

The Gail FFA Chapter and Mr. Wallace are extremely proud of these students for their accomplishment in this event and look forward to helping them continue their success.

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Back to School Supply List

Kindergarten: Elmer's school glue (**NOT paste**), 2 glue sticks, 2 boxes of 16 crayons, scissors (**Fiskars for kids**), supply box (**cigar box size**), 4 #2 pencils, gym shoes, towel for nap time, baby wipes or wet wipes, big eraser, 1 box of Kleenex

First Grade: 2 boxes of 16 crayons, 5 #2 pencils, supply box, scissors (**Fiskars for kids**), 2 medium sized bottles of Elmer's school glue, 2 glue sticks, 1 1-subject spiral notebook (**wide ruled**), gym shoes, large box of baby wipes, 1 box of Kleenex

Second Grade: 12 #2 pencils, crayons, Elmer's school glue, red grading pencil, notebook paper (**wide ruled**), scissors, eraser, gym shoes, ruler, large box of baby wipes or wet wipes

Third Grade: 1 spiral (**wide ruled**), 300 3x5 index cards, 1 ruler (**metric and standard**), 4 red pens, 1 bottle of glue and 2 glue sticks, 1 pocket folder, 1 expandable file folder front closure, 2 large boxes of baby wipes, 1 box of Kleenex, notebook paper (**wide ruled**), 24-#2 pencils (**not mechanical**), large eraser, gym shoes, supply box, crayons, colored pencils, scissors.

NO NOTEBOOKS PLEASE!

Fourth Grade: Crayons, map crayons, box of #2 pencils, 3 red grading pens, loose leaf notebook, 3 folders with inside pockets (**no brads**), **wide ruled** notebook paper, 1 standard and metric ruler, 1 large inexpensive box of baby wipes, 2 glue sticks, 1 eraser, scissors, 2 boxes of Kleenex, gym shoes, 2 one subject spirals, 1 bottle of glue, 1 pkg. lined index cards.

Fifth Grade: 1-2 inch 3 ring notebook, 1 pkg of dividers with pockets, 1 red spiral notebook (**wide ruled**), 1 red folder with pockets, wide ruled notebook paper, 1 pkg. of lined index cards, 1 box of #2 pencils, 4 red grading pens, 1 black sharpie (**twin**

tip), 2 large glue sticks, 1 8 oz. Bottle of Elmer's glue, 1 box of 36 colored pencils, 1 box of 10 Crayola markers (**broad tip**), 1 pkg. of 50 Crayola Washable Markers (**super tip**), 1 ruler, scissors, 1 pkg of highlighters

(**5 colors-green, blue, orange, yellow, pink**), 2 large boxes of Kleenex.

Sixth Grade: One 2 inch 3 ring notebook, 6 pocket dividers, 30 regular dividers, 1 package highlighters (**5 different colors: green, blue, orange, yellow, pink**), 1 package map colors (**at least 24**), 1 spiral notebook (**wide ruled, 70 pages-red colored**), 5 packages notebook paper (**wide ruled**), 3 folders with pockets, 1 package lined 3x5 index cards (**white**), 2 boxes Kleenex, 1 package red pens (**10 at least**), 1 package black pens (**10 at least**), 1 package pencils (**10 at least**), 1 package blue pens (**10 at least**), 1 glue stick (**large**), 1 packages wet wipes, 1 pair good scissors.

****ONE LARGE SMILE
AND A GOOD
ATTITUDE****

(7th - 12th)

Mr. Ard

Language Arts 7 & 8: 2" 3-Ring "Extra Tough" notebook with inside pockets (**to keep in room; no zippers, please**), 8 tabbed notebook dividers, 1 2-pocket, 3-pronged folder (**any color**), 1 composition book (**at least 70 pages with holes; no spirals**), pen pouch (for in-class notebook), loose-leaf notebook paper (**wide- or college-ruled**), black, blue, and red ink pens (**extra red ink pens needed during the year**), pencils, highlighter(s)

Coach Avery - Social Studies (8th), U.S. History (9th), World History (10th), W. Geography (11th)

Notebook paper, pens

Mr. Benavidez - Spanish I, Spanish II, Spanish III

1 1/2 inch notebook, red pen, dividers, composition book

Mrs. Soto - 7th Grade Reading

Dividers-7, composition book w/perforated pages (**no spirals**), 3-ring binder, 1 package of ruled index cards (3" X 5"), black or blue pen, highlighter (**any color**), notebook paper (**wide or college ruled**), red pencil or pen

Mrs. Key - Algebra I (9th), Geometry (10th), Algebra II (10th & 11th), Pre-Cal (12th), Computer Applications (7th & 8th)

Notebook paper, spirals, notebook, plenty of pencils, red pen

Mr. Lewis - Science (7th), Science (8th), IPC (9th), Biology (10th), Chemistry (11th), Physics (12th)

Notebook or pocket folder, pens. **Chemistry:**

Inexpensive calculator

Mrs. Mayes - Spanish I (10th), English I (9th), English II (10th), English III (11th), English IV (12th), Government/Economics (12th)

1 1/2 inch notebook, red pen, dividers, composition book

Coach Richey - Math (7th), Math (8th), Algebra I (9th), Algebra II (11th)

Notebook paper, spiral notebook, notebook, dividers (**5 or 6**), pencils, red pen, highlighter, dry erase markers (**2 or 3**), compass, protractor (**no pens**)

7th Grade-Inexpensive calculator

Coach Turner- Social Studies (7th), Health (9th)

Spiral notebook and pens

Mr. Wallace - Ag. Science (8th - 12th)

8th grade: 3 ring binder notebook, 9 dividers w/labels, pens, pencils, and notebook paper

9th - 12th grade: 9 dividers w/labels, pens, pencils, and notebook paper,

Gail FFA members Attend Convention

Bright lights! Patriotic music! Inspiring events! Motivational speeches! Leadership training! Randy Rogers/Johnny Cooper Concert! Rodeo! Fun Night!

These were all included in the 77th State FFA Convention trip to Lubbock. Ten students from the Gail FFA Chapter took part in these events from July 11th - July 15th and became equipped with the tools to accomplish the convention theme of: "Paving the Way"

The convention, which is the apex of the year's activities, was attended by more than 8,000 FFA members from across the Lone Star state. Members attending saw their present state officers in action as well as helping to elect incoming state president and officer team for 2005-2006. Members from across the state participated in the 4th Texas FFA Rodeo. Ten talent tams also performed and competed for the right to represent Texas at the National talent contest. State and American degrees were awarded as well as State CDE and LDE recognition.

Several Gail members were also recognized on state for

their accomplishments this past year. The following members attended and were involved in the events listed:

State Degree Award

Recognition:

Brandi Hudson, Caden Nowlain, J Ryan Gicklhorn.

State Winning Horse Team

Recognition:

Lacey Newton and Kylan Reynolds

FFA Rodeo Team Roping

Kylan Reynolds

Voting Delegate:

Becky Dobyns

Other members attending: Dannelle Copeland, Sharelle Gass and Kate Wallace

Gail FFA members went full speed in order to take in all of the events and came home tired, excited and enriched from the four day trip.

The Gail FFA Chapter and Mr. Wallace would also like to thank the following individuals who attended sessions of the convention in support of the students who received their awards on stage and event competition. Doug and Donna Nehring, Doyle and Shirley Newton, Jessica Kiker, Cody Newton, Jibber and Cindy Herridge, LeAnn and Mandy Hudson, Kay Byrd, Kristen and Tyler Wallace.



Parent's Club Meeting!

Wednesday, August 17th

8:15 a.m.

Conference Room

**Come join us in starting
the new year!**

SUMMER SERIES No. 6

Camping in a bend down by the river

By Mark K. Campbell

Photos by Paula Campbell

Colorado Bend State Park is one of those places you have to make an effort to get to.

But, if it's solitude you're seeking, it'll be worth it.

Get ready for a bumpy ride just to get to park headquarters. It's almost six miles of unpaved road once you finally get to the metropolis of Bend, Texas.

You know the Colorado River's over there somewhere so you keep driving and driving.

And, after motoring past a couple of hiking trailheads, you negotiate a 10 mph downhill S-curve and end up at the small headquarters. It's \$3 an adult head to get in.

The park

Colorado Bend has a reputation, and, around springtime, you hear it's true: It's one of the best places in the state to catch sandbass. (White bass to you Yankees.)

Anglers fill the river – which is about 150 feet across in most places, over to

soaring bluffs – from the park and plenty of others boat the nine miles down from Buchanan Dam.

The river is also full of catfish. You can see photos of 50-pounders outside headquarters on a bulletin board.

There's a boat ramp and a fish cleaning area.

If you happen to not have a boat, the park workers will be happy to rent you a kayak for \$20-\$35 depending on time and boat size.

All camping is primitive at the park. So you won't find a series of \$80,000 RVs hooked up with satellite TVs and generators growling. Motorhomes up to 30-feet long are allowed (\$14), but there are no sewage disposal facilities.

Instead of a line of RVs, you'll find families sitting on picnic tables with their tents thrown nearby. It's very Old School. Of those 23 sites on the river (\$12), none have water at the pads. You'll have to fetch it.

And there are no hot showers, either. There's a cold water rinse-off nozzle in a wide open space that will test your bashfulness.

There's a really nice group facility very close to the river under some huge trees. It's \$40 and was filled with a family of deer – that surely didn't pay – on the day we were there.

There are also plenty of remote camping sites if you feel like packing in for some reason.

Hiking

Even if you don't fish or camp, one of the best hiking trails in the state is in Colorado Bend SP.

You have to amble half a mile on a flat, wide path under massive oaks and pecan trees before you get to the beginning of Spice Wood Springs Trail.

Once you turn right and slip between some big rocks, a mighty, crystal-green pool fed by a small waterfall is suddenly in view.

It's a beautiful sight. Most folks stop here to swim – this park is one of the few places you can actually get into spring water and frolic – but there are plenty of wonders ahead.

One thing about this hike: You *will* get wet. Whether it's the required criss-crossing of the stream or you giving in to cooling off in a waterfall or pool, you'll get wet.

There are at least four more small falls. And all are worth seeing. The trip to them is not easy; it's one of the more demanding hikes around as you wend up a canyon, occasionally facing

some relatively precipitous drops. But, boy, it's a good hike.

When you reach the big tri-falls, turn back; the rest of the way – except for immediately above the falls – is a simple cedar break hike.

If you do venture farther, the trail meanders along with the murmuring spring and the trail occasionally crosses the water. (Stepping rocks are tossed in the streambed to help folks avoid getting wet, but that's always a dicey, balance-challenging adventure.)

At one stop, my wife munched on wild mustang grapes; I passed, of course, since everyone knows grapes only really come from grocery stores.

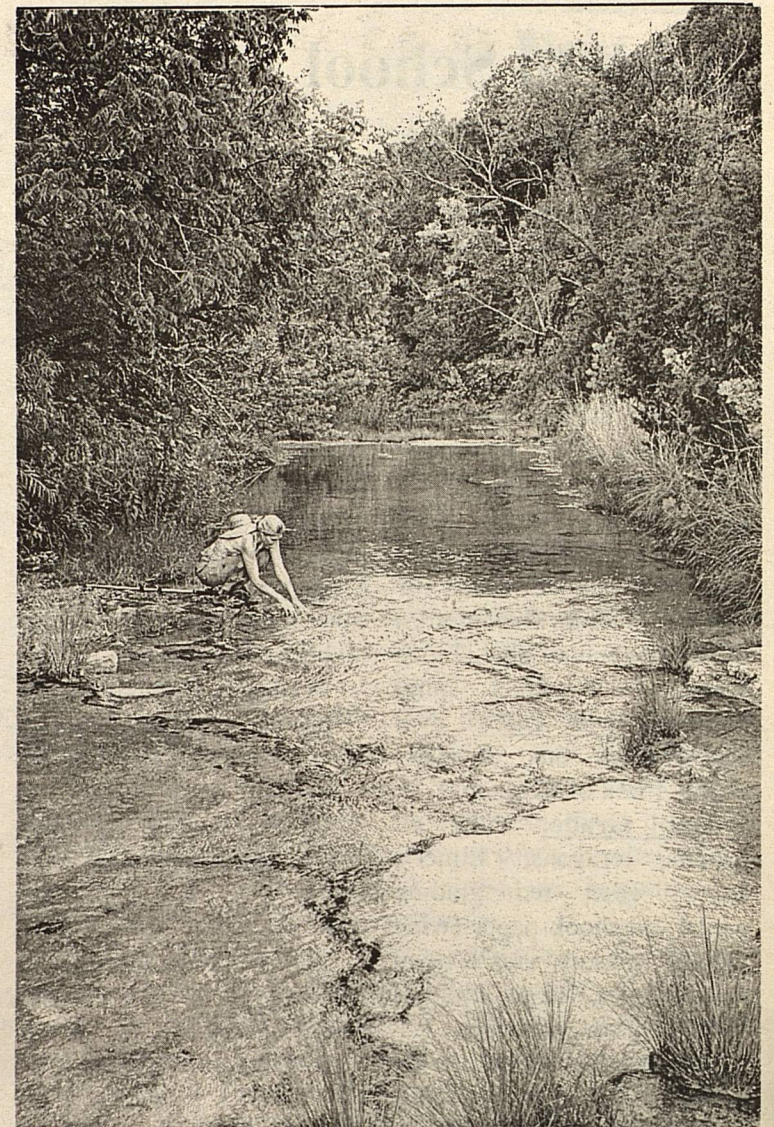
Eventually the path turns from the spring and through a long, boring stretch of cedars.

Another hike

By now, it was pouring rain on us which meant it wasn't hot, at least. We were making "the loop" which begins and ends at headquarters and is five miles long

The second part is really just a cow pasture hike that goes back to the other side of the river (the bend). There's a flat trail by the Colorado that's accessible for almost anyone and its stretch between the water and some impressive cliffs dressed in hanging ferns is nice.

If you park down by the gate where the Spice Wood Springs Trail begins, you'll



As the spring tumbles down the canyon, it occasionally widens out, offering a peaceful place to cool off. Mustang grapes grew in this vicinity.

have over half a mile to hike – past headquarters and through the entire camping area – to reach your vehicle. Watch for grass burrs; they're everywhere.

Cool stuff we missed

The park is noted for having the northernmost living cave in Texas. And there's a really groovy waterfall, Gorman Falls. Both

require additional tour fees (from \$4 to \$30) and can be accessed only on weekends. (We just missed a tour.) Reservations are suggested for the cave; none are taken for the falls.

But, no matter when you get there, take the first part of that Spice Wood Springs hike. It's one of the best around. And give in to a waterfall.

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Congress must consider the Rule of Law as it reviews nominees for Supreme Court

By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Whenever I have visited an emerging democracy, I have noticed consistency on two points: first, everybody easily understands the need for democratic voting and free speech; second, they have a much harder time understanding the rule of law, which is just as essential for a democracy to function.

I once met with members of the Russian Duma and emphasized how eager Americans were for Russia's fledgling democracy to succeed. One member replied, "No you don't. Americans are not investing here."

I replied that for American companies to invest, there has to be an independent judiciary and respect for the rule of law, so the state cannot easily confiscate private property. This was extremely difficult for the Russian parliamentarians to understand.

We have grown up in the United States in a society of laws, not of men. We take that concept for granted. In most emerging democracies, the rule of law is an alien idea, almost incomprehensible. But if you want democracy to succeed, it must harness the two

concepts of individual rights and majority rule — and it can do this only through respect for the rule of law.

The rule of law involves four basic requirements: Equality under the law; a respect for individual rights; an independent and honest judiciary; and transparent court proceedings.

This concept was built into our Constitution which established the judiciary as a co-equal branch with the legislative and the executive. Because of this, the Supreme Court can strike down laws through "judicial review" if it decides the law violates our supreme law, the Constitution.

Judicial review provides courts with a great deal of power which some people believe has been abused. Some believe the courts have taken judicial review so far that some judges are legislating from the bench rather than interpreting and implementing the laws passed by elected representatives. If the public begins to view the courts simply as a different avenue for partisan political contests, instead of a fair arbitrator of legal questions, their faith in the

impartial rule of law will erode.

This would be an unhealthy development. Many times in our history, court rulings have been unpopular, but the general respect accorded to the law allowed the public to accept its decisions.

The importance of the courts explains why we must take the replacement of retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor very seriously. The Senate has a responsibility to examine the president's nominees closely to determine whether they are qualified by experience, knowledge and temperament to sit on the high court.

The Constitution says Congress should ascertain whether the nominee is qualified and fair, not fight to make sure he or she has a certain set of approved views

on a laundry list of hot-button political issues. If this process is perceived by people as a partisan contest, it will only serve to diminish the respect the people have for the justice the court is expected to deliver. This could further erode the respect for the rule of law which buttresses our government and legal system.

This concept is so important to the stable functioning of representative government that I joined with the

Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law to establish a Rule of Law program to bring jurists and officials from developing countries to the United States. The hope of all who participate in this program is that our foreign guests will build their understanding of the rule of law, and help this vital principle take root in their countries and foster the growth of strong and stable democracies around the world.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BORDEN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT 2006 BUDGET

The Borden County Appraisal District Board of Directors will conduct its annual public hearing for the Borden County Appraisal District Year 2006 Budget at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, August 8, 2005. This meeting will be held in the Borden County Community Center at 116 E. Wilbourn, Gail, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget is as follows:

Total amount of proposed budget	\$71,006.00
Total amount of current budget	\$68,816.00
Total difference between budges (increase of)	2,190.00

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect on the 1st day of January, 2006.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the appraisal district office.

Jill Freeman, Chief Appraiser

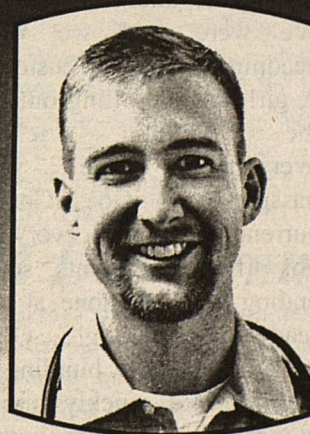
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At the end of the day, Dr. Edwards is proud to hang his hat in a town where he knows his neighbors' names.

You could say Dr. Edwards is staying true to his roots. Both of his grandfathers practiced medicine in small community settings, so it is no surprise that Dr. Edwards has decided to do the same. That's why Dr. Edwards, his wife, Jamie; and their son, Cade choose to make Post their home.

Dr. Edwards graduated from the University of Texas-Houston Medical School and completed

Ben Edwards, MD
Family Medicine Physician



his residency at the McLennan County Research and Education Foundation, Waco Family Practice. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the American Association of Family Practice, the Christian Medical and Dental Association and the Texas Medical Association.

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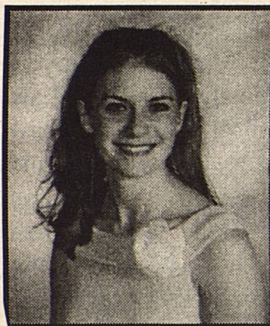
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Learning and Living

by Becky Dobyns

When I learn your righteous laws, I will thank you by living as I should!

- Psalm 119:7

Germany Journal Part One

This is the journal of my entire Super Summer Global mission trip with iWitness Ministries to Cologne, Germany. It includes everything from our preparation time at Dallas Baptist University, known as Base Camp, to everyday we were in Cologne. It has not been edited except to change a few shorthand notes, to elaborate on some points, and to exclude some personal thoughts. I hope you enjoy it and that it inspires you to live your lifestyle constantly on mission wherever God has placed you.

July 20

Well, today was our first day of Base Camp. It was...interesting. When I got here, I was about to hyperventilate or gag or something. It was bad. It was weird seeing all these people I'd talked to online so many times actually in person. I didn't know what to say. I was torn because I needed to get out of my comfort zone, but I was still clinging to Aunt Amy like a baby. It got a bit better when I saw Lindsey. I had missed her! It also eased some of my tension when the parents prayed over us and commissioned us and everything. Anyway, once all the parents left, everyone who had been uncomfortable seemed to warm up to each other more. I mean, we were forced to. After the leaders of the trip, Lance Shumake, Natalie Townley, and Ky Martin, gave us a brief talk, we were told that we were now in iGosia. This is where

I should probably let you know what iGosia is. iGo is part of iWitness. They even have little stickers that say "igoglobal.org". Anyway, they came up with the term "iGosia" because at Base Camp that's the "country" you're in, where things are crazy, but everything has a point. Anything can happen in iGosia, because it's a combination of lots of different cultures and customs.

The iGosians had been very friendly to us while the parents were there, but when they left, the atmosphere completely changed. All of a sudden we were told to quickly go get our bags and form a line out the door of the building as quickly as possible. We had to stand in the blazing sun for about thirty minutes and walk a long way with our heavy luggage to another building. We were told we were heading for iGosia customs. A girl was patrolling outside the building, telling everyone, "Have your passports and iGos (iGosian currency, of which everyone got different amounts, some ending up with none at all) ready! No talking!" Once we got into the building, I was ushered quickly into a corner with some other people. If someone turned for one minute from his or her luggage, an iGosian would come up and steal it. A girl was patrolling around us and made a guy get his guitar out and try to play a Backstreet Boys song. Then she told me, "Now teach me a beautiful American dance

to this Backstreet Boys song!" At first I wouldn't do it and she shrieked, "Stupid American! Do you want to be arrested?!" So I tried to teach her a cheerleading dance and she said, "You bad teach. I no learn from you," and walked off. A poor guy had a tin to put iGos in so I put some in there. A girl came around saying, "You'll need subway tickets!" So I bought one. I had to go to the bathroom really bad, but I knew someone would steal my luggage if I left it and then make me pay to get it back, so I didn't. Then I was quickly ushered into iGosia Customs. WHOAH. People bombarded me. It was crazy. There were already lots of kids in there and it was hectic. A lady was trying to sell me a phony airplane ticket, a guy asked for my passport in a foreign language and stole it, and my sleeping bag and pillow got wrenched out of my hands and stolen. I finally got my passport back after paying the guy money. I tried to get through customs and nearly got arrested because I couldn't understand what they were saying. They made me pay for health forms and fill them out (I later found out that other people got them for free). I had to pay for help on filling them out too. I went back to customs and as I reached down to get my passport, someone took my bag! I finally went through customs, went to the "subway station" with nearly everything stolen, only to find out the ticket I'd been sold was fake! I had to go back and buy a real one, then boarded the subway. Some guy pulled me off the subway just as I was finally about to get out of there and took me to a guy who had my bag. He made me buy my bag back, along with a guy's guitar and my friend's DVD player for the last 20 iGos that I had.

Finally I got to go back on the subway and from there went to the "Safe Room" where I met my Trek, the

group I will be ministering in Cologne with. Our color is Silver. They're really cool. We then had House Church and I shared my worries and fears that are typical right before a mission trip. God's taken care of them now. Then all the treks played this card game. There were ten different tables. If you won at your table, you got to move up a table, and if you lost you had to move down. Each table got different rules to read! One rule was consistent though: You could not talk or write to anyone. So when people switched tables, there was mass confusion about the rules. It was quite funny afterwards when we found out what had been going on. Then we split back up into our Treks and ate. Oh boy. Each Trek (ten people in each) got four cartons of weird Chinese food. We had to try to divide it up. Ours consisted of some strange meat and nasty rice. We couldn't even tell what it was. There were black eggs mixed in there too. We drank this stuff called bulba tea or something like that. It had nasty squishy tapiocas at the bottom, like miniature eyeballs. It wasn't pleasant when I accidentally sucked some up through the straw. It tasted like watered down Frappuccino with an aftertaste; it was totally gross. But they said people pay four Euros for it! I can't believe that.

Then we went into a time of worship, but they first reminded us that everything in iGosia has a point. The point of the Customs was to make us realize that we need to work together. The people who asked each other what was fake and what wasn't, where the best deals were, and such, got to keep most of their money. I was not one of those people and I lost it all. The point of the card game is that we need to play by Germany's rules and customs. We also need to all obey iWitness rules. Otherwise we'll get all mixed up. In worship, I got to sit

beside a lot of my friends, which was cool. It was awesome to find that three of my guy friends like Monty Python a lot too, and we were all quoting it.

Then I went back with my Trek. Each person in each Trek had to eat Bertie Botts Every Flavor Beans and guess what flavor they were. I got pepper, which I guessed correctly, and grass. I thought the grass was vomit. I mean it tasted disgusting. Then we got our keys to our rooms, looking forward to sleep and relaxation, only to find that most of our stuff had been "lost by the iGosians at the airport". I luckily had my big bag with my clothes and stuff, but my sleeping bag and pillow were lost. Bare mattress for me tonight! I have a sweater I can use as a pillow, and a towel for a blanket. My roommates are really cool. I don't know what I'm gonna do tomorrow since breakfast apparently costs iGos and I'm broke! We shall see...

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***Business & Professional Good Neighbor
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***Holly's Drive In
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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 dining 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.

CitizenBank - Post

This prominent locally owned and operated bank is located at 210 N. Broadway, Post, phone 806/495-3545. The **CitizenBank** is an institution of financial strength and safety and may well be termed "The Friendly Bank". It was founded by men of character and integrity who were very prominent in business and commercial activities and have progressed as this district itself has grown and progressed. Under the management of efficient and capable people they invite accounts of businessmen, women, ranchers, farmers, laborers or all people who desire profitable connections with a modern banking institution. At this bank, you will find strength, seasoned judgment, dependability, accuracy in handling details and breadth of vision - - - all to be applied to the management of your personal or commercial affairs. In making this Good Neighbor Review, we wish to make the statement that at **CitizenBank** you may at all times save with safety for they are an FDIC member bank. Where all decisions are made locally.

***Germania Insurance
Jerry Taylor - Agency***

The reputation of **Jerry Taylor Insurance Agency** has been built upon his excellent insurance service, the satisfaction and good will of his many satisfied policy holders. One of the leaders of its kind in this section, this firm is under the management of a man who knows the insurance business and needs of his customers and furnishes a quality insurance service at fair prices. If you will come by his office, Jerry Taylor will be glad to go over your coverage with you and advise you on what additional insurance you might need. Or you may phone his office at 806/495-3330 and he will be glad to visit with you at your home or place of business and go over your insurance needs with you. After going over your insurance coverage and needs, he will advise you on how to meet any additional needs at the most economical price to you. At the present time he is serving a large number of people throughout this section in their insurance needs, whether for home or auto. In this review of the business and professional concerns of this section, we highly recommend **Jerry Taylor Insurance Agency**, your local Germania Insurance agent, located at 113 N. Ave. H in Post. Phone 806/495-3330 for any information or for an appointment.

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.

Hometown Pharmacy

Lisa Peters - Owner

Hometown Pharmacy is conveniently located in downtown Post at 132 W. Main, where pharmacy is a profession. They are well known throughout this area for the finest service and the highest quality in all your pharmaceutical needs. They carry a large stock at all times, whereby you can be assured of having your prescription filled quickly. A registered pharmacist is on duty at all times to see that your prescription is scientifically filled and who can determine that will interact properly with and allergies or illness you may have. "Quick Service" is their motto, so you can call in your prescription at 495-2535 and it will be ready for you when you arrive or it can be sent by mail if you live out of town in a rural area. It can be in your mailbox the next day. We in this Good Neighbor Review of the Post Business and Professional firms of Post do highly recommend this prominent pharmacy to all our many readers. Remember phone 806/495-2535.

The Twins Fashion

Leveta Josey - Owner

People throughout this section shop at **The Twins Fashion** knowing that they can find everything in mens, women, and childrens clothing of a quality unsurpassed in this shopping area.

You will find them located in the center of Post at 210 E. Main for your shopping convenience. You will find that all their clothing is made of a quality of material and workmanship that is sure to please you. Leveta Josey and the employees will do everything in their power to please you. They will show you whatever you wish and make sure you are fitted properly. They carry a complete and comprehensive stock and are well known for their selection and courteous service. They carry a stock of well known brands at all times. So no matter what your needs may be in clothing for the entire family **The Twins Fashion** is the place for our area. They have been serving the people of this area of West Texas for a number of years and hope to keep serving you for many, many more with good friendly service. Also you will find here a large selection of Red Wing Boots in a larger and varied stock at all times in all sizes. They also carry a large line of gifts for the entire home, wedding or any special occasions. Make this your shopping headquarters for all your clothing needs as well as gifts for all occasions and all your Red Wing Boots. We in this Good Neighbor Review take great pleasure in directing the attention of all our readers to such a friendly and reliable establishment. Leveta Josey invites all people to come in and visit them and see what they have to please you. Make this firm "Your Gift Headquarters" for friends and family. Phone (806)495-3387.

H&M Dirt Contractors, Inc.

H&M Dirt Contractors is equipped with the best mechanical equipment for all classes of work consisting of land clearing, road building, pond building, pipeline construction, excavating and bulldozing of all types. This firm is one of the leaders of it's kind in this area and they built their reputation upon the service, satisfaction and good will extended to their many customers throughout the oil, farming and ranching industry of this area. Having been in this line of work for a number of years, the management provides the demands of the people he serves with a quality service at reasonable prices. The people of this area, the oil-man, the farmer, the rancher and the public in general, prefer doing business with **H&M Dirt Contractors** because they know they will be treated fairly. 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 throughout this section of West Texas. They are located on East Hwy. 380 in Post. Phone 495-3293 or 495-3070 for information or work in the nature of dirt work of any kind.

Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 11th day of July, 2005, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge, Presiding; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct 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 June 27th, 2005, were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined. Commissioner

Smith made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

BORDEN COUNTY WATER

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to accept proposal from Mize Rental Tool and Supply for the replacement of 1000 feet of Borden County Water Line. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried unanimously.

BURN BAN

No action taken on Burn Ban for Borden County.

HAVA VOTING SYSTEM

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the state bid for Hava Compliance Voting Systems. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

An application for Soil Conservation Construction of Fireguards was received from Ray Herring in Precinct No. 4. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the application at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for a motor grader and \$65.00 per hour for a dozer. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2006 BUDGET

A budget work session was held for the Precincts.

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Burn Ban and Texas County & District Retirement System Plan to be considered.

ADJOURN

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

BORDEN COUNTY ISD PUBLIC NOTICE

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District is accepting bids for the sale of the following items and surplus equipment.

- Kalamazoo Industries 110 volt metal chop-saw on stand with 10 inch blade
- Delta Rockwell 110 volt scroll saw on stand
- Delta Rockwell 110 volt 2 inch wood lathe on stand
- Delta Rockwell 110 volt 6 inch wood planer
- Delta Unisaw 220 volt 10 inch table saw
- DeWalt 220 volt 10 inch radial arm saw on stand
- Bobcat riding mower 74-inch front mowing deck with 18 horsepower Briggs and Stratton Mower
- Two 36 inch 12.4 Goodyear tractor tires with wheels for Massey Ferguson 30 tractor
- Two new 36 inch 12.4 Goodyear rear tractor tires for Massey Ferguson 30 tractor
- Vulcan-Hart 10 Rack Stainless Steel 240 Volt Convection Oven

These items are located at the Borden County Independent School District in Gail, Texas. They may be viewed at the maintenance department of the Borden County School. Please contact Jimmy Thomas at (806)756-4313 if you would like to inquire about the purchase of these items. Bids will be accepted in the superintendent's office until 5:00 p.m. on August 12, 2005, if you would like to submit a bid on these items.

The Borden County ISD Board of Trustees reserve the right to accept or reject any or all proposed bids, to waive any and all technicalities, and to accept the proposal that will best serve the needs of the district.

Questions regarding additional information shall be directed to Jimmy Thomas by writing PO Box 95 Gail, Texas, 79738; or by calling (806)756-4313. Transmissions by fax may be sent to 806/756-4310 or by e-mail to jthomas@bcisd.net

By order of the Board of Trustees
Borden County Independent School District
Mike Valentine, Secretary

BORDEN COUNTY ISD PUBLIC NOTICE

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will sell the following vehicles at the Lubbock Auto Auction located at 1122 East 34th Street in Lubbock, Texas at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 18th, 2005:

1987 GMC 21 Passenger Bus
Vin # 2GDHG31K1H4517222

1983 Chevrolet Suburban
Vin # 1G8EC16L8DF120288

These vehicles may be viewed at the above address through August 16, 2005. Please contact Jimmy Thomas at (806)756-4313 no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 16, 2005, if you would like to submit a bid on these vehicles

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BORDEN COUNTY ISD BANK DEPOSITORY BID REQUEST

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive bids to serve as Depository for the purpose of assisting with the banking functions for all funds of the Borden County Independent School District.

Pursuant to existing provisions of Subchapter G, School District Depositories, Texas Education Code, it is the intention of the Board of Trustees of the District to select a Depository to assist with the banking functions for all funds of the District for a two-year period commencing not later than September 1, 2005, and ending August 31, 2007, or until such time as a successor Depository is named.

The legal provisions providing for the naming of a Depository of the District are set forth in Subchapter G, School District Depositories, Sections 45.201 through 45.209, of the Texas Education Code. Investments by the District will be governed by the Government Code, Chapter 2256, Public Funds Investment. Securities pledged as collateral to secure District deposits will be governed by the Government Code, Chapter 2257, Collateral for Public Funds.

A bidder conference will be held on Friday, August 12, 2005, at 2:00 p.m. in the school superintendent's office of the Borden County ISD. Bank representation is not required for submitting a bid. However, the submission of a bid shall be Prima facie evidence that the bidder has full knowledge of the detailed requirements as outlined in this bid notice.

Proposals shall be addressed to Jimmy Thomas; Borden County Independent School District; Box 95; Gail, Texas 79738, and shall be delivered in a sealed envelope marked appropriately as "Borden County ISD Depository Bid". Proposals will be received up to but no later than 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 12, 2005. Bids will be opened and read as they are received. **Banks submitting bids should be careful to see that the appropriate bid form is used.** Proposals will be tabulated, researched, and selected by the Board of Trustees at the regular meeting on August 15, 2005. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

The Borden County ISD Board of Trustees or its designee reserve the right to accept or reject any or all proposed bids, to waive any and all technicalities, and to accept the proposal that will best serve the needs of the District.

Questions regarding bid forms, and additional information shall be directed to Jimmy Thomas by writing the above address; by e-mail to jthomas@bcisd.net; or by calling 806/756-4313. Transmissions by fax may be sent to 806/756-4310.

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