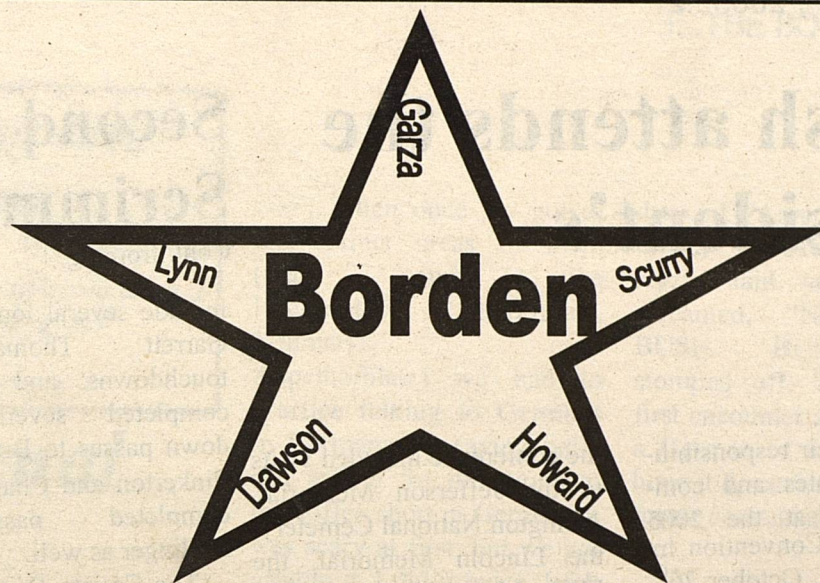


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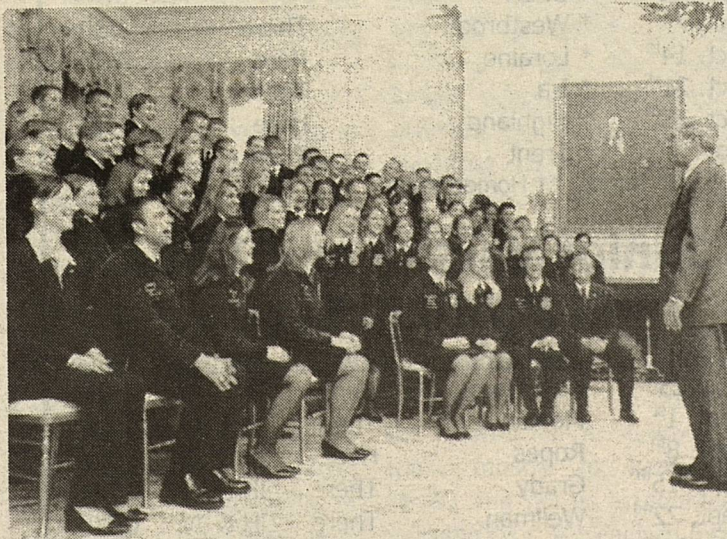
George Bush attends the FFA State President's Conference

FFA state presidents and the national FFA officers had the experience of a lifetime meeting with President George W. Bush at the White House Thursday, during the FFA State President's Conference in Washington, D.C., July 27th.

The president spent forty minutes with the group of agricultural science education students, answering their questions and posing for a

picture in the State Dining Room. The national FFA officers presented the president with a plaque expressing appreciation for his public service to the nation. President Bush spoke about his ranch in Texas and his love for the land. He described how the ranch is being prepared for a new enterprise of propagating native grasses to be sold for

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President George W. Bush visits with members of the national FFA Organization State Presidents' Conference Thursday, July 28, 2005, in the State Dining Room of the White House. Founded in 1928, the National FFA, is a youth organization that prepares middle and high school students for leadership, personal growth and successful careers through agricultural education, hands-on work experience and scholarship opportunities. White House photo by Paul Morse

Coyote Team Ready for Action



2005 Coyote Football Team: Back row (L. to R.) Chase Pinkerton, Trey Soto, J Ryan Gicklhorn, Garrett Thomas, Bradley Tatum and Andrew Lamming. Middle row: Clint Chapman, Dore Rodriguez, Michael Bullinger, Cory Teel and Pasqual Espinoza. Bottom row: Clay Harding, Jake Cooley, Logan Howard, Quentin Shafer and Zane Williamson. Not pictured: Asa Rutherford and Miller Valentine.

Let the Season begin Coyotes look good in second scrimmage

The Borden County Coyote football team traveled to Aspermont last Friday for the second scrimmage of the season. The Coyotes met the Aspermont Hornets and the Bryson Cowboys there. This was a very good scrimmage to let us see where we are right now. Both of these teams will be in the play-offs.

The Coyotes looked good in the scrimmage and out scored both of their opponents. The Coyotes outscored the Hornets 3 to 1 and they outscored the Cowboys 4 to 2. The offense ran 25 plays against both opponents and the defense had 25 plays as well.

The Defense looked good

early and allowed very little yardage in the first set of plays. The "D" was paced by J.Ryan Gicklhorn, Trey Soto, Chase Pinkerton, Brad Tatum, Clint Chapman, Andrew Lamming, Michael Bullinger, and Garrett Thomas.

The Offense took a little longer to get going but finally did click on all cylinders toward the end of the scrimmage. Highlights

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George W. Bush attends the FFA State President's Conference

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charity. Asked to cite a major influence in his life, the president credited the Reverend Billy Graham. He also stressed his commitment to protect the rights of American citizens to worship freely as they may choose. Discussing education policy, President Bush reiterated the need for achievement testing whenever schools receive federal dollars. Regarding curriculum, he said local districts and states should decide what is to be taught in local schools.

Before meeting with the president, the group met with U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns and other USDA officials at the Department of Agriculture. The secretary, himself a former FFA member from Nebraska, credited much of what he had accomplished in business and government service to the training and leadership experiences he received through agricultural education and the FFA. The secretary added he was most proud of the fact that he was raised on a dairy farm where he learned "lessons of life" by caring for animals. The national officers presented Secretary Johanns with artwork depicting the 70-year evolution of the distinctive FFA blue corduroy jacket.

On Friday, the FFA group met with congressional representatives. Attendees at the conference (state FFA presidents and one additional officer from their state) represented all 50 states, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands. They shared common goals of strengthening skills in leadership and citizenship, discussing national FFA business and learning more about the nation's heritage in the capital city. The group attended the conference to

prepare for their responsibilities as delegates and committee chairs at the 2005 National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY., October 26th - 29th.

The five-day FFA State Presidents' Conference is planned and conducted by the team of six national FFA officers. The state officers attending the conference will use the information and skills they gained to train chapter officers representing almost a half-million FFA members in more than 7,300 local schools.

Additional activities during

the conference included visits to the Jefferson Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, the Lincoln Memorial, the FDR Memorial and other historic landmarks. The officers also attended daily leadership seminars focused on enhancing FFA and agricultural science education.

The Chevrolet Motor Division and GMAC (General Motors Acceptance Corporation) sponsored the FFA State Presidents' Conference as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Old Western Boots Needed

Boots hurting your feet? Too old, too little too "punchy"? It does not matter. They are needed for decorations for the County Judges and Commissioner's Association of Texas Conference Banquet to be held in Lubbock.

If you would like to donate your old boots, please drop them off at the courthouse or to Verna Adcock at school.

These boots will be given to the Goodwill after the banquet.

Thanks,
Van York

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Second Scrimmage

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include several long runs by Garrett Thomas for touchdowns, and Pinkerton completed several touch down passes to Brad Tatum. Pinkerton and Chapman also completed passes to Bullinger as well.

The Coyote JV also played in the scrimmage and they outscored their opponents as well. Jake Cooley and Quentin Shafer did a great job running with the ball as Asa Rutherford did a nice job with play action passing to the Coyote receivers.

The Coyote Varsity opens the non-district schedule this Friday night in New Home at 7:30: the JV has a home game this Thursday against New Home and the JH does not yet play.

Ya'll come out and support your Coyotes.

School Lunch Menu

Aug. 29th - Sept. 2nd.

Monday - Breakfast: Breakfast pocket, fruit juice and Milk; **Lunch:** Frito Pie, salad, pinto beans, applesauce & milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Biscuit w/gravy, ham, fruit juice and milk; **Lunch:** Chicken spaghetti, green beans, salad, garlic biscuit, pudding cup and milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: French toast sticks, fruit juice and milk; **Lunch:** Lasagna, carrots, salad, garlic toast, pears and milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Muffin, fruit juice & milk. **Lunch:** Fish, black-eyed peas, potato salad, hush puppies, Jell-o w/fruit & milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Cereal & toast, fruit juice & milk. **Lunch:** Steak sandwich, pinto beans, French fries, no-bake cookies, & milk.

Coyote Varsity Football Schedule for Fall 2005

Scrimmage:

Friday, August 19th, Aspermont & Motley Co.

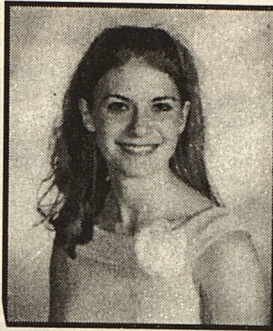
@ Aspermont 6:00

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 26 th	New Home	There	7:30
Sept. 2 nd	Meadow	Here	7:30
Sept. 9 th	Ropes	There	7:30
Sept. 16 th **	Grady	Here	7:30
Sept. 23 rd	Wellman	There	7:30
Sept. 30 th	OPEN		
Oct. 7 th	* Westbrook	There	7:30
Oct. 14 th	* Loraine	Here	7:30
Oct. 21 st	* Ira	There	7:30
Oct. 28 th	* Highland	Here	7:30
Nov. 4 th	* Trent	There	7:30

*District Games ** Homecoming

Junior Varsity and Junior High Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Team	Time
Aug. 25 th	New Home	Here	JV	6:00
Sept. 1 st	Meadow	There	JH & JV	6:00
Sept. 8 th	Ropes	Here	JH & JV	6:00
Sept. 15 th	Grady	There	JH & JV	6:00
Sept. 22 nd	Wellman	There	JH & JV	6:00
Sept. 29 th	Trent	Here	JH & JV	6:00
Oct. 6 th	Westbrook	Here	JH & JV	6:00
Oct. 13 th	Loraine	There	JH	6:00
	Highland	Here	JV	TBA
Oct. 20 th t	Ira	Here	JH & JV	6:00
Oct. 28 th	Highland	There	JH & JV	6:00



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 three

This the third part of my Germany journal, which covers me going to Germany for the first time.

July 22

I got to wake up at 8:40 this morning because I'm on the American Airlines flight. Woohoo! The poor US Airways people had to wake up about five. Ha-ha. I met up with Lindsey and we ate Baptist University's café. One the bus to the airport, I talked to a lady named Amy who lived in Gail way-back-when. I also met a fun former IGosian named Kristen. It turned out she was in Shayla Gass's Super Summer Green School family group! Small world. Anyway, we got to the airport and boarded the plane. My seat is next to a girl named Heather. It was weird because we had talked online and she said, "I hope I'm seated next to you because you seem like the type of person I would get along with." Crazy stuff.

Later - Wow. I've gone to the bathroom about six times already and we've only been on the plane six hours. (Only! I know!) They aid to drink tons of water to prevent jet lag, but I honestly don't thing I need any more. We're not quite halfway to Frankfurt yet, at least according to the nifty moving map. Anyway, we're smack in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean right now and the windows are fogged up so badly we can't see anything. It's freezing and in the middle of the night. It's now 3:40 a.m. in Frankfurt and we're scheduled to arrive at about 7:30 a.m. The last

meal we ate was lunch and the next is going to be breakfast! It's so weird. And this joy ride isn't even the last of it. Once we get to Frankfurt, we have to ride on a bus for two hours to get to Cologne. I'm going back to sleep.

July 23

I'm in Cologne! It was weird when we got here at 7:40 a.m. because it felt like we'd skipped Friday or something. It is now about 7:40 p.m. and I think I've technically been wearing the same clothes for two days. Anyway, we arrived, got oriented, and got settled in. It was fun on the bus because I got to sit with a lot of friends, and we talked like crazy when we weren't sleeping. I think I must have had reverse jet lag today because I slept on and off during the whole plane flight, but I was possibly the dearest one in my trek (group of people to minister with this week) today. After we got settled into our hostel (place where traveling students stay), we learned how to make our beds the German way (yes, it is different), and met the missionaries we would be working with in our worship room, we all went out on "scavenger hunts" to find all the Starbucks in town by train, mostly to keep us awake and get us acquainted with the city. We each in turn had to figure out the trains and where we needed to go with no help! *I even* had to figure out how to get somewhere! Scary, huh? We used so many subways, buses, and trains, it was

crazy. Then once we got to the correct areas of town (with names like Friesenplatz, Rudolfplatz, Neumarkt, and Appelhofplatz) we had to practice talking to Germans in Germany by saying hello and asking for directions to the coffee shop in German. It was scary at first, but we got used to it. I did it twice. I felt stupid saying, "Entschuldigung. Sprechen sie English?" I knew I sounded like *such* a tourist.

Americans are *so loud!* We've been realizing that today because on subways and buses we're the only ones talking. Everyone else doesn't even talk above a whisper, if they even talk at all. Everyone stared at us today. We'll have to work on that, because we're not supposed to stick out that much. My friend Kacie had a funny thing happen today. A lady she talked to asked where she was from. When

she said, "America", the lady asked, "Texas??" When Kacie said yes, the lady screamed, "Nooo! BUSH BUSH BUSH!!" and stomped off. This was the first encounter she's had with a German of any kind, so I hope it doesn't scare off from future conversations.

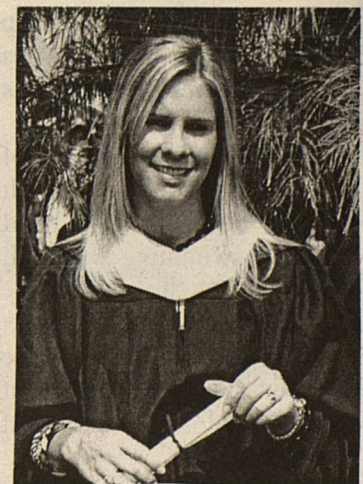
For lunch, we ate Turkish food! They were these chicken-wrap-like things called doners (very good - except there was cabbage in them). For dinner, we ate German Mexican Food! Ha-ha, not exactly the same as Tex-Mex. Lots of tomato, and not hot at all. I got a Fanta with it that of course wasn't refrigerated or iced. They don't use ice here and a lot of times don't even refrigerate their drinks. Apparently Fanta makes a different drink for Germans than Americans. It was the same drink, but yellow and more orange taste and less

carbonation. Crazy. It took me forever to get across to the guy what I even wanted, because I kept saying "Fanta" and he pronounced it "Fawn-taw" or something. We also ate German ice cream (called "ies" in German) for the first time, and let me tell you it beat Marble Slab any day.

So many people use bikes here. There are more bikes than cars . . . it seems to be the trendy thing to do here. Most of the cars are little European compacts too. I never realized how Americanized trucks are until I came here. There are zero trucks, at least in the city.

It's 8:30 and I'm exhausted. Good night.

Poole receives Master's From Tech



Kaci Poole graduated August 6th from Texas Tech University with a Master's Degree in Agricultural Communications after graduating last May with a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Communications. She maintained a 3.8 GPA while attending graduate school.

Kaci is the daughter of Dennis and Sheri Poole of Gail and a 2000 graduate of Borden County High School. She is currently employed by First Ag Credit at the corporate office in Lubbock working in the Marketing Department.

Borden Co. youngster stuns adults at Open Trap Shoot

What was supposed to be a little friendly competition among adults turned into a "shocker" on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Ducks Unlimited (DU)-Lubbock Chapter, held its First Annual Trap Shoot and Fundraiser at the South Plains Gun Club. The fifty-three competitors, many of them club members, were vying for one prize - a 12-gauge Bennelli shotgun. The three youngest shooters were all from the Gail area. Borden County residents Austin Tarleton, Brendan Tarleton, Bill Tarleton, and Matthew Roberson teamed up with Russ Freitz of Lubbock to earn 2nd place in the top flight of the five-man team competition. Brendan Tarleton, 14, had his best showing of the summer by busting 41 of 50 targets.

At the end of regulation, there were five competitors tied with a score of 49. Austin Tarleton, 17, and Matthew Roberson, 10, were two of those five. In the final Shoot-Off, Austin and Caleb Crutcher, of O'Donnell, missed their targets and were eliminated. After one of the two remaining Lubbock competitors missed a bird, it came down to Matthew and someone roughly five times his age. The ten year old never missed a bird in the shoot-off. When the Lubbock competitor finally missed a bird, Matthew hit his, leaving about 75 competitors and onlookers in a state of shock.

Congratulations to the Borden County youngsters, and thanks for representing the county well at this event.

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Cool pool a hot spot

By Mark K. Campbell

Photos by Paula Campbell

Before the day was over, it would reach 110 degrees. And that made the pool feel all that much better.

It's a long haul out to Balmorhea (*bal-more-ray* to you Yankees) State Park. The 46-acre park is located in the foothills of the Davis Mountains.

San Solomon Springs

Of course, water is always scarce in West Texas so for centuries, the San Solomon Springs were a blessed oasis in the scorching Chihuahuan Desert. Originally, the springs were called Mescalero for the Apaches who stopped there back in the middle of the 1800's. Later, Mexican farmers gave the springs its current name.

Crystal-clear water gushes out springs at a rate of 22 to 28 million gallons per day. It's collected in a massive swimming pool where the water temperature is always 72 to 76 degrees – even if it's 110 outside.

Another unique aspect of the pool is that it's filled with aquatic life. You'll find yourself swimming with fish and some mighty impressive softshell turtles.

A mask and snorkel are essential pieces of equipment at the pool. (You can rent them nearby.)

Water is routed from the swimming area to canals that provide irrigation before filling up Balmorhea Lake, three-plus miles distant.

The state park

The area got a visit from the Civilian Conservation Corps in the early 1930's and that group – as they did all over the state – created an amazing facility.

Another unique aspect of Balmorhea SP – so-called using parts of names culled from three Scottish farmers who arrived in the valley long ago – is a huge

limestone bathhouse that offers warm showers and an expansive changing space.

From there, the grounds open up to the pool area where there is ample room to spread out and claim your spot.

The place can be packed on weekends in the summer. Hunters also fill up the park in season. Birders, too. So do scuba divers who relish the remarkably clear water. It's impossible to tell if the water below you is 2 feet or 22 feet deep; it's that clear.

Camping

It's \$3 for adults to enter the park and another \$9, \$12, or \$14 for a campsite. The latter two offer water and electricity on the eastern side of the park. And the \$14 sites (16 of them) provide cable TV hook-ups so the kids can swim and watch *South Park* – it's the perfect vacation!

Another option is to reserve one of the 18 rooms at San Solomon Courts – a retro motel right across from the pool.

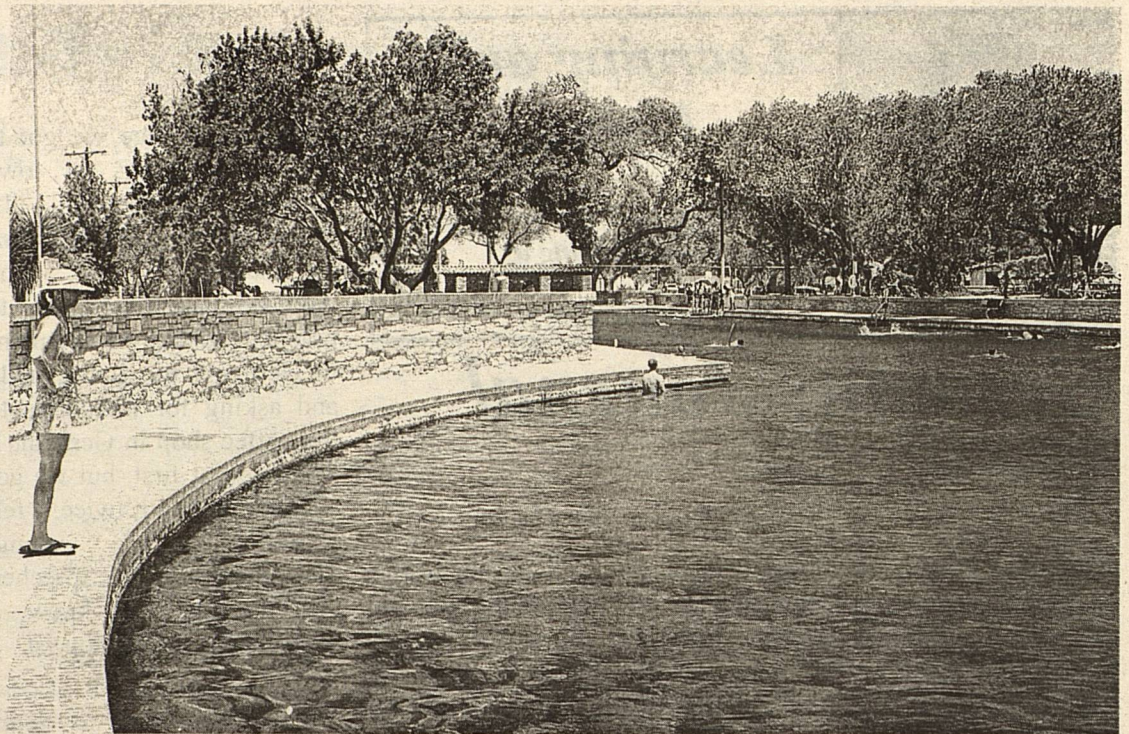
Huge cottonwood trees shade the rooms and the clear canal that flows and dances past right in front. The simple rooms have double beds and run from \$50 to \$60. Some have kitchens.

Some water runs off the canal to a newly-created *cieneqa* that's within easy walking distance of the camping hook-ups and the motel.

The *cieneqa*

Texas Parks and Wildlife created this "desert wetland," and it's been a big success. Many critters have returned to the water and surrounding marsh.

Aside from giving refuge to a pair of threatened fish – the Pecos gambusia and Comanche Springs pupfish – the raised wooden platform affords visitors a bird's-eye view of wildlife goings-on.



About two seconds after this photo was taken, the lovely person at the left was buzzed by a pallid bat that ended up splashing into the pool.

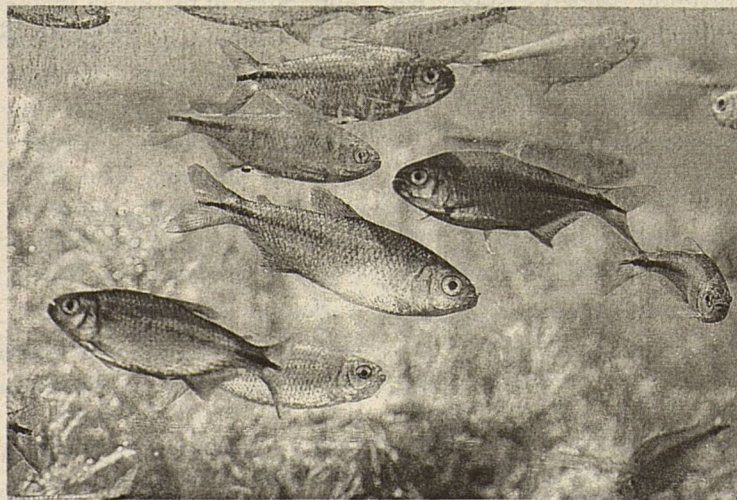
We saw a snake, tons of fish, and several fowl as we silently sat on the hot day.

A wheelchair-accessible ramp heads down to a natural aquarium where three wide windows allow you to peer into the water world of the *cieneqa* – that's where the small, endangered fish, and others, frolic.

In the pool

The water is almost shockingly cold. However, after your heart restarts and you get used to being numb all over, you can investigate.

You don't even have to get into the water to view critters. Just walking along the pool's edge – from the kiddie section to the deep diving area – will give you glimpses of the critters that live below.



The biggest population of the endangered Pecos gambusia is at Balmorhea. They are best viewed at a natural aquarium under the *cieneqa*, "desert wetland."

Ebony catfish try to stay under the overhangs, but they can be flushed out. Some are pretty big and you can really goose someone in the water who is cautiously looking at them close up. If they feel like it, big turtles will munch on offered soggy bread before bolting back down to the depths.

The bottom of the pool is natural, rocky and slimy, sometimes. And, away from the special shallow kids area, it gets deep *fast*.

Bat attack

Investigating a turtle sighting, my wife was surprised to have a bat zip past her ear and splash into 22 feet of water.

You'd think a catfish was lurking nearby – thinking bat-

snack – and maybe it was, because the bat began a serious bat-stroke to get out of that chilly water.

It reached the edge and managed to mount the vertical side of the pool before dragging itself across a white-hot sidewalk. Then the mammal reached a 6-foot wall which it laboriously scaled – but not before getting tangled in a spider's web.

Finally, the pallid bat got a bit of lift and flew to an overhang. Still it was not home, so I fetched a warden and he used a special bat-removal container – an empty Lay's potato chip bag – to take the bat to safety.

Down the road

The canal flows directly past the camping area, through the park, and along Highway 17 to irrigate local terrain before ending up at Balmorhea Lake.

At one time, the ugliest body of water in Texas was Lake Abilene; Balmorhea Lake gives it a good run.

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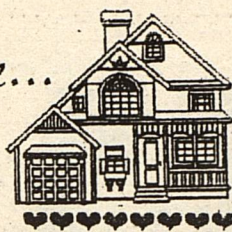
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Heart and home...

By Julie D. Smith
Borden County Extension Agent
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Medicare Part D Update at next Senior Citizen Meeting

The next meeting will be on **Monday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Community Room. This will be a pot luck supper (bring your favorite dish to share). We will enjoy our meal and fellowship first, followed by a brief program by the Area Agency on Aging. They will be providing an update on Medicare Part D. Following the program, we will enjoy games and more fellowship!

Please keep in mind that there are many possible opportunities this group can provide, including wonderful

fellowship, fun games and activities, great learning experiences, a chance to have your blood pressure and blood glucose checked, and even a possibility of group outings. We invite you to participate in the second Borden County Senior Citizen Group Evening. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact Julie Smith at (806)756-4336. Also, if you need transportation to and from the Community Building, please contact us to make arrangements. We look forward to a great new opportunity for our friends in Borden County!

For more information about the update on Medicare Part D, contact Raynetta Williams

Cool pool a hot spot

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positives to a lake not being pristine. Birders line the lake to watch migrating fowl find a rare body of water in West Texas. And the Davis Mountains themselves offer a lovely backdrop to the cruddy lake.

But the place to be is the state park where you can enjoy wildlife and swim in those incredible waters.

The buildings are run down. You're warned not to swim in the lake water. However, there are some



This bat had a bad day: It fell into chilly Balmorhea pool, climbed up and out, survived dragging itself across a scorching sidewalk, and scaled a 6-foot well – then got tangled in a spider's web.

with the Permian Basin Area Agency on Aging @ 800-491-3696.

Panhandle-South Plains Fair Items Needed

Anyone that needs assistance in entering handmade items or goods in the Panhandle-South Plains Fair, please contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336. Entries must be submitted on Tuesday, September 20 and Wednesday, September 21. For more information, visit the fair web site at <http://www.southplainsfair.com> or contact the Extension Office.

4-H News

Cool Clovers 4-H Club to Meet

The Borden County Cool Clovers 4-H Club will meet on Tuesday, August 30 from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. Refreshments will be provided by 4-H. We will be re-enrolling and learning about all the projects offered through 4-H. Those interested in community service are encouraged to bring outgrown clothing to be donated to an area shelter. Any youth age 8 (or currently enrolled in 3rd grade) through 6th grade are invited to attend. For more information contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or borden-tx@tamu.edu.

Junior High and High School 4-H to Meet

The next meeting of the Junior High and High School 4-H Club will be held on Wednesday, August 31 from 12:36 to 1:05 p.m. in the Conference Room. Any Jr High or High School student interested is welcome to attend and be a member of 4-H! We will be re-enrolling for the new year. Those interested in community

service are encouraged to bring outgrown clothing to be donated to an area shelter. Bring your lunch to the conference room next Tuesday. For more information contact the Extension office.

Texas 4-H Friends and Alumni Association

As you get ready to re-enroll your child in 4-H for the 2005-2006 year, you might consider enrolling in 4-H yourself. No, we are not talking about enrolling for the traditional 4-H projects or as a volunteer, but signing up for the 4-H Friends and Alumni Association. This Association is a social group focused on supporting 4-H, our kids, and the agents who make the program possible. Think about the way that 4-H has impacted your life. Where would you be today without the program and the agents who so heavily influenced you? Perhaps you were the one who showed the prize-winning steer at the local show. Maybe you took first place at State 4-H Roundup with your clothing

project. Possibly, you were awarded the ultimate prize...an Opportunity scholarship. No matter what your connection is to 4-H, we want you as a member of Texas 4-H Friends and Alumni. No meetings attached!

Your \$30 makes a difference! Your \$30 membership will be combined with other supporters to award collegiate scholarships, county-level grants, and financial support to 4-H'ers attending camps and leadership events. The Association awarded two county grants in June and is getting ready to offer our first scholarships this Fall.

So if you would like to help give back to a program that has given so much to so many, join the Texas 4-H Friends and Alumni Association. Check out the web site at www.texas4hfriends.org. You may pay for a membership using your credit card online or mail a check to the Texas 4-H Foundation. There is also the option of making a \$5 monthly contribution on the web site. If you have any questions, you may contact Kayla Rathmann at 979-845-5972.

🕒 It's 4-H Enrollment time! 🕒



4-H is not just about showing animals, it involved leadership, public speaking, consumer life skills, food and nutrition, clothing and textiles, photography and MUHC, MUCH more!

If your child is at least 8 years old or in the 3rd grade, they are old enough to become a member of 4-H!

For more information on enrolling or re-enrolling in 4-H contact the Extension Office at (806)756-4336 or at borden-tx@tamu.edu or attend a club meeting

- Randy's Roundup -

By Congressman
Randy Neugebauer

President Bush has made the right choice for the Supreme Court

With members of Congress back in their districts meeting with their constituents during August, our nation's capital has been relatively quiet the past few weeks. However, when Congress reconvenes after Labor Day, the Senate will begin work on a task that will be sure to cause quite a bit of noise. The task at hand will be the constitutional duty to either approve or reject President Bush's nominee to the United States Supreme Court: John Roberts. I think it is imperative that the

confirmation hearings focus on issues that matter and that Senators do not attempt to smear Judge Roberts' reputation.

There are many legal issues that the Supreme Court will have to face in the coming years, and we need justices who understand the proper constitutional role of the judicial branch sitting on the highest court of the land.

From what I have read about Judge Roberts, President Bush made the

right choice in nominating him for the Supreme Court. He is a smart man with a lengthy legal resume that should make him well suited to be a Supreme Court justice. He has been an adviser to President Reagan and the first President Bush. And for the past few years he has served as a judge on the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals. Most importantly, he has shown a deep respect for the Constitution and has adhered strictly to its text

when crafting his legal opinions.

The Supreme Court begins hearing arguments again on Monday, October 3rd. When that day comes, I hope Judge Roberts is in his rightful place, seated next to the other eight Supreme Court justices.

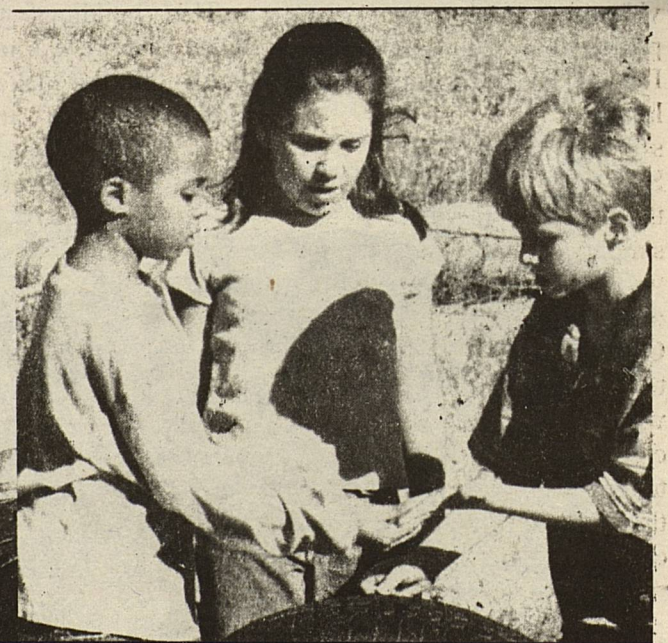
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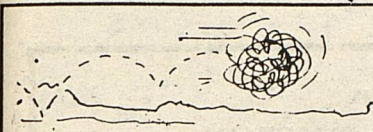
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Texas Stories

A showcase of the Texas Spirit

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Part owner of Texas



Big John

Big John died the other day. He was buried in his overalls.

John Price was the proprietor of Big John's Feedlot, a barbeque place in Big Spring. If there ever was a typical barbeque place, it's Big John's. It has a screened in back porch area that has just been designated the smoking section. The main dining area has tables and chairs that don't match, a barber chair, a broken juke box, a wood burning stove, all kinds of memorabilia on the walls, some of them plaques Big John earned for his gaming ability in Nevada and Louisiana. He always took a couple of weeks off to go play the slots and do yard work and gardening.

John was unassuming and always the same. He greeted his customers warmly and visited with them when they paid out at the cash register. Denise, the waitress and lately the barbeque cook, seldom wrote down an order. So many customers ordered the same thing every time she simply asked them if they wanted the usual. Big John's operates on the honor system. Customers never get a bill. At the cash register, you tell what you had to eat and are charged accordingly. To get to the cash register, you walk through the kitchen area. The ceiling of the room where

you pay out is covered with business cards. Newspaper write-ups of customers' accomplishments are posted on the walls. Some people write comments about this or that and stick them on any available space.

Big John's has beef, pork, turkey, beans, potato salad, pecan pie and banana pudding. No frills. But to most everybody who eats there, all barbeque is measured by the taste of meat at Big John's.

His place is a landmark. People who are passing through Big Spring on a regular basis make it a point to stop there. Once a couple of big cars pulled into the parking lot and guys in suits got out. It happened to be the governor of Texas and his entourage, all hungry for some of Big John's barbeque.

For a decade or more, my wife and father-in-law ate lunch at big John's every Friday we were in town. It was a ritual, almost a ceremony, to watch my father-in-law and Big John joke at the cash register. The drawer was usually open and my father-in-law went to the drawer and acted like he was going to start taking out the dollar bills. Customers waiting to pay out had to be patient while Big John and my father in law had their weekly visit.

When a plate of food is ready to be delivered to a customer, Janie or whoever prepares the food, yells out "Order Up!"

Big John's remains open. Denise bought the place. I, along with all of Big John's fans, wish her well.

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Thank You,

The family of Marie Dempsey would like to say Thank you all so very much for the outpouring of love and support that was given to us in our time of need. Thank you all so much for the food, flowers, cards and memorial gifts that were received in Marie's name it means so much to us to see how much our Ninny was loved. We deeply appreciate all that was done for us.

Thank you,

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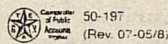
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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

Last year, the Borden County property tax rate was \$.4292. That rate raised \$ 1,396,226, a portion of which was used to fund operations such as:

Record Keeping, County Road Maintenance, Criminal Justice Courts

This year, Borden County is proposing a property tax rate of \$.3306. That rate would raise \$ 1,500,942, which is \$ 104,716 more than taxes imposed last year.

There will be two public hearings to consider that increase. The first public hearing will be held on 9/1/2005 at 9:00am at Borden County Courthouse. The second hearing will be held on 9/7/2005 at 9:00am at Borden County Courthouse.

Criminal Justice Mandate:

The Borden County ^{Treasurer} ~~Auditor~~ certifies that Borden County has spent \$ 0 in the previous 12 months beginning 6/2004 for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Borden County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures:

The Borden County spent \$ 0 from 6/2004 to 6/2005 on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is 0.

You have a right to attend the hearings and make comments. You are encouraged to attend and make comments if you wish.

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Good Mood Food

Creating Nutritious Snacks Kids Crave

(NAPS)—For as long as kids have been pleading for tasty treats in their school lunches, parents have been searching for ways to get them to eat more nutritious foods during meals and snack-time. Today, more parents are "raisin" their awareness, researching options and packing kids' lunches with wholesome treats kids love to eat.

A recent Snack Survey by Nestlé Raisinets found that 80 percent of parents include fruit in their kids' lunches, but 50 percent of kids usually trade that item for candy, cookies or other treats. So, how can parents be sure they're giving their kids more nutritious snacks that they would rather eat than trade away? Following are some creative ideas for parents packing their kids' lunches:

- Include dried fruits—such as apricots, pineapples, plums and raisins—they're easy to pack, can be eaten on-the-go, and can provide kids with a good source of iron, potassium, and vitamin A. Best of all, they're foods that kids already love to eat.

- For chocolate-loving kids, parents can provide a better snack alternative, such as Nestlé Raisinets; milk chocolate-covered raisins which have 30 percent less fat than other leading candy brands. Chocolate-covered raisins pass the most important test—kids love the taste and won't trade it on the school "blacktop" during lunchtime. In fact, according to the Snack Survey, Raisinets ranked No. 2 (second only to cookies) as a preferred snack kids won't trade.

- Involve kids not only in shopping—using the opportunity to teach them about nutrition—but also in preparing their packed lunches. If kids help, they will take pride in their own creations and be less likely to trade their lunch items.

- Incorporate low-fat ingredients into your kids' favorite dishes or create exciting new snacks. Cover a whole-wheat English muffin with a slice of low-fat cheese and some tomato sauce to create a healthy mini-pizza. Or, instead of



Chocolate-covered raisins are a "better for you" snack that kids love.

a sandwich, stuff a whole-wheat pita with salad greens and grated cheese. Also, an unusual, fun treat is "ants on a log"—fill celery sticks with low-fat cream cheese or peanut butter, then dot with milk chocolate-covered raisins.

- Dip it! Give kids pretzel sticks and bite-size pieces of raw vegetables to dip in low-fat yogurt or peanut butter.

- Mix it! Another idea is to create a sweet treat kids can help parents prepare and that is sure to be a huge hit at lunchtime. A good example is the following Trail Mix recipe with milk chocolate-covered raisins, pretzels, marshmallows, and dried fruit

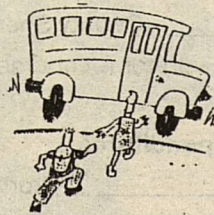
teamed up to create a tasty take-along snack.

Trail Mix (Prep Time: 10 minutes)

- 2 cups Nestlé Raisinets
- 2 cups small pretzel twists
- 2 cups miniature marshmallows
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup coarsely chopped dried apricots
- 1 cup coarsely chopped dried apples

Directions: COMBINE Nestlé Raisinets, pretzels, marshmallows, raisins, apricots and apples in large bowl. (Servings: 9; Serving size: 1 cup.)

School Started Drive Carefully!



Texas joins the Nation in crackdown on drunk driving

With Labor Day and the last surge of summer road trips just two weeks away, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) announced yesterday that Texas will be part of a coast-to-coast effort to remove drunk drivers from the nation's streets and highways.

Brenda Mitchell, Abilene District Traffic Safety coordinator, said, "Between August 19th and September 5th, state troopers and thousands of local law enforcement officers will be stepping up enforcement of the state's DWI law's."

We're putting drivers on notice: if you drink and drive during the upcoming Labor Day holiday, you're asking

for trouble," said Steve Simmons, TxDOT's Deputy Executive Director. "TxDOT is joining the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the Texas Department of Public Safety and local law enforcement organizations statewide to get drunk drivers off the road."

NHTSA reports that alcohol was involved in almost half of the traffic deaths that occurred in Texas in 2003 and predicts that alcohol will be a factor in seven of the ten traffic deaths during the Labor Day weekend.

"The national crackdown is a comprehensive impaired driving prevention effort focused on highly visible

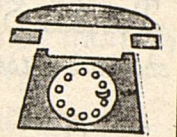
enforcement, public awareness, and paid media to deter impaired driving," said Georgia S. Chakiris, regional administrator for NHTSA. "Travelers in Texas and across the nation will see plenty of officers taking care of business — getting impaired drivers out from behind the wheel and into jail before they can cause injuries and deaths."

This month, motorists can also expect billboards, and radio and television ads warning them not to drink and drive.

Mitchell warns drivers that first-time DWI offenders can lose their driver's license for as much as a year, pay a fine of up to \$2,000 and serve up to 180 days in jail.

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