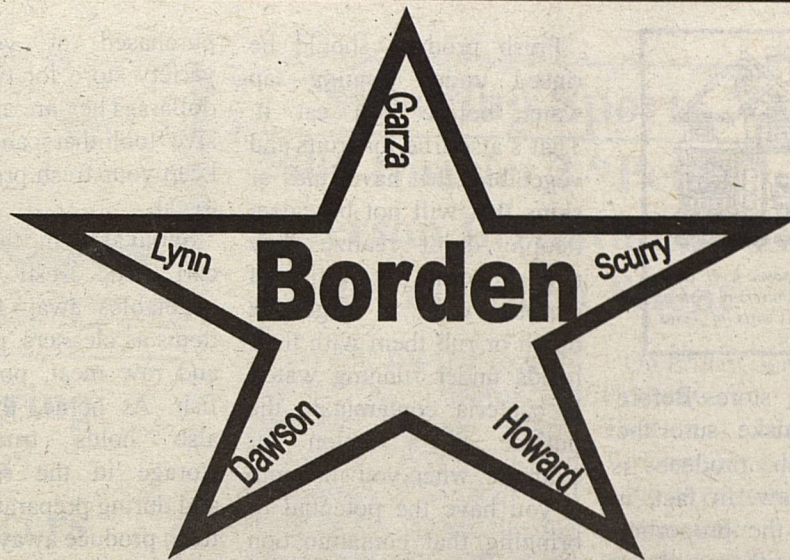


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Celebrate America on Independence Day

Column By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Texans know how to celebrate Independence Day. From fireworks displays in public parks to backyard cookouts with family and friends, Fourth of July events make this holiday one of the most anticipated days of the year.

The history of our nation's birth is familiar to most. In the summer of 1776, our country's first leaders gathered and asked Thomas Jefferson to draft a document declaring our independence from England and King George III. Our country was officially born July 4 in Philadelphia, when the Second Continental Congress ratified this declaration asserting our unalienable rights. The Declaration of Independence is one of the most important documents in history, and the original is on display at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

Americans celebrate Independence Day in appreciation of the determination

and spirit of our forefathers. Our country's fight for freedom was arduous and difficult, with victory delayed until 1783. These patriots put their money, their property and ultimately their lives on the line for democracy. And now, some 230 years later, our soldiers bravely continue to sacrifice while protecting our freedoms and exporting democracy to the oppressed.

Today, as our men and women of the armed forces continue to serve with honor and dignity in Iraq and Afghanistan, we must support their mission. Recently some Senators supported legislation to establish a hard deadline for withdrawing our troops from Iraq. I adamantly opposed these

amendments, as I cannot think of a worse message to send to our allies as we continue to fight the War on Terror.

Winning the War on Terror is the great challenge of this generation. Anything less than complete victory will pass along this burden to our children and our grandchildren. If we begin withdrawing our troops before our mission is complete, terrorists will once again be emboldened by our retreat or inaction, just as they were following the attack on the USS Cole, following the bombing of our embassies in East Africa, and following the first attacks on the World Trade Center in 1993.

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Applications due Sept. 15th for Family Farm and Ranch Program

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs reminded families who are applying for the Family Land Heritage Program that applications are due to the Texas Department of Agriculture by Friday, Sept. 15. The family Land Heritage Program recognized farms and ranches that have been kept in continuous agricultural production by the same family for 100, 1509 and 200 years or more. Since the program started in 1974, more than 4, 120 farms and ranches in 229 counties have been honored.

"This unique program honors the agricultural contributions of countless generations of Texans," said Combs. "These men and women have held onto their

ancestors' land over the decades, enduring some challenging times."

Applications are being accepted for farms or ranches established in 1906 and earlier that are still owned and operated by the decedents of the founder, either through blood, marriage or adoption. The land must also fit the old U.S. Census definition of a farm: 10 acres or more with agricultural sales of \$50 or more a year; or if less than 10 acres, sales of at least \$250 a year.

The owners must reside in Texas and be actively managing the everyday operation of the farm or

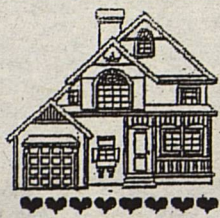
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**PROHIBITED USE OF
FIREWORKS and BURN BAN
in Effect for Borden County!**

Heart and home...

By Julie D. Smith
Borden County Extension Agent
Family and Consumer Sciences



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Keeping Summer's Bounty Safe to Eat

Fresh melons and berries fill the aisles of grocery stores and markets. Roadside produce stands full of home grown fruits and vegetables are seen along the highway. All of these are signs that summer is here and so is a bounty of fresh produce. Summer's harvest of fresh fruits and vegetables is an important part of a healthy diet. Just remember to handle fresh produce safely to prevent foodborne illness.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that there are 76 million cases of foodborne illnesses each year resulting in 325,000 hospitalizations and 5,000 deaths. Although not traditionally associated with foodborne illness, fresh fruits and vegetables have recently been linked to several outbreaks. That's

begins at the store. Before purchasing, make sure the because fresh produce is often eaten raw. In fact, in recent years the proportion of cases of foodborne illness linked to fresh fruits and vegetables has increased.

To help consumers keep fruits and vegetables safe to eat, the Partnership for Food Safety Education (www.fightbac.org) gives six recommendations for safe handling of fresh produce:

Check: Food safety for fresh fruits and vegetables produce is not bruised, cut, or damaged. If purchasing items that are pre-cut, such as melons, or packaged, such as salads, buy only the items that have been kept refrigerated.

Clean: Hands should be washed in warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds before and after handling fresh produce. Make sure cutting boards, counter tops, peelers and knives are also clean before using them.

Fresh produce should be rinsed under running tap water before you eat it. That's also true for fruits and vegetables that have rinds or skins that will not be eaten. People don't realize they need to scrub the outside of melons with a vegetable brush or rub them with their hands under running water. If bacteria contaminate the outside of a melon for example, when you slice into it you have the potential of bringing that contamination into the fruit.

Clean firm-skinned produce with a clean vegetable brush or rub it with your hands under running tap water. Do not use detergent or bleach to wash fresh produce. After washing, dry fruits and vegetables with a clean cloth or paper towel. Vegetable brushes can be

purchased at your local variety store for two to four dollars. They are an inexpensive tool that can help you keep your fresh produce safe to eat.

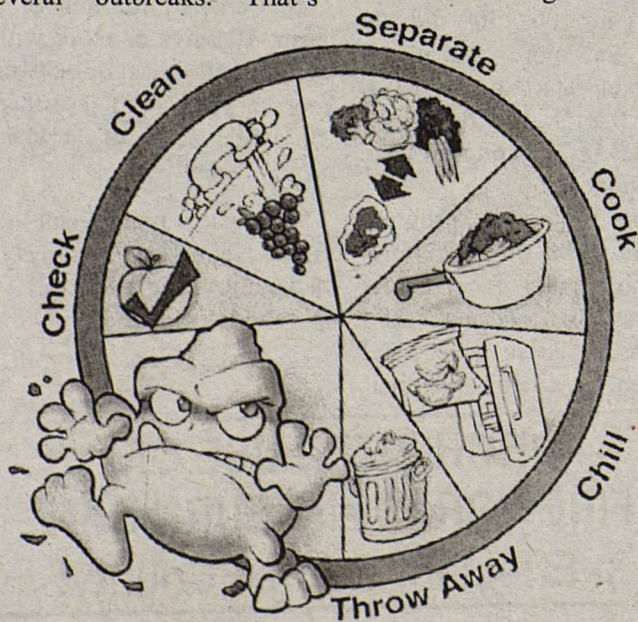
Separate: In the grocery cart, keep fresh fruits and vegetables away from such items as cleaners, detergents, and raw meat, poultry, and fish. At home, that advice also holds true during storage in the refrigerator and during preparation: Keep fresh produce away from raw meat, poultry and fish. Do not use the same cutting board for produce and meats unless it is cleaned with hot, soapy water before and after food preparation.

Cook: If fresh produce has been in contact with raw meat, poultry, fish, or their juices, throw it away or cook it thoroughly.

Chill: To prevent bacterial growth, store all cut, peeled, or cooked produce in the refrigerator within two hours.

Throw away: Fresh fruits and vegetables that have not been refrigerated within two hours of cutting, peeling, or cooking should be thrown away. Remove and throw away bruised or damaged portions of fresh produce before cooking or eating it raw. Any fruit or vegetable that will not be cooked and that has been contaminated by raw meat, poultry, fish, or their juices should also be thrown away. If in doubt about the safety of a fruit or vegetable, throw it out!

For more information on safe handling of fresh produce, contact the Extension Office at (806)756-4336.



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4-H Fun Day 2006

- Who:** Any youth entering Kindergarten through Third Grade
What: A Fun Day!
When: Thursday, July 6th, 2006 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Where: County Show Barn in Gail
 \$5 per child (to cover supplies)
Activities: It will be a full afternoon of many fun activities, crafts, and a lesson about tobacco use prevention. We will play lots of Fun games!
Info to Know: Afternoon refreshments will be provided, but please feed your child before dropping them off. Please wear clothes that you do not mind getting wet in (NO swimsuits or swimtrunks)

For more information, or to let us know that you will be able to attend, Please call or e-mail the Extension Office at 9806)756-4336 or borden-tx@tam.u.edu.
 NOTE: You do not have to RSVP to participate, it will just help us get an idea of how many supplies to prepare.

We look forward to having YOU there!

We will seek to provide all reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for any Extension program. We request that you contact the Texas Cooperative Extension Office as soon as possible to advise of auxiliary aid that you will require.

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Let Me Get My Hat!

By Dennis Poole,
Borden County CEA-Ag,

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Drought Conditions Bring Additional Worries for Cattle and Hay Producers

Besides the effect of reduced production due to lack of moisture, drought also creates other negative aspects for cattle and hay producers. Warm-season annual grasses, such as forage sorghums, sorghum-sudan hybrids (haygrazer types), and the various millets can also accumulate nitrates to a level that is toxic to cattle during periods of dry weather. Typical nitrate accumulation occurs with excessive N fertilization followed by a period of drought, although toxic levels of nitrates have been observed in warm-season annual grasses with as little as 50 lbs of N/ac under drought conditions. While aboveground plant growth is reduced, nitrate uptake continues to occur and concentrates in the forage tissue. Ruminants are affected because microbes in the rumen are able to convert nitrate to nitrite. Nitrite is then absorbed into the bloodstream where it converts hemoglobin, which carries oxygen throughout the bloodstream, into methemoglobin, which does not carry oxygen. Cattle death is due to asphyxiation.

The total level of nitrate in forage will determine whether or not the forage is safe to feed. Remember: Nitrate levels in hay do not diminish with time! Nitrate levels, however, in silage, may be reduced by 50% or

more, but may still be excessive for safe feeding. Only a forage analysis for **NITRATE** (currently \$5.00 at the Texas A&M University Soil Testing Lab) will determine whether or not the fresh forage, hay, or silage is safe to feed to livestock. Nitrate levels of 5000 ppm or greater may be dangerous to feed to animals and greater than 15000 ppm are toxic to most classes of livestock.

Producers using warm-season annual forages or johnsongrass should have their hay crops tested prior to harvesting. Look at the forages carefully. If the forage to be harvested for hay has been under drought stress, there is a good likelihood that it is high in nitrates. If a good precipitation event occurs and plant growth is reinitiated (good green color, no droopy leaves), then the forage may be safe to feed, but a forage analysis for nitrate would still be advisable. **DO NOT HARVEST** the forage and then test! To do so could wind up costing you time, effort, and money and result in a hay crop that you will not be able to feed. Likewise, cattle should not be pastured on warm-season annual grasses or johnsongrass if conditions are such that nitrate levels could be elevated to a toxic level. Again, only a forage analysis can determine if the forage is

Shooting Sports News

2006 District 2 "Pete" Peterson Invitational 4-H Trap and Skeet Shoot

Two 4-H families recently traveled to Lubbock to participate in the annual District 2 "Pete" Peterson Invitational 4-H Trap and Skeet Shoot. Lewis classing was utilized throughout the meet placing 6 deep in A, B, & C.

save to graze.

If nitrate toxicity was not enough to worry about, there is also the issue of prussic acid (hydrogen cyanide) poisoning. Forages belonging to the family (*Sorghum*) can produce prussic acid following light frosts or drought. In well-cured hay crops, prussic acid is not a concern since volatilization of the compound into the atmosphere occurs during the field curing process. Cattle, however, may succumb to prussic acid poisoning while grazing if plants have been subjected to drought stress. Again, do not turn cattle into pastures of drought-stressed sorghums or johnsongrass. Wait until better growing conditions before pasturing cattle on any stressed warm-season annual plant or johnsongrass. Millets, while still capable of accumulating nitrates to a toxic level, do not produce prussic acid.

As cattle producers, it is bad enough that dry weather conditions have reduced forage production, and in some cases, surface water supplies. Not paying attention to the weather conditions and the forages that can cause the death of animals due to nitrate accumulation and prussic acid poisoning, can only make matters worse.

On Friday, June 23, Raylea Underwood, Brendan Tarleton, and Austin Tarleton competed in Trap. Raylea participated in the Intermediate Division shooting 62 out of 75 possible targets. There were 68 shooters in this division. Brendan shot 87 out of 100 possible targets in the Senior I Division that saw 51 competing. In the Senior II Division, there were 37 shooters and Austin shot 90 out of 100 possible targets.

Saturday, June 24th saw competition began with

Skeet. Each division shoots at 50 targets. Raylea placed 4th shooting 44 targets in the Intermediate Division. Brendan competed in the Senior I Division shooting 36 and Austin shot 41 in the Senior II Division.

After the Skeet competition, 4-H'ers competed in 5-stand Sporting Clays shooting 50 targets each. In their appropriate age divisions, Raylea placed 3rd in Class B shooting 19 targets. Brendan shot 27 and Austin placed 2nd in Class C shooting 23 targets.

Congratulations to Austin, Brendan, and Raylea on a job well done!

Good luck to Matthew Roberson who will be attending the State 4-H Shoot in San Antonio in July!!

Rescheduling of 4-H Achievement Banquet

Due to a large number of families that will be unable to attend the 4-H Achievement Picnic scheduled for July 13th, we are tentatively rescheduling it for Tuesday, August 29th. More information will follow as that date approaches.

If you have not turned in your project pin or Gold Star application, please go ahead and get those turned in as we need to order awards and make our Gold Star selection in early July. Have a great summer!

RHAA Competition to be Held

On Saturday, July 29, 2006, Borden County Jr. Livestock Association will hold the 3rd Annual RHAA Competition. RHAA (Ranch Horse Association of America, Inc.) is an organization formed to promote the qualities and characteristics of the ultimate working ranch horse.

The competition will take place at Gail, Texas, at the county arena (located North of Gail and west of Hwy 669).

The entry deadline is Friday, July 21. Entries after deadline will include a \$10 late fee. Late entries will be accepted until 9:30 a.m. on the day of competition with the events to begin at 10 a.m. Classes offered are: Junior, Senior, Cowboy, and Ranch Hand; a Youth class will be offered this year. Entry fees are \$75 per class with the exception of the Youth class and that entry fee will be \$10. A concession stand will be available.

Curry-Filley Vows Exchanged in Double Ring Ceremony

Rebekah Gay Curry and Reed Anthony Filley were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony Saturday, June 10, 2006, at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Tahoka, with the Rev. Richard Harbison of Tahoka officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. Zane D. and Danna J. Curry of Tahoka. She is the granddaughter of Dan and Ouida Turner, and the great-granddaughter of Jackie Turner all of Borden County.

The groom is the son of Archie and Connie Filley of Custer, South Dakota, and the late Diane Kay Filley. He is the grandson of Lily Filley of Moorhead, Minnesota, and Verne Chandler of Mesa, Arizona.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore an exclusive collection design gown by Oleg Cassini, an A-lined white satin fashioned with a strapless neckline, fitted waist and an apron back with organza inset embellished with metallic gold embroidery, pearls, and sequins. The train was of chapel length and the bodice was trimmed with metallic gold embroidery, pearls and sequins that flowed from top to waist. The bride wore a silver tiara decorated with a collection of rhinestones and pearls with a two-tiered veil scattered with rhinestones.



*Mrs. Reed Anthony Filley
nee . . . Rebekah Gay Curry*

Following tradition, as birth years of the bride and something old the bride groom. Something borrowed carried pennies minted in the was her mother's diamond

pendant necklace. Something new was her gown, and something blue was her garter.

Serving as Matron of Honor was Rachel Lehman, sister of the bride, of Tahoka. Bridesmaids were Lisa Vasbinder of Houston, Erica Curry, sister-in-law of the bride, of Lubbock, and Kaitlyn Lehman, niece of the bride, of Tahoka.

Chad Filley, of Cambridge, MN, brother of the groom, served as Best Man, Groomsmen were Shane Webber of Fargo, ND, Ryan Curry, brother of the bride, of Lubbock, and Jerod Tuft of Dawson, ND. Ushers were Bruce Lehman, brother-in-law of the bride, of Tahoka, and Bryan Bandli, cousin of the groom, of Duluth, Georgia.

Candle lighters were Curry Lehman, nephew of the bride, of Tahoka, and Trenton Filley, nephew of the groom, of Cambridge, MN. Violinist was Corey Green of Tahoka, and Donna Stone of Tahoka was organist.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Serving at the bride's table were Courtney Stennett and Brooke Tekell of Tahoka. Serving at the groom's table were Mylynn

Tufte of Dawson, ND and Amie Webber of Fargo, ND. Guestbook and Program Attendants were Courtney Carstens of Houston, Kalie Thompson of Lake Dallas, and Mandy Terry of Post.

Following a honeymoon trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple will reside in El Paso. The bride is an associate attorney at Bramblett and Associates of El Paso. She is a 1999 graduate of Tahoka High School, and a graduate of Texas Tech University and Texas Tech University School of Law. The groom is a solo-practicing attorney in El Paso. He graduated from West Fargo High School, North Dakota State University, and Texas Tech School of Law.

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ranch. If all the land has ever been rented or leased to someone outside of the family, it will not qualify. If only a portion was leased, and as much as 10 acres were retained in the family for agricultural production with sales of at least \$50 annually, the property will still qualify. There is no cost to apply for the recognition.

Fayette County has the most Family Land Heritage honorees with 124 properties, Houston County is next with 85 properties, Austin and Gillespie counties are tied with 82 properties each, Medina County has 81 properties and De Witt County has 80 properties.

For an application or more information, contact Melissa Blair, (512)463-2631, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711, or the application is on TDA's Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us under the "Producers Information" section and they can be obtained from the county judges office.

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Terrorists will be and the mountains of Afghanistan.

reinvigorated by the knowledge that the way to defeat America is to wait out the storm. They will recruit future terrorists by telling them that Americans cut and run if you just hold out long enough. They will say that Americans do not have the stamina or the political will to engage in a long battle. And a future battle may be waged on our shores rather than in the deserts of Iraq

Revolution, General George Washington may have been

forced to wave a white flag and abandon our struggle for freedom. Similarly, there cannot be a timetable for winning the War on Terror. To establish a timetable for redeploying any of our troops from Iraq would be handing the enemy our playbook. We would be declaring, for the entire world to hear, that our commitment to winning the War on Terror has an expiration date. Had the Continental Congress established a timetable for winning the American

stand a little taller, wave our flag a little more proudly, and sing the national anthem a little louder.

Independence Day is a time to remember our country's beginnings. Our commitment to freedom has never wavered, as America will never shrink from her responsibilities. On July 4,

stand a little taller, wave our flag a little more proudly, and sing the national anthem a little louder.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER OF BORDEN COUNTY

WHEREAS, by proclamation issued June 16, 2006 the County Judge of Borden County declared a state of Disaster for Borden County, resulting from:
THE POTENTIAL THREAT OF WILDFIRES DUE TO DROUGHT AND ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, said state of disaster required that certain emergency measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management;

NOW, THEREFORE, the following regulations shall take effect immediately upon issuance of this order and shall remain in effect until the state of disaster is terminated:

The sale of "restricted fireworks" is prohibited. Restricted fireworks include "skyrockets with sticks" and missiles with "fins" as provided in 352.051, Texas Local Government Code.

A person selling any type of fireworks shall at every location, at which the person sells fireworks in the county, provide reasonable notice of the order.

THE USE OF COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS IN AN OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT AT ANY PERSON IS PROHIBITED.

COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO THE USE OF ALL FIREWORKS, AND ANY OTHER ACTIVITY THAT COULD RESULT IN A FIRE.

THE ORDER SHALL NOT APPLY TO AN OFFICIALLY AUTHORIZED PUBLIC DISPLAY.

In accordance with the Local Government Code, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00 THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDER IS THE MITIGATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY HAZARD POSED BY WILDFIRES DURING THE CURRENT DROUGHT AND SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS BY CURTAILING THE USE OF ALL COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS.

Van L. York,
County Judge

DECLARATION OF DISASTER FOR BORDEN COUNTY

WHEREAS the County of Borden on the 16th day of June 2006 is under imminent threat of severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from:
THE THREAT OF WILDFIRES DUE TO DROUGHT AND OTHER WEATHER RELATED CONDITIONS; and

WHEREAS THE COUNTY JUDGE of Borden County has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF Borden County:

That a local state of disaster is hereby proclaimed for Borden County pursuant to 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

Pursuant to 418.108(b) of the Government Code, this Declaration of a local state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Borden County.

Pursuant to 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this Declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk of Borden County.

Pursuant to 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this Declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Borden County Emergency Management Plan.

This Proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance, **ORDERED THIS THE 16th DAY OF JUNE, 2006.**

Van L. York,
County Judge

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Commissioner's Court Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 12th day of June, 2006, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special 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 May 22nd, 2006, were read. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined and Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Jane Jones, Justice of the Peace, met with the Court asking the Court to consider raising the salary for Benny Allison, Borden County Deputy.

COUNTY REPORTS

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the County Treasurer Report, County Extension Office,

County Monthly Report, and the County Tax Assessor Report. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIRE SERVICES

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to make a \$500.00 donation for the Post Volunteer Fire Department and a \$500.00 donation for the Snyder Volunteer Fire Department for service provided for Borden County. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIREWORKS

No action was taken on the fireworks ban for the 4th of July, 2006 holiday.

BORDEN COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to renew the Retirement Plan for the Borden County Employees with The Texas County and District Retirement System and no changes were to be made. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FUEL BIDS

As advertised, bids were opened at 10:25 a.m. for the purchase of Fuel and Propane. A bid was received from Eddins-Welcher Company of Snyder, Texas. Commissioner Belew made a motion to accept this bid for Precinct Two, Three and Four. Commissioner Smith

seconded the motion. Motion carried.

LEGAL NOTICE FOR FUEL

Commissioner Smith made a motion to advertise for bids on gasoline, diesel, and propane for the year 2006 for Precinct One. Bids will be opened on July 10, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOIL CONSERVATION

An application for Soil Conservation constructed of fireguards was received from Martin Parks in Precinct Four. 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 Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No new items were presented.

ADJOURN

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

Special Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 22nd day of June, 2006, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas,

convened in Special 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; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE**, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners' Court

Precinct No. 1, Commissioner Monte Smith and precinct No. 3 Commissioner Ernest Reyes Absent, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in

accordance with the posted agenda.

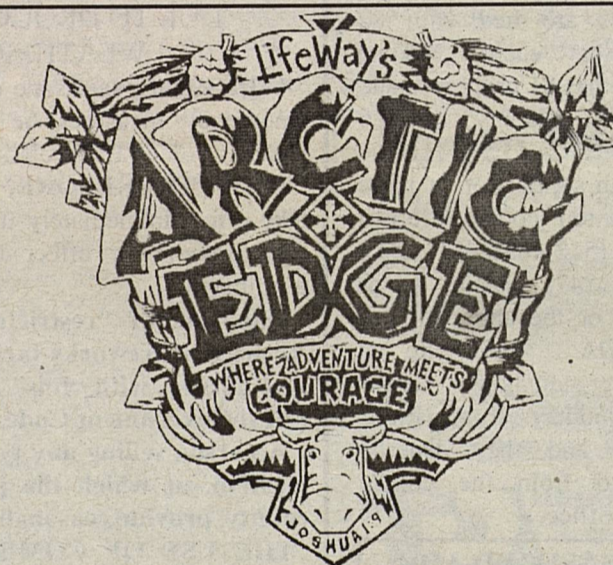
BURN BAN

Commissioner Belew made a motion to extend the Continuation of Declaration of Disaster ordered by Judge York for 90 day period. This is a **BURN BAN** and **PROHIBITED USE OF FIREWORKS**.

Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Voting For: Commissioner Adcock, Belew and Judge York.

ADJOURN

A motion was made By Commissioner Belew to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock.



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We've passed through Roswell, New Mexico dozens of times, always in a hurry to get somewhere else. The other day on a trip to Ruidoso we had a little time and stopped in at Roswell's UFO Museum and Research Center and visited with director Julie Shuster.

She says the museum opened in 1992 to present both sides of the story about an extra-terrestrial craft that crashed north of Roswell in 1947 and the efforts by the military to cover up the story. "We're also her to present information on other UFO phenomena, since Roswell has become a household work in the UFO world."

The museum keeps expanding. It's now in its third location and a new building is being planned north of the present site. The museum averages 187,000 visitors a year. They come from all over the world.

"We have affidavits and signatures of people who were directly involved with the UFO crash and documentation of the incident obtained by various researchers. We also have details about the military's side of the story."

The story was dormant until the late 70's when a researcher ran across the story and started following up on it.

On July 4th, 1947, about 11:50 PM, Mac Brazel, who ranched 75 miles north of Roswell, heard a loud noise.

The next day he found some debris he couldn't identify, so he took it to town and gave it to the sheriff. The sheriff didn't know what it was, thought it might be military, so he called Major Jeff Marcel, the base intelligence officer at Roswell Army Air Field who went to the site and had military trucks haul off the debris. On July 7, Lieutenant Walter Haut, the public information officer, issued a press release saying the military had a flying saucer, which was flown to higher headquarters in Fort Worth. From Fort Worth, the military issued another press release saying it was a weather balloon. Military personnel and civilians involved were told not to talk about the incident.

There is speculation that bodies were aboard the craft. Local undertaker Glenn Dennis was contacted by the military about the number of child size caskets he had in stock and when could he get more. Dennis went into the base hospital but was escorted out of there with threats to his life. A nurse later drew a picture of what she saw on the examining table: a big-eyed alien.

Both a movie and television series have been made about the Roswell incident. The city of Roswell has gone all out to keep the UFO motif alive. There are businesses with alien themes and city streetlights have alien eyes on them. The McDonalds in Roswell is

-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer **House Approves Line-Item Veto**

The House took an important step last week to fight wasteful spending as it approved the Legislative Line Item Veto Act of 2006. This bill gives Congress and the president another tool to help rein in spending on projects like the infamous "Bridge to Nowhere" in Alaska. Although fiscal conservatives in the House have fought in recent years to put an end to wasteful projects like these, too often they get put back into the bill at the last minute. The Legislative Line-Item Veto Act of 2006 helps correct this problem by allowing the president to propose striking projects from spending bills he signs into law. Once the president makes his proposals, Congress is required to hold an up-or-down vote to approve removing the funding. The savings will then be used to pay down the deficit.

This is not the first time that Congress has tried to give the president the power of the line-item veto. However, past efforts were deemed unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court because the Legislative Branch, not the Executive, holds the "power of the purse." The House bill

shaped like a UFO. A big UFO festival is held annually around July 4th, which draws huge crowds and leading UFO researchers. This year the 4-day festival starts on June 30 and will include an alien invasion and costume contest. Julie believes the story is true. Her father was the PIO Walter Haut. "My father doesn't lie."

solves this problem by giving Congress the final say.

The line-item veto is by no means a cure-all to our deficit woes. We must continue to work in other areas to hold the line on spending and make wiser choices with taxpayer dollars. I do believe, however, that it will serve as a useful tool in combating wasteful spending and helping Washington drive down the deficit.

House to Consider Increased Energy Exploration Legislation

As of June 26, 2006, there is only one developed country in the world that restricts oil and natural gas exploration of its shores. That same country has also seen energy prices steadily climb in recent years, adversely affecting families,

farmers, and small businesses alike.

That country is the United States. Just because all other developed countries support a policy does not, by itself, mean we should adopt it. But we should take a hard look at the policy. That is what the House will do this week when we will debate the Deep Oceans Energy Resources Act. This bill reinforces federalism by leaving it up to the individual states to decide whether or not to allow oil and natural gas leasing in the area between 50 miles and 100 miles of their coastlines. The federal government then has the authority to permit energy exploration in the ocean waters beyond 100 miles off the coastline.

Increased exploration along our outer continental shelf represents one piece of our comprehensive approach to meeting our energy needs. Coupled with conservation practices and renewable fuels, America can develop a safe, reliable, and diverse energy supply.

Have a Safe and Happy 4th of July

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PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School will receive bids and/or quotes for propane, diesel, and gasoline for the 2006-2007 school year.

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 "Propane Bid" and/or "Gasoline/Diesel Bid". Proposals will be received up to but no later than **12:00 noon on Wednesday, July 12, 2006**. Bids will be opened and read as they are received. Proposals will be tabulated, researched, and selected by the Board of Trustees or its designee as appropriate. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

The Borden County I.S.D. Board of Trustees or its designee reserves 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 specifications 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.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

The Commissioners' Court of Borden County will receive bids on the following until 10:00 a.m., July 10, 2006.

1. Fuel for 2006 (Precinct 1 only)
 - a. unleaded
 - b. diesel

For specifications and information on the above, contact the office of the County Judge, Borden County Courthouse, 806/756-4391.

Bids should be submitted to the Office of the County Judge, P.O. Box 156, Borden County Courthouse, Gail, Texas 79738.

The right is reserved by the Borden County Commissioners' Court to accept or reject any and all bids.

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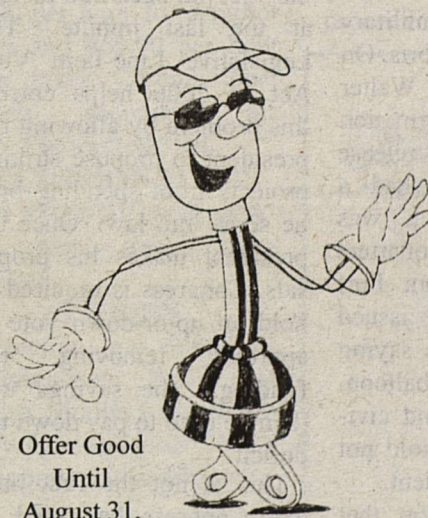
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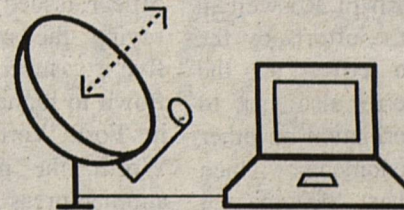


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