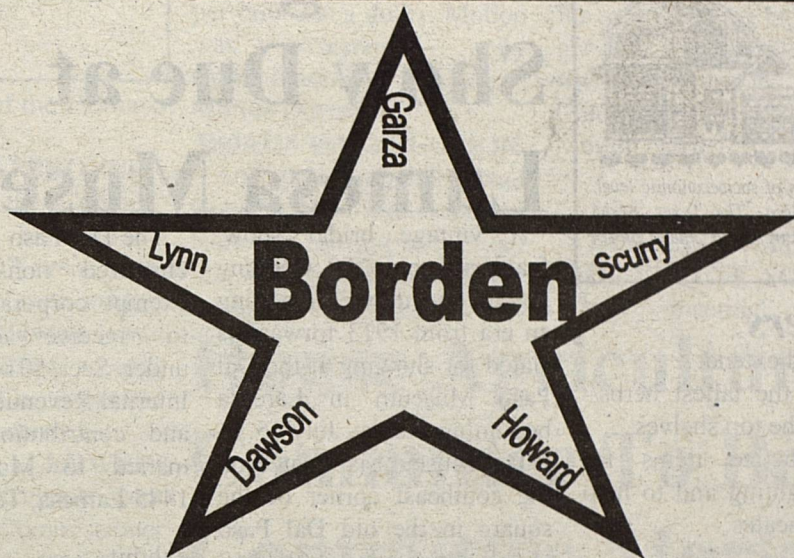


THE

Volume XXXV

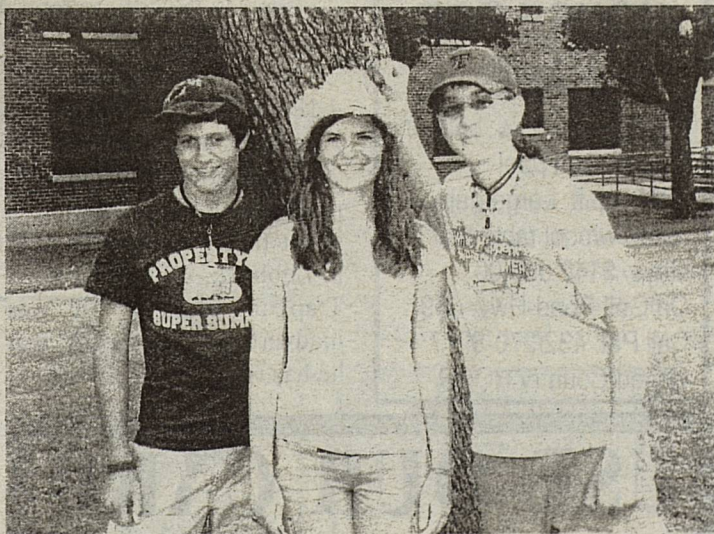


STAR

July 11th, 2007

Serving the Counties of Borden, Dawson, Garza, Howard, Lynn & Scurry

Students "Cultivated" at Super Summer



Super Summer Students (L-R): Miles Valentine, Becky Dobyms, and Michael Froman. Not pictured is Marla Crenshaw.

The week of June 18-22, 2007, three students from the First Baptist Church of Gail attended "Super Summer" on the campus of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

Recent Borden County High School graduate Becky Dobyms and incoming BHS freshmen Michael Froman and Miles Valentine attended the week-long youth camp sponsored by the Baptist

General Convention of Texas.

Joining the three students was BHS sophomore Marla Crenshaw, who went with her home church – the First Baptist Church in Post.

The four BHS students participated in a variety of activities during the week including engaging Bible studies, inspirational worship, wild and crazy recreation, and small family group discussions with

other Baptist youth from across the state.

The theme for the week was "Cultivate" and was based upon a passage from John 3:39-41 where Jesus cultivates a spirit of love and salvation with a Samaritan woman. She leaves Jesus proclaiming, "He knew all about the things I did. He knows me inside and out!"

Crenshaw, Dobyms, Froman, and Valentine all agreed that they grew in their Christian faith during the week and that Jesus cultivated them as well. They encourage other youth from Gail to attend Super Summer next year.

Got News?

Mail it to:

P.O. Box 137

Gail, TX 79738

806/756-4313

ext. 275

email:

kdean@bcisd.net

Athletic Physicals Scheduled

Borden County athletics are scheduled to take athletic physicals **Saturday, August 4th at 10:00 AM in Abilene Texas.**

They depart from Gail at **8:00 AM.** You will need to have your physical form signed and filled out before leaving school. The doctor will not sign it if your parent or guardian does not sign it. You will need to wear shorts and a T-shirt for the physical.

The physicals will be at the Action Sports Medicines and Physical Therapy Clinic in Abilene. The telephone number there is 325/676-5633. The address there is 1717 Pine Street. Easy directions are, as you come in on Interstate 20 you will take the Hardin Simmons exit. Stay on Pine Street and it will be on your left, just a few blocks past the hospital.

If you would like to meet them so you can stay and shop in Abilene that would be fine. You will need to bring some money to eat lunch. We will try to be back

in Gail by **3:00 PM.**

If you plan to play a sport this year of any kind during the upcoming school year, you are required by our school district to take a physical. The school furnishes the physical at this time. If you can not make this date then you will need to get a physical on your own and at your expense.

Also you will find in this letter an **Acknowledgment of Rules Form** and a **Steroid Form**, read them, have your parent read them, sign them both and bring all of the paperwork with you. The medical release, will allow us to seek emergency treatment for you if there is a need during the school year.

We are truly excited about the upcoming year and we look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at home or on my cell. Trey Richey: (806)756-4417 (home) and (806)759-3335 (cell.) Take care and enjoy the remainder of your summer.

Heart & Home . . .

By Julie Smith
Borden County Extension Agent
Family & Consumer Sciences



Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex religion, disability, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Court of Texas Cooperating.

Kitchen Mini-Makeovers

Many of us feel like we're living in the middle of a kitchen chaos, but don't have time (or money!) for a major kitchen makeover. To the rescue - organizational ideas that are easy (and inexpensive!) to do. The materials are commonly available in many stores and through several Web sites. **NO TOOLS REQUIRED!**

Large expanding shelves for canned/small packaged foods

If you're continually shuffling cans looking for the one you need, try stacking them on stair step-type expanding shelves.

TIPS:

1. Measure the width, depth and height of your cupboard. In determining the height needed, determine how far from the top "step" the tallest item would extend. Take a measuring tape along to the store in case you need to check some of the measurements.
2. Place similar types of cans together.

Small expanding shelves for herbs & spices

Herbs and spices keep best in a cool, dry, dark place. Arrange them on expanding 3-tiered shelves inside a closed cupboard for easy access and desirable storage conditions.

TIPS:

1. Measure the width, depth and height of your cupboard. In determining the height needed, determine how far from the top "step" the tallest

item would extend.

2. Place the tallest herbs/spices on the top shelves
3. Alphabetize items for quicker sighting and to help avoid duplicates.

Turntables for refrigerators and cupboards

Perhaps you've purchased something only to find there already was a container in the back of a storage area. Or, felt like you were on an archaeological excavation as you sorted through the items forgotten in the back of a storage space.

Take a turn for the better by using a turntable. Here are 4 possible examples; once you start, you may think of many more.

Use a smaller turntable for foods such as:

- refrigerated mayonnaise, mustard, nut butters, pickles, etc.
- boxes and cans of tea in the cupboard.

Use a larger turn-table in locations such as:

- in the refrigerator for storing bigger items such as whole grain flours.
- underneath the kitchen sink for accessing cleaning products.

TIPS:

1. Only place turntables on solid refrigerator shelves versus open shelving.
2. Measure the width and depth of your shelf space.
3. Consider purchasing the type of turntables that have a rubber-type nonskid top surface. Foods are less likely

Vintage Bridal Show Due at Lamesa Museum

A vintage bridal show, featuring up to 50 wedding gowns and dresses covering an era from 1913 forward is slated for showing at the Dal Paso Museum in Lamesa beginning Sunday July 15.

The Museum is located on the southeast corner of the square in the old Dal Paso Hotel which was reclaimed and refurbished in 1987.

The opening of the show will kickoff with a wedding cake and refreshments at 3 p.m. on the 15th and will likely continue for three weeks. The Museum will be open Monday through Saturday from 3 - 5 p.m. so visitors may view the

The Dal Paso Museum is a chartered non-profit, tax-exempt corporation eligible to receive contributions under Sec. 501 © 3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Gifts and contributions may be mailed to Museum, Box 1445 Lamesa, Texas 79331.

exhibit.

The gowns and dresses will be displayed on Hall Trees and the display will be set up a week prior to the opening.

Museum board members, Judy Beam and Mary Lane Peterson, are handling arrangements for the showing.

Shooting Sports News

Saturday, July 7, Matthew Roberson and Raylea Underwood and their families traveled to Midland to participate in the District 6 Trap and Skeet Shoot.

In the Intermediate Division, Matthew placed 1st in Trap after a shoot-off, placed 2nd in Skeet after a shoot-off, and participated in 5-Stand. Matthew was the High Overall Intermediate Division Champion in Trap and Skeet.

In the Sr. 1 Division, Raylea shot 50 straight in Trap and won 1st Place after a shoot-off, and she won 6th in Skeet after a shoot-off. Raylea placed 2nd High Overall for Trap and Skeet in the Sr. 1 Division after a marathon shoot-off.

The next shoot is the Texas 4-H Shotgun Shootout at San Angelo. Good luck!

A correction to Matthew's placing at the District 2 shoot that was recently held in Lubbock. He placed 3rd in Trap in Class A (it was inadvertently reported that he has received 4th place).

Have a Great Summer!



Moore-Rains Insurance
Frances Rains Stephens
O'Donnell

806-428-3335

Few great men would have got past personnel.

—Paul Goodman

to spin off or tip over when the table is turned.

4. Test the turntable in the space available BEFORE removing the label and throwing away the box and receipt!

HOUSE FOR SALE

4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath on 6 acres with pool-3075 sq. ft. Large game room, w/pool table that stays. \$142,000.00
On Gail Road-Hwy. 669
Call Pat: 432/270-8277
United Country HOCR

USE OUR CARD

When you feed the family, pay the easy way with the card that's like a check or credit card, only cheaper. Once you have our debit card, you'll wonder how you got by without it. See us today.



Benefits of The Master Money Card:

- ✓ Doubles as your ATM card
- ✓ Accepted anywhere you see the MasterCard symbol, yet there are no credit charges.
- ✓ Money to pay for your purchases is deducted from your checking account.



State National Bank
Big Spring Lamesa O'Donnell

FDIC

Commissioner's Court Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 26th day of June, 2007, 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:

MONTE SMITH, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct. No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Prect. No. 4; **JOYCE HERIDGE**, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court with Van L York, County Judge, absent, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

PRESIDING

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to appoint Commissioner Ernest Reyes to preside over the Commissioners Court meeting. Commissioner

Smith seconded the motions. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of June 12th, 2007 were read. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

FUEL BIDS

After reviewing the bids, Commissioner Belew made a motion to accept the bid for fuel from Lamesa Butane for Precinct No. 3. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

An application for Soil Conservation Construction of fireguards was received from Dan Stone in Precinct No. 2. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the application at

the rate of \$35.00 per hour for a motorgrader and \$65.00 per hour for a dozer. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION

An application for Road Construction was received from Jon Herring in Precinct No. 4. Commissioner Belew made motion to approve the

application to blade road at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for a motorgrader and \$65.00 per hour for a dozer. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTUTE AGENDA

July meeting appoint

Emergency Management Coordinator Position.

ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 10th day of July, 2007.

House Agriculture Committee To Begin Full Committee Mark-up of 2007 Farm Bill July 17

Travel arrangements are being finalized and commodity groups are working out strategies to ensure their interests are protected and their ideas fully debated during the House Agriculture Committee's planned July 17 mark-up session to finalize its version of the 2007 Farm Bill from what is now a hodge-podge of individual legislative titles.

By the end of what is scheduled to be a three-day session ending July 19, HAC Chairman Collin Peterson plans to have a rock-solid recommendation for the 2007 Farm Bill ready to go to the House floor where debate could begin as early as July 26.

Plains Cotton Growers leaders are readying themselves for both debates and have already hit the ground running. In addition to the organization's July 11 Board of Directors meeting that will be an important source of guidance heading into the HAC mark-up July 17, PCG leaders are continually discussing issues with the National Cotton Council, other cotton industry groups and representatives from

general farm and commodity organizations. Having those discussions now will enhance PCG's efforts to secure the continuation of the effective and predictable policies of the 2002 Farm Bill.

When it comes to policies impacting cotton, protecting the safety net provisions contained in the current Commodity Title is of primary importance says PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett. He notes that the HAC's Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management voted unanimously to extend provisions of the current Commodity Title during deliberations late last month thanks in large part to the input of groups like PCG and the NCC.

The subcommittee's vote to extend the provisions of the 2002 Farm Bill was also a strong signal to farm bill opponents in Congress and the Administration that U.S. agriculture strongly supports the provisions of current farm law and that calls for significant reform do not represent the position of a majority of the agriculture sector.

Vector warns that there is still a considerable amount of work left to be done heading into the full HAC mark-up session and that a number of issues are expected to trigger additional debate and even undergo some modification. Among the top issues falling in this category are program pay limits and eligibility guidelines, two of the most misrepresented and often challenged provisions in recent farm policy debates.

It is clear that while there is no guarantee that everything will go exactly to plan, the groundwork that has been laid by PCG and others over the past few months is paying off says Verett.

"The issues driving this debate are largely centered around the budget and there not being enough guaranteed money available to do all the things we would want to extend and improve on the current program," concludes Verett. "Through the years PCG has developed strong relationships with key leaders in Congress and their staff members which allow us to effectively communicate cotton's issues. The coming weeks are positioned to represent High Plains cotton producers."



Got News?

Mail to:
P.O. Box 137
Gail, Tx. 79738
Call: 806/756-4313
Ext: 275
Email:
kdean@bcisd.net

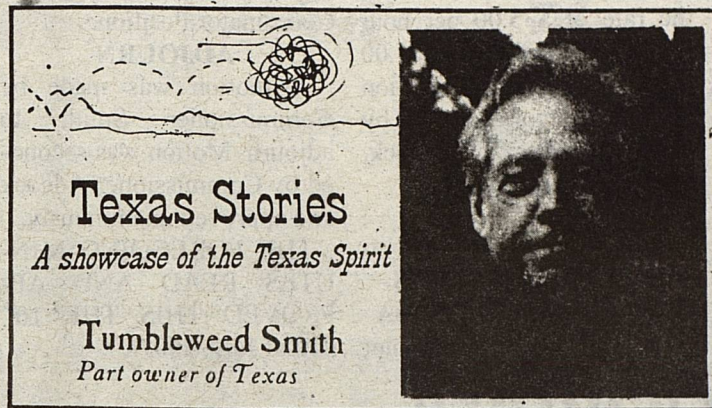
Brannon Funeral Home

Understanding and Guidance When You Need it Most!

"Serving this area since 1922"

806/872-8335
Lamesa, Tx.

The Borden Star (USPS or PUBLICATION No. 895-520) is published weekly except Christmas and New Year's week for \$12.00 per year by the Borden Star, PO Box 137, Gail, Texas, 79738. Second-class Postage paid at Gail, Texas. POSTMASTER: Send Change of Address to the Borden Star, PO Box 137, Gail, Texas 79738



Taking Pictures and Pitching Washers

I interviewed David Redwine about his wildlife photography 15 years ago. He did exceptional work back then and has kept improving. His pictures are in national publications.

When I heard about some big colorful birds that had taken up residence in Andrews, I called David. He lives in Andrews. He knew all about those birds.

"We have about two hundred of them now," says David. "They showed up in 2004 and we really don't

know how they got here. Maybe somebody had them and they were released or somehow escaped their cage. They're Monk Parakeets with yellow, green and blue feathers and have orange beaks."

The birds are native to Argentina and Brazil, and are sometimes called Quaker Parrots. They're one of the top 10 talking bird species. David says they shriek and holler and most people think their call is monotonous and irritating. He found their

communal nest in the top of a yucca plant. It's well insulated so the birds can live in Andrews year round. They'll eat anything, including cat and dog food.

He has turned 250 acres of family land south of Colorado City into a combination wildlife sanctuary and resort. David has set up blinds to photograph deer, coyotes, bobcat, and all types of birds. He has even taken some pictures of rattlesnakes. When David was studying parasites in graduate school at SMU, he cut open a rattler from the Black Gap wildlife preserve near the Big Bend and discovered a new type of tapeworm. It is named after him. He says that's his claim to fame.

David and his wife Patricia have built an 18-basket disc golf course. They did the work themselves. When they finished the 18th basket on July 4th a couple of years ago, they painted the pole red white and blue. David

gave us a ride over the course in one of his all-terrain vehicles. Beautiful place.


David is a pretty good disc golfer. Some of the baskets are 200 yards away from the throwing point and he can usually get to the basket in 2 throws. He is also good at washer pitching. On his property he has created a couple of washer pitching courses. He invited Susan and me to one of his parties recently. When we arrived, we had already been slated for a washer-pitching tournament. The grid was set up so the loser advanced to the next level of competition. The winner got to go play

disc golf or do whatever he or she wanted to do. Some chose to play pool in David's fancy recreation room.


Up to that point my washer pitching experience was practically non-existent. I had thrown some casually but never in competition. This was serious stuff. A couple of men in the group had worked in the oil patch and thrown lots of washers. After the first game, I did advance, which meant I lost. I didn't get much better the second game, but somehow managed to win. During the second flight of the tournament, I put a washer in the hole my very first throw. It felt so good!

Be sure to support our advertisers.
Tell them you found out about them in the
Borden Star

Have a fun and safe summer!!



Snyder National Bank
We proud to be part of
the area since 1905



Member FDIC 1715 25th Street 325/573-2681

Living Well Summer Educational Programs

Join us for educational programming that will help improve your lifestyle and overall well-being to begin "Living Well in 2007."

Home Water Conservation

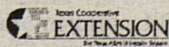
Our most precious resource is something we cannot imagine living without. However, we must conserve today in order to have a water source for tomorrow. Join us as we learn about basic practices that you can easily implement in your home to conserve water today.

Monday, July 16th @ 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room

Saving the Fruits of Summer

Have you always wanted to "put up" a few vegetables from your garden or the farmer's market? Now is the perfect opportunity to learn about up-to-date canning, freezing and drying techniques through this hands-on opportunity. Join us as we preserve some of the fruits of the summer garden. There will be a cost of \$10 per person to cover supplies (participants will get to take home the items that they preserve). The favor of a reply is requested to help plan for materials and supplies.

Monday, August 13th @ 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room



Sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension-Borden County
P.O. Box 155 Gail, TX 79738 Phone (806)756-4336 Fax (806)756-4486
jm-smith@tam.u.edu http://borden-tx.tam.u.edu

Summer Fun Recipe

Kool-Aid Playdough

Ingredients:

- 1 1/4 cup flour
- 1/4 cup salt
- 1 pkg. unsweetened Kool-aid (just the dry koolaid, don't mix it into juice)
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 1/2 Tbsp vegetable oil

Directions:

1. In a bowl, mix flour, salt and kool-aid.
2. Stir in water

and oil.

3. Knead with hands for about 5 minutes.
4. Store in Ziploc bag for up to 2 months.
5. Use like playdough.
6. Smells wonderful and takes on the color of the koolaid.