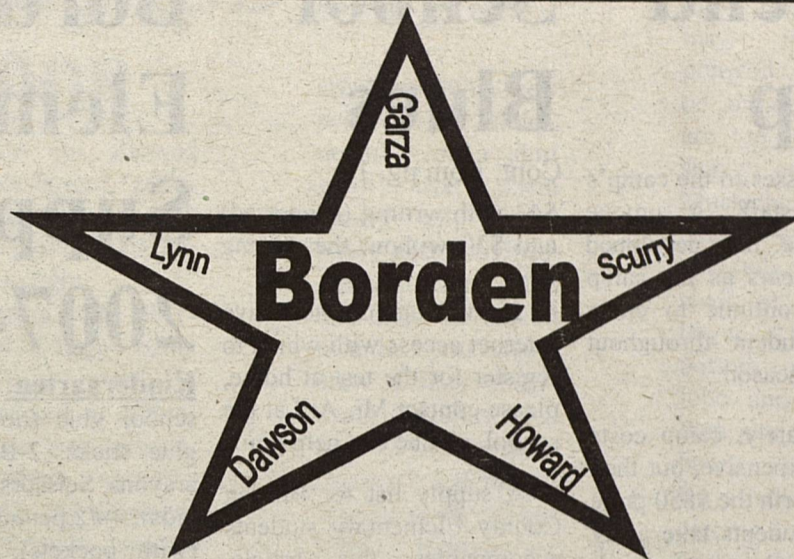


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Back To School Blues... Er...News

BCISD Registration Set for August 15th - 17th



With the end of the month of July behind us, it is just over three weeks before the start of the 2007-2008 school year across the state of Texas as the mandatory start date of Monday, August 27th, 2007, edges closer and closer.

Now, as you begin your back-to-school shopping trips, Borden County I.S.D. junior high and high school students should also plan to come register for the upcoming school year.

BCISD Registration has been set for Wednesday-Friday, August 15-17 in the BCISD Library. Registration times are from 9-5 each day.

All BJH and BHS

students, as well as any new elementary students to the district who have not completed their paperwork, should register during these times.

BJH students (grades 6-8) will receive their class schedules and will select their lockers. The process should be completed in about 5-10 minutes.

BHS students (grades 9-12) should plan on meeting with Mr. Ard, BCISD guidance counselor, for around 20 minutes each. They will finalize their class schedules, update or create their four-year graduation plans, select their lockers, and discuss other academic issues.

Students should expect a line if they wait to register until the end of the day before football pre-season workouts. Football players should plan accordingly and arrive in time to make it to practice.

Additionally, seniors should also plan to register online for their college entrance exams—either the ACT or SAT—during registration. They will need to bring a parent's credit card to pay for the test online.

The SAT's closest administration is October 6th with a deadline of September 10th. Therefore, seniors will be able to register for this test administration at regular school registration.

On the other hand, if a senior is wanting to take the first ACT test of the year, it is scheduled for September 15, 2007, with a registration deadline of August 10th. Register online at www.actstudent.org if you would like to take the ACT during this administration. The BHS school code requested when you register is 442-650. The test costs

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Eight BHS Students Attend WT Speech and Theatre Camp *Preparation for Next Year in Full Swing*

When many of their classmates and competitors across the state were busy enjoying their summers, eight Borden County High School students were having a different kind of fun as they attended speech and theatre camp recently.

As participants in the Guy P. Yates Speech and Theatre Camp hosted by West Texas A&M University in Canyon, the BHS students were honing the skills that have made them successful in the past.

From June 24th to July 6th, BHS was represented at the camp by seniors Kate Wallace and Rachel Wilson; juniors Carlos Hernandez

and Krystal Hobson; sophomores Eric Espinoza, Michael Porter and Chasiti Rutherford; and freshman John Hensley.

Wallace, Wilson, Hernandez, Hobson, and Hensley each participated in workshops covering advanced Cross-Examination Debate. Their primary focus during the camp was the research and construction of cases covering this year's debate resolution, which addresses public health assistance in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Porter and Rutherford were involved in learning advanced strategies in Lincoln-

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Students Attend Speech Camp

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Douglas Debate. They worked on building a philosophy resource library as well as gaining confidence in a tournament setting.

Espinoza participated in the theatre camp where he was involved as a cast member of *Anna of the Tropics*. He and his fellow cast members produced the one-act play from start to finish during the two weeks and presented it on the final evening of camp.

All eight BHS students received extremely complimentary and helpful critiques from their instructors at the camp.

BHS attendance at the camp has proven quite productive in past years, and the students and coaches of the BHS program ascribe

their successes to the camp's excellent staff. A unique camaraderie has developed over the years as the camp directors continue to cheer on our student throughout the debate season.

Unfortunately, camp costs are quite expensive, but they are well worth the \$850 price tag. The students take away much more than a notebook of evidence; they head into the competitive season with a confidence that others who do not attend camp simply do not possess.

If you would like to assist these students with their camp costs, please send your donations to the school in care of the "Speech and Theatre Department." Thank you for your support of this worthwhile endeavor.

Six-Man All-Stars Compete

In Games

Lamesa Press-Reporter Borden County Coyote Clint Chapman produced a crucial defensive play during the East-West DII Six-Man All-Star football game Friday night in Lubbock.

Chapman also recovered a fumble, went two for two passing for 24 yards and rushed for five yards on two carries.

West overpowered the East in a final score of 51-20.

BCHS Coyote Jacob Froman and Sands High School Mustang Jarrod Fry played in the East-West DII Six-Man All-Star Basketball games Saturday.

Borden County Coach Richey also attended that game.

Chapman left Tuesday to

play one last game under Coach Bobby Avery in Garden City. Avery resigned as head coach at Borden County High School in May. Froman also impressed Richey.

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\$43 with writing (suggested) and \$30 without the writing test.

If students do not have Internet access with which to register for the test at home, please contact Mr. Ard at the school, and he can help you.

A supply list for Borden County Elementary students accompanies this article. Supply lists for junior high and high school students will be distributed either during registration or on the first day of classes.

If you have questions concerning registration or you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Ard, Mr. McMeans, or Mrs. Rinehart at the school during regular office hours (8-5) at (806) 756-4313.

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Borden County Elementary Supply Lists 2007-2008

Kindergarten: Elmer's school glue (not paste), 2-glue sticks, 2-Boxes of 16 crayons, Scissors (Fiskars for kids), 4-#2 pencils, 2-Floders (with pockets), big eraser, Supply box (cigar box size), Towel for nap time, Baby wipes/wet wipes (2 boxes), 1 box Kleenex, Gym shoes.

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



Second Grade: 12-#2 pencils, 2-Red grading pencils, Crayons, Colored pencils, 1 bottle-Elmer's school glue, 2-Glue sticks, Notebook paper (wide-ruled), Scissors, Eraser, Ruler, Small supply box, 1-Red pocket folder (no brads), 1-Pocket folder of choice (no brads), 1-Wide-ruled spiral notebook, 1 box-Kleenex, Gym shoes

Third Grade: 1-Wide-ruled spiral notebook, 300-3X5 index cards, 1-ruler (metric & standard), 4-Red pens, 1 bottle-Elmer's school glue, 2-Glue sticks, 2-Pocket folders, Notebook paper (wide-ruled), 24-#2 pencils

(not mechanical), Large eraser, Supply box, Crayons, Colored pencils, Scissors, 1 box-Kleenex, 2 large boxes-baby wipes, Gym shoes, NO NOTEBOOKS PLEASE!

Fourth Grade: Crayons, 1 box-#2 pencils, 3-Red grading pens, 3-Pocket



folders (no brads), Notebook paper (wide-ruled), 1-Ruler (metric & standard), 2-Glue sticks, 1-Eraser, Scissors, 1 bottle-Elmer's school glue, 1 pkg.-3X5 lined index cards, 2 boxes-Kleenex, 1 large inexpensive box-baby wipes, Gym shoes

Fifth Grade: 1-2 inch, 3-ring notebook, 1- Red 1 1/2 3-ring notebook, 1 package-Dividers (with pockets), 1-Red spiral notebook (wide-ruled), 1-Red folder with pockets, 2 pkgs.-Notebook paper (wide-ruled only!), 1 box-#2 pencils, 4-Red grading pens, 1-Black sharpie (twin tip), 2-Large glue sticks, 1-8.oz. bottle of Elmer's school glue, 1 box-36 colored pencils, 1 box-Crayola markers (broad tip), 1 pkg.-50 crayola washable markers (super tip), 1-Ruler (metric & standard), Scissors, 1 pkg.-Highlighters (green, blue, yellow, orange, & pink), 2 Large boxes-Kleenex, 1-Supply box

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Borden County ISD Dress Code 2007-2008

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

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

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

1. Is lewd, offensive, vulgar, or contains obscene language
2. Refers to satanic, cult, prison wear or gang activities
3. Refers to satanic, cult, prison wear or gang activities

The following guidelines will be used to determine appropriate dress:

1. Dresses, skirts, split skirts and shorts should not be shorter than two inches above the knee. A student will lose the privilege of wearing shorts for the school year upon a third offense. Parents will be notified when the second offense occurs. Shorts must be tailored (hemmed with no frayed edges.) No spandex biker shorts or wind

shorts are allowed (loose-legged, athletic running shorts) and shorts shall not be too tight.

2. Wearing of oversized or baggy pants and /or jeans is prohibited at school or at any school-sponsored activity on or off campus. No "saggin, baggin, or draggin." Pants must be an appropriate length and not drag the floor. Boys' pants will be worn at the waist and properly fit the waistline. No excessively wide legged pants will be allowed. No trench coats, dusters, jail attire or para-military attire will be allowed. Not chains will be allowed on school property or at school sponsored functions.

3. Shirts and blouses must be buttoned appropriately with midriff and back covered at all times. (Tops must be long enough that skin does not show when arms are lifted.) Clothing shall be designed, constructed, and worn in a manner that is not suggestive or indecent, and that shall promote proper decorum. The opening on any type of shirt shall not exceed that equivalent of the first button below the collar of a dress shirt. Tank tops and "see-through chiffon blouses" will not be allowed unless they

are worn with a crew neck T-shirt underneath it or a shirt worn over them during all school hours and activities. Tailored shirt shirt-tails must be tucked in unless you have a crew T-shirt underneath the shirt. (All tailored shirts will be buttoned and tucked into the pants or skirt when representing Borden County in any extracurricular activity. Sleeveless blouses are permissible but must be in good taste. Appropriate undergarments must be worn and must not be exposed at any time.

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

to be shaved or cut in the hair, and boys may not wear ponytails, rat-tails, or braids. Students are to be clean-shaven at all times. Mustaches and beards are not allowed. Sideburns shall not be worn lower than the bottom of the ear lobe and no wider than one inch at the base.

6. Boys will not wear piecing jewelry. Girls may not wear exposed piercing jewelry other than earrings. No tongue

piercing will be allowed for boys or girls.

7. Sunglasses may not be worn in the building during school hours or events inside the building unless prescribed by a doctor.
8. Students may not wear hats, caps, bandanas, or hoods inside the building during the school day unless approved by the school administration. In addition, they may not wear such headwear when participating in ba-

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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.

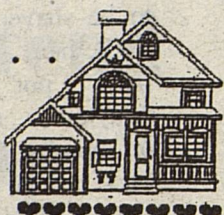
Also you will find in this letter an **Acknowledgment of Rules Form** and a **Steroid Form**, read them, have your parent read them, sign them both and bring all of the paperwork with you. The medical release, will allow us to seek emergency treatment for you if there is a need during the school year.

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



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Sun Protective Clothing

After years of slip-slap-slop S slipping on a shirt, slapping on a hat, and slopping on sunscreen S the "slip" may be changing. We have always known that certain clothing items can protect us from the sun more than others. For example, a black t-shirt gives us more protection than a white t-shirt. But now, there are clothes made specifically with sun protection in mind and products available that can make a normal t-shirt more protective from the sun. Thanks to the newest technologies, we may now start saying slip on "sun-protective clothing," slap on a hat, and slop on sunscreen. But would adding sun-protective clothing to our skin protection routine really be the most economical decision?

Clothes can protect your skin from the ultra violet (UV) rays of the sun. Even clothes not meant for sun-protection may provide some protection. Similar to the SPF rating of sunscreen, clothing is given a UPF rating. UPF stands for ultraviolet sun protection factor and tells you how much UV light from the sun is being absorbed. A fabric with a UPF of 50 means that only 1/50th, or 2 percent, of the sun's rays are able to pass through the fabric to your skin. Just like with the SPF for sunscreen, the higher the UPF, the more sun-protection it provides.

The color, weave, weight, and fiber type of the fabric

can all affect the amount of sun-protection any clothing item has. A good way to help judge the fabrics of your clothes is to hold them up to the light. If you can see through an item, so can the sun, which means UV light is able to reach and potentially harm your skin through that piece of clothing. It is important to remember that if the shirt is stretched (making it thinner), or wet (making it more transparent), the UPF will go down. For example, the average white cotton t-shirt with a UPF of 7 can go down to a UPF of 3 when it is wet. When selecting clothes to wear for sun protection, you want to choose clothes that cover the most skin, like long-sleeved shirts and long pants. Dark colors, as opposed to lights and whites, are best. Fabrics with a tight weave can provide the most protection.

If you want to buy clothes made for sun protection, more and more companies are manufacturing clothes that are designed to offer a good deal of sun protection. Many companies are taking into account both design, maximizing the amount of skin covered, with sleeves and hoods; and the fabric with UPF ratings up to 50. CoolibarTM, a clothing brand recommended by the Skin Cancer Foundation, sells shirts, hats, pants, and swimwear, all offering maximum sun protection. Most shirts on their website are long sleeved and range

from \$29.95-59.95 for children to adult sizes. Search the web; you will find many other sites selling similar products, some boasting that their products are much cheaper than others. It is important to look for a high UPF when ordering from such sites.

Another option that may prove to be much more cost efficient when it comes to sun-protective clothing is to wash sun-protection into your clothes. The only laundry aid endorsed by the Skin Cancer Foundation is Sun GuardTM from the makers of RITTM dyes. At about \$1.99 a package, you simply add it in along with your detergent to any load of laundry that you want to have sun protection. The chemicals in Sun GuardTM wash a UPF of 30 into your clothes without altering their color or comfort. The UPF will last in your clothes for up to 20 washes.

Remember, in addition to covering with sun protective clothing, you should protect your skin by following these tips:

- Stay in the shade or indoors between the hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M.
- Avoid tanning outdoors or in tanning beds.
- Use sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15 everyday.
- Apply sunscreen 30 minutes before going outdoors, and reapply it at least every 2 hours.
- Keep newborns out of the sun, and use sunscreen on children 6 months and older.
- Examine your skin every month.

For more information please consult www.skincancer.org. Texas Cooperative Extension and

the Texas Cancer Council remind you and your family to practice sun safety today and every day of the year.


Source: Courtney J. Schoessow, Extension Program Specialist-Health, Texas Cooperative Extension, and Meghan Wernicke. July 2007. Texas Cooperative Extension Family and Consumer Sciences website: <http://fcs.tamu.edu>

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Tax Holiday Moves to Aug. 17-19

The annual sales tax holiday has been moved to the third weekend in August this year, Aug. 17-19, to better coincide with back-to-school shopping.

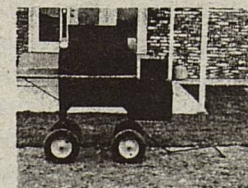
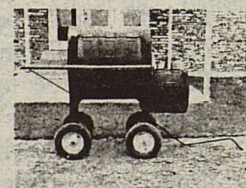
Items included in the tax holiday are clothing and footwear under \$100. A new addition this year are backpacks under \$100. They may have have rollers, but they must be able to be worn on your back.

In the business world an executive knows something about everything, a technician knows everything about something and the switchboard operator knows everything.

—Harold Coffin

Buy your chance to win a... B-B-Q Pit with Smoker

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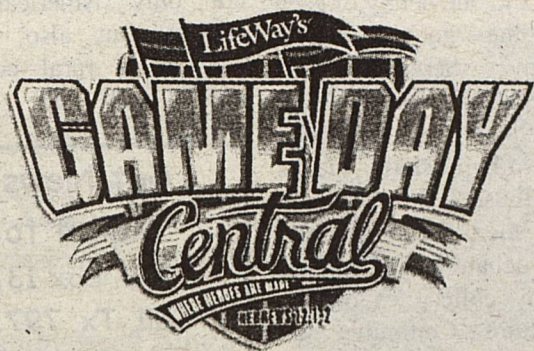


Proceeds to benefit:
**Borden County Jr.
Livestock Association**

Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20

Please see any BCJLA Director for tickets.

Drawing to be held at the Coyote Opry
on Saturday, September 22, 2007
at the Borden County Show Barn in Gail.
You do not have to be present to win!



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FBC - Gail

5:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

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HPJRA All-Around Cowboy



Tanner Freeman completed his 2007 year in the High Plains Junior Rodeo Assn. as the All Around 8 & under Cowboy for the finals receiving a saddle and Reserve All Around for yearend receiving a buckle. Tanner is the son of Jason and Jill Freeman of Gail and is in the third grade at Borden County. Tanner is pictured with Wilma Fulgham from the Clovis Chamber of Commerce and Travis Howe, HPJRA President.



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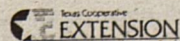
Living Well Summer Educational Programs

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

Please note yet another DATE CHANGE, and a location change!!
We have had to reschedule several events due to conflicts, please bare with us!

Saving the Fruits of Summer. . . . Thursday, August 23rd @ 6:00 p.m. in the Extension Office Mtg Room
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.

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Borden County Back to School Swimming Party



Post Public Pool
August 11th, 2007

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Free to all Borden County students
ages PK - 12th grade

Bring snacks and drinks

Hosted by T.J., Tye,
and Thadd Basquez

Come join in the fun!!

Call 806/495-1066 for information.



-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer

House Ag Committee Keeps in Place Key Farm Programs in 2007 Farm Bill

The House Agriculture Committee concluded its work on the 2007 Farm Bill Thursday as it voted to continue the successful farm programs put in place by the current policy. In addition to these programs, this important legislation also covers conservation, and rural development.

"Direct payments, counter-cyclical payments, and the marketing loan program have all been key components of the 2002 Farm Bill and critical to the success of American agriculture in recent years," said Congressman Randy Neugebauer. "It is a win for agriculture that the Committee voted to keep these programs largely in place in the 2007 Farm Bill."

Neugebauer also believes the inclusion of his crop insurance reform legislation

in the committee's bill is good news for producers.

"Agriculture producers, especially those living in the 19th district, know all too well the devastating effects of drought," said Neugebauer.

"Unfortunately, they also know all too well the unpredictability that comes with ad-hoc disaster programs that can take years to make their way through Congress. My crop insurance legislation gives producers a plan to rely on when disaster strikes."

While the Committee's legislation keeps much of the 2002 Farm Bill structure in place, it does make some changes to the payment limits for commodity and conservation programs. Producers whose Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) averages more than \$1 million

per year over a three year period would no longer be eligible to participate in these two programs. Producers that have a three-year average AGI falls between \$500,000 and \$1 million must receive two-thirds of their income from farm-related operations to continue participation.

Producers that have an average AGI falls below \$500,000 would not be affected by these changes. Overall limits on payments are also reduced.

Neugebauer would have preferred that the Committee maintain the current payment policy; however, this compromise helps unite the Committee in support of the bill. Such unity will be vital when the bill heads to the House floor for consideration, possibly as early as next week.

"Although less than one

half of the one penny of each tax dollar goes to farm programs, there are still those in Congress who will target those programs when the Farm Bill debate reaches the House floor," said Neugebauer. "I look forward to that debate and to joining with my colleagues on the Agriculture Committee as we stand united to put in place policy that strengthens

not only American agriculture, but also benefits consumers, rural communities, and our natural resources.

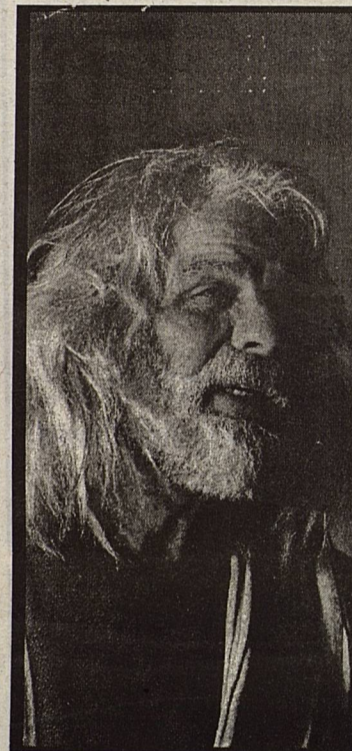
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kdean@bcisd.net



Ragtown Gospel Theater presents Glenn Polk in the premier season of "Peter the Rock." Nestled in a crescent, just below the rim of the caprock, Ragtown Gospel Theater also features a southern gospel music concert prior to each dramatic production. The theater is a site to behold, featuring the architecture of a centuries old Jerusalem plaza.

Peter the Rock

Performances:

Friday 8 pm
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877-724-8696

www.ragtown.com

Please call for reservations or more information

Tickets: \$20

(Children 12 & Under 1/2 Price)
Ragtown Gospel Theater is located off U.S. Hwy 84, 2 miles northwest of Post, Texas (follow signs).

Notice of Public Hearing On Borden County Appraisal District 2008 Budget

The Borden County Appraisal District Board of Directors will conduct its annual public hearing for the Borden County Appraisal District Year 2008 Budget at 8:00 a.m., on Tuesday, August 14, 2007. This meeting will be held in the Borden County Community Center at 116 E. Wilbourn, Gail, Texas

A summary of the appraisal district budget is as follows:

Total amount of proposed budget	\$73,089.00
Total amount of current budget	\$71,189.00
Total difference between budgets (increase of)	\$1,900.00


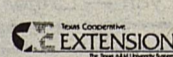
The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect on the 1st day of January, 2008.

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

JILL FREEMAN
Chief Appraiser

Welcome to...4-H Earth!

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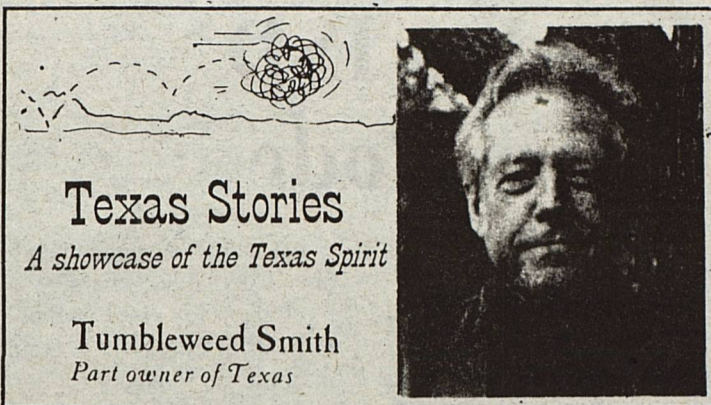
- Who: Any youth entering Kindergarten through Third Grade
- What: A Fun Day!
- When: Wednesday, August 8, 2007 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Where: County Show Barn in Gail
- Cost: \$5 per child (to cover supplies)
- Activities: It will be a full afternoon of many fun activities related to the planet Earth! We will be making crafts and playing fun games.
- Info to know: Afternoon refreshments will be provided, but please feed your child lunch before dropping them off.

For more information, or to let us know that you will be able to attend, please call or e-mail the Extension Office at (806)756-4336 or borden-tx@tamu.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

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, US Department of Agriculture and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.



Tulsa's Famous Buried Belvedere

It's one of those stories you just can't pass up. When I first heard about the 1957 Plymouth Belvedere that was buried in 1957 in Tulsa as part of Oklahoma's 50th year of statehood celebration (they called it Tulsarama), I became curious. Then when I heard it was going to be unearthed on June 15th of this year, I was chomping at the bit to get up there. Imagine. A 57 Belvedere wrapped up in a hermetically sealed plastic cocoon and placed in a concrete vault with 6-inch walls and buried on the courthouse lawn. What an idea. The car sold for \$2,000 in 1957. I never did find out just why that particular make and model of vehicle was chosen as a symbol of the age.

About two days before the big dig, a friend of mine who currently resides in Tulsa, Bill Murchison, told me he would cover it for me. He did a fabulous job. He interviewed all sorts of folks and got their opinions about the event. He sent me tapes of the interviews along with two copies of the Tulsa World newspaper.

When the car rose from its grave, crowds cheered. People paid good money to get a seat in bleachers that had been set up. Participants in an antique car show that was going on in Tulsa got special passes. News people



from all over the world were in Tulsa to report on the condition of the car. Some people actually thought it could be driven away. Boy, were they wrong. The thing was a mess. A big mess. The concrete vault was full of water that had seeped in over the years. One person said the water might have come from a busted water main. One man, when he saw the car up close after it was hoisted out the ground, said, "It looks like it's been at the bottom of the ocean for 50 years." Mud was everywhere. The upholstery was gone and springs were showing through the seats. The door hinges were frozen. The tires were flat. It was a ghastly sight.

A time capsule that was buried with the car survived just fine. Contents inside it were dry. They included 812 contest entries from people who guessed what the population of Tulsa would be in 2007. The winner got the car. The closest guess to Tulsa's current population of 384,743 was submitted by Raymond Humbertson, who guessed 382,457. Tulsa's population in 1957 was 264,300. Raymond died in 1979 and his heirs will decide what to do with the car. Some people recommend it should be left as is and placed in a museum, since it is the only car buried for 50 years.

Some folks in Tulsa have burying cars on the brain.

To celebrate Tulsa's 100th anniversary in 1998, a new Plymouth Prowler was entombed in an aboveground mausoleum in Centennial Park. It will be unveiled in 2048. The Prowler was encased in a seamless plastic box especially manufactured in Tulsa. Officials drained all the fluids and replaced them with synthetics that won't degrade. The vault was filled with an inert gas to keep the exterior in good

shape. The car's garage for 50 years was sealed and covered with dirt. Officials expect the Prowler to be in much better shape than the Belvedere.

What should you do to stop a friend from driving drunk? Whatever you have to! Friends don't let friends drive drunk.

Got News?
Mail to:
P.O. Box 137
Gail, Tx. 79738
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2007 Property Tax Rates in Borden County

This notice concerns 2007 property tax rates for Borden County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,616,834	\$ 0	\$ 0
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 1,616,834	\$ 0	\$ 0
Last year's tax base	\$ 600,138,532	\$ 600,138,532	\$ 600,138,532
Last year's total tax rate	\$.27 /\$100	\$ 0 /\$100	\$ 0 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,616,834	\$ 0	\$ 0
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 603,650,987	\$ 603,650,987	\$ 603,650,987
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$.26784 /\$100	\$ 0 /\$100	\$ 0 /\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$.26784 /\$100		
<i>(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)</i>			
<i>In the first year a county collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:</i>			
- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0 /\$100		
= Effective tax rate	\$.26784 /\$100		
This year's rollback tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 1,616,834	\$ 1,616,834	\$ 1,616,834
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 603,650,987	\$ 603,650,987	\$ 603,650,987
= This year's effective rate	\$.26784 /\$100	\$ 0 /\$100	\$ 0 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.28926 /\$100	\$ 0 /\$100	\$ 0 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0 /\$100	\$ 0 /\$100	\$ 0 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.28926 /\$100	\$ 0 /\$100	\$ 0 /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.28926 /\$100		
<i>A county that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:</i>			
- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0 /\$100		
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0 /\$100		
<i>For a county with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:</i>			
+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$ 0 /\$100		
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0 /\$100		

Summer Fun Recipes

Campfire

Hobo Packets

Ingredients:

- Ground beef
- Baby carrots
- Cubed potatoes
- Onions
- Canned green beans
- Salt
- Pepper
- Aluminum foil

Directions:

Pull off enough aluminum foil to make a single serving packet. Use a double layer of

foil so you can eat right out of the packets.

Crumble raw ground beef onto foil.

Add baby carrots, onions, potatoes, green beans, and season to taste. Each person can add ingredients to their liking since these are individual packets.

Fold edges together.

Roll the edges together two or three times so steam won't escape.

Place packet on the

grill or over the open fire for about 30 minutes or until the beef has had time to cook completely.

Fold triangles into the four corners.

Unroll the center folds and open up so you have a bowl.

Eat with a spoon (so you don't puncture holes in foil).

Clean up is a snap—you only have a spoon to wash!

Source: DLTK's Growing Together

Accept the pain, cherish the joys, resolve the regrets; then can come the best of benedictions—"If I had my life to live over, I'd do it all the same."

—Joan McIntosh

Borden ISD Dress Code

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sketball games, whether actively participating or sitting on the bench.

9. Any clothing or grooming not listed above that is determined by the school administration to pose a disruption, interference, or safety concern to the normal school operation or Borden County School Community will be prohibited and addressed as appropriate.

A student who violates the dress code shall be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student shall be assigned to in school suspension either for the remainder of the day or until

a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeat offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action. The principal, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity (for example: cheerleader uniforms may vary from normal requirements according to principal/sponsor approval). Students who violate these standards may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the school administration or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary action.

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

BORDEN COUNTY ISD BID REQUEST

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive bids and/or quotes for propane, diesel, and gasoline for the 2007-2008 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 Thursday, August 16, 2007. 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 ISD 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

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Borden County adopts a 2007 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.26784 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2006 taxes by \$ 2,722.00

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Jury	\$ 19,569.00	Precinct #1	\$ 75,893.00
General	\$1,096,473.00	Precinct #2	\$ 89,256.00
Officer's Salary	20,876.00	Precinct #3	\$197,215.00
Permanent Improvement	30,054.00	Precinct #4	\$211,188.00
Road & Bridge	79,834.00		

Schedule B - 2007 Debt Service

No Debt

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

N/A

Schedule D - State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)

The Borden County Auditor certifies that Borden County has spent \$ 0.00 in the previous 12 months beginning July 1, 2006, 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.

Schedule E - Transfer of Department, Function or Activity

N/A

Schedule F - Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures

N/A

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at County Judge's Office, Borden County Courthouse.
Name of person preparing this notice Van L. York
Title County Judge
Date prepared 7/27/2007