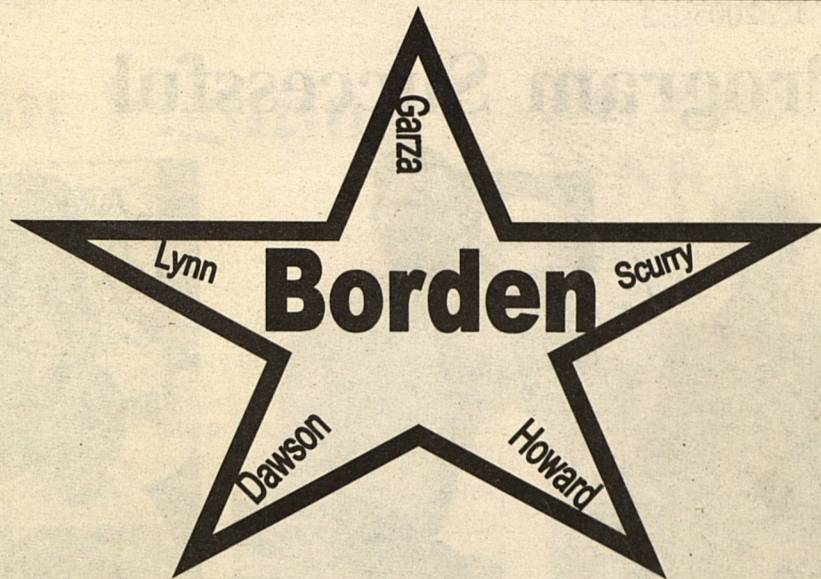


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## Annual End of School Awards Assembly

The Annual Awards Assembly was held on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:50 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Mr. Jimmy Thomas, school superintendent gave the welcome to all the students, teachers, parents and guest. He thanked the students for an outstanding school and praised them for all their hard work and dedication.

Mr. Chuck Ratliff with VFW Post was on hand to present the Voice of Democracy Awards and savings bonds to Tyler Wallace and John Wilson for their work with the VFW.

Principal, Mr. Bart McMeans, announced the Attendance Awards. Those receiving Perfect Attendance were:

Kindergarten - Bryce Turner; First grade - Kylee Dean and Colby Pennell; Second grade - Blaise Freeman, Nathan Hamm, and Mackenzie Moreno; Third grade - Mallory McMeans, Mollie McMeans and Zach McMeans; Fourth grade - Celina Guerrero, Lexi Peterson, Riley Smith and Teryn Soto; Fifth grade - Austin Tyler; Sixth grade - Joseph McConnell and Krista Tarleton; Seventh grade - Marla Crenshaw, Brendan Tarleton and Drew Tyler; Eighth grade - none; Ninth grade - Sharelle Gass and Hannah McConnell; Tenth

grade - Jacob Froman, Zack McConnell Symeron Rinehart and Christina Soto; Eleventh grade - Matthew Massey and Austin Tarleton; Twelfth grade - Billy Roper.

Ms. Sue Jane Mayes presented the new Beta Club members for 2004-2005. These students had no grade lower than a 90 in a six weeks period. The students receiving this award were: Rachel Wilson, Rowdy Clary, Sarah Harding, Andrew Lamming, Jodye Rutherford and Trey Soto.

The Scholastic Achievement Awards were then presented by Mr. McMeans. This awarded is presented to students with a 90 average with no grade lower than 85.

Those students receiving this award were: Seventh grade - Lacey Roberts; Ninth grade - Shelby Roberts; Tenth grade - Rowdy Clary, Sarah Harding, Kylan Reynolds and Christina Soto.

The Highest Grade Averages were then announced by Mr. McMeans. Those receiving the highest grade point average were: Bailey Anderson, 6<sup>th</sup>; Lacey Roberts, 7<sup>th</sup>; Katherine Froman, 8<sup>th</sup>; Rachel Wilson, 9<sup>th</sup>; Rebecca Dobyms, 10<sup>th</sup>; Whitney Anderson, 11<sup>th</sup>; Andrew Lamming 11<sup>th</sup>; (this year was the first time that two students scored exactly the same on their GPA); and John Wilson, 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Thomas presented the new Beta Club Achievement Awards to the following students; Bailey Anderson, 6<sup>th</sup>; Taylor Richey, 6<sup>th</sup>; Rachael Payne, 7<sup>th</sup>; Katherine Froman, 8<sup>th</sup>; Carlos Hernandez, 8<sup>th</sup>; Rachel Wilson, 9<sup>th</sup>; Rebecca Dobyms, 10<sup>th</sup> and John Wilson, 12<sup>th</sup>.

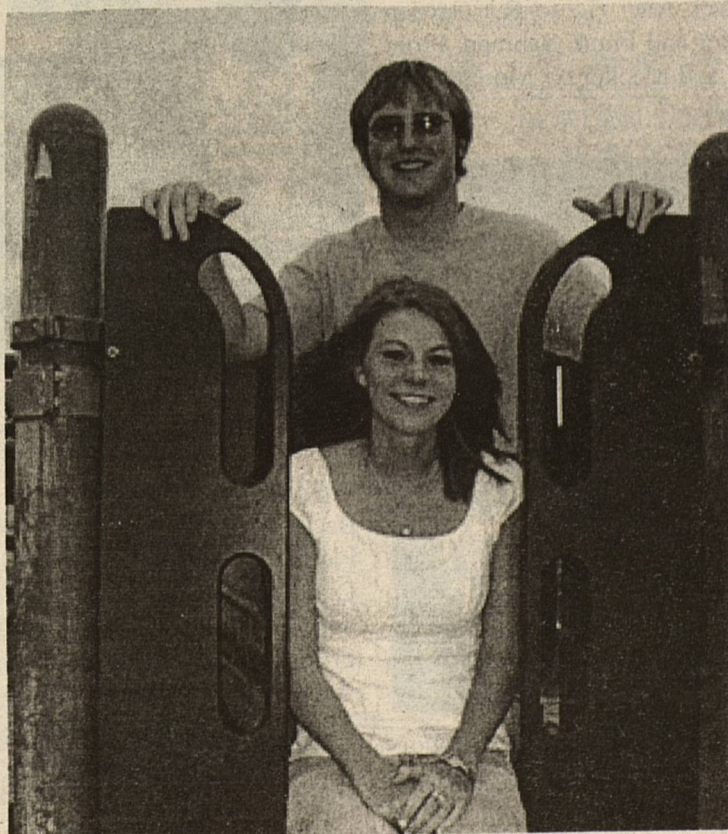
Each year teachers select a senior girl and boy they feel are suited to receive the Citizenship Award. This award is based on the students overall attitude towards teaches and fellow students and their willingness to give an helping hand when needed. This year's

## Remembering our Fighting Men and Women

Weekly Column by  
Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

As our nation fights the War on Terror in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere, Memorial Day provides us a fitting time to stop and pay respect to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice

Citizenship Award was presented to Emily Mayes and Billy Roper.



Emily Mayes and Billy Roper

on our behalf.

Originally begun to honor the fallen in the War Between the States, this day has grown to include all those who have died defending our nation, through the two World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, the two Gulf Wars and today's continuing War on Terror.

The loss of life is always painful. John Adams once said that America will be a friend to all and an enemy to none, and we have generally followed that advice through our history. Yet when we have been attacked - by the Japanese on Dec. 7, 1941 and by Islamist terrorists on September 11, 2001 - we had no choice but to respond. In both cases, we were at peace, and an enemy bent on destruction of liberty attacked us because we were the greatest obstacle to their dark designs.

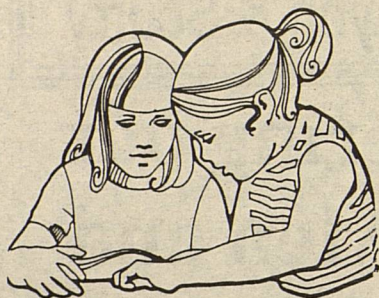
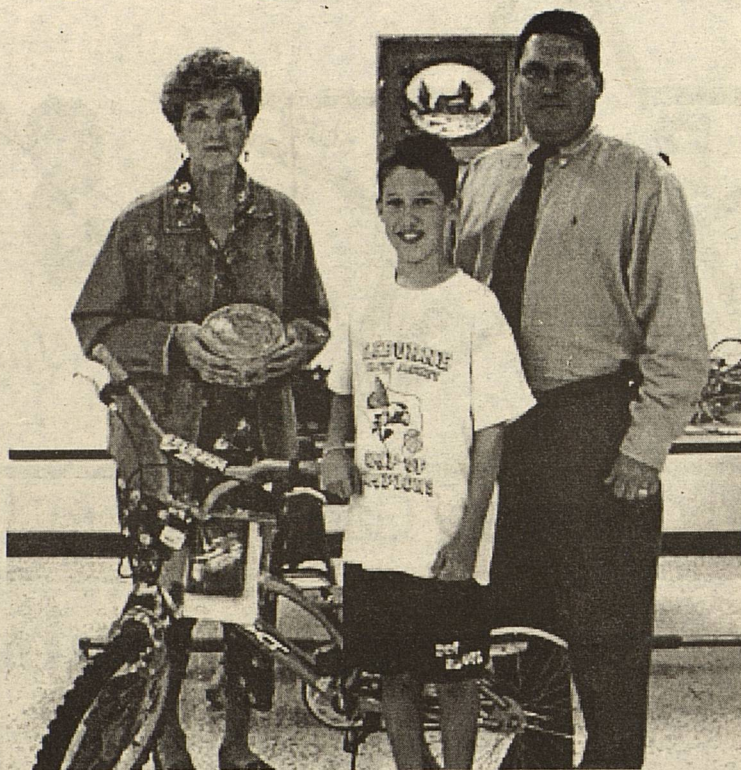
If America doesn't stand for freedom, no other country in the world will. No other country in the world has the capacity and the commitment to defend liberty and if freedom died in America, it would surely die throughout

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# AR Reading Program Successful

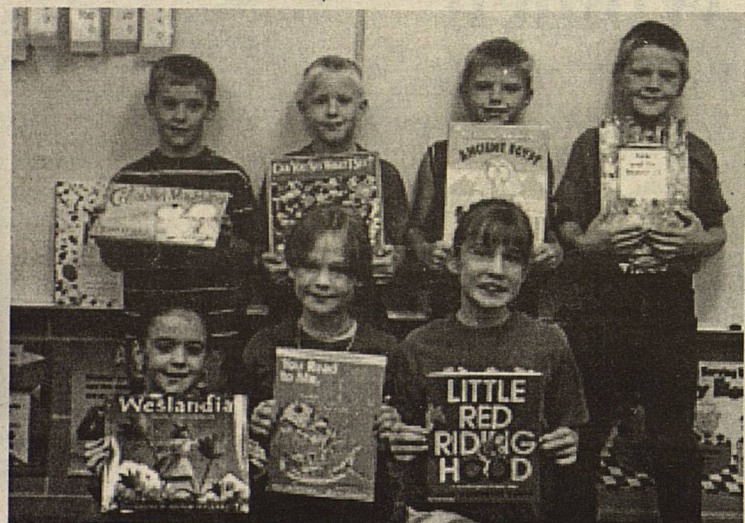
**AR's Big Prize Winner for 2004-05:** Students with 50 points or more earned the opportunity to have their names placed in the drawing for the end of school prize. Fifth grader, Blake Turner was this year's big prize winner with 134 points. Pictured with Blake are Mrs. Mary Airhart and Mr. McMeans.



**Kindergarten AR Readers:** Back row: (L. to R.) Hayley Gray, Avery Price, Bryce Turner and Jayden Benavidez. Front row: Julia McAuley, Madison Benavidez and T.J. Doyle. Not pictured: Tanner Freeman and M'Lynn Leatherwood



**First Grader AR Readers:** Back row: (L. to R.) Thomas Harrison, Flint Roberts, Rhaeden Bland, Colby Pennell, Samuel Raborn and Merik Valentine. Front row: Zoie Key, Kylee Dean, Tatum Richey, Jordan McAuley, Channing Miller and Makayla Herrington. Not pictured: Jordan Bowser.



**Second Grade AR Readers:** Back row: (L. to R.) Cayden Vaughn, Nathan Ham, Sean Tucker and Frank Banman. Front row: Keelie Pierce, Eva Banman, and Mackenzie Moreno. Not pictured: Blaise Freeman.



**Fourth Grade AR Readers:** Back row: (L to R.) Celina Guerrero, Mattie Turner, Kaylyn Dean, Tanner Richey and Riley Smith. Front row: Lexi Peterson, Teryn Soto, Jacob McAuley and Valerio Hernandez. Not pictured: Kayla Darbyshire, Mathew Roberson, and Kylie Voss.



**Third Grade AR Readers:** Back row: (L. to R.) Mallory McMeans, Kalyn Massingill, Taylor Gass, Evelin Yevevino and Molly McMeans. Front row: Tristen Benavidez, Matthew Ham, Zach McMeans and Tyler Minyard.

**Fifth Grade AR Readers:** Back row: (L. to R.) Austin Fields, Bethany Stamper, Chris Teel, Stephanie Cooley and Viviana Hernandez. Front row: Erick Yevevino, Austin Tyler and Blake Turner. Not pictured: Chance Taylor and Dusty McKenzie.



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# Remembering our Fighting Men and Women

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the world. We are both a beacon of hope to the world and a target of resentment for those who seek to enslave others.

This Memorial Day I was comforted that the same bravery and sacrifice that flowed in the veins of those fallen heroes still courses in today's generation.

Let me cite just one story which illustrates this point. It is the story of the rescue of Jessica Lynch. We all know that the Army Rangers had a mission to go in to that hospital where they heard she was being treated, rescue her in the dark of night, and carry her to the helicopters so they could be out before daybreak. That was the mission. It was simple, clear, and expected to be fast, but something happened. An Iraqi doctor came up to the commander and said, "You know there are Americans buried on the hospital grounds."

The commander did not know that. It was not part of the intelligence briefing. The troops did not have so much as a shovel with them, but he gave the order: "We are going to take every American home."

He described it this way: "They dug with their hands and raced the sun. They dug every American out of those hospital rows and they took every fallen American to the helicopter with Jessica Lynch because their motto is "we never leave one of our own behind."

This bravery and loyalty to fallen comrades shows why we are going to achieve victory. We are going to win because we value life and we never leave one of our own behind. Our enemy celebrates a culture of death that targets unarmed civilians, while we celebrate heroism in defense of life.

A medical corpsman writing on the website *Marine Corps Moms* wrote that while he was serving in Kosovo, "I was giving out medications to over 200 people and very busy when one old woman grabbed my arm demanding my attention and stopping me from working. She held my hand with one of hers and with her other hand she patted my cheek...then she

began saying something in Albanian over and over again. I turned to ask my interpreter what she was saying and he told me that she was saying, 'God bless America, God bless America, that's all I can say is God bless America.'"

This Memorial Day, there are many like that Albanian woman who have been given the gift of freedom, thanks to the sacrifices and bravery of our fighting men and women. Like her, I say, God bless America, and add, God bless those who gave their lives so that we may live free.

## BC Shock Wins Lamesa WNBA Championship



The Borden County Shock defeated the Lamesa Comets in the championship game of the Lamesa Junior WNBA League Tournament on April 23rd. After finishing the regular season with the number three seed, the Shock rolled through the tournament to take the top prize. The Shock consisted of Borden County students Stefanie Cooley, Bethany Stamper, Taylor Richey, and Mattie Turner. Kelcie Degado and Valena Garcia of Lamesa also played for the team. The Shock finished with a season record of 7 wins and 3 losses. The head coach for the Shock is Tanya Turner and she was assisted by Haley Richey. Congratulations to the girls for this accomplishment and a big thank you to Tanya and Haley for volunteering their time for our children.

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### BORDEN COUNTY ISD PUBLIC NOTICE

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School is accepting bids for the sale of two fiberglass greenhouses that are approximately 15'x8'. The following structures are located at the Borden County Independent School District in Gail, Texas.

These greenhouses may be viewed at the Borden County School. Please contact Jimmy Thomas at (806)756-4313 if you would like to inquire about the purchase of these greenhouses. Bids will be accepted in the superintendent's office until 5:00 p.m. on June 16, 2005, if you would like to submit a bid on these greenhouses.

The Borden County I.S.D. Board of Trustees 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 additional information shall be directed to Jimmy Thomas by writing: PO Box 95, Gail, Texas, 79738 or by calling (806)756-4313. Transmissions by fax may be sent to (806)756-4310 or by e-mail to [jthomas@bcisd.net](mailto:jthomas@bcisd.net).

By order of the Board of Trustees  
Borden County Independent School District  
Joe Harding, Secretary





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## A University Course in Rock & Roll

"It's just amazing to watch kids grow musically. And they do it so quickly."

Dr. Dan Keast teaches music at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Odessa. He has been involved with music a long time.

"I started in Elementary School playing clarinet and pretty soon I became a tuba player because the school needed a tuba player. And from there I just enjoyed every weekend going somewhere to perform a solo, to march, to play in a band. I just found a home in music."

Dr. Keast is new to the University administration and looking over the cultural opportunities here in Odessa. It's really amazing what's here. It's quite a lot. I think we're going to offer a wide range of music courses and focus on Mariachi music and Jazz music."

The University has fifteen courses in music now.

"A lot of them are individual classes. I'm the only fulltime music professor here, so if a student comes in and wants to play guitar, I'll place that student with a person who is extremely competent on that instrument. Our music appreciation course is quite popular. We've got a band now at the University and we're working on some ensemble singing groups."

Since UTPB has no practice rooms, Dan will play a variety of instruments in his classroom. The doors to the classroom are open, so people nearby hear music from a piano, trumpet or drum. Dr. Keast says plans are underway to get some

state of the art practice rooms.


One course being offered this summer is titled Jazz, Pop and Rock & Roll.

"I put it on the course docket hoping it would fill up," says Dan. "I taught it back in Nebraska a few years when I was teaching in public school and I taught it at the University of Missouri while I was working on my doctorate.

"We start off with jazz history and we do it the same way we do music history. We start at the very roots of it, Ragtime and we trace it to New Orleans, to swing bands, bop music, cool music and then all of a sudden we have the splinters of jazz, going into jazz fusion and jazz rock and all these other little splinters, then into the neo-

classic stuff that we're enduring today. We spend the third week of the course in popular songs, such as Tin Pan Alley, and how that music exploded into Rock and Roll in the 1950's.

"I like to cover how society reacted to Rock & Roll. Time magazine referred to it as the most hideous form of music ever conceived by the mind of man."



**SEEDS FROM THE SOWER**  
Michael A. Guido  
Metter, Georgia

Two little girls were talking about God.

"I know God doesn't hear my prayers," cried one. "He couldn't care for such a little girl like me."

"That's what God's for," said the other, "to take care of little girls like us who can't take care of themselves."

No child is too small to talk to God, and no adult is too old. The fears of childhood, the problems of youth, the loneliness of age—you can bring every one to God. He's always thinking about you, and watching everything that concerns you.

He listens to each one of us, as if there was only one of us to listen to. He's the hearer of prayers—yours and mine. Call on Him, won't you?

# Revival

## First Baptist Church, Gail, Texas

### June 12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>

*Dr. David Kimberly, Pastor*  
*Bro. Jim Hart, Music Minister*

Services begin on Sunday  
at 6:00 p.m. with Ice Cream  
Fellowship following services.  
Mon. Tues. & Wed. services  
will begin at 7:00 p.m. nightly.



**Come Join Us!**

### Legal Notice

The Commissioners' Court of Borden County will receive bids on the following until 10:00 a.m. June 13, 2005.

1. Fuel for 2005
  - a. unleaded
  - b. diesel
2. Propane for Courthouse, and Precinct #2 Barns

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.

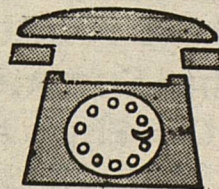
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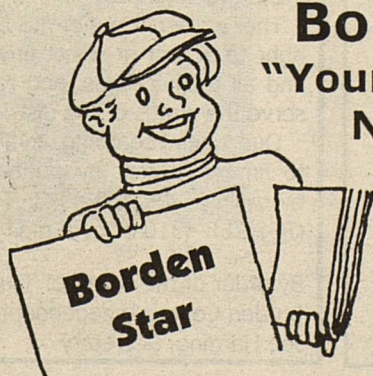
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**Additional Regulations for Borden County  
Water System**  
Effective June 1, 2005

#### D. Water Meter Access

1. Water meters must remain clear of any barriers as to allow Borden County employees and/or agents to have access to the meters for maintenance and the monthly reading of the water meter.
2. When a Borden County employee and/or agent is prevented from access to a water meter by a barrier or dangerous dogs on or around the water meter, the patron will be notified by mail, and the patron must permanently remove the barrier or dangerous dogs within 10 days. If the barrier is not removed within the time period allowed, the water usage for that month will be set at last month's usage plus 50%.
3. When a patron has been notified 2 times for removal of the barrier or dangerous dogs, water service will be terminated and the meter will be removed.
4. To re-instate water service under Section D, the patron must apply to the Borden County Commissioners' Court.

**SLOW DOWN! - Watch Out for the Children!**