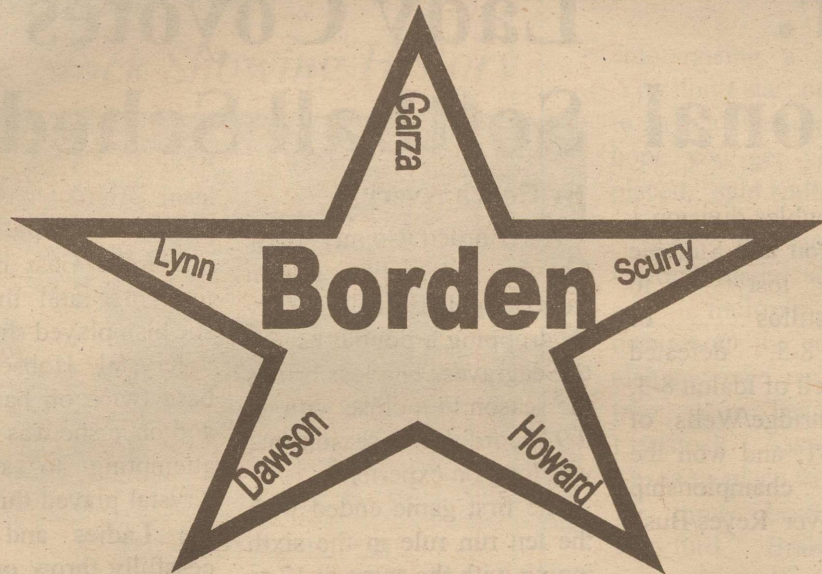


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Avery's Homecoming

Ex-state champ returning to alma mater

By Dwight Hines

Lamesa Press-Reporter

Home is where the heart is.

Nearly 10 years after he coached Borden County to its 1997 15-0 state six-man football championship season, capped off with its 48-16 win over Panther Creek in that year's final, Bobby Avery is heading back to his high school alma mater of Whitharral where, beginning next fall, he will be coaching the Panthers' football squad.

Avery, a 1977 Whitharral high school graduate, was officially named as the Panthers' new head coach this past Monday at Whitharral's school board meeting.

"I guess those first 48 hours were the hardest," Avery said. The hardest part has been telling everybody why.

"These people have not only been good to work for, but also with. These people have been real good to both me as well as my family."

Borden County's loss definitely appears to be Whitharral's gain.

"We ended up with a bunch of good applicants but, being at Meadow before we came to Whitharral, we've had the opportunity to watch Coach



Coach Bobby Avery

Avery coach against a lot of our teams in the past." Whitharral Superintendent Ed Sharp said. "I've always liked the way this guy operates. After he came in and interviewed we were even that much more impressed.

"Bobby's just as interested in being a good educator as well as a good coach. To me, he's a guy who can get his kids to do anything for him."

Borden County Superintendent Jimmy Thomas hates to see Avery leaving.

"He's been a blessing for our kids and our school," Thomas said of Avery.

"He's got a good level head with good Christian morals.

He's the kind of guy who you want coaching your kids."

Trey Richey has spent 14 seasons being Avery's right-hand man in the Coyotes' football program — many of those being his defensive coordinator.

"I've always been a softy, so I was pretty much in tears the

moments this word came out," Richey said of Avery's departure.

"We're pleased to have him as long as we did at Borden County, just like we know that Whitharral has got to be feeling lucky to be getting him back."

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Borden Country U.S. UIL State Qualifiers: Front (L-R) Katherine Froman, Rachel Wilson, Kate Wallace, Becky Dobyns, & Lindsey Stamper. Back (L-R) Christina Soto, Reynaldo Hernandez, Brendan Tarleton, Rowdy Clary, Karl Lamming, & Chellsie Pigford.

SPC Hosts Jr. High Invitational

By Coach Turner

The Borden Junior High tennis team competed Saturday, April 21st at the Levelland Junior High Invitational held at South Plains College. In boy's singles division 1 Blake Turner lost 8-1 to Fugate of Levelland, defeated Saunders of Levelland 8-2 and lost to Caruth of Andrews 8-3. Miller Valentine Lost to Nayak of Andrews 8-4, defeated Johnson of Shallowater 8-5, and lost to Holt from Idalou 8-4. John Hensley lost to Arismendez from Idalou 8-3 and Carruth from Andrews 8-5.

In Boy's Doubles division 1 Tony Soto and David Rodriguez lost to Fugate and Hewitt of Levelland 8-2, defeated Wilcox/Payton of Andrews 8-3, and lost to Huerta/Reese from Andrews 8-4.

In girl's singles division 1 Bailey Anderson lost to Ross of Morton 8-6 and Seymore of Jayton 8-1.

In girl's doubles division 1 Krista Tarleton and Stefanie Cooley lost to Marquez/Bustillos of Levelland 8-5, defeated Cook/Caldwell of Idalou 8-3, defeated Ethridge/Wells of Levelland 8-1, and won the consolation championship match 8-2 over Reyes/Bush of Levelland.

In boy's singles division 2 Michael Froman lost to Wiseman of Muleshoe 6-4, defeated Brooks of Christ the King 6-1, and defeated White of Levelland in the consolation championship match 6-1. Austin Tyler defeated Ambrose of Christ the King 6-1, defeated Watson of Jayton 6-5, and lost to Wiseman of Muleshoe 6-0 in the championship match. Alvin Herrington lost to Watson of Jayton 6-1, and lost to White of Levelland 6-3. Next up for the Coyotes will be the district 9 meet on May 1st and 3rd.

Avery's Homecoming

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played right there in Lamesa." Avery's parents, Bobby and Lois, still live in Whitharral today.

"Going to church out here (Gail) for the past 17 years, you end up with a lot of people adopting your kids," Avery said. It's going to be hard to uproot them, but hopefully it helps justify things knowing that our kids are now going to their real grandparents.

Avery's wife, LaNita, has parents in Whiteface. The Avery's have two children a six-year-old son Brandon and a three-year-old daughter Avery Layne. Whitharral finished up last season ranked as D-II's seventh

best six-man team in the state, after going all the way to the semi-finals in the state playoffs and finishing with a 10-3 record.

"We'll probably be mainly juniors and sophomores next year," Avery said of the Panthers. "But, those guys did a little experience playing in the semifinals, which means that they got four weeks more of football than most kids get out of a season."

Avery, who spent all but one of his first 24 years coaching six-man, is one of that game's most successful coaches with 154 career wins. In addition to the 17 years he spent at Borden County, he was also Loop's head coach for seven years. He

started out his coaching at Class 1A 11-man Santo.

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Lady Coyotes Conclude Softball Schedule

By Coach Avery

The Borden County Lady Coyotes softball season came to a close last Saturday by dropping a double header to Seagraves. The loss brings the season to a close with an 0-9 record, but a season that was long on experience.

The first game ended with the ten run rule in the sixth inning with the score at 17 to 6. The second game ended with the 10 run rule as well this time after 3 innings, 15 to 1.

Christina Soto pitched most of the two games.

Sara Harding walked twice and was hit by a pitch once and scored one run. Sara stole second, the ball went past second base so she headed to third and the ball was overthrown there so she went home for the first score in the first game. Sara also pitched for a bit and played first base.

Olivia Key hit a triple to right field in her last at bat but was thrown out trying to

steal third base. Olivia attempted to steal home when the catcher threw the ball back to third D'Nae ran home and scored. She played center field in the first game and catcher in the second game.

Sharelle Gass hit a single to center and then scored, she also played short stop.

Krystal Hobson reached base twice on base on balls and once she was thrown out attempting to steal third. Krystal played third base for the Ladies and did successfully throw out a runner at home in a run down.

Marla Crenshaw reached base three times on base on balls and was hit by a pitch, and she scored one time. Marla played left field for the team.

D'Nae Johnson reached base three times and scored three times in four at bats. The first at bat she hit a in the park home run as she rounded each base as the ball was overthrown at each base. Then she reached base on as a hit batter and ended up scoring, and then in the second game she reached base by walking and stole her way to third, then she



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Lacey Newton was the catcher in the first game and center field in the second game. Lacy reached base 4 times, 3 by base on balls and one by hit pitch and she scored once.

Shylo Rinehart reached base one time on a base on balls and she played right field for the Lady Coyotes.

Regional Qualifiers Meet

By Coach Avery

The two Borden County tracksters that are left alive went to a practice meet for regional qualifiers last Friday in Roscoe. Michael Cooley accomplished a personal best in the high jump by clearing 5'10" in the high jump and finishing 3rd place in the meet.

Michael Bullinger participated in the pole vault but did not clear opening height at 10'6".

At Gail, Avery also coached Shelby Isaacs to the Class 1A 300-meter state hurdling champion in 1996 and Trent Pepper to silver-medal finishes in both the 1A state's 1,600 and 3,200 in 2001 and a Coyote girls hoop squad to the Class 1A Region II Division II championship game in Fort Worth in 2002.

"Whenever we left Loop, we never thought we'd be out here (Gail) for 17 years. It ended up being the best thing we could have done," Avery said.

End of the Trail

Poole Family Celebrates Stock Showing History

What began years ago is now coming to an end for the Dennis and Sheri Poole family of Gail. The Borden County couple has seen their three children—Kaci, Tanner, and Kalli—grow up with a lead rope in one hand and a show stick in the other.

Now, with the approaching high school graduation of Kalli comes the end of a stock showing legacy. However, she has gone out in style with a spectacular senior year.

Kalli closed out her lengthy family stock showing history this past March at the 2007 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. As she showed her signature Brahman steer as one of 25 in the heavy weight class, suspense was high until she was eventually placed second in the class. Kalli and her steer then moved on to be named as the 2007 Reserve Champion Brahman Steer.

The win allowed Kalli to exhibit her steer during the rodeo held in the Reliant Center. Her steer was now one of sixteen breed & sixteen reserve breed champions hoping for the ultimate title of Grand Champion Steer. Kalli's father, Dennis, was also allowed in the arena as a "handler" on his daughter's last trip to the rodeo.



This was an adventure that had come all-to-often for the Poole clan. Previous trips to the rodeo for Kalli include a Reserve Brahman in 2005, a Champion ABC in 2004, and a Reserve Brahman in 2003. Her brother, Tanner, had the Champion Brahman in 2002 and her sister, Kaci, had the Reserve Brahman in 1992.

Kalli closed out her showing career in the swine field, too. Her Hampshire pig placed 6th in the heavyweight class at Houston.

Kalli also fared well at various other shows this year. She exhibited the Reserve Grand of the show at San Angelo with her American, placed 4th at San Angelo with her Chianina, and placed 3rd with her Polled Hereford at Fort Worth. She was first place in class 5 of the European Crosses at the State Fair in



into raising a good steer. You don't start out expecting to have a champion, you just hope you get your animal placed," said Kalli.

After showing at the various major stock shows and multiple jackpots throughout the summer, she also received enough points in the Texas Junior Livestock Association of Texas to place in the top ten in three breeds: Polled Hereford, Brahman, and Santa Gertrudis.

Now, as the curtain closes on the Poole family stock showing career, Kalli is left to reflect upon what she has learned along the way.

"It has been great to accomplish this all as a family. We have been through a lot together – good and bad," Kalli stated. "Houston was a great way to end my senior year. I really love showing though, so I know I'm going to miss it a lot."

School

Lunch Menu April 30th – May 4th, 2007

MONDAY – Breakfast: Omelet, Fruit Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Coyote Taco, Refried Beans, Salad, Pineapple, and Milk.

TUESDAY – Breakfast: Waffles, Fruit Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Pork Roast, Green Beans, Carrots, Corn Bread, Jell-o w/fruit, and Milk.

WEDNESDAY – Breakfast: Ham & Egg Patty, Fruit juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken, Potatoes, Corn, Hot Roll, Fresh Fruit, and Milk.

THURSDAY – Breakfast: Biscuit w/gravy, Sausage, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Polish Sausage, Baked Potato w/ Ham & Cheese, Steamed Broccoli, Crackers, Ice Cream, and Milk.

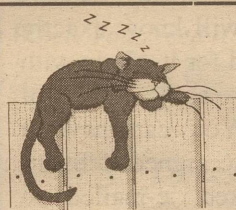
FRIDAY – Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, Fruit Juice, Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken on a Bun, French Fries, Salad Cup, Cookie, Milk.

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6:00 - 6:30 P.M.

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Distemper/Parvo - \$17.00 (per dog)

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Deworm will be available
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"Mail Bag"

Send Your Home-Sick College Student a 'taste of home'

He was in such a rush to move on-campus, he didn't even close the door behind him on his way out. Now he's enjoying the frat parties and rock concerts and, yes, maybe even learning a thing or two.

But even a dean's list scholar may occasionally miss Mom's home cooking. So if you decide to send your home-sick student a little "taste of home," here are some suggestions to help it get there safe and sound.

Pack your treats with care

Almost nothing says "I love you" quite like Mom's homemade desserts. Of course, you never know what (or when!) your favorite student last ate, so stuff from the store is pretty good, too. To keep your treats in good shape, make sure you select a container that is strong enough to protect your contents during handling. For cookies, candies and such, cushion the contents to make sure they don't get broken moving around. Place the delivery address inside the box, just in case. Clearly level the outside of the package, and write on only one side of the box. Use strong filament or reinforced tape for closing and securing the box flaps and seams. Do not use wrapping paper or string, as they may get caught in mail processing equipment and damage the package.

Double-check the mailing address with your scholar (or better yet, check with the school by phone or the Internet). Make sure to use the dorm name, suite number, box number and/or

other specific coding and delivery information. Some universities have tens of thousands of students. Make sure your gift gets where it should go.

For more tips on successful packaging, or to get packaging materials, including tape, envelopes, padded bags, boxes, mailing tubes and cushioning material, go to your local Post Office, or go online to www.usps.com and search for "Shipping Supplies."

"Cash is king," but money orders are safe

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Remove all doubt

If you want to make sure your shipment gets to your favorite student, you have several mailing options. You can use Certified Mail and get a mailing receipt that also offers delivery information over the Internet. For

a small additional fee, you can purchase a return receipt to provide you with the recipient's signature.

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Help your student say "thank you"

Your college student may actually want to thank you for your "taste of home," so help him or her do it right. Use a complete return address on your cards, letters and packages. Include your address suffix (RD, ST, AVE) directional code (N, E, SW) where appropriate, and ZIP Code. And consider enclosing a book of stamps or some prepaid, self-addressed cards or envelopes. College life can be hectic. Make writing home "Quick, Easy, Convenient."

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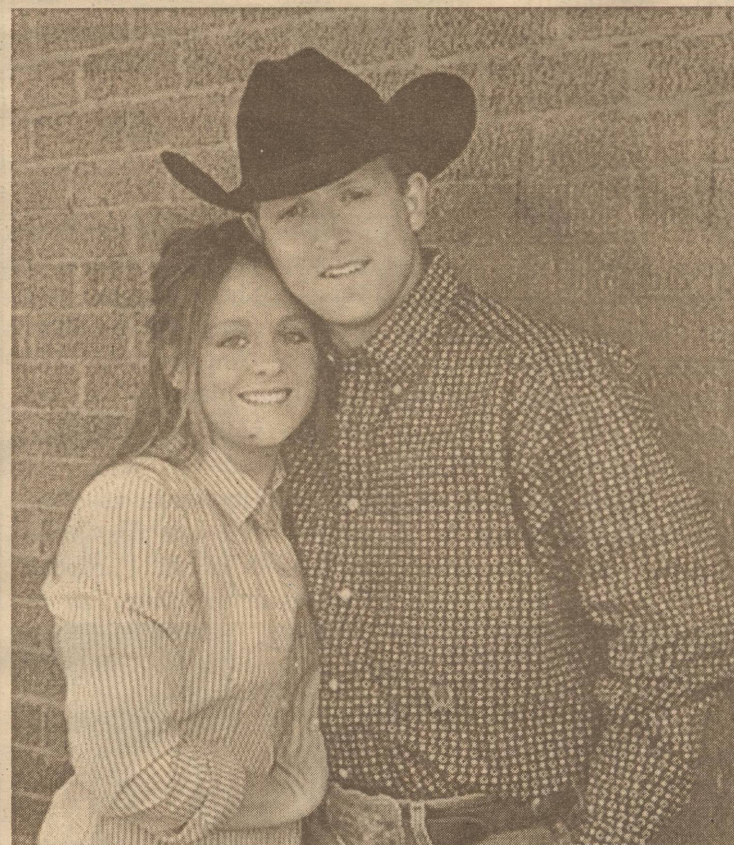


Wedding Plans Announced



Jana Himes and Aaron Booker

Jack and Terry Himes of Fluvanna announce the engagement of their daughter, Jana Himes, to Aaron Booker. He is the son of Elizabeth Booker of Bloomington, Ill. and Timothy John Booker of The Colony. The two are planning a 3 p.m. wedding May 6 at The Grove in Las Vegas, Nev.



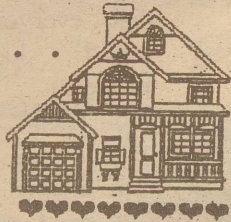
Vanna Holton and T.C. Stipe

Gary and Connie Stipe of Gail, would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son, T.C. to Vanna Holton, daughter of Van and Pattye Holton of Clarendon, Texas.

The wedding will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 8, 2007 at Trinity Church in Lubbock, Texas.

Heart & Home . . .

By Julie Smith
Borden County Extension Agent
Family & Consumer Sciences



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Seven Tips for Fighting Identity Theft

1. Never give your Social Security or account numbers over the phone unless you initiate the call.
2. Shred any personal documents before throwing them away (account statements, checks, etc.).
3. Watch out for fraudulent e-mails asking you to confirm your personal information. These may look like legitimate messages from your bank but are actually fraudulent e-mail from identity thieves trying to trick you.
4. Protect your PINs and passwords.
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6. Consider paying bills using automatic payment options like online bill payment. Mailing fewer checks reduces the risk of mail fraud.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SINCLAIR OIL & GAS COMPANY, (RRC Operator No. 784548) has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 528, Bk. 97, H&TC RR CO/BOUCHIER, A W Survey, A-1069, HOOD (SPRAYBERRY) Field, BORDEN County, being 7 miles W direction from FLUVANNA, Texas. The location and identity of the well is as follows:

FIELD: HOOD (SPRAYBERRY)

Lease/Unit Name	MILLER "528"
Lease/Unit Well	No.6
Lease/Unit Acres	640.6
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1787.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	866.0
Lease Lines	1837.0 F W L, 1787.0 F N L
Survey Lines	1837.0 F W L, 1787.0 F N L

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 1 additional field: (1) WILDCAT. No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for this field.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:
HOOD (SPRAYBERRY) OIL statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.
WILDCAT Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 6000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant at (801) 526-3741.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the commission at (512) 463-6701.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY May 23, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHINSUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICAITON
Rule 37 Case No. 0251353 (Dist. 8A)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is given herewith that proposals will be considered from Banks and Banking Corporations desiring to serve as depository for public funds and county public school funds of Borden County, Texas. Such proposals will be considered Monday, May 8th, 2007 at 9:00 a.m., and the Commissioners' Court of Borden County may, at its discretion, reject any and all bids or proposals submitted. Applications submitted should be in accordance with Article 116.021, Local Government Code, Vernon's Civil Statutes, and it is desired that same stipulate percent interest to be paid on time deposits and rate of interest Borden County would pay on borrowed funds for ordinary operating expenses and borrowed funds for equipment purchases. Depository Bank would be expected to furnish printed checks and deposit slips for all accounts.

Van L. York,
County Judge
Borden County



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LEGAL NOTICE

The Commissioners' Court of Borden County will receive bids on the following until 9:30 a.m., May 8, 2007.

1. Fuel for 2007

- 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.

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

For the Borden County Commissioners' Court

Van L. York
County Judge
Borden County

Submit bids to: County Judge's Office
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Gail, Texas 79738

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Texas Silver-Haired Legislature Sets May

Election

From the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature
<http://www.txshl.org/>
April 23, 2007

May Election: Tax Reduction

If you vote in Texas, you need to pay attention to the May election. It's about a property tax reduction for your Mom and Dad, or your Grandparents, or maybe even you. That's what Pat Porter and Carlos Higgins of the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature wants you to know.

Higgins, who chairs the group's Legislative Action Committee, says "The number one priority for the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature (TSHL) is to get senior and disabled homeowners included in last year's property tax reduction." Higgins says "This reduction was granted to all other homeowners, and it's unfair to leave out seniors and the disabled."

The TSHL is a non-partisan group of seniors, elected from all over Texas to represent senior interests. Their mandate from the Texas Legislature is to make recommendations to the Texas Legislature. Many of their recommendation have been converted to Bills now being considered in the Capitol in Austin.

Homer Lear of San Antonio, Speaker Emeritus of the organization, said "All of our recommendations are important to most senior citizens in Texas, but this is the one that we think is most important to most seniors."

Here's the likely wording on the ballot:

The constitutional amendment authorizing the

legislature to provide for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for public school purposes on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the rate of those rates for the 2006 and 2007 tax years.

Early voting will start April 30 - Election day will be May 12 from 7 am to 7 pm.

Why should seniors and disabled homeowners get this tax reduction?

Here's the TSHL response:

It's a matter of fairness. ALL taxpayers should share in any property tax reduction.

Seniors and the disabled were given some protection against higher property taxes years ago, so they would not be "taxed out of their own homes." When they are not included in a general tax reduction, this protection is eroded. The reason for giving them protection from taxes has not gone away or diminished. If anything, the need for this protection has grown.

An especially unfair part of being "left out" of the tax reduction is this: Lawmakers increased other kinds of taxes to help pay for the tax reduction given to everyone else. Seniors and the disabled are not exempt from paying

that everyone else could have a property tax reduction. giving seniors and the disabled the same reduction in property taxes that everyone else was given.

Texas Silver-Haired Legislators from all over Texas want you to know about this election. They want you to know that a vote FOR this proposition is a vote FOR

The Property Tax Reduction election is May 12th.

Pat J. Porter, TSHL
p.porter@txshl.org

PRE-KINDERGARTEN NOTIFICATION FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR

Borden County School will offer the pre-kindergarten program during the 2007-2008 school year. The program will be for eligible students who are four years of age on or before September 1, 2007. Students can qualify for the program by meeting at least one of the following requirements:

1. Be economically disadvantaged
2. Be Limited English Proficient (LEP)
3. Be homeless

If you know of a child who qualified for the program, notify Mr. Bart McMeans, Principal, Borden County Schools, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, or call (806)756-4313 to request a registration form. Complete and return the form by May 31, 2007.

DISCLAIMER

Borden County Elementary School will offer this program only if fifteen (15) or more students qualify.

ESL PROGRAM NOTIFICATION

Borden County Elementary School will offer an ESL program for LEP (Limited English Proficient) students during the summer of 2007. The program will be scheduled for a minimum of 120 hours and will conclude prior to August 1, 2007. The program is designed for students who will enter Kindergarten or First Grade in the fall of 2007-2008. Parents of eligible children will be responsible for transportation.

If you know of a child who qualifies for the program, notify Mr. Bart McMeans, Principal, Borden County Schools, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, or call (806)756-4313 to request a registration form. Complete and return the form by May 31, 2007.

DISCLAIMER

Borden County Elementary School will offer this program only if ten (10) or more students qualify.

LA NOTIFICACION DE PRE-KINDERGARTEN PARA EL AÑO ESCOLAR 2007-2008

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá el programa del pre-kindergarten durante el año escolar 2007-2008. El programa será para los estudiantes elegibles que tienen cuatro años en o antes de 1 de septiembre, 2007. Los estudiantes pueden calificar por el programa resolviendo por lo menos uno de los requisitos siguientes:

1. Sea económicamente perjudicado
2. Este limitado experto ingles (LEP)
3. Sea destituido

Si usted conoce de un niño que califique por el programa, notifica a Bart McMeans, director, Borden County Schools, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, o llame 806/756-4313 para solicitar una forma de registro. Complete y regresa la forma antes del 31 de mayo, 2007.

LA DENEGACION

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá este programa solamente si quince (15) o más estudiantes califican.

ESL PROGRAM NOTIFICACION

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá un programa de ESL para los estudiantes del LEP (Experto Inglés Limitado) durante el verano de 2007. El programa será programado por un mínimo de 120 horas y concluirá antes del 1 de agosto, 2007. El programa esta diseñado para los estudiantes que entraran kindergarten o el primer grado en el otoño de 2007-2008. Los padres de niños elegibles serán responsables del transporte.

Si usted conoce de un niño que califique por el programa, notifica a Bart McMeans, director, Borden County Schools, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, a llame 806/756-4313 para solicitar una forma de registro. Complete y regresa la forma antes del 31 de mayo, 2007

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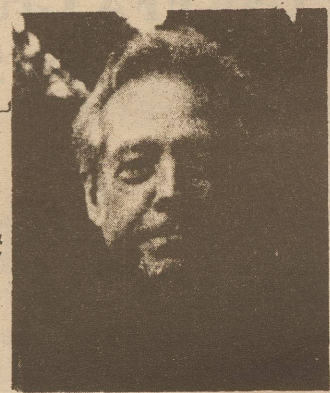
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Texas Stories

A showcase of the Texas Spirit

Tumbleweed Smith
Part owner of Texas



Seasonal Words

Life seems to begin in the springtime. The earth feels cleansed, blessed again, purged of winter's darkness. We witness the season of hope and renewal. Spring is when you want to sit and watch a bug for about an hour or just stretch out and stare at your shoes. It's when you think about going barefooted and wearing shorts and t-shirts. You might even get out that bicycle and take a spin or climb a mountain. It makes you feel frisky, like you're three years old and you've just finished taking a bath. You begin to imagine how the fruits of summer will taste and you think about the old swimming hole.

The earth warms. The sky boils. The wind ceases its relentless howling and settles down to a gentle breeze. The early green leaves on mesquite trees turn a shade of light green that artists find difficult to duplicate. Lawns come bake to life.

No season offers more promise than springtime in Texas, fields of blue and red and yellow appear and the air is scented with wildflower perfume. Texas is the birthplace of spring. Flowers are arranged among the cactus and rocks in natural bouquets.

The silence of the prairie is broken with the piercing sound of birds. Welcome to spring, they seem to say. And they show off their colors, too. Mocking birds

dart about, flashing their white tail feathers from the tops of juniper bushes. Cardinals and cedar waxwings provide a spectacular aerial display. A hawk catches a wind current and glides gracefully over the land. The perfect blue of an April sky is a pleasing backdrop for watching things fly.

The miracle of spring is amazing to observe. Even when the winters are mild we still anticipate spring. We want to hear the birds, to feel

the sunshine, to experience life outside the house. Spring makes you appreciate the sense of freedom that makes Texas famous. The skies open up and seem larger. Texas has more sky than most places anyway.

The sunsets are fabulous. Have they always been there? Or is it that we've been in the house so long we've forgotten to look toward the west at day's end?

The 24-hour celestial parade is an event not to be missed in the spring. We awaken to a dawn dressed up in sunrise pink. Later, the golden sun illumines the clouds. By mid-afternoon they become active and bounce around and bump each other. At sundown, the sky is streaked with reds and oranges. Then darkness brings its own special magic.

Mandatory Public Notification Language Notice of Drinking Water ARSENIC Violation

August 2006

The Texas Commission On Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the Borden County Water System that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for ARSENIC. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL ARSENIC at .01 mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for ARSENIC indicates a level of .026 mg/L in 2006.

This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing ARSENIC in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system and may have increased risk of getting cancer.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

Borden County Water System is installing equipment to lower the level of ARSENIC to below the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) standards.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For further information contact the County Judge's Office, Borden County Courthouse, 117 E. Wasson, Gail, Texas 79738, phone 806/756-4391.

Van L. York, County Judge
Public Water System ID#0170010
P.O. Box 156
Gail, Texas 79738

It's fun to go outside at night, lie on a pallet and look at the stars. If you're lucky you'll see one fall. You might even see a satellite streaking across the heavens. Spring makes you glad to be alive.

Calendar For 2007 Constitutional Amendment Election

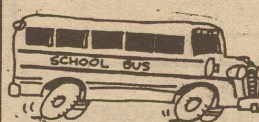
- April 30th - Early voting by personal appearance begins
- May 4th - Last day to receive application by Mail
- May 8th - Last day to vote early by personal Appearance
- May 12th - ELECTION DAY

DRIVE CAREFULLY - - -

Watch Out for the Children!

An Important Reminder from:

Moore-Rains Insurance



Frances Rains Stephens

701 - 8th St. - O'Donnell, TX

806/428-3335

Mandatory Public Notification Language Notice of Drinking Water FLUORIDE Violation

August 2006

The Texas Commission On Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the Borden County Water System that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for FLUORIDE. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL FLUORIDE at 4mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for FLUORIDE indicates a level of 5.3 mg/L in 2005 and 5.5 in the 1st quarter of 2006 and 5.6 mg/L in the 2nd quarter of 2006.

This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing FLOURIDE in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Fluoride in drinking water at half the MCL or more may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than nine years old. Mottling, also known as dental fluorosis, may include brown staining and/or pitting of the teeth, and occurs only in developing teeth before they erupt from the gums.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

We are working to correct the problem by investigating the possibility of connecting to another system.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For further information contact the County Judge's Office, Borden County Courthouse, 117 E. Wasson, Gail, Texas 79738, phone 806/756-4391.

Van L. York, County Judge
Public Water System ID#0170010
P.O. Box 156
Gail, Texas 79738

Memorial Scholarships

Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the: **Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship.**

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application prior to May 18th, 2007. Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

**Brandon Adcock
Memorial Scholarship
Committee
PO Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738**

John Harding Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the: **John Harding Memorial Scholarship.**

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application prior to May 18th, 2007. Letter of application must be sent to the following address:

**John Harding
Memorial Scholarship
Committee
PO Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738**

J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the: **J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship.**

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application prior to May 18th, 2007. Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

**J. Pat Porter
Memorial Scholarship
Committee
PO Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738**

Gail FFA Greenhouse Plants for SALE

The Gail FFA chapter now has plants available for spring planting. These plants are available in the greenhouse, which is located north of the Ag. Building on the Borden County Campus. Anyone wishing to purchase starter plants can contact Buddy Wallace at 806-756-4313 (school) or 806-756-4478 (home). All plants are suitable size for ground planting. The Gail FFA Chapter welcomes everyone to come view the plants and tour their greenhouse!

Plants Available:

Large variety of tomatoes	Peppers
Cherry Tomatoes	Small Geraniums
Roma Tomatoes	Starter Flowers

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SINCLAIR OIL & GAS COMPANY, (RRC Operator No. 784548) has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 528, Bk. 97, H&TC RR CO/BOUCHIER, A W Survey, A-1069, HOOD (SPRAYBERRY) Field, BORDEN County, being 7 miles W direction from FLUVANNA, Texas. The location and identity of the well is as follows:

FIELD: HOOD (SPRAYBERRY)

Lease/Unit Name	MILLER "528"
Lease/Unit Well No.	5
Lease/Unit Acres	640.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	467.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	974.0
Lease Lines	1787.0 F W L, 467.0 F N L
Survey Lines	1787.0 F W L, 467.0 F N L

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 1 additional field: (1) WILDCAT. No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for this field.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:
HOOD (SPRAYBERRY) OIL statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.
WILDCAT Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 6000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant at (801) 526-3741.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protester should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the commission at (512) 463-6701.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY May 23, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHINSUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICAITON
Rule 37 Case No. 0251353 (Dist. 8A)

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the registered voters of the County of Borden, Texas:
(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Borden, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., May 12, 2007, for voting in a special election to adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendment as submitted by the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas. (Notifiquese, por las present que las casillas electorales sítados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 12, 2007, May de 2007 para votar el la eleccion, para adoptar o rechazar la enmiendas propuestas constitucional asi como fueron sometidas por la 80a Legislama Sesion Regular, de la Estado de Texas.)

LOCATIONS(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

No. 1 at Plains Community Center
No. 2A - 2B at Borden County Community Building
No. 3A - 3B at Fairview Election Building
No. 4A - 4B at Borden County Courthouse
Absentee at County Clerk's Office, Gail Courthouse during normal office hours.

No. 1 en Plains Community Center
No. 2A - 2B en community room de Gail
No. 3A - 3B en la sitio de votacion Fairvlew
No. 4A - 4B en Courthouse de Gail
Para los que se encuentran ausente, para eldia propuest pueden votar en ofcina del County Clerk en Gail, Texas durante las horas normales.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:
(La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

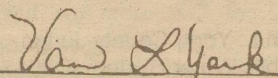
County Clerk's Office (oficina del Secretario del Distrito y Condado)
between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 30, 2007 (entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el April 30, 2007 and ending on May 8, 2007 (y terminando el May 8, 2007)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan enviarse a:)

Joyce Herridge
P.O. Box 124
Gail, Texas 79738

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on:
May 4, 2007.
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el: May 4, 2007)

Issued this the 18th of April, 2007
(Emitada este dia 18 de April, 2007)


Van L. York, County Judge (Firma del Juez Condado)