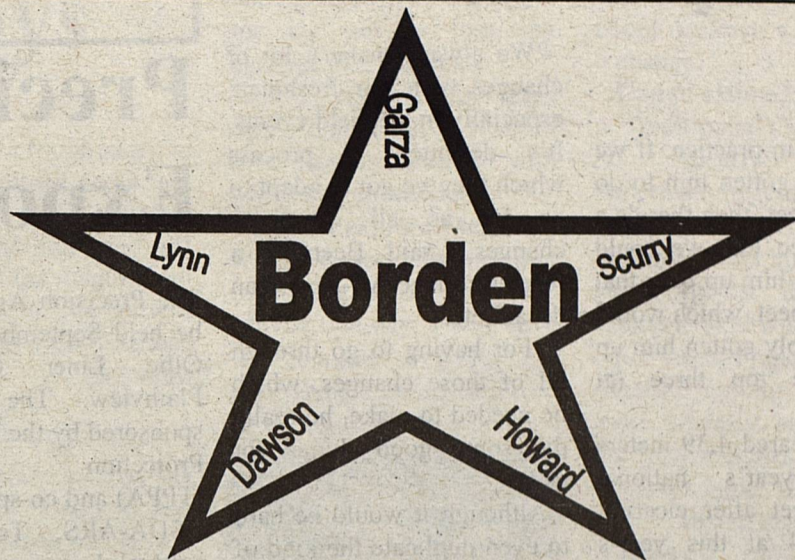


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Brent Tucker Named as New Game Warden

By Lamesa Press-Reporter

Trent Tucker is the new game warden for Dawson and Borden counties, effective immediately.

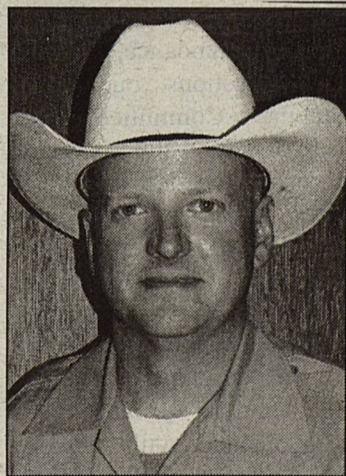
Tucker will also cover Lakes J.B. Thomas and Alan Henry as part of his jurisdiction.

"This is my first time (to live) in this part of the country," said Tucker. He added, I do have some family in Tulia though."

Tucker, who was raised in Henderson southeast of Tyler, graduated from Texas A&M University in May. He was named as the local game warden to replace Phillip Byrd, who is moving to Port LaVaca along the Texas Gulf Coast.

Tucker thinks the wet conditions being seen in the area this year will be a boon to fowl hunters in the fall.

"I don't expect it to be this wet every year, but I think it's setting up for some good



Brent Tucker
hunting," he said.

Tucker said he is looking forward to traveling the dirt roads of this area and meeting landowners.

Tucker and his family will be moving to the Lamesa area where his wife, Shela will be teaching fourth grade in the Lamesa Independent School District. The couple has three girls: Cheyenne, Ashlyn, and Kennedy.

Student Essays Go to the Heart of the Matter

Whenever we—as in the older members of the community—want to weep and gnash our teeth over today's youth, sometimes it is good to take a peak into our kids' minds. And if we really look hard, we'll even see what is on their hearts.

Anyone who has ever raised a teenager knows that is a tall order. Anyone who was a teenager knows that is the last thing we want adults to be able to do.

Thank goodness for writing.

In this edition of *The Borden Star* are three very different essays. Two were composed for class assignments, while the editorial was written voluntarily.

In April, Shylo Rinehart was involved in a near-fatal accident. Obviously, what she experienced as a result of that accident affected her deeply. Her essay reflects a sixteen-year-old's fear, realism, and thanks. Pretty deep stuff.

Junior Carlos Hernandez

faced a different assignment after reading a nonfiction essay on the exploration of Antarctica.

The teacher's prompt called for each student to think of one place he or she could "explore" if given the opportunity.

Hernandez essay was certainly timely, in lieu of the current debate on immigration. Born in the United States, Hernandez displays an appreciation for his family's Mexican background.

In his words, "*Explorers cannot find any more new lands on Earth, but we all can explore our heritage.*"

How powerful is that? Finally, senior Rachel Wilson demonstrates her interest of international affairs with her editorial on the recent change of events in France.

A State Champion debater and state qualifying informative speaker, Wilson allows her persuasive skills to complement her knowledge gleaned from a

great deal of daily reading to share her opinions on the new French president.

Who cares, you say? We all should take time to see what the rest of the world is doing. Surely World War I, WWII, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, and the War on Terror not to mention 9-11 have taught us this lesson.

So, if you can't catch Oprah this week or read a newspaper or a *Time* or *Newsweek*, don't worry.

You have three writers, all from our little community, who have stories and thoughts and opinions to share.

Writing is a wonderful tool, and just because it is summer and the kids aren't in the classroom doesn't mean they can't do more.

Write grandparents. Send a postcard. A get well note.

Help revive this lost art because writing is our window not just to other people and places but to ourselves.

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Coyote Ex Helps Texans Win Titles

By Lamesa Press-Reporter

A former Borden County standout, Bradley Tatum, helped the South Plains Texans enjoy a banner season in their junior college track program.

In fact, the SPC Texans were crowned as the best junior college men's track in a meet that was held at Texas Tech, while they shared that outdoor national track with Central Arizona after both of those teams finished that meet with 157 points each. This year's national junior college outdoor championships were held toward the middle of last month at Coffeyville, Kansas.

By rolling up 148.5 points, the SPC Texans cruised to the national indoor championships that were held back in March at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Red Lake College finished a distant second in that national meet with its 72 points.

Only a year after finishing up his high school track career with the Borden County Coyotes by finishing second in the Class 1 A boys state pole vault, Tatum finished fourth at this year's outdoor national meet and sixth at this year's national indoor meet.

"He did well, especially for a freshman pole vaulter who had to go through a lot of changes," said SPC Coach Chris Beene.

"He was really starting to jump well.

"This season definitely wasn't a bad start for him. If we could have had just a couple of more weeks with his, we felt like we could have helped him jumping over the 16 foot mark. He was beginning to show some

of that out in practice. If we could have gotten him to do that in a meet, then there's a good chance that we could have gotten him up over that mark in a meet, which would have probably gotten him up among the top three (at nationals)."

Tatum cleared 4.39 meters at this year's national outdoor meet after clearing 16-foot-13/4 at this year's national indoor championships.

Beene notes that Tatum has several of the good tools one looks for in a good pole vaulter.

"Number one, he's got good speed down the runway and he's not scared of it, either," Beene said of Tatum.

"He's also a fairly tall kid."

Still Tatum's performance in only his first year of college track turned out being somewhat a pleasant surprise.

"We always make a lot of changes with our freshman, especially in the field events. It's definitely a process which they've got to adapt to as far as all of these changes," said Beene, a former college All-American decathlete.

"For having to go through all of those changes, which he needed to make, he really did some good things for us."

Although it would be hard to even duplicate the kind of season that the Texans enjoyed in their track program this year, Beene has his sights on doing just that.

"We feel like we might have recruited even a stronger class for this year than we had up here last year, but we've still got to keep everybody focused on the task at hand like keeping everybody's grades up and eligible.

"As long as we do those things, then we should give ourselves a shot at having another pretty good year."

Ag News

Precision Ag Expo

The Precision Ag Expo will be held September 6, at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview. The Expo is sponsored by the Texas Plant Protection Association (TPPA) and co-sponsored by USDA-ARS, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Cooperative Extension, New Mexico State University, Texas Tech University, West Texas A & M University, International Plant Nutrition Institute, National Alliance of Independent Crop Consultants and the Texas Farm Bureau Texas Agriculture publication.

Ray Smith, TPPA Board Chairman explained, "TPPA sponsored the first Precision Ag Expo last June in Corpus Christi. Based on the excellent attendance, interest and suggestions, our Expo Planning Committee has made plans for 2007. Due to its central location for West Texas farmers, Plainview was selected as the site for the 2007 Precision Ag Expo."

The Precision Ag Expo will be a day-long event that will begin at 8 AM. The Expo agenda will include both classroom style presentations and "hands-on" demonstrations and discussions in the field. This will be great opportunity for all involved in farming to learn about the latest precision ag practices and products from those that are leaders in working with this new technology.

Todd Staples, Texas Commissioner of Agriculture, has been invited to

present the "Welcome" which will be followed by the presentations and field demonstrations. There will be an overview of precision ag and the benefits it may offer West Texas farmers. Other topics will include use of guidance systems, monitors and equipment to measure soil and crop variables. Information on data collection and use will be discussed. Another presentation will be on irrigation management. A group of farmers also will discuss their experiences with precision ag and the benefits it offers their farming operation.

Many precision ag firms and other agribusinesses will participate in the Expo and will have both equipment displays and other exhibits. Many of the precision ag firms will also be demonstrating their equipment in a field near the Liner Center.

Continuing Education Credits (CEU's) will be offered during the Expo for Texas Department of Agriculture Commercial Pesticide Applicator License and for Certified Crop Advisers.

Registration and other information can be found on the TPPA website <http://tppa.tamu.edu/pae/2007/> or contact Bob Sasser, TPPA Executive Director, at (936) 539-2349. or by e-mail at TPPA@consolidated.net

FSA County Committee Elections

August 1 is the deadline to get your name on the FSA County Committee election ballot. Visit your local FSA office or USDA Service Center to learn how you can have a voice and take a seat on your area Farm Service Agency County Committee.

Visit us online: www.fsa.usda.gov for nomination forms and more information.

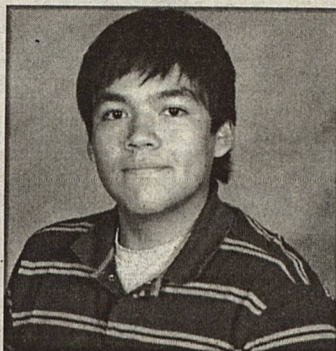


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Student Essays

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Following are the student essays.



Essay on Exploring

By Carlos Hernandez

My name is Carlos Hernandez. As you can tell, it's not the average American name. My roots come from a Latino background.

Both my parents migrated from Mexico about twenty years ago. I was born and raised here all my life. Therefore, I don't have a grasp of my parents' heritage.

So, if I could explore any place on earth, it wouldn't be for treasure, adventure, or for glory.

It would be for the same reason that my dad always talks about going back to Mexico. I would try to uncover why Dad wants to go back. What is it about Mexico?

Mexico was the home to one of the most intelligent and fiercest civilizations. The Aztec believed in a legend that said when they saw an eagle devouring a serpent on top of a cactus that's where they would settle and build a royal city.

The Aztec flourished and became wealthy. But, like most of the great empires, it came to an end.

It was the doing of the Spaniards who came to the Americas in search of glory. Even sense, Mexico has been in struggles to become

stable.

Mexico is a rough place to live but beautiful according to my dad. I forgot to mention that you can still see some of the magnificent architecture of the Aztecs and Mayan civilizations (another powerful civilization).

As I stated before, Mexico is a rough place to live, but it is beautiful. Dad says that there are places in Mexico that God put more emphasis on than others. They are majestic.

I would like to explore these places. Mexico has beautiful tourist attractions like Acapulco and Vera Cruz's coast line. All these things I would like to see.

Mexican people are very religious people. Thanks to the Spaniards, they are mostly Catholic. They mainly worship the Virgin Mary or "La Virgin de Guadalupe."

What really intrigues me is that most of the towns have patron saints. The people say that the patron saint protects them and causes it to rain or do different things with nature.

My dad went to Mexico recently and got there just in time for the festival of the patron saint, "St. Ciro."

Also, I would like to taste the real Mexican food. Here in the United States, we have the stereotype of Mexican food just being enchiladas, tacos, and burritos. But, there is much more to Mexican food than that.

Mole is a concoction of turkey or chicken with a sauce of bitter chocolate, nuts, and lots of spices. That sounds pretty good to me.

Explorers cannot find anymore new lands on earth, but we can explore

our heritage. It's important for me not to lose my heritage as a Mexican.

If I refused to learn Spanish or speak it, I would lose communication with my family in Mexico.

If I do explore Mexico, I will also see why my dad loves the place so much. Maybe one day, I will have the pleasure of going and everything I mentioned will be on my itinerary.



Back to French Fries

by Rachel Wilson

In 2003, America was gearing for war in Iraq and making the case in the United Nations for enforcement of its Iraq resolutions.

France, historically an ally, led the international opposition to the war. Outraged, two members of Congress declared that all references to French fries in restaurants run by the House of Representatives be changed to "freedom" fries.

Many patriotic American followed suit, and a wave of anti-French sentiment swept across the country. Bill O'Reilly, a popular conservative talk show host, declared a boycott of French goods and travel to France.

However, France's new president has given many anti-French Americans reason for hope of better relations with France.

Jacques Chirac, the French president for the past 12 years, has been very outspoken in his criticism of the United States. He was the leader at the forefront of the opposition to the war in Iraq and has never failed to

say something negative about America when he had a chance.

Chirac claimed he wanted a "multipolar" world, and he clearly resented American hegemony. His anger at American dominance led him to take a stand against the US-led efforts to deal with Iraq.

For years, France has been steadily moving towards a more Socialist society than the United States. The last 12 years under Chirac have seen a stagnating economy, violent riots, high unemployment, and a decline of French influence in the international community.

The economy is unable to grow in part because of strict laws protecting workers--for example: a set 35-hour workweek and laws preventing workers from being fired.

Also the unemployment rate in France was recently estimated to be 10.2%, whereas the unemployment rate in the US is only estimated at 4.5%.

However, the recent election of pro-American Nicolas Sarkozy as France's new president has prompted many to be encouraged in the hope that the new leadership will be much more pro-American.

"I'd like to appeal to our American friends to say that they can count on our friendship," Sarkozy said in a special message after his election.

This was refreshing to hear after so much anti-Americanism from France. We need a strong ally in Europe, and Sarkozy sounds promising.

Sarkozy, who campaigned on a pro-American platform, and his election show an interesting change in the direction of France's political scene. Considering their recent history, it is amazing that a conservative

who is pro-American was elected with an extremely high voter turnout.

The French people have spoken and apparently want better relations with the US. They clearly want a change from the 12 years spent under Chirac.

Sarkozy's stance towards America may just cause some American still burning over Chirac's anti-Americanism to grudgingly begin thinking of France as an ally again.

In fact, O'Reilly announced after the elections that he has lifted his boycott of France.

After so much anti-Americanism not only from France but also from other European countries, the decisive election of Sarkozy by the French people has given Americans hope that all is not yet lost in Europe.



By Shylo Rinehart

Editor's note: A portion of Shylo's final exam in English was to write about John Donne's quotation from Meditation XVII: "*No man is an island, entire of itself...any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind; and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.*"

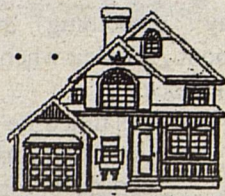
In no man is an island, entire of itself, it is saying how nobody can live on their own without the help of others. I have been through a horrible experience in the past five weeks. I was a bad wreck with two of my best friends. In the paragraph it

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Heart & Home . . .

By Julie Smith

Borden County Extension Agent
Family & Consumer Sciences



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

In Living Color

Color plays a very important role in our lives. It not only makes a fashion statement, but it can also have healing properties. Color can be one of our greatest assets or strongest liabilities for sending subliminal messages about ourselves. Wearing the right colors can make us look alive, energetic, and exciting while wearing the wrong colors can make us look sickly and ashen.

So much has been written about being a summer, winter, fall, or spring that we have lost sight of the fact that all colors exist in all seasons. We hear women say things like "I am a ... and I don't look good in ...". The truth is that just because one shade of green makes you look bad does not mean that every shade of green will do the same. Since all colors exist in all seasons, just keep

looking for a shade that corresponds with your most flattering "season" of color. Here is a simple way to find your own good colors. In bright daylight with no makeup on your face, place a bright, white towel across your shoulders. Pull clothes from your closet and move them along the side of your face, finishing under your chin. Be sure to pay attention to what is happening to the skin tone in your lower jaw and neck area. A good color for you will give your skin a pleasing appearance, somewhat like a healthy glow, whereas a bad color tends to

make your skin have a strange cast, as if you are not feeling well. If you have any clothes that fall into the bad category, replace them with a more flattering color or at least wear them with a scarf or jacket in one of your good colors. Remember that you can wear any color on your body as long as the color nearest your face is a good color for you.

In addition to flattering our hair and skin tones, colors can also compliment our mood or personality. Wearing specific colors can help us project certain attributes about ourselves. Throughout history various cultures have come to associate different colors with certain characteristics. Using the following information can help you influence the way you will be perceived by most people in our modern, western society.

Red represents force of will, strength, vitality, courage, power, passion, and energy. This is truly the color of a well-tailored power suit. Choose this color when you want to get attention.

Green is associated with healing, teaching, balance, health, and growth. It can create a sense of freedom, balance, harmony, and love. Wear this color when you are in a teaching mode. It will create the impression of coming from the heart.

Purple is associated with intuition, perception, awakening, self-respect, and tolerance. Wear this color when you wish to bring

about a sense of tranquility. Blue is associated with communication, patience, tact, devotion, and trust. Wear this color when you want to show that you are trustworthy and dependable. Navy is a great color for job interviews.

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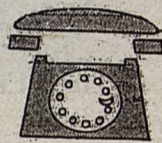
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Thank You



A special "Thank You" to everyone for the visits, phone calls, cards, and the great food brought to us after Ross' surgery. It's a good feeling to be a part of such a caring community. Your Thoughtfulness is a true blessing. Thanks again- Ross & Sarah Sharp

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."

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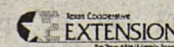
Our most precious resource is something we cannot imagine living without. However, we must conserve today in order to have a water source for tomorrow. Join us as we learn about basic practices that you can easily implement in your home to conserve water today.

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

Saving the Fruits of Summer

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

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



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Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Airhart

Airharts to Celebrate Golden Anniversary

Jimmy and Mary Airhart of Lamesa will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception at The Barron Building on Saturday, June 30, from 2-4 p.m. The reception will be hosted by the couple's children: Teri and Sam Jones of Rockwall; Tracey and Brain Harris of the Three-League Community; Tanya and Jerry Harley of Lamesa; and Todd and Sonnya Airhart of Prosper. The couple also has 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. James Edward Airhart Jr. and Mary Francis Forehand were married in Lubbock on June 28, 1957 in an informal ceremony attended by the best man, Charles Forehand, brother of the bride, and maid of honor Donna Miller

Mears of Friona.

The couple were long-time members of the Sparenburg community until 1983 when they moved to Lamesa.

Airhart farmed, raised cattle and worked as a bookkeeper at Sparenburg Gin for 15 years. He also kept books for Nace Truitt at Klondike Gin for three years. Then Airhart began teaching business courses at Sands Consolidated Independent School District in 1969. He was named the Sands Elementary School principal and was employed there until 1979. He taught one year at Lamesa ISD and then moved to the Dawson ISD where he was named superintendent in 1982. He retired in 1995.

Mary Airhart taught school at Klondike from 1966-1981 when she became the co-op counselor for Sands and Klondike school systems. She then taught school and was a counselor at Dawson ISD. After Jimmy retired, Mary took a part-time position as a counselor at the Borden County ISD. She retired in 2005 after 39 years in education.

Jimmy Airhart continues to work cattle at the family farm. Mary Airhart is active at the Lamesa Church of Christ.

Student Essays

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says "I am involved in mankind," and this how I have felt. I have felt like I am involved in my whole community's prayers, and this makes me in their lives too. Without everyone's help, I don't know what kind of shape I would be in. While I was at the hospital, many people came to visit me and help my family get through everything. It means a lot to me to know that people are here to help me as well as my family. People brought food, money, balloons, and most of all they brought love to us in the hospital. The first three weeks when we got home, my mom never had to cook for us because the whole community pitched in and cooked for my family. It meant a lot to me for people to cook for us and help me stay strong. I am thankful for everything and everyone! I am thankful for the visits and prayers most of all. When people prayed for me, I could feel myself getting stronger by being able to put my own neck brace on and off now, or not having to do my breathing treatments

anymore, and getting a good report on me from my doctor. When people came to visit me, they made me happy. My being happy made me well. I love to see people and talk, so when I received many visitors, I was really happy and began to be my old self again.

In the paragraph it says, "and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee." This quote is talking about death. The quote is saying that when someone dies, don't worry about why and all those questions but to simply know that the person was a part of you and still is. Well, as you can see I'm not dead, and there are no bells ringing for me. I just had a close call. I want everyone to know that if that would have been the case, the quote is true and everyone of ya'll in this community are a part of me and will always be a part of me, because I love and appreciate everyone and everything.

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Commissioner's Court Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 12th day of June, 2007, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge, Presiding; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct. No. 2; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Prect. No. 4; **JOYCE HERIDGE**, County Clerk

and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court with Ernest Reyes, Commissioner of Precinct No. 3, absent, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of May 22nd, 2007 were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were

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

BORDEN COUNTY REPORTS

The County Reports were examined. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to accept the submitted County Reports. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

GAIL STREET

Ralph Miller and R.D. Lewis visited with the Court concerning opening street to Lot No. 69 in Town Site of Gail, Texas. After reviewing map of designated streets, Mr. Miller withdrew his

request to open street.

AIR EVAC LIVETEAM

Lynette Harman, Membership Coordinator of Air Evac Lifeteam visited with the Court. EMS has approved this program. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to authorize Air Evac Lifeteam to provide subscription emergency prehospital care within the County upon completion of building facility in Big Spring, being staffed and in working operation. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.

FUEL BIDS

As advertised, bids on gasoline, diesel and propane were opened at 9:30 a.m. Bids were received from United Fuel and Energy of Snyder, Texas, Lamesa Butane Company of Lamesa,

Texas, and McCormick Marketing, Inc, of Snyder. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to accept the bid from Lamesa Butane for Precincts No. 1, 2, and 4 for fuel and Lamesa Butane for Propane. Decision is to be made for Precinct No. 3 at a later date. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTUTE AGENDA
July meeting appoint Emergency Management Coordinator Position.

ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 28th day of June, 2007.

Business & Professional Good Neighbor Review of Snyder Trade with the firms that support Borden County

Tindol Insurance Agency A Proud Past with a Solid Future

The reputation of Tindol Insurance Agency, representative for Germania, Progressive, Dairyland, and other insurance companies, has been built upon it's excellent service, the satisfaction and good will to their many satisfied policy holders. One of the leaders of it's kind in the area, this firm is under the management of a capable staff; who know that insurance business and the needs of their customers and furnish a quality insurance service at fair prices. If you will come by the office, Robbi Tindol will be glad to go over your coverage with you and advise you on any new or additional insurance you may require. Or you may phone 573-8649 and they will be glad to visit with you at your home or place of business about your insurance needs and furnish them to you at the most economical price. At the present time they are serving a great number of people throughout this area of West Texas in their insurance requirements, whether for auto, life or property. In this review of the business and professional concerns of Snyder, we highly recommend Tindol Insurance Agency, located at 1907 25th Street in Snyder. Phone 573-8649 for any information or for an appointment.

Snyder Lumber Company

Snyder Lumber Company is conveniently located in Snyder at 2109 25th Street, Phone 573-3579. Here they feature building materials of every description and the highest quality at the lowest possible prices. This popular lumber concern carries a complete line of grade "A" building materials and through their fair dealings of doing business and the high quality and fair prices constantly offered they have won an enviable reputation throughout this section. The people of this territory, including contractors, building and farmers have come to know that they can depend up on Snyder Lumber Company for everything in building materials. It may be said that this firm is a valued asset to this community. One of the essential features of any house, store or any other structure is that it will stand the wear of the years. The same is true of the reputation of any business firm and that is why Snyder Lumber Company enjoys an ever increasing volume of business and popularity.

Gail FFA Meat Sale Items Available

The Gail FFA Chapter still has several meat items left from their 2006 -2007 sale. Anyone interested in purchasing these items can contact Buddy Wallace (home) 806/756-4478 or (school) 806/756-4313 or email at bwallace@bcisd.net.

Items available are as follows:
Tailgate Party Pack- \$14.00
Smoked Sausage Kolaches- \$15.00
Peppered Bacon- \$14.00

Smoked Bacon- \$14.00
Sausage Patties- \$12.00
Smoked Turkey Breast- \$16.00
Golden Chicken Tenders- \$18.00
Pork Tamales- \$15.00
Chicken Fajita- \$13.00
Beef Fajita- \$13.00
Cajun Meat Pies- \$15.00
Smoked Turkey- \$20.00
Pit Ham- \$23.00

The Gail FFA Chapter wishes to thank everyone for their fund-raiser support.

To make a long story short, there's nothing like having a boss walk in.

—Doris Lilly

His insomnia was so bad, he couldn't sleep during office hours.

—Arthur Baer

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Some Words About Summer

I had lots of response to a column I wrote on springtime, so I thought I would express some of my thoughts about summer.

Summer is my favorite time of year. The grass is green. The sky is blue. The way tree leaves filter the sun's rays late in the day creates a special glow you only see in warm weather. It's vacation time, when thoughts turn to relaxation and travel. It's when the whole world changes a little bit. People are loose and seem to get a fresh perspective about what life is all about. Summer is time off, a break in the routine. It has its own special rhythm and pace. School is out.

Summer is surfing music and outdoor concerts, homemade ice cream and bicycles. It's a convertible with the top down and laughing children at the beach. It's sun tan oil and mosquito repellent.

It's a visit to kinfolks, family reunions in the park. It's the sound of a neighbor's lawnmower and the swish of a water sprinkler giving the grass a drink. It's a slip and slide and a wading pool. It's iced tea and lemonade. It's sitting on the deck in early morning, listening to the dawn chorus of birdsong. It's watching the tall grasses sway in the summer breeze.

It's trips to mountains and seashore and woods. It's a barking dog when you walk past his territory. It's outdoor

cooking, barbecue and beans. It's the swimming pool or the old swimming hole. It's shorts, t-shirts and sandals. It's July 4th and fireworks in the sky. It's rodeo and parades and red soda pop.

It's fishing in a stream, rafting down a creek, boating on a lake. It's the first motorcycle ride and the first kiss. It's a picnic, a Frisbee toss, a baseball game and tennis. It's bikinis and boogie boards. It's a ride on the waves. It's a mountaintop's clean air and the cool of a shaded wood. It's the sweet smell after a rain and a garden filled with flowers. It's a golf game on a warm summer day. It's a blooming cactus and a dancing butterfly. It's the sound of cicadas and the rumble of a far away train. It's a shimmering highway oasis that disappears the closer you get to it.

It's reading a book, listening to music. It's a time to think about things. It's a 4-year-old boy snoozing on a pallet. It's kite flying and parachuting from a plane and water skiing. It's tasting the sweet fruits that only summer provides. It's a ride on a Ferris wheel while the music plays. It's watching a hawk fly in the sky and catching fireflies in the dark of night.

It's a ride on a seesaw and getting splashed with a hose. It's playing tag at supertime, not wanting to



With warm weather and family events, the Fourth of July can be a fun time with great memories. But before your family celebrates this year, make sure everyone knows about fireworks safety.

If not handled properly, fireworks can cause burn and eye injuries in children and adults. There were 9,300 fireworks injuries treated in hospital emergency department since 2003, and 6 deaths linked to fireworks.

The best thing you can do to protect your child is not to use any fireworks at home — period. Attend public fireworks displays, and leave the lighting to the professionals.

Lighting fireworks at home isn't even legal in many areas, so if you still want to use them, be sure to check with your local police department first. If they're legal where you live, keep these safety tips in mind:

- Children should never play with fireworks. Things like firecrackers, rockets, and sparklers are just too dangerous. If you give your child a

quit. It's a sand pile with a toy shovel and pail. It's national parks and historic sites. It's a rocking chair on an old fashioned porch, a walk down a country lane. It's the comfort of the house after being outside. Summer is the best time of all. It offers freedom like no other season.

Browning must have been thinking about summer when he wrote, "God's in his heaven, all's right with the world."

sparkler, make sure your child keeps it outside and away from the face, clothing, and hair. Sparklers can reach 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit (982 degrees Celsius) — hot enough to melt gold.

- Buy only legal fireworks (legal fireworks have a label with the manufacturer's name and directions; illegal ones are unlabeled), and store them in a cool, dry place. Illegal fireworks usually go by the names M-80, M100, blockbuster, or, or quarterpounder.

These explosives were banned in 1966, but still account for many fireworks injuries.

- Never try to make your own fireworks.
- Always use fireworks outside and have a bucket of water and a hose nearby in case of accidents.
- Steer clear of others — fireworks have been known to backfire or shoot off in the wrong direction. Never throw or point fireworks at someone, even in jest.

- Don't hold fireworks in your hand or have any part of your body over them while lighting. Wear some sort of eye protection, and avoid carrying fireworks in your pocket — the friction could set them off.

- Point fireworks away from homes, and keep away from brush and leaves and flammable substances. The National Fire Protection Association estimates that local fire departments respond to more 50,000 fires caused by fireworks each year.

- Light one firework at a time (not in glass or metal containers), and **never** relight a dud.

- Don't allow your child to pick up pieces of fireworks after an event. Some may still be ignited and can explode at any time.

- Soak all fireworks in a bucket of water before throwing them in the trash can.

- Think about your pet. Animals have sensitive ears and can be extremely frightened or stressed on the Fourth of July. Keep your pet indoors to reduce the risk that the pet will run loose or get injured.

If your child is injured by fireworks, immediately go to a doctor or hospital. If an eye injury occurs, don't allow your child to touch or rub it, as this may cause even more damage. Also, don't flush the eye out with water or attempt to put any ointment on it. Instead, cut out the bottom of a paper cup, place it around the eye, and immediately seek medical attention — your child's

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Big Spring to Host 10th Annual Pops in the Park

Good food, good music and lots of fireworks are expected to draw 10,000 to 15,000 people to Big Spring's Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater for the 10th annual Pops in the Park concert and fireworks show on Tuesday, July 3.

Held every July 3, Pops in the Park features a performance by the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus, followed by a fireworks show that is coordinated with the symphony's patriotic music. Throw in good food from dozens of vendors and a local band's rock and country offerings to open the show, and a great evening in the park is all but guaranteed.

Crowds pack the amphitheater every year and the crowd always spills over into the park and along U.S. Highway 87 with between 10,000 and 15,000 attending the concert. An even larger one is expected this year. And this year, as it did a year ago, the committee is asking all military personnel from the community who happen to be home on leave during the holiday to take part in the "Parade of Flags," which opens the symphony and chorus' show.

Donations making the concert and fireworks show possible come from local businesses and individuals, as well as corporate sponsorships. What's more, they make it possible for organizers to open the gates for all comers free of charge.

"We always want to stress this is the community's celebration," said Jan Hansen, co-chair of the event's organizing committee. "It's an opportunity to

gather with friends and family at the park and join everyone in celebrating that we live in the greatest country on Earth.

"Nobody celebrates the Fourth of July holiday like Big Spring does," she continued. "That's part of what makes this such a wonderful show, it brings visitors from outside our community. That's one of the real rewards from being a part of the organizing committee, getting a chance to look at what this community puts together. We take pride in that."

Symphony Conductor Dr. Keith Graumann's list of musical selections the Symphony and Chorus will perform during two segments of the concert begins with a performance of "Fanfare for the Common Man," followed by "Stars and Stripes Forever," "To the Colors," "The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag," "The Star-Spangled Banner," "Salute to the Armed Forces," "Liberty Bell March," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," and "Over There."

The mood will change then with "A Cohan Salute," "A Broadway Celebration," "Best of the Beatles," "Billy Joel Medley," "Beach Boys Medley," "Fifth of Beeethoven," "Summon the Heroes," "Wind Beneath My Wings," "Let There Be Peace on Earth" and "America the Beautiful."

During the intermission, a video presentation honoring local men and women currently serving in the military, the symphony will return and perform "Hoe Down" before the fireworks

show begins.

Selections for the fireworks show, Graumann said, will be "Radetzky March," "Washington Post March," "National Emblem March," "Star Trek Theme," "Star Wars Theme," "The Star-Spangled Banner," "You're a Grand Old Flag," "American Patrol," "1812 Overture" and "Stars and Stripes Forever."

The evening's entertainment will be opened by a local band, as Los Greengos (made up of Donnie Green, Keith McGuire, Ben Kilgore and Adrian Calvio) takes the stage at 6 p.m.

"It seems like the crowd gets a little larger every year," Hansen said. "And that's one of the reasons we always try to make each year's show a little bigger and better. This is the largest single event in terms of the people gathered at one time that we have in our community each year."

For more information, contact Debbye ValVerde at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641.

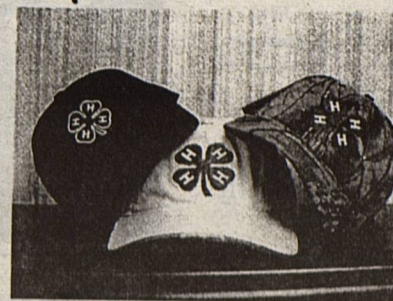
Firework Safety

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eyesight may depend on it. If it's a burn, remove clothing from the burned area and run cool, not cold, water over the burn (do not use ice). Call your child's doctor immediately.

Fireworks are meant to be enjoyed, but you'll enjoy them much more knowing your family is safe. Take extra precautions this Fourth of July and your holiday will be a blast!

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Notice of Impoundment of Estray

On the 22nd day of June, 2007, I impounded the following estray:

Kind of animal: Cattle

Number of head: 1

Breed: Angus

Color: Black

Sex: Female

Age: 2 years old

Brands, ear marks: -R on left hip, cropped left ear

And, on the 22nd day of June, 2007, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Borden County, Texas.

I have made a diligent search of the register of the recorded brands in Borden County, Texas, for the owner of said estray but the search did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 6th day of July, 2007, said estray will be sold at public auction at Big Spring, Texas.

Witness my hand this 22nd day of June, 2007

Billy J. Gannaway

Sheriff of Borden County, Texas