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## National FFA Week

Can you imagine? Shooting guns during class, welding on your own metal project, painting, and butchering deer meat all in one class period. If you are in FFA those are only a few of the normal activities you can experience every day.

For more than 66 years the FFA has complemented agricultural instruction by making classroom lessons come to life through realistic applications. This week marks National FFA Week.

The original idea for the organization came after courses in vocational agriculture were established by the Smith-Huges National Vocational Education Act in 1917. In the early 1920's, Virginia formed a Future Farmers Club for boys in agriculture classes. This innovation caught fire across the country and the national organization was established in 1928 at the Hotel Baltimore in Kansas City, Missouri. National dues to the Future Farmers of America were set at 10 cents per member.

A merger of the New Farmers of America, the organization for black agricultural students, with the FFA took place in 1965. More new members were admitted in 1969 when the delegates voted to allow girls to become members.



**GAIL FFA OFFICERS:** (L. to R.) Laura Hensley, Jill Voss, Doug Flanigan, Kembra Kemp, Kurt Hess, and Nicole Lawrence.

Today the National FFA Organization is a driving force in developing leadership in today's youth. Active participation in public speaking, skills contests, chapter meetings, award and recognition programs, committees and community projects provide FFA members with opportunities to develop personal leadership skills. The organization motivated young people to make positive contributions to their homes, schools, communities and country.

The Gail FFA Chapter is very proud of its growing membership as well as its involvement.

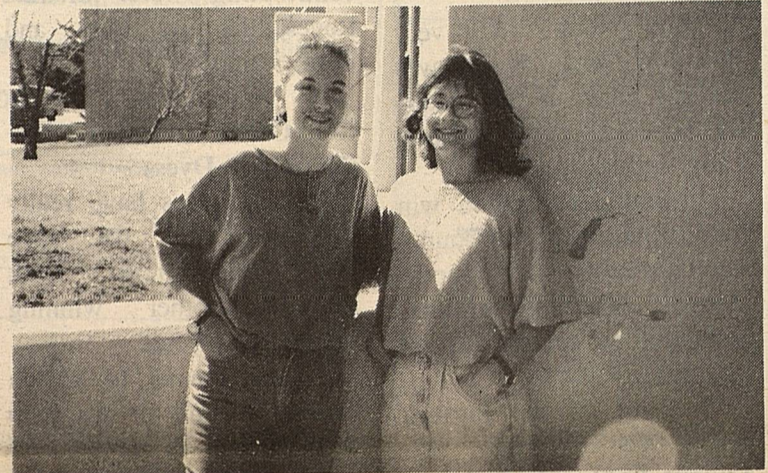
This year there are 42 members in the Gail FFA.

Being half way through this year the chapter has already proven to be a team of winners. This spring they will be busy with judging teams, Long Star FFA degrees, and FFA conventions.

The skills team of FFA officers this year are: President Doug Flanigan, Vice President Jill Voss, Secretary Nicole Lawrence, Treasurer Kembra Kemp, Reporter Laura Hensley and Sentinel Kurt Hess.

The Gail FFA Chapter would like once again to recognize National FFA Week and say thanks to all of your wonderful support of the youth of Borden County.

/s/ Laura Hensley, Rep.  
Nicole Lawrence, Sec.



Meg Parks and Michele Rowe  
BHS Cross-Ex Debate Team

Borden County High School's cross-ex debate team represented the school well during district competition held in Grady February 14. The team, sophomores Meg Parks and Michele Rowe, finished fifth with 143 speakers points and a two wins/three loss record. The fourth place team from Highland actually had fewer speaker points but had a better win/loss record to edge out

Grady and Highland advanced their top two teams to the state meet which is held in Austin during spring break. The teams this year were debating the following resolution: Resolved: that the U.S. Government should substantially regulate immigration. Next year's debate topic will cover the government's foreign policy with China.

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY:**

**Friday, March 3**

**Houston Stock Show**

**Early Dismissal:**

**Friday, March 10th**

**12:30 P.M.**





# Hoop It Up! Coyote Basketball

## Lady Coyote Jayvees Win at Klondike

The Lady Coyote Jayvee team played against the host Lady Cougar Jayvees Tuesday night, February 7, and won 48-40.

This was a very satisfying win as it was the last game of the season for the Borden County Lady Jayvee team.

The only teams to win over Borden County Jayvees were Sands, Hamlin and Aspermont, making their record 7-3 on the season.

Scoring for the Jayvees were: Carrie Hart 12, Tammy Cooley 10, Chrissy Armstrong 9, Nadia Baeza

8, Monica Schooler 4, Randy Farmer and DeAnn Parks with 2 points each and Haley Roe 1 point.

Other team members contributing were: Shalina Reyes, Christa Bass and Tera Stamper.

### COACHES COMMENTS: By Coach Dyess

The Jayvees have really improved and we have plans for more work toward another winning season next year.

Many thanks to Coach Frisbee for all of his help this basketball season. I appreciated his input and I know the team did also.

## District 14-A All District Selections Announced

Borden County Lady Coyotes had one All District Selection and two Honorable Mention All District for District 14-A basketball. Selected for the All District team from Borden was Bobbie Armstrong a senior and the daughter of David and

Sheila Armstrong of Vealmoor. Honorable Mention selections were Jill Voss a senior and the daughter of Gary and Connie Stipe of Snyder and Kembra Kemp a senior and the daughter of Johnny and Nancy Kemp of Post.

Mandy Hodnett of

## Senior '95 Aluminum Can Drive

The senior class of Borden County High School will be collecting aluminum cans through April. Cans may be deposited in the trailer on the south side of the Post Office in Gail or call any B.H.S. Senior and make arrangements for cans to be picked up. Your assistance with this project will be greatly appreciated.

### Vealmoor Area

Bobbie Armstrong  
915/399-4287  
Juan & Karina Galvan  
915/399-4267

### Gail Area

James Cooley  
806/756-4327  
Erica Nance  
806/756-4467  
Miguel & Candy  
Hernandez 806/756-4795

The Borden County Coyotes made their final journey of the year in basketball by traveling to play the Klondike Cougars, the eventual district champions.

Perhaps the Coyotes started the game a little intimidated and let the Cougars jump out to an early 8-0 run. But after a time-out, the Coyotes went on a 8-0 run to tie the score at 8-8. Klondike, showing why they are the district champions, exploded on another run, and made the score 25-10 after 1 period of play.

In the 2nd period, the Coyotes continued to play

well but were unable to hit the short jump shot. Meanwhile, the Cougars were cashing in on their opportunities to the tune of a 20-12 quarter and a 45-22 half-time lead.

In the 3rd period, the Coyotes again continued to play well, but still could not hit the short jump shot. The Coyotes really did a good job of breaking the Cougar press. But again, the host team outscored the visitors 18-13. This made the score 63-35 going into the final stanza.

In that final period, the Coyotes began to find the range as they scored 18

points. Meanwhile, the Cougars continued their fine shooting and added another 20 to their total. This resulted in the final score of 83-53.

Scoring for the Coyotes was: Oscar Baeza 19, Juan Galvan 13, James 10, Kurt Hess 6, Grant Key 3 and Miguel Hernandez 2 points. Also contributing was Clint Miller and Doug Flanigan.

### COACHES COMMENTS: By Coach Richey

I was truly pleased with the guys. I felt as though we handled the pressure better, but it just all boil down to scoring. We definitely need to improve our shooting skills and that includes free shots. We missed 13 of them. But all in all I though we played well.

Juan Galvan had perhaps his finest game of the season against the Cougars. Congratulation, Juan.

Sands was selected the Most Valuable player.

All District selections were:

Mandy Hodnett - Sands  
Amy Nichols - Sands  
Kandace Ethredge-Klondike  
Tera Schuelke - Grady  
Bobbie Armstrong-Borden  
Melissa Kinnear - Klondike  
Kim Webb - Sands  
Allison Cooper - Grady  
Sheri Webb - Klondike  
Holly Madison - Grady

### Post Area

Doug Flanigan  
806/495-203  
Kembra Kemp  
806/495-2129

### Snyder/Ira Area

Jill Voss  
915/573-5278  
Heather Roe  
915/573-2970

### Plains Community

Kurt Hess  
806/439-6371

## Borden County Track Schedule Junior High

February 23	Wellman
March 9	Wellman
March 23	Grady
March 31	Klondike
April 8	Gail (District Meet)

## High School

March 4	Loop 6 Man Relays
March 10	Wellman
March 18	O'Donnell
March 25	Grady
April 1	Klondike
April 6	Borden Invitational
April 13	Gail (District Meet)

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What you see can be done with love you must do; what can only be done with debate must be left alone.

—St. Francis De Sales

### Fluvanna Area

Clint Miller  
915/573-6004





## Thank You!

**Thank You to all the Secret Grandparents that participated in the King's Kid's Program. You helped make the past year a fun and exciting year for all the children.**

**A special thanks from the King's Kids workers.**

**King's Kids Ministry  
First Baptist Church, Gail**

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It is better to ask some of the questions than to know all the answers.

—James Thurber

## Scholarships Available

High school seniors graduating this semester who are interested in applying for scholarships at Western Texas College for the 1995 fall semester are encouraged to begin the application process as soon as possible. Scholarships will be awarded sometime in April.

Around 100 scholarships will be awarded from the WTC Scholarship Foundation for the 1995-96 school year. Scholarships are awarded on a first come basis.

The WTC Scholarship Foundation, a non-profit organization, was created in 1976 to provide financial help to students. The individual scholarships within the foundation have come from individuals, families and organizations and offer varying amounts to recipients.

For more information about scholarship opportunities and scholarship applications contact the Financial Aid Office at WTC. The number is (915)573-8511 Ext. 309.

## ATTENTION SENIORS

With only a few weeks of school remaining, it's time to make plans for

college. The Borden County Parents Club is now accepting applications for the Parents Club Scholarships. Each senior is urged to apply.

## Senior Class Bake Sale

Every Friday, beginning February 24th., the Senior Class will have a

Bake Sale in the Cafeteria at noon.

Most items will be .50 each for the kids to purchase during their lunch break.

Be sure to bring your money and watch for the Sr.'s table at noon, full of goodies.

Applications may be written resume' style. Be sure to include school activities, plans for the future, personal information and honors received, as well as any other community involvement, or pertinent information.

Applications may be mailed to:

Borden County  
Parents Club  
c/o Susan O'Brien  
HCR 7 Box 157A  
Lamesa, TX. 79331

## School Lunch Menu

**Feb. 27 - March 2**

**Monday**  
Salisbury Steak  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Hot Roll  
Fruit  
Milk  
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**Tuesday**  
Fish  
Cole Slaw  
Onion Rings  
Oatmeal Cookies  
Milk  
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**Wednesday**  
Pizza  
Corn  
Salad  
Pudding Cup  
Milk  
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**Thursday**  
Sloppy Joes  
Beans  
Potato Salad  
Fruit  
Milk  
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**Friday**  
Cinnamon Rolls  
Juice - Milk  
**NO SCHOOL!!**  
Houston Stock Show

March 1995

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
					Holiday	Loop Track Meet
5	6	7 TAAS Writing 4-8 & Exit	8 TAAS MATH EXIT	9 TAAS READING EXIT	10 12:30-Early Dismissal Wellman HS Track 2:30 Progress Reports Due	11 FFA Judging Contest A&M
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
-----SPRING VACATION MARCH 13-17-----						
19	20	21 Zone One Act Play at Klondike	22	23 Grady JH Track Meet 4:00	24	25 FFA Judging Contest Sweetwater Grady HS Track
26	27 District OAP at Klondike	28 District UIL Western Texas College ITBS GRADES K-1-2	29	30	31 FFA Judging-Canyon, TX District HS UIL-Western Texas Klondike JH Track 4:00	
					APRIL 1 High School Track At Klondike	



## KING'S KIDS! SECRET GRANDPARENTS! SECRET GRANDCHILDREN!

What do all these have in common? A children's ministry of the First Baptist Church in Gail, that hosted a "Secret Grandparent - Secret Grandchild" Valentine's Banquet. The Banquet was held at the First Baptist Church at noon on Saturday, February 11th.

"King's Kids" is a ministry for children in Kindergarten through sixth grade. The kids meet at the Church every Wednesday after school. They sing and learn Bible lessons along with refreshments.

Workers have helped the kids over the past year to think of others and to give of themselves. This project started out as an opportunity for the kids to minister to people of the community.

The kids drew names of people that would be a 'Secret Grandparent'. It was hard for the kids to keep the secret of who their Grand-parent was. They resisted the temptation to tell and were successful throughout the year to secretly minister to their grandparents.

The kids would meet each week to sing, learn Bible lessons and to make cards, drawings, letters, Christmas ornaments and other things for their grand-parents. They would occasionally load up in vans and go throughout the community to sing and give out their gifts to the grand-parents in the community.

The enthusiasm of the kids grew as they began to experience the art of giving.

The excitement that the kids gave to their 'Secret Grand-parents' sprouted a well of opportunity for those grand-parents to return their friendship with gifts to the kids.

Letters and card were soon circulating throughout Borden County by means of a mediator. The workers of King's Kids spent time collecting and delivering cards to grandparents and grandchildren.

Plans were made for the Grandparents and the Grand-children to meet during a banquet in the month of February. Valentine's served to be the appropriate time to reveal the secret of the love and affection that had been shared over the past year through secret cards and letters.

A banquet was set and prepared on the Saturday the 11th of February. The fellowships hall of the Baptist Church was decorated and seating for seventh-five people.

Kids entered the Church as did the grandparents looking for their place. The children looked to confirm their grandparents name and place beside them. Grand-parents looked for their place and then to finally see the name of the child that had spent time in thinking of them in their activities at King's Kids. The Secret Was Out!

Grandparents and grand-children were served a meal and enjoyed entertainment as they visited with each other. Pat Gill and her daughters sang and spoke to the banquet while Rhonda Timons drew a picture of the faces of a small boy and Jesus using chalk.

Pat Gill, and her daughters; Ashley and Megan, and Rhonda Timons are from New Home, Texas. They share their testimony through song and 'Chalk Talk'. The picture was displayed to the group after lights had been turned out and only

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LUBBOCK, Friday, February 17, 1995  
By Shawn Wade

During the past 31 years the Plains Cotton Growers Boll Weevil Suppression Program has successfully kept the boll weevil from infesting High Plains cotton.

The program is operated by Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers and overseen by a Steering Committee made up entirely of cotton producers from across the High Plains.

PCG Boll Weevil Steering committee Chairman Wayne Huffaker, of Tahoka, notes that throughout the program's 31 year life it has been able to keep the boll weevil from moving onto the High Plains using a "control Zone" which delineates the program's operational boundaries.

Huffaker explains that the control zone roughly follows the contours of the Caprock on the eastern edge of the High Plains creating a buffer zone between infested areas of the Rolling Plains and the High Plains. He notes that inside the program's area of operation boll weevils have been kept at levels below which they could successfully advance onto the High Plains.

The PCG Program uses a strategy of Fall diapause treatments within its operational boundaries that, with the help of cold winter temperatures, reduce the number of boll weevils able to successfully survive until a new cotton crop is planted the following spring.

Huffaker warns that in 1995 the boll weevil has a new chance to move into even more High Plains cotton as the area experiences what is shaping up to be the mildest winter yet. Mild winter temperatures the past four years allowed record numbers of boll weevils to survive and infest High Plains cotton fields outside the Program's normal control zone.

"The boll weevil has essentially executed a flanking maneuver and moved into previously uninfested areas at a tremendous pace," says Huffaker. "In just four years boll weevils have taken advantage of two things in mounting this attack: mild winter temperatures and grassland in the Conservation Reserve Program."

In the past CRP grasses were not considered protective enough to allow significant boll weevil survival during "normal" winter conditions on the High Plains. Recent winter temperatures, however, are proving that CRP grass is an excellent habitat for the boll weevil in these mild winters.

PCG is ready to step up its efforts to stop the boll weevil. Under the authority of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, PCG is in the process of putting the future of High Plains cotton in the hands of the very people who have the most to lose from the boll weevil:

cotton producers.

Huffaker explains that PCG is in the process of putting together an Enhanced Suppression Program that will increase the current Program's operational area and pave the way for full eradication of the boll weevil in 1998 and 1999. Getting the job done will require the unified efforts of the cotton growers themselves says Huffaker.

The key to implementation of the Enhanced Suppression Program will be a positive vote in a referendum tentatively scheduled for the first two weeks of April. Producers will be able to get more information in the weeks leading up to the April referendum at the number of educational meetings across the area.

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Preparations are well on their way for the "Cotton Day 1995" celebration in Austin, Tuesday, March 7.

Twenty cotton-related groups, including Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, are working together to enhance the image of cotton with state legislative leaders and underscore the important contribution cotton makes to the state economy.

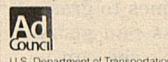
PCG representatives at the event will include Executive Vice President Donald Johnson, President Frank B. Jones, Jr. of Lamesa, Vice President Jackie Burris of Wellman, and Secretary-Treasurer Don Langston of Lubbock.

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**KING'S KIDS!**

**SECRET GRANDPARENTS!**

**SECRET GRANDCHILDREN!**

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Black lights were used along with rotating color lights.

What does King's Kids, Grandparents, and Grandchildren have in common? The workers of King's Kids: Terri Wilson, Cindy Massingill, Tracy Cooley, Karen Laverty, Cindy Herridge and others united a generation of grandparents and a generation of grand-children that the Love of God might be expressed. They all share in common the experience that all gathered in one place to experience God's Love.



Rhonda Timons ('Chalk Talk' artist) uses chalk and special lighting to illustrate God's Love during Valentine's Banquet.



Pat Gill sings and shares testimony during banquet



Rhonda's completed 'Chalk Art'. Picture was given to the First Baptist Church and is displayed there.

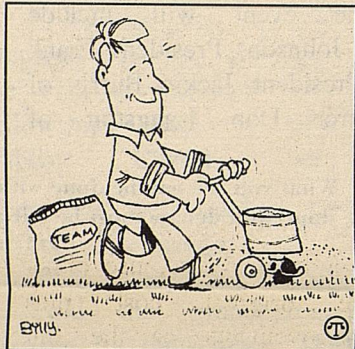
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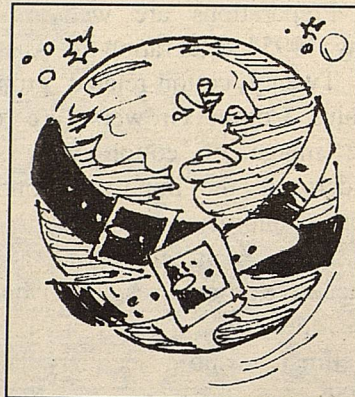
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# TAX TIPS

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## Interest Expense

**Q.** If I borrow money in order to buy investment property, can I deduct the interest I pay on the loan?

**A.** This type of interest is called "investment interest" and is deductible as an itemized deduction on Schedule A to the extent that it doesn't exceed your net investment income for the year.

Generally, investment property is that which produces income such as interest, dividends, annuities or royalties. It may include income from a trade or business in which the taxpayer does not materially participate if that activity isn't "passive" under the passive loss rules.

Investment interest doesn't include any interest that is:

\*qualified residence interest;

\*non-deductible personal interest;

\* taken into account in determining income or loss from a passive activity; or

\*properly all allocable to a rental real estate activity in which, under the passive loss rules, the taxpayer actively participates.

**Q.** Are points paid on a mortgage deductible?

**A.** Points, costs charged by mortgage lenders to "buy-down" the interest rate charges, are deductible when you purchase your principal residence and pay the points. They are not currently deductible for a second home or refinancing. In this case they would be deductible over the life of the loan. In 1994, the IRS liberalized the rules for deducting points. Now taxpayers can deduct points paid when they purchase the home, whether they paid the points or the seller paid them. The ruling was retroactive and affects home purchases after Dec. 31, 1990. Assuming you have already filed your 1991, 1992 or 1993 tax returns, you will be able to file an amended tax return to claim refund.

## Capital Gains

**Q.** Have capital gains been completely eliminated from the tax law?

**A.** NO. The maximum tax rate on 1994 net capital gains remains at 28%. If taxable income, including net capital, does not exceed the top of the

28%. If taxable income, including net capital, does not exceed the top of the 28% rate bracket, then all long-and short-term capital gains are taxed in the same manner as ordinary income.

**Q.** Are capital losses deductible?

**A.** Capital gains and losses must be combined first. If the net result is a loss, only \$3,000 of the capital loss can be deducted against ordinary income in one year. The remainder may be carried over to future years. Both long-and short-term capital losses offset ordinary income, dollar for dollar.

**Q.** I still receive payments for some property I sold in 1984 on the installment basis. Does the capital gain exclusion that was in effect then apply to payments I receive this year?

**A.** No. Payments are taxed under the laws in existence when you report the payment on your tax return. Unfortunately, the 1986 Tax Reform Act eliminated the 60% capital gain exclusion.

## Rental Property

**Q.** I converted my former residence into a

rental property. What expenses may I deduct?

**A.** Typical deductions for the lessor of residential real estate include depreciation, interest, taxes, utilities, repairs, maintenance, fees, advertising and other related expenses.

Most taxpayers are limited to \$25,000 of deductible losses per year from residential rental property. Taxpayers with adjusted gross income exceeding \$100,000 are subject to additional limitations on the amount of losses they can deduct per year.

**Q.** How do I calculate depreciation on a rental property that was formerly my principal residence?

**A.** To figure the depreciation in this case, use either the original cost plus improvements or the fair market value on the date the rental property was placed in service, whichever is lower. This amount must be adjusted to exclude the portion attributable to land (e.g., the yard and land under the house). Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over 27 1/2 years for residential rental property placed in service in 1994.

**Q.** I also have an office building which I rent out. Are the deductions and

depreciation the same as for my rent house?

**A.** Generally, you would deduct the same types of business expenses. The depreciation recovery period for non-residential real estate, however, is longer than for residential property. The recovery period for property placed in service on or after May 13, 1993, is 39 years. (Some exceptions apply. Check with your tax advisor.)

## Social Security Benefits

**Q.** I understand that more of my Social Security benefits are taxable in 1994. Is this correct?

**A.** Up to 85% of benefits will be subject to tax when provisional income exceeds \$34,000 for individuals (\$33,000 for married filing jointly and \$0 for married filing separately).

However, for provisional income between \$25,000 and \$34,000 for individuals (between \$32,000 and \$44,000 for married filing jointly), the prior 50% inclusion rule will apply.

## Gift Giving

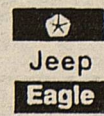
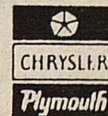
**Q.** If I make gifts to relatives, can I deduct the cost of the gifts?



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**A.** No income tax deduction is allowed for gifts to individuals (nor is the gift taxable to the recipient). In fact, if the gift you give is substantial, you may have to pay gift tax. A taxpayer may give up to \$10,000 each year to each of an unlimited number of recipients without incurring any gift tax liability. This amount may be increased to \$20,000 if the gift is made jointly by spouses.

Also, you may give unlimited amounts for a recipient's medical expenses or qualifying school tuition without being taxed. Payments should be made directly to the medical care provider or educational institution.

An unlimited exemption is available for certain kinds of gifts to your spouse.

In addition to the \$10,000 per recipient per year, you also have a lifetime exemption of \$600,000. This may be used up by gifts made during your life time or bequests made in your will. Gifts exceeding the \$10,000 limit may still escape gift tax by using this unified estate and gift tax exemption. Gifts above the \$10,000 limit must be reported even if no tax is due. Generally, the giver is responsible for any gift tax due.

## Charitable Contributions

**Q. How can I deduct contributions to charity?**

**A.** If you itemize deductions on Schedule A, you are allowed a deduction for your contribution to a qualified organization. If you contribute to a charitable organization and also receive a benefit from it, you may deduct only the amount that is more than the value of the benefit you receive.

**Q. Is there any percentage limit on the amount I can deduct?**

**A.** Contributions to qualified organizations are generally limited to 50% of your adjusted gross income. In some cases 20% and 30% limits may apply, depending on the organization and type of property.

**Q. What about my car expenses for charity work?**

**A.** When using your car for charitable purposes, you may deduct either 12 cents per mile or your actual expenses for gas and oil. Parking fees and tolls can be deducted using either method. Depreciation, insurance and repairs are not deductible.

**Q. How do I handle property donated to charity?**

**A.** The fair market value of the donated property is shown as a separate line item on Schedule A, Itemized Deductions. If the property is valued at more than \$500, you must also include Form 8283 with your return. If the value exceeds \$5,000, an independent appraisal is required. Appraisal fees are miscellaneous itemized deductions reported on Schedule A.

**Q. Do I need written proof of contributions I make to charity?**

**A.** As a general rule, you should keep canceled

checks, receipts, or other documentation showing the date, amount and the name of the charitable organization.

Starting in 1994, donations of \$250 or more cannot be deducted unless you have written substantiation, e.g., a receipt

from the organization. A canceled check will no longer be enough. You must obtain the written substantiation on or before the date you file, your return for the year of the contribution or, if either, the due date (including extensions) of the return.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT TO MEET FEBRUARY 20

The Borden County Fire Department will meet February 29, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. in the Courthouse.

The Agenda includes election of new officers and discussion concerning the replacement of the fire truck.

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