

Driver Education: The Sequel

By Sue Jane Mayes

Education exposé. In fact, many of you wrote in with comments and letters. Here are just a few.

Dear Crazy Mayesy, You are whimp. When I

took driver education with (name withheld), we had to drive up Gail Mountain and back down....in reverse. Too bad you can't handle a few goats in the road.

-Signed: Anonymously vours

Dear Mrs. Mayes,

If you are interested in some more life insurance, call me at 1-800-shoot-me. We often run specials just for driver education

teachers

-Signed: Fred Loyola Dear Woman Driver,

Why in the world does Borden County have a WOMAN teaching this class?
What up with that? Every-

one knows that women are the worst drivers in the world. You are way too emotional for a job of this caliber. And, from what I hear, you are way too old for

-Signed: Anonymously Yours Again Yo, Chica Bonita,

I like your style. Why don't you teach driver education in your old El Camino. Do you still have it? It would be soooo cool to learn to drive in a classic car such as that. Didn't it have dual exhaust and a 350 engine? You would

Reader response was over-whelming for the 2010 Driver front-end collision going bad front-end collision going bad in that sweet ride. In fact, I might like to re-take driver education if the school would let you use the EC. Yo, call me.
—Signed: Homie Friend from Da Hood

Well, I learned a long time ago that words hurt worse than sticks and stones.

Still, I have to admit I am a bit intrigued by the idea of driving down Gail Mountain in reverse, taking out more life insurance, and buying another El Camino just for driver education. When I do, I'll find that Mr. Anonymously Yours and run over him.

For the record, these letters are all made up. It's a new

genre of writing I like to call "triction"....a smooth blend of truth and fiction. The reader has to guess what parts are for real and what parts are just plain lies. Please don't call the editor to complain because we just want to have a little fun with the paper during the summer months. I grew up reading Art Buchwald, Erma Bombeck, Lewis Grizzard, Molly Ivins, and Dave Barry. Most of them are dead now, so someone has to step up and humor the masses.

For real, Driver Ed. 2010 is almost over. Next up for me is a 3,500 mile road trip with my sisters and cousins. Call



Driver Ed Instructor Sue Jane Mayes (a.k.a. Crazy Mayesy, Woman Driver, Chica Bonita)

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit

From Kerosene to Cucumbers

Hargrove's place on the edge of Crockett the other day to ask directions. While he was telling me how to get to a neighbor's house, I noticed the well-kept trees, lawn and garden on his place. He seemed so friendly and full of life I asked him if I could interview him. He said sure. I'm always looking for people with a good sense of humor and a gleam in their eye who like to talk. George fits the bill to a T.

He has all the latest farm equipment on his six acre spread, including two tractors, three lawnmowers and all kinds of trailers, wheelbarrows and tools. George just turned 83 and says he has never had a bad day and can remember every day of his life since the age of three. He says at one time he could name three-fourths of the people in Houston County because he sold them refrigerators, appliances and air conditioners. When he was a boy, his daddy bought a kerosene refrigerator that made ice cubes. "That fascinated me so much I thought I would go into that business one day and I did. It was a Servel refrigerator. You put kerosene in a two-gallon container in the refrigerator and that builds a fire that heats up ammonia and water and turns it into refrigerant that made the ice cubes. You had to clean it once a week or it wouldn't work. It was my job to

I drove into George clean it. It had a wick just like a kerosene lamp and you had to keep that wick trimmed and keep it clean.

Back in those kerosene days, George and his family listened to the Grand Old Opry on radio. "We had the only radio for miles around and it ran on a series of batteries that we had to take to town to get charged. On Saturday night neighbors would come over to listen. Sometimes we'd have twenty-five people crowded around the radio."

George retired twenty years ago and turned the business over to his daughter and son in law. He started growing things like he used to do on the farm. "I never wanted to come back to a farm in my lifetime, but after dealing with the public for forty or fifty years, the garden is a haven.

He has a garden that covers an entire acre, growing spinach, potatoes, figs, and onions. He has grown lots of tomatoes, which he says is one of the hardest crops to grow. "Last year I put 100 tomato plants in the ground and sold over a ton, ate about 200 pounds and gave about 500 pounds away." When I asked him what was the easiest crop to grow he replied, "nut

He set out 30 pecan trees when they were about 2 feet tall. They're forty feet tall now.

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Commissioners Meeting

Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular 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; MONTE SMITH, Commissioner, Precinct N. 1; RANDY ADCOCK, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; ERNEST REYES, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; JOE BELEW, Commissioner, Prect. No. 4; JOYCE HERRIDGE County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted

Present were Don Nunnally and Ross Sharp.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meet-ings of May 25, 2010 were read. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Adcock seconded the mo-tion. Motion car-

> **COUNTY OFFICE** REPORTS

After Examination of the County Offices Reports, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve submitted reports. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion

BORDEN COUNTY EVENT CENTER AND RODEO ARENA

In the absence of County Judge Van L. York, Com-missioner Belew made a motion to appoint Com-missioner Randy Adcock to make construction decisions concerning the Events Cen-ter and the Rodeo Arena. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Voting For: Commissioners Smith, Reyes, Belew, Judge York.
Voting Against: None

Abstain: Commissioner

FIREWORKS BAN

Due to danger of fire because of high grass or dry vegetation, Commissioner Adcock made a motion to adopt order

WHEREAS, On this the prohibiting sale or use of cer-8th day of June, 2010, the Commissioners' Court of cultivated acreage in Borden County during the upcoming holiday season. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried

LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE POLICY

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to offer County Employees an Accidental Death Policy from Liberty National Life. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BUDGET **AMENDMENT**

Commissioner Belew made a motion to amend the Records Management Budget in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the Consolidation and Preservation of Books in Clerk's Office. Commissioner Reves seconded the motion. Motion car-

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Adcock to approve the application for Soil Conservation Con-struction of Fireguards from Danny Stone in Precinct No. 2 at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for a motor grader and \$65.00 per hour for a dozer. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined and Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
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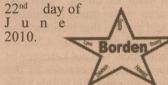
TURE AGENDA

No new items were pre-

ADJOURN

Commissioner Belew made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion and was approved unanimously

THE FOREGOING MIN-UTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE



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Borden County ISD Board Meeting

May 17, 2009

Regular Board Meeting May 17, 2010

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. in the Borden County I.S.D. Board Room. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, and Dennis Poole. Mike Valentine was absent. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas and principal, Bart McMeans were also present. School attorney David Backus, D'Linda Benham, Greg Benham, and Kobie Benham were the guests present at this

meeting.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M. by John Anderson.

There was no community input.

A Level III Hearing was conducted in accordance with FNG Local Board Policy.

The board of trustees entered into closed session at 7:41 P.M. to consult with the school attorney, deliberate and determine possible action of the Level III Hearing. The board returned to open session at 8:39 P.M. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Dennis Poole to deny the grievance and uphold the administration's determination regarding this grievance. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2010, and April 26, 2010, Board Meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the May 2010 bills. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Randy Hensley to sponsor a chemical free graduation night for the Class of 2010. The motion carried unani-

A motion was made by Joe Harding and seconded by Joel Dennis to set the June 21, 2010 meeting for 7:00 P.M. The motion carried unani-

Mr. Thomas reported that 221 students were enrolled as of May 12, 2010, gave a year to date financial report, a fifth six-week student grade report, and a construction report. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the Superintendent's Report. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Carol Lewis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried

unanimously.

Special Board Meeting May 25, 2010

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas met in special session at 7:00 P.M. in the Borden County I.S.D. Board Room. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole and Mike Valentine. Joe Harding was absent. John Abbott, Jay Bingham, and Santana Gonzales of Shiver Megert & Associates

were present. Superintendent Jimmy Thomas, and principal Bart McMeans were also present

1. The meeting was called to order by John Anderson.

2. There was no community

3. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Mike Valentine to select Goldenstone Rockface Block, Cranberry Field Brick, and Burnt Pumpkin Brick for the exterior colors for the building project. The motion carried with five voting in favor. Carol Lewis abstained. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Randy Hensley to se-lect Arcadia Green as the roof color for the park. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to take action to select field turf as an alternate playing surface to cover the infield of the baseball field. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried

unanimously.

Special Board Meeting
June 14, 2010

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas met in special session at 7:00 P.M. in the Borden County I.S.D. Board Room. Board members present were Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole and Mike Valentine. John Anderson was absent. Superintendent Jimmy Thomas was also present.

l. The meeting was called to order by Joe Harding.

2. There was no community

3. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to select Peach Velour Brick as an additional accent for the exterior color for the building project. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Carol Lewis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

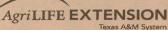
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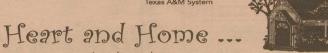
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Borden County Treasurer Your consideration, vote and

support will be greatly appreciated.

Subject to action of Republican Part Pol. Adv. Pd by Jon C. Herring, Treasurer





by Julie Smith
Borden County Extension Agent–Family and Consumer Sciences

Keeping Summer's Bounty Safe to Eat

the aisles of grocery stores and markets. Roadside produce stands full of home grown fruits and vegetables are seen along the highway. All of these are signs that summer is here and so is a bounty of fresh produce. Summer's harvest of fresh fruits and vegetables is an important part of a healthy diet. Just remember to handle fresh produce safely to prevent foodborne illness.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that there are 76 million cases of foodborne illnesses each year resulting in 325,000 hospitalizations and 5,000

Although not traditionally associated with foodborne illness, fresh fruits and vegetables have recently been linked to several outbreaks. That's because fresh produce is often eaten raw. In fact, in recent years the proportion of cases of foodborne illness linked to fresh fruits and veg-

etables has increased. To help consumers keep fruits and vegetables safe to eat, the Partnership for Food

Safety

E d u c a t i o n

(www.fightbac.org) gives six
recommendations for safe handling of fresh produce:

Check: Food safety for fresh fruits and vegetables begins at the store. Before purchasing, make sure the produce is not bruised, cut, or damaged. If purchasing items that are pre-cut, such as melons, or packaged, such as salads, buy only the items that have been kept refrigerated.

Clean: Hands should be

washed in warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds before and after handling fresh produce. Make sure cutting boards, counter tops, peelers and knives are also clean before using them.

Fresh produce should be rinsed under running tap water before you eat it. That's also

Fresh melons and berries fill true for fruits and vegetables e aisles of grocery stores and that have rinds or skins that will not be eaten. People don't realize they need to scrub the outside of melons with a vegetable brush or rub them with their hands under running water. If bacteria contaminate the outside of a melon for example, when you slice into it you have the potential of bringing that contamination into the

> Clean firm-skinned produce with a clean vegetable brush or rub it with your hands under running tap water. Do not use detergent or bleach to wash fresh produce. After washing, dry fruits and vegetables with a clean cloth or paper towel.
>
> Vegetable brushes can be

purchased at your local variety store for two to four dollars. They are an inexpensive tool that can help you keep your

fresh produce safe to eat.

Separate: In the grocery cart, keep fresh fruits and vegetables away from such items as cleaners, detergents, and raw meat, poultry, and fish. At home, that advice also holds true during storage in the refrigerator and during preparation: Keep fresh produce away from raw meat, poultry and fish. Do not use the same cutting board for produce and meats unless it is cleaned with

Thought for the Day

The proof of who we are in Christ isn't how many folks have come to the Lord through us. It isn't how much we've contributed to the Lord's work. It isn't how sweetly we've sung his praises. It is, pure and simple, how we have loved each other. -- Gayle Roper

hot, soapy water before and

after food preparation.

Cook: If fresh produce has been in contact with raw meat, poultry, fish, or their juices, throw it away or cook it thor-

Chill: To prevent bacterial growth, store all cut, peeled, or cooked produce in the refrigerator within two hours.

Throw away: Fresh fruits and vegetables that have not been refrigerated within two hours of cutting, peeling, or cooking should be thrown away. Remove and throw away bruised or damaged portions of fresh produce before cooking or eating it raw. Any fruit or vegetable that will not be cooked and that has been contaminated by raw meat, poultry, fish, or their juices should also be thrown away. If in doubt about the safety of a fruit or vegetable, throw it out!

For more information on safe handling of fresh produce, contact the Extension Office at (806)756-4336.

SPC Basketball Camp



Borden County students, Tye Basquez (2nd from left) and Tatum Richey (2nd from right) recently attended the South Plains College Basketball camp. Both were named to the All Star Team with Basquez winning awards in ball handling, free throws and lay-ups. Also pictured is Madison Bryan (far left) and Baylee Trevathon (far right) who also attended the camp.

AgriLIFE EXTENSION



On the Wild Side of Life by Cody G. Hill **Borden County Extension Agent —** Agriculture

Educational programs of the Texas Agricite Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioner Courts of Texas Cooperating.

Hunting

How can I deal with deer and feral hogs that are depredating on my property? Since feral hogs are not protected in Texas, they may be taken at any time on private property. The only license requirement for feral hogs is a hunting license. For wildlife that is protected, such as white-tailed deer, there is a depredation permit that may be issued that allows a person to kill the protected wildlife. To obtain a depredation permit, a person must clearly show that wildlife protected by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code is causing serious damage to agricultural, horticultural, or aquacultural interests or other property, or is a threat to public safety. To begin the permit application process, the person who desires to kill the protected wildlife must give written notice of the facts to the county judge of the county or to the mayor of the municipality in which the damage or threat

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2009 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

(Consumer Confidence Report)

BORDEN COUNTY WATER SYSTEM

SPECIAL NOTICE

Public Participation Opportunities

OUR DRINKING WATER IS REGULATED

Year or Range	Conteminant	Average Level	Adjointson Lavel	Boligociono pero Surpresi	KKCL.	MODE	Unit of Messeries	Source of Conteminent
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2067	Basissee	0.033	0.033	0.033	2	×	9/800	Discharge of drilling waste; douburge from motel orimenes; costion of cultural deposits.
3003	Chromina	4.2	4.2	4.2	100	100	ppits	Discharge from steel and pulp milts, proston of natural deposits.
2009	Flooride	8.31	5.17	5.46	4	*	ppm	Ecosion of natural deposits, water additive which promotes strong tech; discharge from fertilities and attraction factories.
20029	Nitrate	0.86	0.86	0.86	808	10	\$65511	Russeff trans facilities use: beaching from acptic backs, sewage, erosion of natural deposits
2007	Solorium	9.4	9.4	9.4	.90	543	totaya	Doctorge from permison and metal refraction control of rational deposits; discharge from mines
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2067	Gross alpha	8.4	8.4	8.4	15	٥	pCVA.	Exection of natural deposits.

mand from 0.05 mg/L (50 ppb) to 0.010 mg/L (10 ppb) effect well on this report is between 5 ppb and 10 ppb, the following

Ch	lorine Free 2.	14	1.0	3	***		
Year	Conteminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Macimum Level	MCL	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2008	Total Haloscetic Acids	5.2	5.2	5.2	60	gpts	Bygenduct of drinking water disinfection
3000	Total Tribatomethanes	3.7	3.7	3.7	900	prob	Bypendact of drinking water deinfection

Required Additional Health Information for Lead

Turbidity NOT REQUIRED

Total California REPORTED MONTHLY TESTS FOUND NO COLIFORM BACTERIA.

Violation Type	Health Effects	Duration	Explanation	Steps to Correct
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2007	Biombonate	250	298	250	NA.	ppe	Currotice of carbonete rocks such as linesause.
2007	Calcium	49.8	49.8	49.8	NA	ppm	Abundant naturally occurring chement.
2007	Chloride	70	70	70	300	bless:	Abundant saturally occurring element, used in water partification, hyproduct of oil field activity
2007	Copper	0.003	0.003	0.003	ŧ	Share	Coronium of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
3967	Hardness as Ca/Mg	281	293	291	NA	bhas:	Naturally occurring calcium and magnesium.
2907	Magnesium	40.6	40.6	40.6	NA	Show	Abundant acturally occurring element.
2007	Nickel	0.007	0.007	0.007	NA	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits.
2867	pH	7.8	7.8	7.8	>7.0	essits	Measure of corrosivity of woter.
2907	Somm	88	38	88	NA	ppm	Erosion of natural deposite, hypereduct of oil field activity.
2607	Sulface	104	104	104	300	bloor	Naturally occurring; common industrial byproduct, byproduct of ail field activity.
2807	Total Alkalimity as CoCO3	250	250	250	NA	Shar	Naturally occurring soluble mineral salts.
2803	Total Dissulved Solida	350	330	330	1000	ppe	Total dissolved misseal constituents in water.
2807	Zina	0.000	0.008	0.008	3	ppm	Moderately abundant naturally occurring clarects used in the metal industry.

Texas

George has twenty peach trees, some of which are called Della Georgia and bring a hefty price. He also has some Elbertas. George says if you open a persimmon seed from last year's crop it'll tell what the weather will be this year. "That seed has a likeness of a knife, fork or spoon inside it. Each one signifies a wet year, dry year or cold weather."

George says he has a lot of fun growing stuff. "I love to grow a garden."





THANK YOU FOR READING THE BORDEN STAR

