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## Back to School News BCISD Registration Set for August 2nd-4th

With July winding down, it is just a few weeks before the start of the 2010-2011 school year at Borden County Schools, where classes resume on Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010.

Borden County I.S.D. junior high and high school students should plan to register for the upcoming school year.

BCISD Registration has been set for Monday-Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, 2010, in the BCISD Library. Students new to the district, as well as current BJH & BHS students, should register on these days.

The following schedule has been established, and students will be seen on a first-come, first-serve basis:

**Junior High** - Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> - 9:00 - 5:00

**High School** - Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9:00 - 5:00

**Late Registration** - Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> - 9:00-5:00 (for all students unable to register on designated day)

**Elementary students new to the district** - anytime

All students new to Borden County I.S.D. will need the following items for registration: Social Security card, birth certificate, and shot record.

BJH students (grades 6-8) will receive their class schedules and will select their lockers. The process should be completed in about 5-10 minutes.

BHS students (grades 9-12) will pick up their class schedule and select their lockers. Mr. McMeans will meet with all high school students to update or create their four-year graduation plan during tutorials once school is in session.

On a special note, football players should arrive early enough to finish registration prior to their workout time. Additionally, all college-bound seniors interested in taking the first administration (Sept. 11) of the ACT college entrance exam should register online prior to August 6<sup>th</sup>. They will need to use a credit card to pay for the test online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). The BHS school code requested when you register is 442-650. The test costs \$48 with writing (suggested) and \$33 without the writing test. Contact Mr. McMeans at the number below if computer access is needed to register.

If you have questions concerning registration, please do not hesitate to call Mr. McMeans or Mrs. Massingill at the school during regular office hours (8-5) at (806) 756-4313.



## Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

### Ask Questions

At a family reunion one summer, Alice, an eight-year-old, watched while her mother Fran prepared a roast for the oven. Alice observed Fran trim about two inches from each end. After Fran had put the roast in the oven Alice asked, "Mom, why did you cut the ends off?"

Fran thought for a moment then replied, "That's what my mother always did and so that's how I do it now." "But what's wrong with the meat at the ends?" Alice retorted. "I don't know. I never really gave it much thought. Let's ask your grandmother," Fran responded.

Alice and Fran went outside to find Grandma. "Grandma, why did you always cut the ends of the roast off?" blurted Alice. Grandma laughed and answered, "That's because the old oven that I had was too small to fit the whole roast."

Do you understand why you do the things you do? Do you take a particular approach to life because that's what you've always done? Do you comprehend the reasons for your actions? Do you continuously search for ways to improve your life? Everything is open

to change and improvement.

Dr. Jonas Salk, who developed the polio vaccine, spent his childhood asking questions. By the late 1940's, polio was killing or disabling more than 40,000 Americans a year. Other researchers hadn't been able to develop a vaccine.

Dr. Salk, at a meeting of scientists, questioned the research methods being used. He was reprimanded, "You should know better than to ask a question like that!" Had Dr. Salk not asked the questions he did, he probably wouldn't have developed the polio vaccine and saved so many lives.

Rod Serling created "The Twilight Zone" television series in 1959. He had been asking why there were no TV shows on important, serious topics such as bigotry, the cold war and alienation. His colleagues thought he was crazy when he left a \$250,000 movie-studio deal to develop his TV show, which addressed those themes.

The founder of Avon, David Hall McConnell, observed that because women at the time (late 1800's) worked primarily in the home, they couldn't get

to the stores often to buy beauty supplies. McConnell asked, "Why not bring the store to them?"

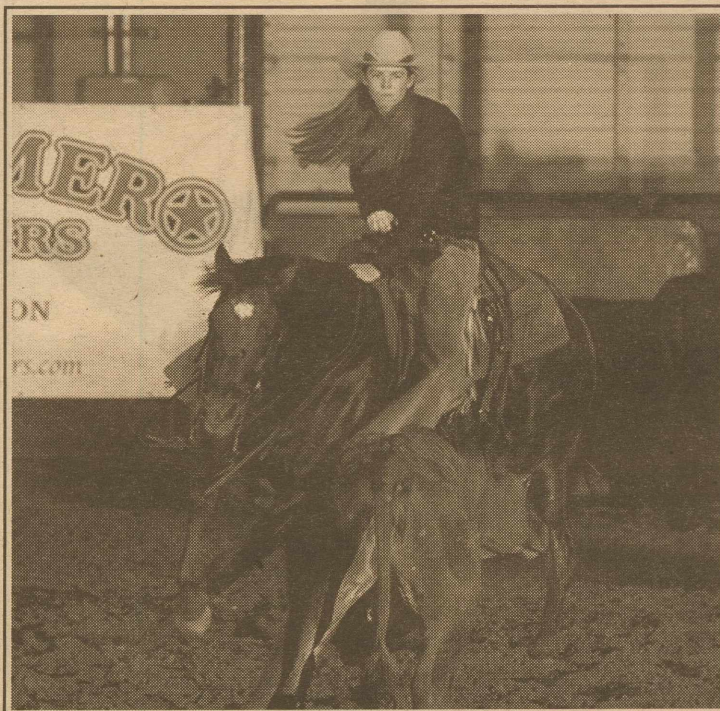
Asking questions enables you to determine whether you are on the right course or if corrections are needed. Questions allow you to decide why, when, where and how. Without this information it's difficult to have a direction, purpose and focus.

Life is cause and effect, action and reaction. Questions enable you to identify the causes. For different results you must take different actions. There are no shortcuts. You don't want to blindly stumble through life feeling as if you have no control. Questioning forces you to open your eyes and develop an awareness of why you are where you are.

When it involves you, ask others why things are done a certain way. Some people may get offended if you question why. If they do, it's their problem, not yours. Those who are secure and confident in what they do don't get offended or develop an attitude when ques-

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## Anderson to Compete in National Finals July 18-24

In June of 2010, Bailey Anderson competed at the Texas High School Rodeo Association State Finals in Abilene, Texas in Girls' Cutting. Bailey, the daughter of John and Kevva Anderson, placed 4<sup>th</sup> at state, enabling her to advance to the National Finals July 18-24 in Gillette, Wyoming. She was competing on the Muleshoe Ranch owned stud, Boy Boon.

Boy Boon was recently honored by the American Quarter Horse Association and Western Horseman for being named Horse of the Year. Bailey received a college scholarship and a Kowgirl Glitz Halter. At the National High School Finals Rodeo, Western "Horseman" of the Year contestants will be competing for \$3,000 in college scholarships and another \$2,000 in prizes sponsored by the American Quarter Horse Association.

After advancing to Nationals, there was a conflict in scheduling with Bailey's trip to Australia/Hawaii to play basketball with DownUnder Sports. She appreciates all donations sent to help her and will be using them next year when she goes on the trip.

## Sandy Espinoza & Amanda Herrera

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Weekends - open til lunch

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## Dare to Live...

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tioned.

Learning, growth and innovation occur because questions are asked and answers are sought.

**NOW AVAILABLE:** "Dare to Live Without Limits," the book. Visit [www.BryanGolden.com](http://www.BryanGolden.com) or your bookstore. Bryan is a management consultant, motivational speaker, author, and adjunct professor. E-mail Bryan at [bryan@columnist.com](mailto:bryan@columnist.com) or write him c/o this paper. © 2004 Bryan Golden

## Color Me Healthy Fun Day

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NOON WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

Date: Thursday,  
July 22  
Time: 2:00 to 4:30 p.m.

You are invited to attend the  
Color Me Healthy Fun Day  
in the Community Room in Gail  
All youth age 4-7 are invited  
We will play games, sing songs, make Crafts  
and snacks, while learning how to...  
Color Me Healthy!

For more information or to  
RSVP, contact the Texas  
AgriLife Extension Service  
Borden County office at  
(806) 759-4336 or  
[jm-smith@tamu.edu](mailto:jm-smith@tamu.edu).



Cost of \$5 to cover supplies

## Thought for the Day

*In some ways I find guidance, if anything, gets harder rather than easier the longer I am a Christian. Perhaps God allows this so that we have to go on relying on him and not on ourselves.*

--Dennis Watson

## Borden County Youth Horse Club



The Borden County Youth Horse Club proved to be a huge success this year. Every child who participated received a belt buckle. The club wishes to thank those who help with this event each summer. This could not take place without everyone's help. The club also wishes to thank Krista Tarleton for being their photographer. Next year we hope to have an even bigger turn out in the brand new arena. We are looking for buckle sponsors. If you would be interested in being a buckle sponsor for 2011 please contact Cassidy Carpenter at [cassidyogden@yahoo.com](mailto:cassidyogden@yahoo.com). Pictured with their belt buckles are (left to right) Macey Herrington, Kambell Schmidt, Karson Schmidt, Darrek Kazer, Darren Kizer, Haley Kizer, Cali Howard, Lakyn Sandlin, Korben Schmidt, Cutter McNeely, Luke Carpenter, Luke Stump, Brooklyn Gray, Katie Gray, Jaclyn Stump, Haley Gray, J. Tom Price and Avery Price.



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**Heart and Home ...**

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



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## ‘Safety First’ Applies to Older Adults Too

Putting “safety first” isn’t just kid stuff. Older adults need to keep personal safety firmly in mind too. In fact, according to statistics from the National Institute on Aging, every year about 2 million older adults become victims of crimes. Often these crimes are robbery, property theft or burglary; physical attacks and even neglect or abuse by friends, relatives or caretakers.

By using a little common sense and awareness, older people can prevent some of these crimes from happening in the first place. Following this advice from NIA:

**At home:**

\* Keep doors locked even when you are home. Before you leave the house, make sure all doors and windows are locked and secured.

\* When someone comes to your door, look through the peephole or safe window to see who it is BEFORE opening the door. Don’t open the door to strangers. Ask his or her name, and reason for knocking at your door; if for any reason you are uncomfortable, DON’T open the door.

\* Install locks, doors and windows that are strong and difficult to break. If you wish, investigate alarm systems. Ask the local police department to send an officer to your home to help you determine what, if any, changes can be made to make your home more secure.

\* Engrave an identification number (NOT your Social Security number, but perhaps your driver’s license number) on valuable property. Make a list of costly items, including jewelry and electronic equipment, and take pictures of these items. Store the list and photos in a safety deposit box or other safe place.

**Away from home:**

\* Be aware of your surroundings at all times. Walk with a friend. Stay away from areas where crimes might occur, such as dark alleys or parking lots.

\* Have monthly checks, such as Social Security or pension, directly deposited into your bank account. If you visit the bank often, vary the times and days of the week when you go.

\* Don’t carry a lot of cash. Instead of carrying a purse, place the least amount of money, credit cards, etc., in an inside pocket. If you are robbed, don’t try to fight for your money.

\* Dress plainly and simply. Leave expensive clothing or accessories – including furs and jewelry – in a safe place.

**Protecting money and property:**

\* Don’t believe it if someone tells you he or she is a bank official and would like you to take some money out of your account to test a teller. Banks don’t operate this way.

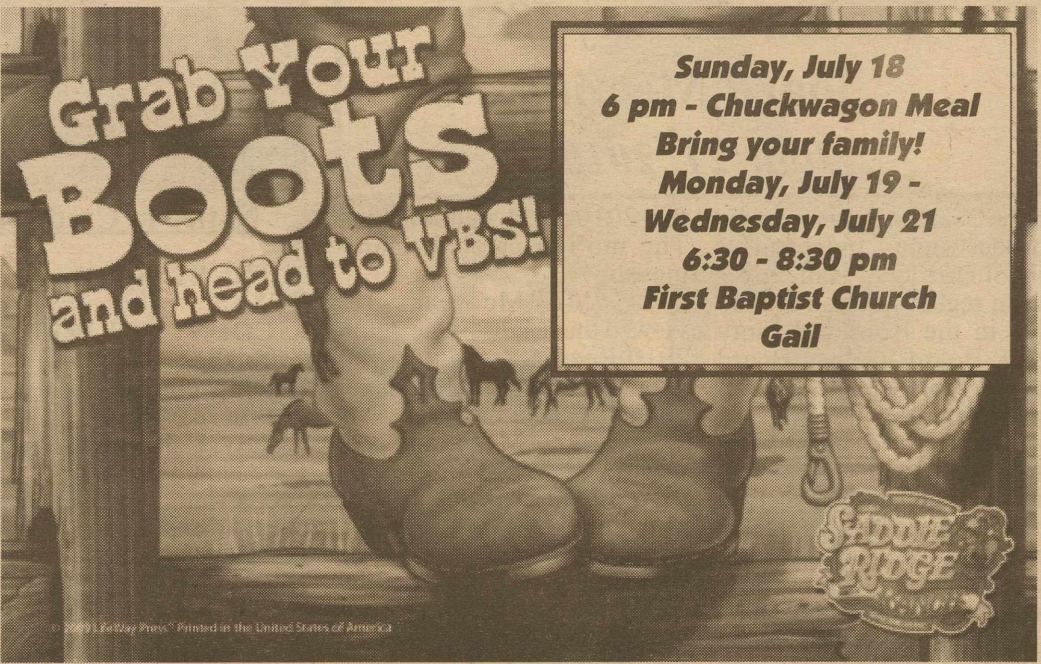
\* Don’t believe deals that sound “too good to be true.” If the deal involves a lot of your money up front and “guaranteed” success, turn it down. When in doubt about any company or “deal,” check with the local Better Business Bureau.

\* Don’t give credit card account numbers or bank account numbers to salespeople who have called you on the phone, or who are asking for contributions. Con artists don’t need your credit card to run up charges on your account – all they need is your card or account number.

\* Don’t believe claims of quick fixes or miracle cures. For accurate medical information, go to licensed medical professionals.

**Elder abuse**

Elder abuse – neglect or mistreatment of older adults – can happen anywhere, and be caused by anybody, including loved ones. This kind of abuse is too serious to handle alone, Warren said. For help, look in the telephone book or ask directory assistance for Adult Protective Services programs; talk to a clergy person, doctor or lawyer; or call the Area



**Sunday, July 18**  
**6 pm - Chuckwagon Meal**  
**Bring your family!**  
**Monday, July 19 -**  
**Wednesday, July 21**  
**6:30 - 8:30 pm**  
**First Baptist Church**  
**Gail**

Agency on Aging. The Eldercare Locator (800-677-1116) can provide telephone numbers for local agencies.

And above all, if you are the victim of a crime, report it. Don’t be embarrassed or afraid. If crimes aren’t reported, criminals can’t be caught.

For assistance, call the National Organization for Victim Assistance at (800) TRY-NOVA (800-879-6682) 24-hour hotline, or write to NOVA, 1757 Park Road, NW, Washington, D.C. 20010. Other resources:

- American Association of Retired Persons Criminal Justice Services, 601 E Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20049, or call (202) 434-2222;

- Council of Better Business Bureaus, 4200 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 800, Arlington, Va., 22209; or call (703) 525-0100. Ask for the pamphlet, “Tips on Elderly Consumer Problems,” and other publications;

- United Seniors Health Cooperative, 1331 H Street, NW, Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20045-4706. This agency has a number of publications on health-related issues available.

- NIA Information Center, P.O. Box 8057, Gaithersburg, Md. 20898-8057, or call (800) 222-2225 or (800) 222-4225 (TTY); e-mail to [niainfo@access.digex.net](mailto:niainfo@access.digex.net) The agency has a list of free publications.

For more information visit Extension’s Family and Consumer Science Web site at: <http://fcs.tamu.edu/aging/aging.htm>



## Kimmel Receives Service Award

Charlie Kimmel, right, maintenance technician in the Borden County maintenance section, is presented a Certificate of Service by Lauren Garduño. Kimmel, a five-year employee with the Texas Department of Transportation, was honored for his longevity during a recent supervisors meeting in Abilene. In addition to the framed certificate, he received a five-year service pin and a TxDOT coffee mug, his gift of choice. Lauren Garduño is the Abilene District Engineer. (TxDOT photo by Mary Beth Kilgore)



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## Borden County ISD Board Meeting June 21, 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 Mike Valentine. Board member Dennis Poole arrived at 7:35 P.M. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas and principal, Bart McMeans were also present.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2010, May 25, 2010, and June 14, 2010, Board Meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the June 2010 bills. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to approve an Option 3 & 4 Agreement with the State to equalize wealth, fund a technology consortium, and obtain an efficiency credit for the 2010-2011 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Joe Harding and seconded by Mike Valentine to approve a \$100 per month salary increase for the Borden County ISD administrative secretarial staff plus the appropriate tax sheltered annuity associated with this salary increase. (Terri Buchanan, Joan Marshall, Cindy Massingill, and Amy Rinehart) The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve contracts and salary increases as recommended by the Bi-County Special Education Cooperative Board of Directors for the Bi-County Special Education Employees for

the 2010-2011 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Mr. McMeans reviewed the results of the 2009-2010 Reading Inventory Instrument for grades K-2 as required by State Law.

9. Mr. McMeans reviewed the TAKS Test results for the 2009-2010 school year as required by State Law.

10. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to solicit bids for school propane and vehicle fuel for the 2010-2011 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Mike Valentine to set the July Meeting for July 19, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the 2009-2010 Borden County I.S.D. Budget Amendments as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

13. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to take action to adopt changes to Local District Policy CCG relating to the Texas Economic Development Act. The motion carried unanimously.

14. A motion was made by Joe Harding and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve joining the Wide Area Network Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with the Region 17 Education Service Center. The motion carried unanimously.

15. Mr. Thomas gave a year to date financial overview, a personnel report, an end of year grade report, an end of year student enrollment report, and a construction report. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

16. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Carol Lewis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

## Legal Notice

### Notice to Creditors

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BORDEN  
To those indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of MICHAEL N. BROWN, deceased, Probate Case Number 388:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executrix of the Estate of MICHAEL N. BROWN, deceased, late of Borden County, Texas by VAN L. YORK, Judge of the County Court of said County, on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said Estate to present them to BETTY L. BROWN, 7100 FM 1205, Coahoma, Texas 79511, within the time prescribed by law.

EXECUTED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010.

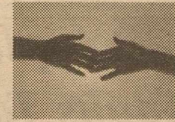
Betty L. Brown  
BETTY L. BROWN, Independent Executrix  
Of the Estate of MICHAEL N. BROWN, deceased

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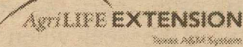
Aging Well Educational Program  
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Monday, July 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room



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Tuesday—July 20, 2010 2-5 pm  
Ollie Liner Center, Plainview



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- Officer Duties and Responsibilities  
- 4-H Jeopardy  
- 4-H Quiz Bowl  
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• 83% improved ability to conduct a meeting  
• 80% improved ability to use parliamentary procedure  
• 78% improved ability to serve as an effective leader  
• 74% improved ability to work together



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### BORDEN COUNTY ISD BID REQUEST

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive bids and/or quotes for propane, diesel, and gasoline for the 2010-2011 school year.

Proposals shall be addressed to Jimmy Thomas; Borden County Independent School District, Box 95; Gail, Texas 79738, and shall be delivered in a sealed envelope marked appropriately as "Propane Bid" and/or "Gasoline/Diesel Bid". Proposals may also be submitted by fax and/or by e-mail to the numbers or address listed below. Proposals will be received up to but no later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, July 29, 2010. Bids will be opened and read as they are received. Proposals will be tabulated, researched, and selected by the Board of Trustees or its designee as appropriate. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

The Borden County ISD Board of Trustees or its designee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposed bids, to waive any and all technicalities, and to accept the proposal that will best serve the needs of the District.

Questions regarding bid specifications and additional information shall be directed to Jimmy Thomas by writing the above address; by e-mail to [jthomas@bcisd.net](mailto:jthomas@bcisd.net); or by calling 806/756-4313. Transmissions by fax may be sent to 806/756-4310.

By Order of the Board of Trustees  
Borden County Independent School District  
Mike Valentine, Secretary

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