

# The Borden Star

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## Borden High School Class of 2012 Names Top Students

The administration and faculty of Borden County High School are pleased to announce Shaylie Boles and Austin Fields as the top students of the graduating Class of 2012.



*Shaylie Boles  
Class of 2012  
Valedictorian*

Shaylie Boles, daughter of Scott and Sheri Boles of Lamesa, has been named as the Valedictorian of Borden County High School for the Class of 2012.

Boles is a member of the National Beta Club and is a Distinguished Achievement graduate. She also completed 30 hours of dual credit college classes through Western Texas College during her high school career.

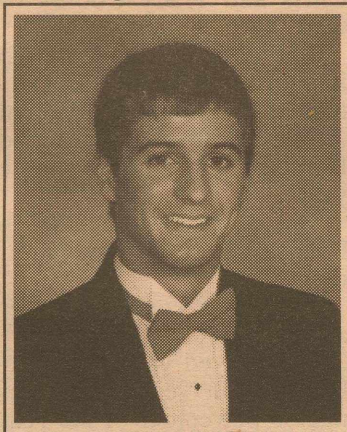
Boles was an active member in FFA for two years, par-

ticipating as an officer and a member of the state qualifying skills team. She also participated in stock shows through the Dawson County 4-H.

She was a regional qualifier in tennis and a member of the cross country team.

She was class officer and was chosen as "Most Likely to Succeed" by the student body.

Boles will attend the Mays Business School at Texas A&M University in the fall, where she will major in Marketing.



*Austin Fields  
Class of 2012  
Salutatorian*

The 2012 Salutatorian of Borden County High School is Austin Fields, son of John David and Sonja Fields of Post.

Fields is a member of the National Beta Club and is a Distinguished Achievement graduate. He also completed 30 hours of dual credit college classes through Western Texas College during his high school career.

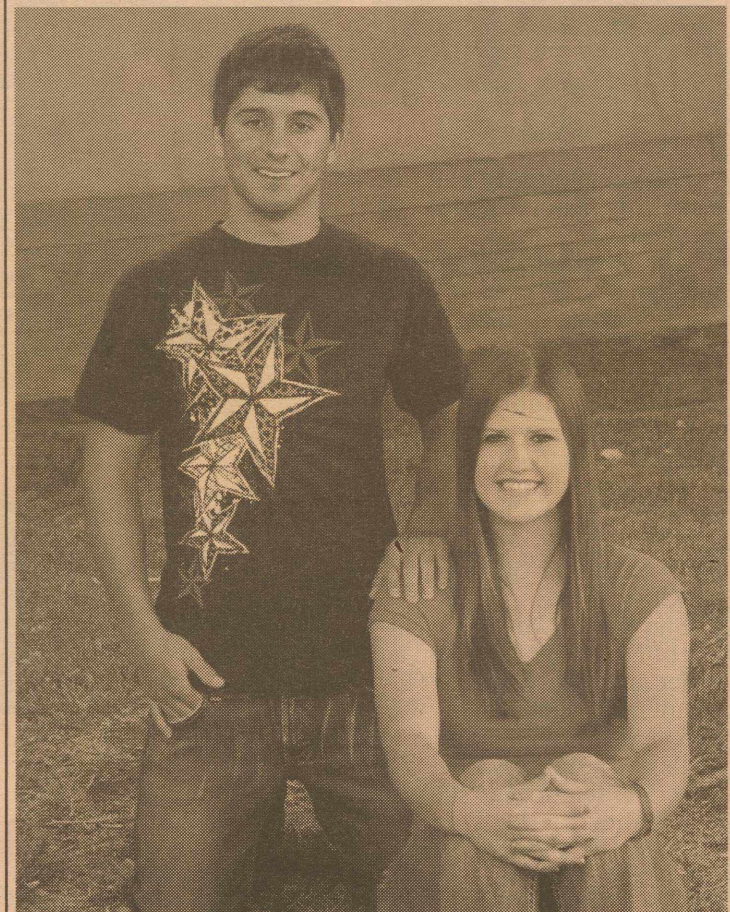
In U.I.L. Academics, Fields was a regional qualifier for two years.

Athletically, Fields participated in football, cross country, basketball, and track. He received numerous honors in football and baseball and was a regional qualifier in cross country, track, and golf.

Fields has been a class officer all four years of high school.

Fields plans to attend Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene this fall.

## Mr. & Mrs. BHS



*Borden County High School's Austin Fields and Stefanie Cooley were recently named Mr. and Mrs. BHS. Austin is the son of John David and Sonja Fields of Post. Stefanie is the daughter of Chris and Tracy Cooley of Gail.*

## Commencement

Commencement exercises for Borden County High School will be held Friday, May 25th, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the B.C.I.S.D. new auditorium. There are 12 Seniors in the Class of 2012.



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# Borden County High School

## Class of 2012



*Shaylie Janae  
Boles*

Shaylie is the daughter of Scott & Sheri Boles of Lamesa, TX.

She attended kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade before coming to Borden County her 9<sup>th</sup> grade year.

She plans to attend Mays Business School at Texas A&M University and pursue a degree in marketing.

She was a four year member of the Beta Club, a class officer all four years, and a member/officer of the Spanish Club.

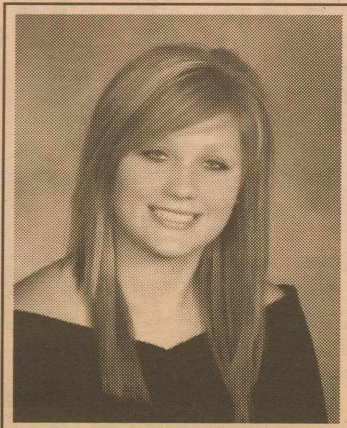
She was a two year member of FFA where she held an office and participated in FFA Leadership camp. She was two year regional qualifier in skills and a state qualifier one year. Her senior year, she was a member of the Dawson County 4-H and participated in stock shows.

She was a regional qualifier in tennis and a member of the cross country team.

Shaylie was class favorite two years, voted friendliest for two years, and this year was named Most Likely to Succeed.

She has participated in community service projects, including projects associated with Experiencing Life Church. She is currently employed at Jae's Fitness in Lamesa.

Her favorite past time is distance running and participating in half marathons across Texas.



*Raegan Nicole  
Belongia*

Raegan is the daughter of Robbie & Traci Freeman of Post, TX and Chris Belongia of Post.

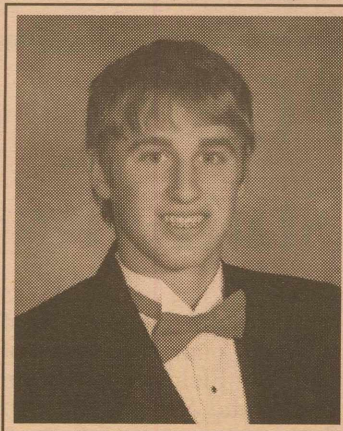
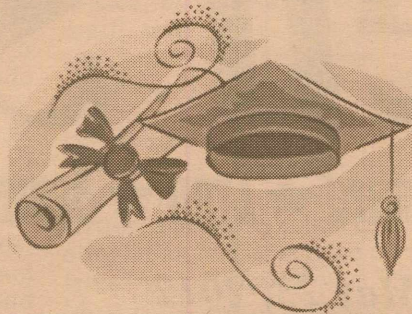
She plans to attend Angelo State University and study to be pediatric nurse.

While in high school she played varsity basketball, serving as captain my senior year. She was named to the 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-District for two years. She was an alternate for the All Star Game and a regional qualifier in the discus the past two years.

She participated in One-Act Play, FFA, and was the President of the Spanish Club.

She is active in her youth group and enjoys hanging out with my family and friends.

She participated in community service through my church, FFA, and Brynne Smiles.



*Luke Michael  
Burkett*

Luke is the son of Mike and Donna Burkett of Lamesa, TX.

He attended kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> grade in Lamesa before coming to Borden County in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

He plans to attend South Plains College in Levelland.

He was a member of the football team including the state championship team of 2009. He was nominated for all-district utility player my senior year. He ran cross country four years and qualified as a team regional qualifier for four years and was a regional qualifier in track my senior year. Luke also participated in tennis.

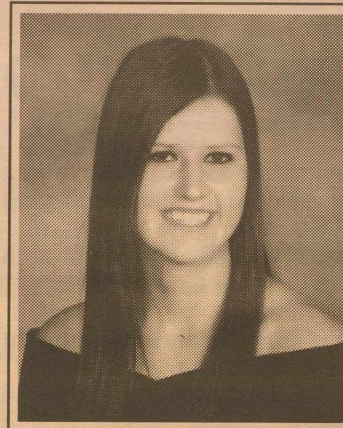
In UIL, he participated in One-Act Play, and advanced to the regional meet in science.

He was an FFA participant in chapter conducting for three years and was an area qualifier.

Luke is a member of the Beta Club and Spanish Club.

He has worked for his father's business in the summer by trimming trees and spraying fields.

Luke volunteered at Movieland Theater in Lamesa. He also participated in FFA clothing drives and participated in Teen Court.



*Stefanie Lynn  
Cooley*

Stefanie is the daughter of Chris and Tracy Cooley of Gail, TX.

She attended kindergarten in Borden County. She attended 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grade in Albany before returning to Borden County her 4<sup>th</sup> grade year.

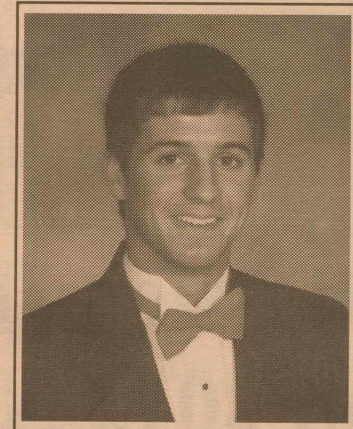
She plans to attend South Plains College and study radiology.

She was elected cheerleader all four years.

She played varsity basketball all four years. She was named newcomer of the year as a freshman; named to the 1<sup>st</sup> team all-district for two years, and her senior year was named offensive player of the year, received 1<sup>st</sup> team all-district and 1<sup>st</sup> team all-region honors. Stefanie will play in the All Star Basketball game.

She ran varsity track for four years and was a regional

qualifier three years.



*Austin Blain  
Fields*

Austin is the son of John David and Sonja Fields of Post, TX.

He attended kindergarten at Post 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist School before coming to Borden County in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

He plans to attend Hardin-Simmons University.

While in high school Austin participated in football all four year receiving many honors which include: 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-District Fullback and Utility Defensive Player his freshman and sophomore year, 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-District Fullback and Utility Defensive Player, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Region Fullback, Honorable Mention All-Region Utility Defensive Player and Honorable Mention All-State Fullback his junior year, and 1<sup>st</sup> Team All District Running Back and Cornerback, 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Region Cornerback, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All State Running Back his senior year.

He played baseball for three years and was named 2<sup>nd</sup> team all-district shortstop his freshman year, 1<sup>st</sup> team all district shortstop and Texas Sports Writers Association Honorable Mention All-State Shortstop his sophomore year, and 1<sup>st</sup> Team All District shortstop

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# *Borden County High School*

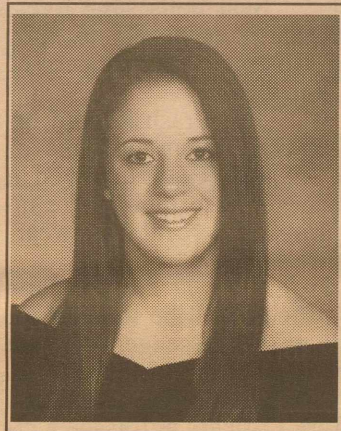
## *Class of 2012*

and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-District pitcher his junior year.

He was a regional qualifier in cross country, golf and track for two years.

He also participated in academic UIL events qualifying for the regional meet for two years.

He is a member of the Beta Club and a class officer for all four years.



*Madison Gail Seleste  
Flouidge*

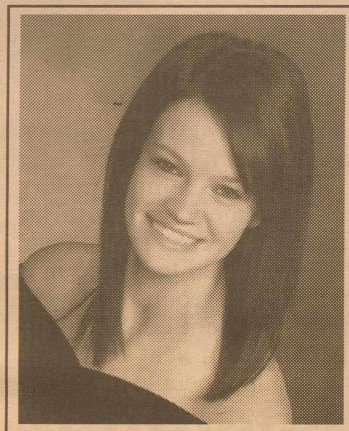
Seleste is the daughter of Maurice & Tondra Herridge of Gail, TX.

She attended kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade in Slaton and 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade in Borden County. She attended 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade in Post before returning to Borden County the end of her 7<sup>th</sup> grade year.

She plans to attend Tarleton State University and become an Equine Chiropractor.

She was a member of the basketball, track, and golf teams and was a regional qualifier in golf for three years.

Seleste has been active in FFA and was a state qualifier one year on livestock judging. She has also participated in many stock shows and won the Reserve Breed Champion Southdown in Houston my junior year.



*Aubree Ann  
Lester*

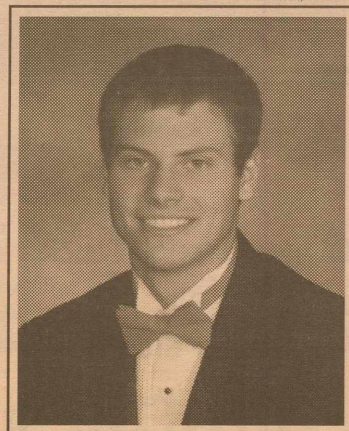
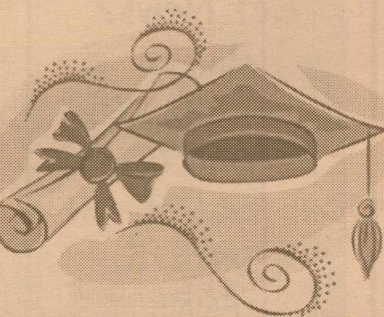
Aubree is the daughter of Gregg Lester and Marsha Williams

She attended kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Bowie Elementary in Lubbock and 4<sup>th</sup> grade through 9<sup>th</sup> grade in Post before coming to Borden County.

She plans to attend South Plains College to get an associate's degree in nursing.

While in high school she was a regional qualifier in track for three years. She was a member of the varsity basketball team and was named newcomer of the year my junior year. Aubree was named to the all-district first team and the all-region second team and she received Academic All State my senior year.

She was a member of Beta Club, Spanish Club, and FFA.



*Quinton James  
Shafer*

Quinton is the son of Terry and Tanya Shafer of Gail, TX

He plans to get a finance degree and then possibly run my own business someday.

He was home schooled kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. He then attended 2<sup>nd</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Ira before coming to Borden County.

While in high school Quinton played football all four years and received numerous honors including: 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All District Offensive Tight End and Defensive End in 2009, 1<sup>st</sup> Team All District Tight End and Defensive End, and 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Regional Offensive End, 1<sup>st</sup> Team All State Offensive Tight End in 2010; District Defensive MVP, Regional Defensive MVP, State Defensive MVP, State Honorable Mention MVP, and Football Team Captain in 2011.

Quinton played basketball and was named to the 1<sup>st</sup> Team All District and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All Region his Junior year and was team captain his senior year.

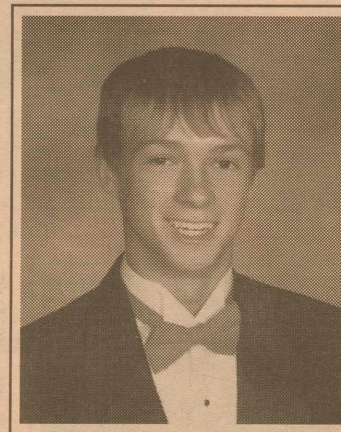
He participated in track and

was a regional qualifier his junior year.

He played baseball and was named to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All District his sophomore year and 1<sup>st</sup> Team All District his junior year.

He was class favorite his freshman and junior years, and class vice-president his freshman year.

He has worked at Borden County ISD the past three summers.



*Collin Mitchell  
Telchik*

Collin is the son of Kevin and Lisa Telchik of Lamesa, TX.

He attended kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade in Lamesa before coming to Borden County his 9<sup>th</sup> grade year.

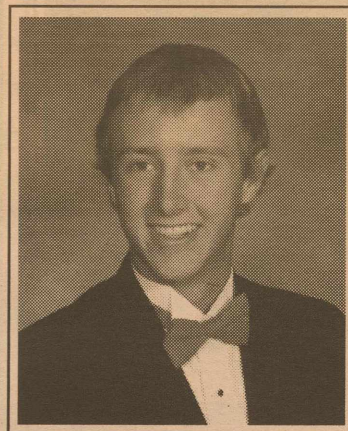
He plans to pursue a degree in accounting.

While in high school Collin participated in football, basketball, baseball, track, tennis, and cross-country all four years while at Borden County High School. He was a member of the Beta Club, Spanish Club, and served as a class officer for three years. He also participated in One Act Play his freshman and sophomore years.

In football for 2011, Collin received 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-District Running Back and 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-District Special Teams honors. While playing baseball at Borden County, Collin received All-District Honorable Mention Utility Player his freshman year and was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-District Utility Player his sophomore year. During his junior season, Collin was named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-District Middle Infielder, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-District Utility Player, and All-District Honorable Mention Pitcher.

In track, Collin was a mem-

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*Chance Wayne  
Taylor*

Chance is the son of Doyce Taylor of Vealmoor and Amber Taylor of Big Spring.

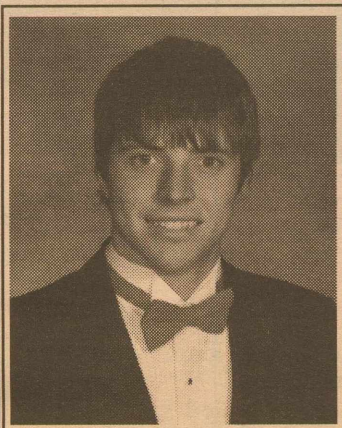
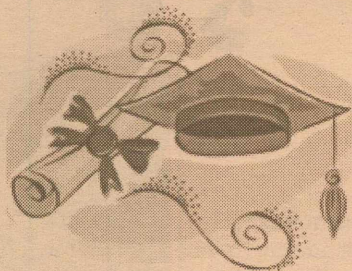
He plans to attend Howard College on a rodeo scholarship and obtain a degree in Agricultural Economics.

He was a member of the 2008 State Championship Football team, and participated in varsity track and basketball. As a member of FFA, he received the Horse Proficiency Award and was an area qualifier in chapter conducting.

Chance was also a member of the Beta Club and Spanish Club.



# Borden County High School Class of 2012



*Austin Heath Tyler*

Austin is the son of Phil & Marcy Tyler of Post and Metta Tyler of Post.

He attended kindergarten in Post at 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist School before coming to Borden County.

He plans to attend South Plains Junior College for one year and then transfer to Texas Tech and major in business.

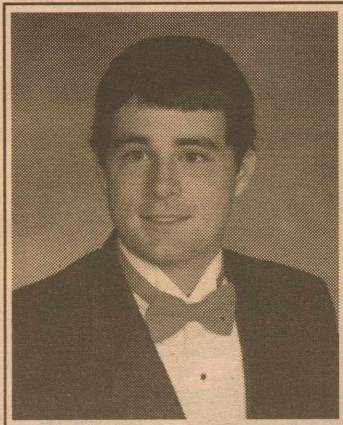
While in high school Austin was a member of the varsity football team including the State Championship teams of 2008 and 2009. He was named all-district cornerback and second team all-region cornerback. He was a member of the varsity basketball team and was named to the all-district team in 2010 and the all-district second team in 2011. Austin was a regional qualifier in track the past two years, and received all-district honorable mention as a baseball player in 2011.

He participated in Academic UIL meets in calculator applications, number sense, and mathematics advancing to

the regional meet two years as a member of the calculation applications team.

Austin was an area qualifier in FFA in chapter conducting and junior chapter conducting.

He served as a class officer, FFA officer, the Sentinel of the Spanish Club, and is also a member of the Beta Club.



*Dalton James Thuett*

Dalton is the son of Trevor & Jodi Thuett of Post, TX.

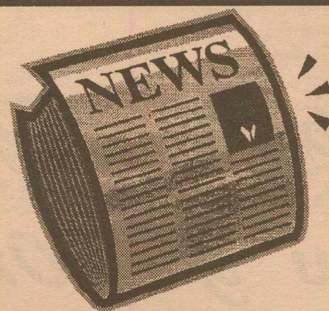
He attended kindergarten at 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist School in Post was home schooled 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade before coming to Borden County in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

He plans to attend junior college.

He has been active in Boys Scouts of America and received the rank of Eagle Scout.

He was a member of the cross country team which advanced to regional competition the past two years.

Dalton also has been an FFA member and participated in wool judging.



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## Heart and Home ...

by Julie Smith

Borden County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences

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## Texas Department of Transportation

### 2012 Click It or Ticket Campaign

### May 21 - June 3, 2012

This marks the 11th year of the Click It or Ticket campaign in Texas and stepped-up enforcement of seat belt use. Over the years efforts have saved an estimated 2,843 lives in Texas and prevented more than 48,000 serious injuries resulting from car crashes.

While the campaign has been extremely successful in reminding Texans to use their seat belts when they ride in a vehicle, one group of drivers and passengers continues to lag behind in seat belt use. That group is people in pickup trucks.

Approximately one out of every four vehicles registered in Texas is a pickup truck. According to a 2011 study conducted by the Texas Transportation Institute, only 80 percent of pickup truck drivers buckle up. Compare that to the more than 90 percent of passengers in all other types of vehicles who regularly put on their seat belts.

Pickup truck drivers and passengers may think their truck provides greater protection in a crash than people riding in passenger cars. They would be wrong. The fact is that pickup trucks are more likely to roll over in a crash than passenger cars. And with-

out a seat belt to hold them in place, drivers and passengers can be thrown from the truck.

One out of every two pickup truck drivers killed in a traffic crash in 2010 was not wearing a seat belt.

Seat belts save lives, and that is especially true for the drivers and passengers of pickup trucks.

The Crash Record Information System found that of the 778,448 Texans involved in crashes where there were no injuries, 95 percent were wearing seat belts.

From May 21 through June 3, officers will be looking for drivers and passengers who are not wearing seat belts as part of our increased enforcement effort. Officers will issue a citation to anyone who is pulled over for not properly buckling up. The cost of citations can range from \$25 to \$250, plus court costs.

Texas law requires that adults in the front and the back seat wear seats, or they could be ticketed. Children under the age of 8 must be in a child safety seat or booster seat unless they are taller than 4 feet 9 inches.

Remember to stay safe and buckle up - Click It or Ticket!

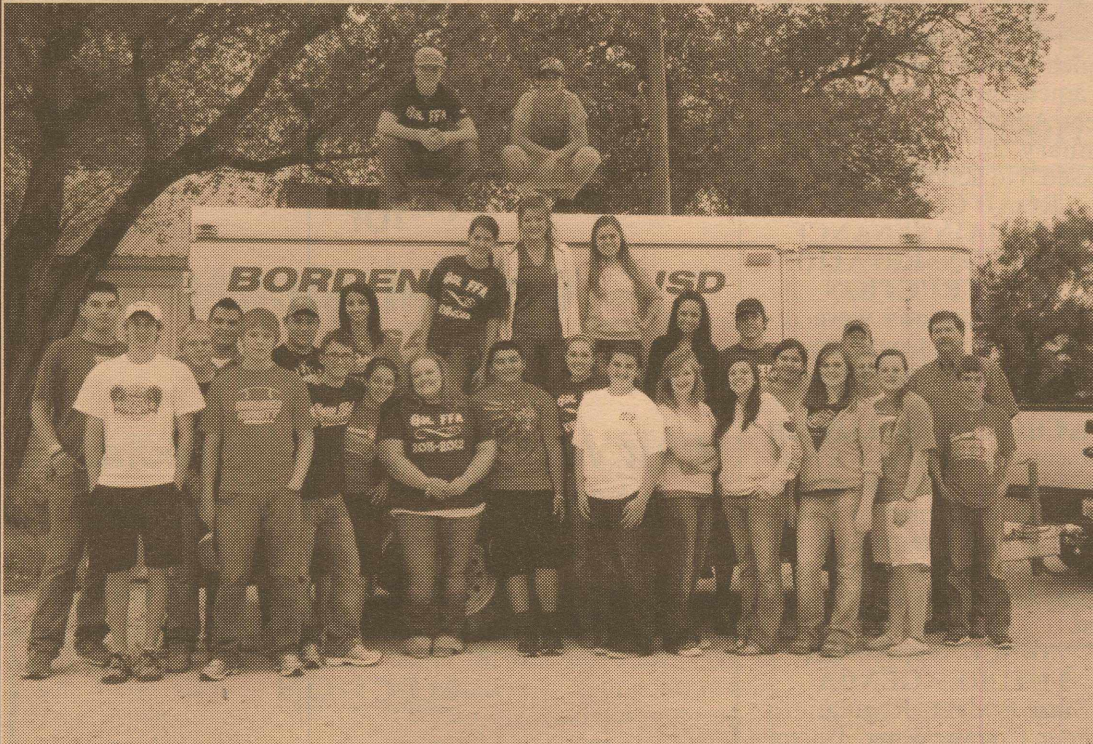


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## 'Give the Shirt Off Your Back'



Borden County FFA members recently traveled to Snyder to drop off the clothes they collected during this year's clothing drive. Members pictured are (top left to right) Matthew Ham, Cayden Vaughn, (middle row left to right) Michael Taylor, Nathan Ham, Helio Rosales, T.J. Basquez, Kalyn Massingill, Taylor Gass, Teryn Soto, Jordan Day, Tye Basquez, Austin Tyler, Bessie Rhodes, Riley Herridge, Jaden Huse, (front row left to right) Luke Burkett, Frank Banman, Zach McMeans, Selestie Herridge, Steelie Sanders, Tristen Benavidez, Kylie Voss, Bailey Robinson, Cassie Gaines, Sydnie Rebeles, Eva Banman, Maeghan Herridge, Buddy Wallace and Mason Coor.

## Gail FFA Completes Clothing Drive With Success

By Buddy Wallace

The Gail FFA Chapter has recently completed its' community service clothing drive for the 2010-2011 school year. This event, which has been named "Give the Shirt off Your Back" campaign, started with Gail FFA members collecting clothing and shoes for the needy.

The final delivery steps began with Gail FFA participating in a chapter social event in Snyder this past Thursday at the Snyder Lanes Bowling Alley. The chapter members bowled together and collected a few last minute clothing items from the general public. The students then traveled to the delivery site, and unloaded the donated items as a group followed and then consumed a pizza meal on the tailgate and in the trailer.

Due to the efforts of this event, the Gail FFA Chapter delivered over a ton of apparel and shoes to Noah's Attic in Snyder. These items will be

dispersed to needy families in the area through the services of Noah's Attic and Gateway of Snyder.

The Gail FFA Chapter wishes to express their thanks to the Borden County community members, teachers, and

students who supported this worthwhile community service event.

They would also like to thank Gateway and Noah's Attic for their support and for their continued mission of helping those in need.

**Re-Elect  
MONTE SMITH  
Precinct 1  
County Commissioner**

**Thank you for your support. It has been a privilege to serve as your commissioner in Precinct 1.**

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## Walker Earns High School Diploma



**Alexandra Leigh Walker**

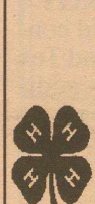
Alex Walker, daughter of Borden County graduate

(Mark) and Stacy Walker, will graduate this week from Liberty High School in Frisco, Texas.

She plans to pursue her childhood passion by majoring in nursing and attending the University of Arkansas. After undergraduate school, her long term goal is to be a Nurse Anesthetist to further her career in the medical field.


She loves to travel overseas, volunteer in her community and spend time with her friends and family.

Miss Walker has a brother, Reed who also attends high school in Frisco. Alex is the granddaughter of Bob and Cookie Dyess of Gail.



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**Borden County 4-H News**



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### Be 'Respectacle'



Mrs. Richey's 3rd grade class participated in a 5 lesson series on bullying. They are pictured wearing their 'respectacles' that they made to help them remember to respect others thoughts and feelings. The Take a Stand! Program was developed by Texas AgriLife Extension Service's 4-H and Youth Development Program and by the Texas Rural Mediation Services and focuses on conflict management and bullying. The five lesson series incorporates topics such as communication, teamwork, etiquette, social skills and empathy.

*Drive Safely. Watch Out for Our  
Playing Children*

## Commissioners' Court

**WHEREAS**, On this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 2012, the Commissioners' Court of 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:

**ROSS D. SHARP**, County Judge, Residing; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner Precinct No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct 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 agenda.

Sharlot Stone, County Treasurer and Ben Smith, County Attorney present.

### CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the May 8, 2012 Regular Session of Borden Co. Commissioners Court to order at 8:35 a.m.

### MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of April 24, 2012 were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### COUNTY OFFICE REPORTS

After examination of the County Offices' Reports, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve, accept and file submitted Reports in the County Clerk's Office. Com-

missioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### BURN BAN

After a discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion to lift the Burn Ban until May 22, 2012. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

### EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to table action on the Employee Handbook. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### BORDEN COUNTY WATER SYSTEM

Commissioner Smith made a motion to select the firm of Burgess & Niple for County Water System Evaluation. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### WIND TEX ENERGY

A discussion was held concerning proposal by Wind Tex Energy, LP for adding additional land to the Stephens Ranch Wind Energy Reinvestment Zone. No action taken. Motion carried.

### WIND TEX ENERGY, LP

The proposal by Wind Tex Energy, LP and Stephens

Ranch Wind Energy, LLC for an amendment to a Tax Abatement Agreement executed on January 26, 2010 was discussed. No action taken.

### ROAD CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

No applications were received for Road Construction/Maintenance or Soil Conservation Construction.

### ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

### DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Start Budget, Regulations Borden County Water, Tractor Precinct No. 1.

### ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2012.

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# Benny Taylor

for

## Commissioner

## Precinct 1

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### CALENDER FOR PRIMARY

### ELECTION

March 30	First day to submit application for early voting by mail.
April 30	Last day to register to vote.
May 14	Early voting by personal appearance begins.
May 22	Last day to receive application by mail.
May 25	Last day to vote by personal appearance.
May 29	ELECTION DAY

### PRE-KINDERGARTEN NOTIFICATION FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

Borden County School will offer the pre-kindergarten program during the 2012-2013 school year. The program will be for eligible students who are four years of age on or before September 1, 2012. Students can qualify for the program by meeting at least one of the following requirements:

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

If you know of a child who qualifies for the program, notify Mr. Bart McMeans, Principal, Borden County School, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, or call (806) 756-4313 to request a registration form. Complete and return the form by May 31, 2012.

### DISCLAIMER

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

### ESL PROGRAM NOTIFICATION

Borden County Elementary School will offer an ESL program for LEP (Limited English Proficient) students during the summer of 2012. The program will be scheduled for a minimum of 120 hours and will conclude prior to August 1, 2012. The program is designed for students who will enter Kindergarten or First Grade in the fall of 2012-2013. Parents of eligible children will be responsible for transportation.

If you know of a child who qualifies for the program, notify Mr. Bart McMeans, Principal, Borden County School, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, or call (806) 756-4313 to request a registration form. Complete and return the form by May 31, 2012.

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# Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

## Just for Today Part 2

In the last column I presented the following actions you can take for just one day:

- Just for today be happy.
- Just for today adjust to what is.
- Just for today take care of your body.
- Just for today take care of your mind.
- Just for today, help others and be considerate.

It's not uncommon for someone to feel that their desired goals are beyond their reach. Experiencing a positive accomplishment, even if only for just one day, will boost your self-confidence. As a result, you will realize the power you have over your own life. Small, manageable, steps are the key to any achievement.

The following are some more suggestions for steps you can take for one day.

Just for today be positive.

Approach your day with the belief and understanding that you possess what it takes to accomplish anything you want. Life is a glass that is half-full, not half-empty. Have a can do attitude. All things are possible.

Purge from your vocabulary limiting concepts such as impossible, failure, unworkable, unattainable, hopeless, impractical, and unrealistic. You can achieve anything your mind can conceive and believe.

Just for today find solutions.

Everyone has problems and every problem has a solution. Life is a series of challenges. Take one problem or challenge and write down the ideal solution. For today, you want to identify all possible solutions as if there were no limitations.

Some solutions may be more money, more time, more education, better relationships, or a different network of friends and acquaintances. Create any wish list you want. You must be able to envision a solution before realizing it.

Just for today live in the present

Don't allow your past to pollute your future. Don't fret

about tomorrow. Focus your energy on what's going on today. The past is over and can never be changed. Your actions today will impact your future.

Each day is a new beginning filled with opportunity and promise. You will never be as young as you are today. Squeeze the most from the present.

Just for today have a goal.

If you have a goal, write it down. If you don't have one, formulate one. Your goal must be your own and not imposed on you by someone else. Your goal can be short or long-term. There are no restrictions on what your goal can be.

A goal provides direction and purpose. Goals can change and be redefined over time. Goals prevent aimlessness and frustration. Goals precede accomplishments.

Just for today have an action plan.

An action plan enables you to attain your goal. A goal without an action plan is like a car without fuel. An action plan gives you the power to move forward. Your action plan is a step by step guide to reach your destination.

Today put your action plan in writing. You don't have to complete your action plan today but you can take the first step. Each step can be as large or as small as you want it to be. A person with a goal and an action plan is unstoppable.

Just for today live without fear.

Fear is debilitating and causes paralysis. Fear is learned and therefore can be unlearned. Don't be afraid of what others say, think, or do. Don't be afraid of failure. Don't be afraid of criticism or ridicule.

Fear is a mental monster rather than anything real. Freedom from fear is true independence. It takes practice and repetition to move past fear. Take one thing you are afraid of and, just for today, have no fear.

These last two columns provide you with an action plan to improve your life. Don't be overwhelmed. Just for today pick one concept and apply it. Just for today appreciate the fact that you have control over your life.

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## 2012 PROJECT



## GRADUATION

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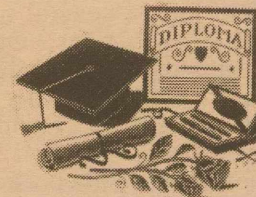
Parents and friends of the 2012 Senior Class of Borden County High School are asking for donations for Project Graduation.

Your tax-deductible gift would be appreciated by our students and parents. A list of all donors will be posted at the festivities and listed in the Thank You advertisement in the Borden Star.

Donations may be sent to:

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## Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
Tumbleweed Smith

### A Clown Takes Up Photography

When you walk into Tom Bradshaw's house in Crockett you notice about a thousand clowns. Beautiful, professional paintings of clowns hang on the wall. Several shelves contain statues of clowns made of everything from chalk to porcelain. Some of the nearly life-size clowns are standing on the floor. Tom even has some clown puppets. His elaborate collection features clowns of all sizes and colors.

Before entering his profession as a forensic photographer for the Houston Police Department, Tom spent some time as a clown.

"I used to don my clown attire and clown on roller skates," says Tom.

"Gulf used to have grand openings for their service stations. I worked at a roller rink and the gentleman that owned it bought a service station. For the grand opening, he got me to clown around.

From then on, Gulf hired me to do service station grand openings all over Houston. Back then, people used to pull in to the station and the attendant would put gas in the tank. I'd make the car bounce up and down. People thought I was just acting silly, but actually I was letting air out of that gas tank so the guy could put more gas in."

Tom put away his clown outfits and became a crime scene photographer.

He took lots of pictures of murder victims. He was also the mayor's official photographer. He photographed the activities of the Houston Police Bicycle Relay Team as it traveled across the country and beyond.

"We've been to Alaska three

times, Canada five times, been through every state in the United States and we've been to Kennebunkport, Maine to visit George Bush twice. While we were riding, we'd get officers to escort us through cities. The team would average 15 miles an hour and could make it on bicycles from Houston to New York in less than a week, riding day and night. The team had about 32 members and would switch off, each guy riding about eight hours. Sometimes we'd all take off and do some sight seeing. It was a fund raising effort and good PR for the PD, especially when we turned money in at the end of the year. In the 22 years we did fundraising for Leukemia and Muscular Dystrophy we raised over three million dollars."

Tom got interested in photography while serving in the military. He volunteers much of his time and has trophies and plaques of appreciation from several non-profit organizations. One of his photos has been on billboards and in various other print media for Special Olympics. He has photographed sports personalities and presidents.

These days he's taking photos of school and civic events around Houston County. His photos appear in the Grapeland Messenger newspaper, where his son is publisher.

"To me, photography is a type of art. Some people take pictures. I take photographs and enjoy it. Since I retired from the police department, I've taken more pictures than ever before."

I've seen Tom in action. He'll take dozens of photos to get one he likes.



## "Mail Bag"

### For Communications Value, Use First-Class Mail

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## Thought for the Day

*Again and again God has shown that the influence of a very average life, when once really consecrated to Him, may outweigh that of almost any number of merely professing Christians.*

-Frances Ridley Havergal

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