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## One For the Road: Saying Goodbye to the Wallace's

By Sue Jane Mayes

I have put off writing this feature as long as I can. Subconsciously, I suppose I just haven't wanted to acknowledge the truth: my colleagues, my neighbors, and my friends of 29 years really are leaving next week.

Normally, I would write a third-person objective story with a human interest angle and forward it on to *The Borden Star's* editor Kerri Dean and be done with it. Many features over the years have touched me and inspired me, but for the most part professionalism won out over emotion. As has always been the goal for me as a writer, conveying an informative yet interesting story was the intent.

Throw that out with this one.

Twenty-nine years of friendship with Buddy, Kip, Tyler, and Kate Wallace will make this feature more than a story. It has been a journey.

Like me, Buddy was hired straight out of college by Superintendent James McLeroy. Buddy's job began in the summer of 1983. Kip, his fiancé, would join the faculty in January of 1984, and they married in March of that year.

Buddy and I were paired up the following year to sponsor the class of 1985—students who had been my very first

class in 1978. Shawna (Vaughn) Gass, Samantha Porter, Simona Benavidez, Kirby Williams, Becky Massingill, and Dennis Buchanan, to name a few, introduced us to the seedy underworld of senior class sponsorship. This was the first of six such joint ventures on which Buddy and I collaborated.

That was also the first year that the senior class took a trip after graduation. Talk about pressure. Normally, the senior trips were during the early part of May with just the sponsors chaperoning since administrators could hold that sacred di-

ploma over the students' heads to hopefully insure good behavior while on the trip.

Not so in 1985. In late May and early June, Buddy and I— young and rather inexperienced in this realm—headed off to California and Disneyland with 16 students, Mr. and Mrs. McLeroy and Mr. and Mrs. Mickey McMeans. Their presence was welcome, but Buddy and I were charting new territory under the watchful eyes of our bosses.

Another challenging issue was the departure time. High school graduations were on

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One of many senior sponsoring fundraisers. Buddy looks the same; I do not.

## Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

### Commitment

*"Desire is the key to motivation, but it's determination and commitment to an unrelenting pursuit of your goal—a commitment to excellence—that will enable you to attain the success you seek."* — Mario Andretti

*"The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor."* — Vincent T. Lombardi

Why is commitment so important? Your chances of success at achieving any goal or reaching a particular destination are directly proportional to your level of commitment. An unshakable commitment will prevent you from being deterred.

Having a strong commitment serves you in numerous ways. It keeps you from changing your mind in response to adversity or obstacles. It keeps you focused and protects you from distractions.

People without a solid commitment are like weather vanes. They are constantly changing direction in response to which way the wind blows. They experience a high level of frustration caused by their perceived inability to attain satisfaction.

For commitment to work in your favor you must be com-

mitted to something positive that is beneficial to yourself and others. Commitment to anything detrimental will be counterproductive.

There are various areas that warrant commitment. First and foremost is the commitment to yourself and your goals. Then there is commitment to your family, spouse, friends, and work.

Commitment to yourself entails a dedication to taking care of your mental and physical well being while working to attain what is important to you. You should believe in yourself and view yourself as good and worthwhile.


Commitment to yourself helps provide a solid foundation from which you can work toward your goals. You need internal stability before you can be of service to anyone else. If you can't make a commitment to yourself you can't commit to others.



Friends may come and go but your family is with you for life. In a perfect world, your family would always be there for you through thick and thin. Unfortunately, this is not always the case. But what is your commitment to your family?

Are you there for them when they need you? Or is your

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Borden County 4-H News


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### Texas 4-H Roundup

Eight Borden County 4-H'ers had a unique opportunity to attend Texas 4-H Roundup at Texas Tech University in Lubbock on Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. This was the first year for Roundup to be held in a location other than Texas A&M University at College Station. There were approximately 3000 4-H'ers, volunteers, parents and County Extension Agents that attended the week long event.

Agent Cody Hill coached an Intermediate Livestock Judging team which competed in the T.D. Tanksley Jr. Invitational Livestock Judging Contest and Workshop. Avery Price, Hayley Gray, Payton Merket, and Thomas Nix competed against youth from across the state. The invitational included a 50-question quiz over general livestock information, judging, a 20-question quiz over the judged livestock and a session to go over results.


Agent Julie Smith and volunteer Gerry Smith took four Junior age 4-H'ers (Erin Nix, JW Nix, Morghan Oaks, and Tanner Harrison), to attend a workshop on the new 4-H Golf Challenge and see what Roundup is all about. This was the first time that Junior age youth were allowed to attend in an 'official' 4-H capacity. This is an outstanding opportunity to show the younger 4-H members what 4-H has to offer!

All of the BC 4-H'ers were able to go through the trade show, attend the evening and closing assembly which highlighted first place acts from the Share-the-fun competitions and end the night with a concert and dance by Aaron Watson. One of the highlights of the day was getting to meet Texas Tech mascot, Raider Red!

#### Local 4-Her's Attend Texas 4-H Roundup



Eight Borden County 4-Her's recently attended the Texas 4-H Roundup held at Texas Tech University. Those attending the roundup are (left to right) J.W. Nix, PeytonMerket, Thomas Nix, Tanner Harrison, Avery Price, Morghan Oaks, Hayley Gray and Erin Nix.


  
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# Dare to Live...

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availability dependent on convenience? If each family member were committed to the others, then the family would become a strong cohesive unit that could overcome any challenge. If your family is less than the ideal, why not set an example?

Many marriages and relationships tend to be more transient than permanent. Although there may be a variety of factors contributing to this, a lack of mutual commitment is certainly a core component. All people and relationships experience good times and bad.

It's easy to weather the good times. Commitment is essential to overcoming obstacles. A couple is not two individuals with separate lives who live together. It's a union of two individuals who combined are stronger than either person is alone. Commitment is the fuel and glue that powers and holds a relationship together.

Are you a fair weather friend or are you there for your friends when they are down and out? Do you believe that a friend in need is a friend indeed? A true friendship is built on mutual commitment rather than convenience or what someone can do for you.

Do you have a commitment to excellence at work? Do you do your best at whatever task you are involved with? You are compensated in direct proportion to your level of excellence. Increased rewards are the result of commitment, not vice versa.

Examine the different areas of your life. If there are aspects that are lacking, increase your level of commitment.

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## Youth Horse Club



Winning the prize for best costume at the Borden County Youth Horse club meeting are Jaityn and Krews Mires.

## Borden County Youth Horse Club Gets Underway

The Borden County Youth Horse Club summer playday series has been underway and has a record number of members this year. Every Tuesday night in June you can come watch kids ranging from age 2 to 15 compete in different events on their horses. The

BCYHC is a stepping stone to the Jr High and High School Rodeos where some of our local kids recently competed at the State Finals. This year we had a special costume contest and gave a prize to the best costume. The recipient of that award was

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# Saying Goodbye to Friends...

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Thursday nights back then, and we left on Saturdays for the senior trip. That meant Friday night was our time to shop and pack. Buddy and Kip and David and I began a crazy tradition of doing just that—pulling all nighters to get ready to leave. We went to Snyder, made our way around Anthony's (not Beall's or Wal-Mart in 1985) for those department store clothes and then topped off the evening with a meal at the Shack.

I mention this latter point only because it is one of those things that makes the Wallace-Mayes story so binding. Buddy and Kip witnessed our anxiety at leaving Julie—who was only two at the time—with grandparents. This was our first time for both of us to be gone from her for an extended period of time, and our first flying venture as young parents without our baby. We didn't eat much. A few years later, Buddy and Kip would fully understand why.

After that 1984-1985 rookie year, one would think Buddy and I would have been quite excited about handing off the Senior Sponsor title to the next duo.

Just the opposite.

We went in and *volunteered* to take the Class of 1986. No wonder we were always Mr. McLeroy's favorites. You do some crazy things when you are young.

But it was another great year with the likes of Charla (Buchanan) Soto, Chris Cooley, Doyce Taylor, Cathy (York) Amonett, and Cindy (Balaque) Massingill. And this time Julie's parents paid to have her accompany us to Disneyworld in Orlando. Kip still laughs remembering Julie's famous words upon meeting Snow White for the very first time, spoken in her little three-year old West Texas drawl: "She's so bootiful."

Soon Buddy and Kip would join us as parents, thus continuing our families' bond. We parents took Lamaze classes together in preparing for Tyler and Emily's arrival in the spring of 1987. We would drop off Julie at the grandparents (again), go to class, and then head to Pizza Hut for discussions about anything except

childbirth.

In the spring of 1990, Kip was 7 1/2 months pregnant with Kate. And, once again, Buddy and I were senior sponsors. No problem as Kip, with three-year-old Tyler in tow, accompanied Buddy and me. The only reason Buddy and I had been selected as sponsors that year was because Mr. McLeroy was retiring. He told us he had to go out with the best. We were always suckers for a compliment from that man.

More sponsoring and trips would come. I would watch Buddy handle difficult situations with the maturity of a wise, older man. Of course, I soon learned that this trait had been modeled for Buddy by his own father.

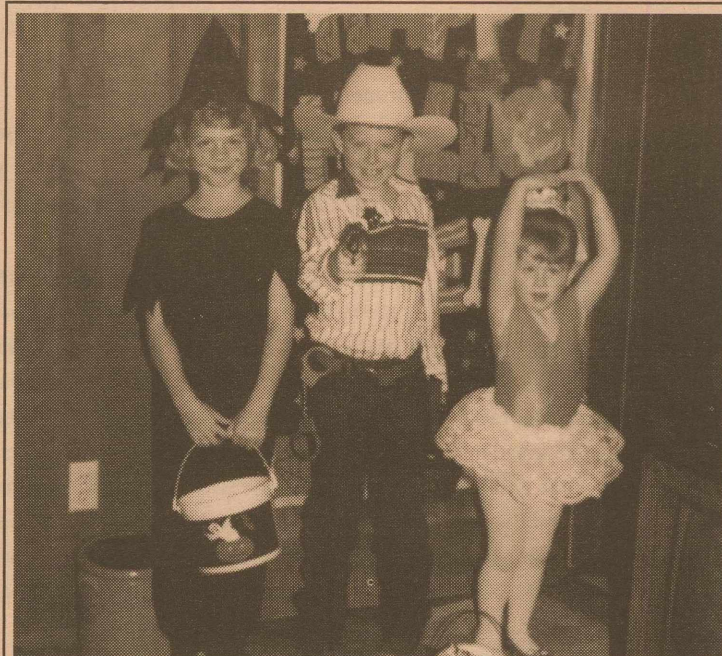
One of the sweet perks of having been close to the Wallaces was that we all got to know J.C. and Jewel. Those guys attended Borden County stock shows, football games, and FFA banquets and became, in essence, grandparents to many BHS students. Kip's sense of adventure and broad view of the world came from parents who traveled and lived their lives to the fullest. I was with Buddy and Kip in 1996—ironically on our way home from Mr. McLeroy's funeral—when Kip received news that her dad, Andrew, had passed away. Mr. Prather, an eight-year heart transplant survivor, was in Ireland on one such travel adventure when his sec-

ond heart failed. Kip's mother Beth, a staunch Democrat, continues to work actively on community projects in Robert Lee and travels with her grandchildren who call her Zsa Zsa. That should tell you all you need to know about this cool lady.

A tip of the hat to the memory of Buddy and Kip's fathers and to the living legacies of their mothers.

Not all of my memories with Buddy and Kip relate to senior trips. They were just the springboard for what was to come: nights of playing 42, birthday parties, EMT classes, childbirth classes, homemade ice cream and chocolate cake meals, trips to the Box in Big Spring and later to Sam's in Lubbock with one infant seat and two car seats in the Ag truck, gardening, church services, Buddy's storytelling, Kip's famous sugar cookies, scoring drive recaps in the press box, Belkar and Sampson and Ripken and Meek and Show and Scarlett (family dogs), Prairie Fire and Union Specific, Mrs. Garcia the Babysitter (who loved Kate ad nauseam but put Tyler and Emily in time out), Thursday school trips to Snyder, borrowing milk and sugar and the weedeater, the Borden Open Golf Tournament each August, grief over the untimely passing of two of Buddy's sisters, the

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Emily, Tyler, and Kate Halloween 1993 at Ross and Sarah Sharp's house.

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Heart and Home ...

by Julie Smith

Borden County Extension Agent—Family and Consumer Sciences

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## New Blog for Borden County Family & Consumer Sciences

The changing of the times includes developing a bigger web presence and finding new ways to deliver programming information and share ideas. With that has come the development of a new blog for the Texas AgriLife Extension Service Borden County Family and Consumer Sciences program - Living from the Heart. You can find this newly established blog at <http://agrilifeextensionbordenfcs.wordpress.com>. If you wish, you may subscribe to receive email updates or you can casually lurk when you have time online. This blog will be updated at least twice a month with a new blog post and will serve as an additional tool to access information about FCS programs and topics. If there is a topic that you would like to see information on, please feel free to comment on the blog or send Julie Smith an e-mail at [julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu](mailto:julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu). We look forward to continuing to serve you in a variety of methods. Please remember that Extension programs are open to all people regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, disability, or socioeconomic level.

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TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOSEPH LLOYD BOWEN, DECEASED, Defendant.

Defendant Greeting: NOTICE

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 AM on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after the date of issuance of this Citation, default judgment may be taken against you."

Said Plaintiff's Petition in Condemnation was filed with the 132<sup>nd</sup> District Court of Borden County, Texas on May 17, 2012, the file number of said suit being Case No. 1218.

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition in Condemnation at or before ten o'clock AM of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance of this Citation before the Honorable 132<sup>nd</sup> District Court of Borden County, Texas at the Courthouse of said County in Gail, Texas.

The names of the parties in said suit are:

**Wind Energy Transmission Texas, LLC (Plaintiff)**

v.

Sandra Brown, Donald Bowen, Allen Dale Bowen and **The Unknown Heirs of Joseph Lloyd Bowen, Deceased (Defendants).**

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: **Eminent Domain / Condemnation** as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition in Condemnation on file in this suit in connection with property described as follows:

A 2.428 acre transmission line easement out a 40 acre tract of land out of the Texas and Pacific Railroad Company Survey, Section 21, Block 32, Township 3 North, Abstract 291, Situated in Borden County, Texas.

Plaintiff is represented by:

Clark Aspy of NAMAN, HOWELL, SMITH & LEE, P.L.L.C. whose address is 8310 N. Capital of Texas Highway, Suite 490, Austin, Texas 79731

and Danny M. Needham of MULLIN HOARD & BROWN, LLP whose address is 500 S. Taylor, Suite 800 Amarillo, Texas 79101.

Said Condemnation Hearing to be held on July 30, 2012 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners Court in Borden County, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Gail, Texas, this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

Joyce Herridge, Clerk of the Court

DISTRICT COURT, BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS  
P. O. Box 124  
Gail, Texas 79738

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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

CHEVRON Midcontinent, L.P., #15 SMITH ROAD, MIDLAND, TEXAS 79705, has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Spraberry formation, in the following section and lease:

Jo-Mill (Spraberry) Field, Jo-Mill Unit Lease (60465), Well No. 7114, 7.5 mile NE from Vealmoor. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from approximately 7432 to 7600 feet.

Jo-Mill (Spraberry) Field, Jo-Mill Unit Lease (60465), well No. 7134, 8 miles NE from Ackerly. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from approximately 7560 to 7600 feet.

Jo-Mill (Spraberry) Field, Jo-Mill Unit Lease (60465), Well No. 7211, 17 miles SW of Gail. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from approximately 7560 to 7606 feet.

Jo-Mill (Spraberry) Field, Jo-Mill Unit Lease (60465), Well No. 7231, 7 miles NE from Ackerly. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from approximately 6500 to 7800 feet.

**LEGAL AUTHORITY:** Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the

Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from the persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application

should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Drawer 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 Telephone (512)463-6792.

## Wallace's Say Goodbye...

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pain of my divorce, and the joy of UIL state medals with Tyler and Kate.

All of the above connected us.

And now, that connection will have to be long distance. Buddy and Kip will pull out next week. Their move will be completed by June 30 to Bronte, Texas. Down the road just a few miles, their moth-

ers in Robert Lee will now welcome them with open arms as we release them to move on to a new journey.

I know many of you feel the same way I do. You love them as much as I do, and you will miss them as much as I do.

The only difference is that I have had 29 years of waking up, stepping out the door, and

looking across the street and being assured that two of the finest people I have ever known have had my back and loved my children.

Thank you, Buddy and Kip, for showing us how the partnership of marriage works, how educators should conduct themselves, and for reminding us that friendship truly is one of God's sweetest gifts.

### Thought for the Day

Keep your lamp burning, and let God place it where He will.  
Unknown

### Property Owner Protest Hearings Are Set for July 13, 2012

Property owners who disagree with the Borden County Appraisal District's appraisal of their property for local taxes or for any other action that adversely affects them may protest their property value to the appraisal district's Appraisal Review Board (ARB). The ARB will begin hearing taxpayer protests on July 13, 2012 in the Borden County Courthouse.

After the ARB completes its hearings and approves final property tax appraisals, local governments will use these appraisals to set 2012 property tax rates.

The ARB is a group of citizens who live in the appraisal district and are appointed by the appraisal district's board of directors, except in Harris and Fort Bend Counties where a local administrative judge makes the appointments. Property owners may protest any of the following issues to the ARB:

- the appraised or market value of the property;
- unequal appraisal of the taxpayer's property compared to similar property in the district;
- inclusion of the property on the appraisal records;
- denial of a partial exemption, such as a homestead exemption;
- denial of special appraisals, such as agricultural or timber productivity appraisal;
- determination that agricultural or timber land has had a change of use and is subject to a rollback tax;
- identification of the taxing unit or units in which the property is located;
- determination that the taxpayer is the owner of the property; or
- any other action of the appraisal district that adversely affects the owner.

A property owner must file a written notice of protest before June 1, 2012 or within 30 days after the appraisal district mails the taxpayer a notice of appraised value, whichever is later. The ARB schedules a hearing and sends the protesting property owner written notice of the date, time and place of the hearing. The law contains specific timelines and procedures for the owner and the ARB throughout the appraisal protest process. These are detailed in the state Comptroller's publication *Property Taxpayer Remedies*. Copies are available from the BORDEN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT at 120 E. Wilbourn (PO Box 298) Gail, TX 79738 or 806-756-4484. The publication is also available on the Comptroller's website at [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/) or by calling 1-800-252-9121 and press "2" to access the menu and then press "1" to contact the Information Services Team.