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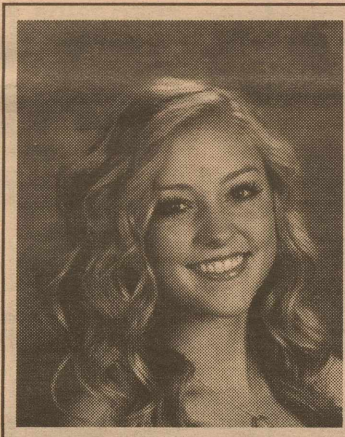
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Borden High School Class of 2016 Names Top Students



Tatum Richey
Class of 2016
Valedictorian

The administration and faculty of Borden County High School are pleased to announce Tatum Richey and Nathan Souder as the top students of the graduating class of 2016.

Tatum Richey, daughter of Trey and Hayley Richey of Gail, has been named as the Valedictorian of Borden County High School for the Class of 2016.

Richey 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.

Active in athletics, Richey played varsity basketball all four years of high school and was captain the past two years. She was selected First Team All-District her sophomore year, All-District Co-Defensive MVP her senior year, Second Team All-Region her senior year, and Six-Man Coaches Association Academic All-State her junior year.

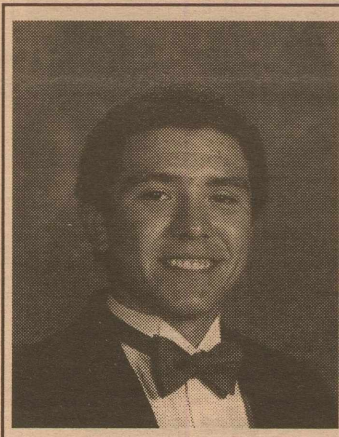
In track, Richey made it to regional all four years in high school and was a member of the state champion track team her freshman year.

She was also a regional qualifier in cross country her junior and senior years. She played varsity golf all four years, qualifying for regional the past three years.

Richey was a varsity cheerleader, serving as captain her junior and senior years and was selected as an All-American Cheerleader all four years in high school.

Involved in UIL academic competition all four years, she competed in Prose her freshman year, was a member of the Calculator and Spelling teams the past three years, qualified for regional in Spelling her sophomore and junior years, and was the district champion and regional qualifier in Calculator her senior year.

Richey will attend Texas Tech University.



Nathan Souder
Class of 2016
Salutatorian

The 2016 Salutatorian of Borden County High School is Nathan Souder, son of Nathan Souder and Maggie Salinas, both of Snyder.

Souder 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 college career.

Souder served as president of the Gail FFA chapter, district FFA vice-president, and area FFA president. He is a state qualifier in the FFA Extemporaneous Speaking con-

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BCISD Commencement Exercises

Commencement exercises for
Borden County High School
will be held

Friday, May 27, 2016

at 7:00 p.m.

in the school auditorium.

Fire Management on CRP Acres

Landowners who participate in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) are responsible for fire management on their CRP acreage. Fireguard technical practices should be outlined in the Conservation Plan of Operations (CPO).

Landowners must complete the necessary management activities outside of the Primary Nesting Season. In Texas, the Primary Nesting Season is March 1 through June 1 for grazing benefits and March 1 through July 1 for all other activities. The goal is to suppress the amount of fuel in the event of a wildfire while still promoting the diversity of the conservation cover.

FSA encourages producers to be proactive in preventing the spread of wildfire. Fire management includes installing firebreaks, which should be

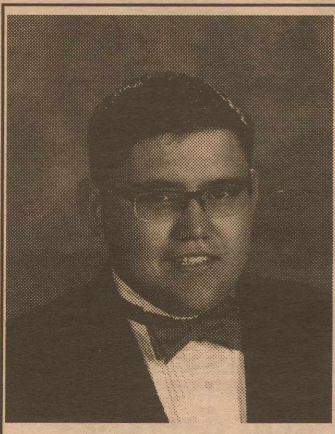
included in the contract support document and installed according to NRCS firebreak standards.

Barren firebreaks will only be allowed in high risk areas, such as transportation corridors, rural communities, and adjacent farmsteads. A conservationist must certify that there will not be an erosion hazard from the barren firebreak. If erosion becomes a problem, remedial action will be taken

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Borden County High School Class of 2016



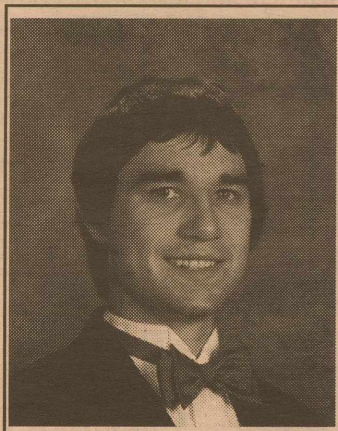
**Joel
Andrade**

Joel Andrade, son of Alberto and Irma Andrade of Gail, plans to attend South Plains College and major in diesel mechanics.

He attended Post Elementary before coming to Borden County in the 4th grade.

Joel has attended Post ISD through the fourth grade and has attended Borden County ISD since the fifth grade. While at Borden County he participated in football, baseball, track, and basketball.

Joel was a member of the Gail FFA and was a livestock show exhibitor for three years.



**Rhaeden Dyce
Bland**

Rhaeden Bland, son of Mike and Tammy Bland of Post, plans to attend Tarleton State University and major in

animal science.

Rhaeden has attended Borden County Schools since kindergarten.

He is graduating with 12 dual-credit college hours from Western Texas College.

Rhaeden has attended school at Borden County since kindergarten.

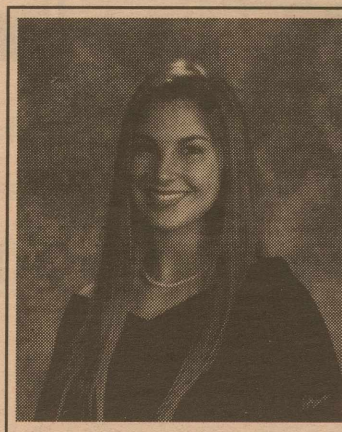
A member of the Gail FFA, he received the Lone Star degree and participated in numerous FFA activities including Cotton Judging, Senior Skills, and Chapter Conducting. He participated in showing livestock his senior year.



freshman year, prose interpretation her sophomore year, and poetry her junior year. She is the regional champion and state qualifier in poetry this year.

Lexi also was a regional qualifier in track her senior year and also played softball.

She was a member of the Spanish Club for three years.



**Karly Shea
Etheredge**

Karly Etheredge is the daughter of Chad and Laurie Etheredge of Gail. She plans to attend Angelo State University and major in nursing.

Karly attended kindergarten in Snyder before coming to Borden County in the 8th grade.

She is a Distinguished Achievement graduate and is graduating with 30 dual-credit college hours from Western Texas University.

Karly came to Borden County ISD her 8th grade year from Snyder.

She was a member of Borden County's 2010 state champion track team.

Karly was a member of Beta Club and served as vice-president for the Class of 2016.

In UIL academic competition, she participated in Ready Writing and was a regional and state qualifier this year in Current Issues and Events.

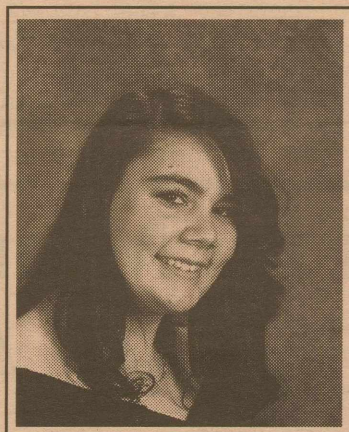


**Makayla Kandue
Rhyné
Herrington**

Makayla Herrington, daughter of Alvin and Kristi Harrington of Ira, plans to attend Howard College and major in child development.

Makayla has attended Borden County ISD since kindergarten.

Makayla was a member of the Spanish Club for three years. She was also a member of the Gail FFA and served as an office aide.



**Alexis Nicole
Cheatham**

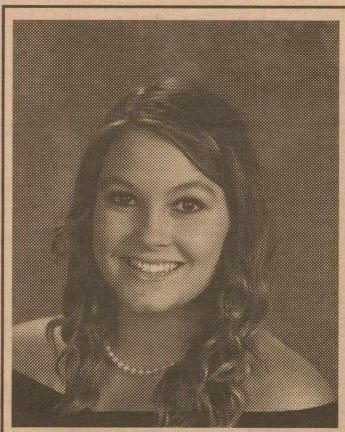
Lexi Cheatham, daughter of Jennifer and Monte Cheatham of Gail, plans to attend Angelo State University.

Lexi attended school in Snyder before coming to Borden County in the 5th grade.

She is a Distinguished Achievement graduate and is graduating with 24 dual-credit college hours from Western Texas College.

In One-Act Play, Lexi received honorable mention her freshman and sophomore years and was selected to the All-Star Cast her senior year at Borden County.

Participating in UIL academics, Lexi competed in extemporaneous speaking her



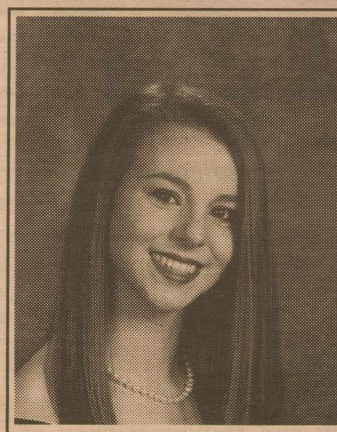
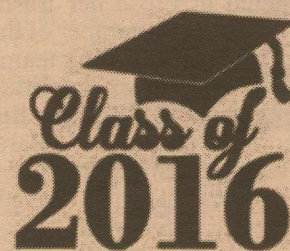
**Kylee Brooke
Dean**

Kylee Dean, daughter of Robby and Kerri Dean of Gail, plans to attend Lubbock Christian University and major in social work.

Kylee attended Pre-School and kindergarten at First Baptist Church School in Post before coming to Borden County school in the 1st grade.

Active in athletics, she participated in track for three years, cross country for two years, and softball her senior year. A varsity basketball player for three years, she earned Second Team All-District honors this past season.

Kylee was an FFA member all four years of high school and exhibited swine and lambs two years.



**Zoie Mexia
Key**

Zoie Key is the daughter of Brice and Darby Key of Gail. She plans to attend South Plains College.

Zoie has attended Borden

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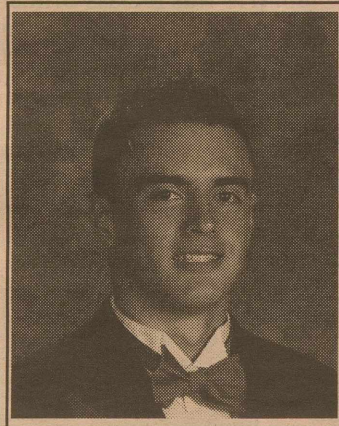
County Schools since kindergarten.

She is a Distinguished Achievement graduate and is graduating with 27 dual-credit college hours from Western Texas College.

Zoie has attended Borden County since kindergarten.

Active in athletics, she was a regional qualifier in cross country and track all four years of high school. In basketball, she was named Second Team All-District her junior year and First Team All-District as a senior.

A member of the Beta Club, Zoie also was a member of the Current Events and Issues team that won regional in UIL competition her senior year and has qualified for state competition at the end of May.



**Korbin Hightower
Martinez**

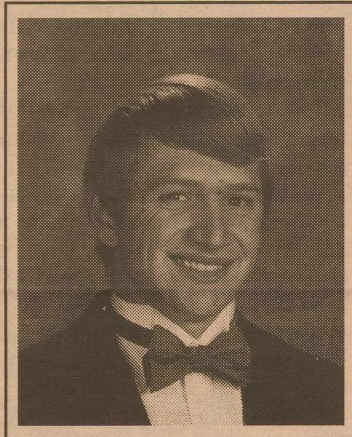
Korbin Martinez, son of Ricky and Hollye Martinez of Gail, plans to attend the University of Texas - Permian Basin in Odessa where he will play football and major in kinesiology. He will graduate with 30 dual-credit college hours from Western Texas College and is a Distinguished Achievement graduate.

Korbin attended kindergarten through 8th grade in Spur before coming to Borden County in the 9th

grade.

Accomplished in athletics, he was a four-time state qualifier in track, was selected All-State in football three years, was chosen All-Region in basketball two years, and also was named All-Region in baseball for the Borden County Coyotes.

Korbin was a member of the Beta Club.



**Shawn Colby
Pennell**

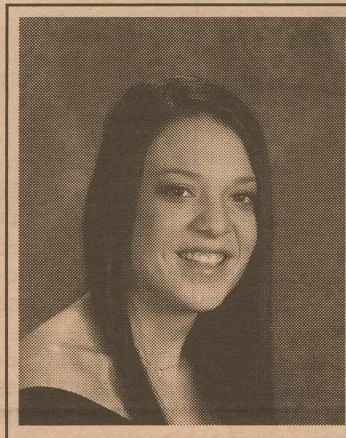
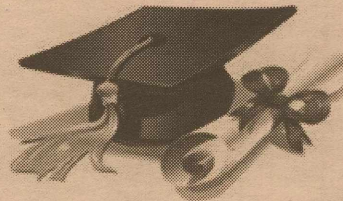
Colby Pennell, son of Sean and Amy Pennell of Post, plans to attend West Texas A&M University and then attend the Fire Fighting Academy.

Colby attended Pre-K and kindergarten at First Baptist Church School in Post before coming to Borden County in the 1st grade.

He will graduate with 18 dual-credit college hours from Western Texas College and is a Distinguished Achievement graduate.

In FFA, Colby received the Lone Star degree and was a state qualifier in Cotton Judging both his junior and senior years.

A member of the Coyotes' football team, Colby was selected as Second Team All-Region tight end, Second Team All-Region offensive end, and Honorable Mention All-Region wide receiver during his high school career.



**Kyrsten Rae
Rebeles**

Kyrsten Rebeles, daughter of Mitch and Mistie Day of Post, plans to attend West Texas A&M University and major in pre-veterinary medicine.

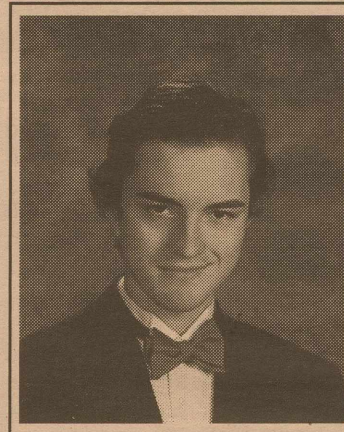
Kyrsten attended kindergarten through 2nd grade before coming to Borden County in the 3rd grade.

She is graduating as a Distinguished Achievement graduate and has earned 30 dual-credit college hours from Western Texas College.

In academic UIL, she participated in mathematics for three years and literary criticism for two years.

Kyrsten was a member of the Gail FFA and competed with the Senior Quiz team this past year.

She was a member of the Beta Club and Spanish Club.



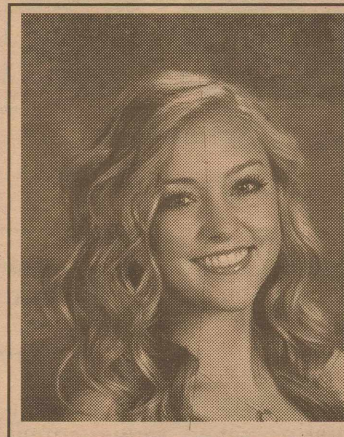
**Samuel Ed
Raborn**

Samuel Raborn is the son of Bill and Kathy Raborn of Ira. He is graduating with 27 dual-credit college hours from Western Texas College and is a Distinguished Achievement graduate.

Samuel has attended Borden County ISD since he was in kindergarten.

While in high school he was a member of the Beta Club and was selected as a National Merit Scholar.

Samuel participated in FFA for four years and academic UIL for four years. He is a UIL state qualifier in Science this year.



**Tatum Claire
Richey**

Tatum Richey, daughter of Trey and Hayley Richey of

Gail, has been named as the Valedictorian of Borden County High School for the Class of 2016.

Richey 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.

Active in athletics, Richey played varsity basketball all four years of high school and was captain the past two years. She was selected First Team All-District her sophomore year, All-District Co-Defensive MVP her senior year, Second Team All-Region her senior year, and Six-Man Coaches Association Academic All-State her junior year.

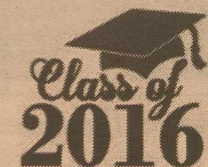
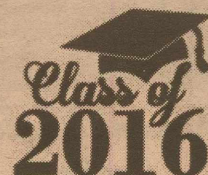
In track, Richey made it to regional all four years in high school and was a member of the state champion track team her freshman year.

She was also a regional qualifier in cross country her junior and senior years. She played varsity golf all four years, qualifying for regional the past three years.

Richey was a varsity cheerleader, serving as captain her junior and senior years and was selected as an All-American Cheerleader all four years in high school.

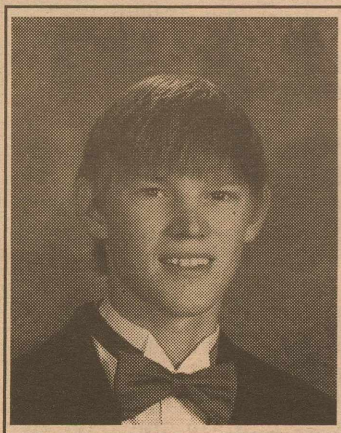
Involved in UIL academic competition all four years, she competed in Prose her freshman year, was a member of the Calculator and Spelling teams the past three years, qualified for regional in Spelling her sophomore and junior years, and was the district champion and regional qualifier in Calculator her senior year.

Richey will attend Texas Tech University.



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**Flint Dean
Roberts**

Flint Roberts, son of Freddy and Lee Roberts of O'Donnell, plans to attend West Texas A&M University and major in animal science.

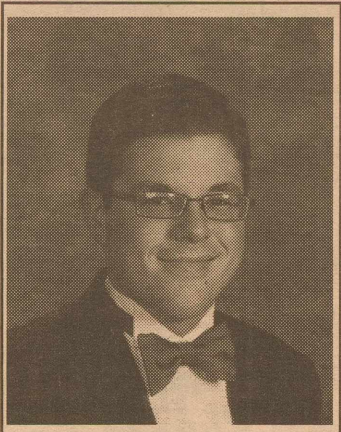
Flint has attended Borden County Schools since kindergarten.

He is a Distinguished Achievement graduate and has earned 30 dual-credit college hours from Western Texas College.

Flint has attended Borden County since kindergarten.

Active in FFA, Flint received the Lone Star degree and was a member of the Livestock Judging team, Radio team and was a three-time area qualifier in Senior FFA Quiz.

He was also a member of the Beta Club.



**Caelan Lawrence
Thuett**

Caelan Thuett is the son of

Trevor Thuett of Post and Jodi Dillin of Oklahoma. He plans to attend Angelo State University.

Caelan was home schooled before coming to Borden County in the 3rd grade.

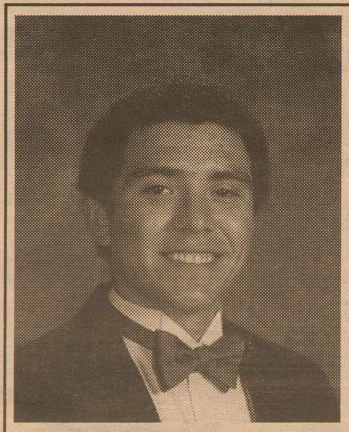
He is graduating with 30 dual-credit college hours from Western Texas College and is a Distinguished Achievement graduate.

Calen was homeschooled before coming to Borden County in the second grade.

Caelan served as manager for the Borden County Coyotes football team and was a member of the Beta Club.

A member of the Gail FFA, Caelan was a state qualifier in Cotton Judging and a member of the Radio team.

He also obtained the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America.

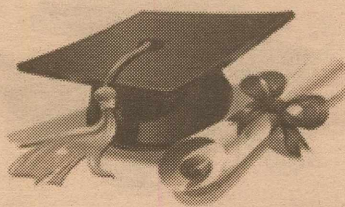


**Nathan Allen
Souder, Jr.**

The 2016 Salutatorian of Borden County High School is Nathan Souder, son of Nathan Souder and Maggie Salinas, both of Snyder.

Souder 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 college career.

Souder served as president



of the Gail FFA chapter, district FFA vice-president, and area FFA president. He is a state qualifier in the FFA Extemporaneous Speaking contest.

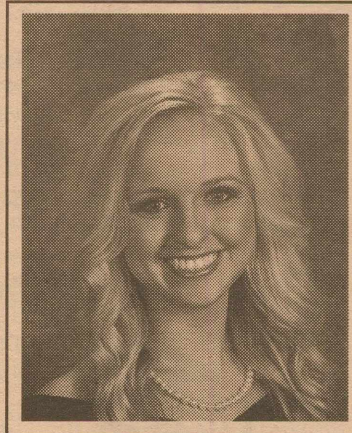
In UIL academic competition, Nathan was a two-time state qualifier in Lincoln-Douglas Debate and also qualified for state in Congressional Debate. He served as the Science team captain.

Souder participated in One-Act Play for four years and was named to the All-Star cast his junior and senior years.

Souder played football all four years and was a member of the Coyotes' Regional Quarterfinal Champion football team. He ran track for three years and was a state qualifier in the 1,600-meter relay.

Souder plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin as a Terry Scholar and major in mechanical engineering.

Commencement exercises for Borden County High School will be held Friday, May 27, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.



**Cheyenne Kaylee
Tucker**

Cheyenne Tucker, daughter of Brent and Shela Tucker of Gail, plans to attend Blinn College and then transfer to Texas A&M University.

Cheyenne attended kindergarten through 3rd grade in Henderson and 4th grade in Lamesa before coming to Borden County in the 5th grade.

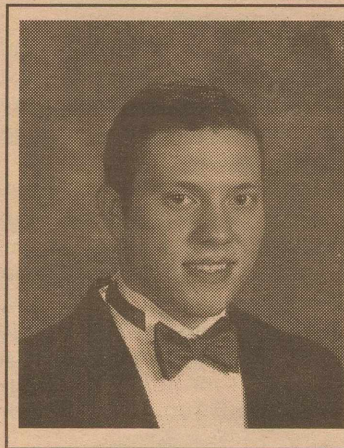
She is graduating with 30 dual-credit college hours from Western Texas College and is a Distinguished Achievement graduate.

Cheyenne was a member of the state champion track team her freshman year and qualified for the regional tournament in golf three years in a row. She also participated in cross country, softball, and basketball.

She was a member of the UIL One-Act Play and competed in UIL Poetry.

A member of the Gail FFA, Cheyenne showed goats in various livestock shows.

She was a Homecoming Queen nominee and a member of the Beta Club. Cheyenne participated in RSM Nation student ministry at First Baptist Church of Lamesa.



**Merik Ryan
Valentine**

Merik Valentine, son of Mike and Tammy Valentine of Fluvanna, plans to attend

Texas Tech University and pursue a career in physical therapy or athletic training. He is graduating with 30 dual-credit college hours from Western Texas College and is a Distinguished Achievement graduate.

Merik has attended Borden County since kindergarten.

Active in FFA, he was on the Cotton Judging team his junior year and a member of the Radio team that placed first in district his junior year and second in district his senior year. He showed livestock at the Borden County Livestock show, earning Overall Lamb Showman honors the past two years and Senior Lamb Showman this year. He won both Overall Showman and the Helping Hand award his junior year.

Merik was a member of the Beta Club and Spanish Club. He was a class officer all four years in high school and a class favorite the past three years.



**Best
Wishes**

We're betting on you to make big footsteps in the future life of the community.

**Lamesa
Butane**

Stacy Morris, Mgr.
501 S. Lynn Street
Lamesa, Texas

Borden Historical Commission Asking for Help From Community on June 11th

Our 125th anniversary celebration will be here soon and the Historical Commission need people willing to help for an hour or two on June 11.

The areas that are we need volunteers:

1. Thursday; marking off parking lots downtown and at the event center; set out tables and chairs at the event center; miscellaneous outside set up

2. Assistance on Friday as living historians arrive

3. Set out tents and chairs on courthouse lawn Saturday morning

4. Guides to assist people crossing Hwy 180 downtown (you know you always wanted to be a crossing guard)

5. Museum-tutorial available on what to know

6. Information table

7. Parking assistance downtown and the Event Center

8. Assisting people exiting and entering charter bus at the bus stops

9. Clean up after the dance
10. Clean up trash in town on Sunday and clean the Event Center

When you see the following people this week: Buster Taylor, Melisa Hancock, Shirley Bennett, Mary Ann Awtry, Joel Dennis, Carol Lewis, Sue Jane Sullivan, Gerry Smith, Julie Smith, Wanda Smith, Larry Smith, Ross Sharp, tell them you are willing to work and your preference of the above locations. Or you can call this number and leave a message: 806 756-4301 or email Lisa Mahler at bordencohistory@gmail.com

First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School

August 7th - 11th
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The Blue Paw

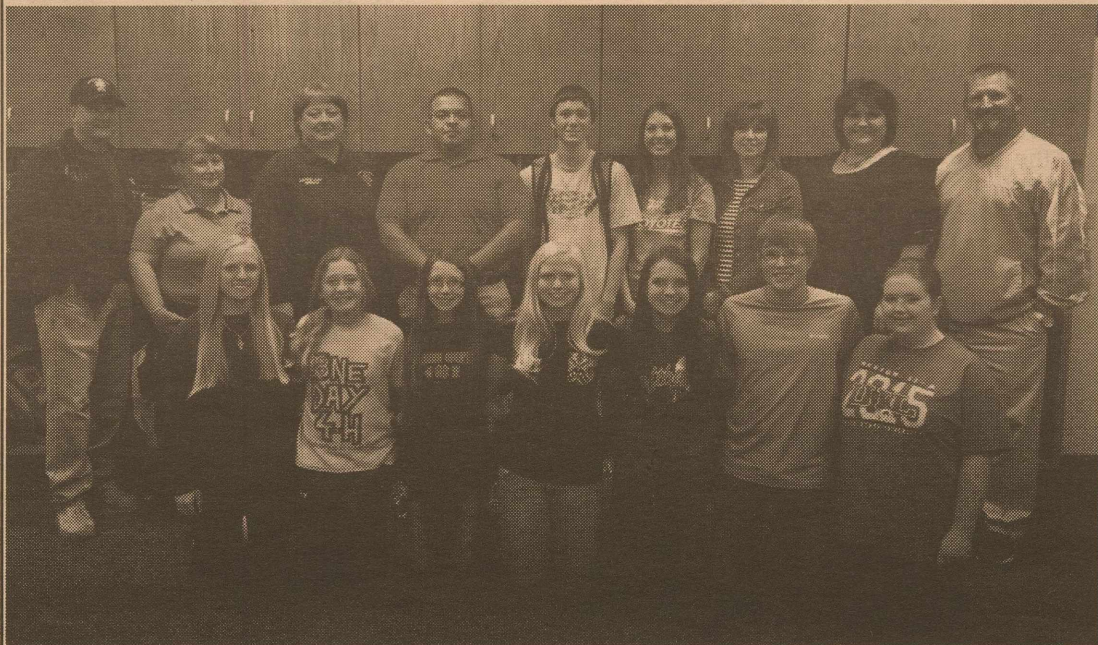


will be open on Heritage Day, June 11th
from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Lunch Special:
Enchilada Plate with all the fixins'

We will have free bottled water
on our front porch

Borden County 4-H Makes Donation to EMS



The Borden County 4-H recently collected water, drinks and snacks for community service to donate to the Borden County EMS building. They wanted to thank the volunteers for their time and energy that they put forth to help the members of the community. Pictured are (back left to right) Brent Tucker-EMT-B, Jana Underwood-EMT-B, Carrie Hart-EMT-Paramedic, Peter Benavidez-EMT-B, Thomas Nix, Paige Holbrooks, Becky Nix-EMT-B, Kerri Dean-EMT-B, Trey Richey-EMT, (front l to r) Ashlyn Tucker, Maggie Miller, Erin Nix, Kennedy Tucker, Katie Gray, J.W. Nix and Hayley Gray.

Borden County Heritage Day

Saturday
June 11, 2016
Downtown Gail and the BC Event Center
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Fort Concho Cavalry
Texas Longhorn Herd
Sam Howell's Cocklebur Camp
Traylor Livory of Sonora
Texas Parks and Wildlife's Buffalo Soldiers Heritage
Pioneer games for kids
Blacksmith skills by Taylor County Forge
South Plains Antique Tractor Association
Storytellers
Historical Presentations
Area museum booths
Texas Plains Trail
Vendors
Borden County Museum
will be open.

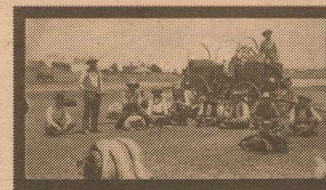
Dance at the BC Event Center
8 p.m. to midnight
Jody Nix & the Texas Cowboys



Friday night
baseball game at the
High School Baseball Field
1880s rules
Peanuts, popcorn
& lemonade



9:00 a.m. Saturday
Quanah Parker Arrow
blessing by
Bruce Parker
Great-Grandson
of Quanah



Borden Coyotes Sluggers Honored

Courtesy of Lamesa Press Reporter
By Dwight Hines

Coyote Sluggers Honored
It has been another balanced team effort that helped lead the Borden County Coyotes back to the Class 2A state playoffs for the third time in the past four years.

That balance once again was quite evident on the all-District 6-2A Baseball Team released this past week where eight Coyote sluggers made that league's dream diamond team.

After finishing this 2016 high school baseball season with a red-hot .623 batting average, Borden County junior Hunter Jones is 6-2A's Offensive MVP. Coyote sophomore lefty Trace Richey is 6-2A's MVP Pitcher after helping get the Coyotes back to the playoffs for the third time in the past four years.

Borden County center fielder Korbin Martinez, the lone senior on the Coyotes' 6-2A runners-up team, along with junior Braxton Coor, Jayton Lewis, Steven Carillo and Kale Yarbrow as well as sophomore Ryan Willborn each earned first-team all-district. BC sophomores Morgan Wilson and Braxton Barnes made second-team all-district.

"Hunter's mechanics were better this year so, as a result, he hit the ball real well all year. He started figuring some things out this year," BC Coach Bubba Edwards said of Jones.

"He's a tough out. He proved that by striking out only four times all year. He started playing with more confidence. That definitely carried over to the plate with him."

In addition to his lofty batting average, Jones' bat also was very productive. He proved that by driving in 33 RBIs in only 14 ball games.

"There was one night when he drove in 10 (RBIs). He also had two home runs in our playoff game against Fort Hancock," Edwards said.

Richey went 3-1 on the mound this spring where he struck out 40 opposing batters.

"Trace also came through with some real good outings for us. The East kid (Forsan's Braden East) was probably an

overall better pitcher than Trace is right now, but after he ended up getting the (6-2A) MVP it opened the door for Trace," Edwards said. "After not logging many innings as a freshman, Trace stepped up and always did a good job whenever we called on him.

"We didn't see many lefties this season in our league, which just seemed to make Trace even that much tougher for people to hit against."

Richey was also one of the Gail Gang's top hitters, maintaining a .426 batting average.

BC's Braxton Coor was another clutch hitter in the middle of the Coyotes' line up.

"We put Braxton in the middle of our line-up, mainly because he's another one of those kids who just don't strike out very much. You could pretty much count on Braxton to put the bat on the ball and whenever he hit the ball solid it was usually a gap shot," Edwards said of Coor, who hit .350 this season.

"Braxton was also a pretty good second baseman for us. He's one of those kids who did a good job on the routine plays. He's one of those kids who always seemed to be in the right place at the right time."

The play of BC's Jayton Lewis turned out being a pleasant surprise to Edwards after watching this BC junior hit .323 this season.

"We ended up being the guy who played shortstop for us whenever hunter was pitching," Edwards said of Lewis.

"One day in practice we noticed him making some pretty good plays out there, so after that we decided to put him out there and see just what he could do. After making some good solid plays for us, we decided to leave him out there when we needed him out there."

BC's Ryan Willborn started out the season at shortstop, but this Coyote sophomore found a home at third base. Willborn finished with a .362 batting average and 14 RBIs.

"Guys like Ryan and Jayton were among the reasons why Hunter (Jones) ended up with so many RBIs. A lot of time

people in this game when they think of somebody's No. 9 batter they usually don't worry about him too much. Ryan didn't strike out very much. He did a good job getting on base and he had pretty good speed once he got there, too," Edwards said of Willborn.

"Ryan also did a good job playing that hot corner (third base) for us."

Although Yarbrow was BC's full-time starting catcher, this Coyote junior also helped in other roles for the Gail gang. Yarbrow hit .426 this season.

"Kale was our full time catcher, but he also ended up helping us out pitching in some big games, too," Edwards said. "A lot of those games where we needed Trace pitching, we had Kale playing first base for us.

"He's one of those kids who could help us in a lot of areas. He didn't have a problem taking some balls deep as a hitter, too."

BC's Carillo and Martinez were among this league's best outfielders.

"Steven ended up making some extraordinary plays for

us in our outfield. Steven's another one of those kids who did a good job finding his way on base. Defensively, Steven came up with some huge plays at the right time," Edwards said.

After starting out in left field, BC's Korbin Martinez ended up finding a home at center field for the Coyotes. Martinez was also one of their best hitters with a .455 batting average.

"Korbin also hit in our four hole. You might find a lot of guys who hit the ball with more power in that spot, but Korbin did a good job putting the bat on the ball and moving people around the bases," Edwards said.

After being like a fixture in the Coyotes' athletic program the past four years at Gail, Martinez will be missed.

"What helped make Korbin the kind of player that he's been for us is how he's always been one of those guys who always tried absorbing as much information as he could during practice, and then going out and applying what he learned," Edwards said of

Martinez.

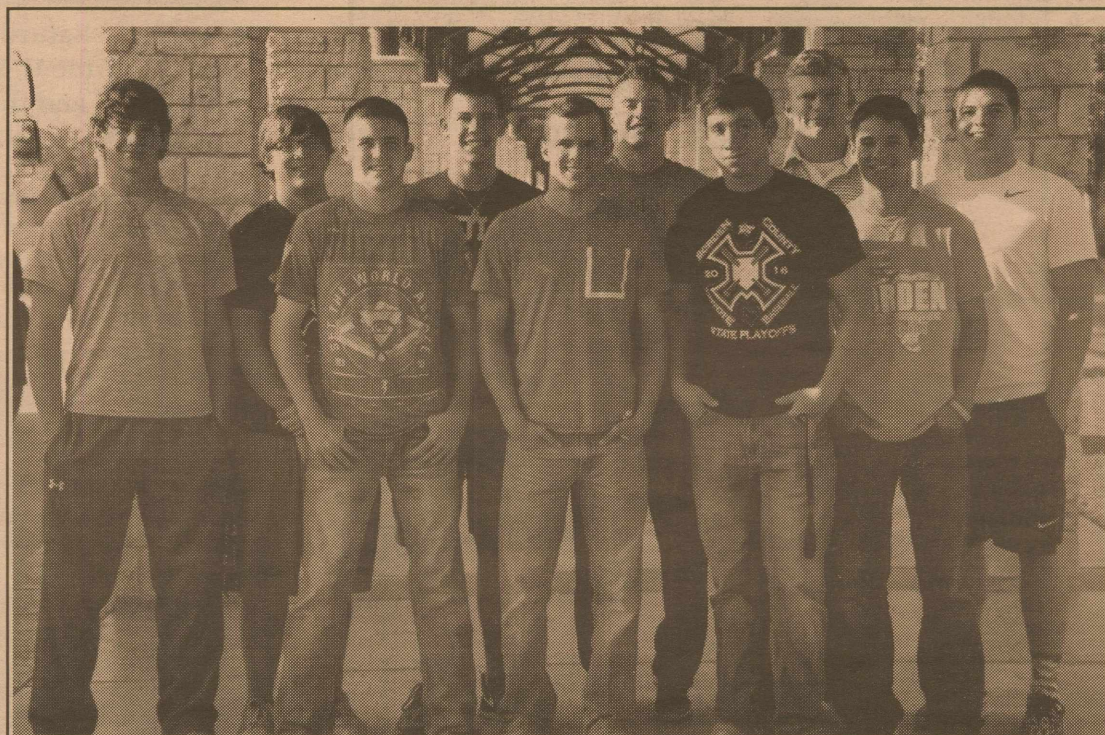
A couple of other pleasant surprises for the Coyotes this spring were the development of BC sophomores Morgan Wilson and Braxton Barnes.

"Neither one of those guys had played since Little League. They both just wanted a shot to become a part of our program. Both ended up doing a good job for us whenever we called on them," Edwards said. "Morgan ended up playing good defense for us out in left field, while Braxton usually batted for him.

"Both helped us bust some ball games wide open."

After falling just two games short of the District 6-2A crown this past season, the Coyotes will have their sights set on more come 2017.

"We're hoping our experience makes a difference for us come next season. We should have a lot of juniors and seniors out on the field come next year. Some of those guys have played a lot of baseball for us since they were freshman," Edwards said of the 2017 Coyotes.



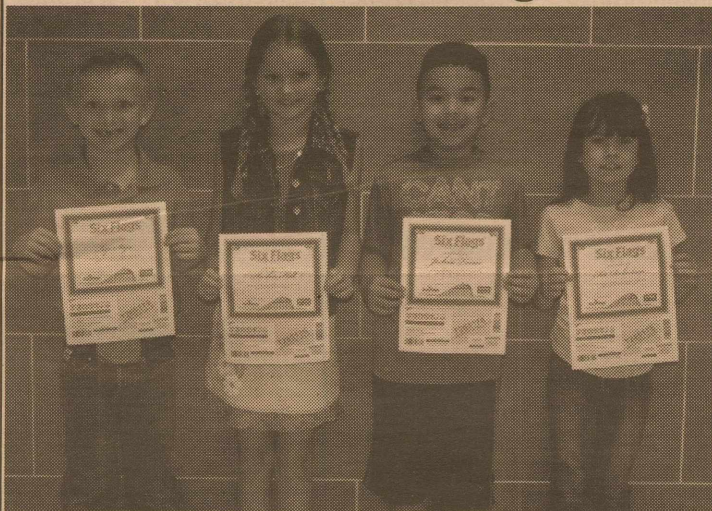
The Borden County Coyote baseball team were well represented in the 6-2A All-District list. Making that list were (back left to right) Hunter Jones-Offensive MVP, Kale Yarbrow-1st team, Braxton Coor-1st team, Korbin Martinez-1st team, Braxton Barnes-2nd team, Trace Richey-MVP pitcher, (front left to right) Jayton Lewis-1st team, Ryan Willborn-1st team, Steven Carillo-1st team and Morgan Wilson-2nd team.

2015-2016 A Year of Champions!



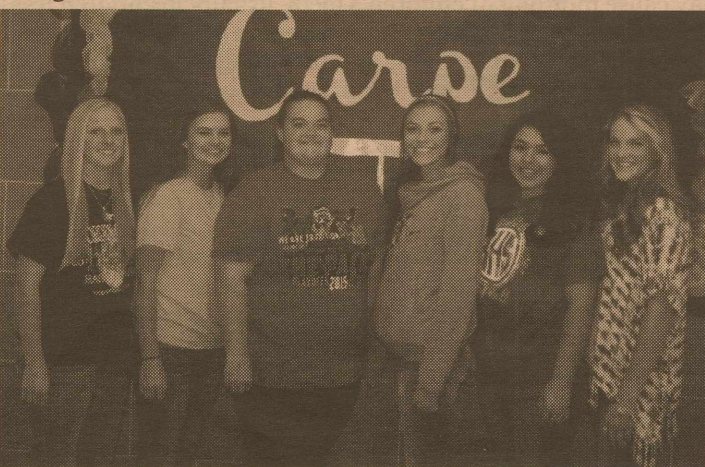
It's been a great year at Borden County ISD! Borden County students, staff, coaches and administration have reaped from the hard work of goals set at the beginning of the year. This photo represents our awards representing over 37 individual and team championships at last weeks' UIL banquet where only district achievements or better (Area, Regional or State) were recognized.

Students Earn Six Flag Tickets



Several 1st grade students recently earned Six Flags Read to Succeed ticket for reading a minimum of 360 minutes. Students receiving the tickets are (l to r) Tye Stipe, Harbor Hill, Joshue Torres and Ella Robertson.

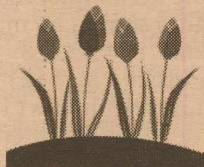
Softball Honors



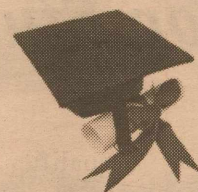
Six Borden County Softballers were recently recognized in the District with honors. Those earning those honors were Ashlyn Tucker-2nd team, Harley Merrill-Co-MVP pitcher, Brooklyn Cheatham-2nd team, Preslea Hall-1st team, Maddie Benavidez-1st team, and Rayme Jones-Honorable Mention.

Thank You

*We would like to say a big heartfelt thank you to those who helped make the benefit for my brother a huge success. To those who donated their time to help to serve the food, bake desserts and help clean up, I couldn't have done it without you and to those who made monetary donations, your generosity is greatly appreciated. We are so blessed to be a part of such a loving and giving community. Again thank you from the bottom of our hearts,
Frank and Josefina Serrano*



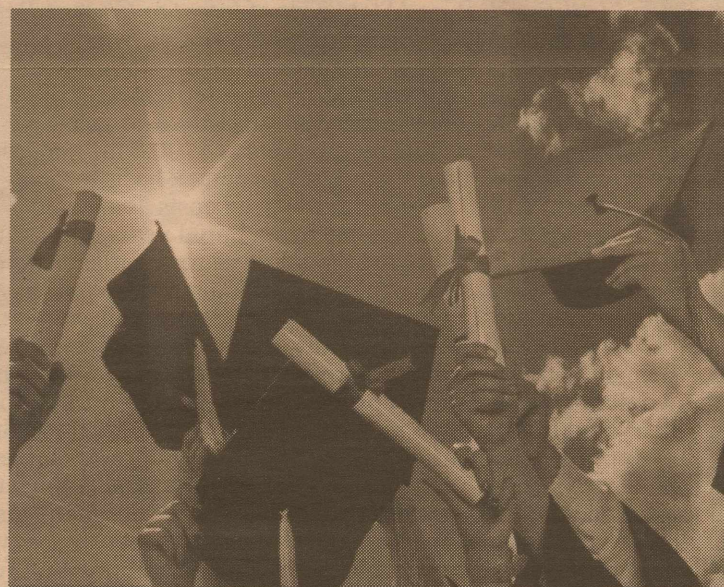
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In UIL academic competition, Nathan was a two-time state qualifier in Lincoln-Douglas Debate and also qualified for state in Congressional Debate. He served as the Science team captain.

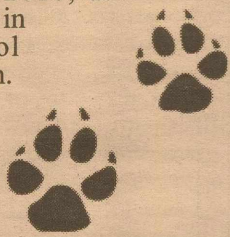
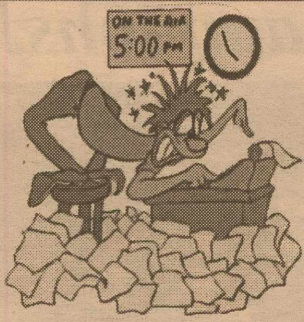
Souder participated in One-Act Play for four years and was named to the All-Star cast his junior and senior years.

Souder played football all four years and was a member of the Coyotes' Regional Quarterfinal Champion football team. He ran track for three years and was a state

qualifier in the 1,600-meter relay.

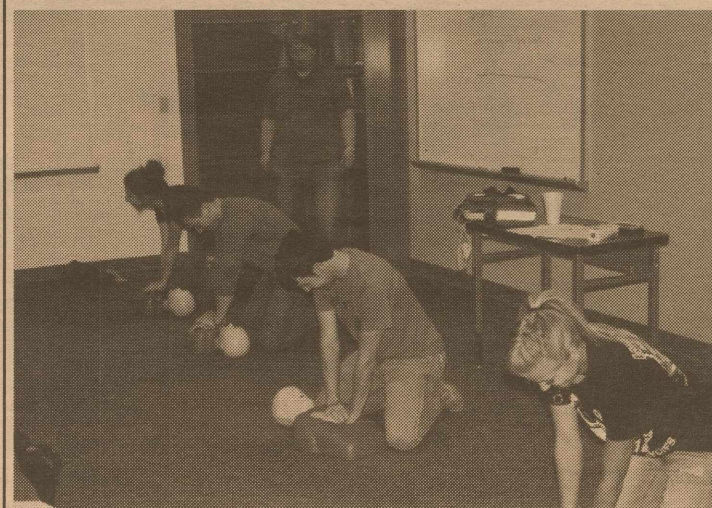
Souder plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin as a Terry Scholar and major in mechanical engineering.

Commencement exercises for Borden County High School will be held Friday, May 27, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.

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Borden Seniors Learn CPR



Borden County EMS paramedic Carrie Hart (standing) instructs Borden County seniors on how to perform CPR. According to Texas Administrative Code students are now required to learn CPR in order to graduate. Pictured are (l to r) Kyrsten Rebeles, Merik Valentine, Rhaedan Bland and Tatum Richey.

NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

On April 29, 2016, as required by order of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUCT" or "Commission") in Docket No. 45414, Sharyland Utilities, L.P. ("Sharyland"), a regulated electric utility company, filed an application with the PUCT titled *Rate Filing Package of Sharyland Utilities, L.P. and Statement of Intent to Change Rates* ("Application").

The above-referenced proceeding is the first in which Sharyland's rates will be set on a system-wide basis. The Application is based on a twelve-month test year ending December 31, 2015, and supports an increase over adjusted test-year retail base rate revenues of approximately \$107 thousand or 0.11 percent, exclusive of riders. Sharyland's system-wide cost-based retail base rate revenue requirement is \$100.7 million, plus an additional \$1.95 million that Sharyland is seeking to recover on an annual basis through certain riders. This includes a proposal to recover \$30 million for deferred costs associated with construction of the electric system in the McAllen division during its initial years of operation. In addition, Sharyland is proposing a \$3 million rate credit to all of its residential customers, which would result in an overall revenue decrease as compared to adjusted test year base rate revenues for residential customers. As proposed, monthly delivery rates for an average residential customer consuming 1,333 kWh in the Stanton, Brady, and Celeste divisions will remain unchanged, but in McAllen and Mission will increase by approximately \$55. The Application also supports a total wholesale transmission cost of service of \$145 million, plus an additional \$3.4 million that Sharyland is seeking to recover on an annual basis through certain riders.

The Application potentially affects all customers and classes of customers in Sharyland's Stanton, Brady, Celeste, and McAllen divisions. The Application also affects all customers taking service under Sharyland's Tariff for Wholesale Transmission Service. In addition, the result could be a change in Sharyland's transmission cost of service rates, which would impact all load serving entities in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. Sharyland has proposed that the requested rates be made effective June 18, 2016.

A complete copy of Sharyland's Application is available for inspection at the following locations:

Sharyland
1031 Andrews Highway, Suite 400
Midland, Texas 79701

-or-

1807 Ross Avenue, Suite 460
Dallas, Texas 75201

Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP
600 Congress Avenue, Suite 2000
Austin, Texas 78701

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission through Relay Texas by dialing 7-1-1. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is June 28, 2016.

Public Notice

Notice of Drinking Water FLUORIDE Violation

April 2016

The Texas Commission On Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the Borden County Water System that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for FLUORIDE. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL FLUORIDE at 4.0 mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for FLUORIDE indicates a compliance value in quarter one, 2016 of 5.2 mg/L for EP001.

This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing FLUORIDE in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Fluoride in drinking water at half the MCL or more may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than nine years old. Mottling, also known as dental fluorosis, may include brown staining and/or pitting of the teeth, and occurs only in developing teeth before they erupt from the gums.

An alternate source of water should be provided to the affected population, which consists of children less than nine years old. The alternate water should be used for drinking and cooking only. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

We are taking the following actions to address this issue: water vouchers are available to families with children 14 years of age or younger, also we are working to correct the problem by investigating alternative solutions.

For further information contact the County Judge's Office, Borden County Courthouse, 117 E. Wasson, Gail, Texas 79738, phone 806/756-4391

Ross D. Sharp, County Judge
Public Water System ID # 0170010
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