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## Borden Co. Needs You!

Borden County is and always has been a unique place to live and raise a family. What has made Borden County so unique is the people. Because of the size of the county and the sparse population, people throughout the years have had to depend on each other in times of need. "Neighbors helping neighbors" has always been a philosophy that the citizens of Borden County have lived by. That philosophy is what continues to bond the citizens of Borden County together. Borden County EMS, for twenty-five years, has been such an organization. The citizens of Borden County have come to rely on the BC EMS, day and night. The need for pre-hospital care was noticed back in the mid 1970's; thus giving birth to a professional organization that provides advanced life support for the citizens of Borden County at no charge. Borden County EMS is now in need of volunteers; especially but not limited to the communities of Plains

and Vealmoor. If you would like to become a member of the Borden County EMS and give back to the community; that opportunity will soon present itself. On August 21<sup>st</sup>, Borden County EMS will offer an EMT-Basic course at Western Texas College taught by Nelda Burnett, Borden County EMT-Paramedic. The class will be held every Monday and Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m. The cost to Borden County residents, who are serious about completing the course is FREE! If you or a member of your family would like to enroll in the EMT-Basic course you can do so by contacting Western Texas College at 915/573-8511. If you have any questions before you enroll please feel free to contact any member of the Borden County EMS.

Come join our organization and help make Borden County a safer place to live. "Neighbors helping neighbors" is a philosophy that lives on thru Borden County EMS.

### Did You Know...



The Aerocare helicopter from Lubbock can land in Borden County within 22 minutes after being activated by a Borden County EMS member. In that 22 minutes, it's up to the members of Borden County EMS to respond and stabilize the patient for air transport.

**BORDEN CO. EMS 806/759-5111**

## Texas should benefit from USDA's Increased Livestock Health Grants, Cooperative Agreements

Texas livestock health program should benefit from the U.S. Department of

### BHS All-School Reunion Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>

The Borden County ISD All-School Reunion will be held Friday and Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> on the school campus. The event will begin on Friday at 5:00 p.m. with registration and visitation in the school cafeteria. A Bar-B-Que meal will be served later that evening.

On Saturday, Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. the reunion will get started with late registration and visiting. A noon meal will be catered in the cafeteria beginning at 12:00 noon at the price of \$10.00 each person. Following the meal, a program and meeting will be held in the school auditorium beginning at 2:00 p.m. Following the program, there will be more time for visiting and reminiscing of ol' times. Come and join the fun and see some of your ol' friends and teachers.

Agriculture's (USDA) 2002 initiative, which calls for more state grants and cooperative agreements to strengthen state-federal ties. "This is very good news for states, because, as we finally 'close out' the cattle brucellosis and cattle tuberculosis eradication programs, it will help ensure we can maintain an adequate infrastructure of staffing, equipment and resources to address emergency disease outbreaks or natural disasters affecting livestock," said Dr. Terry Beals, Texas state veterinarian and executive director for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the states' livestock health regulatory agency.

Dr. Alfonso Torres, deputy administrator for USDA's Veterinary Services, discussed the 2002 initiative with state veterinarians gathered in Corpus Christi for the National Institute for Animal Agriculture (NIAA), an umbrella group for all animal agriculture species and organizations. Dr. Torres said that, as cattle brucellosis cooperative agreement shrink, due to eradication of the bacterial disease, doors open to address other goals.

Among the areas targeted, said Dr. Torres, are diseases in feral swine. More than 23 states report a growing population of wild hogs that are capable of carrying and

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## 2000-2001 School Year to begin on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

The 2000-2001 School year begins on Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at Borden County ISD. The school day will begin at 8:05 a.m. and will end at 3:33 p.m.

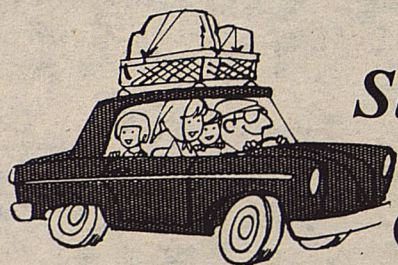
All high school students who have some questions about their credits or schedule will need to register on August 8<sup>th</sup> between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Mr. Dye will be available on these

days to discuss your needs.

High school students with established schedules and Junior High students can register August 8<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Elementary students who are new to Borden County this year are encouraged to come in and register on these days also. All other elementary students will be registered on the first day of school, August 15<sup>th</sup>.





## Summer Time Get-A-Way's

## FFA Kids and Sponsors take time out for fun in the sun while attending FFA Convention in Corpus Christi



Adrianna Baeza's number one "amigo", Beto. Adrianna visited the orphanage in Aldama, Chihuahua, this summer and played with a lot of young children but saw one young man who was very glad to see her. She left this week to attend college in Chihuahua City.



Enjoying the Ocean: Kandace Kimmel in the Ocean Surf at Corpus Christi.



The FFA girls outside of Landry's Seafood in Corpus. (L. to R.) Kandace Kimmel, Shawna Kempf, Dalene & Bobbie Kempf.



The Gang at Coopers' BBQ on the Way to the convention in Corpus Christi: (L. to R.): T.C. Stipe, Bobbie and Dalene Kempf, Shawna Kempf, Kandace Kimmel and Nick Flanagan.

### Calling All BC Athletic 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade

All sports physical will be given on August 4<sup>th</sup> in Lubbock at the Rehabilitation Center at So. Loop 289 and University.

Busses will leave Gail at 2:30 p.m.

If you are in grades 6<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> and are planning on playing any type of sports this school year, you will need to be here or contact the Coach Avery, or Coach Winegarner for more information

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**FOOTBALL PRACTICE** will begin on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. for all High School football players

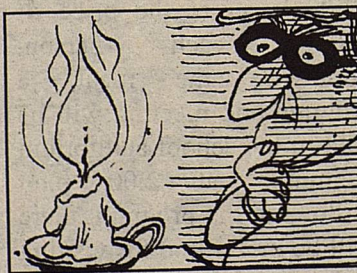
### Parents Club Meeting

A Parents Club meeting will be held the first day of school, Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, at 8:15 a.m. in the school cafeteria.

Several items will be on the agenda:

- Elect Officers
- Elect Room-mothers
- Set date for Harvest Festival & etc.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there. Let's have one great school year. Go Coyotes!



According to folklore, when a candle burns too fast, there is said to be a thief in the house.

### School Starting...

### Watch Out for The Children!

A Important Reminder from:



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## Texas should benefit

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transmitting pseudorabies (a viral infection of swine) and swine brucellosis. These diseases have been nearly wiped out in domestic seine herds, and the wild hogs could jeopardize a state's hard-won status in the national eradication program. Furthermore, if they are exposed, the free-ranging scavengers are a ready host for native and exotic ticks and foreign animal diseases, such as hog cholera and African swine fever.

Dr. Torres also listed disease surveillance in Yellowstone National Park as a priority and said a settlement is being negotiated between the USDA-APHIS and other federal and state agencies to combat brucellosis infection in the park's bison. He said a compromise will be required, as the current "bison management plan" offered by another federal agency addresses control, but not eradication of the disease within the park. He said a panel will be convened to determine what is required to eliminate brucellosis infection in Yellowstone by 2010.

Another priority Dr. Torres discussed with the group was

emergency management plans for handling livestock in disease outbreaks or natural disasters. He said that, in addition to addressing sufficient infrastructure, an emergency management specialist will be named for each state. A number of states, including Texas, already have state and federal staff trained and assigned to response team that can be on site within a few hours.

"Besides 900 miles of border we share with Mexico, Texas has major air and seaports, making us particularly vulnerable to a foreign animal disease or pest introduction," said Dr. Beals. "Disaster preparedness is no small task, as it requires training, coordination and materials. To enable a response team to be on site within a few hours, ready to work.

Dr. Torres said emergency plans may be needed if exotic ticks are introduced, referring to incidences when tick-infested reptiles were discovered at Florida import stations. Also this spring, USDA inspectors at the Miami Import Center discovered screwworm maggots on horse imported from Argentina and

Venezuela. The animals were treated immediately for the fresh flesh-eating maggots, and the stalls in the secure import center were disinfected.

Besides stepping-up surveillance for ticks entering through import stations, the USDA 2002 initiative also addresses the Texas-Mexico border, where federal "tick riders" patrol on horseback, watching for fever tick-laden stray livestock crossing the Rio Grande from Mexico.

Finally, he said, bluetongue, a vector-borne disease, will be followed and mapped, as the 2002 initiative will provide funding for surveillance through the collection and testing of slaughter samples.

"In Texas, we also need surveillance and eradication funding for scrapie, a degenerative disease affecting the central nervous system of sheep and sometimes, goats," said Dr. Beals. "Also needed in increased surveillance funds for cattle tuberculosis (TB), as Texas is home to the country's two TB-quarantined cattle herds. We must wrap up eradication before other states impose restrictions on our cattle.

Dr. Torres concluded his discussion with a report on emerging disease situations,

one of which is in Iowa, where an outbreak of the extremely contagious viral hemorrhagic disease of rabbits has killed nearly 100 percent of the stricken domestic animals. The disease does not affect wild rabbits. Dr. Torres said the disease was discovered in 1984 in China, and as infection spread, the disease may have entered the US through Mexico. "Trickle-down" effects of such disease outbreaks can be significant and widespread, he said, citing that an outbreak of the disease in Cuba killed off caged laboratory rabbits, affecting that country's ability to produce hog cholera vaccine to protect swineherds.

In Mexico, reported Dr. Torres, several million birds in poultry production facilities have been

depopulated, due to an outbreak of Exotic Newcastle disease. He stressed the need for US poultry producers to practice strict biosecurity to protect flocks. He also emphasized that poultry from the affected Mexican facilities would not be allowed into the US.

The National Institute for Animal Agriculture until recently, was known as the Livestock Conservation Institute, established in 1916 as a coalition during a time when bovine tuberculosis threatened the future of public health, the livestock industry and meat processors. Headquartered in Kentucky, the NIAA's national membership includes livestock associations representing all species, allied industries individual producers, veterinarians, and state animal health regulatory entities.

## BACK TO SCHOOL Supply List

**Kindergarten:** Elmer's School Glue (NOT paste), 2 glue sticks, 2 boxes of 16 Crayons, scissors (Fiskars for kids), supply box (cigar box size), 4-#2 pencils, gym shoes, towel for nap time, large box of Wet Wipes.

**First Grade:** 2 boxes of 16 primary color crayons, 4 or 5 - #2 pencils, supply box, scissors, hard rubber eraser, 2 medium sized Elmer's School Glue, 1-1 subject spiral notebook, (wide rule), gym shoes, large box of Wet Wipes

**Second Grade:** 12 - #2 pencils, crayons, Elmer's School Glue, red grading pencil, notebook paper (wide ruled), scissors, eraser, gym shoes, ruler, large box of Wet Wipes.

**Third Grade:** loose-leaf notebook, note-book paper (wide ruled), spiral (wide ruled), 24-#2 pencils, 4-red pens or 4-red pencils, 12 inch ruler (metric & stand-ard), 2 art gum erasers, small bottle of glue, crayons, 2 folders, gym shoes, 4 boxes Kleenex, 2 large boxes of Wet Wipes

**Fourth Grade:** map colors, crayons, scissors, glue, notebook paper (Wide rule), 1 loose leaf notebook, 2-spiral notebooks, 4-#2 pencils, 2-red pens, 8 folders w/pockets, ruler (metric & standard), gym shoes, 4 boxes Kleenex, large box of Wet Wipes.

**Fifth Grade:** notebook, notebook paper (wide ruled), dividers with pockets, ruler with metric & standard, scissors, 6-#2 pencils (NO mechanic), 4 red pens, 2 large glue sticks, map colors (24 or 48 pkg.) markers (thin point), markers (broad point), 2 black sharpies, 4 different colored spirals (wide ruled), 4 colored folders, with pockets (to match spirals), large box Wet Wipes.

**Sixth Grade:** notebook, notebook paper (2 pkgs.), scissors, 2 red pens, eraser, 12 - #2 pencils (No mechanical), 3 black pens, pencil box for notebook, map colors, 7 dividers with pockets.

### PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF NONDISCRIMINATION IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

**Borden County Independent School District offers career and technology education programs in Agricultural Science, Home Economics and Micro-Computer Applications. Admission to these programs is based on the needs of the students in the Borden County Independent School District.**

**It is the policy of The Borden County School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.**

**The Borden County Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.**

**For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Jimmy Thomas, P. O. Box 95, Gail, Texas 79738, 1-806-756-4313.**





## Texas Stories

*A showcase of the Texas Spirit*

**Tumbleweed Smith**  
*Part owner of Texas*



## Texas Musicians

Texas probably has more musicians than any other state. Many of them were introduced to the techniques of music in school.

The first nationwide internet survey of school music education programs has just been completed and it indicates that Coppell, Texas is the best community for music education in America.

The Plano Independent School District came in 4th in the survey. Lubbock is in the top 25 and Austin ranks 35th. Other Texas school districts ranking among the best 100 in the nation are those in Abilene, Aldine, Birdville and Burikburnett.

The survey was the project of four national organizations devoted to education and music; the American Music Conference, the National Association for Music Education, the Music Teachers National Association and the national School Boards Association.

In the survey, conducted on the World Wide Web, questions were directed to parents, teachers, school officials and community leaders. More than 5,800 individuals participated in the survey, which was conducted in February and March of this year.

The participants answered detailed questions about

funding, enrollment, student-teacher ratios, participation in music classes, instruction time, facilities, support of the music program, participation in private music lessons and other factors regarding the communities' quality of music education.

The survey results show that successful music programs are to be found in communities that balance measurable resources, such as budgets and buildings, with less tangible assets such as the will to make quality music education a reality.

The top schools for music education are to be found in both urban and rural communities, in wealthy and not-so-wealthy ones. The common thread is they enjoy the

support of parents, teaches, school decision-makers and community leaders who place a high value on music education.

The results of this survey correspond well to the findings of a recent nationwide survey by the Gallup organization which found increasing participation in ad support for music making across the country. In that poll, more than 9 in 10 Americans said they believe music education should be a part of every student's day.

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### BORDEN COUNTY ISD BID REQUEST

The Superintendent's office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive bids for stadium and tennis court lighting.

Proposals shall be addressed to Jimmy Thomas; Borden County Independent School District; Box 95; Gail, Texas 79738, and shall be delivered in a sealed envelope marked "Stadium and Tennis Court Lighting Bid". Proposals will be received up to but no later than 12:00 noon on Wednesday, August 16, 2000. Bids will be opened and read as they are received. Proposals will be tabulated, researched, and presented to the Board of Trustees for their consideration at the next scheduled meeting. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

The Borden County I.S.D. Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposed bids, to waive any and all technicalities, and to accept the proposals that will best serve the needs of the District.

Questions regarding bid specifications and additional information shall be directed to Jimmy Thomas by writing the above address; by e-mail to [jthomas@esc17.net](mailto:jthomas@esc17.net); or by calling 806/756-4313. Transmissions by fax may be sent to 806/756-4310.

By Order of the Board of Trustees  
Borden County Independent School District  
Joel Dennis, Secretary

One of the best ways to judge the quality of life in a community is to look at how that community works to develop its young people. This survey indicates that several communities are providing a creative outlet for students, giving them a chance to develop their talents and become involved in the arts.

It takes a partnership between parents, teaches and school officials to achieve the goal of training our young people to look beyond the structured courses of math, science and history and take a broader view of the world around them.

It has been proven that students in music programs are high achievers.



**Viviana & Valerio, Jr. are proud  
to announce the arrival of their  
new baby sister:**

**Veronica Renea Hernandez**

Born: July 27, 2000

7 lbs. - 2 ozs. - 19" long

Parents: Valerio & Renea Hernandez,

Grandparents:

Reynaldo & Jeronima Hernandez, Gail

George & Connie Romero, Snyder

### BORDEN COUNTY ISD BID REQUEST

The Superintendent's office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive bids for repair and replacement of two "post-tension" tennis courts.

Proposals shall be addressed to Jimmy Thomas; Borden County Independent School District; Box 95; Gail, Texas 79738, and shall be delivered in a sealed envelope marked "Tennis Court Bid". Proposals will be received up to but no later than 12:00 noon on Wednesday, August 16, 2000. Bids will be opened and read as they are received. Proposals will be tabulated, researched, and presented to the Board of Trustees for their consideration at the next scheduled meeting. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

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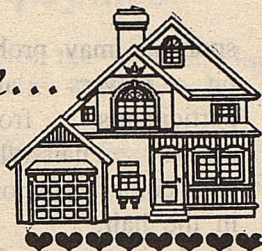
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## Heart and home...

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Family and Consumer Sciences



Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. the Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

## How to Avoid Fraud and Exploitation

(part 2 of 2)

There are seven different types of fraud (home equity, telemarketing, mail, health, money-related, slamming, and cramming) that you should always keep in mind when doing business with someone. Last week, we talked about telemarketing, slamming and mail fraud.

Home equity fraud happens when homeowners are tricked into signing over the deeds to their homes. Often this scam is done by a person pretending to be a repairman or someone offering another service. The homeowner signs a contract believing it to be for a roof repair for example, and does not read the fine print carefully enough to realize that they just signed over the deed to their home. You can avoid this type of fraud by making sure that your hire only licensed, bonded and insured contractors, have someone (an attorney or trusted friend) examine documents before you sign them, never use your home as collateral, get estimates from several other contractors and check their references, read the fine print, and/or check with your bank for home repair financing programs.

Health fraud scams to watch for are fake "cures" and bogus insurance companies. Also be aware of any "free" hearing tests and

never agree to a hearing test in your home, unless conducted by a Home Health Agency that you arrange for. Shop around before buying any medical products or services, and avoid special, secret, ancient or foreign formulas that are only available through the mail.

Money-related fraud refers to the theft of stocks and bonds that are stored in the home; mismanagement of assets by caregivers; real estate tip-offs; ATM "repairman" thefts of cash, ATM cards, or account passwords; check forgery; non-refundable fees for services not delivered. Say "NO!" to anyone who presses you to make an immediate decision; never give anyone a blank check; count your change and check your receipts; don't give your credit card number over the phone unless it is a reputable company or you have initiated the call or purchase; be cautious if you don't have experience handling money. Use caution when buying things and keep your credit cards to yourself. If they are stolen or lost, contact the company at once. It is a good idea to keep a list of your credit cards, their numbers and the customer service number in a safe place at home.

Cramming includes any charges made to your credit card or phone bill that you did not authorize. You don't have to pay for these charges. This includes any special offers by your credit card company, like a credit protection service or a special travel rate service. Avoid cramming by reviewing your telephone bills and credit card statements thoroughly each month. Also, if you fill out a form to enter a contest, read the fine print to be sure you are not authorizing charges to your credit card or telephone.

Remember that this information is meant to inform, not scare you. Make yourself aware of who you conduct business with. If you order something or make any changes to your services, write down that persons name, the date and time you talked to them, as well as any other pertinent information

that might be important later. Unfortunately, these scams are often directed to older adults, however, we can all be taken by a scam artist. Try to be aware of fraudulent activity. If you suspect any type of fraud, contact the

National Fraud Information Center at 1-800-876-7060 to report it. They can also help you determine if it is a scam or if it is legitimate.

(Information taken from the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services Adult Abuse Prevention Kit.)

## COME JOIN THE FUN! Borden County 4-H Clothing Camp



Tuesday, August 8

Wednesday, August 9

Thursday, August 10

from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. every day

in the Community Building

For more information, contact the  
Extension office at (806)756-4336



## Borden County EMS Member Profile

In an effort to inform Borden County residents of current EMT, Intermediate, and paramedic personnel in the county, *The Borden Star* will run a summer series profiling these people who volunteer their time in providing a valuable service for this county. Special thanks to Borden County EMS Reporter Brice Key for his input with this article.



This week's Borden County EMS Member Profile is Mike Valentine.

Mike and his wife Tammy live on the Miller Ranch in Fluvanna along with three sons, Miller, Miles and Merrick. Mike has been a member of the Borden County EMS for 4 years and is an EMT-Paramedic. Mike said he became an EMT to "give back to the community, and to

have the skills to help my family in case of an emergency, besides I do have three boys, you know!" While being involved in the BC EMS Mike has served as President, Vice President, Quality Assurance Officer and EMS Director.

He is a Licensed Paramedic, and is certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support, Pre-hospital Burn Life Support, Pre-hospital Pediatric Provider and an EMT Defibrillator.

Mike stated that he wished that the citizens of Borden County knew that the Borden County EMS personnel are more dedicated to this organization and this community than any organization he has ever been involved with in the past.

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## Borden County I.S.D. Student Dress Code for 2000-2001

Borden County School's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and teach respect for authority.

Borden County students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health and safety hazard to themselves or others. Clothing and grooming that in the principal's judgement may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operation is prohibited.

Borden County School prohibits pictures, emblems, or writing on clothing that

1. is lewd, offensive, vulgar, or contains obscene language
2. advertises or depicts tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or
3. refers to satanic, cult or gang activities.

The following guidelines will be used to determine appropriate dress:

1. Dresses, skirts, split skirts and shorts should not be shorter than two inches above the knee. A student will lose the privilege of wearing shorts for the school year upon a third offense. Parents will be notified when the second offense occurs. Shorts must be tailored (hemmed with no frayed edges). No spandex biker shorts or wind shorts are allowed (loose-legged, athletic running shorts) and shorts shall not be too tight.
2. Wearing of oversized or baggy

pants and/or jeans is prohibited at school or any school-sponsored activity on or off campus. No "saggin, baggin, or draggin." Pants must be an appropriate length and not drag the floor. Boys pants will be worn at the waist and properly fit the waistline. No excessively wide legged pants will be allowed. No trench coats, dusters, jail attire or para-military/camouflage will be allowed. No chains will be allowed on school property or at school sponsored functions.

3. Shirts and blouses must be buttoned appropriately with midriff and back covered at all times. (Tops must be long enough that skin does not show when arms are lifted.) Clothing shall be designed, constructed, and worn in a manner that is not suggestive or indecent, and that shall promote proper decorum. The opening on any type of shirt shall not exceed the equivalent of the first button below the collar of a dress shirt.

Tank tops and "see-through chiffon blouses" will not be allowed unless they are worn with a crew neck type T-shirt underneath it or a shirt worn over them during all school hours and activities. Tailored shirt shirttails must be tucked in

unless you have a crew T-shirt underneath the shirt. (All tailored shirts will be buttoned and tucked in at the pants or skirt when representing Borden County in any extracurricular activity).

Sleeveless blouses are permissible but must be in good taste. Appropriate undergarments must be worn and must not be exposed at any time.

4. Footwear shall be a part of regular attire. Foam rubber bathroom flip-flops and house shoes are not acceptable footwear for school. No metal cleats or plates on the soles of shoes shall be worn in the building.
5. Hair shall be clean and well groomed at all times while attending school, school functions, and school sponsored activities. It will be styled in a manner that will keep it out of the student's eyes and not obstruct one's vision. No unnatural or bizarre hair colors or haircuts will be permitted. Eyebrows must not be notched or shaved in an unnatural manner. Male students' hair may be worn no longer than the top of the collar. In addition; geometric or unusual patterns will not be allowed to be shaved or cut in the hair, and boys may not wear ponytails, rat-tails, or braids. Coaches/

sponsors may prohibit players and participants from certain hairstyles and color variations in the hair.

Students are to be clean-shaven at all times. Mustaches and beards are not allowed. Sideburns shall not be worn lower than the bottom of the ear lobe and no wider than one inch at the base.

6. Boys will not wear piercing jewelry. Girls may not wear piercing jewelry other than earrings.
7. Sunglasses may not be worn in the building during school hours or events inside the building unless prescribed by a doctor.
8. All types of headwear are prohibited, (hats, caps, bandannas, or hoods) inside the building by boys or girls unless approved by the school administration. The school administration, coach, or sponsor may determine that headwear is inappropriate at certain times and/or places.
9. Any clothing or grooming not listed above that is determined by the school administration

tion to pose a disruption, interference, or safety concern to the normal school operation or Borden County School Community will be prohibited and addresses as appropriate.

A student who violates the dress code shall be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student shall be assigned to in school suspension either for the remainder of the day or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeat offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action. The sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, in cooperation with the administration, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity (for example: cheerleader uniforms may vary from normal requirement or coaches may prohibit players from color variations in the hair.) Students who violate these standards may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the school administration or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary action.

Violations of the Borden County Dress Code may be handled through the Student Code of Conduct.

### "I'LL JUST BRACE MYSELF WITH THE STEERING WHEEL."



YOU COULD LEARN A LOT FROM A DUMMY. BUCKLE YOUR SAFETY BELT.



## Sale of Surplus Equipment

Borden County will accept bids for the following used equipment. Bids will be opened August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2000 at 9:30 a.m. at the Borden County Courthouse.

Equipment can be inspected at Precinct #1 Equipment yard, Yard is located 10 miles north of US 180 on FM 1054. Equipment is as follows:

- One Onion Blade
- One Trailer
- One 1972 Diesel 290 Cummins International Truck Tractor

For further information contact Doug Isaacs, Commissioner, Precinct 1, phone 806/439-6619; Larry Smith, Commissioner, Precinct 2, phone 806/756-4346; Vernon Wolf, Commissioner, Precinct 3, phone 915/965-3393; Hurston Lemons, Jr. Commissioner, Precinct 4, phone 915/573-1459 or Van York, County Judge, phone 806/756-4391.

Mail bids to P.O. Box 156, Gail, Texas 79738. All bids should be marked "BID" on outside of envelope.

Borden County reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE BORDEN COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Van L. York,  
County Judge  
Borden County

## Notice of Public Hearings

The Region F Regional Water Planning Group will conduct two public hearings to receive comments on the initially prepared regional water plan for Region F. Region F included the counties of Andrews, Borden, Brown, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Glasscock, Howard, Irion, Kimble, Loving, Martin, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Mitchell, Pecos, Reagan, Reeves, Runnels, Schleicher, Scurry, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green, Upton, Ward, and Winkler.

Copies of the initially prepared regional water plan are available in the County Clerk's office of the counties listed above and the main public library of the county seat in each county, if one exists.

Public meetings will be held at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center, 7887 US Highway 87 North, San Angelo, Texas, on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2000, at 6 p.m.; and at the UTPB Center for Energy and Economic Diversification, 1400 North FM 1788, Odessa, Texas, on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2000 at 6 p.m. Written and oral comments will be accepted at these hearings on the information contained within the initially prepared regional water plans. Written comments will also be accepted through Monday, September 11, 2000. Written comments or requests for additional information are to be directed to the following:

Mr. John Grant, Chairman  
Region F Regional Water Planning Group  
c/o Colorado River Municipal Water District  
P.O. Box 869  
Big Spring, Texas 79721-0869  
Telephone: 915/267-6341

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## 2000-2001 National School Lunch Program Borden County Independent School District

The Borden County Independent School District offers a choice of healthy meals each school day. Children may buy lunch for \$1.00 and \$1.25 and breakfast for 50 cents. Children who qualify under U. S. Dept. of Agriculture guidelines may get meals free or at a reduced-price of 40 cents for lunch and 25 cents for breakfast. All meals served must meet nutrition standards established by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. If a child has a disability, as determined by a doctor, and the disability prevents the child from eating the regular school meal, the school will make substitutions prescribed by the doctor. If a substitution is needed, there will be no extra charge for the meal. Please note, however, that the school is not required to make a substitution for a food allergy, unless it meets the definition of disability. Please call the school for further information; telephone number 806-756-4313.

Your children can get free school meals if you get food stamps or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Depending on your income, your children may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

TO OBTAIN FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS FOR YOUR CHILD, YOU MUST COMPLETE AN APPLICATION AND RETURN IT TO THE SCHOOL. WE CANNOT APPROVE AN APPLICATION THAT IS NOT COMPLETE.

### HOW TO APPLY

If you now get food stamps or TANF for a child you are applying for, the application must have the child's name, a food stamp or TANF case number for that child, and the signature of an adult household member.

If you are applying for a foster child, the application must have the child's name, the child's "personal use" income, and an adult signature.

If you do not list a food stamp or TANF case number for a child you are applying for, then the application must have the child's name, the names of all household members, the amount of income each person got last month and where it came from, the signature of an adult household member, and that adult's social security number or the word "none" if the adult does not have a social security number.

### INCOME CHART

| Household Size | Annual      | Monthly    | Weekly |
|----------------|-------------|------------|--------|
| 1.....         | 15,448..... | 1,288..... | 298    |
| 2.....         | 20,813..... | 1,735..... | 401    |
| 3.....         | 26,178..... | 2,182..... | 504    |
| 4.....         | 31,543..... | 2,629..... | 607    |
| 5.....         | 36,908..... | 3,076..... | 710    |
| 6.....         | 42,273..... | 3,523..... | 813    |
| 7.....         | 47,638..... | 3,970..... | 917    |
| 8.....         | 53,003..... | 4,417..... | 1,020  |

For each  
add'l member  
add..... +\$365.....+448.....+104

**Verification:** Your eligibility may be checked at any time during the school year. School officials may ask you to send papers showing that your child should receive free or reduced-price meals.

**Fair Hearing:** You may talk to school officials if you do not agree with the school's decision on your application or the results of verification. You may also ask for a fair hearing. You may do this by calling or writing:

JIMMY THOMAS  
P. O. BOX 95  
GAIL, TEXAS 79738  
(806) 756-4313

**Reporting Changes:** If your child gets free or reduced-price meals because of your income, you must tell the school if your household size decreases or your income increases by more than \$50 per month or \$600 per year or your household size decreases. If your child gets meals because of food stamps or TANF you must tell the school when you no longer get these benefits. You may then fill out another application giving income information.

**Confidentiality:** School officials use the information on the application to decide if your child should get free or reduced-price meals. We may inform officials with other child nutrition, health and education programs of the information on your form to determine benefits for those programs or for funding and/or evaluation purposes.

**Reapplication:** You may apply for meals anytime during the school year. If you are not eligible now but have a change in status, like a decrease in household income, an increase in household size, become unemployed or get food stamps or TANF for your child, you may then complete an application.

IN THE OPERATION OF THE CHILD FEEDING PROGRAMS, NO CHILD WILL BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BECAUSE OF RACE, SEX, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE OR HANDICAP. IF YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE BEEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST, WRITE IMMEDIATELY TO THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20250.

We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

## Every Child will receive an application the first day of school. THIS IS ONLY AN EXAMPLE!

### APPLICATION FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS SCHOOL YEAR 2000-2001

Complete, sign and return the form to Borden County ISD. Please read the instructions. If you need help completing this form, call: (806) 756-4313

1 (a) CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ SS#/Student ID \_\_\_\_\_  
Or Site Number \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional)

(b) CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ SS#/Student ID \_\_\_\_\_  
Or Site Number \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional)

2 Is this a FOSTER CHILD? (See the instructions). If this is a foster child, check here [ ] and write the child's monthly personal use income here: \$: \_\_\_\_\_ Go to section # 5.

3 Are you getting FOOD STAMPS or TANF benefits for your child? List the CASE number. DO NOT complete section #4. Go to section # 5. Food stamp case number: \_\_\_\_\_ TANF case number: \_\_\_\_\_

4 ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS: (Complete this part only if you did not complete sections #2 or #3). List all household members, including the children listed above. List all income. Go to section #5.

| Names | Current Monthly Income                                                                                             |                                                      |                                         |                                                             |
|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|       | Names of Household Members (include the children listed above)<br>If you need more spaces, attach a separate sheet | Monthly Earnings from Work (Before Deductions) Job 1 | Monthly Welfare, Child Support, Alimony | Monthly Payments from Pensions, Retirement, Social Security |
| 1.    |                                                                                                                    | \$                                                   | \$                                      | \$                                                          |
| 2.    |                                                                                                                    | \$                                                   | \$                                      | \$                                                          |
| 3.    |                                                                                                                    | \$                                                   | \$                                      | \$                                                          |
| 4.    |                                                                                                                    | \$                                                   | \$                                      | \$                                                          |
| 5.    |                                                                                                                    | \$                                                   | \$                                      | \$                                                          |

5 SIGNATURE AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: PENALTIES FOR MISREPRESENTATION: I certify that all of the above information is true and correct and that the food stamp or TANF case number is current, correct or that all income is reported. I understand that this information is being given for the receipt of Federal funds; that institution officials may verify the information on the Application for Free and Reduced-Price Meals; and that the deliberate misrepresentation of the information may subject me to prosecution under applicable State and Federal laws.

Signature of Adult: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2000, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge, Presiding; DOUG ISAACS, Commissioner, Prec. No. 1; LARRY SMITH, Commissioner, Prec. No. 2; VERNON WOLF, Commissioner, Prec. 3; HURSTON LEMONS, JR., Commissioner, Prec. 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:

### MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting of June 26, 2000 were read. Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

### ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined and Commissioner Lemons made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

### COUNTY FEE ON VEHICLES

Commissioner Smith made a motion to NOT COLLECT the Optional County Road and Bridge Fee for the year 2001 that can be collected on each vehicle registered in the County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf. Motion carried.

### COUNTY BUDGET

Budget work session was held for Precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4.

### STORM WATER COALITION

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion for Borden County to continue its participation in The Texas Counties Storm Water Coalition with contribution of \$125.00. Commissioner Lemons seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### LEGAL NOTICE

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to advertise for bids for the purchase of one (1) new truck for use in Borden County Precinct No. 2. The bids will be opened on August 14, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf and approved unanimously.

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## 2000 Property Tax Rates in Borden County

This notice concerns 2000 property tax rates for Borden County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

|                              | General Fund   | Farm to Market/<br>Flood Control Fund | Special Road/<br>Bridge Fund |
|------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Last year's tax rate:</b> |                |                                       |                              |
| Last year's operating taxes  | \$ 928,409     | \$ -0-                                | \$ -0-                       |
| Last year's debt taxes       | \$ -0-         | \$ -0-                                | \$ -0-                       |
| Last year's total taxes      | \$ 928,409     | \$ -0-                                | \$ -0-                       |
| Last year's tax base         | \$ 191,424,671 | \$ -0-                                | \$ -0-                       |
| Last year's total tax rate   | \$ .485 /\$100 | \$ -0- /\$100                         | \$ -0- /\$100                |

|                                                                              |                 |               |               |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>This year's effective tax rate:</b>                                       |                 |               |               |
| Last year's adjusted taxes<br>(after subtracting taxes on lost property)     | \$ 928,409      | \$ -0-        | \$ -0-        |
| + This year's adjusted tax base<br>(after subtracting value of new property) | \$ 210,844,296  | \$ -0-        | \$ -0-        |
| = This year's effective tax rate<br>for each fund                            | \$ .4403 /\$100 | \$ -0- /\$100 | \$ -0- /\$100 |
| Total effective tax rate                                                     | \$ .4403 /\$100 |               |               |

*In the first year a county collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:*

|                             |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| - Sales tax adjustment rate | \$ N/A /\$100   |
| = Effective tax rate        | \$ .4403 /\$100 |

### This year's rollback tax rate:

|                                                                                                                                                 |                  |               |               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Last year's adjusted operating taxes<br>(after subtracting taxes on lost property<br>and including taxes for state criminal<br>justice mandate) | \$ 928,409       | \$ -0-        | \$ -0-        |
| + This year's adjusted tax base                                                                                                                 | \$ 210,844,296   | \$ -0-        | \$ -0-        |
| = This year's effective operating rate                                                                                                          | \$ .4403 /\$100  | \$ -0- /\$100 | \$ -0- /\$100 |
| x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate                                                                                                     | \$ .47555 /\$100 | \$ -0- /\$100 | \$ -0- /\$100 |
| + This year's debt rate                                                                                                                         | \$ -0- /\$100    | \$ -0- /\$100 | \$ -0- /\$100 |
| = This year's rollback rate for each fund                                                                                                       | \$ .47555 /\$100 | \$ -0- /\$100 | \$ -0- /\$100 |
| This year's total rollback rate                                                                                                                 | \$ .47555 /\$100 |               |               |

*A county that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:*

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| - Sales tax adjustment rate | \$ -0- /\$100    |
| = Rollback tax rate         | \$ .47555 /\$100 |

*For a county with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:*

|                                         |                  |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------|
| + Additional rate for pollution control | \$ -0- /\$100    |
| = Rollback tax rate                     | \$ .47555 /\$100 |

*For a county with enhanced indigent health care expenditures, insert the following lines:*

|                                                                  |                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| + Additional rate for enhanced indigent health care expenditures | \$ -0- /\$100    |
| = Rollback tax rate                                              | \$ .47555 /\$100 |

### Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Borden County adopts a 2000 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$ .4403 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 1999 taxes by \$ 641.

### Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

| Type of Property Tax Fund | Balance      |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Jury                      | \$16,046.00  |
| General                   | \$342,787.00 |
| Permanent Improvement     | \$1,467.00   |
| Road & Bridge             | \$91,814.00  |
| Precinct #1               | \$16,522.00  |
| Precinct #2               | \$50,114.00  |
| Precinct #3               | \$118,862.00 |
| Precinct #4               | \$106,956.00 |

### Schedule B - 2000 Debt Service N/A

### Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax N/A

### Schedule D - State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)

The Borden County Auditor certifies that Borden County has spent \$ -0- in the previous 12 months beginning July 1, 1998 for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Borden County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

### Schedule E - Transfer of Department, Function or Activity N/A

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at Borden County Tax Office.

Name of person preparing this notice Van L. York

Title County Judge

Date prepared July 28, 2000