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## Summer Fun Fest Reading Program

The Summer Fun Fest ended on June 24<sup>th</sup> with a great feeling of accomplishment and success. Seven children attended the four days of reading reinforcement and creativity taught by Borden County Elementary teachers, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Murphy. Those students attending were Austin Tyler, Austin Fields, Chance Taylor, Meaghan Herridge, Seleste Herridge, Taylor Gass and Selena Guerrero.

The first week's activities centered on quilts. Students did everything from studying actual quilts to designing quilts of their own. They also saw how special quilts are and gained a greater appreciation for the quilts in their homes.

Reading skills such as listening, oral reading, syllables, vowel sounds, and comprehension were the main focus.

Mrs. Paul Turner (Mrs. Miller's mother) came on the final day and helped the students make individual quilt blocks. The students were surprised to discover that Mrs. Murphy can really thread a needle and sew!

Dinosaurs were the main attraction the second week. There were stacks of books to preview and discover interesting facts about dinosaurs, such as, dinosaurs were probably green or brown like the reptiles today. The big plant-eating dinosaurs ate

rocks as well as plants, which helped them digest their food. Students concentrated on oral reading, comprehension, following directions, and problem solving during this week. Ben Miller, local sculptor and Mrs. Miller's husband, came and showed the student show to sculpt a brontosaurus, using clay and an armature made of wire. They began with the wire skeleton and added the muscles and skin to make some amazing sculptures. Mr. Miller said spraying them with a shellac or

varathene could preserve the sculptures.

Besides the work-studies, food played an important role each week. Students made a quilt cake and dinosaur trail mix and shared a lunch with friends. The time flew for everyone and much work was accomplished because Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Murphy didn't waste a minute.

The students and teachers would like to thank Mrs. Turner and Mr. Miller again for bring their talents to school and sharing their knowledge and skills with us.



**Quilt Cake:** Chance, Austin T., Austin F., Seleste Meaghan, Taylor, and Celina show off their quilt cake that was gobbled up at lunch time.

## Borden County EMS Receives Grant Funding

The Borden County Emergency Medical Service is receiving new life-saving equipment through recent grant awarded by the Permian Basin Area Foundation.

The grant from the Foundation has made it possible for Borden County EMS to purchase portable equipment designed to recognize and treat life-threatening heart conditions.

The grant received by Borden County EMS is one of over 23 grants amounting to \$80,000 that have been awarded to Permian Basin Region nonprofit organizations.

"We applaud each of these very worthy organizations for the important and wonderful work they are doing for the people of our region's communities," said June

Cowden, chair of the Foundation's grants committee. "On behalf of the Foundation's board of governors and our grant committee, we thank you and we encourage you to 'keep up the great work' you are doing."

Grants by the Permian Basin Area Foundation are provided from resources of the Foundation's various component funds. The Foundation awards grants following review of applications submitted in the fall and spring. Spring grant applications are due at the Foundation's office on or before October 15, 2002. Additional information about the Foundation's grant procedures is available at [www.pbaf.org](http://www.pbaf.org) or by calling (915)682-4704.

## Sales Tax Holiday Set for Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced that the annual Sales Tax Holiday is coming up August 2-4.

"Start marking your shopping list for school clothes for the kids and new clothes for mom and dad,"

Comptroller Rylander said. "During the Sales Tax Holiday, most clothes and shoes priced under \$100 are exempt from state and local sales taxes."

Rylander estimates Texans will save \$42 million in sales

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## Heart and home...

By Julie D. Mumme  
Borden County Extension Agent -  
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.

### Borden County 4-H Honors

The 2001-2002 Borden County 4-H Achievement Picnic was held on Tuesday, July 2 in the showbarn. Various honors were given to 4-H youth, leaders and friends of the 4-H program. Forty-five youth were recognized for their completion of project work in the swine, sheep, goat, beef, consumer education, citizenship, shooting sports, and horse project areas.

Each year the youth recognize Outstanding Leaders for their dedication, hard work and assistance with various 4-H projects. This year, Freddy Roberts and Damon Shipp were honored as Outstanding Leaders. The youth also honor Friends of 4-H. These individuals are members of the community and surrounding area that contribute in various

ways to the 4-H program, whether through monetary, time, or resource donations. Shannon Pierce of Pierce GM Country and Chuck Kimmel were recognized as the Friends of 4-H.

The Gold Star award is the highest award a 4-H'er may receive. This award is given for the 4-H'ers accomplishments in leadership, project work and citizenship. This year's recipients are Sunni Shipp and Kyle Pinkerton. They will again be honored at the South Plains District 4-H Gold Star Banquet in November. We congratulate all 4-H youth, leaders and 4-H friends for their accomplishments and wish to thank everyone for their contributions to the Borden County 4-H program.

### Keeping Swimwear in Tip-top Shape

Chlorine from pool water can cause both fiber damage and color loss in swimwear. To keep your swimwear in good condition, follow these simple steps:

- \*Rinse the chlorine from swimwear immediately after swimming to avoid color loss.
- \*Launder or thoroughly rinse items that are frequently wet by pool water, including clothing, towels and outdoor furniture.

The chlorine left by the pool water can cause permanent damage if it's not washed out.

- \*Don't lay towels that are wet with pool water on other textiles, such as beds, carpets or upholstery.
- \*Line dry or lay your swimwear flat to dry. Don't put it in the dryer.

Source: The Soap & Detergent Association's *Cleanliness Facts* Newsletter July/August 2002

### Have a Great Summer!



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## Sales Tax Holiday

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tax during the three-day Sales Tax Holiday, including \$33.2 million in state sales tax and \$8.8 million in local sales taxes.

"I believe Texans will once again take full advantage of this well-deserved tax break to make their dollars go farther as they shop for a new school year," Rylander said. "During the Sales Tax Holiday, shoppers save about \$8 for every \$100 they spend on qualifying clothing and footwear."

The savings from Texas' three sales Tax Holidays thus far total approximately \$108.2 million, including an

estimated \$85.3 million in state sales tax and an estimated \$22.9 million in local sales taxes.

"That's \$108 million that Texans have been able to keep in their pockets for their families' priorities," Comptroller Rylander said.

Examples of items that can be purchased tax-free August 2-4 include kids' clothes and school uniforms, adult's clothes and work uniforms, shoes, tennis shoes, slippers, sleepwear and underclothes for the entire family, as long as the items are priced under \$100 each.

Items that can not be purchased tax-free include

accessories, athletic shoes and apparel that are not normally street wear, backpack and school supplies. "I asked the last legislature to expand the Sales Tax Holiday to include backpacks, school supplies, baby car seats, bicycle safety helmets and other safety gear for our most precious resource-our children," Comptroller Rylander said. "I also want to extend the Sales Tax Holiday from three days to five days. Texans don't need a three-day traffic jam. This must be priority in the next legislative session."

No Texas community has opted out of the Sales Tax Holiday this year. To opt out, a city, county or other local taxing entity must notify the Comptroller by March 31.

### A Baby Girl

*Soft as a whisper  
so precious and sweet...*

*Tiny perfection  
from her head to her feet.*

*She's a dear baby girl  
to hold and to love...*

*All of the things  
sweet dreams are made of.*



### Ashley Elizabeth Amonett

Sunday, June 30, 2002  
7 pounds, 13 ounces - 19 inches

Parents: Cathy York Amonett & Marcus Gaylon Amonett, Mertzon  
Grandparents: Van & Barbara York, of Borden County  
Gaylon & Margaret Amonett, Lubbock



## Smith, Schmidt Exchange Vows in Double-Ring Ceremony

Lindsey Shon Smith and Kyle Bradley Schmidt were united in an evening ceremony on July 6, 2002 at the First Baptist Church of Lamesa.

The bride is the daughter of Monte and Deidre Smith of Borden County. The groom is the son of Gene and Lynn Schmidt of Lamesa.

Officiating at the double-ring ceremony was Sam Burgeson, Minister of Education, of the First Baptist Church, Lamesa.

Iva Beck was the pianist for the ceremony, providing a variety of wedding selections during the seating of the guests.

The altar was decorated with Spanish-style candelabras, English ivy, and white ribbon. Tiered, wrought iron baskets contained plumbago, pentas, vinca, English ivy, caladium, and salvia.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a white sheath gown designed by Eden Bridals. The flowing wedding gown consisted of chiffon layers draping into a sweeping train. The bodice was accented with iridescent sequins and pearls designed to catch the candlelight and reflect the light. The bride's shoulder length silk illusion veil completed her ensemble. She carried a fresh bouquet of white roses and stephanotis adorned with pearls.

Following tradition Lindsey wore something new, which was an emerald bracelet given to the bride by her mother-in-law. She wore a borrowed pair of pearl earrings belonging to her maternal grandmother. For something old, she had a penny in her shoe dated from the year she was born. Her garter was adorned with blue flowers.

Reagan Smith, sister of the bride, served as main of honor. Bridesmaids were Shaina Isaacs, College Station and Trisha Nichols, Abilene. The bride attendants wore periwinkle satin and chiffon full-length dresses.

The attendants carried white roses accented with periwinkle colored delphinium tied with periwinkle ribbon.

Flower girls were Morgan Evans, cousin of the groom, of Ft. Worth and Shannon Burdick, cousin of the groom, of Westfield, Indiana.

Ringbearers were Riley Smith, brother of the bride, Borden County and Sean Tucker, cousin of the bride, Vealmoor.

Brent Schmidt, brother of the groom, San Antonio, was the best man. Brady Lambright and Joey Smith of Lamesa served as the groomsmen. Ushers were Clay John Anderson, cousin of the bride, of Borden County, Ryan Cox, cousin of the groom, Mansfield, Joe Wayne Nitsch, Abilene, and Chance Cypert, Abilene. The male attendants each wore a black tuxedo, black vest, white shirts, and black tie with a white rose boutonnières. The groom wore a black tuxedo with silver vest and tie.

Whitney Anderson, cousin of the bride, of Borden County registered guests. Candlelighters were Keith Cox, cousin of the groom, Mansfield, and Bailey Anderson, cousin of the bride, Borden County.

### Reception

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the church parlor. The bride's table was decorated with a white lace cloth, and white organza bows accented with iridescent pearls. The cake was a tiered, basket weave white cake made by Dorothy Davis of Lamesa. It was decorated with fresh stephanotis, delphinium, and white roses. The cake sat upon a glass table top with white lights and tulle.

The groom's table was decorated with burlap cloth, rusted farm plows, and greenery. The chocolate tiered cake was perched on stands made from rusted farm machinery. Tumbleweeds, careless weeds, and bandanna



**Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Schmidt**  
nee- Lindsey Smith

accented the table.

Serving were Bekah Hensley, Crystal Dye, Valerie Wootan, Julie Mayes, Hailey Adcock, and Cheryl Schmidt. The houseparty, which consisted of Lisa Ludecke, Paula Miller, Pat Murphy, Debby Isaacs, and Kevva Anderson, filled the tables with finger sandwiches, cheese and meat trays, fruit and vegetables.

Following a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple will be at home in Abilene. Lindsey is a 2000 graduate of Borden High School. She will continue her education at McMurry, seeking a degree in Physical Education. She is currently employed by the YMCA of Abilene. Kyle is a 1998 graduate of Lamesa High School. He completed his coursework at McMurry in July, and will graduate this summer with a Business Degree. He is employed by New York Life of Abilene.

### Courtesies

A shower was held at Borden County ISD May 4<sup>th</sup>.

hostesses presented the couple with a vacuum cleaner. Hostesses were Carol Smith, Lisa Telchik, Vicki Whitman, Nita Woodul, Sally Wrona, Sharon Youngblood, Iva Beck, Rita Dotson, Debbie Park, Julia Paske, and Belinda Shofner.



Debby and Shaina Isaacs, Lamesa, held a candle shower on the evening of June 1<sup>st</sup>. The backyard setting had a Hawaiian Luau theme. Guest included Lindsey's high school classmates and their mothers.

A lingerie shower was held in Abilene June 7<sup>th</sup> in the home of Loy Akins. Hostesses were Rachel Holloway and Melisha Garcia.

A rehearsal dinner was held Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church in Lamesa. The fajita dinner was catered by Pedroza's Mexican Restaurant and was hosted by the groom's parents. Tables were decorated with burlap, bandanna, cactus, and wrought iron candle holders. The meal featured a slid show with pictures of the bride and groom's childhood memories, concluding with photos of the happy couple.

A bridesmaid's brunch was held July 6<sup>th</sup> at Waldrop's Well. Hostesses were Christy Burdick, Becky Cox, Cheryl Schmidt, Virginia Burdick, Julie Evans, Julia Dowling, Sherri Holder, and Jenny Pedroza.



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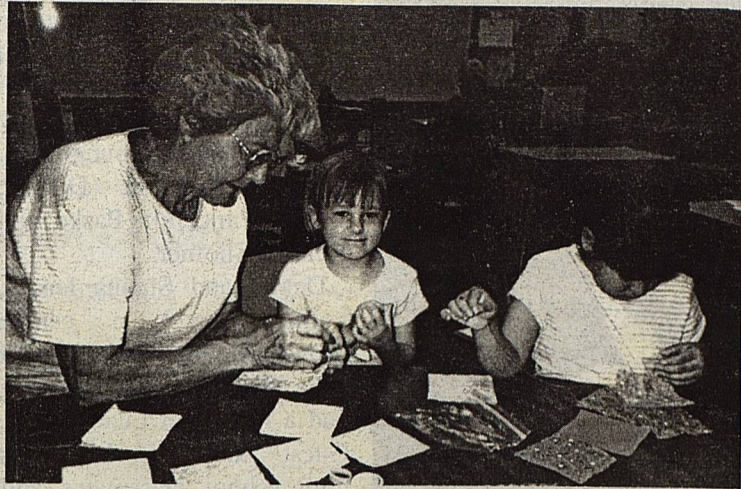
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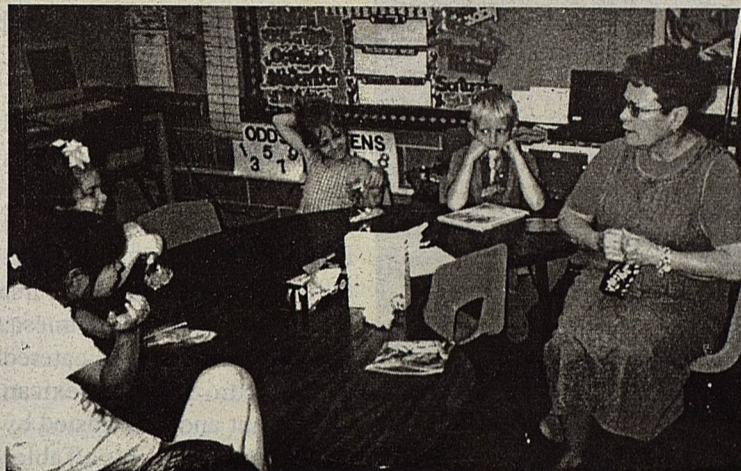
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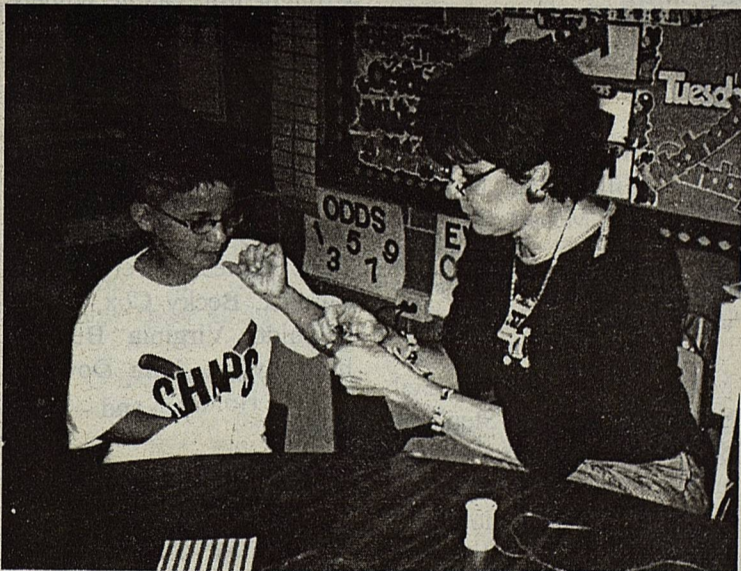
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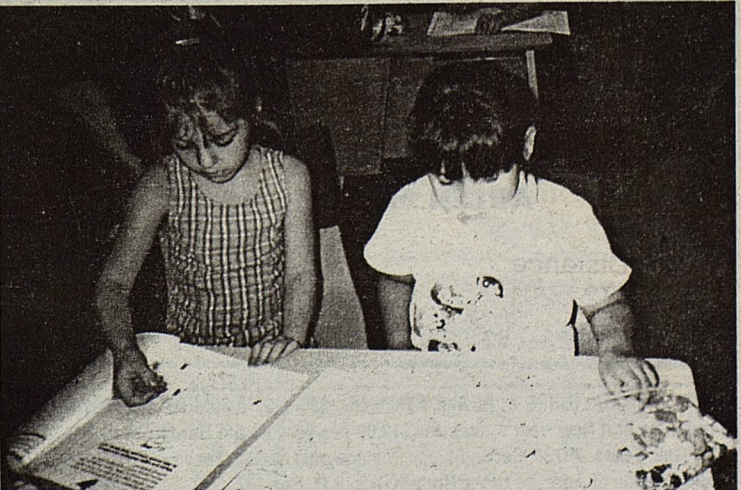
Young quilters, Meaghan and Celina, with Mrs. Turner



Making dinosaur trail mix. "Why did the dinosaurs eat rocks, Mrs. Murphy?"



"Ouch, those needles are sharp, according to Austin Fields.



Taylor and Celina are study partners.

## Courthouse News

WHEREAS On this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2002, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special 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 D. SMITH**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 3; **HURSTON LEMONS, JR.**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 4; **JANA UNDERWOOD**, Deputy, County Clerk.

with Joyce Herridge, Clerk of Court absent, 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 10, 2002 were read. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaacs. Motion carried unanimously.

### ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

### TEXAS WIND POWER COMPANY

No representative from Texas Wind Power Company showed for set meeting at 10:00 a.m.

### TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Roy Dill; Area Engineer, Johnny Moore; Maintenance Supervisor and Norman (Jibber) Herridge; Assistant Supervisor, representatives from the Texas Department of Transportation in Borden County met with the Court at 11:00 a.m. concerning water to west Roadside Park on Hwy 180 and renovations to east Roadside Park on Hwy 180.

### PIPELINE CROSSINGS OF COUNTY ROADS

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve the request from the Kinder Morgan Company to place pipelines across Muleshoe Road and Willow Valley Road in Pct. 2 and Gray Road in Pct. 3. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### ADJOURN

Commissioner Lemons made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes and approved unanimously.

## Kids more 'buzzed' about caffeine

Are your kids guzzling down more caffeine-loaded drinks this summer?

"The availability of caffeine products and drinks has increased," said Joan Carter, instructor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "A broader variety of caffeinated beverages, larger servings, and unaware parents can all result in more caffeine consumption."

Kids and teenagers receive a great deal of their caffeine intake from such products as

carbonated sodas, chocolate, flavored teas, coffee drinks, and over-the-counter medications.

Although caffeine is not addictive, kids can develop a dependence on it, said Carter.

"Kids who develop a caffeine habit over the summer can find themselves having a harder time with sleeping habits and attention span in class when school starts," said Carter. Other effects include irritability, headaches, frequent mood changes, nervousness, and a

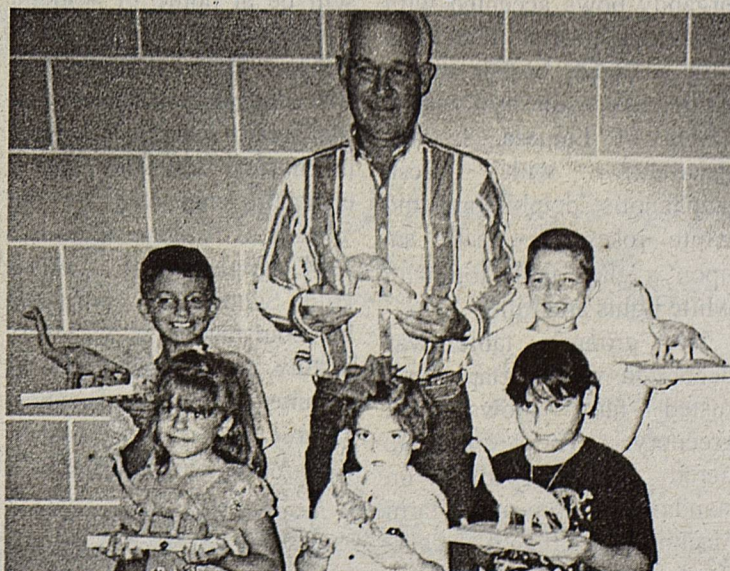
temporary rise in heart rate.

Since many kids now consume larger servings of caffeinated colas and chocolate drinks rather than fresh fruit juices or milk, weight can also become a problem.

"Kids are encouraged to consume no more than 45 to 50 milligrams of caffeine a day—equal to one 12-ounce soda," said Carter. The problem is that most kids drink more than one soda per day."

Parents can follow some of these tips to help limit their child's caffeine intake.

- Replace caffeinated drinks with herbal tea, milk, water, fruit juices, or caffeine-free beverages.
- Check ingredient labels on food products and over-the-counter medications. Two products may seem identical, but one may be caffeine-free.
- Consider caffeinated soda as an occasional treat for children and not as a regular part of the diet.
- Be a good role model. Maintaining a healthy caffeine intake in your life can make it easier for children to do the same



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