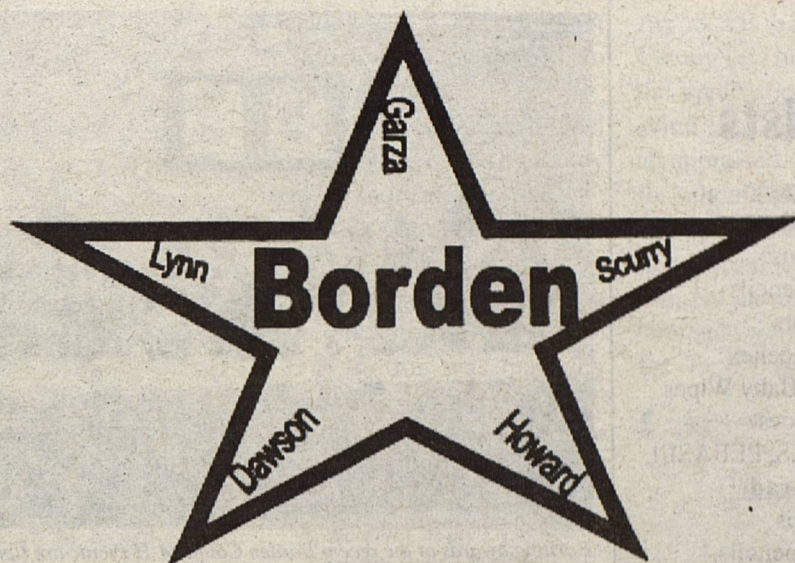


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2007-2008 School Year Begins August 27th

Dear Students, Parents and Borden County School Community:

The 2007-2008 school year will begin on Monday, August 27. The official school day will begin at 8:05 a.m. and conclude at 3:33 p.m. each day.

New employees for the 2007-2008 school year are as follows: Mr. Fernando Baeza-teacher/coach, Mrs. Patsy Kieck-custodian, Mrs. Becky Nix-director of Bi-County Special Education Cooperative, and Mrs. Tammy Simmons-daycare.

The Borden County ISD will experience minimal program and curricular changes during the upcoming school year; however, the most recent legislative action will require high school students to add additional math and science courses to their graduation plan. Students beginning the ninth grade during the 2007-2008 school year will be required to complete four years of math and four years of science. High School students in the eleventh and twelfth grades will continue to have the opportunity to earn college courses if they qualify according to state guidelines and testing criteria.

We will make a serious effort to continue to improve upon our student's TAKS Test scores during the 2007-2008 school year. Borden County students will also continue to receive free meals during the 2007-2008 school year.

We would like to encourage your help in promoting enrollment for the Borden County School District. During the 2007-2008 school year it is expected that we will send the State in excess of \$4,580,643 in recapture. The primary thing we need to think about when discussing school finance is that our school district cannot survive without a healthy student enrollment. Efforts by the Borden County School Community to encourage parents with school-age children to reside and attend school in Borden County will be sincerely appreciated.

Our desire for the upcoming school year is for every child of the Borden County School to have a successful educational and social experience. Your support and involvement is needed and appreciated. We

would like to commend our community and staff for their dedication and support in pro-



Supt. Jimmy Thomas

viding an outstanding educational opportunity for our students. We encourage your continued involvement in your child's educational experience. Please contact your child's teachers or the school administration if your child is having problems in classes or extracurricular activities. Your involvement and intervention is the best way to prevent problems relating to your child's educational success and positive

school experience. Please feel free to call the following numbers as needed: central office

806-756-4313, principal's office 806-756-4315.

Sincerely, Jimmy Thomas

Stocker Cattle and Wheat Management Conference

There will be a Stocker Cattle & Wheat Management Ag Conference for area Ag producers August 30, 2007 at Dunn Right BBQ, in Dunn, TX. Go south on Hwy. 208, turn right on FM 1606 - Dunn Right is the 2nd building on the right.

The conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration. Coffee and donuts will be served compliments of First Ag Credit in Snyder. There will be presentations on Wheat Forage, Product Updates concerning Stocker Health, Grain Price Outlook, Laws & Regulations, County of Origin Labeling, Ethanol & Fuel Prices, and Hay - Value of a Bale. The program will wrap up with CEU paperwork at 1:45 p.m. Three CEUs will be offered for Pesticide Applicator Licenses, 1 Laws & Regulations, 2 General. There will be a free noon meal prepared by Dunn Right BBQ, furnished by Ft. Dodge Animal Health. Building Sponsor Ezell-Key Feed Company. Please call the Borden County Extension Office at (806) 756-4336 for more information. Please RSVP by 5 p.m. August 27, 2007.

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Borden County Elementary Supply Lists

Kindergarten

- Elmer's school glue (not paste)
- 2 - glue sticks
- 2 - Boxes of 16 crayons
- Scissors (Fiskars for kids)
- 4 - #2 pencils
- 2 - Folders (with pockets)
- Big eraser
- Supply box (cigar box size)
- Towel for nap time
- Baby wipes/wet wipes (2 boxes)
- 1 box - Kleenex
- Gym shoes
- First Grade**
- 2 - Boxes of 16 crayons
- 5 - #2 pencils
- Supply box
- Scissors (Fiskars for kids)
- 2 medium-sized bottles - Elmer's school glue
- 2 - Glue sticks
- 1 - One-subject spiral notebook (wide-ruled)
- Large box of baby wipes
- 2 boxes - Kleenex
- Gym shoes
- Second Grade**
- 12 - #2 pencils
- 2 - Red grading pencils
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- 1 bottle - Elmer's school glue
- 2 - Glue sticks
- Notebook paper (wide-ruled)
- Scissors
- Eraser
- Ruler
- Small supply box
- 1 - Red pocket folder (no brads)
- 1 - Pocket folder of choice (no brads)
- 1 - Wide-ruled spiral notebook
- 1 box - Kleenex
- Gym Shoes
- Third Grade**
- 1 - Wide-ruled spiral notebook
- 300 - 3x5 Index cards
- 1 - Ruler (metric & standard)
- 4 - Red pens
- 1 bottle - Elmer's school glue
- 2 - Glue sticks
- 2 - Pocket folders
- Notebook paper (wide-ruled)
- 24 - #2 pencils (not mechanical)

- Large eraser
- Supply Box
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Scissors
- 1 box - Kleenex
- 2 large boxes - Baby Wipes
- Gym shoes
- NO NOTEBOOKS, PLEASE!
- Fourth Grade**
- Crayons
- 1 box - #2 pencils
- 3 - Red grading pens
- 3 - Pocket folders (no brads)
- Notebook paper (wide-ruled)
- 1 - Ruler (metric and standard)
- 2 - Glue Sticks
- 1 - Eraser
- Scissors
- 1 bottle - Elmer's school glue
- 1 pkg. - 3x5 lined index cards
- 2 boxes - Kleenex
- 1 Large, inexpensive box - Baby Wipes
- Gym shoes
- Fifth Grade**
- 1 - Red 1 1/2 3-ring notebook
- 1 package - Dividers (with pockets)
- 1 - Red spiral notebook (wide-ruled)
- 1 - Red folder with pockets
- 2 pkgs. - Notebook paper (wide-ruled only!)
- 1 box - #2 pencils
- Red grading pens
- 1 - Large glue sticks
- 1 - 8 oz. bottle of Elmer's school glue
- 1 box - 36 colored pencils
- 1 box - 10 crayola markers (broad tip)
- 1 pkg. - 10 crayola washable markers (super tip)
- 1 - Ruler (metric and standard)
- Scissors
- 1 pkg. - Highlighters (green, blue, yellow, orange, & pink)
- 2 large boxes - Kleenex
- 1 - Supply box

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Earning awards at the recent Borden County 4-H Picnic are (left to right) Raylea Underwood, Mallory McMeans, Shylo Rinehart, Kylie Voss, Blaise Freeman, Cayden Vaughn, Zach McMeans, Tristen Benavidez, Molley McMeans, Mandi Hudson and Matthew Roberson.

Borden County ISD Board of Directors Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. in the Borden County I.S.D. Board Room. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Carol Lewis, and Joe Harding. Dennis Poole arrived at 7:20 P.M. Randy Hensley and Mike Valentine were absent. Jimmy Thomas was also present.

1. The meeting was called to order by John Anderson.
2. There was no community input.
3. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2007 Board Meeting. The motion carried with Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, and John Anderson voting in favor. Carol Lewis voted against.
4. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the July 2007 bills. The motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion was made by

Carol Lewis and seconded by Dennis Poole to approve the Bi-County Board of Management Recommendations for Bi-County Special Education Cooperative Employees Salaries for the 2007-2008 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Mr. Thomas presented a 2007-2008 Recommended Sal-

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| 2007 Football Schedule Borden County Coyotes | | | |
|---|--------------|-------|------|
| Varsity | | | |
| August 24 | Scrimmage | Trent | 5:00 |
| August 31 | NewHome | Here | 7:30 |
| September 7 | Robert Lee | Here | 7:30 |
| September 14 | Wilman-Union | There | 7:30 |
| September 21 | Dawson | Here | 7:30 |
| September 28 | South | There | 7:30 |
| October 5 | Aspermont | Here | 7:30 |
| October 19 | Open | | |
| October 26 | Tent | Here | 7:30 |
| November 2 | Hermleigh | There | 7:30 |
| November 9 | Jayton | Here | 7:30 |
| Head Football Coach: Trey Richey | | | |
| Defensive Coordinator: Peter Benavidez | | | |
| Special Teams Coach: Fernando Baeza | | | |
| Assistant Coach/Trainer: Bric Turner | | | |

School Lunch Menu

- August 27th - 31st, 2007
- MONDAY** - Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit Juice, Milk. Lunch: Pizza, Corn, Salad, Pineapple, and Milk.
- TUESDAY** - Breakfast: Pancake Pup, Fruit Juice, and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Fried Steak, Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Fresh Fruit, and Milk.
- WEDNESDAY** - Breakfast: Biscuit w/gravy, Sausage, Fruit juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Green Peas, Potatoes, Roll, Mix Fruit, and Milk.
- THURSDAY** - Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Fish, Black-eyed Peas, Potato Salad, Hush Puppies, and Milk.
- FRIDAY** - Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice, Milk. Lunch: Cheeseburger, French Fries, Salad Cup, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Milk.

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Board of Directors...

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6. Mr. Thomas presented a 2007-2008 Recommended Salary Supplement Schedule for Professional Staff, a 2007-2008 Recommend Salary Schedule for Support Staff, and a 2007-2008 Recommended Substitute Compensation Scale. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Carol Lewis to adopt the salary recommendations as presented by Mr. Thomas for 2007-2008. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joel Dennis to continue providing meals free to students and employees of the Borden County ISD for the 2007-2008 school year, and to continue charging \$2.50 for lunch and \$1.30 for breakfast for other individuals eating in the cafeteria. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Mr. Thomas made a recommendation to hire Peter Benavidez as a professional employee for the 2007-2008 school year, to reissue Darrin Ard a new contract as a teacher/counselor on a 10 1/2 month basis for the 2007-2008 school year, and hire Sue Jane Mayes on a 1/2 time basis as a professional employee for the 2007-2008 school year. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joe Harding to hire Peter Benavidez, Darrin Ard, and Sue Jane Mayes as professional employees for the 2007-2008 school year as recommended. The motion passed unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to set the August 2007 School Board Meeting for August 20, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the 2006-2007 Borden County I.S.D. Budget Amendments as

recommended by Mr. Thomas. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Mr. Thomas gave a year to date financial and investment report. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion was made by Joe Harding and seconded by Dennis Poole to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

*Borden County I.S.D.
Special Board Meeting
August 6, 2007*

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas met in special session at 7:00 P.M. in the Borden County I.S.D. Board Room.

Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, and Mike Valentine. Dennis Poole was absent. Jimmy Thomas was also present.

1. The meeting was called to order by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the proposed tax rate of \$1.03362 for the 2007-2008 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to upgrade the heating and cooling system in the boy's dressing room and weight room by allowing Snyder Heating and Cooling to complete the upgrade at a cost of \$24,728. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A discussion pertaining to an application for an appraised value limitation agreement on qualified property with Eurus Energy or Bull Creek Wind LLC and conducting a feasibility

study with Moak, Casey & Associates was discussed. No action was taken.

6. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to set the time and date of the next school board meeting for Tuesday, August 28, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Carol Lewis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

*Borden County I.S.D.
Special Board Meeting
August 13, 2007*

The Board Of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas met in special session at 7:00 P.M. in the Borden County I.S.D. Board Room. Board Members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole, and Mike Valentine. Jimmy Thomas was also present.

1. The meeting was called to order by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Randy Hensley to take action to adopt amendments to the Borden County ISD Local District Policy CCG relating to the procedures for processing applications for agreements to limit appraised value of property for school district maintenance and operations taxes pursuant to Chapter 313, Texas Tax Code. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to accept the application of Bull Creek Wind LLC for a limitation on appraised value of property for school district maintenance and operations taxes. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Mike Valentine to take action to retain Moak, Casey &

Associates to assist the Borden County ISD in the evaluation of the application of Bull Creek Wind LLC for a limitation on an appraised value of property for school district maintenance and operations taxes. The motion carried unanimously.

6. No action was taken pertaining to setting an application fee for the application of Bull

Creek Wind LLC for a limitation on an appraised value of property for school district maintenance and operations taxes.

7. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Carol Lewis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Coyote Football Off and Running

The Borden County football season opened Saturday with their first of two scrimmages in preparation for the upcoming season. After working hard for two weeks, the Coyotes got the opportunity to hit someone other than their fellow teammates as they traveled to Ropes to take on the Ropes Eagles and Rankin Red Devils.

The Coyotes split up into two different groups, a possible varsity group and a Junior Varsity group. These two groups scrimmaged on separate fields in order to get more playing time in a shorter amount of time.

The JV squad consisting of Clay Harding, Tyrell Massingill, Skyler Williamson, Brendan Tarleton, Tony Soto, Derek Tatum, Michael Froman and David Rodriquez only scrimmaged the Ropes JV.

In two separate segments consisting of 25 offensive plays and 25 defensive plays the Coyotes were outscored by the home team 2 touchdowns to 1.

The lone Coyote touchdown came on a beautiful 43 yard scamper by Tony Soto. Tony Soto led the offensive attack with 106 yards rushing on 9 carries. Derek Tatum had 3 carries for 16 yards and David Rodriquez had 3 carries for -3 yards.

Brendan Tarleton was 2 of 5 passing for 23 yards.

Tyrell caught 1 pass for 10 yards and Derek Tatum caught 1 pass for 13 yards.

Defensively, the Coyote JV improved as the scrimmage wore on, as Tony and Derek led the defense with several good defensive plays.

On the other field, the possible varsity, consisting of Seniors Quentin Shafer, Logan Howard, Pasqual Espinoza, juniors; Jake Cooley and Carlos Hernandez, sophomores; Flynn Chapman, Michael Cooley and Karl Lamming and Freshman; Miles Valentine and John Hensley: first took on the home team Ropes Eagles.

The Coyotes got off to a good start gaining 10 yards on their first play, but a bad snap on the next play put them in a hole and it forced them into a passing situation that resulted in a big sack. That seemed to be the theme for the day, a good first down and then some mental mistakes that would slow down a drive.

On this first series, the Coyotes managed 3 first downs, but a fumble thwarted their only possible scoring opportunity.

The Coyotes then played defense against the #6 ranked division I team in Rankin. The Red Devils wasted little time as a short pass turned into a 60 yard score after several Coyote defenders missed an opportunity to bring the Rankin runner down.

The Coyotes did improve as this 15 play segment continued as they forced the Red Devils to march the length of the field in 11 plays before they could come up with their 2nd score. The Coyotes came up with a turnover to end

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Annual Borden County Back-to-School 4-Person Golf Scramble Nine Holes



Saturday, August 25
Western Texas College
Golf Course
Draw for teams, 7:30 am
Shotgun start, 8:00 am
\$13.99 per person (green fee/cart)



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or Sue Jane Mayes (806-773-9729)
if you have any questions

Heart & Home . . .

By Julie Smith
Borden County Extension Agent
Family & Consumer Sciences



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Memory Loss

Many people believe that memory loss and aging go hand-in-hand: as a person gets older his or her memory begins to fail. Not true! Whether they care to admit it or not, many people think that their forgetfulness is the first sign of Alzheimer's disease. However, we now know that most people remain both alert and able as they age, although it may take them longer to remember things.

A lot of people experience memory lapses. Some memory problems are serious, others are not. People who have serious changes in their memory, personality and behavior may suffer from a form of brain disease called dementia? the two most common forms of dementia being Alzheimer's disease and

multi-infarct dementia. Dementia seriously affects a person's ability to carry out daily activities.

Sometimes older people have emotional problems that may cause memory loss and be mistaken for dementia. Feeling sad, lonely, worried or bored may be more common for some older adults for a variety of reasons. Adapting to change may leave some people feeling confused or forgetful. Emotional problems can be eased by supportive friends and family or by professional help from a health provider or counselor.

Stress, anxiety or depression can make a person more forgetful. Forgetfulness caused by these emotions usually is temporary and goes away when the feelings fade. However, if these feelings last for a long period of time, getting help from a professional is important. Treatment may include counseling or medication, or a combination of both.

In fact, there are several conditions that may be treated or reversed which cause memory problems. Reversible conditions can be caused by a high fever, dehydration, vitamin deficiency and poor nutrition, bad reactions to medicines, problems with the thyroid gland or a minor head injury. Medical conditions like these can be serious and should be treated by a health provider as soon as possible.

People who are worried about memory problems should see their health provider. If he or she believes that the problem is serious, then a thorough evalu-

ation may be recommended. A complete medical examination for memory loss may include gathering information about medical history, including use of prescription and over the counter medicines, diet, past medical problems and general health. Because a correct diagnosis depends on recalling these details accurately, the health provider also may ask a family member for information.

Lab tests may help your health provider find any problems. There are also tests of mental abilities: memory, problem solving, counting and language. A brain scan may assist the doctor in ruling out a curable disorder. A scan also may show signs of normal age related changes in the brain. It may be necessary to have another scan at a later date to see if there have been further changes in the brain.

Many older adults, in fact, people of all ages, wonder how they may try to keep their memory sharp. Some suggestions include developing interests or hobbies and staying involved in activities that stimulate both the mind and body. Many people find it useful to plan tasks, make things to do lists and use notes, calendars and other memory aids. They also may remember things better by mentally connecting them to other meaningful things, such as a familiar name or song.

Exercise is important to keep your body healthy but it is also important for your mind. The brain needs exercises and challenges so that it can remain active and keep up with your daily life. Try to challenge your brain daily to keep it active and alert. Also, remember that a healthy diet is very important to the body's function and especially to the mind. Although no special diets or nutritional supplements have been shown to specifically address memory problems, a balanced diet helps maintain overall good health.

Some physical and mental changes occur with age in healthy people. However, much pain and suffering can be avoided if older adults, their families and their health providers recognize that memory loss is not part of normal aging. For more information, contact the Texas Cooperative

Extension-Borden County office. You may also visit the National Institute on Aging Alzheimer's Disease Education and Referral Center website: <http://www.nia.nih.gov/alzheimers>.

Source: Andrew B. Crocker, Extension Program Specialist? Gerontology Health

Coyotes Off and Running...

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the Red Devil offensive segment as Jake Cooley fell on a loose Red Devil snap. The Coyotes then had a 20 play segment on defense against the Ropes Eagles. The Coyotes improved as this segment wore on, and actually used some great defensive plays from Jake Cooley, a pass break up by safety Quentin Shafer an interception by Flynn Chapman and a interception and pass break up by Michael Cooley to show the defensive improvement as this segment wore on.

The Eagles did manage two scores in this segment as they scored on a 4th down play to end the segment. The Coyotes took a short break and then took their turn at Rankin offensively. Again, it looked good early as the Coyotes had a Flynn Chapman to Jake Cooley pass for 15 yards. But just two plays later, the entire scrimmage took a turn for the worse, as Jake Cooley went down with a knee injury to his good knee.

The Coyotes were flat after loosing one of their team leaders and Captain, and did not do much the remainder of the series against Rankin. The Coyotes then had to play defense against Ropes and had to fill in the hole vacated by Jake. The Eagles put together two more good drives to score on the Coyotes, but the Coyotes got much better as the series wore on.

John Hensley and Carlos Hernandez took turns trying to fill the vacated spot as well as moving Flynn from Middle Backer to end and playing John in the Middle.

The Coyotes came back against Ropes and mounted two good drives against the Eagles, but a bad snap ended a promising drive before the Coyotes got a couple of good runs from Quentin and Michael to move the ball into scoring position. Quentin got loose on a 50 yard run as Flynn who moved to end made a great block and Miles Valentine who took over as quarterback made another good block to spring Quentin for the long run. Two plays later Michael Cooley crossed the goal line for the Coyotes first score of the scrimmage and the 2007 season. The Coyotes had one more 10 play segment, and Miles Valentine connected with Flynn on a perfectly executed bootleg pass for a 60 yard touchdown.

The Coyotes had another drive end due to a fumbled snap and then, the Coyotes moved the ball down the field again with some good running by Michael and Quentin and a couple of nicely executed screen passes from Miles to Michael which culminated with another Bootleg pass covering 27 yards from Valentine to Chapman to end the scrimmage on a good note.

The Coyotes were outscored by the Eagles 5 to 3, but the young Coyotes improved drastically as the scrimmage wore on.

Leading the way for the Coyotes on the ground was Quentin Shafer with 11 carries for 81 yards. Michael Cooley had 17 carries for 59 yards and 1 TD and 3 receptions for 42 yards. Jake Cooley had 2 carries for 18 yards and 2 receptions for 25 yards. Flynn Chapman was sacked 3 times for -25 yards. Flynn Chapman was 4 of 10 passing for 40 yards and 1 interception and also 2 receptions for 87 yards and 2 touchdowns. Miles Valentine was 3 of 6 for 114 yards and 2 touchdowns. The Coyotes had 312 total yards, but a lot of that came late.

I am very proud of the guys, they have worked extremely hard and showed much improvement as the scrimmage. There were times when we had 3 sophomores, 2 freshman and a senior on the field. We are very young and will continue to improve with the continued hard work of these young men. Good job, I am very proud of you and the coaching staff.

The Coyotes will next travel to Trent to take on the Trent Gorillas and the Sands Mustangs at 5:00 p.m. The time was originally scheduled for 6:00, but has been changed to 5:00.



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4-H News

Borden County 4-H Honors

The 2006-2007 Borden County 4-H Achievement Picnic was held on Monday, August 20 in the county showbarn.

Various honors were given to 4-H youth, leaders and friends of the 4-H program. 4-H youth were recognized for their completion of project work in the swine, meat goat, beef, horse, leadership, shooting sports, food and nutrition and clothing and textiles project areas.

Youth were also recognized for their achievement toward the new Achievement Point System implemented last fall which was designed to recognize those youth that take the opportunity to participate in the many aspects that 4-H has to offer, from projects, club meetings, community service and fund raising activities, and District and State 4-H events, including contests and camps.

Three youth reached the 70-99 point range and will receive a Texas 4-H T-shirt; those youth are Mollie McMeans, Zach McMeans, and Tristen Benavidez.

Five youth reached the 100 point goal and will receive a Borden County 4-H jacket. These youth are Blaise Freeman, Cayden Vaughn, Kylie Voss, Raylea Underwood and Shylo Rinehart.

Each year the youth 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. Randy and Verna Adcock were recognized as the Friends of 4-H this year.

The youth also recognize Outstanding Leaders for their dedication, hard work and assistance with various 4-H projects. This year, Dean Roberson was honored as an Outstanding Leader through the Shooting Sports project.

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 recipient is Raylea Underwood. She 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.

If you would like more information about 4-H, please contact Texas Cooperative Extension-Borden County office at (806)756-4336 or visit our web site at

<http://borden-tx.tamu.edu>.

Friends of 4-H Award



Raylea Underwood (center) presents the Friends of 4-H Award to Verna (left) and Randy (right) Adcock.

Bryce Dye and Tiffany Jones Wed July 20

Bryce Dye and Tiffany Jones were married on July 20, in Cozumel, Mexico.

Bryce is a 1998 graduate of Borden County High School and Tiffany is a 1999 graduate of Meadow High School.

While attending Borden County, Bryce was valedictorian, Mr. BHS, most likely to success, most school spirit, football beau, Beta Club, UIL OAP, band, cross country, basketball, golf, tennis, and football where he experienced winning a state championship.

He graduated from Abilene Christian University with a degree in youth ministry and Texas Tech with a degree in education. While attending Abilene Christian, he was able to preach for the Gail Church of Christ.

Bryce has been employed with Crowell ISD as a head football coach teaching history and math for the last three

years. This year he will be employed with Lubbock ISD.

Tiffany graduated from Texas Tech with a degree in business and interior design. She is currently self-employed with Market II in Lubbock. She specializes in floral arrangements for weddings, funerals, care

baskets for hospitals, and redesigns homes and offices.

Parents of the bride are Mike and Karon Martinson of Iraan, Texas.

Parents of the groom are Chet and Shirley Dye, former principal/teacher in Borden County from 1996-2003.



Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Dye

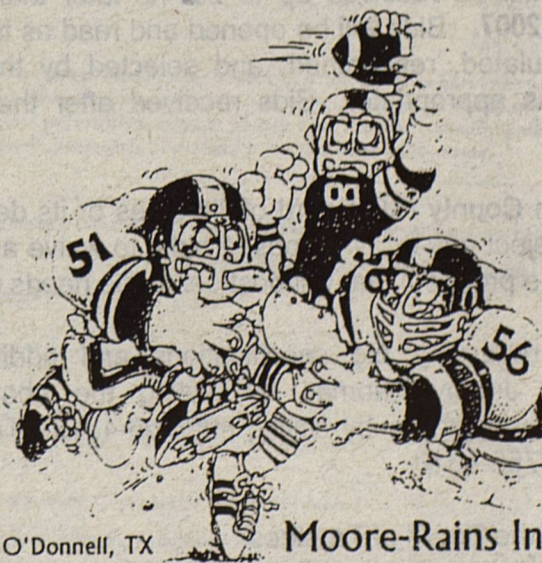


Matthew Roberson (right) accepts the Outstanding Adult Leader Award on behalf of his father, Dean. The award is presented by Zach McMeans(left).

Booster Club Meeting

A Booster Club Meeting will be held next Monday, August 27th at 8:15 p.m. in the conference room.

Go Coyotes . . .



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Commissioners Court July 27th Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 24th day of July, 2007, the Commissioners? Court of Borden County, Texas, con-vened in Special Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

VAN YORK, County Judge, Presiding; MONTE SMITH, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1; RANDY ADCOCK, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; ERNEST REYES, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; JOE BELEW, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; JOYCE HERIDGE, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of June 26th, 2007 were read. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was second-ed by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE

Commissioner Smith made a motion to make no changes in the county Employees Health Insurance for the year 2008 with the Texas Association of Counties. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY FEE ON VEHICLES

A motion was made by Commissioner Adcock to NOT COLLECT the optional county road and bridge fee for the year 2008 that can be collected on each vehicle registered in the County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

A motion was made by Com-

missioner Smith to hold a Special Commissioner Court meeting at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, July 27, 2007. This is a budget Work Session. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

2008 BUDGET

Commissioner Belew made a motion to give a 5% pay increase for County Officials and Employees. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment for the funding of Borden County EMC. Budget will consist of Salary of \$2,000.00, School \$1,000.00, and Supplies \$1,000.00. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2008 BUDGET

A budget work session was held.

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No new items were presented to the Court.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to adjourn. Motion was second-ed by Commissioner Adcock and approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MIN-

UTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 14th day of August, 2007.

WHEREAS, On this the 27th day of July, 2007, the Commissioners? Court of Borden County, Texas, con-vened in Special Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

VAN YORK, County Judge, Presiding; RANDY ADCOCK, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; ERNEST REYES, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; JOE BELEW, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; JANA

UNDERWOOD, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court with Monte Smith, Commissioner Pct. 1 and Joyce Herridge, Clerk of Court absent, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

Commissioners met and discussed the proposed 2008 county budget. Motion was made by Commissioner Adcock and seconded by Commissioner Belew to approve the proposed budget for budget hearing. Motion carried.



Spirit of Picasso: BHS Cheerleaders Krystal Hobson, Lacey Roberts, and D'Nae Johnson got a little wild last week while painting signs in preparation for the upcoming football season.

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 and/or quotes for propane, diesel, and gasoline for the 2007-2008 school year.

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 appropriately as "Propane Bid" and/or "Gasoline/Diesel Bid". Proposals will be received up to but no later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, **August 24, 2007**. Bids will be opened and read as they are received. Proposals will be tabulated, researched, and selected by the Board of Trustees or its designee as appropriate. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

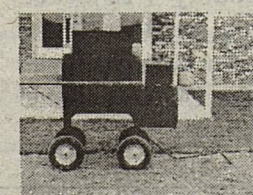
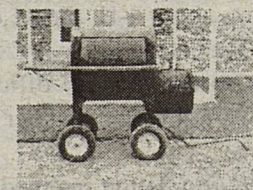
The Borden County ISD Board of Trustees or its designee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposed bids, to waive any and all technicalities, and to accept the proposal that will best serve the needs of the District.

Questions regarding bid specifications and additional information shall be directed to Jimmy Thomas by writing the above address; by e-mail to jthomas@bcisd.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
Mike Valentine, Secretary

Buy your chance to win a... B-B-Q Pit with Smoker

custom made by Roscoe Massingill



Proceeds to benefit:
**Borden County Jr.
Livestock Association**

Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20

Please see any BCJLA Director for tickets.

Drawing to be held at the Coyote Opry
on Saturday, September 22, 2007
at the Borden County Show Barn in Gail.
You do not have to be present to win!

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

"BEST & WORST TRAVELS"

My friend Ramon Carver of Salado has been involved in theater all his life. He is a graduate of Yale University's drama school. He has written plays that have been produced Off-Broadway and in Hollywood. He was head of the drama department at San Angelo State for years. In Salado, he does a thing called living room theater where folks get together and have a reading of a play he has written. He does this twice a year.

I think he's busy. He says it

just goes with living in a small town and having fun.

Ramon loves to relax. On a recent trip to Salado, I interviewed him about his latest book. During the interview he kept slouching so far down in his chair I was afraid he might fall asleep. Or fall out of the chair.

Ramon has traveled far and wide and writes about his experiences in a series of travel books. His latest is titled "Best & Worst Travels." In it he ex-

plains that successful travelers enjoy comfort, safety, good company, good weather, good food, good beds and a means of controlling heat and cool.

This book is really a journal of his trips to places around the globe. Since Ramon is curious about nearly everything and appreciates the opportunity to do things and go places, he writes with a sense of humor.

"Great expectations when traveling are usually the source of my greatest disappointments," he writes. "I'm like the guy in a New Yorker cartoon studying a brochure telling his travel agent: 'I am so looking forward to this. I can't wait to be disap-

pointed.'"

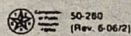
He says you set up for reasonable travel expectations in three old-fashioned ways: acquire information, save a pot full of money and cross your fingers. Ramon wants his readers to know that this is not a "how to" book.

It's a "how I enjoyed myself and sometimes didn't" sort of book. He says the key to successful travel is to enjoy yourself. Go somewhere different. See and do something unusual. Meet interesting people. He talks about poor PA systems on ships that crackle and break up the Captain's messages (which are in English, but with such a heavy accent they sound like another language). He writes about his good experi-

ences in a grand style, but his mis-adventures are more fun to read.

That's usually the case. We seem to talk about the bad times more than the good times. He does mention his thrill at seeing the Great Wall of China for the first time ("we were told sticky rice holds the wall together") or the amazing King Tut's tomb in Egypt.

Ramon doesn't just write about far away places. He talks about adventures in the Big Bend of Texas: "At Terlingua's Starlight Theater/Bar (mostly bar) I enjoyed Mexican beer and dinner and introductions to local characters, many of whom could win prizes like weirdest, strangest or bizzarest."



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Borden County Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 P.M. August 28, 2007 in the Borden County I.S.D. Cafeteria, Gail, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax \$ 1.03362 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax
Approved by Local Voters \$ 0 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations .039 % increase or _____ % (decrease)
Debt service 0 % increase or _____ % (decrease)
Total expenditures .039 % increase or _____ % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

| | Preceding Tax Year | Current Tax Year |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| Total appraised value* of all property | \$ 720,181,549.00 | \$ 890,814,242.00 |
| Total appraised value* of new property** | \$ 382,312.00 | \$ 311,200.00 |
| Total taxable value*** of all property | \$ 620,093,062.00 | \$ 685,746,203.00 |
| Total taxable value*** of new property** | \$ 367,312.00 | \$ 311,200.00 |

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 0

* Outstanding principal.

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

| | Maintenance & Operations | Interest & Sinking Fund* | Total | Local Revenue Per Student | State Revenue Per Student |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Last Year's Rate | \$ 1.31680 | \$ 0 | \$ 1.31680 | \$ 20,703.00 | \$ 3,385.00 |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service | \$ 0.99207 | \$ 0 | \$ 0.99207 | \$ 8,102.00 | \$ 10,047.00 |
| Proposed Rate | \$ 1.03362 | \$ 0 | \$ 1.03362 | \$ 8,440.00 | \$ 9,838.00 |

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

| | Last Year | This Year |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Average Market Value of Residences | \$ 15,674.00 | \$ 17,550.00 |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences | \$ 10,616.00 | \$ 9,123.00 |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$ 1.3168 | \$ 1.03362 |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence | \$ 139.79 | \$ 94.30 |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes | | \$ -45.49 |

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.03362. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.03362.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) \$ 10,146,910.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) \$ 0

Supporting Texas' Family Farms

By US Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

The American statesman Daniel Webster rightly considered farmers the "founders of civilization," and nowhere is this more true than in Texas. Our earliest pioneers came here to settle and work the land, and their resolve helped our state to grow and prosper. The family farmers and ranchers of today carry on this spirit, and remain vital to our economic success and unique culture. One in every seven Texans is employed in agriculture, and family farms and ranches contribute billions of dollars annually to our state economy. Texas is also home to more farms and ranches than any other state, and has the country's second highest annual revenue from agriculture. Upon return from August recess, the U.S. Senate will debate a new farm bill, and in its consideration I will continue to work for our family farmers and ranchers who uphold Texas' legacy of leadership in agriculture.

Federal policies should support the farmers and ranchers who feed our nation. The current farm bill, which I helped pass in 2002, provided an important safety net for our family farmers and ranchers and has produced stable commodity prices, spurred additional investment and increased exports in each of the last four years. However, many of its key programs are set to expire in September unless they are reauthorized by Congress. I will work with my Senate colleagues to preserve the positive aspects of the 2002 bill in new legislation.

Elimination of the unfair Death Tax would also benefit family farmers and ranchers by allowing them to pass the fruits of their labor on to their heirs. In Texas we understand the special connection between a family and the land they have worked for generations. Sadly, when a loved one passes

away, their heirs may be surprised to learn that the value of their estate exceeds a low federal tax threshold due to appreciated land or equipment. These families are all too often forced to sell their farm or ranch to pay the resulting bill. Due in part to the Death Tax, only an estimated 30 percent of family businesses, including farms and ranches, survive the second generation and only 13 percent survive the third.

The Death Tax has been gradually phased out under the Tax Relief Act of 2001, but will return in full force in 2010. If Congress does not extend the phase-out or provide a permanent exemption, the estates of farmers and ranchers who have paid income taxes for years will once again be double-taxed at up to 55 percent. For their sake, complete and permanent repeal of the Death Tax is one of my main priorities.

We must additionally ensure that our farmers and ranchers can compete fairly in an increasingly global economy. I have advocated for free trade agreements such as NAFTA and CAFTA, which have created billions of dollars in revenue for our family farms by introducing American food and fiber products to new markets across the world. And, as long as other countries subsidize their agricultural products, we must continue to provide the safety net that has helped American agriculture thrive.

Unfortunately, even the best policies and legislation can be overcome by the forces of nature. Last year, Texas experienced one of the worst droughts in our history and our largest single wildfire on record. Fires destroyed almost 1.5 million acres in the panhandle alone. After these calamities, I worked to direct \$12 million in funding to farmers and ranchers in Texas through the U.S. Department of Agriculture. I was also able to secure \$3 billion in aid in the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations bill passed this spring. As heavy rains flooded much of north and central Texas this summer, I worked directly with federal and state officials to obtain disaster declarations for the affected communities and make them eligible for federal aid.

Borden County EMS Offers Class

In a county the size of ours it is important that we have as many First Responders as possible. With this in mind Borden County EMS will be offering an ECA (Emergency Care Attendant) class this September. Classes will be held in Gail and there will be no charge.

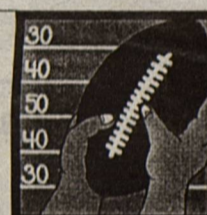
As a certified ECA you will be able to perform basic first aid, CPR, help Paramedics and EMT's with their duties, and most importantly you will be able to drive an ambulance.

The strength of Borden County EMS has always been the giving spirit of our residents. Your county needs you at this time so please consider joining this class.

For more information you may contact Mike Valentine at 806/759-5045, Philena Farmer at 806/759-5055, Buddy Wallace at 806/756-4478, Bric Turner at 806/759-5033, Carrie Hart at 806/252-4469, or any Borden County EMS member.



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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Physicals (6 th - 12 th) - Depart Gail 8:00 a.m. |
| 5 | 6 Two-A-Days start 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. (future schedule will be discussed) | 7 | 8 4-H Fun Day 1:00-4:00 @ Show Barn (K-3 rd) | 9 4-H Food and Clothing Tours in Lubbock | 10 ACT registration deadline for September 15 th administration | 11 |
| 12 | 13 4-H Officer Training in Lubbock from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. | 14 CPR Training | 15 Registration 9:00-5:00 | 16 Registration 9:00-5:00 | 17 Registration 9:00-5:00 | 18 Varsity Football Scrimmage @ Ropes 10:00 a.m. |
| 19 | 20 4-H Achievement Picnic @ 7:00 p.m. Show Barn | 21 | 22 Staff Development | 23 Staff Development "Saving the Fruits of Summer Program" 6:00-8:00 p.m. @ Comm. Room Varsity Football Scrimmage @ Trent 6:00 p.m. | 24 Work Day | 25 |
| 26 | 27 First Day of School Issue books No schedule changes | 28 Teacher request for textbooks due to Principal | 29 | 30 | 31 New Home Varsity Here 7:30 Staff return paperwork to Superintendent's office | |