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Gail FFA Banquet

The Gail FFA Chapter held Tuesday, May 15, 2007 in the school cafeteria.

The banquet began with the introduction of FFA officers: President Kate Lacey Newton; Secretary Becky Dobyns; Treasurer Shelby Roberts; Reporter Sharelle Gass; Sentinel Chelsea Minnick and Copeland.

to members and guests.

ceremony followed by the Welcome to guest and fellow FFA members given by Lacey Newton.

Following the Welcome, Student Advisor Dannelle Mr. Buddy Wallace, FFA

The invocation was given Advisor, recognized the their annual banquet on by Dannelle Copeland leadership team members followed by the meal catered and judging teams and their by Danny's Fins and Hens of accomplishments. He also Lubbock which was served praised the students for their hard work during this year.

Vice President officers gave the opening presented by the FFA ewton; Secretary ceremony followed by the FFA officers to the following: Chapter-Bart Honorary McMeans; Star Chapter FFA Degree - Shelby Roberts;

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Graduation Exercises to be held

The Junior High Com- graduates, mencement exercises will be friends. held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 24th in the High School Commenceschool auditorium. Following the graduation, a reception will be held in the

On Friday, May 25th, the ment exercise will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium, with a reception school cafeteria for the following in the school cafeteria for the graduates, their families and friends.

Immediately following the reception, Project Graduation, an all-night party for the graduates and their friends will begin as they leave for Snyder. The group will return to Gail Saturday morning for a Senior Breakfast, prepared by the graduates parents and school

Beginning at 9:15 a.m. the Birds sing after a storm; why shouldn't people feel Pre-K through 5th grade as free to delight in whatever remains to



2006-2007 FFA Officers: Dannelle Copeland, Sharelle Gass, Shelby Roberts, Kate enjoy the fun and watch for Wallace, Lacey Newton, Chelsea Minnick, and Becky Dobyns.

Last Day of School

Friday, May 25th, will be the final day of school for 2006-07 school year. There will be an early dismissal at

Elementary Track Meet will begin with student s from participating. Come out and some real competition.

Awards Banquet 💝



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Sponsor Excellence Award: Borden County High School UIL sponsor, Sue Jane Mayes was given the Sponsor Excellence Award during the Awards banquet on Thursday, May 17th. Ms. Mayes was 1 of only 15 from across the state to receive this award given by the U.I.L. State Office. Treva Dayton, Academic Director of the U.I.L. is shown presented her with this award.



Signed Coyote Helmet: Members of the Coyote football team present Coach Avery with a special gift of appreciation during the Awards Banquet held on Thursday, May 17th



Good food - Good friends: Students enjoy eating and visiting with friends and family





Friends Say Good-Bye: Coach Richey gives his fellow coaching buddy & friend Coach Avery a hug as team says good-bye.



UIL Coach Sue Jane Mays congratulates Becky Dobyns and Christina Soto on a job well done.



Smiles that will be missed: Bobby and LaNita Avery attend last Award Banquet.





Rachel Wilson and Kate Wallace pictured with UIL Coach Darrin Ard.

2006-07 FFA Banquet

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Star Greenhand Degree-- Underwood. Raylea Proficiency Awards were Reynolds and Horticulturepresented to the following: Mechanics-Dore Ag. Underwood; Production-Lacey Roberts; Talent Miller Valentine. Production-Miller Valentine; Goat Production- performance by Miller, the Lacey Newton; Swine Installation of 2006-07 Production-Heather Brooks; Officers were conducted by Diversified Livestock Becky

Production-Shylo Rinehart; Newton, and Production-Kylan Copeland. Horse Matthew Tatum.

After the presentation of Rodriguez; Ag. Sales-Raylea awards, Chelsea Minnick Beef introduced Gail FFA Chapter

After the Dobyns, Dannelle.

Becky Dobyns gave a special thanks to family and friends for their attendance and their support throughout the years.

The banquet ended with the FFA Officer Teams' Closing Ceremony followed by the Benediction given by Sharelle Gass.



Vice President Lacey Newton presents Star Greenhand award to Raylea Underwood.



Gail Chapter Talent: Miller Valentine performs.







FFA President Kate Wallace presents the Star Chapter Degree award to Shelby Roberts.



FFA President Kate Wallace presents the Honory Chapter award to Bart McMeans.



And the Winners are!! Those receiving Proficiency awards are (L. to R.): Raylea Underwood (Ag. Sales); Lacey Roberts (Beef Production); Miller Valentine (Sheep Production); Shylo Rinehart (Diversified Livestock Production); Matthew Tatum (Horticulture); and Lacey Newton (Goat Production).



Eighth Grade Graduates



John Patrick Hensley

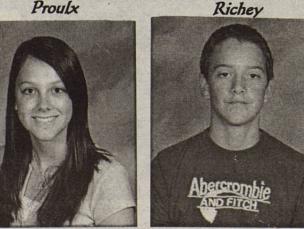


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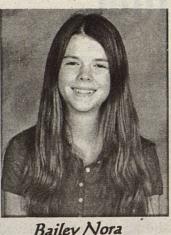
Tatum

Alvin Ray

Kimberly D'Ann Proulx



Krista Donanne Tarleton



Bailey Nora Anderson



Kerianne Howard



David Zachary Rodriguez



Miles Ralston Valentine



Michelle Denee Bass



Michael Joseph Froman



Mandi Leann Hudson



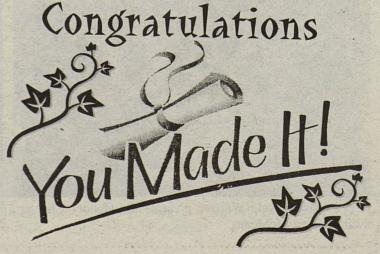
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Anthony Wayne Soto



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Shooting Sports News

Two members of the Gail Raylea placed 5th in trap with Trap Club traveled to San Angelo Texas on May the 5th to the 2nd Annual Tom Green She placed 3rd in skeet with a County Whiz Bang Shoot.

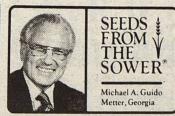
10-12) Matthew Roberson place in the 5-stand portion did well. Matthew placed of the shoot. Her parents 2nd High Overall in this Ray Don and Jana also division. He scored a 48 in attended. skeet, placing 2nd, 45 in trap, placing 6th and a 44 in attended the Ozona shoot. 5-stand, placing 4th after a 4 She placed 2nd in skeet, 5th in way shoot off. Matthew's trap, 8th in 5stand out of 13 dad. Dean also attended.

(ages 13-14)

a score of 45 after a 6 way shootoff.

score of 48 after a 3 way Intermediate member (ages shootoff. Raylea did not

On May 12, 2007, Raylea in the Sr 1 Division. Raylea Sr 1 Division member also placed 3rd High Over-Raylea All. Also attending was her Underwood did well also. dad, Ray Don Underwood.



One day a boy said, "Dad, guess what I have in my hand? A honey

"It will sting you," cautioned the

"It won't," said the boy. "We removed the stinger.

That's what Christ did to death on the cross. Now, when death strikes a believer, it's with a stingless process. Death has lost

Death is no longer a foe, but a friend that opens the door to the believer and ushers him into heaven where there's no sin, no sorrow, and no suffering.

Like the Bible says, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

A Benefit Luncheon

A Benefit Spaghetti Luncheon for Brenda Copeland will be held on Sunday, June 3rd at the First Baptist Church in Gail following morning services from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00. The benefit is to assist with medical expenses.

Brenda was taken to Lubbock on Friday, May 18th after suffering severe burns and will be unable to work for several weeks.

The menu will consist of spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and desert. Everyone is invited to dine-in or carry-out. Donations may also be sent to the FBC at PO Box 297, Gail, TX 79738. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

ON SALE NOW!!!

2007 Yearbooks are on sale in the front office Get yours today! \$20.00 each

Congratulations to all our graduates!

Moore-Rains Insurance



701 8th Street O'Donnell, Tx. 806/428-3335

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The Class of 2007 would like to thank all of the people who helped in the preparation and sale of the senior cookbook. We appreciate all of the people who gave recipes and helped organize them. We also appreciate all the help with typing and binding.

Thank you to all of the people who have donated to the senior class by purchasing the cookbooks! We appreciate your support!!!!!!!!!

The Class of 2007

I would like to thank the people of this community, past and present school board members, past and administrators, the current student body and all exes that I have taught, for being the type of friends that you have been to my family and me over the past 17 years. We have grown to love you all and to regard you as one of our own.

The people of Borden County will always have a place in our hearts. We are going back to my home of Whitharral to do a similar job for me, and LaNita will be teaching second grade. You all will be missed tremendously.

My parents still live in Whitharral, and they are very excited about our return. LaNita's parents still live in Whiteface and will be about 30 minutes from them. Our kids will become closer to their grandparents and we feel that will be important.

We will always call Gail our second home, and we will not be strangers, so if that little fellow behind the mask at the fall festival looks familiar, then yes it will probably be Brandon coming back for a

We Love You All, and thanks for a great

Yours Truly **Bobby Avery**

You worked, you studied, you tried and you Succeeded. Congratulations!



Branon **Funeral** Home

Lamesa, Texas

Commissioner's Court Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 23rd day of April, 2007, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened 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 L. YORK, County Judge, Presiding; MONTE SMITH, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1; RANDY ADCOCK, Commissioner, Precinct. No. 2; ERNEST Commissioner, REYES, Prect. No. 3; JOE BELEW, made a motion to approve Commissioner, Prect. No. 4; the Order adopting the Co. 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 meetings of April 10th, 2007 were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined and Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Reves seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MILLER COUNTY ROAD

A request was made for placement of a cattle guard on Miller Road in Prect. No. 4. A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to authorize the Prect. 4 to set and maintain cattle guard on Road. Miller County Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion

RESOLUTION

Belew Commissioner

made a motion to approve the RESOLUTION TO ADMIT PECOS COUNTY AS A SPONSORING POLITICAL

SUBDIVISION AND TO AMEND THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE PERMAIN BASIN REGIONAL HOUSING FINANCE

CORPORATION. Commissioner

Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY ROAD MAP

Commissioner Adcock HERIDGE, Road Map pursuant to Chapter Texas Transportation Code Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried. 4

AMBULANCE

As advertised, bids were opened at 10:00 a.m. for the purchase of One Ambulance to be used by the Borden EMS. county

Valentine, President of the Borden County EMS, Carrie Hart, Director of the Borden County EMS and Buz Tallant with San Antonio Ambulance Sales met with the Court. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to accept the alternate bid for the new 2006 Ford E-450 Type III Wheeled Coach Custom Series Ambulance in the amount of \$94,640.00. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No new items presented to the Court.

ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 8TH Mike day of May, 2007.

Legal Notice

The Commissioners' Court of Borden County will receive bids on the following until 9:30 a.m., June 12, 2007.

- 1.. Fuel for 2007
 - a. unleaded
 - b. diesel
- 2. Propane for Courthouse, and Precinct #2 Barns For specifications and information on the above, contact the office of the County Judge, Borden County Courthouse, 806/756-4391.

Bids should be submitted to the Office of the County Judge, P.O. Box 156, Borden County Courthouse, Gail, Texas 79738.

The right is reserved by the Borden County Commissioners' Court to accept or reject any and all bids.

For the Borden County Commissioners' Court Van L. York. County Judge Borden County

Submit bids to: County Judge's Office P.O. Box 156 Gail, Texas 79738

We're always here for you in case of an Emergency! Just Call Us . . .

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2007 PROJECT



Parents and friends of the 2007 Senior Class of Borden County High School are asking for donations for Project Graduation.

Donations may be sent to:

BORDEN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL "PROJECT GRADUATION" P.O. Box 95 Gail, TX 79738

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene

Contract 6132-43-001 for "ON DEMAND" MBGF REPAIR in FISHER County, etc. will be opened on June 21, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$271,082.50.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Pre-qualified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div. Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 23588

State Office Constr./Maint. Division 200 E. Riverside Dr. Austin, Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office (s) Abilene District District Engineer 4250 N. Clack Abilene, TX 79604-0150 Phone: 325-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or

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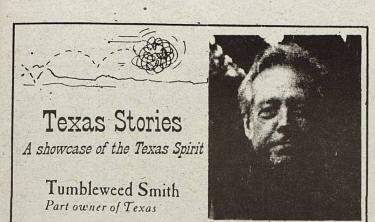
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from Rusk to Palestine many times. The last time I took half a dozen family members with me, including my 3year-old grandson Caleb. He has been a train nut practically since he was born. He loved the train ride, the sounds, the bridges and the trees whizzing by. We walked from one end to the other and had popcorn and ice cream while we did it. The gift store, one of the best in the state, had all kinds of tempting items. Caleb went home with some.

There was a petition wanting passengers to sign it in hopes of urging the legislature to appropriate more money to the railroad. I signed it. I visited with Terrie Gonzalez, editor of the Cherokeean newspaper in Rusk. She says funding for state parks has been cut.

capita spending for state parks," says Terrie. "Thank God for Mississippi or we would be in last place.

severe financial crisis right 2007. now because they don't have enough money to operate.

"This dates back to 1991 when the legislature appropriated a sporting goods tax that had never been in place before. In 1990 voters said they wanted to have better parks and ok'd an additional sales tax on sleeping bags and camp stoves and things like that. When you make those types of purchases, there is a sales tax that is difficult time explaining why extra for those items only. the parks department is not

I've ridden the steam train That money is earmarked for state parks. They thought it would generate around 30 million dollars a year, but it started bringing in more than 100 million dollars annually. Then in 1991 legislators started using that money for other purposes and they capped it, resulting in a shortage of funds for the parks department."

Terrie says seventy-two parks department jobs were terminated, including twenty-two at the Texas State Railroad. Plans were made to run only one train a day and it would go from Rusk to Palestine. The folks in Palestine threw a fit and held meetings to protest. The parks department representtatives said they would use some of the 2007 money designated for the railroad to keep it operating through the end of 2006. Then the Parks "Texas ranks 49th in per and Wildlife Department received some unanticipated windfall money form oil and gas leases. The railroad now has enough money to run the She says parks are in train through August of

> "There's going to be a proposal in this legislative session that will remove that cap and say this money was intended for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department so let's give it to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. It's my understanding that when this legislative session started, there was a 50 billion dollar surplus, so I think they would have a very

Click it or Ticket Campaign to be enforced In Borden County

From May 21st, through and passengers in the five June 3rd the Borden County state region are still and Sheriff's office will be participating in the "Click It more than 1,000 pickup Ticket" enforcement mobilzation.

In 2006, Texas had a safety belt use of 90%. Using safety belts doesn't cost a dime. Not using them will cost you a citation during this intensified enforcement. It's 80%. simple. Click It or Ticket.

The Borden County Sheriff's Office is also participating in an educaional campaign to convince pickup truck occupants in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and the Indian Nations to wear their safety belts. Well over a million pickup drivers

What should you do to stop a friend from driving drunk? Whatever you have to. Friends don't let friends drive drunk.



Mail to: P.O. Box 137 Gail, Tx. 79738 Email: vadcock@bcisd.net

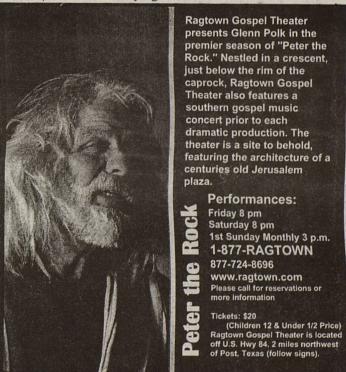
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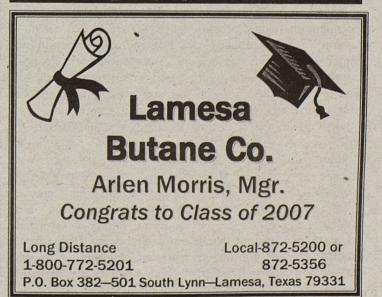
There is talk of privatizing the railroad. I just hope it keeps on running so Texans enjoy going through the woods on a steam train.

state region are still not buckling up, resulting in occupants dying ever year in traffic crashes. Pickup trucks in fatal crashes roll over twice as often as passenger cars. Wearing your safety belt reduces the risk of dying in a rollover crash by up to

This educational campaign

is needed in our state. In Texas, safety belt use in pickup trucks is 4 percentage points lower than overall use in the state. In 2005, 54% of people killed in pickup trucks in Texas were not wearing their safety belts. Buckle Up in Your Truck is more than a campaign slogan. It's good advice that people can live with every





Heart & Home

By Julie Smith Borden County Extension Agent Family & Consumer Sciences



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

Dangerous Ingestion of Hand Sanitizer

reports in the news about the harmful, yet purposeful, requires squirting a dimeingestion of alcohol-based size amount into your hands hand sanitizer. While this is and rubbing them thoroughly rare, it is important to be together until they are aware of the negative health completely dry. Once the effects of swallowing hand sanifizer. Because most hand sanitizers contain more than which takes about 15S30 60 percent alcohol, which is seconds, your hands are safe more alcohol than liquors to eat with or handle food. such as vodka contain, ingestion of even a small amount of hand sanitizer can lead to alcohol poisoning. Alcohol poisoning is a serious condition that affects the central nervous system and can lead to death. In addition, a toxic dose of hand sanitizer may cause irritation to the digestive system and damage to the kidneys and liver.

Because of the unpleasant taste and its gel-like consistency, ingestion of hand sanitizers is not a typical occurrence. Those at risk for swallowing hand sanitizer include people dependent on alcohol or who abuse it, people with certain mental illnesses who have a history of ingesting non-food items, curious children or teens, or accidental ingestion by small children. Due to the cause harm.

The normal use of hand

preventing the spread of Recently, there have been infectious germs. The proper use of a hand sanitizer hand sanitizer evaporated from your hands, Food and Drug The Administration (FDA) requires that hand sanitizers, which are classified as overthe-counter products, be labeled "keep out of the reach of children." This label does not mean you should not use the product on children; it means that parents need to make sure their children understand the proper use of hand sanitizer.

If someone you know ingests IMMEDIATELY:

- Contact your physician or pediatrician.
- · Call the National Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222.

For more information on the ingestion of alcoholbased hand sanitizers, please consult www.Webmd.com or www.GermX.com.

Remember, hand sanitizers small size of toddlers and should be used properly; if children and the high used improperly, they can concentration of alcohol in lead to serious injury or even hand sanitizers, it takes only death. Texas Cooperative a few squirts ingested to Extension encourages you and your family to use hand sanitizers safely. If you have sanitizers is still considered curious children or teens, very safe and beneficial in keep a watchful eye on them

around these products, and discuss with them the harmful effects

experimenting substances. Source: Courtney

Meghan Wernicke. May 2007. Texas Cooperative Extension Family and Consumer Sciences website: http://fcs.tamu.edu/. Educational programs of and

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PRE-KINDERGARTEN NOTIFICATION FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR

Borden County School will offer the pre-kindergarten program during the 2007-2008 school year. The program will be for eligible students who are four years of age on or before September 1, 2007. Students can qualify for the program by meeting at least one of the following requirements:

Be economically disadvantaged

Be Limited English Proficient (LEP)

3. Be homeless

If you know of a child who qualified for the program, notify Mr. Bart McMeans, Principal, Borden County Schools, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, or call (806)756-4313 to request a registration form. Complete and return the form by May 31, 2007.

DISCLAIMER

Borden County Elementary School will offer this program only if fifteen (15) or more students qualify.

ESL PROGRAM NOTIFICATION

Borden County Elementary School will offer an ESL program for LEP (Limited English Proficient) students during the summer of 2007. The program will be scheduled for a minimum of 120 hours and will conclude prior to August 1, 2007. The program is designed for students who will enter Kindergarten or First Grade in the fall of 2007-2008. Parents of eligible children will be responsible for transportation.

If you know of a child who qualifies for the program, notify Mr. Bart McMeans, Principal, Borden County Schools. P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, or call (806)756-4313 to request a registration form. Complete and return the form by May 31, 2007.

DISCLAMIER

Borden County Elementary School will offer this program only if ten (10) or more students qualify.

LA NOTIFICACION DE PRE-KINDERGARTEN PARA EL AÑO ESCOLAR 2007-2008

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá el programa del pre-kindergarten durante el año escolar 2007-2008. El programa será para los estudiantes elegibles que tienen cuatro años en o antes de 1 de septiembre, 2007. Los estudiantes pueden calificar por el programa resolviendo por lo menos uno de los requisitos siguientes:

- 1. Sea económicamente perjudicado
- 2. Este limitado experto ingles (LEP)
- 3. Sea destituido

Si usted conoce de un niño que califique por el programa, notifica a Bart McMeans, director, Borden County Schools, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, o llame 806/756-4313 para □olicitor una forma de registro. Complete y regresa la forma antes del 31 de mayo, 2007.

LA DENEGACION

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá este programa solamente si quince (15) o más estudiantes califican.

ESL PROGRAM NOTIFICACION

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá un programa de ESL para los estudiantes del LEP (Experto Inglés Limitado) durante el verano de 2007. El programa será programado por un mínimo de 120 horas y concluirá antes del 1 de agosto, 2007. El programa esta diseñado para los estudiantes que entraran kindergarten o el primer grado en el otono de 2007-2008. Los padres de niños elegibles serán responsables del transporte.

Si usted conoce de un niño que califique por el programa, notifica a Bart McMeans, director, Borden County Schools, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, a llame 806/756-4313 para □olicitor una forma de registro. Complete y regresa la forma antes del 31 de mayo, 2007

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