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Gail FFA Members Star at Chapter Banquet

By Buddy Wallace

Hollywood came to Borden County High School as the Gail FFA Chapter hosted its' annual Gail FFA Chapter Banquet. The star-studded event took place on May 20th in the school cafeteria, and was attended by 150 members and guests.

The Gail FFA Officer team hosted and conducted the banquet at which student members are recognized for their accomplishments both inside and outside of the Ag. Science classroom this year.

A spotlight entry with academy performances by the Chapter Officer team began the evening. Chapter President Kate Wallace then conducted the official opening ceremonies. Mr. Wallace, Chapter Advisor then recognized the students of each class in the Ag. Science Department, as well as all students participating in fall and spring FFA events.

Entertainment was provided by Miller Valentine who played guitar and sang two songs which all enjoyed. Miller had honed his skills by representing the Lone Wolf District in the Area II talent competition.

Many other awards were

given as the Honorary Chapter FFA, Star Chapter Greenhand, and Star Chapter FFA award recipients were announced and presented with chapter plaques.

Proficiency awards, Greenhand Pins, and Chapter awards were given to students who were outstanding in meeting criteria necessary to receive these honors.

The banquet concluded with a heart felt "Thank You" to all who helped the Gail FFA Chapter and Borden County Ag. Science Department students achieve their goal of another outstanding year.

Gail FFA and Mr. Wallace wish to express their thanks to all who attended the banquet in support of the students.

Thank you also to the 2007-2008 Officer team for planning, hosting, and conducting a star-studded event:

Officer Team:
Kate Wallace : President
Shelby Roberts: Vice President
Sharelle Gass: Secretary
Miller Valentine: Treasurer
Shylo Rinehart : Reporter
Chelsea Minnick: Sentinel
Lacey Roberts: District Stu-

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Gail FFA Officer Team welcome Banquet Guest in Hollywood Official Dress. Team members include (left to right) Chasiti Rutherford, Chelsea Minnick, Kate Wallace, Miller Valentine, Shylo Rinehart, Sharelle Gass and Shelby Roberts.

CRP Permitted Use For Livestock Feed Needs Eligible CRP Acres Allowed to Hay and Graze; \$1.2 Billion Forage Made Available

(Post, TX), June 5, 2008 – Victor Ashley, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Garza-Borden County today announced that USDA has authorized certain acreage enrolled under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) to be available for hay and forage after the primary nesting season ends for grass-nesting birds.

"This action will provide much needed feed and forage while maintaining the conservation benefits from the nation's premier conservation program," said Ashley. "Eligible farmers and ranchers will be able to plan for harvest of forage after the end of the primary nesting season this summer."

Prices for most field crops

have advanced to record or near record levels in recent months, reflecting strong demand, tight supplies and competition for acres. The increased demand for commodities and resulting higher prices has impacted the livestock industry in particular.

More than 24 million acres of land enrolled in CRP will be

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FFA Treasurer, Miller Valentine (left) presents the Star Greenhand Degree Award to Kimberly Proulx (right). Kimberly is the daughter of Robert and Arica Proulx of Gail.

Gail FFA Banquet...

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dent Advisor

Award winners are listed as follows:

Honorary Chapter FFA Degree:

Drew Pigford / Phillip Benavidez

Star Greenhand Degree:

Kimberly Proulx

Star Chapter FFA Degree:

Kate Wallace

Beef Proficiency: Shelby Roberts

Sheep Proficiency: Miles Valentine

Goat Proficiency: Mandi

Hudson

Swine Proficiency: Shylo Rinehart

Horse Proficiency: Annie Stribling

Diversified Livestock Proficiency: Kate Wallace

Horticulture Proficiency: Jacie Eveland

Ag. Mechanics Proficiency: Miller Valentine

Ag. Sales Proficiency: Raylea Underwood

Ag. Sales Proficiency: Alvin Scheller

Gail FFA Chapter Banquet



(Photo to Left) Gail FFA President, Kate Wallace (right) presents the Honorary Chapter FFA Degree to Mr. Drew Pigford (left)



(Photo to right) Gail FFA Reporter, Shylo Rinehart (right) presents Kate Wallace (left) with the Star Chapter FFA Degree. Kate is the daughter of Buddy and Kip Wallace of Gail.



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Borden County Parents

We have several items, including outerwear and jewelry in Lost & Found. Please contact the school at 756-4313, if you think your any of these things may belong to your child.

Former Student Graduates with Associates Degree

2005 BHS grad Derek Rodriguez has completed work on his Associates of Arts Degree from Midland College.

Rodriguez, son of Delfino and Mary Rodriguez of Borden County, graduated in May with a degree in Business Administration. He plans to begin classes at Texas Tech this fall and major in accounting. Long-term plans are to eventually get his CPA certification and work either as an accountant or auditor.

Derek's brother Raul graduated last May from Midland College and is now attending UTPB, majoring in kinesiology. Another brother, Dore, is also attending Midland College and studying business.

Youth Horse Club Results

The Borden County Youth Horse Club held its second competition on Thursday, June 5th at the Gail Arena. The results are as follows:

Lead Line Western Pleasure Participants: Brooklyn Gray, Quinten Freeman, Allie Murphy, J. Tom Price, Luke Carpenter and Kaci Hudson.

Lead Line Barrels Placings: 1st- Kaci Hudson, 2nd- Allie Murphy, 3rd- Brooklyn Gray, 4th- Quinten Freeman, 5th- Luke Carpenter and 6th- J. Tom Price.

Lead Line Poles Placings: 1st- Kaci Hudson, 2nd- Quinten Freeman, 3rd- Brooklyn Gray, 4th- Allie Murphy, 5th- Luke Carpenter and 6th- J. Tom Price.

Lead Line Flags Placings: 1st- Quinten Freeman, 2nd- Kaci

Hudson, 3rd-4th- Luke Carpenter, 3rd-4th- Brooklyn Gray, 5th- J. Tom Price and 6th- Allie Murphy.

Lead Line Goat Ribbon Pull Placings: 1st- Luke Carpenter, 2nd- Quinten Freeman, 3rd- Allie Murphy and 4th- J. Tom Price.

9 - 12 Western Pleasure Participants: Blaise Freeman, Dylon Murphy, Avery Price, Tanner Freeman, Flint Roberts and Hayley Gray.

9 - 12 Barrels Placings: 1st- Tanner Freeman, 2nd- Avery Price, 3rd- Flint Roberts, 4th- Dylon Murphy, 5th- Blaise Freeman and 6th- Hayley Gray.

9 - 12 Poles Placings: 1st- Tanner Freeman, 2nd-3rd- Avery Price, 2nd-3rd- Dylon Murphy, 4th- Flint Roberts, 5th- Hayley

Gray and 6th- Blaise Freeman.

9 - 12 Flags Placings: 1st- 2nd- Avery Price, 1st-2nd- Blaise Greeman, 3rd- Tanner Freeman, 4th- Dylon Murphy and 5th- Flint Roberts.

9 - 12 Goat Ribbon Pull Placings: 1st- Tanner Freeman, 2nd-3rd- Blaise Freeman, 2nd-3rd- Dylon Murphy, 4th- Avery Price and 5th- Flint Roberts.

13 - 18 Western Pleasure Participants: Seleste Herridge.

13 - 18 Barrels Placings: 1st- Seleste Herridge.

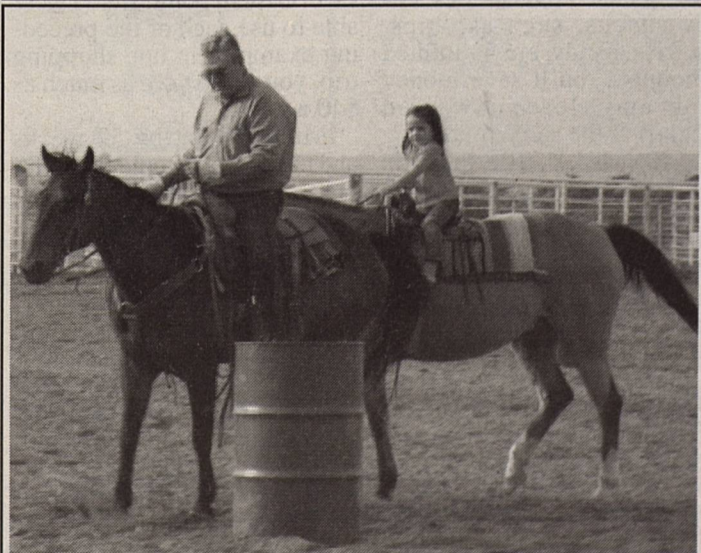
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Several members of Borden Countys Youth Horse Club are exchanging tips on how to improve in the Western Pleasure! They are (left to right) Flint Roberts, Quinten Freeman, Avery Price, Tanner Freeman and Dylon Murphy.



Borden Gray assists and leads grand-daughter, Brooklyn Gray around a barrel in the Lead Line Barrels event. Brooklyn placed 3rd in the event.



Pictured is Avery Price participating in the poles. She tied for 1st and 2nd place.



Dylon Murphy stays steady as he shows his expertise in the barrels. He placed 4th in the event.



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Heart and Home ...

by Julie Smith
Borden County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences

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Supermarket Savings: 16 Tips That Can Total Big Bucks

It's possible to save money shopping for groceries without cooking everything from scratch, packing your purse with coupons, or purchasing foods in season.

Here are 16 easy tips that can total big bucks. An example is given for each with the potential savings from: (1) spending less and/or (2) avoiding uneaten food (and lost grocery money). The possible grand total you might save is given at the end of this article. Prices are rounded to the nearest 50 cents and may vary by store and region.

1. Keep a grocery list. Gas for an extra trip to the store easily can add a dollar or more to your grocery bill. Keep a grocery list where it's easily accessible, such as on the fridge and remember to take it with you to the grocery store. Stick to your list for added savings, but do stay flexible if you encounter a sale.

EXAMPLE:

(1) Gas to drive four miles for an extra trip to the store: \$1.00 (or more!).

(2) Impulse purchase of snack crackers at the store: An additional \$2.50 spent.

2. Garbage check. We lose money whenever we toss food because it spoiled before we got around to eating it. If leftovers get the "heave ho" because they're left too long, we're putting money in the garbage can. Make planning to avoid tossing foods a priority.

Consider: If wilted lettuce is a frequent occupant of your garbage can, serve more salads at the beginning of the week. If extra mashed potatoes get tossed because they've lingered too long in the fridge, make less next time. Or recycle them as potato patties, shepherd's pie or potato soup within a day or two of making them. Some other ideas: Use ripe bananas in banana bread;

add juice to smoothies or make popsicles; freeze leftovers for another meal.

EXAMPLE: Tossing a half bag of "tired" lettuce: \$1.00.

3. Avoid shopping when hungry. Everything looks good on an empty stomach. And, it's all too easy to buy something to tide us over in the car until we make it home. Eating before going shopping not only helps forestall impulse buys, it may save calories. If you're shopping with your kids, feed them in advance, as well.

EXAMPLE: Buying an energy bar at the grocery store to tide you over until you get home: \$1.50 more spent.

4. Brown bag it. If you normally eat out at noon, consider brown bagging it at least one day a week. The typical fast food meal out easily can cost \$5.00 or more. Take food left over from the evening meal to work the next day. A peanut butter sandwich and a piece of whole fruit quickly can be packed from foods on hand. **NOTE:** You may save money on your children's lunch by having them participate in the school lunch program. They can eat a balanced meal that is offered at a reasonable price.

EXAMPLE:

(1) Eating a sack lunch once a week: Save \$2.50 (or more!)

(2) Eating a sack lunch 5 days a week: Save \$12.50 (or more!)

5. Coupon common sense. Use coupons only for foods you normally would eat, rather than for "extras." Don't miss out on potential sources of valuable coupons. Check your grocery receipt - sometimes there are great coupons on the back that help save money. Also, if you have access to a computer, check online for coupons. For starters, check the Web site of the store where you shop or of products you use. Often the Web site address

for many foods is given on the product label. If possible, shop on double or triple coupon days when a store increases the value of coupons. Grocery store loyalty cards may be another source of savings, offering in-store discounts to cardholders.

EXAMPLE:

(1) NOT buying that NEW dessert mix: Save \$2.00

(2) Using two 50-cent coupons for items you DO use: Save \$1.00

6. Check expiration dates. Avoid buying a food that is past its prime. If it's on sale and near its expiration date, use it soon.

EXAMPLE: Avoid dumping a half gallon of soured milk down the drain: Save \$2.50.

7. Small scale experiments. Before trying a new food, buy the smallest size of package. If your family doesn't like the food, you won't be stuck with a big box of it.

EXAMPLE: Limit your purchase of an exotic spice you discover your family won't eat to a small container: Save \$1.50.

8. Costly convenience foods. How much time do you really save when you buy a convenience food? It takes just a few seconds to mix your own sugar and cinnamon rather than buying it pre-mixed. Microwaving a bowl of regular oatmeal rather than pouring hot water over a pre-measured package adds only a few minutes. You're likely to save by cutting fruits and veggies yourself. Plus, the pre-cut ones won't keep as long.

EXAMPLE: Buying a carton of old-fashioned or quick oatmeal that provides 30 servings vs. buying 3 boxes instant oatmeal that contain 10 packets each: Save \$5.50.

9. Staple food stock up. Invest in staple foods when they're on sale. Buying a boatload of bananas (and other perishable foods) isn't a very good long-term investment. Stocking up on staple items such as reduced-price canned tuna, tomato sauce or mandarin oranges can be. Remember to check expiration dates.

EXAMPLE: Stocking up on 10 cans of food reduced by 20 cents apiece: Save \$2.00.

10. Bulking up when the price is right and you can use it. First, do the math and check if you actually do save by buying a larger package. The cost of two foods of the smaller size may be a better price than the

larger one. Plus, will you use the food while the flavor is still tasty? Always check it out and if the larger size meets your criteria, go for it!

EXAMPLE: Buying a 5-pound bag of rice instead of a 1-pound bag: Save \$1.50.

11. Store brand savings. Store brands are comparable in nutrition to name brands. And, taste-wise, there may be little difference. In some comparisons, they have been preferred over the name brands. Some store brands may vary more in size, color, or texture than the name brands. However, this may be unimportant, depending on their use. A less than perfect appearing vegetable may be just fine if used in a casserole or soup.

EXAMPLE: Buying just two store brands and saving 50-cents on each: Save \$1.00.

12. Prevent food flops. Check preparation methods for unfamiliar foods. Perhaps that tropical fruit looked enticing at the store. However, if you're not sure how to prepare it or where to find more information once you bring it home, think again. Or, that new cut of meat - do you slowly roast it or can it be grilled? Either way, find out or risk having a food flop. Often the produce person or the meat manager at the store can give you some tips. Many produce departments have books with descriptions of all the items, what they taste like, how to prepare them, etc.

EXAMPLE: Purchasing a bag of self-rising flour without reading the directions and discovering it won't work in your recipes: Lose \$2.50

13. Beware of snack attacks. Unless you're fairly active and need the calories, enjoy snacks, such as chips, cookies, candy, etc. in limited amounts. You'll save money and may lose unwanted pounds at the same time!

EXAMPLE: Buying one less bag of chips weekly: Save \$2.00.

14. Shop the specials. Plan your menus around sale items, especially more expensive purchases, such as meat. A dollar saved is even better than a dollar earned, as you don't have to pay taxes on it! Buying several packages of meat when it is on sale and freezing it may save quite a bit. "It is safe to freeze meat or poultry directly in its supermarket wrapping but this type of wrap is permeable to air," advises the U.S.

Dept. of Agriculture and Inspection Service (USDA/FSIS). "Unless you will be using the food in a month or two, over wrap these packages as you would any food for long-term storage using airtight heavy-duty foil, (freezer) plastic wrap or freezer paper, or place the package inside a (freezer) plastic bag." If you plan to repackage family packs into smaller amounts, USDA/FSIS also recommends using these materials. While raw ground meat maintains optimum quality in the freezer for 3 to 4 months, larger pieces of meat like steaks or chops will maintain optimum quality for 4 to 12 months, according to USDA/FSIS. At 0 degrees F, frozen foods remain safe indefinitely. The safest way to thaw meat is in the refrigerator on a plate on the bottom shelf so it doesn't drip on other foods.

EXAMPLE: Buying meat on sale: Save \$2.00

15. Think before you drink: Buy a reusable water bottle and fill it with tap water (or your bulk bottled water). Your investment soon will pay for itself. Limit consumption of soft drinks and fancy coffees.

EXAMPLE: Drinking tap water vs. buying a 12 pack of bottled water: Save \$4.00.

16. "Checkout" temptation. OK, you've almost made it to the finish line...don't stumble now as you approach the checkout lane. As you're waiting in line, think twice before buying some last-minute temptation.

EXAMPLE: Resist that magazine with the latest diet: Save \$3.50.


GRAND TOTAL: The more of these tips you can use and the more foods you can use them with, the more you can save. Case in point: If you were able to use each of the preceding examples in one shopping trip, you could save as much as \$40 a week.

Multiply that by 52 weeks and the savings would be ... TA DA! ... over \$2,000 yearly! *Related link*



Recipe Central — provides sample "Basic Foods for Fridge, Freezer and Cupboard" grocery list and related recipes; cooking directions for various foods; "Kitchen Helper" tips on ingredient substitutions, food storage, recipe conversion; plus MORE!

<http://lancaster.unl.edu/food/recipe.shtml>

Source: Alice Henneman, MS, RD, Extension Educator, University of Nebraska at Lincoln Extension



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Borden County 4-H News


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Entomology and Horse Project Tours

If you are interested in Entomology (bugs) or Horse, don't miss out on this opportunity to learn more about these 4-H projects! District 4-H project tours in these two areas will be held on Thursday, June 19 in Lubbock. These tours are sponsored by the District 2 4-H Agents Association. The morning tour will focus on Entomology with the afternoon session focusing on horses and hippotherapy with an opportunity to meet the Masked Rider. There is no cost to attend, however participants must RSVP by June 16. For more information, contact the Extension Office at (806)756-4336.



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 Borden County Extension Agent -
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Kerr County 4-H Shoot

Matthew Roberson recently competed in the Kerr County 4-H Shoot that was held at Kerrville, Texas on June 6-8. He competed with over 200 kids during this three day shoot. It rained all three mornings and it was very windy. Competition was tough even with the poor weather conditions, resulting in not very many perfect rounds shot in any event. Matthew's placings were: 5-Stand: 34 out of 50 targets placing 26th; American Skeet: 47 out of 50 targets placing 3rd; American Trap: 45 out of 50 targets placing 4th (tied in a 6 way tie for 3rd with a score of 45 and had a shootout and won 4th place); Sporting Clays: 44 out of 50 targets placing 3rd; and 3rd Place High Overall in his division.

In International Skeet, Matthew shot 31 out of 50 targets and in International Bunker Trap shot 38 out of 50 targets.

In the Junior Olympic Qualifier International Skeet, he shot 74 out of 125 targets to place 1st in J-3 age class.

Way to go Matthew!! Dedication and hard work does have rewards.

Gaines County 4-H Shootout

Five shooters traveled to Seminole and competed in the Gaines County Shootout on Saturday June 7, 2008. Despite the windy conditions, the shooters performed well.

Nathan Ham, Tate Wheatley, and Blaise Freeman participated in the Jr. Division competing against 10 other Jr. shooters. Nathan Ham won 2nd place in 5-stand with a score of 32 out of 50 targets and participated in Trap with a score of 24 out of 50. Tate Wheatley participated in Trap with a score of 24 out of 50. Blaise Freeman participated in Trap with a score of 24 out of 50 and he also participated in 5-stand.

Matthew Ham participated in the Intermediate Division competing against 16 other shooters.

He participated in Trap and 5-stand with score of 24 in each. This was the first time that Blaise, Matthew and Nathan competed in 5-Stand and they did quite well!

Raylea Underwood participated in the Sr. 1 Division and competed against 13 other shooters.

She placed 1st in Skeet with a score of 46; 3rd in Trap with a score of 46; and 3rd in 5-stand with a score of 40. Raylea also won High Overall for this division.

Others attending this shoot were Amy Lindt, Sage Wheatley, Tracy Roberson, Clay Ham, Ray Don and Jana Underwood.

Congratulations to all of these Gail Trap Club members and adult leaders!



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Attending the Gaines County Shootout were (left to right) Tate Wheatley, Nathan Ham, Sage Wheatley, Blaise Freeman, Matthew Ham and Raylea Underwood.

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USDA Announces CRP Grazing...

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eligible for this critical feed use program. USDA estimates that this program will make available up to 18 million tons of forage worth \$1.2 billion.

"In authorizing this critical use of CRP acres for forage, USDA is also taking strong measures to preserve CRP's environmental benefits," said Ashley.

Eligible land may not be hayed or grazed until after the end of the primary nesting season.

Also, some of the eligible land or forage of the land must be reserved for wildlife and any land that is used under this authority must have a conservation plan. In many instances, the removal of some of the grass cover will increase the diversity of the stand and provide long-term benefits for wildlife. Further, the most environmentally-sensitive land enrolled in CRP will not be eligible. The land will be subject to a site inspection to ensure compliance with the conservation plan. No rental payment reduction will be assessed on

contracts being utilized for this critical use. However, a \$75 fee will be charged to process the required contract modification.

Signup for interested CRP participants began June 2, 2008, at local Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices. This modification for critical feed use is only for 2008. All forage use must be completed no later than November 10, 2008.

Under CRP, farmers and ranchers enroll eligible land in 10- to 15-year contracts with USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC). FSA administers CRP on behalf of CCC. Participants plant appropriate cover such as grasses and trees in crop fields and along streams. These plantings help prevent soil and nutrients from running into regional waterways and affecting water quality. The long-term vegetative cover also improves wildlife habitat and soil quality.

Additional details including Fact Sheets, Maps and statistics are available at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation>.

Borden County ISD Board Meeting

May 19, 2008

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 Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, and Dennis Poole. John Anderson and Mike Valentine were absent. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas and principal, Bart McMeans were also present.

1. The meeting was called to order by Joe Harding.

2. There was no community input.

3. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2008 board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the May 2008 bills. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Dennis Poole to sponsor the Chemical Free Graduation Night for the Borden County

I.S.D. Class of 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the student transfers as recommended by Mr. Thomas for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joel Dennis to set the June 2008 meeting time and date for 7:00 P.M. on June 16, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

8. A discussion pertaining to canceling and/or modifying senior trips and band trips was conducted. No action was taken. The board members present requested that these subjects be placed on a future agenda where all board members could be involved in this discussion.

9. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Carol Lewis to hire Colt McCook, Kari Griffin, and Shela Tucker as professional staff members for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joel Dennis to solicit bids for three new school houses to attract and retain employees. The motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joel Dennis to take action to adopt and rescind local policies as recommended pertaining to local policy sections FNAA, FNAB, GKD, and GKDA. The motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joel Dennis to amend the 2007-2008 Borden County I.S.D. Budget as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

13. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joel Dennis to cancel girls' softball for the 2008-2010 UIL alignment period due to lack of student interest. The motion carried unanimously.

14. Mr. Thomas gave a year to date financial report and reported that 170 students were enrolled as of May 13, 2008. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

15. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Carol Lewis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF BORDEN)

ORDER PROHIBITING CERTAIN FIREWORKS IN SPECIFIED AREAS OF BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS

WHEREAS, on the 10th of June, 2008, the Commissioners Court of Borden County has determined that conditions on certain uncultivated acreage in the county are extremely hazardous for the danger of fire because of high grass or dry vegetation;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of Borden County adopts this Order prohibiting the sale or use of restricted fireworks in the following areas of Borden county:

D. No person may sell, detonate, ignite, or in any way use fireworks classified under 49 C.F.R. part. 173.100@ (2) (10-1-86 edition), as "skyrockets with sticks" and "missiles with fins" in the specified area of Borden County.

E. This Order does not prohibit:

3. common fireworks, small in size classified as Class C explosives;

4. large fireworks devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation and classified as Class B explosive by the U.S. Dept. of Trans. (Tex. Occ. Code, Chapter 2154).

F. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally violates a prohibition established by this Order. An offense under this order is a Class C Misdemeanor.

APPROVED THIS THE 10TH DAY OF JUNE, 2008. BY
THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT.

BORDEN COUNTY ISD BID REQUEST

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District is in the process of requesting bids for school housing.

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 "HOUSE BID" or e-mailed to the address indicated below. Proposals will be received up to but no later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, June 12, 2008. Bids will be opened and read as they are received. Proposals will be tabulated researched, and presented to the board of trustees for their consideration at the next scheduled meeting. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

The Borden County ISD Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposed bids, to waive any and all technicalities, and to accept the 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. (fax 806/756-4310)

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Borden County Independent School District
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Tumbleweed Smith

Call In The Clown

I visited with one of my favorite clowns the other day. Jim Runge of Eldorado gave me a copy of his book, which has a lengthy title: HYSTERICAL FACTS AND OTHER MISINFORMATION ABOUT ELDORADO, TEXAS, THE CAPITAL OF NOWHERE. Instead of a foreword it has a four word: Come Visit Us Soon. It is followed by a Three Hundred and Eighty One Word, which is on one page and contains all sorts of information: "Our job is to comfort the disturbed and to disturb the comfortable and we spend countless hours coming up with new ideas to that end." His book also has a section titled "Your town might be too big if: anybody plays lacrosse, anybody has a pierced tongue, you buy pets from a pet store," or about forty others.

On the international scene, Jim has formed the EOBOC, the Eldorado Olympic Bid Organizing Committee. He hopes to bring both the Summer and Winter Olympics to Eldorado. To raise funds, he stages all sorts of weird and wonderful events like El Goatarod, patterned after the Iditarod in Alaska. In Eldorado, people race carts pulled by goats. Another event is the Running of the Bull, a combination storyteller fest and liars contest whose name comes from the Running of the Bulls in Pamplona, Spain. An Elvis look-alike contest is called "All the King's Clones." His annual haunted house takes place at Count Dracula's Quality Pre-Owned Casket Company.

Jim headquarters at the T9C Ranch just outside Eldorado's city limits. As you pull into the property there are numerous signs about different things. Some contain the names of Texas towns, broken into categories. Under Wild Animals you find Buffalo and Possum Kingdom. Under Birds you find Crane and Eagle Pass. Under Chiefs you find Nacogdoches and Quanah. Get the idea?

When I called Runge for an interview, he suggested I meet him at Rosa's café in Eldorado.

When I walked in the door I saw a sign on a table reading "This table reserved for Tumbleweed Smith." Jim is great with signs. When the waitress came to take his order he told her, "Turtle soup and make it snappy." They're used to Runge's outrageous behavior at Rosa's.

In his book, he matches people's occupations with the type cars they drive. Some samples: "My name is Harry. I'm a barber and drive a Seville. My name is Houdini and I drive an Escape. My name is Daniel Boone and I drive a Pathfinder. My name is Harrison and I drive a Ford." He has devised his own dictionary: Acoustic-what you play pool with. Dog Pound-a barking lot. Hangover-the wrath of grapes. His book lists words of wisdom from The Amazing Rungini's Traveling Medicine Show: A diet is the penalty we pay for exceeding the feed limit. Gravity-it's not just a good idea, it's the law. Did Roman nurses refer to IV's as fours? The 75-page book is \$9.24 plus postage. Contact: eoboc@hotmail.com.

Deadline Set For Livestock Disaster Program Sign-Up

(Post, TX), June 5, 2008 – Victor Ashley, Executive Director for USDA's Farm Service Agency in Garza-Borden County today announced that livestock producers have until July 18, 2008, to enroll in the 2005-2007 Livestock Compensation Program (LCP). Signup began on Sept. 10, 2007, for the program that provides aid to livestock producers who suffered eligible livestock feed losses between Jan. 1, 2005, and Dec. 30, 2007,

because of a natural disaster.

The LCP provides payments to eligible livestock owners and cash lessees who suffered feed losses or increased feed costs because of a natural disaster.

More information about LCP is available online at: <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>. For more information on FSA programs, visit your local USDA Service Center or the agency's Web site, <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

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Local Families Needed For Exchange Students

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs (ASSE) is seeking local host families for international high school boys and girls. These students are 15 to 18 years of age, and are coming to this area for the upcoming high school year or semester. These personable and academically select exchange students are conversant in English, are bright, curious and anxious to learn about this country through living as part of a family, attending high school and sharing their own culture and language with their newly adopted host family.

The exchange students arrive from their home country shortly before school begins and return at the end of the school year or semester. Each ASSE student is fully insured, brings his or her own personal

spending money and expects to bear his or her share of household responsibilities, as well as being included in normal family activities and lifestyles.

The students are well screened and qualified by ASSE. Families may select the youngster of their choice from extensive student applications, family photos and biographical essays. Students and families are encouraged to begin corresponding prior to the student's arrival.

Those persons interested in obtaining more information about becoming a host family should call toll free: 1-800-473-0696. There are hundreds of students to choose from, so call—and begin the process of selecting your new host son or daughter today!

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Cliff Ballard Memorial Fund

A Memorial Fund has been set up for Linda Ballard at:

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to assist with funeral expenses. Anyone wishing to donate should contact State National Bank.

Energize with 4-H

Who: Youth entering Kindergarten—3rd Grade
When: Thursday, July 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Where: County Show Barn in Gail
Cost: \$5 per child to cover supply costs
Activities: It will be filled with many fun activities related to energy! We will be making crafts and playing fun games.
Info to know: Please bring a sack lunch—drink and dessert will be provided.

For more information, or to let us know that you will be able to attend, please call or e-mail the Extension Office at (806) 756-4336 or borden-tx@tamu.edu.
NOTE: You do not have to RSVP to participate, but it helps let us know how many to plan for.

We will seek to provide all reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for any Extension program. We request that you contact the Texas AgriLife Extension Service office as soon as possible to advise of auxiliary aid that you will require.

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The Fun with 4-H Day is sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Borden County and Borden County 4-H.

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, US Department of Agriculture and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

Commissioners Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 27th day of May, 2008, 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; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Prect. No. 4; **JOYCE HERIDGE**, 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 May 13, 2008 were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

PIPELINE CROSSING

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve Chevron U.S.A. application for proposed pipeline crossing in Precinct No. 2, at or near Co. Rd. 248, 1 mile east of Borden and Dawson Co. Line. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

PHONE LINE

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the request from Poka Lambro to lay a Fiber Optic Line in the County Right of Way. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ENERGY ZONES

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adopt the Resolution Supporting Expedited

Development of Competitive Renewable Energy Zones in West Texas including Infrastructure to Export Wind Power from West Texas. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH LUBBOCK COUNTY

Commissioner Belew made a motion to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Lubbock County whereas Borden County would be a participant in the West Texas Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases. This agreement would cost \$1,000.00 per year through 2012. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TRUCK BID

No action taken on the Truck Bid.

TRACTOR BID

Commissioner Belew made a motion to accept the Warren Cat Bid as the best bid. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BORDEN COUNTY CEMETERY

Commissioner Belew made a motion for Borden County to participate with the Borden County Cemetery Association in completing the surveying of the west 2 acres of the Borden County Cemetery. Borden County will pay 50% of the surveying not to exceed \$2000.00. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

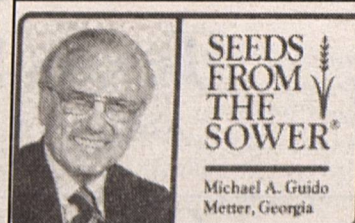
INDIGENT WATER BILLING

Commissioner Smith made a motion to authorize The County Judge and/or the County Treasurer to negotiate settlement on water billing for indigent consumers. Commissioner Belew

Hart Receives Award



Carrie Hart, right, maintenance inspector in the Borden County maintenance section, was honored recently for her longevity during a supervisors meeting in Abilene. A 10-year employee with the Texas Department of Transportation, she received a framed Certificate of Service, a 10-year service pin and a black leather portfolio with coaster, her gift of choice. Making the presentation was Blair Haynie, Abilene District director of transportation planning and development. (TxDOT photo by Mary Beth Kilgore)



A little boy prayed, "Lord, I wish You'd make Tommy stop beating me. Amen." Then he added, "This is the second time, Lord, I've made this request."

You can take anything to the Lord in prayer. There's no problem too big for His power. There's no person too small for His love.

He invites, "Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

How slow we are to ask.
How quick we are to give up.
But delays are not denials. Ask, and keep on asking. Seek, and keep on seeking. Knock, and keep on knocking.

The Lord answers prayer!

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seconded the motion. Motion carried. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Fee for Pipeline Crossing and Funding for County Trapper.

ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 9th day of June, 2008.

Borden Co. Youth Horse Club

Every Thursday Night in June
Finals-July 10, 2008

6:30 P.M. -- Gail Arena

Events

Western Pleasure
Barrels - Poles - Flags
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