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When We Gather, the Past Comes Alive

In recent weeks, many of us have had occasion to welcome home many folks in our county who are a part of its rich story. The reasons for the gatherings vary: a celebration, a memorial, and a homecoming that's been four months in the making.

Just last month, Mickey and Shirley McMeans and Ben and Netta Jarrett attended the annual UIL Award Banquet. Among the four of them, the years of service to this community exceeds 125 (at least).

Their presence does make our past come back: the clearing of a throat, the challenge of Third Grade, photography class, state championships in an event few even know about today (Typing and Shorthand), a hand on a shoulder, homemade ice cream, and sitting in those leather chairs across from their desks.

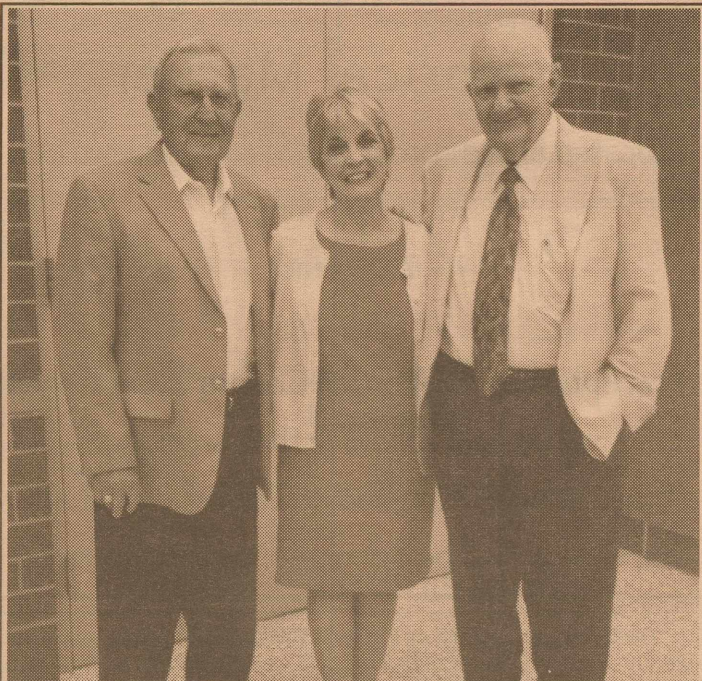
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Last week, the community gathered in our wonderful

Event Center to honor and remember Sue Smith. This lady was a constant in Gail and up on the Plains. As a teacher's aide who valued every child, Sue's presence made a difference. She worked hard. She was intuitive. She was funny. Listening to Borden County residents share Sue's family story was a fitting tribute. It was also history brought to life by Shorty Farmer, Rich Anderson, Sadie Ludecke, and others.

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Finally, a special gift came my way when Tim Wilson and his daughter Rachel texted me to come for a visit to see Carol two weeks ago. Most of you know Carol suffered an aneurysm in February while visiting Rachel in Washington, D.C. Borden County awaited news daily, anxiously, fearfully, and hopefully. In the weeks following, Carol fought and struggled to stay alive. Her amazing spirit—born of a determination and resiliency that some could argue comes from growing up on the Clayton Ranch or maybe from having lost her own mother at a young age—has been front and center in the long recovery that still lies



Pictured are (l to r) Mickey McMeans, Sue Jane Mayes and Ben Jarrett.

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Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Being Who You Are

Much frustration results when a person tries to be someone who they are not. When this happens a number of factors are at play. Pressure to conform to the expectations of others, the desire for acceptance, and the yearning to emulate other's lifestyles are some of them.

You are a unique individual. No one else is exactly like you. You have aptitudes, abilities, desires, and a personality unlike anyone else's. You need to recognize and be who you are.

It's easy to get caught up with trends and fads. We see teenagers trying to be part of the crowd by getting tattoos and piercings as well as by the clothes they wear. Would they be acting the same way if their friends and role models weren't doing it?

As kids grow up, they still try to emulate what they feel is the norm. They are flooded with examples of how to act. There are advertisements on TV, radio, and in magazines. Additionally, sports and entertainment celebrities receive constant publicity.

Peer pressure starts when they are young and follows them throughout life. Unsolicited input from friends, relatives, neighbors, coworkers,

and even strangers is constant. It's easy to lose your identity in an attempt to avoid criticism and please others.

Competition can also squelch your individuality. Adjusting your lifestyle to keep up with others becomes an insidious trap. A person you know acquires something, so you try to either match them or go one better.

A vicious cycle ensues as each tries to outdo the other. In this type of contest, anything is fair game. Where one lives, the size of their house, the type and number of cars, one's job, how many kids a couple has, and the type of vacations taken are just some areas of competition.

The issue is your motivation. Rather than living the way you really want to, you become driven by what others are doing. As a result, you compromise your goals. You may even lose touch with what it is you really desire.

Before you can be who you are, you must know who you are. A self-assessment is helpful. What matters to you may not be important to someone else and vice versa. You don't need approval to be yourself.

Answer the following ques-

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ahead. When we gathered at the Wilson home, I saw not just the past and the present but a bright future for this remarkable Borden County woman.

This week, we will gather again on the Courthouse lawn to celebrate what some other Borden County families have done for us. The Dorward Family, who invested in the county's livelihood with their drugstore, will have descendants here for the unveiling of the historical marker to be placed on site. The effort to bring this event about is due in large part to two other Borden County families: Jean (Creighton) Taylor and Buster Taylor and Lisa (Dennis) Mahler. The Taylors

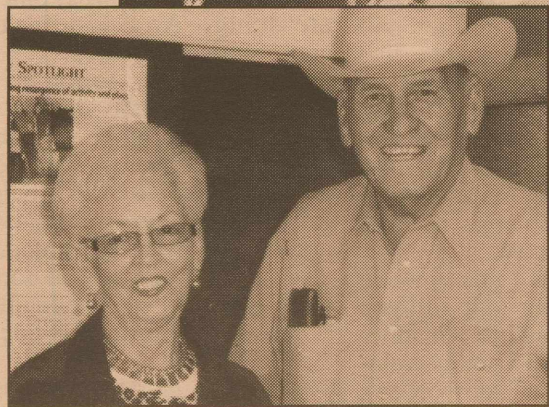
bought the drugstore a few years back, restoring it with the original vault bought by Mr. Dorward. Mrs. Mahler, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dennis whose family ranch is now operated by Lisa's brother Joel, has singlehandedly jumpstarted the revitalization of the Borden County Museum. Her commitment to preserving Borden County's history has helped renew this community's spirit.

A common, enduring thread runs throughout this county. It is our duty to keep weaving the past in to our present. Doing so insures that future Borden County residents will not only know their history but appreciate it.



(left) Lisa Mahler talks with Rebekah Kiefer at the Borden Co. museum during the elementary tour. Also pictured is Barbara Farmer (far left and 3rd grade teacher, Hayley Richey.

Borden Co. Historical commission members (l to r) Carol Lewis, Joel Dennis, Jacquie Whalen and Kenny Bennett



Current owner of Dorward Drug, Buster Taylor and his late wife, Jean Taylor.

Dare to Live...

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tions objectively. Don't be concerned with anyone else's opinions. What do you like and dislike? What are your goals? What's important to you? What are your morals? What do you like and dislike in others? What do you want in a job? What do you enjoy for entertainment?

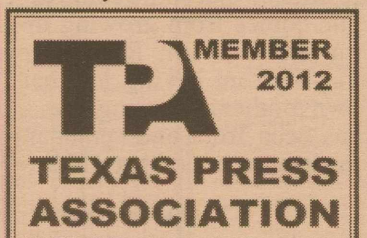
Write down your answers to the above questions. You don't need to share them with anyone. Your responses will help you understand yourself. As you have more insight into who you are, it's easier to know if you are deviating from your own desires.

It's not a big deal should you get sidetracked. Just get back on your path. A person who stays true to who they are is like a ship with a specific destination and the charts showing how to get there. Those who subvert themselves to what they think others want, are adrift with no rudder or objective.

Being who you are doesn't eliminate the necessity for constant improvement. There is always room for self-development. You may discover aspects of your personality that require changing in order to make you a better person.

Be who you are and be the best you can be. Don't bow to peer pressure or the opinions of others. It's your life and you are the only one responsible for how you live it.



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BCYHC Begins



The Borden County Youth Horse Club has begun its summer play days. There are a total of 53 members this year competing in Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Flag Race and Goat Tying. Pictured is Riley Redwins, son of Rusty and Katie Redwine of Borden Co. and grandson of Nan Martin of Borden County. The play day series will continue on Tuesday nights through June ending with a BBQ dinner and awards banquet on July 16.

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You are cordially invited to the dedication of the

Dorward Drug Historical Marker

(Located at the corner of FM 669 and Hwy 180)

Saturday, June 21
2:00 p.m.
Gail, TX

A reception at the Borden County Event Center will be held following the ceremony. Please bring a chair, and an umbrella for shade. The museum will be open prior to the ceremony.

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Obituary

Helen Jo Patterson 1930 - 2014



Mrs. Helen Jo Patterson, 83, of Snyder, Texas died on Saturday, June 14, 2014 at her residence after a brief illness.

Visitation was held Monday, June 16th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. Services for Mrs. Patterson were held on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with Mr. Jim Sullenger and Mr. Tom Holcomb officiating. Internment followed at the Fluvanna Cemetery.

Mrs. Patterson was born on June 27, 1930 in Murphy, Texas to Robert and Maggie Pearl Warren. She married Royce Patterson on June 5, 1965 and he joyfully adopted her four children. Mrs. Patterson was a homemaker, 4-H leader, and active in the PTA while her children were grow-

ing up. As a young woman, she loved to play baseball, fish and hunt. Despite impairment from a stroke in 1979, she was full of vitality and took great pleasure cooking for, and interacting with friends and family.

She is survived by her daughter, Cindy Wright and husband Tommy of Snyder, daughter Rhonda Patterson and Robert Shulman of Houston, son Tommy Patterson and wife Nena of Victoria, and son-in-law, Tommy Smith of Midland. Mrs. Patterson is survived by her sister, Juanita Cochran, ten grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews who fondly refer to her as "Aunt Jo."

She was preceded in death by her husband Royce in 2001, her daughter Donna Smith in 2003, as well as her siblings Bobby Warren, Jake Warren and Nell Price.

Memorials can be made in her memory to the following organizations near and dear to mother's heart:

West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 4601 Hartford St., Abilene, Texas 79605

Fluvanna Cemetery Association, c/o Nelva Jones, 4601 FM 612, Fluvanna, Texas 79517

Online condolences may be posted at www.bellcypertseale.com

Commissioners Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 27th day of May, 2014, 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:

ROSS D. SHARP, County Judge, Presiding;; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE** County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court, Monte Smith, Commissioner Precinct No. 1 absent, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

Other Officers Present: Marlo Holbrooks, County Attorney; Sharlot Stone, County Treasurer and Benny Allison, Sheriff and Tax Assessor.

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the May 27, 2014 Special Session of Borden Co. Commissioners Court to order at 8:45 a.m.

COMMUNITY INPUT

There was no community input.

MINUTES APPROVED

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of May 13, 2014 as presented. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BURN BAN

No action taken on Burn Ban.

UTILITY/PIPELINE CROSSING

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the Application of Jon Herring for Utility Cable or Pipeline Crossings in Precinct 4, at or near the intersection of Landrum Rd/One Mile Road; In Precinct 4, at or near the intersection of CR 432/Oppossum Hollow Rd; approve Application of Pie Operating, LLC in Precinct No. 2, CR 257. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

2014 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the line item transfer in compliance with Section 111.070 (C) Local Government Code, as follows: \$1,000.00 from Contingency General Fund Courthouse & Administration to Ambulance & EMS; \$2,000.00 from Tools & Supplies General Fund Courthouse & Buildings to Maintenance & Repairs;

\$1,000.00 Tool & Supplies General Fund County Extension Office to Ag-House Expense; \$1,000.00 General fund Event Center Equipment to Utilities-Propane. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE

No applications received for Private Road Construction/Maintenance.

SOIL CONSERVATION

No applications received for Soil Conservation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Belew made a motion to Close the Commissioner Court Meeting and enter into Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Belew made a motion to Close Executive Session and reconvene Commissioners Court Meeting Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

ALLISON, BASS & MAGEE, LLP CONTRACT

No action was taken on a Contract for Professional Services

with Allison, Bass & Magee, LLP for assistance in the evaluation of paving contracts and appropriate remedies.

BONIFAY & ASSOCIATES CONTRACT

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to suspend the contract with Bonifay & Associates for certain engineering and consulting services in connection with the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discuss Rental Agreement and Bonifay & Associates Contract.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS

Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve and pay said current accounts. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Belew to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes and approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 10th day of June 2014.

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Property owners who disagree with the Borden County Appraisal District's appraisal of their property for local taxes or for any other action that adversely affects them may protest their property value to the appraisal district's Appraisal Review Board (ARB). The ARB will begin hearing taxpayer protests on July 11, 2014 in the Borden County Courthouse.

After the ARB completes its hearings and approves final property tax appraisals, local governments will use these appraisals to set 2014 property tax rates.

The ARB is a group of citizens who live in the appraisal district and are appointed by the appraisal district's board of directors, except in Harris and Fort Bend Counties where a local administrative judge makes the appointments. Property owners may protest any of the following issues to the ARB:

- the appraised or market value of the property;
- unequal appraisal of the taxpayer's property compared to similar property in the district;
- inclusion of the property on the appraisal records;
- denial of a partial exemption, such as a homestead exemption;
- denial of special appraisals, such as agricultural or timber productivity appraisal;
- determination that agricultural or timber land has had a change of use and is subject to a rollback tax;
- identification of the taxing unit or units in which the property is located;
- determination that the taxpayer is the owner of the property; or
- any other action of the appraisal district that adversely affects the owner.

A property owner must file a written notice of protest before June 1, 2014 or within 30 days after the appraisal district mails the taxpayer a notice of appraised value, whichever is later. The ARB schedules a hearing and sends the protesting property owner written notice of the date, time and place of the hearing. The law contains specific timelines and procedures for the owner and the ARB throughout the appraisal protest process. These are detailed in the state Comptroller's publication *Property Taxpayer Remedies*. Copies are available from the BORDEN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT at 120 E. Wilbourn (PO Box 298) Gail, TX 79738 or 806-756-4484. The publication is also available on the Comptroller's website at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/ or by calling 1-800-252-9121 and press "2" to access the menu and then press "1" to contact the Information Services Team.

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Kids in the Kitchen Cooking Camp

This is open to all youth in the county! Youth entering 5th-8th grades will be held on Monday, June 23 and youth entering 3rd-4th grades will be held on Wednesday, June 25. Both days will be from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Event Center. Cost is \$15 per participant and each day is limited to 10 youth. RSVP by Friday, June 20th so that we can plan for supplies.

Arts and Crafts Fun Day

Join us on Wednesday, July 2nd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Borden County Event Center. Cost will be \$20. This will include supplies for several projects to make and take home, as well as refreshments. Youth need to bring a sack lunch. Fun Day is open to all BC youth ages 8-18. Please RSVP by Friday, June 27th so that we know how many to buy supplies for.



4-H is for all youth who like action, learning, and FUN!

District 4-H Leadership Workshop

Join us for a fun day of learning about leadership and recreation on Thursday, July 10 in Plainview! We will leave about 8:00 a.m. and return around 10:00 p.m. The day will be filled with learning about the new Duds to Dazzle contest, various leadership and recreation projects and activities, and end with a dance! Cost is \$20 (unless you attend the H20 camp—it will be free). Please RSVP by Monday, July 7th if you wish to attend! Open to all 4-H'ers!

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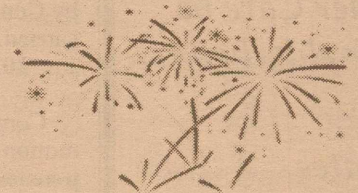
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Summer

Splendor



You are invited to join us on **Monday, June 30th** at 6:00 p.m. in the Borden County Event Center for a Summer program focusing on **enjoying the Summer months by simplifying meal planning, cooking, and getting back to the basics of living with your family.** Enjoy a sampling of a few simple recipes and make an easy take-home project (for even the least creative people). Cost is \$15 per person (will cover supplies and recipe/idea booklet). **Please RSVP by Friday, June 27th** (to allow for enough supplies) at 5:00 p.m. to (806)756-4336, via Facebook or julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu



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