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Local FFA Members Attend State Convention *McMeans Earns Trip to Louisville in October With First Place Banner*

The Texas State FFA Convention concluded its annual gathering July 18 after four full days of events, including competition that resulted in a national qualifier from Borden County's local FFA chapter.

On hand to see Zach McMeans win the State Championship in Extemporaneous Speaking were FFA members Mollie McMeans and Flint Roberts and FFA voting delegate Nathan Souder.

Although Zach enters West Texas A&M University in August, he is eligible to compete at the FFA National Convention. Louisville, Kentucky, hosts October 29-November 1. The win also earned Zach a \$1,000 scholarship.

In addition to the speaking award, Zach also earned his Lone Star Degree at the convention, held this year in Ft. Worth.

Nathan is the incoming FFA President for the Gail Chapter while Flint was elected the chapter Reporter. Both are juniors. Nathan is also the District Vice-President. Mollie has graduated and will be attending South Plains College.



Zach McMeans performs in Extemporaneous Speaking at the State FFA Convention

Gail Post Office Community Meeting Rescheduled for Aug. 4

The Postal Service will hold a meeting to answer questions and provide additional information about POST Plan. At the meeting, local management will share the results of the survey and answer questions. Although survey results will be known and shared, the Postal Service will not make a final decision regarding this office until after the public meeting. This will enable the Postal Service to obtain all community input and opinions, from both the surveys and the meeting before making a final decision.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we regret the community meeting previously scheduled for July 8, 2014 had to be rescheduled. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused our customers.

Surveys were sent to customers within the delivery zip code(s) of this Post Office and the Post Office Box customers. Below are the options that the Postal Service is considering. If you did not receive a survey and would like to fill one out, surveys are available at the retail counter.

1. Keep the office open, based on actual office workload. In the case of the Gail PO, hours would be reduced from 8 hours each weekday to 6 hours per week-

day. Current Saturday hours will not change as a result of POST Plan and access to your delivery receptacles will not be impacted by POST Plan.

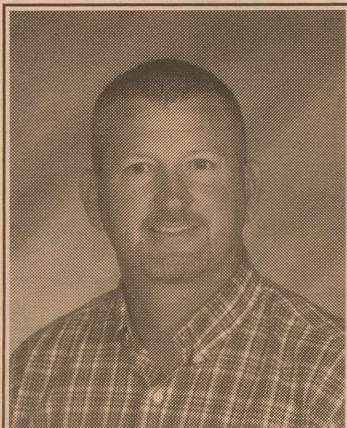
2. Conduct a discontinuance study for the office and offer roadside mailbox delivery. Retail and delivery service would be provided through a rural carrier. Mail delivery points will be established and customers can purchase most postal services through the carrier or alternate access points.

3. Conduct a discontinuance study for the office and find a suitable alternative location operated by a contractor, usually at a local business. When businesses are found that meet the criteria, these establishments are contracted through the U.S Postal Service and offer stamps and flat rate products with service hours generally more expansive than what the local Post Office will be able to offer.

4. Conduct a discontinuance study for the office and provide P.O. Box service via another nearby Post Office and relocate P.O. Box delivery to that Post Office.

The community meeting will be held on August 4th at 6:30 p.m. at the Borden County Event Center at 127 Willow Valley Rd, Gail, Tx.

Athletic Physicals Scheduled For August 2nd



Trey Richey
Head Coach

We are scheduled to take athletic physicals Saturday, **August 2nd at 10:00 AM** in Abilene Texas.

We will depart from Gail at **8:00 AM**. You will need to have your physical form signed and filled out before we leave. The doctor will not sign it if your parent or guardian does not sign it. You will need to wear short and T-shirt for the physical.

We will be at the Action Sports and Physical Therapy clinic in Abilene. The telephone number there is (325)676-5633. The address there is 1717 Pine Street. Easy directions are, as you come in on Interstate 20 you will take the Hardin Simmons exit. Stay on Pine Street and it will be on your left, just a few blocks past the hospital.

If you would like to meet us there so you can stay and shop in Abilene that would be fine. You will need to bring some money to eat lunch. We will try to be back in Gail by **3:00 PM**.

If you plan to play a sport this year of any kind during the upcoming school year, you are required by our school district to take a physical. The school furnishes the physical at this time. If you cannot make this date then you will need to get a physical on your own and at your expense.

Also you will find I this letter an **Acknowledgment of Rules form** and a **Steroid**

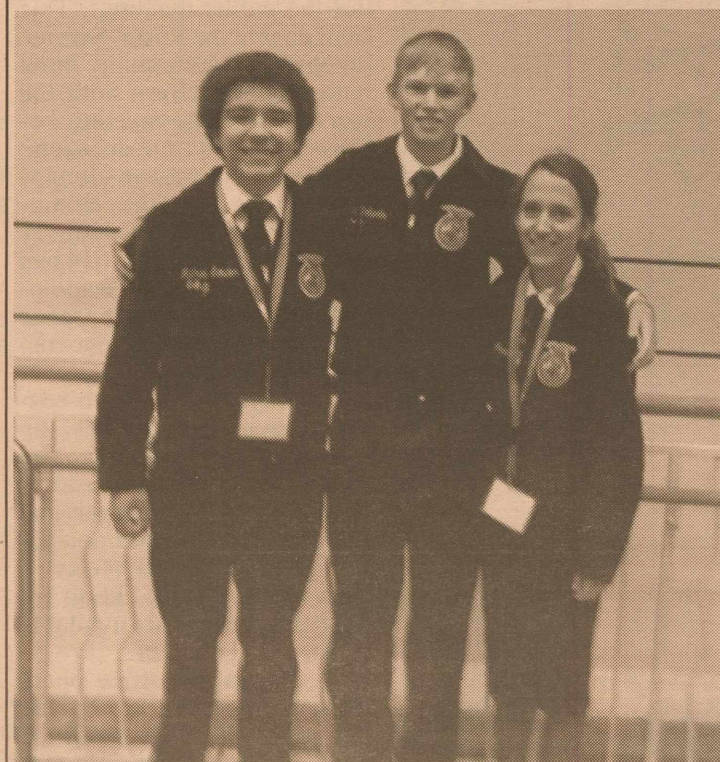
Form, read them, have your parent read them, sign them both and bring all of the paperwork with you. The medical release, will allow us to seek emergency treatment for you if there is a need during the school year.

We are truly excited about the upcoming year and we look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at home or on my cell. Trey Richey: (806)756-4417 home and (806)759-3335 cell. Take care and enjoy the remainder of your summer.

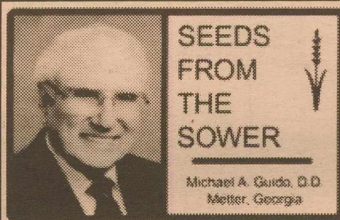
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State FFA Convention



Gail FFA members attending the State FFA Convention recently were (left to right) Nathan Souder, Flint Roberts and Mollie McMeans.



A girl said to her date, "If you do not tell me that you love me, I am going to hold my breath until I pass out."

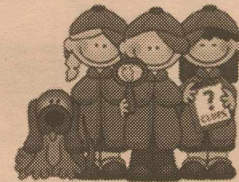
"Holding your breath may be interesting," he said. "Being a doctor, I realize that if you pass out it may be a metabolic disorder. I suggest Vitamin B6. You can take a tablet or eat liver."

"I asked for love," sobbed the girl, "and all I get is a prescription for beef liver."

Everyone needs love. It is the greatest gift the world has ever known. It takes the unloved and makes them believe they are loveable. It takes the unacceptable and makes them feel acceptable. It brings respect to those who have never been respected. The Source of love is God. The beginning of love is God. And the end of love is God. It is only as He reigns in our hearts that His love will be revealed in our lives.

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Borden 4-H MYSTERY Fun Day



When: Tuesday, August 12, 2014 (we will leave Gail at 8:00 a.m.)

Cost: \$20 per person

Who: All Borden County 4-H'ers and their friends! (We ask that any youth under 8 be accompanied by a parent/adult.)

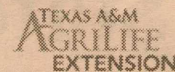
What: Join us for a day filled with mysterious fun!

You need: Comfy shoes, sunscreen, swimsuit, towel, shades, change of clothes, 2 cans of food per person and a positive attitude!

RSVP: Please RSVP by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 8th!

Notes: We will need some parents to come along to help transport youth and chaperone for the day.

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10 Ways to Freshen Up Your Life

Need a boost? Just one simple change can go a long way—here are 10 to try.

Whether it's your mind, your body, or even your home decor that's craving a little more excitement, here are easy wake-up calls that can work for you.

1. *Paint your kitchen.* Choose blue tones if you want to curb your appetite, or reds and oranges to boost it. Don't forget to wash the windows, inside and out, and hang fresh curtains. If you cannot paint, buy a few new kitchen towels in punchy colors to liven up the room.

2. *Eat more colorfully.* Aim for at least five fruits and vegetables every day. Here's how: Grill veggie and fruit kebabs. Bring home a new-to-you food from each visit to the farmers' market. Toss a green salad with strawberries or chunks of freshly cut mango. Make fruit smoothies. Keep precut veggies at eye level in the fridge for easy snacking.

3. *Start a journal.* Buy an attractive, sturdy book that you'll want to open daily and jot down your thoughts. If you're comfortable with computers and your thoughts aren't private, start a blog that you can share with friends and family.

4. *Try new recipes.* To get started, check out hundreds of recipes on this Web site at www.eatbetteramerica.com. Choose from ideas for entrees, sides, snacks, drinks, desserts, and more.

5. *Wake up your walks.* Pick up a field guide, such as those

by Peterson Field Guides (www.petersonfieldguides.com) or the National Audubon Society (www.audubon.org). Then start a checklist of the different trees, flowers, birds, and plants you see along your favorite walking route.

6. *Take time for tea.* Brighten up each day with a cup of hot or cold herbal tea. Stash a variety of different flavor tea bags in your desk drawer.

7. *Clean out your spice rack.* Store ground spices for about six months, and whole spices and herbs for up to one year. After that time, they will gradually lose their flavor. Store them in airtight containers away from heat, light, and moisture. Date jars with permanent marker so you know how old they are, and refresh your rack as needed.

8. *Get fresh flavor.* Better yet, why not grow fresh basil and other herbs right on your kitchen windowsill? Just follow instructions on the plants' care tags.

9. *Enjoy a bedtime bath.* Start with soothing lavender or chamomile bath oil. Add soft music and candlelight to complete the home spa experience. Place your softest towel, fuzzy bathrobe, and comfy slippers within easy reach.

10. *Reconnect.* Lost touch with an old friend or haven't talked to a relative in a while? Set aside some time each Sunday evening to reach out and reconnect.

Source: *Eat Better America* (<http://www.eatbetteramerica.com>)

Birthday Celebration Proves to Be a Mini-Reunion

Leave it to the extended Jones Family to do a party right.

Nelva Jones hit one of those milestone birthdays over the weekend—the 80th to be exact—and about 80 x 2 (or three) friends and family turned out to honor the beloved Borden County resident.

Nelva and her husband, the late Don Jones, are associated with the Fluvanna Community, and many of those in atten-

dance Saturday at the Borden County Event Center reflected that connection. Lots of Scurry, Garza, and Dawson County friends came, too. At the Gail Church of Christ, Nelva was asked if there was anyone who did not know her within a four-county radius.

Nelva's three children Max Jones, Donelle Hensley, and Carla Sandusky (all Borden County High School graduates) along with grandchildren,

nieces, and nephews were on hand to share the occasion. Her brother Ray Herring also joined in the festivities. Nelva also had one sister, Sue Herring Lloyd Stephens, who passed away in 2007. Sue's children D'Lyn Biggs, M'Lys Lloyd, and A'Lise Kern all came to celebrate with their Aunt Nelva.

Nelva has one great-grandson attending Borden County Schools now: Second Grader Pace Parker.



Borden County resident, Nelva Jones (center) celebrated her 80th birthday last Saturday with the help of many family members and friends. She is pictured with many family members who attended the celebration.

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Saturday, July 26th, 2014 from 12:00 noon to 2:30 PM

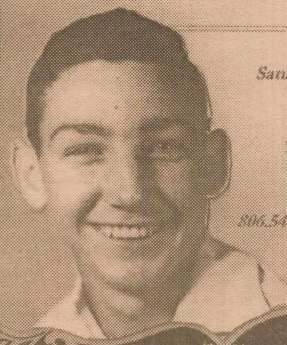
Fluvanna Community Center

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Commissioners Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 8th day of July, 2014, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular 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; **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 HERRIDGE** County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

Other officers present: Marlo Holbrooks, County Attorney, Benny Allison, Sheriff and Brian Fullbright, Deputy Sheriff.

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the July 8, 2014 Regular Session of Borden County Commissioners Court to order at 8:30 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting of June 24, 2014 and July 1, 2014 were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY OFFICE REPORTS

After examination of the County Officers' Reports, Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve, accept and file submitted reports in the County Clerk's Office. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. County Ag. Agent Cody Hill report, Permanent Available School Fund Report, the Clerks report and the Treasurers Monthly Report were not submitted. Motion carried.

DEPUTY SHERIFF

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve Sheriff Benny Allison hiring Brian Fullbright as Deputy Sheriff. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

BORDEN COUTNY WATER REGULATIONS

A discussion was held on Borden County water Regulations. No action was taken.

BORDEN COUTNY WATER SYSTEM

A discussion was held for improvements of the Borden County Water System to be in compliance with the Clean Water Act and 40 CFR. Part 141.

WATER CONTRACT

Judge Sharp made a motion to enter into a contract with Burgess and Niple for engineering services associated with the Borden County Water System improvements. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

No 2014 Budget Amendments.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

No Road Construction/ Maintenance applications.

SOIL CONSERVATION WORK

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the application for Soil Conservation Construction from Bill Phinizy in Precinct No. 2. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BUDGET WORK SHOP

Budget Work Shop held.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

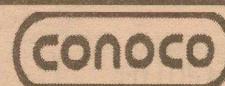
DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Water and Budget.

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 22nd day of July, 2014.**

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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 2014-2015 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 may also be submitted by fax and/or by e-mail to the numbers or address listed below. Proposals will be received up to but no later than 1:00 P.M. on Friday, August 8, 2014. 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
Joel Dennis, Secretary

BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEE ELECTION

The Borden County Independent School District Board of Trustees will take official action to call a Trustee Election for Tuesday, November 4, 2014, at the July 2014 school board meeting.

Persons interested in serving on the school board may file for a place on the ballot by signing up in the school superintendent's office.

Important dates associated with the upcoming trustee election are as follows:

- ◆ First Day to file for Place On Ballot—July 19, 2014
- ◆ Last Day to file for Place on Ballot—5:00 p.m. August 18, 2014
- ◆ Deadline for Write-In to file declaration of Write-In Candidacy For School Trustee Election—5:00 p.m. August 18, 2014
- ◆ First Day An Election May Be Cancelled if there are no Opponents to the Candidate/s that have filed for a Place On Ballot—August 19, 2014
- ◆ First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail—September 5, 2014
- ◆ First Day of early voting—October 20, 2014
- ◆ Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail—October 24, 2014
- ◆ Last Day of Early Voting—October 31, 2014
- ◆ Last Day to Receive Ballot By Mail—November 4, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

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