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Long-Awaited Historical Marker Ceremony Approaching *June 21 Dedication Set for 2 p.m. at Dorward Drugstore in Gail*



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FSA Accepting Emergency Farm Loan Applications

Local residents will have a chance to be a part of Borden County history in two weeks as the official historical marker dedication service will be held in downtown Gail.

This week's Borden Star includes the invitation to the event sponsored by the Borden County Historical Commission. The occasion will honor the memory of David and Minnie Dorward and their contribution to Gail and Borden County.

A reception at the Event Center will follow the dedication. Several descendants of the Dorward Family plan to be in attendance. Refreshments will be served.

Below is a brief biographi-

cal sketch of the Mr. and Mrs. Dorward.

David Dorward (aka Grandfather Dorward), was born in Scotland 11 May 1844 and arrived in Galveston, TX, on the ship *Havelock* in 1867. He married a native Texan, Anna Amanda Atkinson, daughter of Jesse and Margaret Patton Atkinson. David and Anna moved to Burleson County, TX, and their son David was born there, 15 Dec 1872.

The 1880 Census lists the following Dorward family: "Daniel" (age 32), Ann (age 31), David (born 1872), James C. (born 1875), Robert D. (born 1877), and Effie (born 1880).

The Dorward Family arrived in Borden County and settled

on the 49 Ranch. In 1893, young David Dorward became the wagon cook for the Square and Compass Ranch. In 1894 he began work as the cook for the Magnolia Land and Cattle Company. He participated in several cattle drives and kept the cowboys happy with his cooking.

In 1895 Miss Minnie Russell was living with her family in Mineral Wells, TX, but heard the call of West Texas. She arrived in Borden County at the home of her aunt, Mrs. John Doyle. Minnie was to teach school in a half dug-out about 10 miles north of Gail known as the Salt Springs School. She stayed from 1895 to 1897. While Minnie was teaching in Borden County she had the opportunity to meet David Dorward at the 49 Ranch and soon a romance blossomed. Minnie returned to Mineral Wells to teach school for two years.

By the fall of 1900, Minnie returned to teach in Gail. In 1901 David gave up the wagon cook life and opened a drugstore in Gail. David and Minnie married 26 May 1901.

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by drought are being accepted at the farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Lamesa, Wayne Sisson said today.

Dawson and Borden County are two of 170 in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Thomas J. Vilsack eligible for loans to cover part of actual production and physical losses resulting from the drought.

Wayne Sisson said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of crop production or suffered any physical loss to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan under this disaster designation", Wayne Sisson said. Producers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their production loss. Additionally,

any insurance proceeds received by producers as a result of the physical loss will have to be considered in determining their total loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until January 14, 2015 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season", Wayne Sisson said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in Lamesa is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Additional information regarding Disaster Assistance Programs may be found online at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.



David and Minnie Dorward, circa 1901.

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Mr. and Mrs. John S. Stephens

Stephens Celebrate Golden Anniversary

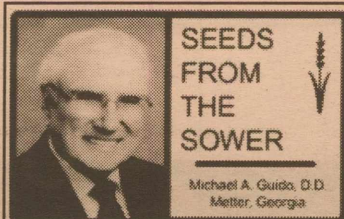
Mr. and Mrs. John S. Stephens Jr. recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Steve and the former Carolyn Joyce Cross were united in marriage on May 30, 1964 at the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church in Big Spring, Texas where the late Rev. James Sharp officiated the double ring ceremony.

The couple have made their home in Borden County, Texas where they have farmed and ranched in Borden and Lynn Counties for the past 50 years.

They are the parents of two children, Stephanie Stephens and John Stephens III, daughter-in-law Lori and three grandchildren Chelsea, Colton and Dylan Stephens.

They are long time members of First United Methodist Church at O'Donnell, Texas.



A clever thief broke into a shoe store, took the shoes out of the boxes and placed the boxes back on the shelves – empty. The next morning, each time a sales person opened a shoe box for a customer, it was empty. Everyone was confused!

For so many individuals, life is like that. It seems like there should be some valuable contents on the inside, but there is only emptiness. There is space that can be filled with the good things that come from God.

A young man once cried, "I have every thing to live with, but I have nothing to live for. My life is empty though I have plenty!" What initially seemed to be fulfilling became frustrating. He no longer had a purpose or passion for life.

If we want to have a life that is fulfilling and overflowing, then it must begin and end with the Lord. In Him alone will we find His generous gifts of His grace to fill the empty "boxes" in our hearts and fulfillment in our lives.

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Lamesa Butane

Arlen Morris, Mgr.
501 S. Lynn Street
Lamesa, Texas

Commissioners Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 13th day of May, 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 and Sharlot Stone, County Treasurer.

COMMUNITY INPUT

Mr. Kent Mahoney with the Post Dispatch visited with the Court.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting of April 22, 2014 were read. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY OFFICE REPORTS

After examination of the County Officers' Reports, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve, accept and file submitted reports in the County Clerk's Office. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT ON TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the Consent to Assignment Agreement with Union Bank, N.A. on Tax Abatement Agreement as requested by Mesquite Creek Wind, LLC. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commissioner Reyes made a motion to advertise for bids on Petroleum Products to be opened on June 10, 2014. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

No applications were received.

SOIL CONSERVATION WORK

No applications received.

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

FUND GRANT PROGRAM
Commissioner Belew made a motion to ratify the prior approval of "Resolution and Order Approving the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program Agreement, Designating Authorized Representative and Make Specific Findings required by the Texas Department of Transportation". Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUND GRANT AGREEMENT

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the "County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Agreement" between the Texas Department of Transportation and Borden County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUND GRANT PROGRAM

Work session was held.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS

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

ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 27th day of May 2014.

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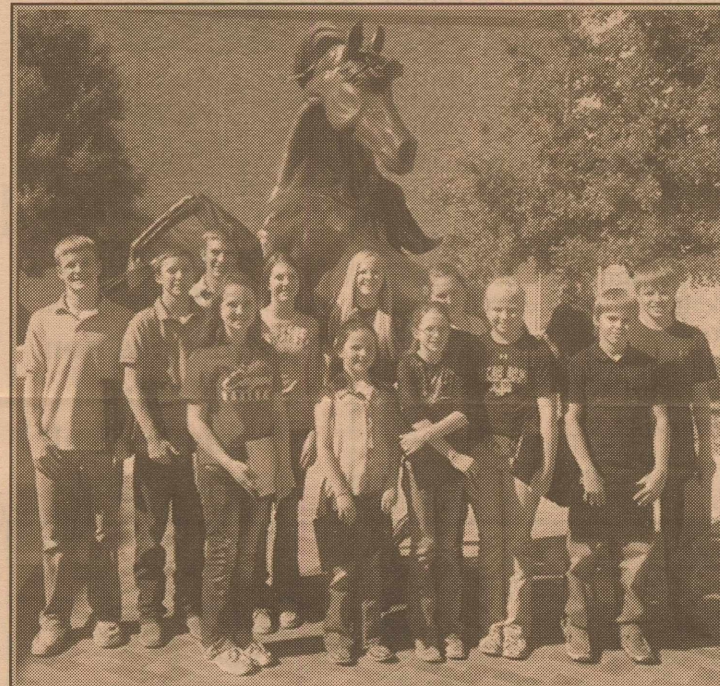
Borden County 4-H News



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Borden County 4-Hers Win District 2 4-H Wool Judging Contest

Borden County 4-Hers were very successful at the District 2 4-H Wool Judging Contest. This year, Borden County won High Team in the Junior and Intermediate Division. The contest was held at Texas Tech and over twenty counties were represented. Congratulations again to Borden County 4-H on an outstanding performance. Borden County 4-Hers who competed were; Payton Merket, Thomas Nix, Jayden King, Katie Gray, Paige Holbrooks, Ashlyn Tucker, Brooklyn Gray, Erin Nix, Ryan Phillips, Kennedy Tucker, Lucas Grantham, and J.W. Nix.



Thought for the Day

*Jesus, please teach
me to appreciate
what I have before
time forces me to
appreciate what I
had.*

-Susan L. Lenzkes

Borden County 4-H members attending the District 2 4-H Wool Judging contest are (back row left to right) Payton Merket, Thomas Nix, Jayden King, Paige Holbrooks, Ashlyn Tucker, Ryan Phillips, J.W. Nix, (front row left to right) Katie Gray, Brooklyn Gray, Erin Nix, Kennedy Tucker and Lucas Grantham.

Keeping Summer's Bounty Safe to Eat

Fresh melons and berries fill the aisles of grocery stores and markets. Roadside produce stands full of home grown fruits and vegetables are seen along the highway. All of these are signs that summer is here and so is a bounty of fresh produce. Summer's harvest of fresh fruits and vegetables is an important part of a healthy diet. Just remember to handle fresh produce safely to prevent foodborne illness.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that there are 76 million cases of foodborne illnesses each year resulting in 325,000 hospitalizations and 5,000 deaths.

Although not traditionally associated with foodborne illness, fresh fruits and vegetables have recently been linked to several outbreaks. That's because fresh produce is often eaten raw. In fact, in recent years the proportion of cases of foodborne illness linked to fresh fruits and vegetables has increased.

To help consumers keep fruits and vegetables safe to eat, the Partnership for Food Safety

E d u c a t i o n (www.fightbac.org) gives six recommendations for safe handling of fresh produce:

Check: Food safety for fresh fruits and vegetables begins at the store. Before purchasing, make sure the produce is not bruised, cut, or damaged. If purchasing items that are pre-cut, such as melons, or packaged, such as salads, buy only the items that have been kept

refrigerated.

Clean: Hands should be washed in warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds before and after handling fresh produce. Make sure cutting boards, counter tops, peelers and knives are also clean before using them. Fresh produce should be rinsed under running

tap water before you eat it. That's also true for fruits and vegetables that have rinds or skins that will not be eaten. People don't realize they need to scrub the outside of melons with a vegetable brush or rub them with their hands under running water. If bacteria contaminate the outside of a melon for example, when you slice into it you have the potential of bringing that contamination into the fruit. Clean firm-skinned produce with a clean vegetable brush or rub it with your hands under running tap water. Do not use detergent or bleach to wash fresh produce. After washing, dry fruits and vegetables with a clean cloth or paper towel. Vegetable brushes can be purchased at your local variety store for two to four dollars. They are an inexpensive tool that can help you keep your fresh produce safe to eat.

Separate: In the grocery cart, keep fresh fruits and vegetables away from such items as cleaners, detergents, and raw meat, poultry, and fish. At home, that advice also holds true during storage in the refrigerator and during preparation: Keep fresh produce away from raw meat, poultry and fish. Do not use the same cutting board for produce and meats unless it is cleaned with hot, soapy water before and after food preparation.

Cook: If fresh produce has been in contact with raw meat, poultry, fish, or their juices, throw it away or cook it thoroughly.

Chill: To prevent bacterial growth, store all cut, peeled, or cooked produce in the refrigerator within two hours.

Throw away: Fresh fruits and vegetables that have not been refrigerated within two hours of cutting, peeling, or cooking should be thrown away. Remove and throw away bruised or damaged portions of fresh produce before cooking

Dorward Family History...

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David began to study pharmacy by correspondence and received a district license first;

or eating it raw. Any fruit or vegetable that will not be cooked and that has been contaminated by raw meat, poultry, fish, or their juices should also be thrown away. If in doubt about the safety of a fruit or vegetable, throw it out!

For more information on safe handling of fresh produce, contact the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service-Borden County office at (806)756-4336 or visit our web site at <http://borden.agrilife.org>.

he was issued a State Pharmacy License in 1907, number 855. Soon the Dorward Drug became the place to get the latest news, to get advice for wounds and ills, to fill prescriptions from the town doctors, to buy needed supplies for the household, or to get a treat from the candy counter. The drugstore and its phone line served the county for many years until a rural phone system was begun in 1954.

The Dorwards were also involved in teaching at the Methodist Church in Gail. Evidence of the Cradle Roll call can be seen in the museum. Mrs. Dorward served as Sunday School Superintendent for

thirty-five years and taught for over fifty years; Mr. Dorward taught an adult Sunday School class for thirty years.

Mr. Dorward was a collector of many things including fossils. The Borden County museum contains his collection. You will also see other items of interest that the Dorward family graciously gave to the museum including his pharmacy supplies.

David and Minnie raised three sons: David Russell (1904-1956) Maurice D. (1906-1993) and Kelvin (1909-1965) Mr. Dorward passed away in 1956 and Mrs. Dorward in 1962.

Borden County ISD Board Meeting

Regular Board Meeting May 19, 2014

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 Board Room of the Borden County I.S.D. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, and Dennis Poole. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas and principal, Bart McMeans were also present.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M. by John Anderson.

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 21, 2014, board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the May 2014, bills. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joe Harding to elect Joel Dennis as the board secretary.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Dennis Poole to sponsor a chemical free graduation night. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to award members of the class of 2014 living in Borden County a \$1,000 college scholarship through appropriations from the Borden County wind power scholarship funds. The motion carried unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to set the next regular board meeting for July 21, 2014, at 7:00 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joe Harding to hire Meagan Skelton and Esther Stansell as professional staff members for the 2014-2015 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Mr. Thomas reported that 253 students were enrolled as of May 15, 2014, a year to

date financial overview was given, and it was reported that the resignation of Sarah Clements had been accepted.

A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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Legal Notice

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: J.I. WILBOURN and L.E. WILBOURN, and if deceased, the legal representatives of said Defendants and the unknown heirs of said named Defendants, the legal representatives of the unknown heirs of said named Defendants, if the unknown heirs of the said named Defendants are dead.

GREETINGS: You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiffs' petition at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being the 16th day of June, 2014, at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. before the Honorable 132nd Judicial District Court of Borden County, at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas. Said Plaintiffs' petition was filed on the 28th day of April, 2014, the File Number of said suit being No. 1248. The names of the parties in said suit are:

JOSE RODRIGUEZ and wife, ENRIQUETA RODRIGUEZ, as Plaintiffs,
and
J.I. WILBOURN and L.E. WILBOURN, as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:
Such suit is a Trespass to Try

Title suit covering the following-described property situated in Borden County, Texas, to-wit:

Tract 1: All of Lots Numbers Two (2), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11) and twelve (12), in Block Number Twelve (12), of the ORIGINAL TOWN OF GAIL, Borden County, Texas, as the same appears according to the map or plat of said Original Town, which is recorded in the office of the County Clerk of Borden County, Texas.

TRACT 2: All of Lots Number One (1), Two (2), and Ten (10), in Block Number Nineteen (19), of the ORIGINAL TOWN OF GAIL, Borden County, Texas, as the same appears according to the map or plat of said Original Town, which is recorded in the office of the County Clerk of Borden County, Texas.

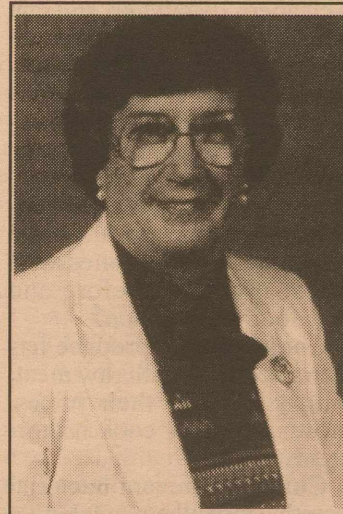
If this Citation is not served within ninety (90) days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

ISSUED this the 1st day of May, 2014.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal of said Court, at office in Texas, this the 1st day of May, 2014

Joyce Herridge
DISTRICT CLERK, 132ND
JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
OF BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS

Obituary



Sue S. Smith
1928 - 2012

In loving memory of Sue S. Smith, born June 5, 1934 in Snyder, Texas.

She passed away peacefully surrounded by her children on April 21, 2014 in Las Vegas, NV.

She is survived by her son, Richard and his wife, Motts of Las Vegas, NV; brothers: Ed Stephens of Weatherford, Texas and Mike Stephens of Vega, Texas and sisters-in-law: Sadie Ludecke of Borden County; and Joyce Smith of Lamesa, Texas; nieces and nephews: Monte Smith of Borden County, Paula Woods of San Angelo, Texas; Josie Taggart and Delva Robb of Lubbock, Texas and nephew Sam Branch of Coleman, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Allen and Opal Stephens and her dear husband Rube Smith who is waiting for her to join him in Heaven.

Sue was a beloved teacher's aide for the Borden County Independent School District for thirty years, retiring in 2003.

A memorial service and celebration of her life will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, June 13, 2014 at the Borden County Event Center on Willow Valley Road in Gail, Texas.



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.