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# Borden Star

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June 8, 2016

## Borden County Heritage Day

Saturday

June 11, 2016

Downtown Gail and the BC Event Center

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Fort Concho Cavalry

Texas Longhorn Herd

Sam Howell's Cocklebur Camp

Traylor Livery of Sonora

Texas Parks and Wildlife's Buffalo Soldiers Heritage

Pioneer games for kids

Blacksmith skills by Taylor County Forge

South Plains Antique Tractor Association

Storytellers

Historical Presentations

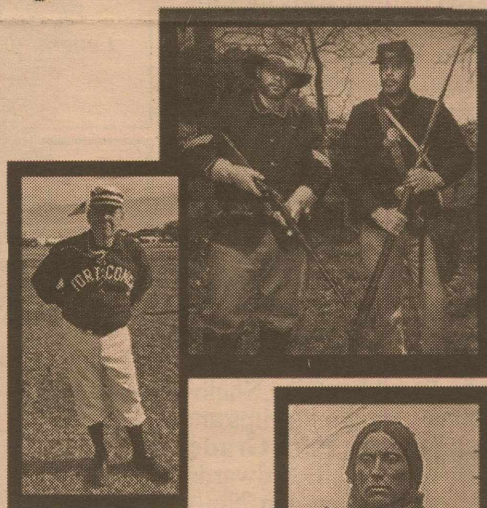
Area museum booths

Texas Plains Trail

Vendors

Borden County Museum

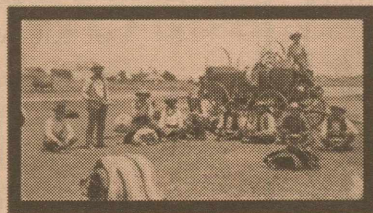
will be open.



Friday night  
baseball game at the  
High School Baseball Field  
1880s rules  
Peanuts, popcorn  
& lemonade



9:00 a.m. Saturday  
Quanah Parker Arrow  
blessing by  
Bruce Parker  
Great-Grandson  
of Quanah



**Dance at the BC Event Center**

**8 p.m. to midnight**

**Jody Nix & the Texas Cowboys**

## BHS UIL Literary/ Speech Students Return With Precious Medals and Precious Memories

When the 2015-2016 school year go underway, so did the UIL Academic game plan. The first rule of encouraging students to work hard is motivation. The motivation this year was that hard work could lead to missing most of the last week of school for the 2016 State Academic Meet.

It worked.

The UIL calendar has been tweaked several times in the past few years, and the cycle now is to conduct all one-act plays and academic contests during a three-day span in late May. This incentive proved worthy of late-night studying, once a week tutorials, week-end speech and debate practices, camps, and any other investment students made.

The end result for Borden High School is five new photos in the State Champion trophy case that is displayed in the front school foyer.

Senior Nathan Souder, last year's bronze medalist at State in Lincoln-Douglas debate, sought to put a finishing touch on a storied career as a BHS debater. He accomplished this

with a perfect 9-0 record over the course of two days, winning every ballot. The University of Texas Terry Scholar was draped with his long-awaited gold medal later Wednesday afternoon, on stage with the State Champions from 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, and 6A.

The other four State Champion photos are going to be those of four girls, a rarity in the Current Issues and Events Contest. Seniors Karly Etheredge and Zoie Key along with Junior Hayley Gray and Freshman Madi Cole tied for the Team Championship with Comstock. Ties at State for first place are not broken. The Co-Championship netted four gold medals as well as a bronze medal for Karly who was the third highest individual in 1A for this event. The girls all took a 40-question multiple choice test of news items the November 1-May 1 news cycle and then had to write an essay which is judged as well for individual scores. Since August, the girls have been meeting

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once a week for a 30-minute tutorial to go over the week's news. They also had access to phone apps with news and tests as well as practice tests that allowed them to compete online against other Texas schools.

The other big story coming out of Austin at the State Meet was the performance of BHS's Freshman Class. This group has made an immediate impact in UIL events; their success in Austin will prove invaluable for what is to come in their next three years of high school.

Freshman Ben Justice's quest for a State medal began a year ago and culminated in a Bronze medal for the talented freshman. He began asking last spring to compete in the Computer Science program. Without a qualified faculty member on staff, Ben relied on his own study (dedicated and determined study at that) with a book provided by Snyder High School's teacher, Wynola Early, and made trips to Sudan (Mr. Jonathan Robertson) and Wink (Mr. James Markham) to visit with Computer Science coaches at those schools. Spring Break, he met with the Computer Science person from Lubbock High (Mr. Sam Black) who came to Gail for a workshop. And, along the way, local residents and former residents encouraged and provided support. BHS Graduate Lisa Dennis Mahler and her son Dr. Andrew Mahler were also resources for Ben's self-learning. Mrs. Mayes facilitated the meetings and provided test materials.

Freshman Madi Cole, already with a gold medal in Current Issues and Events, added to her total with a bronze medal in one of the most competitive speaking events in 1A, Informative Speaking. Advancing from the prelims with all three judges ranking her first, Madi spoke in Wednesday morning's final round over

Rounding out the strong Freshman Class performance was Trent Collin's fourth place medal finish in the Social Stud-

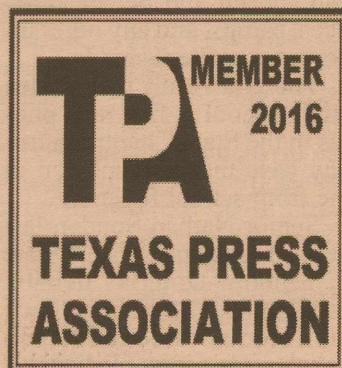
ies event. Trent scored a season-high 80 on the test made up of 45 multiple choice questions over World War I and the novel Guns of August. He also wrote an essay that scored an 18 out of a possible 20. Trent also competed in Persuasive Speaking at State UIL.

BHS was also represented at the State Meet by Senior Sam Raborn in Science, Senior Lexi Cheatham in Poetry Interpretation, Junior Dylan Murphy in Social Studies, and Sophomore Thomas Nix in Social Studies.

These eleven students and their sponsors (Cindy Herridge, Tim Hill, and Sue Jane Mayes) thank the administration and school board as well as the community for the support provided throughout the year. A special thanks to those who came to school to wish the group well before leaving for Austin.

Finally, history has shown that UIL Academics has provided many opportunities to those who have gone on to college, whether using their speaking skills or writing skills, the lessons learned from competitive academic competition have opened many doors and have been used in numerous job settings. We wish the five seniors the best as they take these skills to another level.

And to those who remain, we look forward to 2016-2017. Unfortunately for you, however, the State Meet is going to be held the last week in April (academic contests). Speech contests will remain scheduled for the final week in May. Plan appropriately.



### 6<sup>th</sup> Six-Weeks Beta Achievement

**Sophomore:** Carley Bell, Easton Edwards, Preslea Hall, Harley Merrill, Trace Richey, Ashlyn Tucker and MJ Van der Bank; **Freshmen:** Madison Cole, Trent Collins, Katie Gray, Reina Hernandez and Paige Holbrooks; **Eighth Grade:** Lindsay Brantley, Mattie Brumbelow, Kaitlyn Cribbs, Camden Edwards, Callie Hargrove, Taylor Horton, Hailey Lowery, MaKenzie Milhauser, Tatum Treadwell and Kaylee Walker; **Seventh Grade:** Mason Cole, Haddie Flanigan, Kaci Hudson, Maggie Miller, Erin Nix, Gunner Shofner, Kennedy Tucker and Leandre Van der Bank; **Sixth Grade:** Paige Parker and Ethan Stephens.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Six-Weeks Honor Roll

**Seniors:** Tatum Richey; **Juniors:** Madson Benavidez, Hayley Gray, and Savannah Herridge; **Sophomore:** Braxton Barnes, Tori Huckaby, Josh Murphy, Thomas Nix, Braylee Walker and Morgan Wilson; **Freshman:** Myka Blissard, Rayme Jones, Ben Justice, Emma Key, Kami Key, J.W. Nix and Brooke Swaffar; **Eighth Grade:** Fallon Forbes, Latham Huckaby, Anthony Lopez, Jason Robinson and Brad Thomas; **Seventh Grade:** Kylie Barnes, Sydney Coor, Trey Edwards and Tommy Kingston; **Sixth Grade:** Brooklyn Gray, Shelby Milhauser, Ryann Phillips and Rachel Thomas; **Fifth Grade:** Kassi Collins, Callie Edwards, Dallie Miller, Hayden Neill, Oliver Skelton and Tres Spencer; **Fourth Grade:** Aubree Blissard, Hannah Brady, Luke Carpenter, Vincent Frankl, Dulce Guerrero, Gabriel Guerrero, Jenna Holbrooks, Rhett Kingston, Kadence Lowery, Ben Nix, Kasen Oaks, Bailey Pennell, Jorden Ramos, Rexie Sanders, Agatha Skelton, Laney Stansell, Kendall Swaffar, and Kenzie White; **Third Grade:** Tyler Cole, Hannah Criswell, Kenlei Estes, Datch Flanigan, Tatiana Frankl, Haven Hill, Zak Lewis, Maddox Merket and Pace Parker; **Second Grade:** Juan Andrade, Reagan Beaver, Grace Cooley, Cason Cribbs, Kyra Curtis, Kellar Estes,

## Making the Grade!

Shawn Fields, Jesse Hernandez, Kason Law, Tatum Runge, Ethan Scott, Keller Silver, Hagen Smith, Evie Stansell, Brogen Walker, Cooper Williams and Randen Williams.

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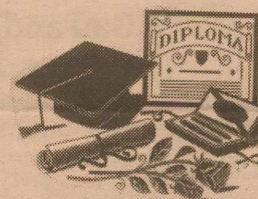
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You worked, you studied,  
you tried and you  
Succeeded.  
Congratulations!



Branon  
Funeral  
Home

Lamesa, Texas

### COME CELEBRATE HERITAGE DAY AT THE COYOTE COUNTRY STORE

7 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday

All You Can Eat Catfish

w/hushpuppies, red beans, coleslaw & french  
fries

\$9.99

Saturday

Lunch-Your choice of BBQ Brisket, Pulled Pork  
or Klempkes Smoked Sausage

w/red beans, potato salad & hot rolls

\$9.99

Dinner-Certified Hereford 12 oz. Beef Rib-Eye  
w/baked potato, salad & roll

\$17.99

Finish off your meal with

New York Cheesecake, Peach Cobbler or Chocolate Cake

Live Music featuring Beck Nix & the boys,  
Benny and Angie Taylor & Carla Jones Sandusky



## Borden County Historical Commission Announces Speaker Line-Up for Heritage Day Celebration

In the the couple of days, Borden County will be celebrating Heritage Day and the Historical Commission has had the opportunity to schedule several interesting speakers for the event. The following is the scheduled times for

those who will speak at the Heritage Day event:

10:30 am—Dallas Ward, Texas Tech Graduate Student “Heritage Investigations in Borden and Garza Counties” and “The Lubbock Lake Landmark Regional Research Pro-

gram” Dallas will be speaking on the research he has conducted on the Lubbock Lake Site, the Square and Compass Ranch and the Jumbo Ranch. He will also discuss the research program, methods, digital heritage, oral histories and early homesteading.

11:30 am—Allen Mack of the Buffalo Soldier Heritage Program, Texas Parks and Wildlife. He will discuss the life of a 19<sup>th</sup> American Buffalo Soldier. He will have clothing, weapons and other gear that the soldier wore in the 1800’s.

1:00 p.m.—Tai Kreidler, Deputy Director of Internal Operations at the Southwest Collection.

“Comanches, Comancheros, and Pioneers” The Comanches had many campsites along the creeks and Colorado River in Borden County for hundreds of years. Our county also had a thriving Comanchero camp. The Comanche and Comancheros were gone by 1877 but the pioneers that moved to Borden County still faced many hardships to establish a home.

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.—Storytellers from Borden County Come learn a lot of county history from many members of our community. There may be a tall tale or two told. You can expect an entertaining time!



Mr. & Mrs. Jake Halverson  
(nee Bailey Anderson)

## Anderson, Halverson Exchange Vows

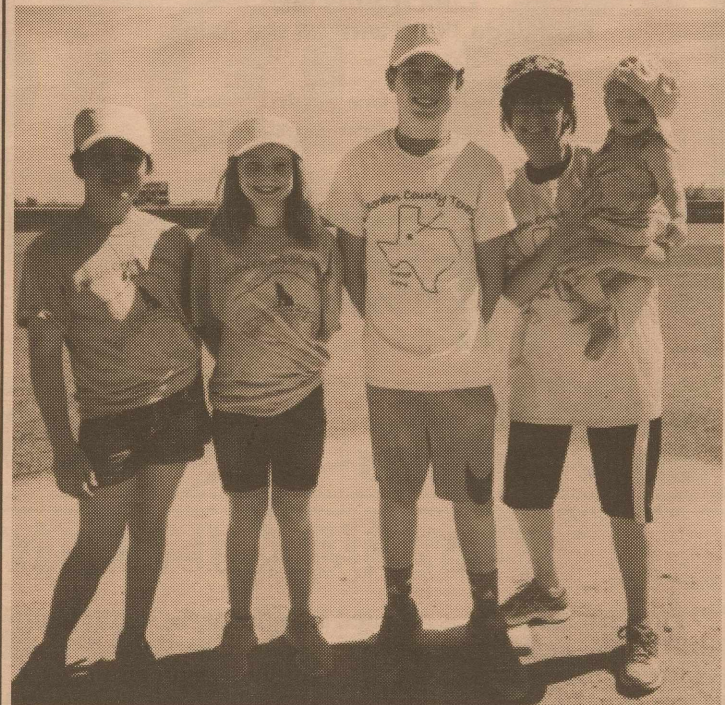
Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson of Gail, Texas would like to announce the recent marriage of their daughter, Bailey Nora Anderson to Jacob Wayne (Jake) Halverson.

Jake is the son of Pat Halverson of Pittsburg, Texas and Pam Halverson of Morton, Minnesota.

Jake and Bailey were married on April 23, 2016 in a beautiful outdoor ceremony at Paradise Falls, in Las Vegas, Nevada. A reception will be held on September 17th in Lubbock, Texas in honor of the couple.

They have made their home in Borden County.

## Heritage Day Baseball Game Student Committee



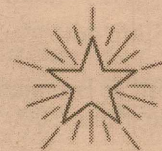
Student Committee members for the Heritage Day vintage baseball game model the t-shirts which will be worn at the June 10 event. Pictured left to right are Brooklyn Gray (committee member), Savannah Avey (player for the Berry Flat Buffaloes), Trey Edwards (committee member), Cindy Herridge (assistant coach for the Possum Trot Jackrabbits), and Lillie Rollins (random cute baby). Not pictured are student committee members Hadfie Flanigan and Justin Willborn.

The Star on Gail Mountain  
will be lit from

June 10th through June 12th  
in celebration of 125 years  
of Borden County.

Enjoy the festivities during this  
special Heritage Day weekend.

*The Lights for Gail Committee*



Borden County Heritage Day

Celebrating 125 years

1891-2016

### Thought for the Day

*Some people have  
recieved Christ but  
have never reached  
spiritual maturity  
We should grow as  
Christians every  
day, and we are not  
completely mature  
until we live in the  
presence of Christ.  
-Billy Graham*



**The Blue Paw** 

will be open on Heritage Day, June 11th  
from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**Lunch Special:**  
**Enchilada Plate with all the fixins'**

We will have free bottled water  
on our front porch

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

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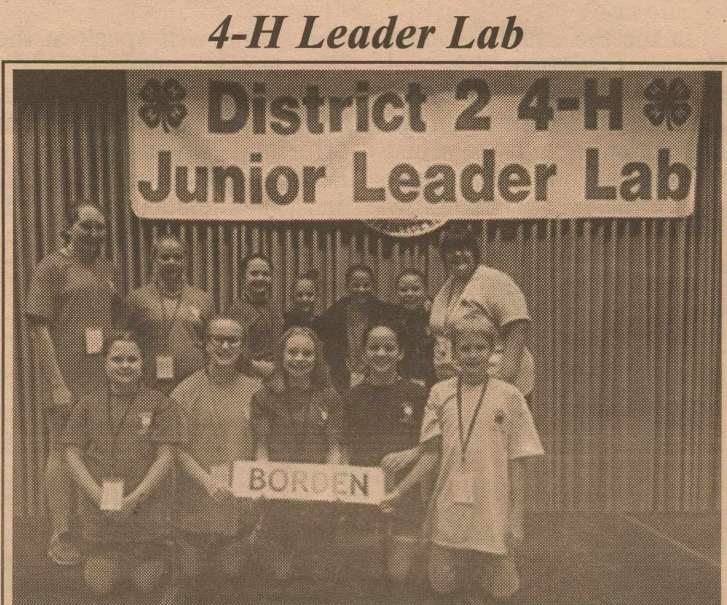
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 **BORDEN COUNTY 4-H** 

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Eleven Borden County 4-H'ers attended District 2 4-H Junior Leader Lab in Levelland May 31 - June 2. The camp was held at South Plains College. Those participating were: (Bottom l to r) Laney Stansell, Charli Snell, Savannah Avey, Brooklyn Gray, Tres Spencer, (back l to r) Ryann Phillips, Rexie Sanders, Jenna Holbrooks, Tyler Cole, Aubree Blissard, Kassi Collins and Julie Smith. During the camp, youth learned leadership and teamwork skills, as well as were able to participate in two different educational sessions.

## NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

On April 29, 2016, as required by order of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUCT" or "Commission") in Docket No. 45414, Sharyland Utilities, L.P. ("Sharyland"), a regulated electric utility company, filed an application with the PUCT titled *Rate Filing Package of Sharyland Utilities, L.P. and Statement of Intent to Change Rates* ("Application").

The above-referenced proceeding is the first in which Sharyland's rates will be set on a system-wide basis. The Application is based on a twelve-month test year ending December 31, 2015, and supports an increase over adjusted test-year retail base rate revenues of approximately \$107 thousand or 0.11 percent, exclusive of riders. Sharyland's system-wide cost-based retail base rate revenue requirement is \$100.7 million, plus an additional \$1.95 million that Sharyland is seeking to recover on an annual basis through certain riders. This includes a proposal to recover \$30 million for deferred costs associated with construction of the electric system in the McAllen division during its initial years of operation. In addition, Sharyland is proposing a \$3 million rate credit to all of its residential customers, which would result in an overall revenue decrease as compared to adjusted test year base rate revenues for residential customers. As proposed, monthly delivery rates for an average residential customer consuming 1,333 kWh in the Stanton, Brady, and Celeste divisions will remain unchanged, but in McAllen and Mission will increase by approximately \$55. The Application also supports a total wholesale transmission cost of service of \$145 million, plus an additional \$3.4 million that Sharyland is seeking to recover on an annual basis through certain riders.

The Application potentially affects all customers and classes of customers in Sharyland's Stanton, Brady, Celeste, and McAllen divisions. The Application also affects all customers taking service under Sharyland's Tariff for Wholesale Transmission Service. In addition, the result could be a change in Sharyland's transmission cost of service rates, which would impact all load serving entities in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. Sharyland has proposed that the requested rates be made effective June 18, 2016.

A complete copy of Sharyland's Application is available for inspection at the following locations:

- Sharyland  
1031 Andrews Highway, Suite 400  
Midland, Texas 79701
- or-
- 1807 Ross Avenue, Suite 460  
Dallas, Texas 75201
- Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP  
600 Congress Avenue, Suite 2000  
Austin, Texas 78701

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission through Relay Texas by dialing 7-1-1. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is June 28, 2016.

## 4-H H2O CAMP

**CAPROCK CANYONS STATE PARK, QUITAQUE, TX**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2016**

Sponsored by: District 2 Texas Association of Extension 4-H Agents

- We request all youth and parents attending H2O Camp be actively enrolled on 4-H Connect.
- Youth will be divided into groups to rotate through the sessions.
- Cost - \$20 per 4-H'er
- Please RSVP to your County Extension Office by Monday, June 13.
- For more information about the park and directions visit: [http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/caprock\\_canyons/](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/caprock_canyons/)

Schedule of the Day	
Registration and Caprock Critters	Park Entrance @ 10:00 a.m.
Presentation	
Lunch	Lake Theo Pavilion @ 11:30 a.m.
Rotating sessions will begin at 12:30 & end around 4:30	
Canoeing	Lake Theo (rotating session)
Kayaking	Lake Theo (rotating session)
Obstacle Course	Lake Theo (rotating session)
Archery	Lake Theo (rotating session)
Water Games	Lake Theo Pavilion (rotating session)
Snack for the ride home	Lake Theo Pavilion @ 4:30

**WHAT TO BRING—PLEASE LABEL YOUR ITEMS WITH YOUR NAME/COUNTY:**  
Comfortable, cool clothing and sturdy shoes for photography Sunscreen Sunglasses  
Hat Insect repellent Camera Life jacket  
Swim suit and water shoes for water games, towel and a change of clothing for ride home!  
**WE WILL GET WET!**

If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact your local Extension Office at least 2 weeks prior to the event.

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