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Lone Wolf District Banquet



Gail FFA members show off their district awards banners after attending the Lone Wolf District Banquet in Westbrook.

Gail FFA Members Attend District Banquet

By Buddy Wallace

Each year the Lone Wolf FFA District hosts its' official awards banquet.

This event, which involves eleven schools in the district, honors the chapters for their years' accomplishments and also is the official last event for the outgoing district officers. The upcoming years' officer team is also installed during the ceremony.

The banquet took place on

Monday, May 12th and 20 students from the Gail FFA Chapter traveled to Colorado City to attend. The Gail Chapter received several banners and recognition for their district success this year and watched proudly as Lacey Roberts, Shylo Rinehart, and Chasiti Rutherford were installed as 08-09 District Officers.. Lacey will be serving as District President, Shylo as District

Secretary, and Chasiti will be the District Sentinel. These members secured their positions at the District meeting on May 5th where they participated in an interview and application process for the position.

The banquet was also attended by several adults and parents from Gail

Thanks to all who attended and participated in this event.

Cotton Loan Program Sees First Change As USDA Begins Implementing '08 Farm Bill

By Shawn Wade
Despite the last minute drama that will slowly play out over the next few weeks to fix a Congressional clerical error, the White House has, according to press accounts, mostly dropped their combative stance and accepted that all of the farm bill titles that were subject to the veto override by Congress are now law.

Having come to that understanding, it is hoped that USDA will now focus their complete effort toward implementing the new law and writing or rewriting regulations covering existing programs and new programs.

At the top of the list of "To-do's" is getting 2008 farm program provisions implemented as quickly as possible. This, shouldn't be too hard, since the 2008 Farm Bill directs USDA to utilize the provisions and existing rules set up for the 2007 Direct and Countercyclical Program (DCP) for the 2008 crop year.

There has been no official word about how quickly this process will begin in regard to programs that will provide sup-

port during the 2008 crop year. Getting a jump on the process is the USDA Farm Service Agency and the Commodity Credit Corporation, which has already posted the first of many changes that will be made to existing programs.


This initial change is cotton related and involves an immediate change in how USDA calculates the Upland Cotton Adjusted World Price that is used to establish Loan Deficiency Payment rates and other marketing loan program supports.

The Final Rule, which will be printed in the May 27, 2008 edition of the *Federal Register*, is available online at: http://www.federalregister.gov/OFRUpload/OFRData/2008-11803_PI.pdf

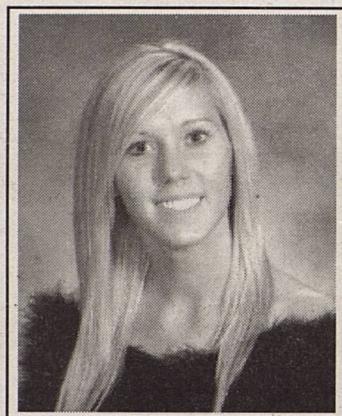
Per the Federal Register Notice, effective May 23, 2008 the USDA Farm Service Agency will begin publication of the Upland Cotton Adjusted World Price based on a calculation that utilizes the five cheapest quotes for cotton delivered to the Far East.

The change, which was part of the cotton industry's sug-

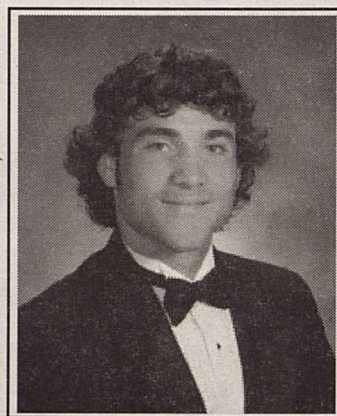
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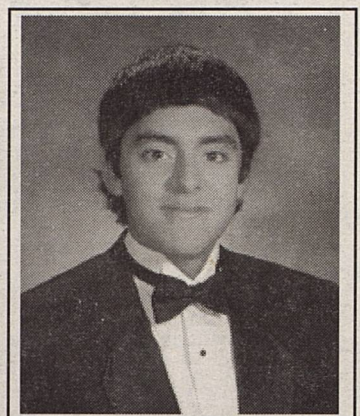
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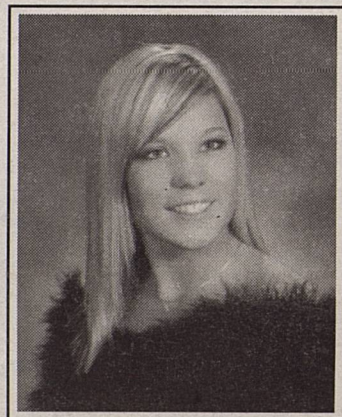
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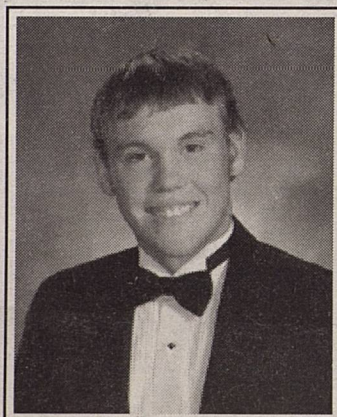
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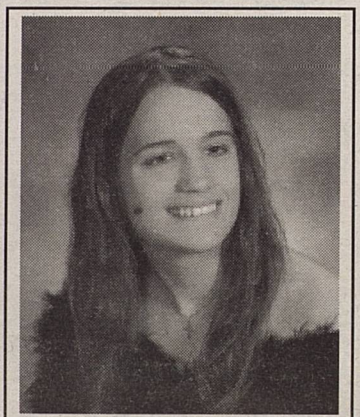
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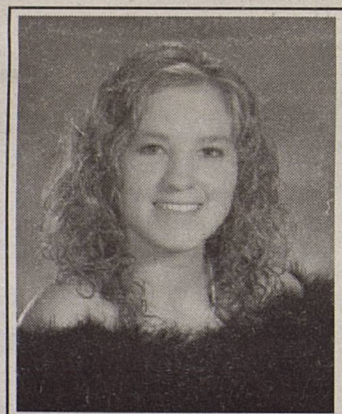
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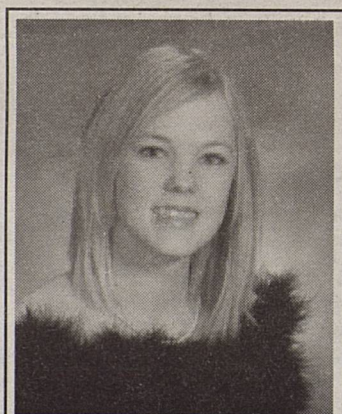
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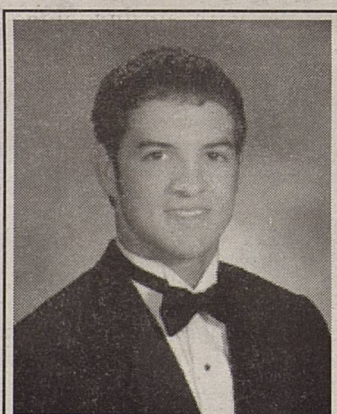
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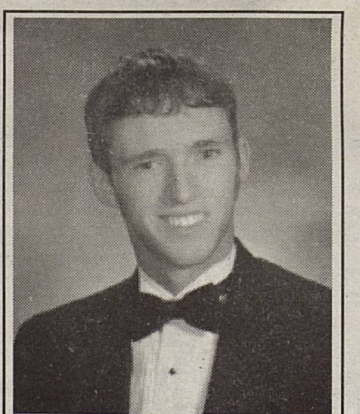
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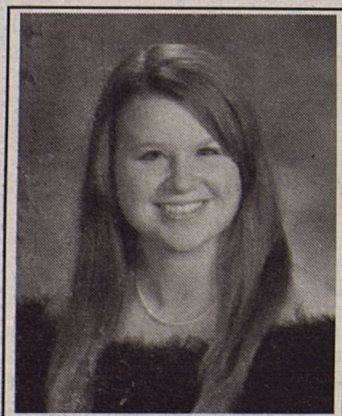
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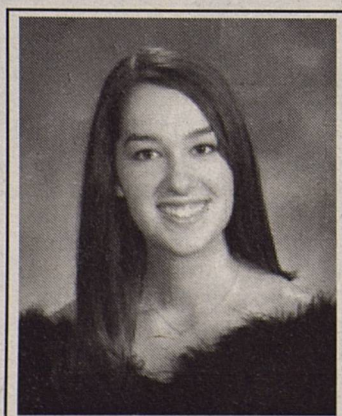
**William
Quentin Shafer**



**Miller Ross
Valentine**



**Laura Katelyn
Wallace**



**Rachel Anne
Wilson**

Congratulations!



BHS Class of 2008

Heather Brooks

Heather is the daughter of Scott and Brandi Brooks of the Plains Community.

She was born November 11, 1989.

She attended Borden County school since kindergarten.

Her activities while in high school include basketball, 4-H, FFA, Yearbook Staff, and Stock Showing.

School honors include Beta Club.

Heather plans to attend South Plains College--Reese Campus with an undecided major.



Michael Bullinger

Michael is the son of Jo Dean Bullinger of the Vincent Community.

He was born March 22, 1988.

He attended Pre-K through 2nd grade at St. John Elementary in Baltimore, Maryland, 3rd grade in Big Spring, Texas, 4th and 5th grade at Hamilton Elementary. He came to Borden County in the 6th grade.

His activities while in high school include Football, Basketball, Track & Field, Cross Country, Golf, Baseball, FFA, Band, and Yearbook Staff.

Michael plans to attend Western Texas College and major in Management and obtain a teaching/coaching degree.



Pascual Espinoza

Pascual is the son of Pascual and Zenaida Espinoza of Gail.

He was born May 10, 1990.

He has attended Borden County School since kindergarten.

His activities while in high school include Football, Track & Field, UIL Science, UIL Computer Applications and Yearbook Staff.

Pascual plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in Psychology.

Sharelle Gass

Sharelle is the daughter of Stanley and Sherry Gass of Gail.

She was born August 24, 1989.

She has attended Borden County School since kindergarten.

Her activities while in high school include Cheerleading, Basketball, Cross Country, Softball, UIL Poetry Interpretation, UIL Feature Writing, FFA, FFA Leadership Teams, FFA Chapter Officer, Fellowship of Christian Students, Class Officer, Yearbook Staff, Stock Showing, American Junior Rodeo Association, and High School Rodeo Association.

Her honors include Beta Club and FFA Lone Star Degree.

Sharelle plans to attend Souty Plains College--Reese campus with an undecided major.



Logan Howard

Logan Howard is the son of Leslie Reyes of the Vincent Community and Carey Howard of Tucson, Arizona.

He was born September 28, 1989.

He attended school in Washington, Oregon and Tucson before coming to Borden County in the 4th grade.

His activities while in high school include Football, Track & Field, Cross Country, UIL Science, UIL Computer Applications, One-Act Play and Yearbook Staff.

His honors include Beta Club.

Logan plans to attend Texas Tech and major in Mechanical Engineering.



Hannah Faith McConnell

Hannah is the daughter of Mark and Kathleen McConnell of the Vealmoor Community.

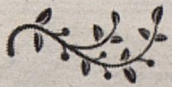
She was born May 2, 1989.

She attended kindergarten in Big Spring and was homeschooled in the 1st through 7th grade before coming to Borden County School in the 8th grade.

Her activities while in high school include Basketball Manager, UIL Ready Writing, UIL Literary Criticism, UIL Headline Writing, UIL Computer Science, Bank, FFA and Yearbook Staff.

Her honors include Beta Club.

Hannah plans to enlist in the Navy to become a Gunner's Mate and eventually attend the Art Institute of Los Angeles.



Chelsea Minnick

Chelsea is the daughter of Robin and Cody Newton of Fluvanna.

She was born January 8, 1990.

She attended Pre-K through 4th grade at Fort Sumner Elementary before coming to Borden County in the 5th grade.

Her activities while in high school include FFA, FFA Chapter Officer, FFA Leadership Teams, FFA Judging Teams, Basketball, Track & Field, Tennis, Cross Country, Softball and Stock Showing.

Her honors include FFA Lone Star Degree.

Chelsea plans to attend West Texas A&M University and major in Animal Science.



Shelby Roberts

Shelby is the daughter of Freddy and Lee Roberts of Gail.

She was born August 22, 1990.

She has attended Borden County School since kindergarten.

Her activities while in high school include FFA, FFA District Officer, FFA Chapter Officer, FFA Leadership Teams, FFA Judging Teams, Stock Showing, 4-H, UIL LD Debate and Class Officer.

Her honors include Salutatorian, Beta Club and FFA Lone Star Degree.

Shelby plans to attend West Texas A&M University and major in Equine Industry and Business.



Quentin Shafer

Quentin is the son of Clint and Sheila Shafer of Fluvanna.

He was born September 12, 1989.

He attended kindergarten through 5th grade in Snyder, Texas before coming to Borden County.

His activities while in high school include Baseball, Cross Country, Football, Track & Field, Basketball, Tennis, Golf, FFA, FFA Leadership Teams, FFA Judging and Yearbook Staff.

He plans to attend Western Texas College with an undecided major.



Miller Valentine

Miller is the son of Mike and Tammy Valentine of Fluvanna.

He was born October 31, 1989.

His activities while in high school include Baseball, Cross Country, Track & Field, Golf, FFA, FFA Chapter Officer, FFA Leadership Teams, FFA Talent Contest, Stock Showing, Texas Junior Livestock Association, American Junior Rodeo Association and Texas High School Rodeo Association.

His honors include FFA Lone Star Degree.

Miller plans to attend Western Texas College and major in Wildlife Management/Agribusiness.



Kate Wallace

Kate is the daughter of Buddy and Kip Wallace of Gail.

She was born July 16, 1990.

She has attended Borden County School since kindergarten.

Her activities while in high school include UIL CX Debate, UIL LD Debate, UIL Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking, UIL Headline Writing, UIL Current Issues & Events, One-Act Play, FFA, FFA Chapter Officer, FFA Leadership Teams, FFA Extemporaneous Public Speaking, Basketball, Tennis, Golf, Track & Field, Class Officer and Stock Showing.

Her honors include Beta Club and FFA Lone Star Degree.

Kate plans to attend Texas Christian University and major in Environmental Science.



Rachel Wilson

Rachel is the daughter of Tim and Carol Wilson.

She was born September 13, 1989.


She has attended Borden County School since kindergarten.

Her activities while in high school include UIL CX Debate, UIL Extemporaneous Informative Speaking, UIL Current Issues & Events, UIL Editorial Writing, UIL Spelling & Vocabulary, UIL Mathematics, One-Act Play, Piano Solo & Ensemble, Basketball, Tennis, Class Officer and Yearbook Staff.


Her honors include Valedictorian, National Merit Scholar and Beta Club.

Rachel plans to attend Harvard University and major in Government.

Commencement exercises will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Fri., May 30th in the school auditorium.



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Heart and Home ...


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

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A New Debate: Sunlight, Vitamin D, and Breast Cancer

There is a new debate looming in the medical community that has made the front page of newspapers and the evening news – using sunscreen increases a woman's chances of breast cancer, while this may be sensational, it may be misleading.

A new study suggests that breast cancer patients with low levels of vitamin D are much more likely to die of the disease or have it spread than patients who are getting enough of the nutrient, adding to evidence that the "sunshine vitamin" has anti-cancer benefits.

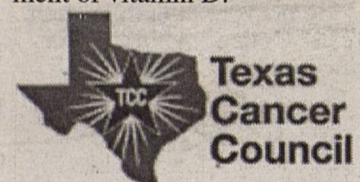
You see, your skin can make vitamin D from ultraviolet (UV) light, but this same light can also cause melanoma and other types of skin cancer. The Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Texas Cancer Council want to remind you to wear products sold in stores with SPF built into them, such as lip balm, make-up and lotions. a broad-spectrum sunscreen of 15 or more on areas exposed to the sun to prevent skin cancer. It is also important to continue to reapply the sunscreen throughout the day.

It only takes about 15 minutes a day, 3 times a week of being in the sun to make enough vitamin D. Having your body make vitamin D is only one way to get the recommended amount of the vitamin, which is crucial for healthy bones and preventing certain cancers and autoimmune diseases. The National Academies of Sciences currently recommend 200 international units (IU) of vitamin D for children and adults up to the age of 50, and 400 to 600 IU for adults older than 50 years of age.

Some foods contain vitamin D, including fatty fish such as salmon, fortified milk, cheese, fortified breakfast cereals and yogurt. Sunlight is only one source of vitamin D. Just a

small amount of sunlight – not a suntan – is needed to meet the body's daily recommended requirement for vitamin D. Sunscreens do not contribute to vitamin D deficiency because regular sunscreen use does not eliminate sun exposure.

At this time, it is too early to suggest that vitamin D deficiency increases cancer risk. The Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Texas Cancer Council encourage you to talk to your doctor if you are concerned about your vitamin D levels. He or she may recommend taking a daily supplement of vitamin D.




Source: Courtney J. Schoessow, MPH, Extension Program Specialist – Texas AgriLife Extension Service. May 2008. Texas AgriLife Extension Service Family and Consumer Sciences website: <http://fcs.tamu.edu/>.

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*Thought for
the Day*
**Never give the devil
a ride--he will
always want to
drive.**

Source: St. Louis Inspirational
 Christian Connection.



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER
 Michael A. Guido
 Mentor, Georgia

A judge asked, "Will you tell the court what passed between you and your wife during the argument?"

"I will," said the husband. "An iron, a rolling pin, six plates and a kettle."

Too often a marriage is a duel, not a duet. The couples don't communicate, they combat. Their homes aren't built on love, but lust. God isn't first in their lives, He's last.

There's no greater thing than for two souls to feel they're joined by the Lord for life, to strengthen each other in labor, to rest on each other in sorrow, to care for each other in sickness, and to love each other and the Lord with all their hearts.



Got News?

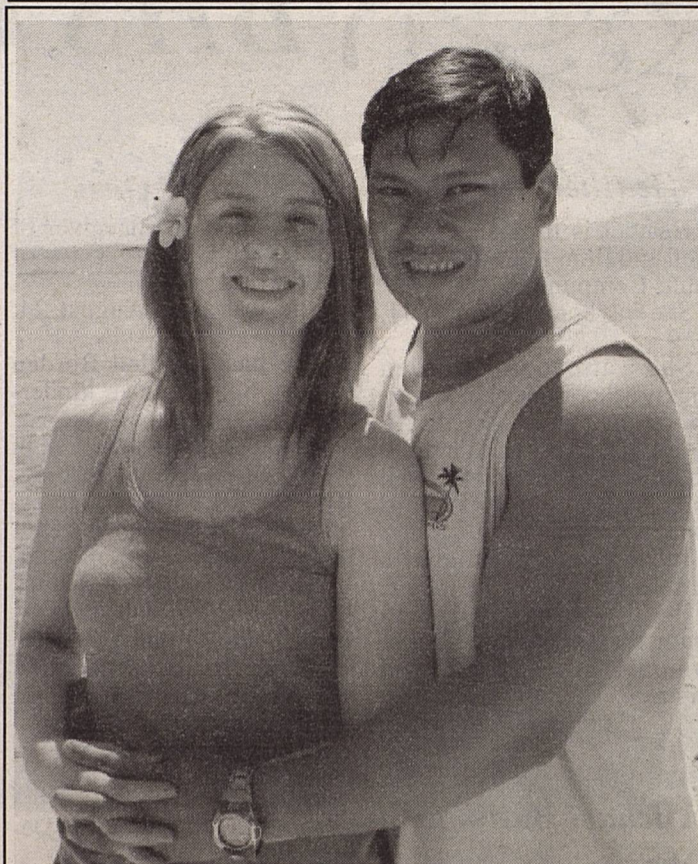
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 Gail, Tx. 79738
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 Ext: 275
 Email:
kdean@bcisd.net

Soto Earns Honors at ASU

Borden County former student, Christina Soto, has been recognized as part of the Dean's List for the spring semester at Angelo State University.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled full-time at Angelo State and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Engagement Announced



Lewis - Bautista

Tammy Scharmel Lewis and Dixon Nicolas Bautista announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

The couple will exchange vows Saturday, July 26th, 2008 at Calvary Chapel Pearl Harbor in Waipahu, Hawaii.

Tammy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lewis of Gail. Dixon is the son of Mrs. Anita Bautista and the late Severino Bautista

The bride-elect is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelors of Business Administration Degree and received a cosmetology license from Toni & Guy Academy.

She is currently employed at Fantastic Sams in Honolulu. The bridegroom is a graduate of the University of Hawaii. He is currently employed with Finance Factors of Honolulu as a computer systems analyst.

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Gail FFA Members Attend Area Convention

By Buddy Wallace

The Gail FFA Chapter made another stop on their busy May schedule as several members attended the Area II FFA Convention. The Convention took place at the Odessa UTPB Campus on May 16-17 and hosted 250 students from Area II.

The activities at the convention included State Degree and Star Record Checks, Star Interviews, Scholarship Interviews, Area Speaking Event Competition, Area Talent Competition, Area and State Officer Selection, and a good old fashioned parking lot, tailgate social.

Seventeen members from Gail FFA were at the event and several were competing in key areas. Miller Valentine represented the Lone Wolf District in the Talent Competition. Chasiti Rutherford and

Michael Porter also represented the Lone Wolf District in two speaking events:

Chasiti competed in Soil Stewardship, and Michael Porter competed in Sr. Prepared Public Speaking.

Shelby Roberts and Kate Wallace submitted Scholarship applications and interviewed in front of a 15 member panel for the chance to advance to the State Scholarship interview process. Both girls also served as Gail FFA voting delegates at the convention.

The Convention concluded with Area Officer retiring addresses and installation of next years Area Officer team.

Gail FFA was very successful in the competitions of the convention in the following areas:

Shelby and Kate: Scholarship applications advancing to

state level.

Chasiti Rutherford: 3rd place in Soil Stewardship Speaking

Michael Porter: 6th place in Sr. Prepared Speaking.

The events and success of these Gail FFA members leads into an exciting summer of travel and competition. Congratulations to the members advancing to state and good luck!

Gail FFA students attending the Area Convention were:

Lacey Roberts (District Officer) Shylo Rinehart (District Officer)

Corey Teel, Jacie Eveland, Annie Stribling, Raylea Underwood, Chellsie Pigford, Krista Tarleton, Phyneshia Rutherford, Michael Froman, David Rodriguez, Miles Valentine.

Lone Wolf District Officers



The Three Amigos! Chasiti Rutherford, Lacey Roberts and Shylo Rinehart pose for their Lone Wolf District Officer picture.



Borden Student Wins Essay Contest

Mrs. Charlotte Moody with The General James Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas presented Tatum Richey with a certificate and a map of Texas.

Tatum's essay was the winner of the Chapter and District contests, which included the Lubbock, Amarillo, Monahans and Odessa areas. Tatum wrote about the Austins of Texas



Gail FFA member pose for a group shot picture after attending the Area II Convention. Members are (top row left to right) Michael Froman, Miles Valentine, Lacey Roberts, Phyneshia Rutherford, Michael Porter, Cory Teel, Kate Wallace, Krista Tarleton, David Rodriguez, Chellsie Pigford, (front row left to right) Chasiti Rutherford, Shylo Rinehart, Shelby Roberts, Raylea Underwood, Annie Stribling, Jacie Eveland and Miller Valentine.

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Commissioners Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 13th day of May, 2008, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, con-vened in Regular 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, Precinct 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 April 22, 2008 were read. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

COUNTY OFFICER MONTHLY REPORTS

After examination of the County Officer Reports Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the submitted County Officer Reports. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BURN BAN

The Burn Ban for Borden County expired on Monday, May 12, 2008. Upon consideration, no action was taken.

FUEL BIDS

As advertised, bids on gasoline, diesel and propane were opened at 9:00 A.M. A bid was received from Lamesa Butane

Company of Lamesa, Texas. Commissioner Belew made a motion to accept the bid from Lamesa Butane for all precincts for fuel and propane. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

Applications for Soil Conservation Construction of fireguards were received from Gary Stipe in Precinct No. 3 and from Steve Pinkert in Precinct No. 4. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve the applications at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for a motor grader and \$65.00 per hour for a dozer. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.

SHOW BARN

The Court reviewed the proposals for Show Barn air conditioning and heating equipment. Proposals were submitted by A-1 Air Conditioning, Inc of Snyder, Texas and from Jim's Heat-N-Air of Lamesa, Texas. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to accept the best bid from Jim's Heat-N-Air. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TRUCK BID

As advertised, Precinct No. 1 Truck Bids were opened at 9:30 A.M. Bids were received from Lubbock Truck Sales, Inc. of Lubbock and Buckner Truck Sales of Odessa. Cody Kinsey and Mike Iden with Lubbock Truck Sales and John McMackin with Bruckner Truck Sales were present. Commissioner Smith made a motion to table the bids until further inspection and reconsider next meeting. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TRACTOR BIDS

As advertised, bids for a new tractor in Precinct No. 4 were opened at 9:30 A.M. Bids were received from Key Brothers Implement Company, Inc. in Snyder, Texas; Heritage Equipment in Lubbock, Texas; Warren Cat, in Lubbock. Richard Thomack with Heritage Equipment was present. Commissioner Belew made a motion to table the bids for further inspection. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT

A phone conference with Orland Puig was held concerning the Tax Abatement Agreement between Borden County and Bull Creek Wind LLC. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the Corrected Tax Abatement. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

LEGAL NOTICE

A Legal Notice of Sale bids of Precinct 3 Surplus Equipment of guard rails is to be advertised.

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Poka Lambro Fiber Optic Line; Gail Cemetery; Bids for Truck and Tractor.

ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 27th day of May, 2008.

STATE OF TEXAS)	LEGAL NOTICE
COUNTY OF BORDEN)	
Sale of Surplus Equipment		
Borden County will accept bids for the following surplus equipment. Bids will be opened June 10, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at the Borden County Courthouse.		
Equipment can be inspected at Precinct #3 Equipment Yard. 806/439-Equipment is as follows:		
50 B 26 foot highway guard rails		
For further information contact Ernest Reyes, Commissioner, Precinct 3, phone 432/270-8148 or Van York, County Judge, phone 806/756-4391.		
Mail bids to P.O. Box 156, Gail, Texas 79738. All bids should be marked "BID" on outside of envelope.		
Borden County reserves the right to reject any or all bids.		
BY ORDER OF THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT		
Van L. York County Judge Borden County		

LA NOTIFICACION DE PRE-KINDERGARTEN PARA EL AÑO ESCOLAR 2008-2009

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá el programa del pre-kindergarten durante el año escolar 2008-2009. El programa será para los estudiantes elegibles que tienen cuatro años en o antes de 1 de septiembre, 2008. Los estudiantes pueden calificar por el programa resolviendo por lo menos uno de los requisitos siguientes:

1. Sea económicamente perjudicado
2. Este limitado experto ingles (LEP)
3. Sea destituido

Si usted conoce de un niño que califique por el programa, notifica a Bart McMeans, director, Borden County School, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, o llame (806) 756-4313 para solicitar una forma de registro. Complete y regresa la forma antes del 31 de mayo, 2008.

LA DENEGACIÓN

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá este programa solamente si quince (15) o más estudiantes califican.

ESL PROGRAMA NOTIFICACION

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá un programa de ESL para los estudiantes del LEP (Experto Inglés Limitado) durante el verano de 2008. El programa será programado por un mínimo de 120 horas y concluirá antes del 1 de agosto, 2008. El programa esta diseñado para los estudiantes que entraran kindergarten o el primer grado en el otoño de 2008-2009. Los padres de niños elegibles serán responsables del transporte.

Si usted conoce de un niño que califique por el programa, notifica a Bart McMeans, director, Borden County School, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, o llame (806) 756-4313 para solicitar una forma de registro. Complete y regresa la forma antes del 31 de mayo, 2008.

LA DENEGACIÓN

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá este programa solamente si diez (10) o más estudiantes califican.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN NOTIFICATION FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

Borden County School will offer the pre-kindergarten program during the 2008-2009 school year. The program will be for eligible students who are four years of age on or before September 1, 2008. Students can qualify for the program by meeting at least one of the following requirements:

1. Be economically disadvantaged
2. Be Limited English Proficient (LEP)
3. Be homeless

If you know of a child who qualifies for the program, notify Mr. Bart McMeans, Principal, Borden County School, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, or call (806) 756-4313 to request a registration form. Complete and return the form by May 31, 2008.

DISCLAIMER

Borden County Elementary School will offer this program only if fifteen (15) or more students qualify.

ESL PROGRAM NOTIFICATION

Borden County Elementary School will offer an ESL program for LEP (Limited English Proficient) students during the summer of 2008. The program will be scheduled for a minimum of 120 hours and will conclude prior to August 1, 2008. The program is designed for students who will enter Kindergarten or First Grade in the fall of 2008-2009. Parents of eligible children will be responsible for transportation.

If you know of a child who qualifies for the program, notify Mr. Bart McMeans, Principal, Borden County School, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, or call (806) 756-4313 to request a registration form. Complete and return the form by May 31, 2008.

DISCLAIMER

Borden County Elementary School will offer this program only if ten or more students qualify.

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

Calling Varmits With Burnham Brothers

Years ago I did a report on Burnham Brothers, the people who made wildlife calls for hunters. The company was in Marble Falls then. Gary Roberson bought Burnham Brothers in 1991 and moved it to Menard. Gary was a banker in Menard and was looking for a career change when Burnham Brothers went on the market. His love of hunting and all things connected with it makes him the perfect person to have the company. He decided not to change the name of the business, since it is the leader in the animal calling industry.

Gary demonstrated some of his calls for me. He got out his little electronic box with a speaker on top of it and played the sound of a bird that sounded like a rabbit in distress.

"That particular sound is a yellow-hammer woodpecker," says Gary. "That's one of the universal calling sounds that has been very successful for us. I've called coyote, fox and bobcat with that sound." Burnham Brothers has hand calls and mouth calls, but since Gary bought the business, he has concentrated on electronic calls.

"We build calls primarily for calling predators like fox, coyote and bobcat. We use actual animal recordings of distress sounds they might make. In other words, we're ringing the dinner bell for that coyote. When he hears that sound he knows that animal is in distress and might be an easy meal. Hopefully, he'll come running.

Some people use those same recordings to lure animals in for photography purposes. It's an effective way to bring that animal to you."

Hunters are able to control the call with a remote. They can be several hundred yards from the spot where the call is located.

"You can turn it on, lower the volume, turn it off when you want. That call comes in a camouflaged bag that you can carry into the woods, set it out and walk away. You don't have to worry about hiding it because it's already hidden."

Gary does his own recording, using digital equipment. Sometimes when he's recording in the field he takes his Border collie with him.

"We'll go out on a foggy night and if you shine your light on a cottontail rabbit, it'll temporarily blind him and the Border collie will catch it. She doesn't hurt it. She has a pretty soft mouth. But once that rabbit goes to screaming, I record it. But for every ten she catches, one, maybe two, will give you the distress sound."

The raw recordings have a lot of extraneous sounds, but those are cleaned up on the computer. Gary has been called the country's most popular game caller and has assembled the largest collection of recorded animal calls. They are sold to hunters all over the world. Coyotes are Gary's favorite game to hunt. He's been hunting all his life. He shot his first whitetail deer when he was seven.

Loan Program Sees First Change...

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gested modifications for the Cotton program in the 2008 Farm Bill, is able to become effective immediately because the underlying statute for the Upland Cotton AWP announcement simply directs the Secretary to establish a process that determines the Upland Cotton AWP and does not specify the use of a Northern Europe-based price in the calculation.

Initiating the change to a Far East-based AWP in several other programs, specifically the Step One and Step Three portions of the Cotton Competitiveness provisions, will take longer since the previous legislative language authorizing them specifies the use of a Northern Europe-based AWP.

Making the new AWP calculation effective today means the AWP announced on May 29 for the week ending June 5 will be the first one based on the new Far East AWP calculation. This calculation will include the five cheapest quotations for Middling 1 3/32 inch cotton CFR (cost and freight) Far East for shipment no later than August/September of the current calendar year.

Among the differences growers might see in the new AWP calculation compared to

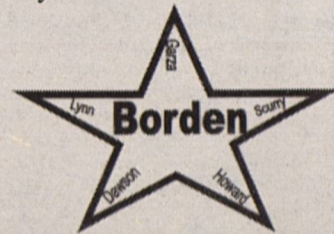
the old one, which was based on the Cotlook "A" Index price for Middling 1 3/32 inch cotton CFR Northern Europe, is that the new Commodity Credit Corporation AWP figure may not always be the same as the Cotlook "A" Index price based on Farm East quotations.



The reason for a possible difference in the Cotlook "A" Index quote and the revamped CCC AWP is that Cotlook has rules in place that prohibit more than two of the three African Franc Zone quotations currently eligible for use in the Cotlook Index from being included in the daily "A" Index calculation.

The new CCC rule does not include any limitations on

the number of quotes that can be used from a particular area and will simply use the five cheapest daily quotes to calculate the Upland Cotton AWP each week.

Publication and the immediate implementation of the new rule also means that the six-week blending process for switching from "Old" crop to "New" crop AWP price quotations can also begin immediately.



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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 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)

By Order of the Board of Trustees
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.
CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene

Contract 6019-98-001 for "ON DEMAND" MGBF in FISHER County, etc. will be opened on **JUNE 26, 2008** at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$298,207.16.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Pre-qualified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div. Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO:26852

State Office

Constr./Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office (s)

Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, TX 79604-0150
Phone: 325-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

Borden County Youth Riding Club



Membership Night

May 29, 2008 - 6:30 PM @ the Gail Arena

Come JOIN the club & PRACTICE so that you can participate:

Every Thursday Night In June

Finals- July 10, 2008

Membership
\$20.00

Age Groups:
Lead Line
8 & Under
9-12
13-18



Events:
Western Pleasure

Barrels

Poles

Flags

Goat Tying/Ribbon Pull

Come Join the Summer Fun!!!

Everyone Gets a Prize!

Must Participate in 3 events to be eligible for prizes



MAY 2008



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	***Driver's Education 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. daily May 5 th -19 th ***			1 TAKS Math 9 th TAKS Science 5 th , 8 th , 10 th , 11 th Cheerleading applications distributed	2 TAKS Social Studies 8 th , 10 th , 11 th Bi-District Baseball-Borden Co. vs. Morton @ Lubbock Christian High School 7 pm	3 Bi-District Baseball-Borden Co. vs. Morton @ Lubbock Christian High School 1 pm SAT Test (must have preregistered)
					State Academic UIL	
4	5 FFA Chapter Meeting @ 12:20 FFA Lone Wolf District Banquet	6 JH/HS 4-H Meeting @ lunch-Conf. Room Cool Clovers Meeting @ 3:45-Show Barn SAT Registration Deadline for June 7 test	7 Group pictures: 1) All 07-08 UIL participants 2) FFA during tutorials	8 Cheerleading applications due	9 Progress Reports ACT Registration Deadline for June 14 test	10
		JH District Tennis @ Sweetwater		Band Trip		
11	12 FFA Chapter meeting @ 12:20 FFA District Meeting	13 Athletic Supply- order letter jackets & patches @ noon	14 English I Field Trip	15 Cheerleading Tryouts 4:30 p.m.	16	17 Spanish III trip to Fort Worth
		Pre-Registration during Tutorials			FFA Area Convention	
18 Spanish III trip to Fort Worth	19 Senior Counseling Meeting - Tutorial Period	20 Driver's Ed. test in Lamesa 1:00 p.m. FFA Banquet 7:00 p.m.	21 Seniors' Local Scholarship Deadline @ 3:33 p.m.	22 Band Concert 7:00 p.m.	23 K-5 Field Trip U.I.L. Banquet 7:00 p.m.	24 Junior/Senior Banquet 6:30 p.m.
25 Baccalaureate 11:00 a.m.	26 Final 1 st period 8:05-9:05 FFA Cookout	27 Final 2 nd period 8:39-9:39 Final 4 th period 10:17- 11:17	28 Final 3 rd period 9:43- 10:43 Final 7 th period 1:10- 2:10 Awards Assembly 2:50 p.m.	29 Final 5 th period 11:06- 12:06 Final 8 th period 1:59-2:59 JH Graduation 7:00 p.m.	30 Final 9 th period 8:05-9:05 End of 6 th Six Weeks Elem. Track Meet 9:15 Early Dismissal 12:30 HS Graduation 7:00 p.m. Project Graduation	31 Senior Breakfast Work Day