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McConnell Comes Home A State Champion; Wins Gold in Physics

Senior Joseph McConnell bounded down the steps in Room 1.116 of Welch Hall Saturday afternoon—with good reason.

Four years of effort resulted in a gold medal in the Physics portion of the UIL Science contest. McConnell's coach this year was Denice Bradbury, who replaced Tom Lewis who retired in 2010.

The contest consists of a two-hour objective test with 60 questions – 20 from biology, 20 from chemistry and 20 from physics.

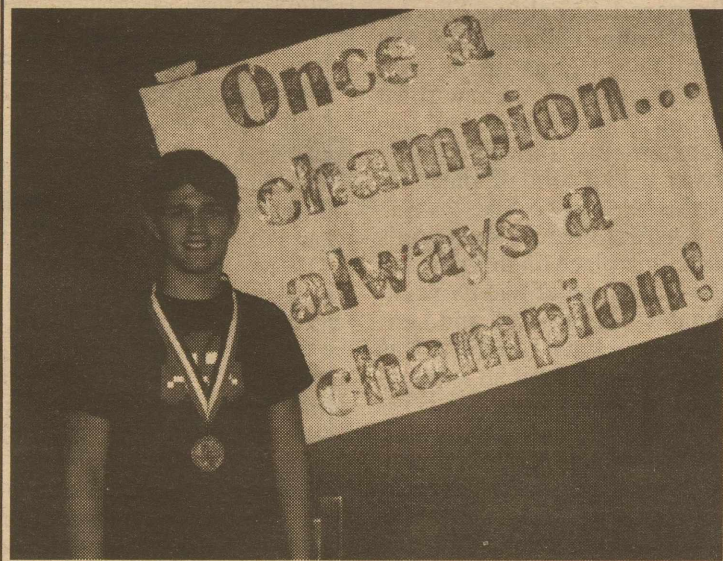
Scoring a 70 and finishing 7th in the overall science contest, McConnell took top scorer honors in the physics portion of the science contest over 28 other state-qualifying contestants.

While attending Borden County Schools since Sixth Grade, McConnell has also been a standout athlete in track and field. He was an Area qualifier in the 100 meter dash and a Regional qualifier in the 400 meter relay.

He is the son of Mark and Kathy McConnell of the Vealmoor Community. His plans are to attend Angelo State University next fall.

Other state participants in Austin was Krista Tarleton (Feature Writing), John Hensley (Persuasive Speaking and Current Issues), T.J. Basquez (Current Issues) and Zach McMeans (Current Issues).

Gold Medal at State



Borden County senior, Joseph McConnell recently competed in the State UIL Science contest. He received a Gold medal in the Physics portion of the contest. He is the son of Mark and Kathy McConnell of Vealmoor.

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Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Listen

"It is the province of knowledge to speak, and it is the privilege of wisdom to listen."

- Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

"Much wisdom often goes with brevity of speech."

Sophocles

"Your need to talk does not create in me a need to listen."

Mason Cooley

Ask someone their idea of good communication skills and they will most likely say, "talking." However, for effective interaction to take place, at least one person must be listening. Ironically, it's not unusual to find neither participant listening to the other.

This happens whenever the person who isn't talking is occupied thinking about what they are going to say next. Then, although each takes a turn speaking, no one takes a turn listening. Without anyone listening, there is no true communication occurring.

A good listener doesn't regard conversation as a means to impress or show off. A person who has a desire to broadcast their ideas and knowledge monopolizes the interchange, preventing anyone else from getting a word in. No one wants to be lectured or be thought of as inferior. Communication is most effective

when all involved are treated as and feel equal.

Have you found yourself in a conversation where it seemed as if the other person wasn't listening or wasn't hearing what you were saying? You may have gotten frustrated or maybe even angry. This is how someone else might react if they sense you aren't paying attention. When one or more people get into this mode, communication rapidly breaks down.

Do you get defensive if you feel someone doesn't agree with you or thinks you are wrong? Do you feel the need to prove yourself? If you answered "yes" to either of these questions, you may be talking more than listening.

A good listener doesn't become defensive about what the other person is saying. If you are defensive, you will be formulating a rebuttal while the other person is talking. If you feel what the other person is saying isn't true, you can only counter it by first hearing exactly what is being said.

A good listener doesn't try to prove he is right and the other person is wrong. No one wants to be proven wrong and they are not impressed even if you do so. A good listener

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Borden County Boys and Girls Area and Regional Track Results

By Coach Richey

Girls:

Area Track Results:

400 Meter relay-7th place-54.9-Machele Barr, Teryn Soto, Kalyn Massingill and Stefanie Cooley (Alt. Taylor Richey).

800 Meter Relay-3rd place-1:53.5-Hanna Forbes, Teryn Soto, Kalyn Massingill and Aubree Lester (Alt. Stefanie Cooley).

1600 Meter Relay-5th place-4L37.6-Hanna Forbes, Teryn Soto, Stefanie Cooley and Aubree Lester (Alt. Kalyn Massingill).

Discus-1st place- Raegan Belongia-117'10" and 4th place-Taylor Richey-93'2".

High Jump-8th place-Krista Tarleton-4'6".

3200 Meter Run-3rd place-Taylor Gass-13:07.2.

1600 Meter Run-7th place-Taylor Gass-6:17.5.

300 Low Hurdles-3rd place-Hanna Forbes-51.1.

200 Meter Run-3rd place-Aubree Lester-27.2.

Regional Track Results:

800 Meter Relay-5th place-1:53.3-Hanna Forbes, Teryn Soto, Kalyn Massingill and

Aubree Lester (Alt. Stefanie Cooley).

Discus-Raegan Belongia-102'4" and Taylor Richey-98'1".

3200 Meter Run-Taylor Gass (did not participate due to illness).

300 Low Hurdles-7th place-Hanna Forbes-49.01.

200 Meter Run-Aubree Lester-27.41.

Boys:

Area Track Results:

400 Meter Relay-4th place-45.6-Steven Howard, John Hensley, Austin Fields and Joseph McConnell (Alt. Tanner Richey).

800 Meter Relay-6th place-1:37.1-Steven Howard, Quint Shafer, Austin Fields and Tony Soto (Alt. Tanner Richey).

1600 Meter Relay-5th place-3:42.4-Steven Howard, Austin Fields, Matthew Proulx and David Rodriguez (Alt. Tanner Richey).

Discus-4th place-Matt Roberson-119'5".

High Jump-2nd place-Quint Shafer-6'0".

Long Jump-5th place-Tony Soto-19'8".

Triple Jump-5th place-Tony Soto-40'4½" and 8th place-Austin Tyler-38'2".

Shot Put-5th place-T.J. Basquez-40'7½".

110 High Hurdles-4th place-Austin Tyler-16.3.

100 Meter Dash-7th place-Joseph McConnell-11.8.

400 Meter Dash-2nd place-David Rodriguez-53.3.

Regional Track Results:

400 Meter Relay-46.3-Steven Howard, John Hensley, Austin Fields and Joseph McConnell (Alt. Tanner Richey).

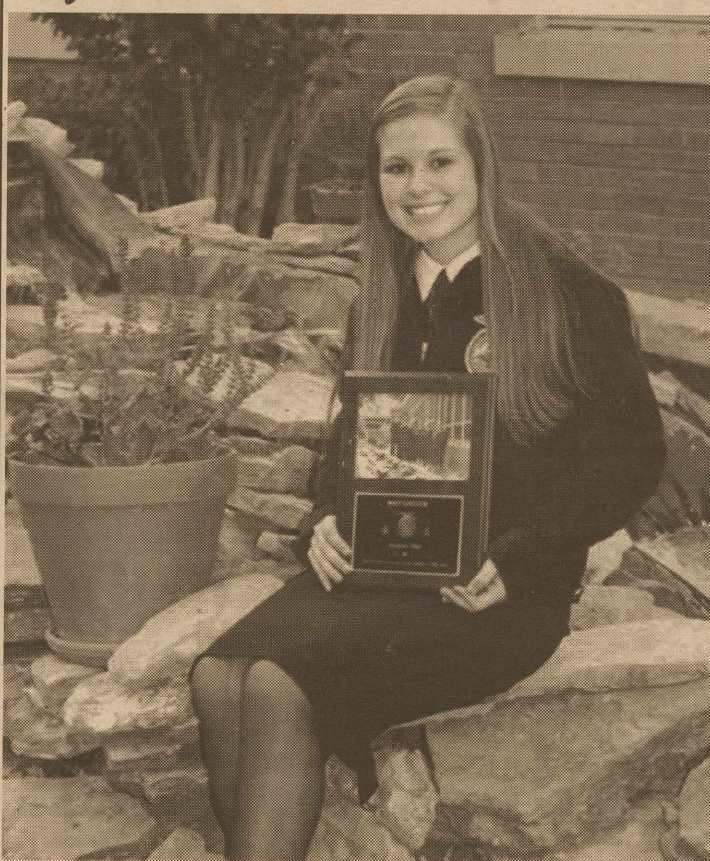
Discus-7th place-Matt Roberson-128'1".

High Jump-9th place-Quint Shafer-5'8".

110 High Hurdles-9th place-Austin Tyler-16.18.

400 Meter Dash-9th place-David Rodriguez-53.87.

Day Named District Vice President



Jordan Day

Gail FFA Members Successful at District Competition

By Buddy Wallace

Westbrook High School was the setting for several Lone Wolf District FFA competitions this past Tuesday as it hosted this year's Spring District contests. Gail FFA was right in the middle of the competition and came away with several honors for their students and chapter.

Part of the competition was the talent contest. Six teams were performing for the right to advance to the top three final slots and the chance to represent the district at the Area Competition. Krista Tarleton represented Gail FFA and secured a banner winning 3rd place finish.

Zach McMeans also attended the meeting and competed in the Extemporaneous Speaking Event which had 9 contestants. Zach bested the field and placed 1st in the competition. Kassie Gaines also represented the Gail Chapter in the Junior Prepared Speaking

contest and placed 1st from 6 contestants. Both Zach and Kassie will represent Gail FFA at the Area Speaking competition this Friday.

Also competing in the Sr. Prepared Speaking contest were Celina Guerrero and Jordan Day. Celina just missed qualifying for Area with a strong 3rd place finish and Jordan was just one more step away with a solid 4th place effort.

District Officer selection's also took place on this day and the Gail Chapter had two candidates: Jordan Day, and Lexi Peterson. Each candidate was required to submit an application and participate in an interview process. Seven students are then chosen from the 18 candidates competing to serve on the Lone Wolf District Officer team for the upcoming year. Jordan Day was chosen as District Vice President and will represent the

School Lunch Menu

May 16 - 20, 2011

Menu subject to
change

Monday - Breakfast: French Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Meatballs with Brown Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Bread, Fruit Cup and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Pizza Bagal, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Spaghetti, Corn, Salad, Breadstick, Peaches and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Oatmeal & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Chunk, Mixed Veggies, Canned Potatoes, Roll, Fruit, and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Sausage & Biscuit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Fish, Black-eyed Peas, Potato Salad, Hush Puppies, Apricots and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Poptart, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Sub Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Chips, Mixed Fruit and Milk.

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Gail FFA as a Lone Wolf District Officer for the 2011-2012 year.

Congratulations to all of these members on their district success and good luck to those advancing to the Area competition.

Bracelets for Sale

We are selling silicone bracelets to help raise money for the Senior Prom! They will be black with light blue writing, and they will have Jeremiah 29:11 printed on them. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." The bracelets will be \$3 each.

Contact Phyneshia Rutherford @ 806/781-7362 or Krista Tarleton @ 432/466-3445

Borden County Ag. Science Horticulture Greenhouse Plants Available

By Buddy Wallace

The Ag. Science Horticulture Class now has plants available for spring planting. These plants were grown from seed by the class. Anyone wishing to purchase starter plants can contact Buddy Wallace at 806/756-4313 (School) or 806/756-4478 (Home). Email bwallace@bcisd.net all plants are suitable size for ground planting. The Gail FFA Horticulture class appreciates your business!

**All plants \$1.00 each

- PLANTS AVAILABLE:**
LARGE VARIETY TOMATOES: (Selling now)
 1. Early Girl
 2. Better Boy
 3. Bush Goliath
MEDIUM SIZE TOMA-

- TOES:** (Selling now)
 1. Roma
SMALL TOMATOES: (Selling now)
 1. Sun cherry
PEPPERS ***(All peppers ready the week after Easter)
 1. Bell Peppers (Early Sensation)
 2. Sweet Banana
 3. Early Jalapeño
 4. Fooled You Jalapeño
 5. Habanera
FLOWER BEDDING PLANTS: (all flowers .50)
 1. Snapdragon
 2. Zinnia
 3. Marigold
 4. Dianthus



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GAIL CHAPTER FFA BANQUET

**TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2011
 7:00 P.M.**

BORDEN COUNTY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

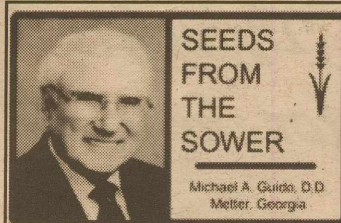
**ADMISSION:
 \$10.00 FOR ALL ADULTS
 \$10.00 FOR ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT FFA MEMBERS**

UIL AWARDS BANQUET

**FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2011
 7:00 P.M.**

BORDEN COUNTY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

**ADMISSION:
 \$10.00 FOR ALL ADULTS AND CHILDREN
 NO CHARGE FOR HIGH SCHOOL UIL PARTICIPANTS**



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St. Paul wrote, "The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us to do what is right."

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FFA Members Attend District Banquet

By Buddy Wallace

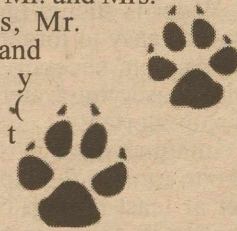
Each year the Lone Wolf FFA District hosts its' official awards banquet.

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 Tuesday, May 3rd and 17 students from the Gail FFA Chapter traveled to Westbrook to attend. The Gail Chapter received 22 award banners and recognition for their district success this year and watched proudly as Jordan Day played

a vital role in conducting the event as an 2010-2011 District Officer. Jordan will serve again next year as she was elected as Lone Wolf District Vice President for 2011-2012. Jordan secured her new position at the District meeting held earlier in the day by participating in an interview and application process for the position.

The banquet was also attended by Mr. and Mrs. McMeans, Mr. Wallace, and Amy Saucada (Student Teacher)



Borden County ISD Board Meeting

Regular Board Meeting April 18, 2011

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 Borden County I.S.D. Board Room. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, and Dennis Poole. Mike Valentine was absent. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas was also present. Guests present were Santana Gonzales, and Jay Bingham.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:20 P.M. by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. Representatives from Shiver Megert and Associates reviewed the original alternate project at a price of \$167,467 that was tabled for further study. It was reported that a significant savings would take place at this time to build a softball field that might be needed in the future to comply with Title IX requirements while the construction crews were present for the current building project and that this item could be included at an additional amount of \$168,910 over the original paving cost

that was quoted. Terrazzo colors were also presented to the board for their review. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the terrazzo colors as presented and to modify; the original parking lot bids by adding a softball field to the project at a total price of \$336,377 at an increase of \$168,910 over the original parking lot bid originally presented in the contract. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2011, board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Joe Harding and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the March 28, 2011, bills. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to adopt amendments to CCG (Local) District Policy. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to approve a proposed recommendation letter for Ascendant Renewable Energy Corporation for a property value limitation subject to all legal requirements being met. The mo-

tion carried unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Carol Lewis to take action to appoint Jimmy Thomas as the 2011-2012 Borden County I.S.D. representative to the Region 17 ESC advisory committee. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to set the regular May board meeting for May 16, 2011, at 7:00 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve a resolution to join the State of Texas Co-Op Program as a cost saving measure for future purchases of equipment and supplies. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Mr. Thomas reported that 226 students were enrolled as of April 12, 2011, gave a year to date financial overview, and gave a construction project report. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Carol Lewis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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Heart and Home ...

by Julie Smith

Borden County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences

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Water Conservation Starts With You

Little kids ask for a last drink of water before going to bed. Food is boiled or simmered or stewed. Clothes and dishes are washed several times a day. Sprinkler systems come on automatically.

Water is such a fact of life that it's easy to forget it's also an absolute necessity. That is why conserving water at home is so important.

Imagine what it would be like to turn on the tap and not get at least a drop of water. People in some parts of the country know this does happen. Water shortages are now a local or regional problem. Someday they may be a national problem. We even have many families right here in Borden County that know all too well about hauling water for daily living.

Conserving water does more than preserve a vital natural resource, she said. It also conserves energy and money. Energy is required to pump, move and purify water. Both energy and money are required to heat water - whether it is the water we heat and use or the water we heat and waste through poor management practices.

Conservation begins with awareness. Studies show water use at home usually runs between 66 gallons and 118 gallons per person per day, with urban households more likely to use larger amounts.

Any way you pour it, that's an enormous amount of water. The best way to conserve it is to stop wasting it. Some suggestions are:

- Inspect the plumbing system to check for leaks. If any are found, fix them immediately.

- Install reduced-flow showerheads.

- If leaving for a vacation or trip, turn off all water. This will prevent anyone from turning on outside faucets while you are gone and will eliminate the

worry of burst pipes.

- To check for a leak in the toilet, put a small amount of food coloring in the tank. If the color trickles into the bowl, repairs are needed.

- Replace old toilets with 1.6-gallon flush toilets. Or reduce the amount of water used in older toilets by filling a one-quart plastic (not glass, which can break) bottle with water and putting it in the tank. This will save a quart of water per flush. (Don't use a brick for this purpose since particles from the brick can damage the valve.)

- Don't wash partial loads of clothes in high water levels. If smaller loads must be washed, change the setting of the water level to low or medium.

- Limit shower time to four minutes per shower. Even more water can be saved if some showers are replaced with sponge baths.

- Turn the water off while shaving, brushing teeth and doing other grooming tasks. Turn the water on only when it's needed.

- When peeling and/or cleaning produce, use a pan of water instead of letting the tap run.

- Limit the use of the garbage disposal. Save scraps and run the disposal unit once or save the scraps for a compost pile.

- Use a pressure cooker to save time, water and energy.

- Keep a bottle of water in the refrigerator for instant cold drinking water.

- Save leftover vegetable juices to make stews, soups and gravy. Use syrups and juices from canned fruits for making gelatin salads and for drinking.

- Wash only full loads in the dishwasher. Most dishwashers use between 9 and 13 gallons per cycle.

- Scrape dishes if necessary before placing them in the

Thoughts for the Day

Happiness comes to those who are fair to others and are always just and good.
Psalm 106:3

From heaven even the most miserable life will look like one bad night at an inconvenient hotel.
Teresa of Avila

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dishwasher. Avoid unnecessary rinsing.

- When washing dishes by hand, use a pan of soapy water for washing and a second pan of clear hot water for rinsing.

- Wipe up small spills when they happen so the entire floor won't have to be mopped.

- Do household chores together to save water. Clean lightly-soiled surfaces first - such as mirrors, walls and woodwork - and floors last.

- Water indoor plants only when needed.

- Wash the car less often. Or better yet, take advantage of a soft summer rain - get out there with a soap and sponge and let the rain do the rinse job.

- Minimize landscape water needs by planting native plants and those that require less water.

- Use trickle or drip irrigation in outdoor gardens. These methods use 25 percent to 50 percent less water than a hose or sprinkler.

- Water the garden thoroughly but not as often. And don't let water run down the driveway or into the street.

- When choosing new appliances or plumbing fixtures, select models that are designed to help save water.

For more information this and other housing issues, contact the Extension Office or visit Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences Web site at: <http://fcs.tamu.edu/>, and click on the link to housing and environment.

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Borden County 4-H News

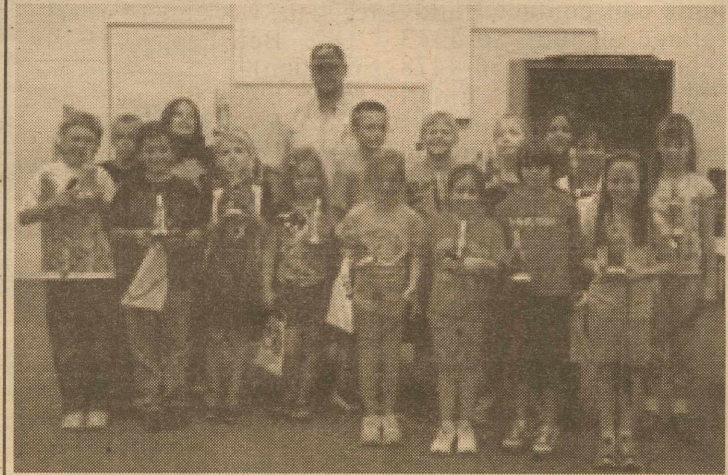


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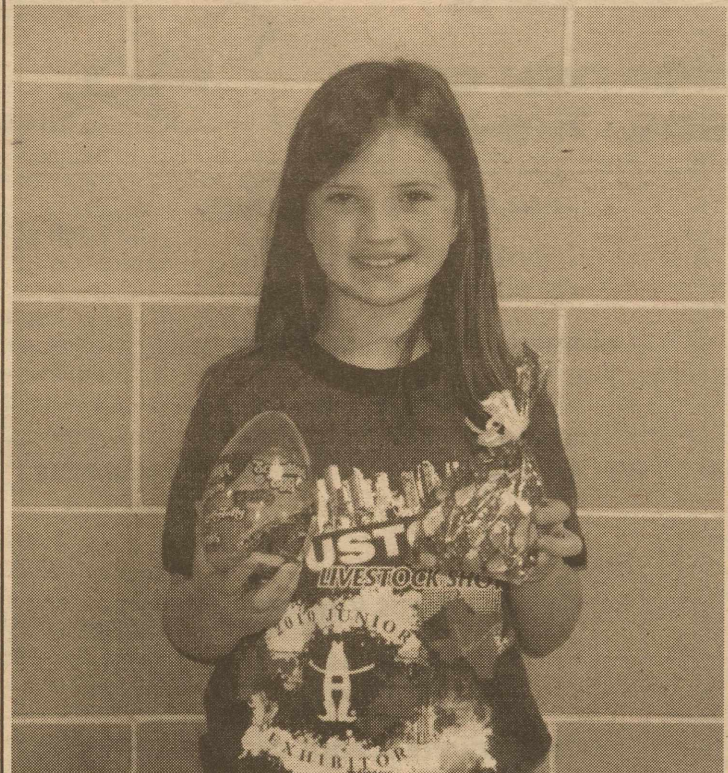
Lyntegar Electric Lights Up Third Grade

Brady Askew from Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. presented a curriculum enrichment lesson for Mrs. Richey's third grade class on Thursday, May 5th. Youth learned about electrical safety with the electric city demonstration and also built coke can lamps to learn basic electricity. This lesson was co-sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

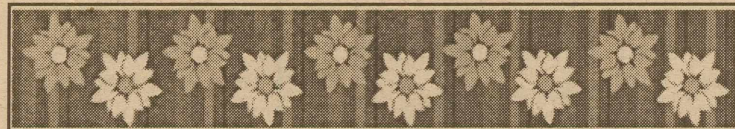
Cola Can Lamps



Coloring Contest Winner



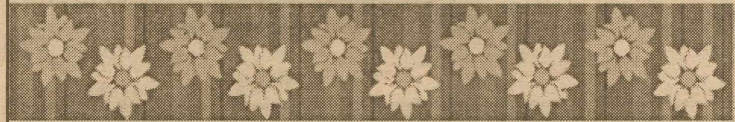
Katie Gray, 4th grade student from Borden County, won the Easter coloring contest for Poka Lambro Telephone Coop. Katie was awarded Easter candy for her winning artwork.



Rhealie Lynn Brazeal
Born January 17, 2011 in Paris, Texas



Parents: Christopher & Ashley Brazeal
Grandparents: Rickey & Cristy (Creighton) Brazeal of Paris
Great Grandparents: Bo & Whiz Creighton of Paris
Great Great Grandparents: The late Vernon & Irene Creighton of Borden County and the late Ellison and Thelma Lee of Dawson County.



Thank you to everyone that came to fight the fire last weekend that came so close to threatening the CRP and my house. I so grateful for the best neighbors in Borden County (John and Kevva Anderson, Rich and Barbara Anderson, Borden Gray, Glen Gray, Ralph Miller and Mike Valentine). I also would like to thank Bill and Mary John Phinizy for always coming to help when smoke is in the air. Another special thanks to Ross and Sarah Sharp for always being on hand when needed.

Sincerely,
Terry Smith

**Borden County Spring
Children's Music
and Band Concert**



Thursday, May 19th
At 7:00 p.m.
In the school auditorium



**Best
Wishes**

We're betting on you to make big footsteps in the future life of the community.

**Lamesa
Butane**

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

Dare to Live...

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leads the other person to a conclusion by asking questions rather than making declarations.

A good listener gains tremendous insight into the thoughts and feelings of others. By focusing on what the other person is saying, without worrying about your response, you will hear what is actually being said and understand what is meant.

A good listener doesn't try to enhance his own stature by belittling others. He knows no one enjoys being put down. Anyone who utilizes this strategy will be avoided like the plague.

A good listener exhibits a genuine interest in the other person and what they have to say. There is nothing as magnetic as a person who has a true regard for others. People like

to talk about themselves and appreciate those who will listen.

While another person is talking, listen. If you are preoccupied or can't focus, don't get started in a conversation until your mind clears. People who seem as if they are not listening can cause the person speaking to feel resentful or put off.

Being a good listener allows you to learn a lot and be viewed as a great conversationalist. Concentrate on what the person speaking is saying, not what your reply will be. Good listening skills will always serve you well.

Bryan is a management consultant, motivational speaker, author, and adjunct professor. E-mail Bryan at bryan@columnist.com. © 2004 Bryan Golden

Borden County Students Enjoy Day of Fishing and Boating Safety



Fishing, hot dogs, and soda pop are favorite summer time treats for kids. Thanks to Mr. Brent Tucker, Texas Game Warden, Borden County students in grades 3-5 enjoyed all three of those treats on a field trip on Monday, May 9th. Their summer began a little early as they traveled to Lake Alan Henry in Garza County.

Game Wardens from across Texas began the day teaching the students boat safety. Next, the students accompanied the wardens on boat rides to ask boaters for their fishing licenses and permits. They were able to experience a day in the life of a game warden by actually being there for a "hands on" demonstration.

While some students were out in the boats, others were fishing on the covered dock of the lake. Game wardens assisted the students baiting their hooks with the perfect worm to snare a big fish. Other students chose to dig in the minnow bucket through the swarming minnows for their bait. The minnow bucket was always returned to the water after retrieval of the minnow. However, the splash factor upon the return of the minnow bucket to the water, often left the adults wondering about the life span of a minnow suffering from a concussion.

After reeling in several "big" fish, students traveled to the Fluvanna Volunteer Fire Department. Lunch was served by Trevah and Daniel Yarbrow to approximately 70 guests.

We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves on this field trip. We appreciate Mr. Tucker and the other game wardens for teaching us and helping us to learn to be safe on the lake. Much thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Yarbrow and RayDon Underwood for preparing lunch. We also thank Phillip Benavidez for driving the bus and the school for providing our transportation. The United grocery store in Post donated the hot dog lunch.

Thank you very much.

Commissioners Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 26th day of April, 2011, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

ROSS SHARP, County Judge, Residing; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner, Precinct N. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JANA UNDERWOOD**, **DEPUTY** County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court, with Joyce Herridge, Clerk of Court absent due to continuing education conference, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance

with the posted agenda.

Present were Ben Smith, County Attorney and Sharlot A. Stone, County Treasurer were also in attendance.

MINUTES APPROVED
Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meetings of April 12, 2011 were read. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PRECINCT 2 & 4 WATER TRUCK
After examining bid received for purchase of water truck to be used in precinct 2 & 4, Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve bid received from Circle D Truck Sales in the amount of \$51,472.30. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BORDEN COUNTY

EVENT CENTER AND RODEO ARENA FACILITY USE POLICY

No action taken.
BORDEN COUNTY EVENT CENTER AND RODEO ARENA

No action taken.
ROAD CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE SOIL CONSERVATION WORK

No action taken.
ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No items were presented.
ADJOURN

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 10th day of May 2011.

WHEREAS, On this the 4th day of May, 2011, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

ROSS SHARP, County Judge, Residing; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner, Precinct N. 1; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE** County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court, with Commissioner Adcock absent, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

REDISTRICTING POLITICAL BOUNDARIES

The Commissioners Court has retained the firm of Allison, Bass & Associates, LLP, of Austin to conduct Assessment of political boundaries of Borden County. Jana Williams, representative, gave a review of the population and the Commissioners Precincts. Commissioner Blelw made a motion to approve the ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR REDISTRICTING OF COUNTY POLITICAL BOUNDARIES. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REDISTRICTING
Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the ORDER FOR REDISTRICTING OF POLITICAL BOUNDARIES. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.

ADJOURN
Commissioner Reyes made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN NOTIFICATION FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

Borden County School will offer the pre-kindergarten program during the 2011-2012 school year. The program will be for eligible students who are four years of age on or before September 1, 2011. 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, 2011.

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 2011. The program will be scheduled for a minimum of 120 hours and will conclude prior to August 1, 2011. The program is designed for students who will enter Kindergarten or First Grade in the fall of 2011-2012. 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, 2011.

DISCLAIMER

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

LA NOTIFICACION DE PRE-KINDERGARTEN PARA EL AÑO ESCOLAR 2011-2012

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá el programa del pre-kindergarten durante el año escolar 2011-2012. El programa será para los estudiantes elegibles que tienen cuatro años en o antes de 1 de septiembre, 2011. 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, 2011.

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 2011. El programa será programado por un mínimo de 120 horas y concluirá antes del 1 de agosto, 2011. El programa esta diseñado para los estudiantes que entraran kindergarten o el primer grado en el otoño de 2011-2012. 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, 2011.

LA DENEGACIÓN

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

Memorial Scholarships

Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship.

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 20th, 2011.

Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an outstanding young person that is a positive representative of the Borden County School Community as evident by their respective moral character, service-minded attitude, dedication, and scholastic achievement.

Recipients must be a candidate for graduation or be a former graduate of Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution to be eligible for consideration. The Selection Committee will have sole authority to determine the candidate's eligibility status related to the post-secondary institution to be attended.

Financial need will not necessarily be a criterion for consideration; however, financial need may be considered by the Selection Committee.

Members of the Brandon Adcock Family will have no input into the selection process.

Complete selection authority has been delegated to the Selection Committee, and the Committee has the authority to waive all rules, regulations, and formalities in order to select the candidates that the committee feels is most deserving.

Caden Nowlain Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the Caden

Nowlain Memorial Scholarship.

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 20th, 2011.

Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

Caden Nowlain Memorial Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an outstanding young person that is a positive representative of the Borden County School Community as evident by their respective moral character, service-minded attitude, dedication, and scholastic achievement.

Recipients must be a candidate for graduation or be a former graduate of Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution to be eligible for consideration. The Selection Committee will have sole authority to determine the candidate's eligibility status related to the post-secondary institution to be attended.

Financial need will not necessarily be a criterion for consideration; however, financial need may be considered by the Selection Committee.

Members of the Caden Nowlain Family will have no input into the selection process.

Complete selection authority has been delegated to the Selection Committee, and the Committee has the authority to waive all rules, regulations, and formalities in order to select the candidates that the committee feels is most deserving.

John Harding Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the John Harding Memorial Scholarship.

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May

20th, 2011.

Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

John Harding Memorial Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an outstanding young person that is a positive representative of the Borden County School Community as evident by their respective moral character, service-minded attitude, dedication, and participation in school activities as a student of Borden County High School.

Recipients must be a candidate for graduation or be a former graduate of Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution to be eligible for consideration. The Selection Committee will have sole authority to determine the candidate's eligibility status related to the post-secondary institution to be attended.

Financial need will not necessarily be a criterion for consideration; however, financial need may be considered by the Selection Committee.

Members of the John Harding family will have no input into the selection process.

Complete selection authority is given to the Scholarship Committee to waive all rules, regulations, and formalities in order to select the candidate(s) that the committee feels is most deserving.

J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship.

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 20th, 2011.

Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an outstanding young person that is a positive representative of the Borden County School community as evidence by his/her high moral character, service minded attitude, dedication and determination to succeed along with maintaining passing grades.

Potential recipients must be a member in good standing of the current Borden County High School graduating class or must be a previous graduate of Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution.

Financial need will not necessarily be a criterion of consideration; however, financial need may be considered by the Selection Committee.

Members of the Porter Family will have no input into the selection process. Complete selection authority has been delegated to the Selection Committee, and the Committee has the authority to waive all rules, regulations, or formalities in order to select the candidates that the committee feels is most appropriate.

The selection process is a subjective task that will be left to the discretion of the J. Pat Porter Scholarship Selection Committee. The award will be given to someone the committee feels is a signification of the positive attributes that were exhibited by the late J. Pat Porter.

Vernon Wolf Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the Vernon

Wolf Memorial Scholarship. Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application by 12:00 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2011.

Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

Vernon Wolf Memorial Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be a resident of Borden County that is a positive representative of the Borden County School Community as evidenced by their moral character, dedication to maintaining good grades, and participation in school activities as a student of Borden County High School. Financial need will also be considered in this selection process.

Recipients must be a candidate for graduation of Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution to be eligible for consideration. The Selection Committee will have sole authority to determine the candidate's eligibility status related to the post-secondary institution to be attended.

Members of the Vernon Wolf family will have no input in the selection process.

Complete selection authority is given to the Scholarship Committee to waive all rules, regulations, and formalities in order to select the candidate(s) that the committee feels is most deserving.



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Gail FFA Give the Shirt Off Your Back Proves Successful

By Buddy Wallace

The Gail FFA Chapter has recently completed its' community service clothing drive for the 2010-2011 school year. This event, which has been named "Give the Shirt off Your Back" campaign, started with Gail FFA members collecting clothing and shoes for the needy.

The final delivery steps began with Gail FFA participating in a chapter social event in Snyder this past Thursday at the Snyder Lanes Bowling Alley. The chapter members bowled together and collected a few last minute clothing items from the general public. The students then traveled to the delivery site, and unloaded

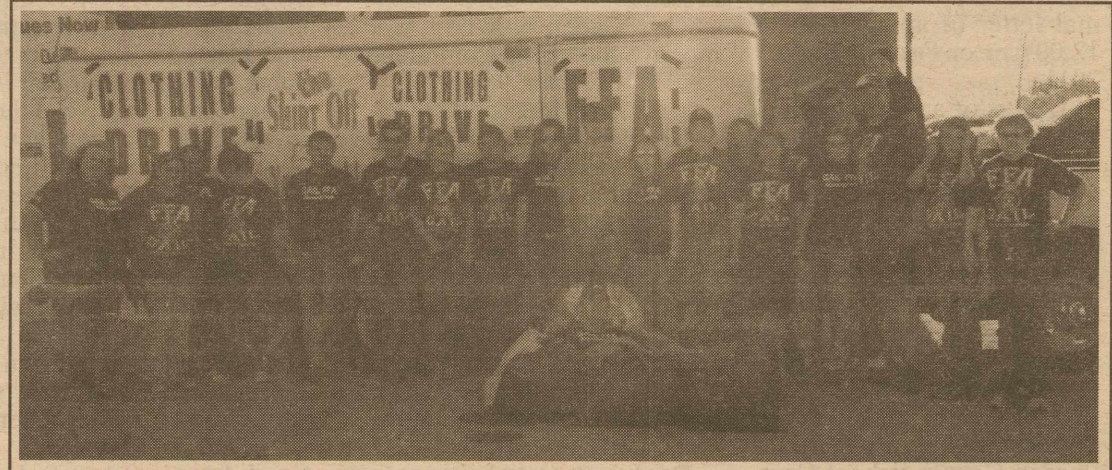
the donated items as a group followed and then consumed a pizza meal on the tailgate and in the trailer.

Due to the efforts of this event, the Gail FFA Chapter delivered over a ton of apparel and shoes to Noah's Attic in Snyder. These items will be dispersed to needy families in the area through the services of Noah's Attic and Gateway of Snyder.

The Gail FFA Chapter wishes to express their thanks to the Borden County community members, teachers, and students who supported this worthwhile community service event.

They would also like to

thank Gateway and Noah's Attic for their support and for their continued mission of helping those in need.

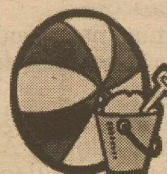



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		May 2011					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
May 9 TH – 13 TH BOOK FAIR							
1	2 Holiday –Bad Weather Day Regional Track @ Abilene	3 Cheerleading Applications due Regional Track @ Abilene Lone Wolf District Meeting 1:30; Banquet 6:00 @ Westbrook	4	5 UIL Academic State Meet Clothing Drive Delivery to Snyder @ 5:00	6 Progress Reports UIL Academic State Meet ACT Registration Deadline for June 11 th Test Seniors vs. Faculty Staff-D.Ball/Volley Ball	7 UIL Academic State Meet	
8	9 Field Trip : 3 rd – 5 th Grade	10 JH & HS Spring Sports pictures during PE	11 Booster Club's Luncheon for Staff	12 Cheerleading Tryouts	13 State Track Meet Area II FFA Convention, TSTC @ Sweetwater	14 State Track Meet Area II FFA Convention, TSTC @ Sweetwater	
15	16	17 TAKS Retest Math 5 th & 8 th Chapter FFA Banquet @ 7:00	18 TAKS Retest-Reading 5 th & 8 th	19 Band Concert 7:00	20 UIL Banquet 7:00	21	
22 Baccalaureate 11:00 a.m.	23 Final 8 th Period 2:33-3:33	24 FFA Chapter Cookout @ 6:00 Final 2 nd Period 8:39-9:39 Final 6 th Period 1:10-2:10	25 Awards Assembly @ 2:50 Final 3 rd Period 9:43-10:43 Final 7 th Period 1:44-2:44	26 JH Graduation @ 7:00 Final 4 th Period 10:02-11:02 Final 5 th Period 11:06-12:06	27 HS Graduation @ 7:00 Final 1 st Period 8:05-9:05 End of Six Weeks Project Graduation	28 Senior Breakfast Work Day	
29	30	31					