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Girls' Finish Runner-up Champions; Boys' Team Takes Third Place Track Teams Lap Most Of the Field at District 9-A Meet; Prepare for Area Events

If nothing else, the Borden High School track teams should have all won medals for valor in the face of bad weather.

Despite early morning winds and early evening gales, the Coyotes and Lady Coyotes used several medal finishes to garner points that earned them runner-up and third place slots in the final standings.

Highland was the boys' champion, scoring 162 points to outdistance Sands (126 points) and Borden County (95 points).

In the high school girls' division, Grady edged Borden County, 137 to 112, to take the 9-A District title.

To qualify for area competition to be held in Hamlin April 12, athletes had to finish in the top four positions.

At area, the top four qualifiers will then advance to the regional track meet scheduled for April 27 and 28 at Elmer Gray Stadium on the Abilene Christian University campus in Abilene.

Several personal bests were recorded in the district meet as were some track records for the facility in Gail. (records are updated by Coach Avery and placed on the blue board near the home entrance to the new gym).

Boys' results will be listed first with times and records, if applicable: An asterisk will also indicate if the individual qualified for the area meet.

***400m Relay 4th place, 47.04** (Raul Rodriguez, Cody Nowlain, T.J. Sharp, Rowdy Dunlap); **1600m Relay 2nd place, 3:47.52** (Nowlain, Dunlap, Trent Pepper, T.C. Stipe); ***3200m Run, new track record, 9:58.23** (Trent Pepper); ***1600m Run, new track record, 4:40.05** (Pepper); ***high jump, new school record, 1st place, 6'1"** (Jacob Zant) Jacob also won the ***110m hurdles with another school record, 15.61—his first time to break the 16.0 mark, *300m hurdles 3rd place, 45.88; *discus 3rd place, 120'1"** (T.J. Sharp); T.J. also placed 6th in the shot put

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Heather Crawford – 5th High Individual FFA Horse Judging Team Qualifiers For State Competition

It what will hopefully be the first of many state appearances for Borden High School students this spring, the FFA horse judging team paved the way with a strong finish in last week's judging competition held at Texas Tech University.

Team members Heather Crawford, Brandi Shafer, and Amanda Boucher earned elite positions with a 2nd place finish in the area competition, 12th overall competing against schools of all classifications.

Heather also captured the 5th high individual spot with her judging performance.

These state qualifiers along with their sponsor Mr. Buddy Wallace will return to Lubbock April 28 to compete in the State Horse Judging Competition.

In the horse judging competition, Heather, Brandi, and Amanda were required to observe four classes of horses (four horses per class) in two different categories: halter and performance.

In the halter competition, the girls were trying to rank the muscle, balance, and overall structure of the horses.



Gail FFA Horse Judging Team Members: Amanda Boucher, Brandi Schafer and Heather Crawford.

In the performance scored 1277 out of 1500 category, lead changes along with manners and overall ability to follow pattern are the criteria for ranking.

The girls were then given a ranking sheet which was completed individually. Their scores were then compared to the official rankings of a panel of judges who had observed the same horses.

Heather's score of 440 out of a possible 500 placed her closest to the judges' marks; the team

Two other teams were at Tech competing. The listing of team members and their results are as follows:

LIVESTOCK
11th in area, 2nd in district (T.C. Stipe, Shawna Kempf, Kyle Pinkerton, Shayla Gass, Dan Griffin—alternate)

DAIRY CATTLE
9th in area, 1st in district (James Bond, Cody Nowlain, Kevin Ellison)

There will be **NO SCHOOL** on
Fri. - April 13th and Mon. - April 16th

Dream Bids Farewell BHS OAP Ends Season

Despite a wonderful performance and widespread agreement as to its quality, the Borden High School One-Act Play production of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* ended its season this past Thursday, April 5th, at the Region II-A, Area 1 Contest in Eden.

The contest also marked the end of the high school acting careers of seven seniors, most of whom have participated in the OAP throughout high school. These students include James Bond, Bekah Hensley, Shawna Kempf, Kandace Kimmel, Krystle Lee, D.J. Smith, and Holly Thomas.

Borden County High School did not come home empty-handed, though. Senior D.J. Smith said farewell to OAP by garnering Area 1 "Best Actor" recognition. He

will be continuing his study of theatre arts this fall at West Texas A&M University.

Senior Holly Thomas was named to the All-Star Cast, while Bekah Hensley, also a senior, was named to the Honorable Mention All-Star Cast. With six plays competing, each with 13 or more cast members, the number of individual awards per cast was greatly decreased when compared to earlier contests.

The Borden County OAP Crew was also named the "Best Crew" for the second consecutive contest. Crew members are Clay John Anderson, lights; Jessica Ellison, music; Micah Hensley, sound effects & props; and Shawna Kempf, stage manager and curtain.

This marked the second year in a row that

Borden County's play has advanced to the Area contest. The competition was indeed steep, as two-time defending state champion Highland High School advanced on to the Regional Meet along with newcomer Miles High School. Miles's production of *Dearly Departed* was the same play that advanced over Borden County last year.

Also competing at the Area contest were Bronte High School (*Anne of Green Gables*), Rochelle High School (*Cheaper by the Dozen*), and Paint Rock High School (*The Teahouse of the August Moon*).

Next year will be considered a "rebuilding year". However, many returning veterans and quite a few upcoming eighth graders from this year's district champion Jr. High OAP will certainly fit the bill.

Thanks for a great season, Dreamers!

From the Counselor: By Mary Airhart

Test Dates Approaching

TAAS and SDAA (State Adopted Alternative Assessment) testing is scheduled statewide as follows:

Tuesday, April 24th

Mathematics for grades 3-8

Wednesday, April 25th

Reading for grades 3-8

Thursday, April 26th

Soc. Studies for grade 8 only

Friday, April 27th

Science for grade 8 only

Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) will be administered to K, 1st, and 2nd on these same dates, Tuesday through Friday.

NOTICE TO PARENTS:

TAAS and SDAA testing will begin promptly at 8:15 A.m. each of these days. The tests are untimed, and students will be allowed as

much time as needed. Most students will complete the tests within the first three hours of the day, but some students will require more time.

ITBS tests are timed and will be given in small increments to insure that students are fresh and attentive. Some ITBS testing may take place in the early afternoon. Please schedule medical and dental appointments around these testing dates so that all students who are not ill maybe present for testing. Teachers have prepared the students mentally and academically for success. Please add your encouragement and insure that the students are rested and eat a good breakfast. As Always, we appreciate your help and concern to keep our school academically strong. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact me.

Sincerely,
Mary Airhart, Counselor

School Menu Week of: April 16th - 20th, 2001

MONDAY:

NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY: Beef & Bean Burrito, potato wedges, salad, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Hot pockets, hash browns, juice & milk.

WEDNESDAY: Lasagna, baby carrots, green beans, garlic toast fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Oatmeal, toast, juice & milk.

THURSDAY: Steak fingers, potatoes, corn, hot rolls, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Sausage gravy, biscuit, juice & milk.

FRIDAY: Bib on a bun, salad French fries, cookies & milk. **Breakfast:** Breakfast burrito, hash browns, fruit, juice & milk.

District 9-A Track Meet

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(37'8 1/2") and participated in the long jump and triple jump.

The following athletes scored points in the meet for the Coyotes:

Rowdy Dunlap: 5th in 200m dash (25.51); Cody Nowlain: 5th in triple jump (35' 8 1/4").

Below are participants and their results:

Dunlap: shot put (32' 8 1/4") and discus (96"); Nowlain: 200m dash (925.68); Kyle Pinkerton: 7th in discus (107'1"), triple jump (33' 6"), 400m dash (63.0); Andy Lozano: 400m dash (65.0); Evan Winegarner: 400m dash (62.0), 800m run (2:38.0); Dusty Gwinn: shot put (30' 31/2"), 100m dash (14.28); Raul Rodriguez: 100m dash (11.82), long jump (16'8"); Dan Griffin: 300m hurdles (51.78), long jump (14'6 1/4").

GIRLS' RESULTS
Advancing to Area

400m relay team, 4th, 57.46, (Shayla Gass, Pati Rodriguez, Laura Stamper, Bekah Hensley); 800m relay team, 3rd, 2:00.38 (Rodriguez, Gass, Carolina Arellanos, Hensley); Holly Thomas: 2nd in both 1600m run (6:31.67) and 3200m run (13:38.49); Bekah Hensley: 1st in long jump (15'11"), 1st in triple jump (31' 2 three-fourths inches), 2nd in 100m dash (13.23); Rika Copeland: 1st in both shot (34'2") and discus (89'6"); Dalene Kempf: 3rd in 1600m run (6:39.25) and 4th in 3200m run (14:32.0); Laura Stamper: 3rd in 100m hurdles (19.15)

The following individuals scored points in the events listed: Stamper: 5th in 300m hurdles, 65.55, (after falling but getting up to continue the race); Krystal Lee: 5th in high jump (4'4")—had to go to a jump off for the area-qualifying position; 5th in shot put (26' 1/4"), 6th in discus (71'9").

Below are participants in other events and their results: Jessica Ellison: discus (56'3") and shot put (21' 2"); Carolina Arellanos: 200m dash (32.66), triple jump (27'2"); Pati Rodriguez: long jump (12' 8 1/4"); Shayla Gass: long jump (12'1 1/2"), triple jump (26' 5 1/4").



Parents Club Pre-School Easter Egg Hunt

There will be a Pre-school Easter Egg Hunt
Thursday, April 12th
At 2:30 p.m. at the
Borden County Park Pavilion.
Please bring 1 dozen
Candy Filled Eggs
(No Chocolate Please)



The Year in Review and Upcoming Events With the Borden Coyote Band and Music Programs

Only two months remain in the school year for Borden County I.S.D., and what a busy year it has been! There were several events that stood out, however.

The high school band learned their first fully thematic show based on the music of the movie, The Prince of Egypt. This was a very demanding marching show for them to learn and they did so with fervor. I am very proud of their willingness to work and their attitude throughout marching season.

During the UIL Elementary Academic Meet, our Music Memory teams performed very strongly. The 3rd grade team (Lacy Roberts, Rachel Payne, Karl Lamming, Eric Espinoza, Drew Tyler, & Skyler Dear-alt.) placed 1st, the 4th grade team (Carlos Hernandez, Krystal Hobson, Garrett Poole, Baylee Benavidez, & Clay Harding) placed 4th, the 5th grade team (Rachel Wilson, Kate Wallace, Logan Howard,

Shelby Roberts, Pascual Espinoza & Sharelle Gass-alt) placed 1st, and the 6th grade team (Jake Payne, Ana Arellanos, John Cowart, Rowdy Clary, Taylor Peterson, Kylan Reynolds-alt), and Christina Soto-alt) places 2nd.

All of the students in the school music programs performed wonderfully in the annual Christmas Concert at the end of December.

All-region band tryouts were held in January for both the middle school and high school bands. Many students in both the middle school and high school band worked hard in preparation for their auditions. One student from Borden County made the All-Region band this year. Krystle Lee on Clarinet. Krystle is no stranger to the all-region band scene, as her talent and work has enabled her to perform in the All-Region band in each of her last 4 years!

The UIL concert and Sight-reading competition will be



**All Region Band:
Senior Band Member
Krystle Lee**

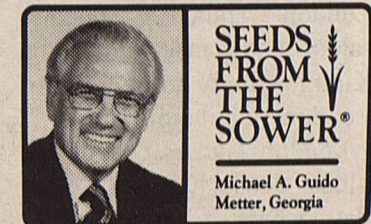
held in Sundown on April 11th this year. The Borden County band will be performing at 9:55 a.m. in the Sundown high school auditorium. We are encouraging you to attend and support the Borden County Band!

On Friday, April 20th, the 5th, 6th, and 7th grade bands will be attending the Floydada Music Festival to perform individual solos and group ensembles.

The 3rd grade Orff and 4th grade recorder ensembles will be competing at the annual Loop Recorder Solo

Gail FFA Member Secures Top Honor

Heather Crawford, a member of the Gail FFA Horse Judging Team secured 10th high individual ranking at the Clarendon College Invitational Horse Contest. The event, which was held on March 31st, consisted of some 150 contestants. Heather is a member of the State Qualifying Horse team that will represent the Gail FFA Chapter at Texas Tech University on April 28th. Heather was also 5th High overall individual at the Texas Tech Area Contest this past week.



A little girl asked, "Mom, is Jesus a rose?"

"Not really," she answered, "why?"

"Because," said the girl, "I heard them singing in Sunday School 'He's a rose.'"

"No," corrected the mother, "you heard them sing 'He arose.'"

He died for us, but He's not a coffined Christ. He's our living Lord. He's with us in every time of perplexity to guide us, in every time of sorrow to comfort us, in every time of temptation to strengthen us, in every time of loneliness to befriend us, and He's with us in death to bring us home to heaven.

Aren't you glad He arose!



FFA Students members receives recognition – T.C. Stipe of Borden County High School was the 13th high individual in the livestock judging contests at the 2001 State Wide Invitational FFA Career Development Event held at Tarleton State University. The top 20 individuals in each of the 11 judging contests were presented with plaques and caps. There were over 940 students participating in the livestock judging. The Career Development Event is sponsored by the University's College of Agriculture and Human Sciences. Director of the Livestock contest was Tarleton faculty member Dr. Randy Harp pictured right.

April 2001						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 HS Tennis District	3 HS Tennis District continued	4	5	6 HS District Track @ BC	7 Area II Texas Tech Judging
8	9 HS District Golf @ Big Spring	10 Cheerleading Applications due by Noon	11 HS & 8 th Grade Sundown Band Contest	12 5 th Six Weeks ends & Area Track Meet @ Hamlin	13 HOLIDAY	14 State Judging Texas A & M
15	16 Bad Weather Day (HOLIDAY)	17 Cheerleading Tryouts	18	19 JH Zone Track West Zone @ Sands	20 Elementary/JH Floydada Band Festival	21
22	23	24 TAAS 3-8 Math	25 TAAS 3-8 Reading	26 TAAS Social Studies 8th	27 TAAS Science 8 th	28 State Judging Texas Tech JH Tennis
29	30					



Texas Stories

A showcase of the Texas Spirit

Tumbleweed Smith
Part owner of Texas



The Dance Hall at London

"It doesn't look like there's much here, but there really is on Saturday nights," says Billy Ivy, owner of the London Hall, a historic saloon and dance hall in the Kimble county community of London, population 100.

London Hall is one of the oldest dance halls in Texas, dating back a hundred years or more.

Billy has several other businesses in town, including a grocery store, an art gallery and liquor store. "Busy, busy," says Billy.

London Hall is open Saturday nights from 9 until 1. Occasionally it opens for a Sunday matinee. The saloon is open during the week.

When she bought the place, she made some changes. "I enlarged the dance floor and put in air conditioning. Before then, there were flaps that you opened to the outside to get a breeze. But I haven't done anything to the outside."

Usually about three hundred people dance on a Saturday night in London. But hunting season is her busy time. "That's when we have maybe a thousand."

She advertises London Hall in Fredericksburg, Brady, Sonora, and San Antonio. "Everybody comes to London," she says.

The old wooden tables and benches are original. The stall door in the men's restroom is a car door. Above the urinal in the men's room is a painting of a tree out back, which once served as the place where men relieved themselves in the days before indoor plumbing.

Billy takes care of the dance floor with loving care. "I rule that with an iron hand.

We heat our wax and apply it when it's warm and rub it in by hand, then polish it. We do that about twice a year. Our floor is about three thousand square feet. It's a good one."

She says dancing on concrete is tiring. "It's not so tiring when you have a nice, slick surface."

Some famous bands have played there: Darrell McCall, Johnny Gimbel, Johnny Bush, Hank Thompson, Jody Nix and Jerry Jeff Walker. Her patrons like a variety of music.

"They like the Schottisches, Polkas, Cotton-Eyed Joe, some of the new songs. We have people of all ages. The younger ones like the be-bop stuff, you know, the Texas Swing. When the customers want to hear something, they'll request it and the band accommodates them"

Billy grew up in London. Her family has been in the area since the 1800's. She learned to dance at London Hall. The place serves as a community center at times. Weddings have been held there.

Johnny Bush wrote a song, *The Ballad of London Hall*. It contains the phrase "It's been like this every Saturday night for a hundred years or more. They two-step with their baby 'cross the London dance hall floor."

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OBITUARY

Jean Brummett 1940-2001

Jean Brummett, 60, of Vealmoor, died on Wednesday, April 4, 2001, at Scott & White Hospital in Temple. Funeral service was held at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 7, at the Nally-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring, with the Rev. Ken McMeans, pastor of College Baptist Church, officiating. Internment followed at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

She was born on May 4, 1940, in Howard County and married C.B. Brummett, Jr. on November 19, 1954, in Big Spring. Mrs. Brummett was a lifetime resident of Howard County. She enjoyed raising animals on the farm, driving tractors, cooking and being involved in FFA and 4-H with her children.

She was a Baptist. Survivors include her husband, C.B. Brummett, Jr.


of Vealmoor; one son and daughter-in-law, Audry and Debbie Brummett of Vealmoor; two daughters, Sharon Thompson and husband, Keith of Oklahoma, and Joie Salvato of Big Spring; one granddaughter and her husband, Sandy and Kyle Miller of Midland; one grandson, John Brummett of Big Spring; one great-grandson, Kelby Miller of Midland; three brothers, Oren Lancaster, Jr., of Knott, John

Daughtery of Nacogdoches and Ben Daughtery of Kaufman; and two sisters, Mary Ray and Shirley Weaver, both of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by two sisters and one brother.

Pallbearers were nephews, Trey Lancaster, Torbin Lancaster, Ronnie Daughtery, Gary Daughtery, John Williams Daughtery and Jim Ray.

The family suggest memorials to: Borden County Ambulance Fund, Gail, TX 79738.



It's a Girl!

Kylan Reynolds would like to introduce his new Baby Sister

Kaylene Nicole White

Born: March 16, 2001 at 9:45 a.m.
Weight: 7 lbs 6½ oz. - 18½" long

Parents:
Claude & Dana White, Clyde, TX

Grandparents:
Jerry & the late Carlene White, Del Rio,
Doug & Donna Nehring, Borden County

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Heart and home...

By Julie D. Mumme
Borden County, Extension Agent -
Family and Consumer Sciences



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The Secret to Feeling Better

Everyone is looking for the magic bullet to help them live longer or better. Many search for clues on the Internet, magazines, and television news. Some think the key to a longer, better life lies in a particular dietary supplement or eating only organic foods. None of these other strategies is supported by the amount of research showing regular, moderate physical activity like walking is what they really need.

A substantial amount of research shows regular moderate physical activity like walking produces a significant impact on health. Everyone knows physical activity is good for their health, yet, starting, and most of all continuing, physical activity, are very difficult. Walk Across Texas (WAT) was created in 1997 by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service to provide people with the necessary support to not only start walking, but also find a group that can keep them walking even when they feel like quitting.

What are the benefits of joining WAT? A recent study found that the women participating in a walking group similar to WAT were still much more likely to be walking ten years later even though no follow-up was provided. Women in the walking group had less heart disease, hospitalizations, surgeries, and falls ten years later than women who did not walk. Another study with 70,000 women, determined that those walking 1 hour a day or performing moderate activity such as housework reduced their risk of developing type 2 diabetes by half. Another study found that people at risk for developing

heart disease due to atherosclerosis experienced a significantly reduced risk by walking for six months. Moderately to vigorously active women reduced their risk for hip and vertebral fractures due to osteoporosis by as much as 42%. Other studies found that moderate physical activity lead to lowered risk for other health problems including gall bladder surgery, breast cancer, depression, and stroke. Additional benefits include lower blood pressure, lower "bad" cholesterol (LDL), higher "good" cholesterol (HDL), lower stress levels, and improved immunity. Finally, people with diabetes find they can control their blood sugar much better when they walk regularly.

Besides reporting feeling better, last year many participants reported an added benefit of spending more time with their family and friends when they walked together. Other teams reported bird watching as they walked. But perhaps the most unique benefit noted by a team in East Texas was treatment of over 10 acres for fire ants!

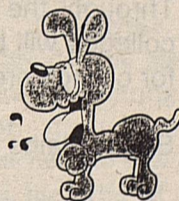
Whether you want to walk to improve your health or to kill fire ants, here is your opportunity to get started by participating in Walk Across Texas. We will begin logging miles on Monday, April 9 and complete our six-week journey on Monday, May 21. Persons interested should plan to form teams of eight to use as support and help log miles to compete against other teams in the county. Call the county Extension office at (806)756-4336 or e-mail Julie at jmumme@tamu.edu to sign up for Walk Across Texas 2001! We look forward to having you Walk Across Texas with us!

PET HEALTH CLINIC

Wednesday, April 18, 2001

Dr. Charles Church
Snyder, Texas

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Plains Community

Precinct #1 Barn

6:00 - 6:30 pm



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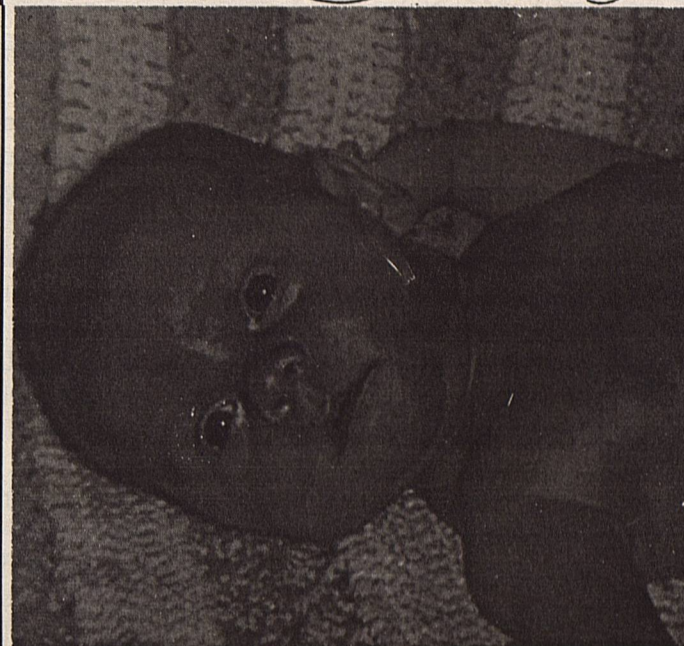
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Nicholas Allen

Born: February 1, 2001

8:15 a.m. - San Angelo, TX

Weight: 9 lbs 12 1/2 oz. -- 21 1/4"

Parents:

Dennis & Linda Billington

Grandparents:

Larry & Kathy Billington,

Ed & Therese Sternadel

Billie Carr

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Pure Resources, LP - 500 W. Illinois - Midland, Texas 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation, which is productive of oil and gas.

The application proposes to inject fluid into the Canyon Reef formation of the Reinecke Unit, Well Numbers: 75 and 276. The proposed injection wells are located 10 miles Northwest of Vincent, Texas in the Reinecke Field, in Borden County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into the strata in the subsurface depth interval from 6,706 to 6,831 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas Drawer 12987, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792)

Children's Car Safety Seats

When Katherine and Stephen Irwin of Navasota became parents for the first time three and half years ago, the safety of their daughter, Elisabeth, was first and foremost on their minds. They did their homework, learning all they could about making sure that their child's car safety seat was the best for her age and weight and was being used properly.

But when son Jack came along 10 months ago, things became a little more complicated, and it took the information and help of the Rural Passenger Safety Team of Texas agricultural Extension Service to straighten things out.

In spite of all their best intentions, the Irwins discovered they were doing some things wrong when it came to child care safety seats.

As an infant of younger than 1 year and less than 20 pounds in weight, Jack rode facing backwards in a car safety seat designed especially for infants. His sister rode in a child's car safety seat designed for toddlers of her age and weight, which faced forward.

But when two children are both in the back seat, strapped into safety seats that are placed next to each other, sibling rivalry can start to bloom. That's when many parents – including the Irwins – opt to separate the seats in order to keep the peace.

Not a good idea, according to safety experts. In a vehicle, the best place for child's safety seat to be is in the middle of the back seat. If two children are in car safety seats, the younger child should sit in the middle.

Katherine Irwin agreed, citing her own experience. She too had separated her children's car safety seats in the interest of less stress and more peace while driving. But after talking to safety experts such as Bev Kellner with the Extension Rural Passenger safety Team, she moved Jack's safety seat back into the middle position,

for safety's sake. As for daughter Elisabeth, "She got used to it," Mrs. Irwin laughed.

When Elisabeth and Jack got bigger, Elisabeth graduated into a car safety seat designed for bigger kids and Jack inherited her safety seat.

But something wasn't right, said their mother. "When I put him in (Elisabeth's old safety seat), he didn't fit right," she said. Because he's still less than a year old, the seat was used rear facing, but the back was too high and he didn't seem comfortable.

The Extension rural passenger experts showed her how to use "noodles" – bendable plastic swimming pool toys – to slide under Jack's safety seat to make it ride at a more appropriate angle.

They also showed her how to make sure the seats are buckled tightly in the car and the children are buckled tightly in the seats for maximum safety.

They answered all the child car passenger safety questions Mrs. Irwin had that she hadn't been able to find answers to before.

"I read all of the material," Mrs. Irwin said. "A lot of it I didn't know. A lot of my friends didn't know.

"My concern is that 90 percent of children's seats are being used wrong," because so many parents can't find the right information.

She found out that the best kinds of child's car safety seats have a five-point harness and not a T-bar strap or a bar in front of the child. "To me, (the bar in front) just didn't seem right because in a crash, it would crush a child," she said.

She learned the car seat belts used to anchor in a child's safety seat must be routed correctly for maximum safety and so many times they aren't.

She learned how to use mesh, not-slip shelf liner to help keep a safety seat in place and return it to the right place if it has been removed from the car.

And she learned the safety

advantages of having a young child ride backwards. "Keep them facing backwards for as long as possible," she advised.

But finding out the correct safety information wasn't as easy as Mrs. Irwin thought it would be. For one thing, she said, car seat safety standards set by the government aren't necessarily the safest for the child.

"My husband and I struggled with it (the safety issue) by ourselves, she said. "We were not happy with the way the car seat was fitting in the car. And there was no information to tell you how to make it fit right so it's safer."

After making several phone calls to other agencies and getting nowhere, Mrs. Irwin heard about the Extension Rural Passenger Safety Team by word of mouth.

And now that her questions have been answered and her mind is more at peace about her children's safety in the car, Mrs. Irwin is helping

spread the work about keeping children safe in cars – and keeping them in the back seat. "It's worse now to have children in the front seat because of air bags," she said, because air bags, when deployed, have been known to kill children instead of protect them.

During this year's National Child Passenger Safety Week, she helped distribute information pamphlets to others. "I was amazed at how many people didn't know" about child passenger safety.

According to a recent study of 50 states by National SAFE KIDS, Texas gets a grade of "F" when it comes to child passenger safety, which is a situation child safety seat advocates are working hard to remedy.

The team offers child car safety seat checks periodically all over Texas, and have county-by-county volunteer training so these safety checks can be repeated on a regular basis.

"I think people should have their (children's) car seats checked every year, since

their kids are getting bigger", and their care safety seat requirements will change, Mrs. Irwin said.

Having her children's car safety seats checked and corrected has lifted a worry off Mrs. Irwin's mind, she said.

"I felt like I had accomplished something good, knowing my kids are safe."

For more information go to <http://fcs.tamu.edu/safety/>



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Summer School Classes Offered at Borden County

Through the Distance Learning Center at Borden County School, several colleges will be offering summer classes. Students will be able to attend class for college credit at the Distance Learning Center.

South Plains College has posted its schedule for summer 2001.

1st Summer Term Classes begin June 4th and end July 5th
HIST 1301 History of the US to 1876 M-R 7:30 am - 9:25 am Bogener
HIST1301 History of the US to 1876 M-R 9:30 am - 11:25 am Bogener
SPCH 1321 Business and Prof. Speech M-R 11:30 am - 1:25 am Holt-Day

2nd Summer Term Classes begin July 10th and end August 9th
HIST 1301 History of the US to 1876 M-R 9:30 am - 11:25 am Graves
HIST 1302 History of US Since 1876 M-R 11:30 am - 1:25 am Graves

Registration for these classes is through South Plains College. For more information, you can contact:

Dane Dewbre
Director of Distance Education
1401 S. College Avenue
Levelland, TX 79336
Ddewbre@spc.cc.tx.us

For assistance registering for summer classes, contact Mary Airhart at Borden County School, 806-756-4313.

For more information regarding the Distance Learning Center, please contact Kip Wallace at Borden County School, 806-756-4313.

Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 26th day of March, 2001, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge, Presiding; **DOUG ISAACS**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 1; **LARRY D. SMITH**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 3; **HURSTON LEMONS, JR.**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE**, County Clerk and Ex-officio of the Commissioners Court.

constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda:

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting of

March 12, 2001 were read. Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes.

Motion carried unanimously ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

Motion carried unanimously ORDER CONCERNING REDISTRICTING

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Order of the Commissioners Court Establishing Criteria for Redistricting of County Political Boundaries. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously ADJOURN

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

Flower Beds Should Rise to the Occasion

Cacti in East Texas, roses way out west. Texas gardeners are finding that building a raised flower bed, rather than plunging plants into existing soil, can open more options for landscapes.

"One of the big advantages of raised beds is that it allows you to use spaces regardless of what the soil type there is on the site," said Dr. Mike Arnold, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station horticulturist. "You can tailor the beds to have soils suitable for whatever type of plant you want to grow."

Planning ahead and using good materials will lead to a permanent raised bed that provides years of enjoyment, Arnold noted.

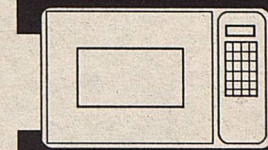
"Anyone can build a raised bed," he added. "The biggest thing is to think about what you want it to look like when

you are done. And a little money up front in terms of materials will last you a long time in the landscape."

Arnold said site selection, drainage considerations, design and irrigation needs are important in the pre-building phase.

"One of the things to decide is the ultimate purpose of the bed," Arnold explained. "Will it be used for annuals, perennials or vegetables, for example."

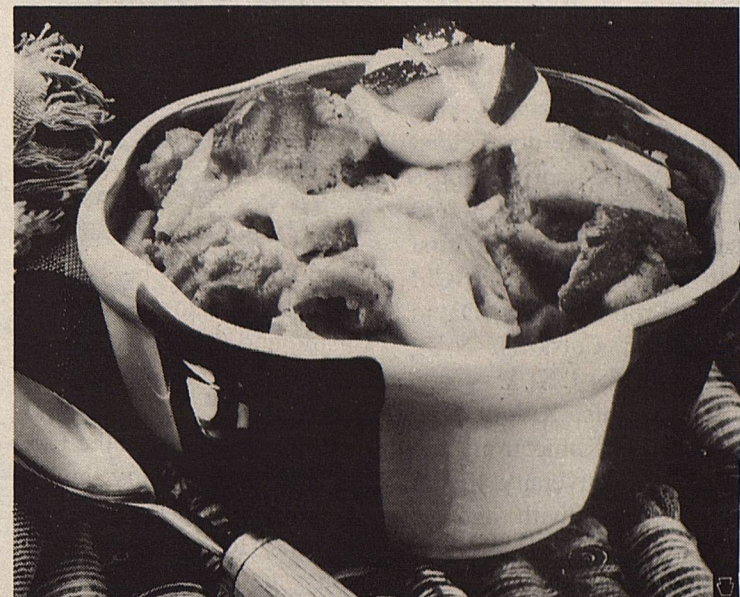
He noted vegetable beds normally are long and rectangular to allow gardeners easy access for care and harvest. Ornamental beds are often curved or broader, but annuals or plants that are changed out seasonally are placed around edges for easy reach. Woody and background-type plants often are toward the backs of



cooking

OLD-FASHIONED BREAD PUDDING

the microwave way



(DM)—With the arrival of sweater weather, there is something soothing and nostalgic about having bread pudding for dessert. Whirlpool Corporation home economists have devised an extra rich apple version of the age-old recipe, modernized to use the speed and convenience of the microwave oven. Apple Bread Pudding uses vanilla pudding both in the bread mixture and in a creamy sauce poured over the warm dessert. It is excellent when prepared using leftover hamburger or hot dog buns. Serve with whipped cream or a small scoop of ice cream.

APPLE BREAD PUDDING (9 servings)

- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, softened
- 6 cups cubed day-old bread or buns
- 1 large apple, peeled and cubed
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- ¼ cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 package (4.6 oz.) cook and serve vanilla pudding mix, divided
- ¾ cups half and half, divided
- ¼ to ½ teaspoon rum extract (optional)

1. Spread butter in 8x8x2-inch glass baking dish. Place cubed bread and apple in baking dish. Set aside.
2. Stir together egg, sugar and cinnamon. Set aside ¼ cup of the pudding mix. Stir remaining mix into egg mixture. Set aside ¾ cup of the

half and half. Stir remaining half and half (2 ½ cups) into egg mixture.

3. Pour egg mixture evenly over bread and apple cubes. Let stand 15 minutes. Then microwave at HIGH (100%) for 12 to 14 minutes or until set. Stir gently after 4 and 8 minutes.

4. Combine reserved pudding mix

and reserved half and half in small microwave-safe bowl. Microwave at HIGH for 2 to 2 ½ minutes or until mixture comes to full boil, stirring a few times. If desired, stir in rum extract. Pour over warm bread pudding. Serve warm with whipped cream or ice cream.

Whirlpool TimeSmart Tip

STIRRING: Stir from the outside in. Microwaves cook food from the outside in. Therefore, when you stir, you are redistributing the heat - moving the hot outside mixture inward to replace the cooler mixture in the center of the dish.

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Knight keeps on winning

Clell Knight is the NCBA Western Regional Boxing champion the 156-lb division, having defeated both of his opponents by RSC (TKO – referee stopped contest).

The Western Regional National Collegiate Boxing Association event was held at the Las Vegas sporting house in the shadows of the Vegas strip. Knight won his first bout with a medical RSC I the third round against David Wengell of Catskills, N.Y., who fought for UNLV.

In the finals, Knight won against Julio Romo from San Jose State University in the second round, with another RSC.

Knight fought again in Reno, Nevada, April 5-7 where he competed in the National Collegiate



championship to be held in the El Dorado Hotel and Casino and the Silver Legacy City Center Convention Center.

Knight is a cadet at the U.S. Air Force Academy and a graduate of Post High School. He is the son of Jenny and Ben Smith of Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, and the grandson of Mary and Riley Miller of Justiceburg.



Flower Beds

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Arnold said, noting that some beds are 6 inches while others may be 3 feet tall depending on the type of plants being used.

He said any type of material that will provide support for the soil and plants can be used – stone, brick or wood. Gardeners should consider how the style of each will work with the home or the area being landscaped.

While the style and materials of the raised bed are aesthetically important, the type of soil used to fill the area is functionally important to start and maintain the new plants.

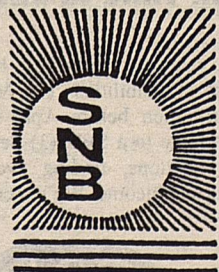
“It may be natural soil that is brought in, or it may be amended soil depending on what is to be planted,” he said. “A good general mix is 75 percent topsoil and 25 percent organic matter. And it is best if the organic matter you are putting in is composted.”

He noted soil should be piled higher than ultimately desired and allowed to settle before planting. About 2 inches of mulch should top

the raised bed, but should be lower than the edge to prevent it from washing over and into the surrounding areas during watering or rains.

“Building a Raised Bed Garden” by Arnold and colleagues Priscilla Files, Dr. Frank Daniello and Dr. Dough Welsh, is available from Texas Agricultural Extension Service county agents or online at <http://texaserc.tamu.edu>

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