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Lady Coyotes Win District Championship; Take Bi-District Win Against Dawson

With steps one and two behind them, Coach Gailan Winegarner and his Lady Coyotes now prepare for the third leg of their journey: an area matchup Friday night against either Robert Lee or Blackwell.

With a final district win, 97-46, against Westbrook February 8, the girls were primed for their playoff run.

February 11 BHS travelled to Dawson to meet Meadow in a practice game and prevailed 64-37 in what was perhaps their best defensive game of the season.

This set the stage for their bi-district tilt with Dawson February 14 at Howard College.

The Lady Coyotes

jumped out to a 28-6 first quarter margin and never looked back. The team finished with 20 steals, 80% of which converted to points.

At halftime the lead increased to 41-9, and Dawson finished with only two points in the final quarter, losing to BHS 69-18.

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TDA Proposes Rules For Organic Cotton in Boll Weevil Eradication Zones

The Texas Department of Agriculture Friday proposed rules establishing guidelines for organic cotton production in active boll weevil eradication zones. TDA is hosting hearings in Lubbock, Lamesa, and Muleshoe to take comments on the proposed rules.

"These proposed rules are merely a draft," said Matt Brockman, special assistant for Producer Relations. "We want the cotton industry to take these hearings and the comment period seriously and provide us with the

best input possible."

TDA developed the rules to maintain the effectiveness of the boll weevil eradication program as well as to protect the integrity of TDA's organic certification standards and the crops marketed under the program. The proposed rules published in the Texas Register establish an indemnification program for growers who must destroy organic cotton crops due to infestation in active eradication zones.

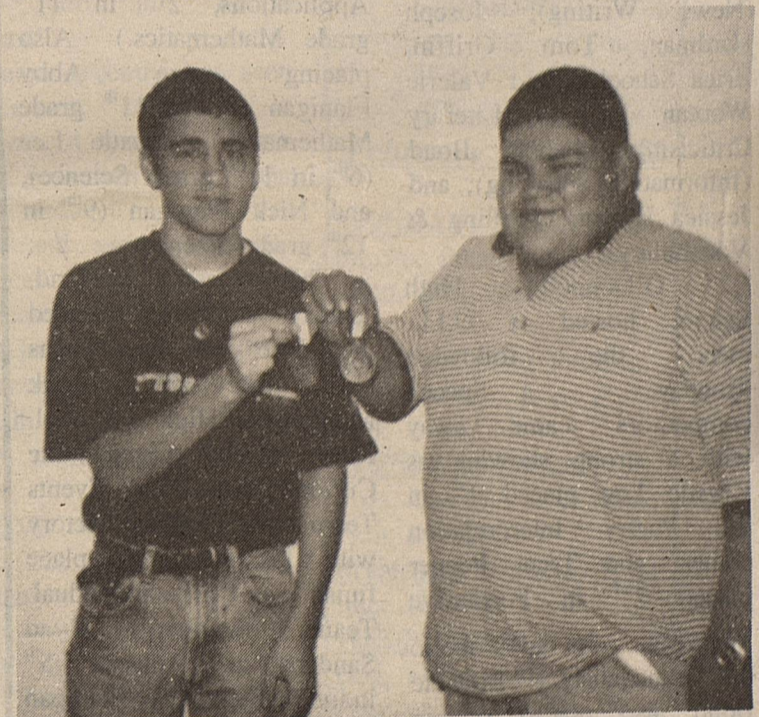
Growers who must destroy organic cotton crops, or who forgo the

planting of organic cotton in favor of an alternative crop, will be compensated according to a proposed formula. The plan takes into consideration the growers' historical planting patterns, yields used in the federal crop insurance program and historical data relation to prices paid for organic cotton, lint and seed.

Adjustments will be made to any indemnification due from the proceeds of the alternative crop and for other factors like administrative costs, gin-

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Cross-Ex Debate Team Takes Third Place at District



Hernandez, Smith alternates to State Meet:

For the first time in a decade dominated by Grady, the Borden High School entry in cross-ex debate scored points and finished as alternates to the State Cross-Ex Meet to be held in Austin in March.

Juniors Jerry Hernandez and D. J. Smith, competing in their fourth tournament of the year, started slowly but finished strong and lost out on a trip to Austin by virtue of speaker points. (Win-loss records are the first tie-breaker, followed by speaker

points.)

Because of their third place finish, Borden County scored its first points of the literary meet, garnering 15 points. Other contests will be held in March to determine the overall school district champion.

**No School
Friday,
February 25th**

BHS U.I.L. Academic Teams Hope Practice Makes Perfect

Borden County High School U.I.L. Academic teams have been extremely busy the past few weekends. After attending several practice meets in the surrounding area, B.H.S. looks to make a strong showing at the District 9-A U.I.L. meet that is approaching on March 27th and 30th.

The first meet of the season was held at Andrews High School on January 21st. Krystle Lee placed 4th in Poetry Interpretation, while Bekah Hensley placed 6th in Prose Interpretation.

Also competing were D.J. Smith and Jerry Hernandez (C-X Debate); Shawna Ellison (News Writing); Joseph Hardman, Tom Griffin, Erica Schooler, and Valerie Wootan (Literary Criticism); Michele Bond (Informative Speaking); and Jessica Ellison (Spelling & Vocabulary).

O'Donnell High School hosted a U.I.L. meet the following Monday.

Speech competitors came away with a strong showing as Krystle Lee placed 1st in the Poetry Interpretation contest and Trent Pepper placed 2nd in Persuasive Speaking.

In addition to the medalists, Michele Bond also placed 6th in Informative Speaking. Gaining experience in the poetry competition were Freshmen Micah Hensley and Laura Stamper.

Mail-in written contests were recently returned to B.H.S. with additional winning entries in the O'Donnell meet. Ross Aten placed 1st in Current Issues & Events, beginning his year off right as he seeks a return to the U.I.L. State Meet. Trent Pepper also made a strong statement in the written events as he won the Editorial Writing and

Calculator contests. Also medaling for Borden County was Shawna Ellison, who placed 2nd in News Writing.

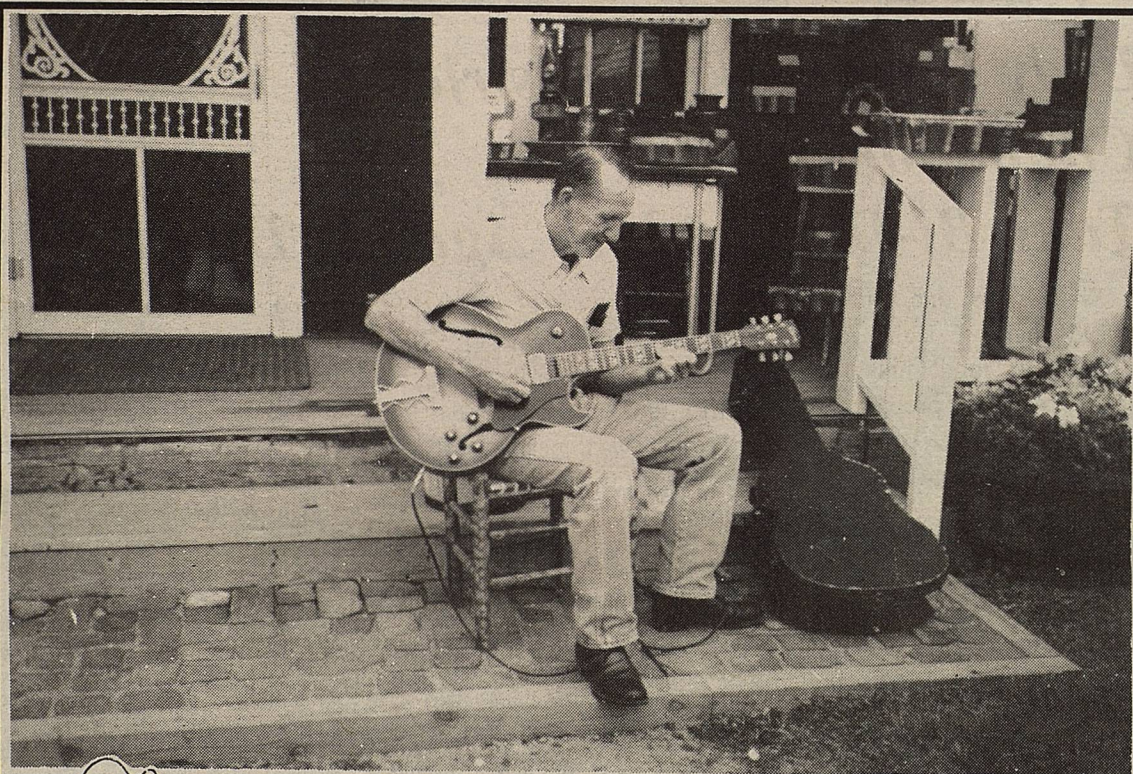
Just missing out on medals at O'Donnell were: Joseph Hardman (4th, Literary Criticism), Robert Stamper (6th, Current Issues & Events), Trent Pepper (4th, Mathematics), Kaci Poole (4th, Feature Writing), and D.J. Smith (6th, Feature Writing).

On January 29th, the Math and Science teams went to a meet held at South Plains College in Levelland. Coming away from the contest with medals was Trent Pepper (1st in 11th grade Calculator Applications, 2nd in 11th grade Mathematics.) Also placing were Abby Flanigan (8th in 11th grade Mathematics), Krystle Lee (6th in 11th grade Science), and Nick Flanigan (9th in 12th grade Science).

This past weekend, several students attended the Hub of the Plains U.I.L. meet at Lubbock Monterey High School. Ross Aten paced the Current Issues and Events Team to a 1st place victory with his own 1st place finish as an individual. Team members Ryan Sanders also placed 5th individually. Nick Flanigan

and Robert Stamper completed the team. Also attending the meet were Literary Criticism team members Tom Griffin and Valerie Wootan.

A final U.I.L. practice meet will be held March 9th at Post High School for those who are interested in getting in one last practice before the district meet. Congratulations for the success! Keep working hard!



Happy 72nd Birthday Papaw!

Love, Savannah, Riley, Caden & Cody

*From the Counselor:
By Mary Airhart*

REMINDER: TAAS Alert

(Texas Assessment of Academic Skills)

On Tuesday, February 22nd, 4th graders, 8th graders, and 10th graders across the state of Texas will be taking the Writing portion of the TAAS. The

sophomores only will continue testing that week to take the EXIT level Math on Wednesday, February 23rd and take the EXIT level Reading on Thursday, February 24th (Grades 3-8 will take TAAS Math on Tuesday, April 11th and TAAS Reading on Wednesday,

April 12th. The 8th grade April 13th and TAAS will also have TAAS Science on Friday, April Social Studies on Thursday, 14th).

Congratulations

Lady Coyotes

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High School Basketball

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GAME SUMMARIES

Vs. Westbrook

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| Baeza | 17 pts., 6 steals |
| Mayes | 17 pts., 7 reb |
| Smith | 17 pts., 5 assts |
| Wootan | 12 pts., 5 reb. |
| Copeland | 12 pts., 7 reb. |
| Hensley | 9 pts., 7 steals |
| Poole | 7 pts., 4 reb |
| Adcock | 2 pts., 2 steals |
| Thomas | 2 pts., 2 blks |
| Dye | 5 assists |

Vs. Meadow

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|----------|-------------------|
| Mayes | 18 pts., 8 reb. |
| Wootan | 18 pts., 6 reb. |
| Smith | 12 pts., 5 assts. |
| Baeza | 9 pts., 7 steals |
| Hensley | 4 pts., 3 steals |
| Copeland | 2 pts., 1 reb. |
| Thomas | 1 pt., 1 assist |
| Dye | 1 asst., 1 steal |
| Adcock | 1 rebound |
| Poole | 1 rebound |

Vs. Dawson

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|----------|-------------------|
| Wootan | 21 pts., 8 reb. |
| Mayes | 11 pts., 4 reb. |
| Smith | 11 pts., 5 steals |
| Hensley | 11 pts., 5 steals |
| Baeza | 9 pts., 7 reb. |
| Dye | 2 pts., 5 reb. |
| Copeland | 2 pts., 9 reb. |
| Adcock | 2 reb. |
| Poole | 2 blocks |
| Thomas | 2 rebounds |

Coyotes Whip Westbrook in Final Game

The phrase "red hot Pepper" took on an added dimension in BHS's final district game against Westbrook February 8.

Junior Trent Pepper did all but dunk the basketball as his hustle and accurate three-point shooting literally turned the ballgame around as the Coyotes defeated Westbrook, 55-44.

Trailing 36-31 after

three periods of play, the Coyotes went on a 17-0 run, with Pepper leading the charge to start off the 4th quarter. Senior Justin Lawrence's rebounding and freshman T. J. Sharp's ball handling also contributed to the comeback. Senior Nick Flanigan added a three as the Coyotes scored 24 points in the final quarter to Westbrook's

eight to take the sweet win.

Seniors Robert Stamper and Ryan Sanders also played crucial roles in the win, with Stamper feeding assists and grabbing rebounds and Sanders blocking two shots.

GAME SUMMARY

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| T. Pepper | 23 pts. |
| Lawrence | 14 pts. |
| Flanigan | 9 pts. |
| Sharp | 9 pts. |

Junior High Teams Finish Season at Home against Sands

The basketball season came to a close February 7 for Borden Jr. High teams, with the girls falling to Sands, 32-18, and the boys winning 51-26.

The girls' contest was a low-scoring one with the Missy Coyotes behind by only one, 4-3, at the end of the first period.

The halftime score reflected pretty much the same thing, 8-7 Sands, as the girls struggled to find the basket.

A cold third quarter in which the Missy Coyotes scored only two points enabled Sands to pull away even though BJH came

back to score nine in the fourth.

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| Gass | 11 pts. |
| Johnson | 3 pts. |
| Rinehart | 2 pts. |
| M. Brooks | 2 pts. |

Also playing in the game against Sands were Alexis Brooks, Emily Mayes, Thelma Balaque, Ashley Ellison, Whitney Anderson, Kisha Clements, Cassidy Ogden, and Micah Peterson.

Borden's Coyote Pups finished the season with a convincing win over district rival Sands, 51-26.

The contest was well under control early, as the boys wasted no time in the first quarter, taking a 29-3 advantage.

This margin proved to be the difference as the remaining quarters evened out in scoring between the two teams.

The halftime score was 36-10, third quarter 42-17, and then both teams finished with nine points in the final period.

GAME SUMMARY

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| D. Griffin | 15 pts. |
| K. Pinkerton | 12 pts. |
| E. Winegarner | 6 pts. |
| D. Gwinn | 4 pts. |
| G. Chapman | 4 pts. |
| A. Carter | 3 pts. |

Organic Cotton in Boll Weevil Eradication Zone

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ning costs and other costs associated with treatments around organic cotton fields. Only growers who have an established history of organic cotton will be eligible for indemnification. Acres not having an established planting history before the 2000 crop year will not be eligible for indemnification.

"We need to develop a system that respects the integrity of the eradication effort, but also does not place financial hardship on the organic cotton growers who will be impacted by the program," Brockman said. "In the long run boll weevil eradication will be good for all cotton farmers."

Texas recently has seen a dramatic reduction in boll weevil numbers. Significant reduction in the pest has reduced production costs and increased yields in areas of the state where eradication programs have been in operation for three or more years. More than 3 million acres of Texas cotton is in active eradication.

TDA will take comments for 30 days, starting February 11, 2000. Those who would like to comment can write TDA at P.O. Box 12847, Austin, TX 78711, or fax TDA at

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| J. Wilson | 3 pts. |
| C. Peterson | 2 pts. |
| D. Rodriguez | 2 pts. |

Also playing in the game were Clay John Anderson, Andy Lozano, John Stamper, Ben Griffin, Billy Roper, and Tyler Wallace.

(512)463-1104. To comment over the telephone or for more information, call Matt Brockman or Scott Heselmeyer at (512)453-7593. TDA's three hearings will be at the following locations:

Lubbock, 10:30 a.m. Feb. 21, Texas Agricultural Research and Extension Center 1/2 mile east of I-27 on FM 1294

Lamesa, 3 p.m. Feb. 21st Dawson County Annex, 609 N. First Street

Muleshoe, 9 a.m. Feb. 22nd Muleshoe State Bank, 101 West American Blvd.

Menu

Lunch: \$1.00 K-6th
\$1.25 7th-12th
Breakfast: 50c

February 21st - 24th

MONDAY: Beef & Bean Burrito, Potato Wedges, Salad, Fruit Square & Milk

Breakfast: Hotg Pocket, Hash Browns, Juice & Milk

TUESDAY: Chicken, Corn, Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Fruit & Milk

Breakfast: Oatmeal, Toast, Juice & Milk

WEDNESDAY: Corn Dog, Salad, Cheese Potatoes, Fruit Crisp, & Milk

Breakfast: Egg & Cheese English Muffin, Juice & Milk

THURSDAY: Steak Sandwich, Tator Tots, Salad Cup, Brownie & Milk

Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, Fruit, Juice & Milk

FRIDAY:

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Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 24th day of January, 2000, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in 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. #1; Larry D. Smith, Commissioner, Prec. #2; Vernon Wolf, Commissioner, Prec. #3; Hurston Lemons, Jr. Commissioner, Prec. #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 January 10, 2000 were read. Commissioner Wolf made a motion to approve said minutes and motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaacs. Motion carried.

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

An application for Soil Conservation Construction was received from Frank Beaver in Precincts No. 2 and No. 4. A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Lemons to approve the application. Motion carried.

PIPLINES CROSSING

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve the proposed pipeline crossing in Precinct No. 4 and No. 1. C&B Associates II, LTD. Proposes to place a pip along/across the right-of-way of Miller County

Road, Cemetery Road, and County Road No. 403 in Precinct No. 4 and along/across County Road No. 116 in Precinct No. 1. Commissioner Lemons seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BORDEN COUNTY WATER

The Court discussed the different problems regarding the Borden County Water System.

VISITOR

Mr. Ralph Miller visited with the Court concerning problems with the cattleguards on the County Road to his house. Mr. Miller offered to do the work and the County issued Mr. Miller a Work Order for him to do the work at no cost to the County.

COURTHOUSE REPAIRS

Commissioners reviewed the need of repairing shelves in the basement of Courthouse. Judge York is to check with Texas Surplus for metal shelves.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

ADJOURN

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

The Republican Party Polling Place for the March Primary will be located at the Community Building in Gail from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. March 14th.



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER

Michael A. Guido
Metter, Georgia

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Important Voter Information!

Applications for Early Ballot by Mail for the General Primary and the Runoff Primary are being accepted in the County Clerk's Office

- February 28 **Early Voting By Personal Appearance Begins**
- March 7 **Last Day** to receive application for Ballot by Mail.
- March 10 **Last Day** to vote by personal appearance
- March 13 **Last Day** to register to vote in the April 11 runoff primary election.
- March 14 **PRIMARY ELECTION DAY!**

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OBITUARY

Sharon Kay Massingill 1941-2000

Sharon Kay Massingill, 58, Big Spring, died on Sunday, January 23, 2000, at her home. Funeral service was at 10 a.m. Tuesday, January 25, 2000, at the Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor, officiating. Interment followed at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on August 1, 1941, in Shawnee, Wyo., and came to Big Spring as a young girl with her family. She attended schools at Forsan and Borden County and graduated from Borden County High school. Mrs. Massingill was a home-

maker.

She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include: one son, Matthew Massingill of Big Spring; one daughter, Rebecca Crane of Big Spring; her grand-daughter, Megan Crane of Big Spring; a sister and brother-in-law, Charlotte and Jimmie Norman of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Massingill was proceeded in death by her parents, Jess and Ahnawake (Wakie) Buchanan, one son, Michael Allen Massingill and one brother, James Buchanan.

The family suggests memorials to be made to Trinity Baptist Church Building Fund; 810 E. 11th Place; Big Spring.

POLITICAL CALENDAR

March Democratic Primary 2000

Justice of the Peace:

Jane Jones
Shirley Bennett
Dorothy Wilson

County Sheriff

Tax Assessor/Collector:

Billy Gannaway
Chuck Kimmel

County Commissioner:

Precinct #3

Ernest Reyes
Joe Harding

County Commissioner:

Precinct #1

Doug Isaacs