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## CHIP means healthier kids and a brighter future for all Texans

By Lieutenant Governor Rick Perry

As father of two children, I have always taken for granted that Griffin and Snyder Perry would have access to quality health care. My wife, Anita, is a former registered nurse and her father, Dr. Joe E. Thigpen, practices family medicine in Munday, Texas. Anita and I have peace of mind knowing that those family ties, along with health insurance coverage, mean that our son and daughter have access to doctors, dentists and other health providers anytime they need it.

But many other Texas children are forced to receive care in an expensive emergency room situation, or even worse, they may forgo health care because of the cost of health insurance. The problem is especially acute for lower-income families who earn too much to qualify for Medicare coverage but not enough to afford private health insurance coverage.

Fortunately, during the 1999 Legislative Session, Governor George W. Bush

and legislators of both parties passed the Children's Health Insurance Program, known as CHIP, to help provide affordable health insurance for families earning up to 200% of the federal poverty level.

Funds from the state's tobacco settlement - to the tune of \$180 million - are being used to pay for the program and the federal government is contributing \$3 for every \$1 Texas spends.

After months of planning and preparation, the CHIP program begins on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The new TexCare Partnership - an initiative linking public and private-sector resources with the Texas families who want the best for their kids - will begin processing CHIP applications.

Texas families are able to phone in their applications by calling toll-free 1-800-647-6558. Customer service representatives will help match Texas parents with children's health insurance to fit their budgets. The applications of families who appear to qualify for Medicaid health

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## Borden County Academic Teams Overcome Rough Start Coyotes Capture 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

What started off looking like a very disappointing week last Monday following the first day of the District 9-A U.I.L. Academic Contest ended up as yet another successful bid for Borden County High School students. After a dismal first day of competition on Monday, the academic teams pulled out of the slump on Thursday in order to capture 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall in the academic competition.

Borden County, who finished the competition with 236 points, was defeated overall by Dawson, whose teams finished with 310 points. Grady came in 3<sup>rd</sup> with 182, while Klondike and Loop completed the top five with 147 and 142 points, respectively.

Individually, those scores advance ten students and three alternates from B.H.S. to the regional contest to be held April 14-15, 2000, at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. All first, second, and third place individuals, as well as each first place team, advances to this contest.

Borden County students and their placings at the district contest include the following students. (Regional qualifiers and alternates are marked with an \*).

### Calculator Applications

Team—2<sup>nd</sup>  
\*Trent Pepper—1<sup>st</sup>  
Talin Pepper  
Michele Bond  
Payton Brown

### Current Issues & Events

\*Team—1<sup>st</sup>  
\*Ross Aten—1<sup>st</sup>  
\*Nick Flanigan—2<sup>nd</sup> (tie)  
\*Robert Stamper—6<sup>th</sup>  
\*Ryan Sanders

### Headline Writing

Julie Mayes—6<sup>th</sup>

### Informative Speaking

Michele Bond—5<sup>th</sup>

### Lincoln-Douglas Debate

\*Kandace Kimmel—4<sup>th</sup>  
Jacob Zant—6<sup>th</sup>

### Literary Criticism

\*Team—1<sup>st</sup>  
\*Erica Schooler—1<sup>st</sup>  
\*Tom Griffin—2<sup>nd</sup>  
\*Joseph Hardman—4<sup>th</sup>  
\*Valerie Wootan—5<sup>th</sup>

### Mathematics

Team—2<sup>nd</sup>  
\*Trent Pepper—2<sup>nd</sup> (tie)  
Valerie Wootan  
Abby Flanigan

### News Writing

Robert Stamper—6<sup>th</sup>

### Persuasive Speaking

\*Trent Pepper—2<sup>nd</sup>

### Poetry Interpretation

\*Laura Stamper—4<sup>th</sup>  
Krystle Lee—5<sup>th</sup>

### Prose Interpretation

\*Bekah Hensley—2<sup>nd</sup>

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## RUNOFF PRIMARY ELECTION

Accepting applications for ballot by mail

April 3, 2000

First day of early voting by personal appearance for April 11<sup>th</sup> runoff primary election in Borden County's clerk's office.

April 4, 2000

Last Day for early voting clerk to receive applications for ballot by mail.

April 7, 2000

Last day to vote early by personal appearance.

April 11, 2000

Runoff primary election day

## Weather Cancels High School Meet Junior High Track Teams improve Times, Distances At Klondike

In only their second meet of the young track season, the junior high boys' and girls' teams fared well, bringing home several medals and ribbons and lots of good experience. Next up for the athletes will be the Wellman Relays to be held Thursday, April 6. District Competition is set for Monday, April 17, at Ackerly with Sands Jr. High serving as host.

Results from Klondike are listed below:

### GIRLS' RESULTS

1600m relay (5<sup>th</sup> place), 5:05.10  
S. Gass, E. Mayes, T. Balaque,  
C. Rinehart

Cassidy Rinehart: 2400m run  
(1<sup>st</sup>), 800m run (3<sup>rd</sup>), triple  
jump 24'8", long jump 12' 4"

Shayla Gass: 100m dash (4<sup>th</sup>),  
200, dash (3<sup>rd</sup>), triple jump

Alexis Brooks: discus, 55'  
(7<sup>th</sup>), shot put 24' 6"

Thelma Balaque: 100m  
hurdles (3<sup>rd</sup>), 200m hurdles  
(3<sup>rd</sup>)

Emily Mayes: 800m run (4<sup>th</sup>),  
triple jump, long jump

Ashley Ellison: 200m dash  
(4<sup>th</sup>), 100m dash

### BOYS' RESULTS

400m relay (7<sup>th</sup> place), 55.29 E.  
Winegarner, J. Stamper, Andy  
Lozano, Dan Griffin

Evan Winegarner: 2400m run  
(6<sup>th</sup>) 9:58.54, 1600m run (6<sup>th</sup>)  
6:22.21, High jump 4'4",  
Triple Jump 27'7.5

John Stamper: 110IH (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
20.61, 300LH (2<sup>nd</sup>) 51.63,  
Triple Jump 28'1"

Andy Lozano: 100m dash (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
13.76, 200m. dash (1<sup>st</sup>) 28.54

Dan Griffin: 110 IH (1<sup>st</sup>)  
20.49, 300 LH (3<sup>rd</sup>) 52.45,  
Discus, Long Jump 13'11"

Kyle Pinkerton: Shot Put (6<sup>th</sup>)  
35.2", High jump 4'6", Triple  
jump (4<sup>th</sup>) 29'10.5", Discus (5<sup>th</sup>)  
107'1", 100m dash (3<sup>rd</sup>) 14.18

Tyler Wallace: Shot, 100m  
dash (3<sup>rd</sup>) 14.58, 400m dash  
(2<sup>nd</sup>) 69.51

Ben Griffin: Long jump 13'1",  
800m dash 2:57.38, 400m dash  
(4<sup>th</sup>) 72.48, 200m dash (3<sup>rd</sup>)  
33.09

Clay John Anderson: High  
jump, 110 IH (4<sup>th</sup>) 24.48, 300  
LH (3<sup>rd</sup>) 63.91

John Wilson: 800m run (8<sup>th</sup>)  
2:41.84, 1600m run (9<sup>th</sup>)  
6:48.12

Billy Roper: 200m dash (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
31.49

Derek Rodriguez: Long jump  
13'2", 800m dash (7<sup>th</sup>) 2:41.24,

Dusty Gwinn: Shot put, Discus  
(7<sup>th</sup>) 94.5

No point totals were kept, and the results other than the field events and long distance races were how they finished in each individual heat not overall

## BHS Teacher Attends Driver Ed. Conference in Waco

A local representative of Borden High School attended the 34<sup>th</sup> annual state conference of the Texas Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association in Waco, Texas, March 31 and April 1.

Sue Jane Mayes of Gail participated in a series of workshops and programs focusing on issues in traffic safety and driver education.

Presenters ranged from representatives of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and university professionals to driving instructors and school administrators.

More than 300

educators and safety specialists attended the event.

New driver curriculum was presented and round-table discussions of issues, including in-car activity lessons, observation-student participation, insurance, and student's responsibility were conducted.

The conference required the continuing education fulfillment credit for Driver Ed/Traffic Safety Teacher in Texas.

Driver education classes begin this month with Ms. Mayes teaching six new students, all of whom will complete their work in late May or early June.

## Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship

### Applications are now being accepted

Applications are currently being accepted for the **Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship**. Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application prior to May 15th, 2000. 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 evidence by their respective moral character, service-minded attitude, dedication, and scholastic achievement.

Recipients must be a candidate for graduation or be a former graduate from 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.

Complete selection authority has been delegated to the selection committee by the Brandon Adcock Family, and the committee has the authority to waiver all rules, regulations and formalities in order to select the candidates that the committee feels is most deserving.

## Academic Teams

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\*D.J. Smith—4<sup>th</sup>  
Holly Thomas—5<sup>th</sup>

Ready Writing

\*Tom Griffin—3<sup>rd</sup>  
Spelling & Vocabulary

Team—3<sup>rd</sup>  
Andrea Lozano  
Jessica Ellison  
Rika Copeland  
Holly Thomas

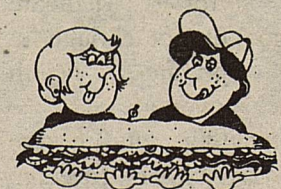
Congratulations, regional qualifiers! Keep working hard; the next contest is just a week away. To everyone that competed at the district contest, thank you for all of the hard work!

### Menu

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

April 10-14, 2000

**MONDAY:** Vegetable Soup, Grilled Cheese, Pickles, Fruit & Milk  
**Breakfast:** Eggs & Ham, Toast, Juice & Milk  
**TUESDAY:** Steak Fingers, Potatoes, Corn, Hot rolls, Juice Bar & Milk  
**Breakfast:** French Toast, Fruit, Juice & Milk  
**WEDNESDAY:** Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans, Carrots, Garlic Toast, Jello & Milk  
**Breakfast:** Hot Pocket, Hash Browns, Juice & Milk  
**THURSDAY:** Cowboy Beans, Potatoes, Salad, Corn Bread, Fruit & Milk  
**Breakfast:** Oatmeal, Toast, Juice, & Milk  
**FRIDAY:** Hot dog w/Chili, Onion Rings, Beans, Fruit, Cookie, & Milk  
**Breakfast:** Sausage Gravy, Biscuit, Juice, & Milk



## Cheerleading & Mascot Tryouts Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Applications must be in by 12:00 noon  
on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Wildflower hotline ready for calls

The search for the best wildflower locations along Texas highways has gotten easier.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) added wildflower location information to its hotline March 17<sup>th</sup>. The toll-free hotline, 800-452-9292, provides callers with information on the best locations for wildflowers along the state's 79,000-mile highway system.

TxDOT's maintenance personnel around the state provide the update with help from cities, chambers of commerce and park

officials.

Predictions for this spring's crop of wildflowers are not as optimistic as they have been in recent seasons. "Because of the dry summer and fall season of 1999 it's likely that this won't be one of the state's best wildflower seasons, but early blossoms have already been spotted around the state," said Herb Niemann, TxDOT's director of landscape design.

"Late spring-blooming flowers could provide the roadsides with more color than the early spring

flowers depending on spring rain levels," Neimann said.

"Here in our area," Pete Krause, Abilene district landscape architect, said, "the spring wildflowers such as the Bluebonnets and Indian Paintbrush, flowers that most think of when they think of wildflowers, will be few and far between. However, since some of the area has seen rain recently, it's very possible that warm season annuals and other flowers that bloom in the late spring and summer will bloom

out."

TxDOT maintenance personnel assist nature by sowing 60,000 pounds of wildflower seeds along Texas highways each year.

Where there is no impact to motorists' safety, TxDOT may also delay mowing right-of-way in many areas around the state to allow for growth and reseeding of wildflowers.

TxDOT's wildflower program not only helps

Texas highways look good, but also reduces the cost of maintenance and labor by encouraging the growth of native species that need less mowing and care.

Another place to view Texas' wildflowers is in *Texas Highways'* April issue. A TxDOT publication, the annual wildflower issue featured colorful photographs of bluebonnets, poppies, Indian paintbrushes and more from around the state.

## CHIPS

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insurance or for coverage through the Texas Healthy Kids Corporation will be forwarded to those programs to complete the processing.

Who is eligible for CHIP? The income test varies based on family size. For example, families of four with net income of \$34,100 or less would qualify. Net income is salary or wages minus deductions allowed for childcare expenses, work-related expenses, and child support received. Children from birth to age 19 can qualify for this program and they cannot be excluded based on a pre-existing condition.

The application process is simple and straightforward. The form itself is short - one piece of paper front and back. There are easy-to-read instructions. When the applications was tested with Texas families, it only took them an average of eight minutes to complete.

Families whose children qualify for CHIP will get comprehensive health insurance coverage designed for both healthy children

and those with special health care needs, such as chronic conditions like asthma or disabilities like cerebral palsy. Each child will have an insurance card issued by a private HMO or insurance company. Each child will have access to doctors, hospitals, specialists, lab tests, x-rays, immunizations, dental, mental health and substance abuse services, or speech or physical therapy when they need them.

How much a family pays for coverage will depend upon the family's ability to pay. Those who qualify for Medicaid health insurance will pay nothing at all. CHIP-enrolled families will make co-payments for doctor's office visits, prescription drugs, and emergency-room care depending on income and the service being received.

Premium amounts range from \$15 per year per family to \$18 per month per family, based on the family's ability to pay. Families who receive coverage for their children through the Texas Healthy Kids Corporation will pay competitive monthly premiums that vary depending

on where the family lives.

CHIP is an investment that will pay big dividends down the road. Regular preventative health care is key to a happy and productive life. Illnesses that are detected early can often be treated and cured more quickly and at a lower cost. CHIP means that there will be fewer sick days for children and fewer missed work days for parents. That is not only good for our children and families, it's good for Texas businesses who depend on their employees to get the job done day in and day out.

I applaud the leadership and vision of Governor Bush who supported and signed CHIP into law. Of Senator Mike Moncrief and Representative Patricia Gray who sponsored and shepherded the Chip legislation, and of Texas legislators who showed that our children matter more than politics or process. CHIP extends a helping hand to the most fragile Texans - uninsured children - and in doing so ensures that the future of the Lone Star State is healthier, brighter and more productive for us all.

## J. Pat Porter

### Memorial Scholarship

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*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 evidenced 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 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.

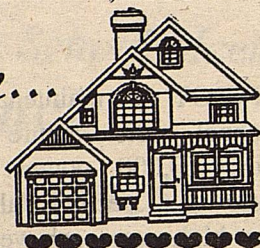
Financial need will not necessarily be a criterion for consideration; however, financial need may be considered by the Selection Committee.

Members of the 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, and 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 in order to select a person that the Committee feels is a dignification of the positive attributes that were exhibited by the late J. Pat Porter.

**Drive Safely . . . Our children are playing**

## Heart and home...

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



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## Walking: 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 reduce 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.

Walk Across Texas in Borden County will kick-off on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, and will run through Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Please call the Extension Office at (806)756-4336 if you would like to participate in Walk Across Texas.

## Springtime Bass Fishing

By Thompson Temple  
Texas Wildlife

It is that time of the year! Spring is here and for many sportsmen it is time to bring out those fishing poles. The mornings can still be cool as I recently found out. It is a great time to catch a big bass.

The thrill to a fisherman or woman is unbelievable when the pole bends way down and you can see your line racing sideways in the water.

Last summer, I stopped in and met Elroy Krueger near Choke Canyon Reservoir near Three Rivers, Texas. I told Elroy, who is a popular fishing guide, that I wanted to catch a big bass. Elroy told me to come in March and April. I remembered that and recently called him and went fishing with him.

We met at 6:00 a.m. and proceeded straight to the lake. Whatever Elroy did I tried to do it the same. He threw his lure next to a stump, then my identical lure was there just ten seconds later. Boy, did we catch the bass! My pole would arch and my drag would go crazy. I have caught bass before when it was fun to watch it happen. This day it was serious business. I didn't want to lose a single fish. My hands were hurting with the cranking of the reel and the pressure on my fingers. We were



catching the bass about 2 feet below the surface on spinner baits and crank baits.

Other boats were parked not far away watching Elroy and I haul in the bass. Elroy said that my five best bass weighted 27-pounds total. His best five bass weighted 30-pounds total. My biggest bass was 8-pounds and his biggest was 9-pounds. We turned all our bass back into the water to be caught again.

The popular country singer Robert Earl King sings "I see a ripple, I hear a splash. Lord have mercy, it's a five pound bass"! If you have a spare morning then give Elroy a call. His number is 1-512-786-3447.

Remember, keep the wind in your face, the sun at your back and the Lord in your heart?



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## Spring Fling

A first-time event will be held at the Plains Community Center.

A Spring Fling After-Church Lunch

Bring your family's favorite meat, vegetable, salad, or dessert and join in the good eating, good visiting and Pay Your Dues!

The line will begin forming at 12:30 p.m. April 9<sup>th</sup>.

At 10:00 a.m. on the Saturday morning before the lunch, bring your dust cloths, Pledge, Windex, etc. and help tidy the building for the Spring Fling.

Don't miss the fun time at the Plains Community Center



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## The Gone with the Wind Museum

When Bobbie Hardy went to a meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1980, a featured speaker at the breakfast was the world's foremost collector of GONE WITH THE WIND memorabilia.

"I was so impressed with what he said I decided right then I would start collecting things about the movie," says Bobbie. "I had always liked the movie and owned one 1964 Book club edition of the novel. That was the beginning of my collection. Now I have several copies of the novel in different languages."

She bought some items in Atlanta during that meeting. One was a book about Margaret Mitchell, who wrote GONE WITH THE WIND. Another book she acquired was about the making of the motion picture. I started reading everything I could get my hands on about the book, the author and the movie.

Soon she was making speeches about GWTW all over Houston, where she lived at the time. She and her husband Randy moved to Jefferson a couple of years ago and started

building a home reminiscent of Tara, the ante-bellum home in the movie. They plan to finish it soon and turn it into an establishment called Scarlett O'Hardy's Bed and Breakfast.

An old high school agriculture building next door has been converted into the Gone with the Wind Museum. "I have one of the world's largest collections of GWTW memorabilia," says Bobbie. "To my knowledge, this is the only permanent museum devoted to the movie."

She has a letter written by Margaret Mitchell and a copy of the novel signed by the author. She has a collection of GWTW dolls, Christmas tree ornaments, pictures and autographs of the stars, posters and numerous advertising items pertaining to the movie. One cabinet contains articles related to the premiere of the movie on December 15, 1939.

GONE WITH THE WIND is perhaps the most famous movie ever made. "When they take a readers' poll, it always ranks in the top three," says Bobbie.

"Statistic say that next to the Bible, it's the most widely read book in the world."

Jefferson is a good place for the museum. It is an ante-bellum town, reeking of southern charm and hospitality. The Hardy's chose Jefferson because it is close to Atlanta, Texas, Randy's hometown. The museum is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday and other times by appointment. It has a gift shop which features GWTW memorabilia, including duplicates of some of her treasured items. Since the museum opened a little over a year ago, 2,000 people from 32 states and 9 foreign countries have visited it.

"Lots of ladies come in and ask if Rhett is here. They're really interested in finding Rhett Butler. I don't blame them at all. I look for him everyday. I do have three mannequins dressed in reproduction ladies, costumes. I guess I'm going to have to get one for Rhett".

GWTW had the first cuss word in a movie. Clark Gable said, "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn." The producer of the movie, David O. Seiznick, had to pay \$5,000 to the motion picture board of review in order to use the cuss word in the movie.

Bobbie's personalized license plate is GWTW.

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## Engagement Announced



### Chad Martin & Amy Lewis

R.D. and Carol Lewis of Gail, announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter Amy Lynn Lewis to Joe Chad Martin, son of Dennis and Janice Martin of Bogata.

Amy is a graduate of Borden County High School and Abilene Christian University, and is employed as a Regional Marketing Director for Sun Bridge Healthcare in Dallas. Chad is a graduate of Rivercrest High School in Bogata and Austin College. He is a Health Services Manager with Concentra Medical Center in Ft. Worth.

The couple will be married July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2000 at Farmers Branch Church of Christ.

### Notice of Democratic Primary Run-off Election Polling Places

To the registered voters of the County of Borden Texas: Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2000 for voting in the Democratic Primary Run-off Election.

#### LOCATION(s) OF POLLING PLACES

- No. 1 (Plains) at the Plains Community Center
- No. 2A (South Gail) at Gail Community Building
- No. 2B (Ackerly/Vealmoor) at Vealmoor Election Building
- No. 3A (Murphy) at the Murphy Election Building
- No. 3B (Fairview) at the Fairview Election Building
- No. 4A (North Gail) at the County Showbarn in Gail
- No. 4B (Snelling) at Hurston Lemons, Jr. resident.

Absentee Voting at County Clerk's Office, Gail Courthouse during normal business hours beginning April 3<sup>rd</sup> thru April 7<sup>th</sup>


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## Thanks!

I would like to take this opportunity to say **THANK YOU** to the people of Borden County for your support and vote in the Justice of Peace Election.

Thank You,  
 Dorothy E. Wilson

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**Let Me Get My Hat!**  
By Dennis Poole,  
Borden County CEA-Ag.

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## Wildlife program scheduled in Snyder

### "Developing Deer and Quail Enterprises for your Ranch"

A wildlife program, "Developing Deer and Quail Enterprises for Your Ranch" hosted by Scurry, Borden, Fisher, and Kent County Extension Offices and sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, USDA-National Resource and Conservation Service, Texas Wildlife Association, Ezell-Key Grain Co., Inc. and the Wagon Wheel Guest Ranch, will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2000 at the Wagon Wheel Guest Ranch, 10 miles north of Snyder, Texas just off of U.S. Highway 84 on County Road 2128, from 8:20 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

This meeting will be a great opportunity for area ranchers and others interested in wildlife management to learn more about adding wildlife enterprises to their livestock operations.

Leading off the program will be Keith Pate, region 2 director for the Texas Wildlife Association who will discuss the scope of opportunities available in west Texas wildlife marketing. Following Keith will be Jim Lionberger, Wildlife Biologist for the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department stationed in Scurry County who will discuss the current wildlife population status in the area. Kent Mills, with Ezell-Key Grain co., Inc., Snyder, Texas, will discuss nutritional and habitat

requirements for deer, and Steve Nelle, Wildlife Biologist with the Natural Resource and Conservation Service in San Angelo, Texas will explain ways to improve habitat to amplify deer populations. Alan Heirman, Wildlife Biologist with the Natural Resource and Conservation Service in Albany, Texas will discuss nutritional and habitat requirements for quail, and Dr. Dale Rollins, Wildlife Specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in San Angelo, Texas will cover ways to improve habitat for quail to enhance populations. Rocky Vinson, County Extension Agent - Agricultural for Shackelford county will finish the morning session relating his experiences and the benefits of developing wildlife

co-operatives to allow smaller landowners the ability to improve the quality of their deer and quail.

During a steak lunch provided by the Wagon Wheel Guest Ranch, a point-counterpoint discussion on importation of wildlife into your ecosystem will pit Art Browning, owner of American Hunter Feeders and Blinds of Mesquite, Texas with Calvin Richardson, Wildlife Biologist for the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. This discussion should enlighten participants as to the advantages and disadvantages of bringing in deer from other areas as well as alternative species of "exotic" wildlife to enhance hunting opportunities.

The afternoon session will deal more with "people" management as Greg Simons, Wildlife Biologist and owner of Wildlife Systems based in San Angelo, Texas will discuss how to attract hunters and other wildlife customers to your enterprise. Then Roy Wilson, of Krooked River Ranch Outfitters in Haskell, Texas will explain how to price a hunting, or other wildlife, experience on your ranch depending on the facilities and amenities that you are

## 4-H News

### Come Join the fun! Borden County 4-H Club Meeting



Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>  
from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

in the Showbarn

We will be discussing upcoming activities and events, as well as electing officers.

Hope to see YOU there!

For more information contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336

willing to offer. The last speaker will be Dave Rogers of Midland, Texas who will discuss the expectations of a hunter based on the fees charged by landowners. A question and answer session of all the speakers will conclude the program.

anyone interested in wildlife management and if FREE to those who pre-register by April 14<sup>th</sup>. to pre-register, call Greg Greuben, County Extension Agent-Agriculture for Scurry County at 915-573-5423. There will be a \$10.00 charge for those who wish to attend but do not pre-register.

The meeting is open to



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Testing and Applications will be taken at the Borden County Community Center on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

For more information in the Borden County area please call: Gene Quigly at (915)263-7013 or Call the Local Census Office at (806)785-6740 or 1-888-325-7733

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# Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

## TDA Publishes Organic Cotton Rules

LUBBOCK, March 31,  
By Roger Haldenby

The Texas Department of Agriculture recently opened to public comment its proposed rules concerning organic cotton production in active boll weevil eradication zones. As a result of the comments received TDA has published its adoption of some of the proposed regulations, its withdrawal of some previously proposed and its submission of new proposals. The department intends to review the rules again in January 2001.

The department says it has attempted to balance, in these rules, the various roles that it plays. TDA is responsible for overseeing implementation of the boll weevil eradication program and regulating that program. The agency is also charged with opening markets for Texas agricultural products including organic agricultural products. Furthermore, TDA has developed and enforces the state's organic certification program.

In the adoption notice the agency lines out the overall goals of the package as to "allow organic cotton producers to grow their cotton without fear of reprimand or discriminatory treatment in regards to how eradication program is conducted, while at the same time assuring the success of the boll weevil eradication program is not compromised." It goes on to say "our goals include providing organic cotton growers reasonable compensation should they be required to

destroy their organic cotton field due to a boll weevil infestation."

The department comments "We believe that ultimately, the success of the program will benefit all growers and the public in general by reducing the use of pesticides used to control the boll weevil and by allowing Texas cotton growers to be more competitive in the marketplace."

Prior to 1998, there were three established eradication zones with active eradication programs. In these three zones organic production approximated 450 acres.

In calendar year 1999 more zones held referenda, voting in programs and assessments to fund their program and assessments

have been approved. The acreage now included in the statewide eradication effort has grown from 1.5 million to over 3.5 million acres. The amount of organic cotton being produced in active eradication zones has increased to over 7,500 acres.

In the past, most organic growers in active eradication zones chose to be indemnified not to grow organic cotton and entered into individual agreements with the foundation in that regard. In areas that were not in active eradication zones, all cotton growers, organic and traditional, were responsible for treating their own fields as they saw fit to control pests.

By voting in an eradication program growers in a zone have acknowledged the need to have a unified effort for control of boll weevils, and have also made a financial investment in the program by virtue of their paying assessments to fund the program.

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date (s) shown below, and then publicly read.

#### CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT (s)

District: Abilene

Contract 0518-01-015 for WIDEN SUBGRADE, ADD SHOULDERS AND SEALCOAT in MITCHELL County, etc. will be opened on May 04, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Contract 6054-70-001 for RIPRAP REPAIR in HOWARD County, etc. will be opened on April 27, 2000, at 3:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$298,941.15.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Pre-qualified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit pre-qualification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Pre-qualification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract (s) are available at reproduction companies in Austin, Texas at the NPO: 86

#### State Office

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

#### District Office (s)


Abilene District  
District Engineer  
5250 N. Clack  
Abilene, Texas 79603  
Phone: 915/676-6800

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

#### MAY CALENDAR

- May 2 - FFA Lone Wolf Spring Meet at Ira - 4:00
- May 3 - FFA Lone Wolf District Banquet at Loraine
- May 4 - 6 - State Academic UIL
- May 9 - FFA Banquet at Borden County
- May 11 - Spring Concert
- May 12 - Weather Day HOLIDAY
- May 12 & 13 - Band Trip, State Track Meet
- May 16 - Awards Banquet
- May 19 - Junior Senior Banquet
- May 21 - Baccalaureate
- May 25 - Junior High Graduation - 8:00
- May 26 - High School Graduation - 8:00

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2	3 District HS Tennis at Big Spring	4	5 Dist. HS Golf @ Gaines County	6 Area HS One-Act Play @ Eden	7 Dist. HS Track @ Borden County	8 Area FFA Judging @ Texas Tech JH Dist. Tennis @ Big Spring
9	10	11 TAAS 3-8 Math <small>Cheerleading Applications due by noon.</small>	12 TAAS 3-8 Reading	13 TAAS 8th Social Studies	14 TAAS 8th Science End 5th Six Weeks Regional Academic Meet at Abilene	15 Area Qualifiers Meet @ Wellman State FFA Judging at Texas Tech
16	17 Dist. East Zone JH Track at Sands	18 Cheerleading Tryouts	19 Band Contest & Sight Reading @ Sundown	20 Area HS Track (Wyle or Merkel) State FFA Judging @ Tarleton	21 HOLIDAY!	22
23 	24 HOLIDAY! (Weather Day)	25	26 TASP TESTING AT BORDEN COUNTY ISD	27	28 Mobile Dairy Unit Regional Track at ACU	29 State FFA Judging-A&M Floydada Band Festival at 3:30
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## Parents shouldn't ignore children who snore

For many children, snoring can be more than a noisy nuisance.

"Unfortunately, we don't have as good of an idea about snoring in children as we do in adults," said Dr. Max Hirshkowitz, associate director of the Sleep Disorders Center at Baylor College of Medicine. "We do know, however, that it can run the range from being relatively minor to being a symptom of sleep apnea."

Obstructive sleep apnea is a serious, life-threatening condition that can trigger various abnormalities or developmental delay. It occurs when enlarged adenoid glands or tonsils block the upper airway passages during sleep, making it difficult for the child to breathe.

Not every child who snores, however, is showing signs of sleep apnea. In adults, only 20 to 30 percent of those who snore suffer from the condition.

In general, snoring occurs when the floppy tissue in the airway relaxes and begins to vibrate. Many times the noise is caused by an enlarged soft palate and uvula, the lobe hanging from the back of the roof of the mouth.

"Anything that limits the size of the airway, such as breathing through the mouth, sedating medications or chronic inflammation of the nose can increase snoring," Hirshkowitz said.

He does warn, however, that even "simple" snoring carried some risks. The constant vibration can beat down throat tissue, leading to infection. The multiple sleep disturbances can also keep a child from achieving a truly restful state.

"At school, these children will often wiggle around in their seats or

doodle, all very subtle signs of sleepiness," Hirshkowitz said. "They become wound up, are unable to control their fidgeting and eventually stop paying attention."

Snoring can affect more than a child's ability to make the grade at school. Many also suffer from

weight problems, morning headaches and frequent bed-wetting.

Although parents might try to tune out their child's earsplitting habit, Hirshkowitz recommends getting a professional evaluation as soon as possible. A check-up can help diagnose any serious conditions and pinpoint any potential sleep-related problems.

"Many of the adults we treat for sleep apnea have

symptoms that can be traced back to childhood," Hirshkowitz said. "Sleep problems can have a huge effect on schoolwork and parents should not wait until the ill effect surface in the classroom."



### Notice of Republican Primary Run-off Election Polling Place

The Republican Primary Run-off Election Polling Place will be located at the Community Building in Gail on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2000 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m..

Absentee Voting at County Clerk's Office, Gail Courthouse during normal business hours beginning April 3<sup>rd</sup> thru April 7<sup>th</sup>

## EASTER BRUNCH

Brunch is the meal of choice to serve for Easter, whether you're entertaining guests or just your family. Brunch replaces both breakfast and lunch, but often includes a more extensive menu than either of those meals. But an extensive menu doesn't have to be complicated, especially when you serve a savory brunch casserole that can be made either ahead of time or at the last minute.

Italian Sausage Brunch Casserole gets its great flavor from Italian sausage and a delicious tomato and fresh basil topping that's spooned over the top before it's baked. The batter combines the convenience of biscuit and baking mix with eggs, milk, sour cream and cheese. "This recipe is great because it's so quick to stir together and quick to bake," says Marrgi Walstrom, senior product development specialist for Pioneer Flour Mills. "If you like extra-spicy foods, substitute hot sausage for the mild sausage. Add a big bowl of fresh fruit and some sweet muffins to complement the casserole."

For a sweet ending, serve Honey-Almond Cake. Almonds are placed on the bottom of a bundt or tube pan, and then a rich honey-almond-flavored pound cake batter is spooned over the top. The baked cake is inverted so that the almonds are on the top, and then it is covered with a honey-butter glaze. This cake is pretty, it's moist, and it's a delicious ending to a perfect meal. To make it extra-special, serve it with a dollop of whipped cream and garnish it with fresh raspberries.

#### Italian Sausage Brunch Casserole

- 1 lb. mild Italian sausage
- 2 1/2 cups Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix
- 2 cups (8 oz.) shredded Cheddar cheese (divided)
- 6 large eggs, beaten
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup sour cream
- 3 medium tomatoes, peeled and seeded, or 1 can (14 1/2 oz.)



A tasty new twist on a favorite dish to serve for Easter brunch.

- chopped tomatoes, drained well
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh basil leaves

In medium skillet, brown sausage over medium heat. Remove from skillet; drain on paper towels. Place sausage in 13x9-inch baking dish that has been coated with cooking spray. In large bowl, combine biscuit and baking mix with 1 cup of the cheese. In medium bowl, combine eggs, milk and sour cream; stir into dry ingredients until combined. Pour batter over sausage. In small bowl, combine tomatoes and basil; spoon over batter. Bake at 350° for 25 to 28 minutes or until golden brown. Sprinkle with remaining cheese; bake 2 to 3 minutes longer or until cheese is melted. Serve hot. Makes 8 servings.

**Helpful Tip:** To make ahead, prepare casserole as directed except do not bake it. Cover and refrigerate up to 24 hours. Uncover and bake as directed.

#### Honey-Almond Cake

- 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter or margarine (room temperature)
- 7 to 8 ounces almond paste, crumbled
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup pure clover honey
- 6 large eggs
- 3 cups Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix
- 1/2 cup sour cream

- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds

Glaze (below)

In large mixer bowl, beat butter and almond paste on medium speed until fluffy. Add sugar and honey; beat until smooth. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. With mixer on low speed, add biscuit and baking mix alternately with sour cream, beating until smooth. Add vanilla and almond extract; beat until combined. Spray 10-inch bundt or angel food cake (tube) pan thoroughly with cooking spray. Place almonds on bottom of pan. Spoon cake batter over almonds. Bake at 300° for 70 to 80 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in the center comes out clean and sides of cake begin to pull away from the pan. Cool cake in pan for 10 minutes. Invert onto serving plate.

**Glaze:** Combine 1/2 cup pure clover honey and 1/4 cup melted butter or margarine; carefully brush on top of the warm cake. Makes 16 servings.

**Helpful Tip:** When measuring biscuit and baking mix, gently spoon mix into nested (dry) measuring cup/s. Using a metal spatula or straight-edged knife, level off the top.

For exciting recipes, baking tips, and more, visit Pioneer Flour Mills' web site at: [www.pioneermills.com](http://www.pioneermills.com)