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BHS Advances Shot Put, Relay Teams, Distance Runners and Hurdler to Regional Track Meet

Though the UIL Area meet, a combination of Districts 9 and 10, was dominated by the larger schools from District 10, BHS held its own and will advance seven girls in five events and four boys in four events.

The Cross Plains girls' team and the Robert Lee boys' team swept the field to claim the championship trophies. BHS finished fifth in both the boys' and girls' divisions out of 20 schools represented.

Boys advancing to regional include defending state champion Trent Pepper in the 3200m run. He won first with a personal best and new school record 10.00.09.

Holly Thomas qualified in the girls' division in the same event with a fourth place finish, with a time 20 seconds better than her district-qualifying time, 13:15.85.

Freshman Bobbie Kempf will serve as alternate in the 3200m girls' run with her fifth place finish in 13:34.27.

Sophomore Rika Copeland will advance to regional for the second straight year with her gold medal in the shot put. She finished the competition with

her last throw at 38', moving her from fourth place up to first.

In the boys' discus, Freshman T. J. Sharp will be the alternate with his fifth place ribbon, throwing 128' 7".

Another sophomore, T. C. Stipe, won the 800m run in a personal best time of 2:02.97, another school record in this event.

Senior Crystal Dye finished in a dead heat for fourth place and a spot to regional in the 100m hurdles. Pickers chose the hurdler from Wellman-Union so Crystal will be the alternate in this event.

In the 300m hurdles, Freshman Micah Hensley won a third place bronze medal and advances to regional. Crystal will be the alternate in this hurdle race as well, finishing fifth with a time of 53.07.

The 1600m run saw two Borden County runners place in the top four to go on to Abilene. Juniors Holly Thomas and Trent Pepper once again paced the field, with Holly winning a second place silver medal (5:52.89)

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Mayes to Play Collegiate Basketball Lady Coyote Senior Signs National Letter of Intent to Attend The University of Texas A&M-Kingsville, on Full Scholarship

She's traded columbia blue for royal blue, but her goal will remain the same: to play quality basketball and make quality grades.

Senior Julie Mayes, daughter of David Mayes of Borden County, was signed by Coach Jill Willson Snyder and Sue Jane Mayes of Borden County, was signed by Coach Jill Willson last week and will enroll at TAMUK this fall to study and play ball.

Mayes, a member of the 1999 Final Four team in Class A, averaged 14.3 points

per game and was named to various all-state teams her junior and senior year.

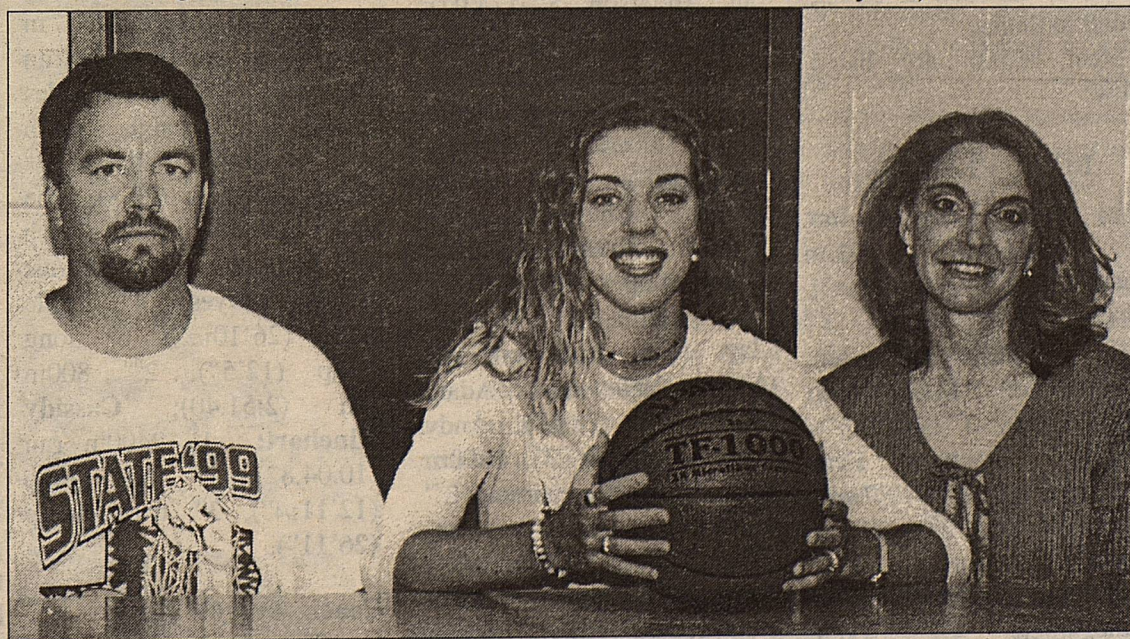
She also participated on state-qualifying track and cross-country teams her sophomore and junior years.

In signing with TAMUK, Mayes will be playing at the NCAA Division II level. Area universities who are in the same conference as the Lady Javelinas are Angelo State, ACU, West Texas A & M, and ENMU in Portales.

This past season TAMUK

won the Lone Star Conference title and advanced to the Elite 8 tournament held in Oklahoma. Coach Willson, a native of Floydada and graduate of West Texas A & M, was named Coach of the Year as well.

Mayes was coached in junior high by Bob Dyess, in high school by Clay Stout (freshman year), and current coach Gailan Winegarner (sophomore, junior, and senior years).



HEADING TO KINGSVILLE

Borden County hoop standout Julie Mayes (center) has signed a scholarship with Texas A&M-Kingsville. Also pictured are Borden

County girls basketball coach Gailan Winegarner and Julie's mother, Sue Jane Mayes. Julie's father, David, lives at Snyder.

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and Trent a gold medal (4:35.44).

Completing the meet were the 1600m relay teams' performances. The girls' team, consisting of Bekah Hensley, Micah Hensley, Valerie Wootan, and Julie Mayes, won 4th in a tight race with their season best time of 4:21.91.

Robert Stamper, Joseph Hardman, Trent Pepper, and T. C. Stipe won a bronze medal to capture a spot at regional in their season-best time of 3:33.70.

Other participants in Friday's area meet were as follows:

Dalene Kempf, 7th in 3200m run; Ed Rodriguez, 8th in triple jump; Rika Copeland, 6th in discus; Bekah Hensley, 6th in long jump; Lee Pepper, 6th in pole vault; Ramon Griffin, 7th in pole vault; Pati Rodriguez, Kyla Culp, Carolina Arrelanos, Laura Stamper, 8th in 400m relay; Ed Rodriguez, Joseph Hardman, Robert Stamper, Rowdy Dunlap in 400m relay; Payton Brown,

7th in 800m run; Micah Hensley, 8th in 100m hurdles; Robert Stamper, 6th in 110m high hurdles; Bekah Hensley, 6th in 100m dash; Pati Rodriguez, Kyla Culp, Rika Copeland, Valerie Wootan, 6th in 800m relay; T. C. Stipe, 8th in 400m dash; Julie Mayes, 7th in 400m dash; Bekah Hensley, 7th in 200m dash; Bobbie Kempf, 6th in 1600m run.

Regional events will begin Friday, April 28, at ACU and continue with finals on Saturday, April 29.

Boys Finish First, Girls Second East Zone (District 9A) Championship and Runner-up Titles Go to Borden County Junior High Track Teams at Meet in Ackerly

The Borden Jr. High track teams made the most of every point April 19 at the zone track meet.

After these points were tabulated, Borden Jr. High boys finished just ahead of Ira, 175-171, to win first.

The girls' track team, consisting of only seven members, finished a strong second to Sands.

Meet results are listed below:

BOYS RESULTS

Shot put: Dusty Gwinn, 4th (30'11 1/2"), Adam Carter, 5th (30'1-1/2"); **Discus:** Dusty Gwinn, 2nd (112'1"), Kyle Pinkerton, 3rd (109'3 1/2"); **Long jump:** Dan Griffin, 3rd (14'9 1/2"); **Triple jump:** Evan Winegarner, 2nd (29'7 1/2"), John Stamper, 3rd (29'6"); **High jump:** Kyle Pinkerton 3rd (4'6"), Evan Winegarner, 4th (4'6"); **Pole vault:** Adam Carter, 2nd (7'8"), Ben Griffin, 3rd

(6'6"), Tyler Wallace 4th (6'6"); **2400m run:** Evan Winegarner, 2nd (10:06.35); **800m run:** Derek Rodriguez, 3rd (2:43.86), John Wilson, 5th (2:49.14), Ben Griffin, 6th (2:53.51); **110m hurdles:** Dan Griffin, 1st (19.81), John Stamper, 3rd (21.0), Clay John Anderson, 5th (24.97); **110m dash:** Adam Carter, 5th (13.97), Andy Lozano, 6th (14.15); **400m dash:** Tyler Wallace, 4th (68.16), Ben Griffin, 5th (73.1), Garrett Chapman, 6th (77.63); **300m hurdles:** John Stamper, 1st (50.08), Dan Griffin 2nd (51.98), Clay John Anderson, 4th (63.33); **200m dash:** Adam Carter, 4th (28.67), Andy Lozano, 5th (28.93); **1600m run:** Evan Winegarner, 2nd (6:12.69), Garrett Chapman, 5th (6:45.51); **1600m relay:** Tyler Wallace, Derek Rodriguez, Billy Roper, Evan Winegarner, 3rd (4:47.05)

GIRLS RESULTS

800m relay: 1st, (2:05.17) Shayla Gass, Emily Mayes, Thelma Balaque, Cassidy Rinehart; **1600m relay:** 1st, (4:50.97) same four girls; **Alexis Brooks**, shot put, 2nd (23'2 1/4"), discus 1st (78'4") and she also ran the 100m dash; **Shayla Gass**, 2nd in triple jump (27'8"), 2nd in 200m dash (31.38) and participated in the long jump; **Thelma Balaque:** 1st 200m hurdles (36.64), 3rd high jump (4'0"); **Ashley Ellison:** 5th 100m hurdles (24.8), she also ran the 100m dash and threw the discus; **Emily Mayes:** 4th triple jump (26'10 1/2"), 6th long jump (12'5"), 2nd 800m run (2:51.40); **Cassidy Rinehart:** 1st 2400m run (10.04.82), 1st long jump (12'11 1/4"), 3rd triple jump (26'11").

Coach Avery's Note:

"These girls have had a good season and have also been a joy to be around.

Track and Field Schedule Regional Track Meet April 28th & 29th

Running Events

Friday, April 28th

9:00 AM	3200M Run	A-AA Girls	A-AA Boys
11:00 AM	(rolling schedule)		
4:00 PM	(rolling schedule)		
4:00 PM	400M Relay	AA Girls	AA Boys
11:00/2:30	400M Relay	Girls	Boys
11:15/2:45	800M Run	Girls	Boys
11:30/3:00	100M Hurdle	Girls	
11:40/3:10			

Saturday, April 29th

11:00 AM	A Finals
2:30 PM	AA Finals
11:00/2:30	400M Relay
11:15/2:45	800M Run
11:30/3:00	100M Hurdle
11:40/3:10	

They did a great job getting runner-up at the track meet with only having seven girls on the team. I am looking forward to working with these young ladies in the future."

110M Hurdles	Boys
11:50/3:20	
100M Dash	Girls
12:05/3:35	
800M Relay	Girls
12:15/3:45	
400M Dash	Boys
12:30/4:00	Girls
300M Hurdles	Boys
12:50/4:20	
200M Dash	Girls
1:00/4:30	Boys
1600 Run	Girls
1:20/4:50	Boys
1600M Relay	Girls
	Boys

Field Events

Friday, April 28th

10:00 AM	
High Jump	AA Girls
Discus	AA Girls
Long Jump	AA Boys
Triple Jump	A Boys
Shot Put	AA Boys

12:30 PM

High Jump	AA Boys
Discus	AA Boys
Long Jump	AA Girls
Shot Put	AA Girls

3:00 PM

High Jump	A Girls
Discus	A Girls
Long Jump	A Girls
Shot Put	A Boys
Pole Vault	A Boys

5:00 PM

High Jump	A Boys
Discus	A Boys
Long Jump	A Boys
Shot Put	A Girls
Triple Jump	A Girls

Saturday, April 29th

10:00 AM	
Triple Jump	AA Boys
NOON	
Triple Jump	AA Girls
Pole Vault	AA Boys

*There will be a thirty-minute break after the conclusion of all divisions in these events.

Admission: \$7.00 Adults
\$5.00 Students

National Science Foundation Awards Scholarship Program to TSTC Sweetwater

SWEETWATER, TX.--The National Science Foundation (NSF) has approved Texas State Technical College Sweetwater's scholarship program request. "Technology Tomorrow Scholarship Program". The scholarship program valued at \$135,000, is designed to attract more students to two-year technical program in the computer science and engineering technologies.

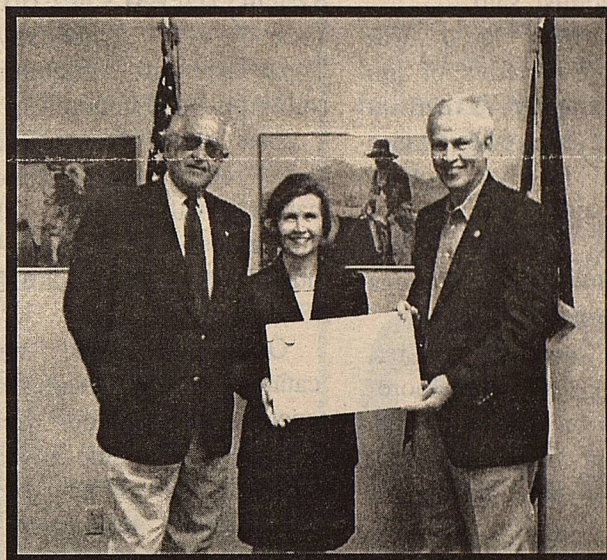
"We are extremely pleased that our scholarship program was approved," said Kathy Kennedy, Grants Program Coordinator. "Out of the total amount we received, \$125,000 will go directly

to qualified students attending TSTC. Beginning with the fall term, scholarship applicants who are approved will receive \$800 per semester while attending TSTC."

"Scholarship applications will be reviewed by a scholarship committee and approved based upon various requirements that include grade point averages, TASP scores, and written recommendations from high school math teachers or previous employers," said Kelly Dobyns, Program Administrator for the grant program. "Applicants will also be required to write

an essay to establish evidence of motivation, determination, professionalism and communications skills."

Students applying to TSTC locations in Sweetwater, Abilene or Brownwood for admission to the following associate degree programs may qualify for the scholarship program: Automation/Robotics Technology, Computer Network/ Electronics Technology, Electronics Technology, Telecommunications Technology, Computer Network Technology, and Computer Science Technology. For more information, please contact the TSTC New Student Admission Office at 1-800-592-8784 or 915/235-7300.



Congressman Charles Stenholm presents a replica of the \$135,000 grant check to President Taylor and Mrs. Kennedy.

L-R, Homer Taylor, President, TSTC Sweetwater; Kathy Kennedy, Grants Program Coordinator; Congressman Charles Stenholm

Pre-school Day

Pre-School day has been set for Friday, May 19th. If your child will be five (5) years old on or before September 1st, 2000, he/she may attend school in the fall of 2000.

The day will begin at 7:55 a.m. and dismiss at 12:30 p.m. This will be an early dismissal day for the entire school.

Your child will be able to meet their class-room teacher, Mrs. Smith, their principal, their P.E. Coach, music teacher and everyone that will be involved with them in their school day.

A social security card, immunization records, and a birth certificate are needed for pre-registration.

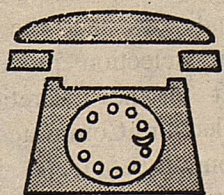
Please notify the bus driver in your area, if your child plans to ride the bus. Lunch will be provided by the school for all pre-school children.

We are looking forward to visiting with you and your child. If you have any questions, please call the school at 806/756-4313.



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May 1st - 5th, 2000

MONDAY: Meat & Gravy, Potatoes, Broccoli, Hot Rolls, Juice Bar & Milk

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice & Milk

TUESDAY: Hobo Stew, Salad, Rolls, Fruit, & Milk

Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Juice & Milk

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

Breakfast: Donut, Fruit, Juice & Milk

THURSDAY: Chicken, corn, Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Fruit & Milk

Breakfast: Pancakes, Ham, Juice, & Milk

FRIDAY: BBQ on a Bun, French Fries, Beans, Cake, & Milk

Breakfast: French Toast, Fruit, Juice, & Milk



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 waive all rules, regulations and formalities in order to select the candidates that the committee feels is most deserving.

Growers should carefully evaluate quality potential, yield potential when selecting cotton varieties

Lint quality is just as important as yield potential to a cotton grower's bottom-line profitability, said a Texas A&N University agronomist.

"That's important to remember when we are evaluating cotton varieties for the next crop," said Randy Boman, Texas Agricultural Extension Service cotton agronomist. "Selecting and planting varieties with good genetic potential for lint quality and total yield is as important as the growing environment.

"We can't control the growing environment that determines whether our chosen varieties will achieve their genetic potential, but we can pick genetically sound varieties that are well-adapted to our region's typical growing conditions."

High Plains cotton producers saw first hand

evidence of this last year. Their 1999 cotton crop took its fair share of adverse weather and still produced high-quality lint, the agronomist said.

"The 1999 crop was outstanding in terms of lint quality, Roughly 75 percent made the top two grades in terms of lint color," Boman said. "The crop's micronaire, strength, leaf grade and bark ratings were also good.

"Some quality factors, such as color, are more dependent on the growing environment than genetics. Even so, we need to consider other quality factors - such as staple and micronaire - when we are evaluating varieties for the next crop."

Varieties with good staple and yield potential are preferred - especially those with the genetic potential to rate 34 to 35 in staple quality. Cotton

with a staple length in this range has a higher loan and market value than shorter staple lint. The Daily Price Estimation System (DPES), at Texas Tech University's Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, is a good model for tracking and comparing cotton market values on the internet (<http://www.aeco.ttu.edu/DPES/>), he noted.

One of the best "catalogs" for evaluating genetic quality and yield potential, in side-by-side variety trails, is Dr. John Gannaway's recently published *1999 Cotton Performance Tests in the High Plains and Trans-Pecos Areas of Texas*. Gannaway is a Texas Agricultural Experiment Station cotton geneticist based in Lubbock.

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Borden County EMS Memorials

Donations have been made to the Borden County EMS

In Memory Of:

Karan Key

M/M Tim Wilson
M/M Barry Bond
M/M Joel Dennis
Doris Steadman
M/M Charles Church
M/M T.R. Schultz
M/M Jack Alexander
Pat Porter
Huston Lemons
M/M Dennis Mason
M/M William Raborn
M/M Tracy Holliday

M/M Doyle Newton & Family
M/M Jim Burkett
M/M Sid Hart & Family
M/M Kent Holmes
Sue Shytles'
M/M Joe Copeland
Verna Faye Ogden
M/M Arlan Youngblood
Juanda Hancock
Shirley Stewart

Juanita Hunnicutt

M/M Charles Church
Carolyn Stone
Sue Shytles
John Dennis
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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.

All-School Reunion Meeting

There will be a All-School Reunion Planning Meeting on Tuesday, May 2nd at the Community Center in Gail beginning at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend and help make final plans.

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Texas Stories
A showcase of the Texas Spirit

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The Ghost of John Wesley Hardin

Leon Metz of El Paso has written sixteen books about the Southwest. Some of them are about notorious folks like Billy the Kid and John Wesley Hardin. He works extremely hard while writing his books and tries to get inside the minds of the people he writes about.

John Wesley Hardin gave him some trouble.

"I was pretty well into life of John Wesley Hardin and gradually it began drawing on me that this guy was communicating with me," says Leon. "I felt as though he didn't like what I was writing about him."

Leon got to the point he was having trouble traveling. "I would be lying in my hotel bed at night and get the feeling that Hardin was in the room with me. He never spoke to me, but I could sense his presence. I began to have nightmares in which sometimes I would shake so violently that my wife would lay across me to keep me from falling out of bed."

He went to see his doctor who prescribed a tranquilizer. "That helped somewhat, but the feeling that Hardin was with me when I was working on the book stayed with me."


John Wesley Hardin's ghost would certainly be bothersome. He killed over 30 men, claiming he always shot in self-defense and never killed anybody who didn't need killing.

Leon was in Austin one time doing some research

Hardin was killed in the Hacienda Café in El Paso by Deputy John Selman on August 19, 1895. He was 42 years old. On the 100th anniversary of Hardin's death, a historical group went to the Hacienda Café and created a re-enactment of Selman shooting Hardin in the back of the head. Leon narrated the story.

"We did it every hour on the hour for 8 hours, then at 9 o'clock at night we took everybody who was there to Hardin's grave in Concordia cemetery, had a drink of wine and wished him well on his way. On this particular day, I wasn't troubled at all by the ghost of John Wesley Hardin."

Leon's book, *John Wesley Hardin, Dark Angel of Texas*, was published about five years ago. Hardin's spirit, or whatever it was, bothered Leon for over a year. "Hardin did not begin to slack off until after the book was finished. Once the book was finished, he gradually began to recede into the background." Leon is pretty well over the experience now, except he doesn't like to travel much.




Colten James Nance
6 lbs., 10 oz. and 20½ inches
came into our lives on
March 29, 2000, at 10:17 a.m.

Proud Parents:
James and Brandi Nance of Kress

Very Proud Grandparents:
Royce and Nora Nance of Lamesa
Steve and Carolyn Hastey of Plainview

Great-Grandparents:
VeeSee and the late James Herbert Nance
Lucy Ybanez and Israel and Mary Ybanez of Lamesa
Maurice and Loretta Hastey
Gerene McGowen of Plainview

Great-Great-Grandparents:
Ada Russell of Littlefield




PET HEALTH CLINIC

Wednesday, May 10, 2000

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BORDEN HIGH SCHOOL

"PROJECT GRADUATION"



Parents and friends of the 2000 Senior Class of Borden County High School are asking for donations for "Project Graduation". Project Graduation is a drug and alcohol free celebration for graduation night.

This project helps make this very important event in the lives of our children SAFER and helps to make a very memorable evening for all. Your gifts and donations will be greatly appreciated and will help make this night even more exciting.

You may send your donations to: "BHS Project Graduation" in care of Borden County I.S.D. P.O. Box 95, Gail, Texas 79738 or contact any senior parent or the school.

Sincerely, Class of 2000 Senior Parents

Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 27th day of March, 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; **HURSTON LEMONS, JR.** Commissioner, Prec. #4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE**, County Clerk, and Ex-officio of the Commissioners Court.

with Commissioner Vernon Wolf, Commissioner Precinct No. 3 absent, 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 13, 2000 were read. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said minutes and motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaacs. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

Deputy Sheriff Billy Gannaway met with the Court concerning Mileage Reimbursement for Private Automobile when on County Business. The

County currently pays .20c a mile and the price of gasoline is going up. Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to pay .32c per mile for Travel Mileage when on County Business commencing March 27, 2000. Commissioner Lemons seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

A discussion was held on Providing Workers' Compensation for Volunteers (EMS and Fire Control). No action was taken at this time.

FIRE PROTECTION

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to enter into Agreement for fire fighting in Borden County for 2000 with the City of O'Donnell for the sum of \$1,875,000, to be paid one-half from Precinct No. 1. Fund and one-half from the General Fund of Borden County. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fire Contract

County of Lynn

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT THIS IS EVIDENCE IN WRITING OF A CONTRACT this day entered into by and between the CITY OF O'DONNELL, a municipal corporation, organized and existing under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of Texas, hereinafter called City, and the COUNTY OF BORDEN a political subdivision of the State of Texas, hereinafter called County.

WITNESSETH:

1. The City owns certain fire fighting equipment and employs certain fire fighting personnel used to combat fires, which it agrees to make available to Borden County, Texas, outside the city limits of O'Donnell, Texas on the following terms and conditions.

2. The Total consideration to be paid by the County to the City is the sum of \$1,875.00 to be paid in full on or before January 31, 2000.

3. This contract shall be from January 1, 2000, through December 31, 2000, inclusive and during all of said period of time the City agrees to available its fire fighting equipment and personnel to combat the County's fires, subject tot he discretion of the City's Fire Chief.

4. The City agrees to be responsible for insurance coverage of the men and equipment of the City's Fire Department and agrees to carry public liability insurance and should the County be adjudged liable for damages as a result of any negligent act of the City's Fire Department, the City agrees to hold harmless the County and to indemnify the County for such losses actually sustained by it.

5. It is expressly understood and agreed by and between parties hereto that the availability of the fire fighting equipment or the personnel of the City of O'Donnell shall be determined by the Fire Chief of the City and in the event the fire equipment and personnel of the City are engaged in the fighting of a fire within the corporate limits of the City of O'Donnell or elsewhere, that said equipment shall not leave any such fire except under the direction of the City Fire Chief to, a call in Borden County.

6. It is understood and agreed that should the City of O'Donnell's fire insurance rate be jeopardized in any manner as a result of answering fire calls outside the City of O'Donnell, then the City shall have the right to terminated this agreement upon immediate notice, either written or oral, to the County upon the tendering of the proportionate part of the cost.

7. Not withstanding anything herein contained to the contrary, it is understood and agreed by the parties that the County accepts the quantity and quality of the fire fighting equipment and personnel of the City as the date of execution of this contract and the City shall be under no obligation to purchase additional equipment or employ additional personnel under this contract and the City shall not be responsible or liable to the County or its inhabitants by reason of a deficiency in fire fighting equipment or personnel.

Executed on this the 9th day of March, 2000, at O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas.

ADJOURN

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



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1. Asphalt for the 2000 paving program
2. Gravel for the 2000 paving program
3. Freight on Gravel
4. Fuel for 2000
 - a. unleaded
 - b. diesel
5. Propane for Courthouse, and Precinct #1 and #2 Barns

For specifications and information on the above, contact the office of the County Judge, Borden County Courthouse, 806/756-4391.

Bids should be submitted to the Office of the County Judge, P.O. Box 156, Borden County Courthouse, Gail, Texas 79738.

The right is reserved by the Borden County Commissioners' Court to accept or reject any and all bids.

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Van L. York
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TEXANS IDENTIFY U.S. ARMED FORCES' MOST IMPORTANT TASK

As has been the case in the past, responses to my December newspaper questionnaires proved that Texans offer great insights into our country's most pressing questions. I always look forward to reading your comments.

One set of questions had to do with one of the bedrock functions of government, to "provide for the common defense," as our U.S. Constitution succinctly puts it. I asked you to identify which is most important, 1) for the United States to participate in more peacekeeping missions, or 2) to keep our troops' combat edge sharp or 3) to urge our allies to handle more peacekeeping duties. The replies I received indicate that 47 percent of you believe guarding our forces' combat edge to be the most important, followed by 45 percent who thought it most important to urge our allies to handle more of the world's peacekeeping duties. Only 8 percent of you answered that peacekeeping missions should be our country's first defense priority.

I also asked what you believe to be the most important foreign or national security matter now facing the United States, and by far the greatest majority identified protecting our country from terrorism, followed closely by controlling our borders and keeping (or reclaiming) the Panama Canal. A great many of you identified China as our greatest national security problem. What follows are some of your answers and comments:

From Tomball: "We need to build the strongest military in the world and attract the best to serve in it with better pay."

Denton: "The over-extending of our military personnel on peacekeeping missions is the single greatest threat to this country."

Seguin: "The things we need to worry the most about are terrorism within our own borders, and drug pushers."

San Antonio: "Our military is being weakened. It is not a social club, and the governing of it has to be different than the way civilian life is conducted. We will be in serious trouble if we do not act to maintain a strong military and set the highest standards."

Georgetown: "We are threatened by the indifference (or lip service) of our allies to the need to hold rogue nations in check."

Bayshore: "I am most concerned about giving away the Panama Canal and China's growing influence in the region, so close to our shores."

Cleburne: "We must not jump into every 'humanitarian' crisis. There has got to be a better way to handle things. We cannot continue to commit troops and money to every hot spot in the world."

Trenton: "We should withdraw from the United Nations before we lose our sovereignty and our freedom."

Waco: "Bring all the troops home and then re-think the way we do these things."

Port Arthur: "Chemical warfare and terrorism lead the list. Why don't we train other countries to respond the way we do to these humanitarian disasters?"

Bonham: "The most important thing is to keep our troops combat ready."

Temple: "I am very concerned about the internal security of our technology. China has already done a great deal of damage and stolen information that can be used against us. Shame on those who allowed this to happen on their watch."

Dripping Springs: "We should be rebuilding our military strength both in manpower and in moving forward with a missile defense, developing new defense technologies and weapons."

Austin: "We need to find a better way to deal with Third World countries and encourage the growth of their economies, so their people won't all move here."

Texasans' basic common sense has got it right. The growing number of peacekeeping missions are contributing to a downward spiral of military readiness, causing recruitment and retention problems and costing money we don't have budgeted.

More often than not, our allies are as well suited to such missions as we are. We should focus U.S. resources on other priorities, which our allies share but for which they lack the unique capabilities that the U.S. alone has.

It is not in our allies' long-term interest for U.S. forces to be tied down on peacekeeping missions that could cause us to lose sight of the global security threats that only we have the power to stop. As a superpower, the United States must draw distinctions between the essential and the important or we risk dissipating our resources and being unable to handle either.

Drive Safely... Our children are playing

National Historic Preservation Week

The 29th annual National Historic Preservation Week will be observed May 14-20, 2000. "Taking America's Past into the Future" is the theme of the week-long celebration sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and promoted by Preservation Texas, a Statewide Partner with the National Trust. Communities across Texas and the nation will be celebrating Preservation Week with special events, tours, and educational programs.

"Preservationists know that one of the foundation stones of a nourishing, vibrant community is an active appreciation for the structures and artifacts of the past," said Patrick

Heath, president of Preservation Texas. "We want to live in communities that are identifiable and distinct, that have a positive spirit, a strong sense of the value of the past, and realistic expectations for the future."

In Texas, National Preservation Week is being promoted by Preservation Texas, Inc. a non-profit membership organization whose mission is to preserve our state's historic resources by direct action and by empowering individuals and local and state organizations through partnerships in education, communications, and advocacy. In 1999 Preservation Texas produced an educational photographic exhibit

on Texas courthouses that is currently touring the state through the year 2000. Preservation Texas also successfully advocated for a \$50 million appropriation for the Texas historic courthouse preservation program. Founded in 1985, and with headquarters in Austin, Preservation Texas has a board of 25 Texans, more than 538 individual members and 70 organizational members representing over 10,000 across the state. For more information, please call 1-888-295-2885.

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This is where THC comes from. THC is the active ingredient in marijuana. It looks the same today as it did in 1960. The difference is how much of it is in marijuana today. Pot today is often grown hydroponically and genetically altered to produce more THC in each plant. The production of marijuana is a commercial industry that in many ways has created a drug much different than it was in the 70's.

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Growers should carefully

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"This publication is available at Texas A&M's Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock, through county Extension offices on the High Plains, and at the Lubbock Center website (<http://lubbock.tamu.edu>)," Boman said. "producers will find some of the best information from cotton performance comparison trials in this publication."

"Another good place to get variety comparison information is from your county Extension agent. Their yearly cotton variety demonstrations provide producers a large-plot, side-by-side visual comparison of variety performance under local growing conditions."

High Plains cotton producers are now significantly optimistic about the 2000 growing season, the agronomist

added.

"Even though many areas in Texas are till plagued by drought, the High Plains has received significant rainfall in the past five months. We have received five inches since October, 1999, and at Lubbock we are currently 1.5 inches above normal rainfall for the month of April," he said. "Our pre-plant moisture situation is looking good even in areas that traditionally only produce a dryland crop."

"Our challenge for 2000 is to see if we can beat out 1999 quality ratings by selecting varieties that will achieve their genetic potential to produce both top quality lint and good yields."

On March 31, USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service said Texas farmers intend to plant about 6.3 million acres of Upland cotton this

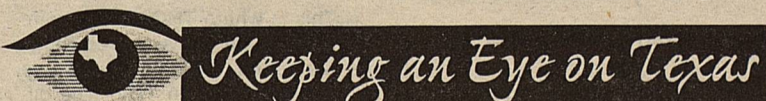
season, two percent more than their 1999 acreage. Farmers on the High Plains typically produce 50 to 60 percent of the state's cotton crop.

National Historic Preservation

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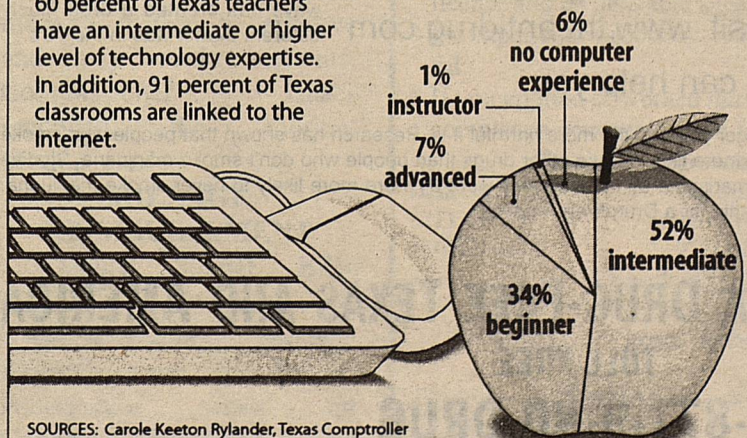
has six regional offices and 20 historic sites and works with thousands of local community groups in all 50 states. For more information, visit the National Trust's Web site at www.nationaltrust.org.



Tech-savvy teachers fill Texas classrooms

Texas teachers are computer savvy according to a 1999 Education Week survey. In fact, 60 percent of Texas teachers have an intermediate or higher level of technology expertise. In addition, 91 percent of Texas classrooms are linked to the Internet.

Computer skills of Texas teachers in 1999:



SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us) and Education Week.



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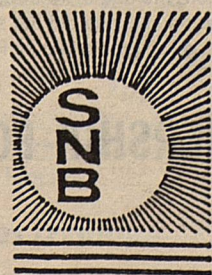
On June 30th, 2000, a Texas Lottery instant game will close - Weekly Grand game #162. You have until December 27th, 2000, to redeem any winning tickets for this game. You can win up to \$1,000 a week for 20 years playing up to \$599 at any Texas Lottery retailer, one of the 23 Texas Lottery claim Texas Lottery Customer Service Line at



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