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Freshmen take District Championship in Cross-X Debate; Head to State Competition in March

It's been a long drought, but the cross-ex championship returned to Borden High School this past week as freshmen Billy Roper and John Wilson went 6-0 to win District 9-A honors.

Roper and Wilson now advance to the State Cross-Ex competition, a mega tournament that will take place Monday, March 11, on the University of Texas campus.

The UIL opted several years ago to drop the

regional level and advance teams to Austin so that cross-ex students would be free to participate in other UIL events later in the year.

With the current system in place, Roper and Wilson had to provide at least eight rounds of debate prior to the district meet to verify their standing—these practice rounds came from invitational meets in Snyder and San Angelo Lake View and dual meets with Stanton and Garden City.

At Thursday's district match, Roper and Wilson defeated all four Highland teams, one from Dawson, and Borden County's other entry—Cassidy Rinehart and Tyler Wallace—in round robin competition February 7.

Rinehart and Wallace—who joined the debating ranks only two weeks before district—are also freshmen and will be back next year.

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Texans made aware of County Government

With the March Primary around the corner and county officials to be elected, below is an accurate description of what functions each of the elected county officials perform. On March 12th, Borden County residents will be electing: County Judge, two County Commissioners, Justice of the Peace, County Treasurer and County/District Clerk in this election.

Primary Functions of Elected County Officers

County Judges

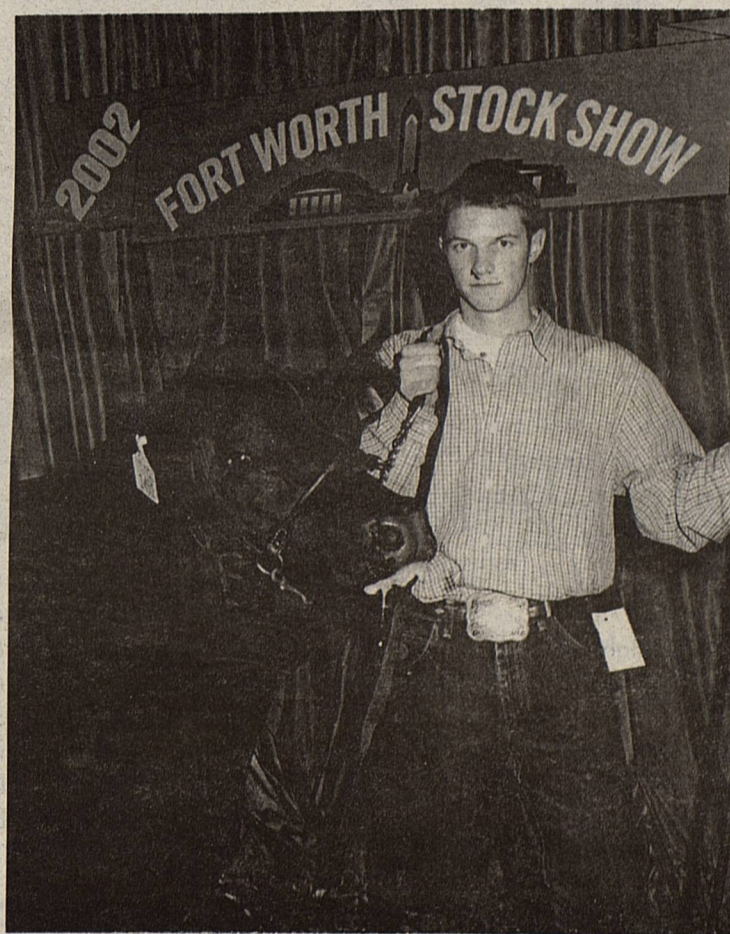
The Texas Constitution vests broad judicial and administrative powers in the position of County Judge, who presides over a five-member Commissioners Court, which has budgetary and administrative authority over county government operations. The county judge handles such widely varying matters as hearing for beer and wine license applications, hearing on admittance to state hospitals for the mentally ill

and mentally retarded, juvenile work permits and temporary guardianships for special purposes. The judge is also responsible for calling elections, posting election notices, and for receiving and canvassing the election returns. The county judge may perform marriages.

A county judge in Texas may have judicial responsibility for certain criminal, civil and probate matters —

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Tanner Poole wins at Ft. Worth Stock Show



Tanner Poole, a junior at Borden County High School, exhibited a 1st Place American Crossbred in the Junior Steer Show at the 2002 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show on January 31st. Tanner is the son of Dennis and Sheri Poole of Gail. Jack Ward of LaGrange, Indiana judged this outstanding event.

The Stock show's Junior Division this year is hosting 9,130 entries by young people of Texas as the culmination of yearlong agricultural educational projects in various areas of livestock production. Junior premiums will exceed \$62,465.

The junior entry list is part of the overall count this year of more than 25,000 head of cattle, sheep, swine, horses, mules, donkeys, llamas, goats, poultry, pigeons, and rabbits. Total prize and premium money for the Livestock Show and its accompanying World's Original Indoor Rodeo is in excess of \$950,000.

Playoff time for Lady Coyotes as girls enter post-season play with 25-5 record

By Sue Jane Mayes

What has become a tradition in Borden County continues again this week as the 2002 Lady Coyotes prepare for another run down the playoff road.

The girls were to have met Highland in a Tuesday night match-up (results were not available before press time).

If victorious in the bi-district tilt, the girls will face either Sanderson or Ft. Davis in Friday night's

area game at a site to be determined.

In their final regular season game, the Lady Coyotes defeated Westbrook 80-27 as 10 different players scored for BHS.

Senior Rika Copeland, playing in the last home game of her career, led the way with 14 points while junior Micah Hensley chipped in 13.

Other Lady Coyotes in double figures were Shayla Gass with 11 (including 3

three-pointers) and Kylia Culp with 10 points.

Finishing out the scoring were Bobbie Kempf (8 pts.), Dalene Kempf (6 pts.), Cassidy Rinehart (7 pts.), Pati Rodriguez (5 pts.), Emily Mayes (4 pts.), and Laura Stamper with one point.

Jessica Ellison, Carolina Arellanos, and Ashley Ellison also played against Westbrook.

For information regarding Friday night's possible area game, call the school office at 756-4313.

Coyote Boys close out season with win over Westbrook; Finish third in District

By Sue Jane Mayes

After winning only one game last year, this year's boys' basketball team improved that number to 11, including a season-ending win over last year's district champs, Westbrook.

With the 53-45 victory over the Wildcats, BHS claimed a season-sweep of a district opponent for the first time in two years.

The Coyotes defeated Westbrook 76-56 back on January 18 in a come-from-behind win that saw the guys score 27 points in the final quarter to pull out the win.

In the most recent victory, BHS started off slowly once again but finished with a 20-point

fourth quarter.

Junior T.J. Sharp paced Coyote scorers with 21 points, including 9 in the final period.

Talin Pepper added 11 points in the win.

Freshman Ben Griffin hit three from behind the arc, all in the second quarter, to finish with 9 points.

Other Coyotes scoring were Jacob Zant with six points, Kyle Pinkerton with four, and T. C. Stipe with two.

Cody Nowlain, Brionne Jackson, and Adam Carter also played.

On the season, BHS went 11-19 and .500 in district play with the 4-4 record.

BHS Students do well at Wylie UIL Meet

High school UIL literary participants are continuing to fine-tune their skills in preparation for March's district meet.

Several students and sponsors traveled to Abilene-Wylie February 9 for a practice meet, with two students returning home with medals.

Junior Micah Hensley won the news writing event over 40 other participants and took 2nd place honors in editorial writing.

Micah also won a

ribbon for a 4th place paper she wrote in the feature writing event.

Sophomore Dan Griffin was rewarded for his efforts with a third-place medal in the difficult Literary Criticism contest.

Griffin had to answer numerous multiple choice questions in an event that tests students' knowledge of literary techniques, application of those techniques, and information from selected reading material chosen by the UIL at the first of the year.

Other participants in

Saturday's meet were Cody Nowlain (poetry), Laura Stamper

(informative/poetry), Kyle Pinkerton (persuasive, headlines), John Stamper (headlines), Ashley Ellison (prose), Tyler Wallace (prose), Emily Mayes (spelling), Garrett Chapman (informative), Adam Carter (informative), Billy Roper (mathematics), John Wilson (calculator, mathematics), Michele Bond (LD debate, informative), Cassidy Rinehart, (prose), and Brionne Jackson, (newsriting).

Freshmen take District BHS

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In Austin, the CX team will debate four preliminary rounds on March 11 in an attempt to make the "sweet sixteen" round on Tuesday.

If they qualify, they will then have to compete in a single elimination tournament to advance to finals slated for later in the day.

Historically, Borden High School has quite a

past in this UIL event. During the 70's and 80's, BHS produced several state qualifiers and even a state championship, but not since 1990 has a CX team made it to Austin.

A special feature on those students will be upcoming.

The resolution for this year's debaters throughout Texas is resolved: that

the United States federal government should establish a foreign policy significantly limiting the use of weapons of mass destruction.



From the Counselor:
By Mary Airhart

TASP for BHS Jr. & Sr. to be given

On Monday, February 18th, junior and senior students who are not TAAS exempt will be taking the TASP here at Borden County beginning at 9:00 A.M. in the conference room. The TASP will be administered by Harvey Rothell of Howard College. The TASP is a 5-hour test, and students will have a 30-minute lunch break from 12 to 12:30- so the testing will conclude at 2:30 P.M.

Poka-Lambro Scholarship

Poka-Lambro Scholarship applications are in. The completed application is due March 2, 2002. This award is based on academic achievement, involvement in extra-curricular activities, and financial need.

FAFSA Forms

FAFSA's (Free Application for Federal Student Aid, including Pell Grant), printed forms have been given to seniors. 2001 income tax information **must be** used on this application. Senior parents should prepare their information should be filed electronically as soon as income tax information is compiled. If parents or students do not file a return, income tax returns as soon as possible. The early bird gets most of the worm, so the the FAFSA may be submitted now.

TTU Visitation Day Set

Saturday, February 22, is Texas Tech University visitation day for seniors who may be considering attending TTU. Several events are planned as well as campus tours.

Family involvement can improve your child's education

When parents and families get personally involved in education, their children do better in school and grow up to be more successful in life.

Sounds like common sense, doesn't it?

Yet parent involvement is one of the most overlooked aspects of American education today. Many parents don't realize how important it is to get involved in their children's education. Some parents would like to be involved but have trouble finding the time.

All parents and family members should try to find the time and make their effort because research shows that when families get involved, their children:

- Get better grades and test scores
- Graduate from high school at higher rates
- Are more likely to go on to higher education
- Are better behaved and have more positive attitudes.

Family involvement is one of the best investments a family can make. Students who graduate from high school earn, on average, \$200,000 more in their lifetimes than students who dropout. College graduates make almost \$1 million more.

Most importantly, all parents and families can enjoy these benefits. It doesn't matter how much money you have. It doesn't matter how much formal education you've had or how well you did in school. Family involvement works for children at all grade levels.

What is "family involvement in education?"

Family involvement in education can mean:

- Reading a bedtime story to your preschool child
- Checking homework every night
- Getting involved in PTA
- Discussing your child-

ren's progress with teachers

- Voting in school board elections
- Helping your school to set challenging academic standards
- Limiting TV viewing to no more than two hours on school nights
- Getting personally involved in governing your school
- Becoming an advocate for better education in your community and state.
- Insisting on high standards of behavior for children.

Family involvement can be as simple as asking your children, "How was school today?" But ask every day. That will send your children the clear message that their schoolwork is important to you and you expect them to learn.

Many children and parents are yearning for this kind of togetherness. Among student aged 10 to 13, for example, 72 percent say they would like to talk to their parents more about their homework. Forty percent of parents across the country believe they are not devoting enough time to their children's education. Teachers say that increasing parent involvement in education should be the top priority for public education.

Some of the steps you can take to improve your child's education include the following:

Read together

Children who read at home with their parents perform better in school. Show your children how much you value reading by keeping good books, magazines, and newspapers in the house. Let them see you read. Take them on trips to the library and encourage them to get library cards. Let children read to you and then talk about the book.

Look for other ways to teach children the magic of language, words, and stories. Tell stories to your children about their families and their culture. Point out words to children wherever you go. Encourage your children to write notes to grandparents and other relatives.

Use TV wisely

Academic achievements drops sharply for children who watch more than 10 hours of television during the school week, or an average of more than two hours a day. Parents can limit the amount of viewing and help children select educational programs. Parents can also watch and discuss shows with their children. This will help children understand how stories are structured.

Establish a daily family routine with scheduled homework time

Studies show that successful students have parents who create and maintain family routines. Make sure your child goes to school every day. Establish a regular time for homework each afternoon or evening; set aside a quiet, well-lit place; and encourage children to study. Routines generally include time performing chores, eating meals together, and going to bed at an established time.

Talk to your children and teenagers - and listen to them, too

Talk directly to your children, especially your teenagers, about the dangers of drugs and alcohol and the values you want them to have. Set a good example and listen to what your children have to say. Such personal talks, however uncomfortable they may make you feel, can save their lives.

Express high expectations for children by enrolling them in challenging courses.

You can communicate to your children the importance of setting and meeting

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100th Day of School



The kindergarten and first grade classes celebrated the 100th day of school by wearing their hand-painted T-shirts displaying the 100th day motif. Their colorful sunglasses completed their ensemble. They began the day dining on 100 pieces of their favorite cereal. While they ate breakfast, they listed, categorized, compared, and weighted the students' collections of 100 items. The lightest collection was 100 stickers brought by Meaghan Herridge. Celina Guerrero brought the heaviest with 100 golf balls.

They took 100 giant steps around the gym floor, ran relay races, while counting by 10's to 100, and had several versions of jumping jacks to count to 100. They concluded the 100th day by releasing helium filled balloons with their names and addresses attached. By the end of the day, everyone was certain they could count to 100.

**Congratulations
Lady Coyotes
Let's go All the Way!
Coyote Country Store
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responsibility for these functions vary from county to county. In those counties in which the judge has judicial responsibilities, the judge has appellate jurisdiction over matters arising from the justice courts. The county judge is also head of civil defense and disaster relief, county welfare and in counties under 224,000 population, the judge prepares the county budget along with the county auditor or county clerk.

Commissioners

Four commissioners, each elected from a quarter of the county's population, serve along with the county judge on the Commissioners court. Among other responsibilities, the commissioners court:

- Sets the yearly property tax rate and approve the budget and employment level for the county;
- Sets commissioners and justice of the peace precinct boundaries;
- Sets employment and benefit policy;
- Establishes long-range thoroughfare, open space, land use, financial and law enforcement/jail needs plans;
- Acquires property for rights-of-way or other uses determined to be in the public's best interest;
- Reviews and approve subdivision platting and wastewater treatment for rural areas;
- Provides rural ambulances services and subsidizes rural fire protection; Oversees the construction, maintenance and improvement of county roads and bridges;
- Appoints non-elected department heads and standing committees;
- Supervises and controls the county courthouse, county buildings and facilities;
- Adopts a county budget;
- Determines county tax rates;
- Fills vacancies in elective and appointive positions;

and

- Has exclusive authority to authorize contracts in the name of the county.

Sheriffs

Duties of the sheriff include:

- Providing security for the operation of county and district courts;
- Enforcing traffic laws, other county ordinances and other state laws;
- Service of process;
- Conducting sales of seized and unclaimed properties; and
- Accepting bail for prisoners in his custody;
- Taking charge of and responsibility for the county judge and prisoners.

Constables

These peace offices are the first link in the county's chain of law enforcement. Along with their deputies, constables have all the powers of peace officers.

Constables are sometimes referred to as the executive officer of the justice of the peace courts. Their duties are to:

- Subpoena witnesses;
- Act as bailiff;
- Execute judgments; and
- Service of process.

In large metropolitan counties the constable may also assist the county and district courts. In addition, they may perform patrol functions and make criminal investigations. They are involved in the overall effort to reduce the effects of crime in their communities, including in some cases the operation of truancy programs.

Justice of the Peace

Section 19 of Article 5 of the Texas Constitution provides that: justice of the peace courts have original jurisdiction in criminal matters of misdemeanor cases punishable by fine only and such other jurisdiction as may be provided by law. Original jurisdiction is the

authority to accept a case at its inception, try it and pass judgment based upon the laws and facts. This is distinguished from appellate jurisdiction which is jurisdiction to review a court's action. The justice of the peace performs the functions of a magistrate and conducts inquests.

A justice of the peace may issue warrants for search and arrest, conduct preliminary hearings, administer oaths, perform marriages and serve as a coroner in counties where there is no provision for a medical examiner. The justice court also functions as a small claims court in civil matters in which exclusive jurisdiction is not in district or county court and the amount in controversy does not exceed \$5,000. They can also deal with matters concerning foreclosure of mortgages and enforcement of liens on personal property.

County Treasurers

The county treasurer, as the chief custodian of county finance, shall:

- Receive all monies belonging to the county from whatever source;
- Keep and account for all monies in a designated depository; and
- Pay and apply or disburse all monies in such a manner as commissioners court may direct, by law.

All receipts of any official belonging to the county must be turned over to the county treasurer daily. The county treasurer often acts as the chief liaison between the county and all depository banks. In this capacity, he or she maintains records of all deposits and withdrawals, and reconciles all bank statements, thus assuring their accuracy and the safety of county funds. The county treasurer, who may be designated as the county's investment officer, is required to submit regular reports on county finance to the members of the commissioners court to

inspect and verify.

County and District Attorneys

The main duties of the county/or district attorney is to represent the state in criminal cases. The county and/or district attorney works with law enforcement officers in the investigation and preparation of cases to be heard before the criminal courts. When requesting in writing, the county attorney provides legal counsel to county officers.

The overwhelming importance of the office of public prosecutors arises from the fact that upon the prosecuting attorney rests the power of determining whether prosecution in any given case shall be inaugurated or, if inaugurated, pushed to a successful conclusion.

District Clerk

The Texas Government Code states the duties and

powers of the clerk of the district court: "The clerk of the District Court has custody of and shall carefully maintain and arrange the records relating to or lawfully deposited in the clerk's office." The district clerk shall:

- Record the acts and proceedings of the district court;
- Enter all judgments of the court under the direction of the judge;
- Record all executions issued and the returns issued on the executions; Process passport applications;
- Administer child support payments;
- Administer trust accounts for minors ordered by the courts;
- Keep an index of the parties to all suits filed in the court, and make reference to any judgment made in the case; and
- Keep an account of all funds collected by the office, by way of fines and fees, and the amount

due jurors in district court for service.

County Clerk

The main duties of the county clerk are:

- Administering all county and state elections, including early voting and primaries, unless the commissioners court has transferred the function to the tax assessor-collector or an office of county election administrator;
- Serving as clerk of the county court and the commissioners court and keep records of the proceedings;
- Acting as recorder of deeds and other instruments;
- Recording assumed names, wills and probate;
- Issuing marriage licenses; and
- Accounting for all funds paid to the office by way of fines and fees, and the amount owed to county court jurors for service.

In Texas counties with a population of less than 8,000, unless there has been a special election the county clerk also serves as the district clerk, assuming all constitutional and statutory duties of the district clerk, along with those of county clerk.

Tax Assessor-Collector

The major tax duty of the assessor-collector is the assessment (calculation) of taxes on each property in the county and collection of that tax as established by the State Property Tax Code. In addition, as an agent of the Texas Department of Transportation, the assessor-collector is responsible for the registration and licensing of motor vehicles owned by residents of the county.

Another duty of the county tax assessor-collector is that of voter registrar. In most Texas counties, a person would register to vote through the office of county tax assessor-collector. In a few counties, the Commis-

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sioners court has designated the county clerk or an election administrator to provide this function. The county tax office voter registration responsibilities include accepting applications for voters registration, issuing voter certificates, maintaining voter registration lists, verifying petitions for local option elections and submitting required reports to the Secretary of State's Office.

The county tax assessor-collector is also responsible for the collections of special fees imposed by the county and state on coin-operated vending machines and the sale of alcoholic beverages.

Family Involvement

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challenges in school. Tell your children that working hard and stretching their minds is the only way for them to realize their full potential. Expect and encourage your children to take tough academic courses like geometry, chemistry, computer technology, foreign language, art, and advanced occupational courses. Make sure they never settle for doing less than their best.

Keep in touch with the school

Parents cannot afford to wait for schools to tell them how children are doing. Families who stay informed about their children's progress have higher-achieving children. To keep informed, parents can visit the school or talk with

teachers on the telephone. Get to know the names of your children's teachers, principals and counselors.

Parents can also work with schools to develop new ways to get more involved. Families can establish a homework hotline, volunteer on school planning and decision-making committees, help create family resource centers, serve as mentors, and even help patrol school grounds.

Source: *The Family Involvement Partnership for Learning*



POLITICAL CALENDAR

County Judge:

Van L. York, (D)

County & District Clerk

Joyce Herridge, (D)

County Treasurer

Kenneth P. Bennett, (D)

Justice of the Peace

Jane Jones, (D)

County Commissioner

Precinct #2

Randy Adcock, (D)

Precinct #4

Joe T. Belew, (D)

Chuck Kimmel, (D)

Cody Newton, (D)

Joel S. Dennis, (D)

17th Dist. US Congress

Charles Stenholm (D)

March Democratic Primaries

PRIMARY ELECTION 2002 CALENDAR

Applications for an early ballot by mail for the General Primary Election or for both the General Primary and the Runoff Primary are now being accepted in the CLERK'S OFFICE

- January 26th First day to mail ballots to qualified voters who have requested ballots by mail.
- February 8th First day for voter to submit an application for an early ballot by mail for the runoff Primary Election. A person may request ballots for both the General Primary and the Primary Runoff Elections on the same application.
- February 10th Last day a voter who has moved to a different election precinct within the county may submit a change of address to be eligible to vote (in the General Primary) in the precinct of his or her new residence.
- February 11th Last day a person may submit an application to register to vote in the March 12th, 2002 Primary Election.
- February 25th Early voting by personal appearance begins at the Clerk's Office in the Courthouse
- March 5th Last day to receive applications for ballots by mail.
- March 8th Last day to vote early by personal appearance.
- March 11th Last day on which a person may submit an application to register to vote in April 9, 2002 Runoff Primary Election.
- March 12th **PRIMARY ELECTION DAY**

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National Weather Service holds Class

The National Weather Service will hold a spotter training class in Gail on February 26th, at the Community Building. The meeting is scheduled from 7-9 PM.

The majority of severe thunderstorms across West Texas occur during spring, and SKYWarn trained spotters are critical in helping

the National Weather Service provide accurate and timely warnings. SKYWarn training classes are offered free to anyone wishing to become more knowledgeable in severe thunderstorm identification.

For more information contact the Borden County Sheriff's Office at 806/756-4311.

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Renewals of Registered Brands



Every ten years Texas livestock producers are required by law to renew their brands and earmarks if they intend to continue using them. All brands must be renewed by February 28, 2002. Brands that have not been renewed will become "VOID" on March 1, 2002 and available for the general public.

Fee will be \$11.00 per brand per location. The Borden County Clerks Office have began the processing and will continue through February 28, 2002.



Granddaughter Inducted into Golden Key International

Texas Tech University – Rebekah Lee Bland of Tatum, NM, granddaughter of Rich and Barbara Anderson of Gail and the daughter of Sally Anderson Bland, has accepted membership in Golden Key International Honour Society and was individually honored during a campus ceremony.

“It is only fitting that a high academic achiever like Rebekah be recognized by Golden Key,” said Kali Boatright, Golden key assistant executive director. “Our members are inspired and motivated by the challenge not only to be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments but also to make a positive impact on our world through the Society’s commitment to service.”

Golden Key International Honour Society is a non-profit academic honors organization that provides academic recognition, leadership opportunities, community service, career networking and scholarships.

The Society has more than 300 chapters in the United States, Puerto Rico, The Virgin Island, Australia, Canada, Malaysia, South Africa and New Zealand. Membership into the Society is by invitation only to the top 15 percent of juniors and seniors in all fields of study.

Rebekah Bland is a 1997 Tatum High School graduate who attended Howard Junior College, in Big Spring, Texas and graduated in the 1999 Magna Cum Laude. She attended on a rodeo Scholarship. Rebekah was in the top 10 in goat tying and breakaway roping in the Southwest Region for two years.

Rebekah will receive her Bachelors of Science in Interdisciplinary Students and Exercise Science in May 2002 from Texas Tech University where she is attending on a rodeo scholarship. She plans to obtain a Physical Therapy Assistants degree following graduation from Texas Tech.



INDUCTED INTO GOLDEN KEY INTERNATIONAL HONOUR SOCIETY
Rebekah Bland, new member of Golden Key International Honour Society, is shown above second from left. Pictured with her are left, her grandfather Rick Anderson, her grandmother Barbara Anderson, and her mother Sally Bland.

Borden County Parents' Club Fund Raisers

Parents' Club 2002 Calendars are now here. If you did not order one and would like one, we have extras. They are \$5.00 each

Also, we have 4 of our cookbooks left and they are \$10.00 and school directors left and they are \$3.00.

Contact a BC PC member and get your today.

All proceeds go toward a scholarship for a graduating senior.

School Menu Week Of:

February 18th – 22nd.

MONDAY: Corn Dogs, salad, chips, fruit milk

Breakfast: Sausage Biscuit, juice & Milk.

TUESDAY: Chicken Strips, green beans, hot rolls, fruit & Milk.

Breakfast: Hot pockets, fruit juice & milk.

WEDNESDAY: Bake potato w/ham and cheese, salad, crackers, ice cream & milk. **Breakfast:** Waffles, fruit juice & milk.

THURSDAY: Ham & Turkey sandwich, salad cup, tater tots, brownies & milk.

Breakfast: Donut, fruit, & milk.

FRIDAY:
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Keeping an Eye on Texas


Make mine red

Of all Valentine's Day floral purchases in 2001, 70 percent were made by men and 30 percent by women. Eighty-four percent of all Valentine's Day purchases were cut flowers. Of cut flowers purchased, 46 percent were roses. And 65 percent of all roses purchased were red - the color that represents love.




SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us) and The Floral Index, Chicago.

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Texas Stories

A showcase of the Texas Spirit

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A Tribute to a Blues Man

A statue of blues artist Lightnin' Hopkins will be unveiled at noon on January 30th across the street from the Camp Street Café in Crockett.

Lightnin' played at the location of the café, which used to be the Starlight Barber Shop. The life-size statue will depict him sitting, playing his guitar and singing. The statue was crated by sculptor Jim Jeffries of Crockett and is the result of a lot of work by Guy and Pip Gillette, two brothers who perform traditional cowboy music and own the Camp Street Café.

January 30 was chosen as the date of the unveiling because it marks the 20th anniversary of Hopkins' death. He died on January 30, 1982 at age 69.

Hopkins' music went from Camp Street to Carnegie Hall. His musical career spanned more than six decades. He recorded under twenty different record labels and performed with such musical legends as Blind Lemon Jefferson, Joan Baez and Pete Seeger. He headlined for such groups as The Grateful Dead and the Jefferson Airplane.

Sam Hopkins was born in Centerville, Texas on March 15, 1912. After his father died in 1915, his mother and five brothers and sisters moved to Leona. Sam made his first guitar at the age of eight from a cigar box and chicken wire. By age ten he was playing with Blind Lemon Jefferson, who encouraged him to continue his musical career.

By the mid-twenties, Sam had started jumping trains, shooting dice and playing the

blues anywhere he could. He made a living from coins tossed to him where he played.

He served time at the Houston County Prison Farm in the mid-thirties and after his release started playing blues in clubs.

In 1946, he made his first recording for Aladdin Records in Los Angeles. On the record was a piano player with the nickname "Thunder" who gave Sam the nickname "Lightnin'".

The album has been described as "downbeat solo blues," characteristic of Hopkins' style.

Lightnin' Hopkins made 47 recordings for Aladdin.

In 1950, he settled down in Houston but continued to tour the country periodically. He became a bid hit in the fold-blues revival of the sixties and toured with the American Folk Blues Festival. He was the subject of a documentary,

Melting the chocolate myth

If you have acne, don't put up the candy this Valentine's day. Have our chocolate and eat it too.

"Despite the belief that chocolate causes acne, there is not scientific basis that proves this theory," said Dr. John Wolf, chairman and professor in the department of dermatology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Follow a 'common sense diet.' If a particular food affects your complexion, don't eat it."

which won a prize at the Chicago Film Festival in 1970.

He played all over Europe in the seventies, singing blues for Queen Elizabeth at a command performance. In 1972, he worked on the soundtrack for the movie *Sounder*.

He recorded a total of 85 albums and toured the world. He wrote songs impromptu and frequently wove myths and legends around a core of truth. His songs were often autobiographical.

Four thousand people attended his funeral in Houston. The wake lasted all night and featured performances by musicians who attended.

Acne is a skin condition primarily affecting teenagers and nearly half of all adults. It is most often found on the face, neck, shoulders, upper back and chest in the forms of whiteheads, blackheads and pimples.

Acne is not caused by poor hygiene – but rather results form a combination of factors including heredity, hormones, natural bacteria, excess oil production and clogged pores. Other factors that can trigger acne includes stress, fatigue and menstruation.

"There is a natural tendency to associate acne flare-ups with something that you can actually see, such as a candy bar. It is important to understand, however, that acne goes through a continuous cycle of ups and downs caused by factors often beyond our control," Wolf said.

Wolf offers the following tips for controlling acne:

- Avoid harsh, excessive scrubbing. Washing with abrasive cleansers can.

- Avoid oil-based makeup. These products can irritate the skin, causing acne to worsen.
- Don't pick. Touching the skin spreads bacteria and excess oil, which could lead to breakouts.
- For mild acne, try over-the-counter products that contain benzoyl Peroxide. This is effective for killing bacteria associated with acne. If this doesn't help, see a dermatologist for prescription medication.
- Don't assume that you will outgrow acne. If left untreated, acne can cause scarring that could affect a person's physical and psychological health.

"Acne is not just a teen disease. It is a disease that can affect anyone at any stage in life," Wolf said. "The key to keeping it under control is catching the problem early and seeking treatment from a professional."

BORDEN COUNTY ISD BID REQUEST

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive bids for gymnasium lighting.

Proposals shall be addressed to Jimmy Thomas; Borden County Independent School District, Box 95; Gail, Texas 79738, and shall be delivered in a sealed envelope marked "Gymnasium Lighting Bid." Proposals will be received up to but no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, February 15, 2002. Bids will be opened and read as they are received. Proposals will be tabulated, researched, and presented to the board of trustees for their consideration at the next scheduled meeting. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

The Borden County ISD Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposed bids, to waive any and all technicalities, and to accept the proposal that will best serve the needs of the District.

Questions regarding bid specifications and additional information shall be directed to Jimmy Thomas by writing the above address; by e-mail to jthomas@esc17.net or by calling 806/756-4313.

By Order of the Board of Trustees
Borden County Independent School District
Joe Harding Secretary

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featuring

The Thousand Hills Band

First Baptist Church Post, Texas



Saturday, February 16,

7:37 p.m.

Free Admission

Birdwatching Classes Offered by Llano Estacado Audubon Society

The Llano Estacado Audubon Society announces that its popular birdwatching classes are being offered in Lubbock beginning Saturday, February 16, 2002. Designed for beginners and anyone wanting a refresher in basic birdwatching, the classes combine classroom/inside presentations with practice in the field on the same day. **Session #1 on Feb. 16 is "basic Tools for Birding,"** a reprise of our most popular class in 2001, this class includes information on selection and use of binoculars, comparison of bird field guides available, beginners' guide to identifying birds in your

backyard. We'll also cover general information on feeding and attracting birds. Field trip in Clapp Park adjacent to Garden & Arts. The class will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Lubbock Garden & Arts Center, 4215 University Ave. The classroom session will last until 11:30 a.m., followed by a short break for lunch. Participants are asked to bring a sack lunch, plus binoculars and field guide (if you have them). The field trip will begin at 12:00 noon and last approximately 2:00 p.m. Be sure to dress appropriately for the weather to be outside for a couple of

hours during the field trip.

Classes are free to the public and we welcome donations of any size to help defray our expenses.

Coming classes include the following:

- Session #2 March 16 - Naming The "Parts" of a Bird
- Session #3 April 20th - Where to go Birding
- Session #4: May 18th - Beyond the Basic

For more information about the Llano Estacado Audubon Society, please visit our website:

<http://www.leas.biz.land.com>



"RED" A Tribute to Red Skelton, by Tom Mullica
 Sunday, Feb. 17: 3:00 P.M. School Auditorium,
 211 West 8th Street in Post, Texas
 \$18.00 Reserved \$12.00 Gen. Admission Call: (806) 495-4148
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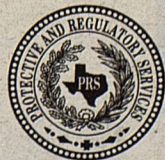
BORDEN COUNTY ISD AUTOMOBILE BID

THE BORDEN COUNTY ISD IS ACCEPTING VERBAL BIDS ON THE SALE OF A 1992 BUICK CENTURY AUTOMOBILE. BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2002. THE AUTOMOBILE MAY BE VIEWED AT THE BORDEN COUNTY SCHOOL IN GAIL, TEXAS. PLEASE CALL 806/756-4313 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT A VERBAL BID.

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