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BHS Repeats As Spring Meet Champions

Following the completion of district U.I.L. academic and athletic contests last week, Borden County High School has been named the overall District 9-A Spring Meet Champions for the second year in a row.

Gaining the honor is quite a feat considering the active programs in many of the ten schools in the district.

In order to win the overall Spring Meet, points are calculated from the district's academic meet, as well as in golf, tennis, and track.

A repeat performance as district champions in the academic meet started B.H.S. off well with 354.8 points.

In golf, the boys' team championship, the girls' runner-up team, and a second place individual medalist in Cade Peterson added another 45 points.

Bobbie and Dalene Kempf's second place finish in girls' doubles tennis added

additional 15 points.

Finishing off Borden High's points were the district championship boys' team (with a reconfigured 33 points) and the girls' runner-up team (with a reconfigured 24 points).

Adding each of those point totals up for a grand total of 471.8 points placed Borden County High School approximately 60 points ahead of second place Grady High School. They finished with 412 points, thanks in part to strong academic meet and tennis results.

Sands High School finished third overall with 227.8 points, while Dawson High School rounded out the top four with 203 points.

Congratulations to each of the participants in all of the activities. Next year will find Borden County competing in a somewhat revised, twelve school district, so the possibility of a three-peat is uncertain.



UIL Academic Regional Qualifiers: Back row (L. to R.) Kyle Pinkerton, Clay John Anderson, Tyler Wallace and John Wilson. Front row: Dan Griffin, Jessica Ellison, Laura Stamper, Michele Bond, Micah Hensley and Talin Pepper.

U.I.L. Academic Teams Set for Regional Contest

Winter is over and spring has sprung a leak in Borden County, causing many residents to sing a new song of "Let it rain. Let it rain. Let it rain."

Ten students from Borden County High School are praying for even more rain—this time in the form of medals—as they compete in this weekend's U.I.L. Academic Regional Meet.

Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene hosts the two-day meet starting on Friday afternoon and ending Saturday evening.

The ten students from Borden County earned a trip

to the meet following overall championship performances at the District 9-A Academic Meet the last week in March.

Five out of the ten students from B.H.S. are making return visits to the regional meet this year:

Senior Laura Stamper makes a second consecutive appearance as the district champion in Poetry Interpretation. Additionally, she is also set to compete in Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking.

Junior Micah Hensley will also be making a second appearance at the regional meet, this time in three out of

the four events she advanced in last year: Editorial writing, News writing, and Feature writing. She also hopes for a return trip to the State Meet, which she advanced to last year in Features. Additionally, Hensley will also compete as a regional rookie in Ready Writing.

In Literary Criticism, Talin Pepper, a junior, and Dan Griffin, a sophomore, are making return trips as top-scoring members of the district champion team.

Sophomore Clay John Anderson returns to regionals in Current Issues and Events

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Early Voting for Borden County ISD Trustee Election

Wednesday, April 17th thru April 30th
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Superintendents Office

Coyotes Makes History With First Ever Area 9-10 Area Track Champions

By Trey Richey

The Borden County Coyotes traveled to Highland to compete in the 2002 Area 9-10 track meet. When the dust had settled, the Coyotes came away with their third track victory of the year on the Highland Hornet track facility. The Coyote athletes all had a hand in a historical moment on this day, April 13, 2002, as they were a part of the first ever Area Track Champions.

The Coyotes did not accomplish their feat without a very dramatic closing to the day. The Coyotes had a slim 14-point lead on Patton Springs and a mere 6 point on the Sands Mustangs heading into the final event of the evening. The stage was set, the Coyotes had to finish at least 4th, as they knew that the Patton Springs Rangers had the fastest time coming in, and they had to finish one place behind the Mustangs. When it was all said and done, the foursome of Raul Rodriguez, Cody Nowlain, Jacob Zant and TC Stipe did just that, which paved the way for a 2 point victory over both Patton Springs and Sands.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the efforts of so many Coyote athletes throughout the day. The Coyotes got a very exciting and surprising gold medal from Raul Rodriguez, as he jumped over a foot farther than he had ever done in his life in winning the long jump with a jump of 20'11-1/2". This is only 6 inches off of the school record, and believed to be the best jump in nearly 20-years.

TJ Sharp kept the gold coming as he threw the discus 136'6". Kyle Pinkerton managed to advance to Regional with his 4th place finish in the same event.

Freshman, Cade Peterson had a personal best 11'6" in

the pole vault, which was good enough for the silver medal.

Fellow freshman, Adam Carter also qualified for Regional as he finished fourth in the 300 IH. Adam also finished 5th in the 110 high hurdles.

Senior Jacob Zant brought home the gold in both of these events with very impressive times of 15.34 in the 110 HH and 42.78 in the 330 IH. Jacob also finished 5th in the high jump with a jump of 5'10".

Two other seniors, TC Stipe and Cody Nowlain also were very productive as they teamed with Raul and TJ to run a seasons best of 45.28 in the 400m relay. TC turned right around and won the 800 for the third consecutive year, in a regions best 2:02.33. TC currently has the states best time of 1:58.79. Cody turned in a personal best 23.48 in finishing 4th in the 100 and a berth in the Regional Track Meet.

Also scoring and competing for the Coyotes were sophomore Shane Tarleton in the 3200m run and freshman John Wilson in the 1600m run.

The Coyotes will now look forward to competing in the Region II-A track meet in Abilene on April 26th and 27th. The Coyotes have several athletes with a legitimate shot at advancing toward the State Track meet in Austin.

Congratulations Coyotes on your history making performance. This has been a very successful track season for the young Coyotes. Seniors Jacob Zant, TC Stipe and Cody Nowlain have had tremendous careers in this sport, and they are very deserving of being a part of this history making feat. Congratulations to you and the rest of the Coyote tracksters. Good luck at Regional

Below are the results of the Area Track Meet, and the events that the Coyotes competed in during the meet. The Top (4) in each event advance to Regional.

- Personal best (throw, jump or time).

Team totals - 1st Borden County 99 - 2nd (tie) Patton Springs, 97; Sands 97 - 4th Dawson 41 - 5th Ira 39 - 6th Jayton 36 - 7th Spur 34 - 8th Lueders-Avoca 26 - 9th Benjamin 22 - 10th Grady 15 - 11th Rule 14 - 12th Klondike 13 - 13th Montley County 12 - 14th Highland 9 - 15th (tie) Guthrie 2 - Rochester 2.

Long jump - *Raul Rodriguez, BC, 20'11"; 2. Mason Pierce, Patton Springs, 20'6"; 3. Abe Wiebe, Dawson, 20'4"; 4th Gilbert Ibarra, Sands, 19'8".

Pole vault - Kelsey Wylie, Jayton, 12'0; 2. *Cade Peterson, BC; 11'6"; 3. Robin Dunn, Highland, 10'0; 4. Ky May, Grady 9'6".

Discus - T.J. Sharp, BC, 136'6"; Clint Copper, Motley Co., 130'9"; 3. Cal Walker, Spur, 119'11"; 4. Kyle Pinkerton, BC, 115'2"

Shot Put - 1. Cal Walker, Spur 47'4"; 2. Jake Barnes, Ira, 43'10"; 3. Lewis Fawver, Dawson, 42'2"; 4. Clint Copper, Montley County; 40'7"; 7. TJ Sharp, BC, 37'10-1/2".

3200m run - 1. Jose Martinez - Sands, 9:57.63; 2. Carlos Plata, Sands, 10:46.19; 3. Christopher Childes, Spur, 10:54.81; 4. Steven Barraza, Sands, 11:22.15; 6. Shane Tarleton, BC. 12:54.44.

4x100 relay - 1. Patton Springs, 44.74; 2. *Borden County 45:23; 3. Ira 45:49; 4. Dawson 46.63.

Girls' Track Team Claims Area Runner-Up Trophy

By Sue Jane Mayes

Borden High School's girls' track team—only seven in number—continue to display the talent that has secured all seven a berth in next weekend's Region II-A meet.

The girls were runners-up in the District 9 meet and duplicated that by scoring 67 points to Spur's 91 points (Spur won all three relays in the girls' division).

Also during the meet, senior state-qualifier from a year ago, Rika Copeland, threw for a personal record in the shot put.

Rika's 36'8 1/2" is a personal best. (Tammy Cooley, Class of '98') still holds the school record with a 39'1/2" toss).

Other area results and those qualifying for regional are listed below:

400m relay: 3rd (54.85) Pati Rodriguez, Shayla Gass, Laura Stamper, Micah Hensley

800m relay: 3rd (1:58.35) all of the above except for Emily Mayes, who ran in place of Hensley as Hensley prepared for hurdles races

100m dash: Hensley, 4th (14.15); Rodriguez, participant

300m hurdles: Hensley, 1st (49.99)—also a personal record

400m dash: Cassidy Rinehart, 3rd (65.80)

200m dash: Laura Stamper, 5th (2:28.87)

long jump: Emily Mayes participant (13'2 1/4")

triple jump: Cassidy Rinehart 6th (29'9 1/2")

All members of the girls' team qualified for regional in at least one event.

Keep Up the Good Work!



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800m run - TC Stipe, BC, 2:02.33; 2. Trey Kittley, Rule, 2:11.10; 3. Chris Alligood, Lueders-Avoca, 2:13.93; 4. Breck Thurmond, Dawson, 2:16.88.

110 hurdles - 1. Jacob Zant, BC, 15:34; Korey Ferguson, Patton Springs, 16:44; 3. Jared Faubus, Spur, 16.51; 4. Joe Ed Morris, Klondike, 17.2; 5. Adam Carter, BC. 18.84.

300 hurdles - 1. Jacob Zant, BC, 42.78; 2. Joe Ed Morris, Klondike, 43.78; 3. Chad Estes, Lueders - Avoca, 44.86; 4. *Adam

Carter, BC. 45.83.
200m - 1. Justin Hoscher, Jayton, 23.13; 2. Bryson Higgins, Ira, 23.22; 3. Clayton Conner, Benjamin, 23.25; 4. *Cody Nowlain, BC, 23.48.

1600m - 1. Jose Martinez, Sands, 4:39.02; 2. Clinton Senn, Jayton, 4:59.68; 3. Carlos Plata, Sands, 5:04.73; 4. Steve Barraza, Sands, 5:21.88; 7. John Wilson, BC, 5:44.12.

4x400 relay - 1. Patton Springs, 3:32.06; 2. Dawson 3:38.71; 3. Sands 3:39.84; * Borden County 3:41.47

Jr. High Athletes Compete at Highland Track Meet

By Trey Richey

The district jr. high track meet is scheduled for April 19 at Sands, and results from Highland's recent meet may be an indication that the Coyote Pups and Missy Coyotes will contend for the district championship.

No point totals were kept, but both the boys' and girls' team fared well at the meet.

Results of the boys' events are as follows:

Boys Results

Garrett Thomas—2nd on the 400m relay (54.40), 1st in the 110 intermediate hurdles (19.36), 2nd in the 300m low hurdles (51.69), 3rd in the pole vault (8'6"), and 4th in the long jump (15'9")

Andrew Lamming—1st in 800m dash (2:36.65), 4th in 400m dash (66.93), 2nd in 1600m relay (4:39.03), 2nd in high jump (4'10"), 1st in triple jump (31'11")

Derek Gwinn—3rd in discus (75'), 5th in pole vault (7'6"), 2nd in 400m relay (54.40), 2nd in 800m dash (2:44.26), 2nd in 1600m relay (4:39.03)

J. Ryan Gicklhorn—3rd in shot put (32'1"), 1st in discus (79'6"), 6th in 100m dash (13.84), 4th in 200m dash (31.18)

Austin Tarleton—2nd in 2400m run (9:59.0), 6th in 110 intermediate hurdles (22.30), 300m hurdles (64.26), high jump (4'2"), 6th in triple jump (26'7 1/2")

Aaron Pigford—2nd in 400m relay (54.40), high jump (4'4"), 4th in triple jump (29'9 1/4")

Caden Nowlain—long jump (13'1"), 6th in 400m dash (71.66), 2nd in 1600m relay (4:39.03)

Trey Soto—shot put, 5th in discus (71'6"), 2nd in 400m relay (54.40), 5th in 100m dash (13.82), 2nd in 1600m relay (4:39.03)

Symeron Rinehart—4th in 2400m run (11:20.79), 3rd in 1600m run (6:54.65)

Zane Williamson—5th in 2400m run (12:09.56), 4th in 1600m run (7:34.19)

John Cowart—4th in 800m

run (3:08.72), long jump participant

Clint Chapman—6th in pole vault (7'0"), 400m dash (80.19), 200m dash (35.90)

Jake Payne—4th in 110 intermediate hurdles (20.80), 6th in 300m low hurdles (58.74), 6th in 200m dash (31.60)

Taylor Peterson—shot put participant, 100m dash (17.45)

Girls Results

2400m run: Lindsey Stamper, 2nd (11:23.03); Kalli Poole 3rd (12:10.62)

400m relay: Mika Peterson, Ana Arellanos, Megan Brooks, Lindsey Stamper, 3rd (62.15)

800m relay: Whitney Anderson, Megan Brooks, Kalli Poole, Lacey Newton, 4th (2:19.60)

800m run: Lacey Newton, 2nd (3:06.78)

100m hurdles: Becky Dobyns (23.15); Mika Peterson 4th (20.77)

100m dash: Whitney Anderson (16.45), Sarah Harding (16.54), Christina Soto (17.05)

300m hurdles: Becky Dobyns, 3rd (63.53)

200m dash: Becky Dobyns (37.04); Sarah Harding 937.53; Christina Soto (38.33)

1600m run: Ana Lara Arellanos, 4th (7:41.61)

1600m relay: Lindsey Stamper, Lacey Newton, Megan Brooks, Mika Peterson, 4th (5:40.07)

discus: Christina Soto, 5th (53'4"); Megan Brooks, 2nd (60'11"); Whitney Anderson

shot put: Christina Soto, 4th (21'9"); Dannelle Copeland, 5th (21'2 1/2"); Megan Brooks, 6th (21'0")

Teams Set for Regional Contest

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while John Wilson will participate as the district champion of both the Science and Mathematics contests.

Also, six academic coaches will make the trip with the students. These sponsors are as follows: Carol Lewis (Literary Criticism & Ready Writing); Sheri Poole (Computer Applications); Tom Lewis (Science); Darby Key (Mathematics); Sue Jane Mayes (L-D Debate, Editorial Writing, Feature Writing, Headline Writing, News Writing, & Current Issues and Events); and Darrin Ard (Prose & Poetry Interp., & Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking).

Last year saw four contestants from Borden County advancing to Austin en route to a 2nd place overall finish at the regional meet. Hopefully, the "rain" will keep falling this year, as the students seek to "reign" supreme over the region. Best of luck to all competitors and coaches.

as an individual this year, after advancing as a team member last year.

Additionally, five participants are making their debut as competitors at the regional contest:

Senior Jessica Ellison completes the three-member Literary Criticism Team, replacing original qualifier Andrea Lozano, a senior, who is unable to make the trip this year.

Michele Bond, a junior, also is making her first trip to regionals in Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

Three events will find sophomore Kyle Pinkerton as a competitor. He will seek to bring home a medal in Computer Applications, Headline Writing, and Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking.


Finally, two freshmen also have advanced to the regional U.I.L. meet as rookies. Tyler Wallace will compete in Prose Interpretation following a second place district finish,

Get your Little Coyote Cheerleader "Suited" up for Next Fall's Coyote Football Season.
Beginning Friday, April 19th. The Jr. High Cheerleaders will be selling old, miscellaneous cheerleading apparel. Items range from .50¢ to \$1.00
Contact Cindy Herridge during the school day at 756-4313 or come by after school from 3:30 to 4:00.


KOEHLER'S KIDS PIANO RECITAL
Sunday, April 21st
2:00 p.m.
Gail Baptist Church

Open Computer Lab
Beginning March 18th!!

The computer lab at Borden County School will be open to the community on Monday nights from 6:00-8:30.

If you... 

- ...are an experienced user and have a project you'd like some help with!
- ...are a new user and want to try out a computer!
- ...would like to surf the net with extra speed for some information!
- ...want to try digital photography!

...The doors on the east side of the school by the old gym will be open.

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Junior High and Elementary Students Recognized in UIL Award Assembly

The Junior High and Elementary students were recognized during a UIL Awards Assembly held last week in the School Auditorium. Each UIL participant received their ribbons, which they earned in November at the Zone UIL contest held at Grady. The Borden County students placed 2nd overall. Students competed in 61 contests over the two-day meet. Points, ranging from fifteen (first place) to four (sixth place), were awarded to schools for the top six finishers in each contest. These points were then added together to determine the overall champion for each level.

Elementary (K-5) scored 363, while the Junior High students scored 702.1 placing them 2nd behind Grady with 481 and 782.93 respectively.

Below are pictures of each of the students which participated in this UIL Zone contest.



Kindergarten, first grade and second grade participants: Standing (L. to R.) Austin Tyler, Chance Taylor and Bethany Stamper. Kneeling: Celina Guerrero, Maeghan Herridge, Kalyn Massingill, Tanner Richey, Luke Crawford, Riley Smith and Tristen Benavidez.

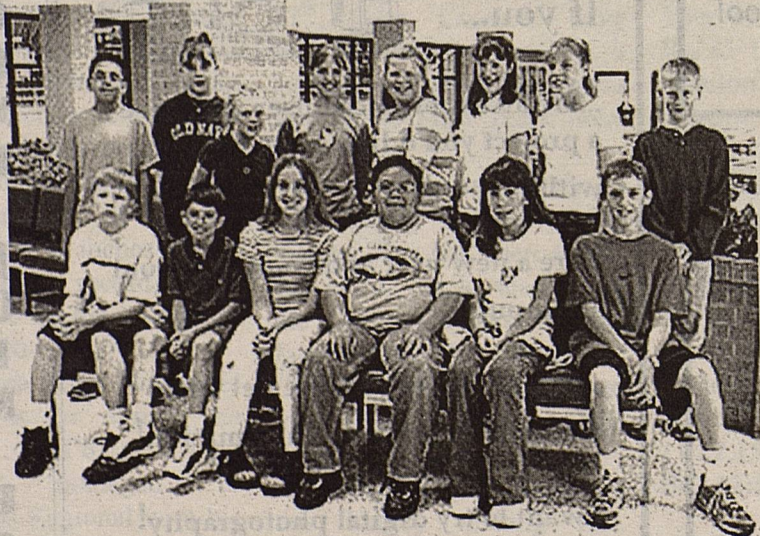


Fourth grade participants: Standing: Flynn Chapman, and Brendan Tarleton. Kneeling back row: Lacey Roberts, Rachel Payne, Raylea Underwood and Shylo Rinehart. Front row: Chelsea Stephens, Chellsie Pigford, Olivia Key and D'Nae Johnson.



Third grade participants: Boys: Miles Valentine and John Hensley. Girls: Bailey Anderson, Krista Tarleton and Taylor Richey.

Making The Grade!



Fifth and Sixth grade: Back row (L. to R.) Pascual Eapinoza, Chelsie Grantham, Shelby Roberts, Carlie Williamson, Kate Wilkerson, Rachel Wilson, Sharelle Gass and Timothy Crenshaw. Seated: Clay Harding, Tyrell Massingill, Krystal Hobson, Carlos Hernandez, Baylee Benavidez and Miller Valentine.



Seventh grade: (standing) Jake Payne, Reynaldo Hernandez, Taylor Peterson, Rowdy Clary, John Cowart, and Clint Chapman. (Seated); Sarah Harding, Sydney Shipp (sixth grader), Ana Arellanos, Becky Dobins, Lindsey Stamper, Lacey Newton and Christina Soto. Not pictured, Kalli Poole



Eighth grade: Standing: Andrew Lamming, Garrett Thomas, and J Ryan Gicklhorn. Seated: Megan Brooks, Trey Soto, Aaron Pigford, Austin Tarleton. Not pictured Whitney Anderson and Cassidy Ogden.

Have You Written Your Will?

Tips from your Community Banker

While a discussion of your will is probably not popular cocktail conversation, writing a will is probably one of the most important things you will do in your lifetime. Yet every year, thousands of Americans die without leaving a will expressing their wishes for the final disposition of their property. When this happens, the estate could end up in court with family members feuding and the court dictating how your property will be divided.

Having a will that specified how you want your estate divided will greatly benefit your family during an already difficult time of stress and grief. A will can also minimize tax implications at the time of your death so that your beneficiaries receive your estate rather than the government.

Basic Elements of a Will

- Your name and place of

- residence
- Brief description of your assets
- Names of spouse, children and other beneficiaries
- Alternate beneficiaries
- Specific gifts, such as treasured family heirlooms, auto or residence
- Establishment of trusts, if desired
- Name of independent executor to manage your estate
- Name of guardian for your children
- Name of alternative guardian should your first choice be unable to care for your children
- Your signature
- Witnesses' signatures
- Self-proving affidavit (to avoid having to find your original witnesses when your will is probated).

A will is especially important if you have young children. If you die without designating a guardian for your children, the court will determine who gets custody.

Remember to share with your attorney the existence of any accounts that you might have that are joint accounts with rights of survivorship or "pay on death" accounts. Your will does not dispose of these! This is also a good time to review your beneficiary designations on insurance and retirement benefits.

Safeguard important documents

Always keep a comprehensive list of your important documents and store original documents in a safe and easily accessible location. If you have an attorney, you might consider storing

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Prairie Winds Chorus Offers Classes for Women

The Prairie Winds Chorus of Lubbock will conduct a series of classes beginning Monday, April 22, at 6:30 pm and continue each Monday evening for four weeks. The classes will focus on the art of singing four-part women's a cappella harmony, barbershop style. There is no cost for the classes, and women 18 years of age and above are invited to attend.

The 70 member Prairie Winds Chorus is a chapter of Sweet Adelines Intentional, the world's largest singing organization for women. Current members come from as far away as Midland and New Mexico to participate. Classes will be held at Calvary Baptist Church 5301 82nd Street. For more information call 799-SING (799-7464).

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BORDEN COUNTY I.S.D.
SCHOOL TRUSTEE**

Saturday, May 4th, 2002

Paid Political Ad by Freddy Roberts

Project Graduation Donations Needed

Parents and friends of the 2002 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.

Your gift would be greatly appreciated by our students and parents. Thank you for your help with this very worthwhile endeavor.

Sincerely,
Class of 2002 Senior Parents

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**Donations may be sent to
Borden County High School
"Project Graduation"
P.O. Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738**

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U.S. SENATOR

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Safety in the Sky

Before September 11, we never imagined that our airplanes — a symbol of American freedom and innovation — would be used against us as weapons of mass destruction. Tragically, terrorists found the vulnerabilities in our nation's aviation security and exploited them.

Creating a Federal System

After the attacks, Congress responded by closing the loopholes that allowed these acts of terrorism to occur. Previously, airport security was a piecemeal system with the airlines contracting services on an airport-by-airport basis. In November, the President signed legislation I helped craft that created the Transportation Safety Administration (TSA) within the Department of Transportation. It also laid out a plan for a federal system to bring all security functions under one authority and established a single security standard for every airport.

Visible Changes

The Federal Aviation Administration took immediate steps to address security concerns. Potential weapons such as knives and box cutters were banned from aircraft, cockpit doors were fortified, National Guard units were placed at airports and federal air marshals are now on board many more flights. Also, Congress mandated that every checked bag is screened or matched to a passenger.

Working Through the Challenges

The TSA is currently in the process of making permanent changes to aviation security and building the federal system from scratch — but it will not happen overnight. A process this complicated will need to be continually

refined. Recent reports of security lapses clearly ring alarm bells. There is no excuse for unauthorized persons to have access to an aircraft. These incidents remind us that weaknesses still exist in our system and we must not let our guard down.

Looking Ahead

The TSA is now deploying explosives detection systems in every airport in the United States and training a professional workforce to screen passengers and luggage. Congress is working closely with the TSA to streamline security measures and ensure that the traveling public is not unduly inconvenienced by new regulations. We have asked the TSA to re-evaluate restrictions on parking near airport terminals, especially small ones, and the prohibition on families accompanying loved ones to the gate.

Since security has been revamped, passengers have gradually begun traveling again. Air traffic is approaching 90 percent of pre-September 11 levels and that number is increasing every month.

Now we must begin to re-address the problem of flight delays and aviation limitations before demand once again exceeds capacity. It was only one year ago that more than 25 percent of all passenger flights were seriously delayed. Hundreds of daily flights were chronically late 80 or 90 percent of the time.

Last year I introduced the Aviation Delay Prevention Act (S. 633) that would require an airline to disclose — at the time a ticket is purchased — if a flight is chronically late. The bill would also redefine the term "on-time departure" so airlines can no longer claim a flight left on time if a plane pushes back from the gate but then languishes on the tarmac. My bill also makes it easier to build new runways and terminals. Currently, before construction on a new runway project can begin, a proposal must undergo several consecutive environmental reviews. My legislation would allow these reviews to be conducted simultaneously, without eliminating any environmental requirements. A process that currently can take 10 years or more could be cut in half. I will work with my colleagues in Congress to ensure this legislation moves forward.

Our objective is to have the best aviation system in the world. Every day we are one step closer to this goal.



Texas Stories
A showcase of the Texas Spirit



Tumbleweed Smith
Part owner of Texas

The Joys of Teaching

This school year I've been teaching some speech and writing courses at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Odessa. It is really fun.

In my speech class we spent a couple of days talking about how to overcome the fear of public speaking, which is most people's number one fear. The number two fear is death. In other words, rather than giving a eulogy at a funeral, most people would be in the casket.

On the midterm test third semester, one of the questions was "How do you overcome fear?" One student answered: "A couple shots of whiskey."

During the fall semester one of my students told the class when he started his speech, "I'm kinda nervous and I've always heard that to get you more relaxed, you need to picture your audience sitting out there naked. I'm having trouble visualizing that, so would you please start taking off your clothes."

I gave him an A.

One off my students wrote a critique about a speaker: "Dr. Allen arrived very promptly at 1 PM to 2:15 PM."

In my writing class, a girl wrote about anthrax: "Spores were found in his nasal passage, which led to an FBI investigation."

That same girl, on the paper, wrote: "People come into contact with the disease by eating under prepared meat or people who work with animals."

O, well. She's an art major.

In some UIL headline writing competition recently, one student wrote: "38YEAR

OLD TEEN GETS REWARD."

On the first day of spring I asked my students, "How many of you think spring is the best time of year?"

About half a dozen hands went up. I asked everyone who raised their hands in what season they were born. They were all born in the spring. I then asked the class, "How many of you think fall is the best time of the year?"

A few hands went up. I asked them when they were born and they were all born in the fall.

One girl then asked me, "What about me? Fall is my favorite season and I was born in November."

I've asked many teachers about collecting students' funny stories and they all say they have piles of them. In one class of English History, the topic was Henry the Eighth. One female student wrote on her test paper, "Henry the Ape. I don't know who gave him that name, but it's a funny one."

Another wrote: "Beethoven wrote music even though he was deaf. He was so deaf he wrote loud music."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of School Trustee Election to the Registered Voters of Borden County I.S.D., Gail, Texas: Notice is hereby given that a Trustee Election will be held on **Saturday, May 4, 2002**, to elect 2 trustees for regular three-year terms.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the **Borden County I.S.D. Superintendent's Office** between the hours of **8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.** beginning on **April 17, 2002**, and ending on **April 30, 2002**.

Applications for ballots by mail shall be mail to: **Borden County I.S.D. P.O. Box 95 Gail, Texas 79738**

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on **April 26, 2002**.

Those seeking a position on the Borden County I.S.D. Board of Trustees are:

Scott Clayton - Incumbent
Philena Farmer
Joe Harding - Incumbent
Freddy Roberts.

FOR SALE

2000 Ford Mustang
Call: Randy or Debra Hardman @ 756-4364

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL BHS REGIONAL QUALIFIERS
You've done a great job
Keep it going!

GOLF, TENNIS, TRACK, & UIL ACADEMIC

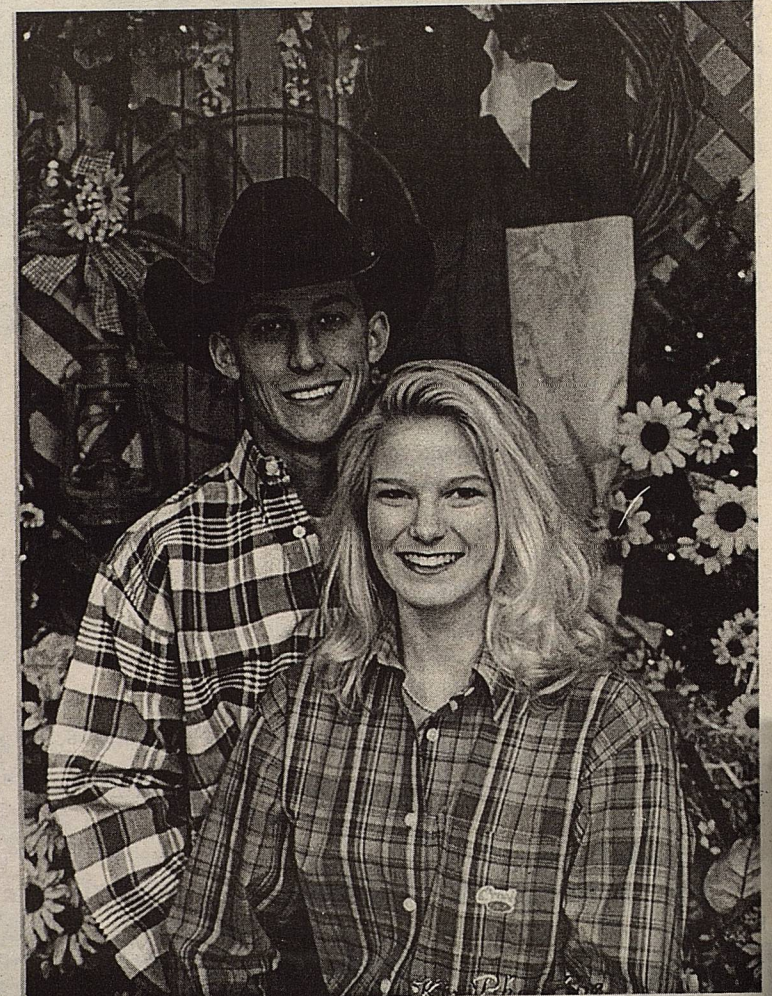
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Gass and Morrow Announce Approaching Marriage



Quentin Gass & Veronica Marrow

Poncho and Leisa Morrow of Knox City have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Veronica Blair Morrow, to John Quentin Gass, son of Butch Gass of Post, and Patricia Edenfield of Eagle, Colo., and grandson of James and Shirley Gass of O'Donnell and Adell Gannon of Dickens.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Knox City High School and is a candidate for graduation from South Plains College in May 2002 with an associate of arts degree. She plans to attend Midwestern State University in the fall where she will pursue a degree in mathematics with a teaching certification.

The future groom is a graduate of Guthrie High School and attended South Plains College. He is employed by Campbell Farms in Olney, Texas.

The couple plans a June 1st wedding in Knox City, Texas.

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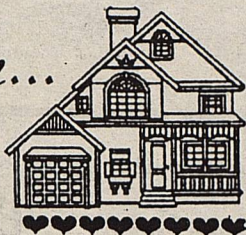
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Aging Gracefully Educational Program Series – Program 2

The second program on *Health and Fitness* will be held on Monday, April 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the Gail Community Building. We hope that you will join us to learn about how health issues and a regular fitness routine can affect our changing bodies.

This year, Texas Cooperative Extension-Borden County will be offering a five part educational program series entitled *Aging Gracefully*. This program has been designed to help everyone understand and cope with the various issues that take place as a result of the aging process. You may benefit from this program whether you are aging gracefully yourself, or whether you have parents, friends or relatives that are growing older. There will be five different programs, which will be spread throughout the year. The

programs and the months in which they will be offered are: Nutrition (was held in March), Health and Fitness (April), Housing Needs in the Later Years (June), Property Transfer (August), and Estate Planning (October).

Everyone is welcome to attend any one or all five programs (you are not required to attend all five). We will seek to provide all reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for any of our programs. We request that you contact us at the Extension office as soon as possible to advise us of auxiliary aid that you will require. For more information on any of the topics listed above, or more information on the Aging Gracefully program series, please feel free to contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336.

Walk Across Texas

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 Texas Cooperative Extension to provide people with the necessary support to not only start walking, but also find a group that can keep them walking even when they feel like quitting.

What are the benefits of joining WAT? A recent study found that the women participating in a walking group similar to WAT were still much more likely to be

walking ten years later even though no follow-up was provided. Women in the walking group had less heart disease, hospitalizations, surgeries, and falls ten years later than women who did not walk. Another study with 70,000 women, determined that those walking 1 hour a day or performing moderate activity such as housework reduced their risk of developing type 2 diabetes by half. Another study found that people at risk for developing heart disease due to atherosclerosis experienced a significantly reduced risk by walking for six months.

Moderately to vigorously active women reduced their risk for hip and vertebral fractures due to osteoporosis by as much as 42%. Other studies found that moderate physical activity lead to lowered risk for other health problems including gall bladder surgery, breast cancer, depression, and stroke. Additional benefits include lower blood pressure, lower "bad" cholesterol (LDL), higher "good" cholesterol (HDL), lower stress levels, and improved immunity. Finally, people with diabetes find they can control their blood sugar much better when they walk regularly. Besides reporting feeling better, last year many participants reported an added benefit of spending more time with their family and friends when they walked together.

Whether you want to walk to improve your health or to spend more time with family and friends, here is your opportunity to get started by participating in Walk Across Texas. Call the Extension office at (806)756-4336 and sign up today! We will begin logging miles Monday, April 27 and wrap up on Monday, June 10.



Buckle up, it's the law!

Drivers Name I-10 in Texas Safest Stretch Of Highway in US

Being the biggest state in the union is something to be proud of but cross-country drivers for Atlas Van Lines have given the Lone Star State another distinction. The drivers recently named Interstate 10 in Texas as the safest stretch of highway in the U.S.

Atlas drivers took part in the survey recently after wrapping up the company's busiest moving season on record. There were 330 participants.

Coming in second behind I-10 in Texas for safest stretch of highway was I-80 in Nebraska, followed by I-10 in Arizona.

"A large percent of our drivers spend more than 40 weeks a year on the road, and they've traveled just about every major highway in the country," notes Greg Hoover, vice president for Atlas Van Lines. "We wanted to ask them some questions that relate to their life on the road and thought it would be interesting to get their feedback on U.S. highways."

The drivers also named I-70 in Colorado as the most scenic stretch of highway in the U.S. Highway 101 in California and I-90 in Montana tied for second place, most scenic highway,

and I-84 in Oregon came in third.

But what about rest stops? Participating drivers cited Florida, by a long shot, as the state with the best rest stops. Georgia and Texas tied for second place, best rest stops, and Ohio and Washington tied for third.

The survey provided the perfect opportunity to ask a few of the most timeless truck-driver questions, as well, such as "which antacid gets rid of heartburn the quickest?" (they said Tums), and "How many times have you stopped to aid a motorist?" (Thirty-two percent said three to 10 times; 19 percent said they've stopped to aid motorists more than 10- times during their driving careers).

The complete 2002 Survey of Driver Tendencies can be found on the Atlas web site: www.atlasvanlines.com under the "News" icon.

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*Sincerely,
Joe Belew*

Have You Written Your Will?

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original documents in his office. Always keep copies of documents at home, with a notation as to the location of the originals.

Important documents might include:

- Bank accounts where you have deposits
- Insurance policies
- Credit card numbers
- Names and phone numbers of key financial advisers such as your attorney, banker, accountant
- Social Security number
- Retirement accounts
- Income tax returns for last three years

The Independent Bankers Association of Texas encourages you to update your will every few years. Changes in marital status, birth of a child, or move to a new state means your will needs updating.

When you obtain your will, also consider the value of preparing a durable power of attorney, appointing a trusted person to act for you in the event of your incapacity. Other helpful documents to consider include a medical power of attorney, directive to physicians (living will), and instructions regarding

body disposition.

No one wants to dwell on death, but ensuring that your loved ones are taken care of and that your estate is handled according to your wishes is important for your peace of mind.

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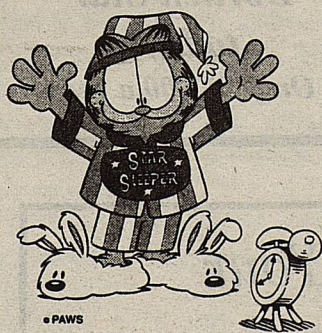
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School Menu Week Of:

April 22nd – 26th

MONDAY: Beef & Bean burrito, potato wedges, salad, fruit & milk

Breakfast: Hot Pocket, fruit juice & Milk.

TUESDAY: Steak fingers, macaroni & cheese, green beans, hot rolls, fruit & milk.

Breakfast: Sausage w/gravy, biscuits, fruit juice & milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets, potatoes, corn, hot rolls, jello & milk.

Breakfast: Breakfast burrito fruit juice & milk.

THURSDAY: Peanut butter & Jelly sandwich, chips, carrots & celery sticks, fruit & milk.

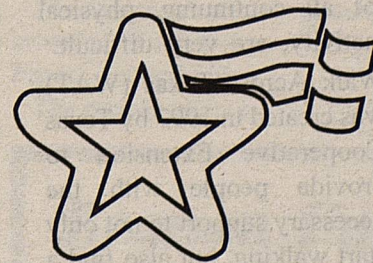
Breakfast: Muffins, fruit, & milk.

FRIDAY:

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- Find your birth certificate.
- Buy surplus government property.
- Send a Presidential birthday greeting.
- Contact your representative in Congress.
- Get a flag from the Capitol. Protect your privacy.
- Buy a Treasury note. See about an FHA mortgage.
- Enlist in the military. Check on safe travel abroad.
- Start a small business. Get info on immigration laws.
- File for Social Security.
- Check postage rates.
- Find military personnel.
- Get help on tax issues.
- Reserve a campsite.
- Buy Savings Bonds.
- Find a Federal job.
- Get your passport.
- Visit a national park.
- Apply for a gov't grant.
- Report unsafe products.
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