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IRS Announces First Day of E-File Season

The Internal Revenue Service announced that taxpayers could begin e-filing their individual income tax returns on Friday, January 10, 2003.

"Choosing IRS e-file is the quick, easy and smart way to get your taxes done," said Terry Lutes, Director of Electronic Tax Administration.

At the start of the filing season, the IRS also reminds taxpayers that they should make sure they have the right income documents before e-filing. Taxpayers should have copies of all the Forms W-2, W-2G and 1099-R they expect to receive before they e-file. These forms report wages, gambling income and retirement income. In addition, tax professionals are prohibited from submitting electronic returns to the IRS without getting all Forms W-2, W-2G, and 1099-R from the taxpayer. Payers should provide these forms to the recipients by January 31, 2003.

E-filers using a personal computer enter the data from forms W-2, W-2G, and 1099-R themselves. This is similar to attaching the forms to the face of paper tax returns. Taxpayers who rely on end-of-the-year paystubs to submit tax returns sometimes may not have complete, accurate tax information. For example, some paystubs do

not separate pre-tax deductions – such as 401(k) conditions – from total income.

Almost 47 million Americans chose IRS e-file options in 2002 – 16 percent more than the year before. The IRS expects about 54 million e-filers in 2003, as more and more taxpayers who file through a computer or a telephone find that e-filing is faster, more accurate and provides confirmation of receipt.

The IRS provides information on its Web site, IRS.gov, about how individuals can e-file. The site includes a list of many software products taxpayers can use to e-file. There is also contact information, by zip code, or tax professionals authorized to e-file their clients' tax returns.

Cultivating Tomorrow's Providers

by Patti J. Patterson, M.D.

Imagine a young man from a rural community who dreams of becoming an optometrist and establishing a practice in his hometown. Now picture this young man abandoning his dream because he knows so little about the field and he thinks his aspirations are impossible to achieve.

Had Josh Wyatt, a high school student from

Faster refunds and more accurate filings are just some of the benefits of e-filing. Taxpayers who choose IRS e-file and the direct deposit option may receive their refunds in as few as 10 days from the time they e-file. The average e-file refund is issued in 14 days, compared to four to six weeks for a paper tax return. Taxpayers who e-file have more accurate returns, because IRS computers quickly and automatically check for errors or other missing information.

There are three ways a taxpayer can e-file. Individuals can file from a home computer, through a tax professional, and some can file from a touchtone telephone.

Taxpayers with a computer, a modern or Internet access

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Borden County EMS Receives Grant to Purchase LifePak 11 Heart Monitor

By Philena Farmer

Borden County EMS recently received a grant that was to be used for purchasing equipment. Borden County EMS used these funds to purchase a LifePak 11 heart monitor. This is a great advancement for the citizens of Borden County because it allows the ambulance personnel to monitor heart rhythms with greater accuracy.

With the LifePak 11, Borden County EMS can run a 12-Lead EKG just like the hospitals or doctor offices do. After this EKG is recorded, the EMTs can call the doctor and

let them know what they see. This gives the doctor a better picture of what is happening and enables us to treat the patient more accurately than before.

On Saturday, December 28, 2002, the members of Borden County EMS attended a class to learn how to operate the LifePak 11 and learn how to read the EKG. Kent Holmes instructed the EMTs on reading the various parts of the EKG and Carrie Hart demonstrated the use of the LifePak 11. This was a very informative class that was enjoyed by all who attended.

Rural Health Care

may not aspire to work in health care because they are unaware of the range of career opportunities available and the numerous programs that offer educational and financial assistance to them. It is imperative that we reach out to young people in order to ensure the future of health care access in rural communities.

The Area Health Education Center of the Plains (AHEC), which opened in Plainview in June 2002, is designed to

provide students in the 21-county South Plains region access to education about health care career opportunities.

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SCHOOL BOARD
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Lady Coyotes Win One, Lose One as District Race Heats Up

The senior girls are reading Charles Dickens' *A Tale of Two Cities* in class right now.

Unfortunately, now they know about that "best of times, worst of times" opening line firsthand.

In what was clearly the girls' strongest overall performance of the year, BHS defeated Klondike January 14, 64-41.

The worst would come three days later as the Lady Coyotes let a game get away both in regulation and in overtime to suffer their first district loss to Ira, 47-45.

Against Klondike, it was BHS at its best, running and using a tenacious full-court press to perfection.

The Lady Coyotes forced 21 steals and dominated the boards with 38 rebounds on the evening.

Eight of nine players scored in the balanced attack against a good Klondike team that had been previously undefeated in district play.

The showdown victory though only set up another showdown with district rival Ira, who came in tied for second place in the league standings.

Leading 25-18 at half-time, BHS gave up too much ground in the third quarter by allowing 11 points and scoring only four.

At the end of three periods, the score was tied at 29, and the see-saw game continued into the final period.

Ira scored first in the fourth quarter, but senior Bobbie Kempf's free throws tied it again at 31 with 5:00 left in the game.

The Lady Bulldogs would score on a three-point play to move ahead, but again Kempf answered by rebounding her own missed shot and getting it right on the put-back.

Senior Pati Rodriguez made two free throws with a 1:36 in regulation to once again give the Lady Coyotes the

lead, 35-34.

But with 1:26 in the game, Kempf picked up her fifth foul. Ira converted one of the charity shots to make it 35 all.

Senior Kyliia Culp drove down and found teammate Micah Hensley underneath for a short jumper with :44 in the game, giving BHS a 37-35 advantage.

Hensley's ensuing defensive rebound on Ira's end seemed to bode well and put the girls in the drivers' seat with :26 left, but the girls were not able to run out the clock and a foul with :06 put Ira on the line with a chance to tie the score and send the game to overtime.

They did.

In overtime, once again BHS had the momentum with :55 to play after Rodriguez's made two free throws to give the Lady Coyotes the 45-41 lead.

Missed free throws, fouls that put Ira back on the line, and a three-point shot helped to give the visitors the win.

BHS is now tied with Ira for first place. The two teams will meet again in Ira February 4 in what may prove to be the district championship game.

BHS 19 12 14 19 64

KHS 5 14 13 9 41

B. Kempf (9 pts., 15 reb., 3 steals, 2 blocked shots, 5 assists); **Hensley** (15 pts., 5 reb., 2 steals, 1 assist); **Rodriguez** (8 pts., 2 reb., 2 steals, 1 assist); **Culp** (4 pts., 1 reb., 5 steals); **D. Kempf** (6 pts., 7 reb., 2 steals); **J. Gass** (8 pts., 5 reb., 1 steal, 1 assist); **S. Gass** (10 pts., 1 reb., 2 steals); **Arellanos** (2 assists, 1 steal)

BHS 13 12 4 8 10 45

IHS 12 6 11 8 12 47

B. Kempf (8 pts., 6 reb., 2 steals); **Hensley** (12 pts., 10 reb., 1 assist); **D. Kempf** (8 pts., 5 reb., 3 steals, 1 assist);

4-1 District Record

Coyotes pound Bulldogs, Cougars for District wins to move into second place

Whether or not Coach Trey Richey and Co. will be playing in the post-season is now entirely up to them. And that's a good thing.

By virtue of two big district wins last week, the Coyotes have placed themselves alone in second-place behind league-leading Grady.

If the Coyotes can win out over the teams they defeated in first-half play and Grady defeats Ira, BHS will find themselves lacing up the shoes a little longer.

That's exactly what Coach Richey wants and expects of his team who has scrambled its way into the thick of the district race.

Klondike wanted to make it hard on the Coyotes in their January 14 game.

With only five players, the host team hung around a good while before BHS was able to put some significant distance between the two teams.

Senior T.J. Sharp (23 pts.) and junior Shane Tarleton (18 pts.) gave BHS its offensive boost.

Two other Coyotes were at or near double-figures as senior Talin Pepper poured in 11 points and junior Kyle Pinkerton added nine.

Ben Griffin's play factored into much of the scoring as the sophomore tossed up four assists on in-bounds passes for points underneath.

Griffin also finished with 7 points of his own.

Senior Brionne Jackson and sophomore Adam Carter completed the Coyote scoring with two points each.

In the Ira contest Friday night in Gail, the game displayed the intensity that comes with a rivalry.

After one quarter, the score was tied at nine and by half-time the Coyotes led by only three.

In the second half, BHS led by as many as 13, 41-28, with 2:53 remaining in the game.

With less than a minute to play, Ira had cut that lead to 44-42 with :29 to go.

Pinkerton's two free throws with :26 along with Sharp's one free throw at the very end

made the difference as the Coyotes took the hard-fought 47-42 district win.

BHS 19 15 15 23 72

KHS 11 7 11 12 41

Griffin (7 pts., 1 reb., 4 steals, 4 assists); **Sharp** (23 pts., 5 reb., 5 steals, 1 assist); **Tarleton** (18 pts., 7 reb., 1 steal, 3 assists); **Jackson** (2 pts., 2 reb., 1 steal, 2 assists); **Pepper** (11 pts., 7 reb., 3 steals, 1 assist); **Pinkerton** (9 pts., 5 reb., 2 steals, 1 blocked shot, 2 assists); **Carter** (2 pts., 2 reb., 2 steals), also playing was **Cade Peterson**

BHS 9 10 14 14 47

IHS 9 7 7 19 42

Sharp (16 pts., 8 reb., 1 steal, 1 assist); **Tarleton** (4 pts., 9 reb., 1 blocked shot); **Jackson** (2 pts., 3 reb., 1 steal); **Pepper** (6 pts., 3 reb., 1 steal, 2 assists); **Pinkerton** (10 pts., 3 reb., 2 assists); **Carter** (2 pts., 2 steals); **Griffin** (7 pts., 2 reb., 2 steals, 1 assist) also playing was **Peterson**

At Rochester, February 3rd.

CX Debate Teams Compete as District Tournament Nears

With less than two weeks before traveling to Rochester for the District 9-A tournament, Borden High School's two cross-ex debate teams are staying busy with practice meets.

Defending district champions and state quarterfinalists Billy Roper and John

Wilson competed at the Friona Bobcat Classic January 11.

Roper and Wilson won two rounds and lost one.

This past Saturday Kyle Pinkerton and Tyler Wallace advanced to the quarterfinals of the Andrews UIL Invitational.

With a perfect 3-0 record through the preliminary rounds, the two speakers advanced but lost a quarterfinal decision to a team from Monahans.

Since October, the debate squad has traveled to tournaments in Lubbock,

Amarillo Caprock, Frenship, Amarillo High, and the two most recently.

Roper and Wilson will get in one more meet this weekend when the two travel to Brownwood to match up with some central Texas squads.

The district meet this year will have teams from Rochester and Damson competing for the two places that will qualify them for the State UIL Debate Tournament held on the University of Texas campus March 10 and 11.

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Girls Take District Win over Missy Mustangs

Jr. High Splits with Sands

Monday evening basketball in Gail saw the jr. high girls team take a win against Sands, 34-25, while the boys fell to the Mustangs, 30-18.

The girls started with a 9-8 first quarter lead.

Ana Arellanos started off the second quarter with a basket underneath after taking a pass from Lindsey Stamper to make it an 11-8 margin with 4:27 remaining in the half.

On the next Lady Coyote possession, Dannelle Copeland tossed it inside to Stamper who put it in for two more BJH points.

With just a minute to play in the quarter, it was Copeland's turn to shoot underneath and score. Becky Dobyns found Copeland on the assist.

Arellanos's bucket with :11 gave the Lady Coyotes their 17-13 lead at intermission.

With fresh legs, the girls returned and continued to dominate.

Kalli Poole grabbed three consecutive defensive rebounds to bring the ball back to the other end.

Stamper, taking the Arellanos screen, rolled around the left side of the lane for two more points to give BJH its first points of the second half.

Poole then followed with a field goal off of Stamper's assist, and the lead increased appeared that the Coyotes might add to that short-lived 3-0 lead, but that would be all offensively as Sands went on a 10-0 run.

Bullinger would add a free throw with 3:15 remaining in the half, and Froman added two more, but once again the Coyotes were unable to grab any offensive rebounds.

Symeron Rinehart's steal in the closing seconds of the half resulted in a foul. Rinehart made one of the two free throws, and the Coyotes trailed 17-8 at half-time.

During half-time, several jr. high team members played a five-minute game. The following stats are from that contest: Miller Valentine (2 pts., 4 reb.); Zane Williamson (2 reb.); Brice Smith (1 reb.); Pascual Espinoza (2 reb., 2 steals); Logan Howard (1 reb.).

After the break, BJH and Sands traded baskets as Froman found Bullinger for two points, and Clint Chapman dished off to Froman twice on back-to-back possessions.

Clary's defensive rebound with a minute to play gave the Coyotes a chance to add some more, but BJH was unable to convert and gave up five points to Sands in the final minute of the third quarter.

Leading 26-18, Sands would only score four points in the fourth quarter, but the Coyotes' offensive rebounded to 21-15 at the 3:01 mark of the third period.

Poole's put-back on an offensive board ended the scoring in this quarter as the Lady Coyotes held a 26-17 cushion.

The final period saw Sands pull to within seven points, but the visitors would get no closer as BJH had fields goals from Christina Soto, Stamper, and Poole to clinch the win.

Game Stats

Copeland (2 pts., 2 reb., 2 steals, 2 assists); **Wilson** (1 reb.); **Harding** (2 reb., 1 steal); **Wallace** (1 steal); **Brooks** (1 reb.); **Poole** (8 pts., 9 reb., 2 steals); **Arellanos** (6 pts., 1 reb., 2 steals); **Newton** (2 reb., 1 steal); **Stamper** (15 pts., 3 reb., 3 steals, 4 assists); **Dobyns** (1 pt., 2 reb., 1 steal); **Soto** (2 pts., 2 reb., 1 steal); **Minnick**, **Roberts**, and **Shipp** also saw action

BOYS' GAME

If the first quarter could have been better, the jr. high boys' team would have made

Good Week for JV Basketball as JV Girls win Forsan Tourney, Boys go to 3-1 in District Play

Another busy week of basketball netted some big wins for both the boys' and girls' junior varsity teams.

Each played one district game last week along with a Thursday and Saturday tournament held at Forsan.

Coach Avery and Coach Richey's guys took a Friday night district win over the Ira Bulldogs, 45-25, while the girls won over Klondike, 40-34.

Weekend tournament play saw Coach Kevin James' team win three games to bring home the championship trophy from the Forsan Tournament. The girls defeated Water Valley (51-26), Forsan (57-15), and Sterling City (48-31).

The boys won over Water Valley as well (48-20) but

this a closer game than the score indicates.

Giving up 10 points and scoring only three in the first six minutes put the guys in a hole that would be hard to overcome.

The only points came off a Jacob Froman free throw and a steal by Michael Bullinger, which resulted in an easy lay-up with 3:19 in the quarter.

After a Rowdy Clary defensive rebound, it ing woes continued, keeping them from some easy put-backs.

Froman hit two more free throws, and Rinehart hit Dore Rodriguez on an in-bounds play for an easy two points with :30 left in the game.

The Coyotes fell 30-18, bringing their season record to 5-7.

Game Statistics:

Clary (3 reb., 1 steal); **Bullinger** (6 pts., 7 reb., 1 steal); **Froman** (10 pts., 6 reb., 2 steals, 1 assist); **Rinehart** (1 pt., 2 steals, 1 assist); **Shafer** (2 reb., 2 steals); **Chapman** (2 reb., 2 steals, 2 assists); **Peterson** (1 reb.); **Cowart** (1 reb., 2 steals); **Williamson** (1 reb.); **Rodriguez** (2 pts., 4 reb.)

dropped games to Forsan's jv and to Garden City (44-32).

Box scores and available stats are listed below from last week's jv action:

GIRLS

BHS 16 12 6 6 40

KHS 10 4 9 9 34

Rinehart (2 pts., 7 reb., 1 steal, 1 blocked shot, 2 assists); **James** (8 pts., 7 reb., 1 steal, 2 assists); **Mayes** (15 pts., 5 reb., 1 steal, 2 assists); **Anderson** (7 pts., 3 reb., 2 assists); **Johnson** (6 pts., 2 reb., 1 blocked shot); **Balague** (3 reb., 2 steals, 2 assists); **Brooks** (2 pts., 5 reb.); **Hudson** (2 reb.); **Ogden** (1 reb.)

BHS 21 17 9 4 51

WVHS 4 8 7 7 26

Rinehart (12 pts.), **James** (15 pts.), **Johnson** (7 pts.), **Mayes** (7 pts.), **Balague** (4 pts.), **Anderson** (4 pts.), **Ogden** (2 pts.) also playing were Brandi Hudson and **Megan Brooks**

BHS 24 13 12 8 57

FHS 1 5 2 7 15

Rinehart (22 pts.), **James** (15 pts.), **Mayes** (9 pts.), **Johnson** (5 pts.), **Balague** (4 pts.), **Ogden** (2 pts.) also playing were **Brooks** and **Hudson**

BHS 14 10 16 8 48

SHS 4 7 7 13 31

Rinehart (15 pts.), **James** (11 pts.), **Mayes** (20 pts.), **Balague** (1 pt.), **Johnson** (1 pt.) also playing **Hudson** and **Ogden**

BOYS

BHS 13 10 10 11 45

IHS 3 9 8 5 25

Lamming (2 pts.), **Pigford** (3 pts.), **Wilson** (6 pts.), **Thomas** (5 pts.), **Chapman** (7 pts.), **Lozano** (7 pts.), **Anderson** (6 pts.), **Tarleton** (8 pts.), **Gickhorn** (1 pt.) also playing was **Trey Soto**

BHS 17 14 11 6 48

WVHS 5 1 2 12 20

Lozano (8 pts.), **Thomas** (7 pts.), **Chapman** (4 pts.), **Anderson** (10 pts.), **Wilson** (5 pts.), **Tarleton** (7 pts.), **Lamming** (2 pts.), **Gickhorn**

(2 pts.), **Pigford** (3 pts.), also playing was **Soto**

BHS 8 9 11 4 32

GHS 7 10 16 11 44

Lozano (7 pts.), **Thomas** (9 pts.), **Chapman** (6 pts.), **Tarleton** (2 pts.), **Lamming** (2 pts.), **Gickhorn** (2 pts.), **Pigford** (4 pts.) also playing were **Soto** and **Wilson**

CORRECTION

Sophomore, Billy Roper should have been listed as 3rd Six-Weeks and First Semester **Beta Achievement** instead of the Honor Roll for the 3rd Six-Weeks and First Semester. Sorry for this mistake.

School

Menu Week Of:

Jan. 27th - 31st, 2003

MONDAY: BBQ sausage, ranch style beans, potato salad, bread, fruit & milk.

Breakfast: French toast sticks, fruit juice & milk.

TUESDAY: Pizza, corn, salad, pudding & milk.

Break-fast: Ham & eggs, biscuits, fruit juice & milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken Quesadillas, Spanish rice, tomato slices, fruit & milk.

Breakfast: Waffles, fruit juice & milk

THURSDAY: Meat & gravy, potatoes, green peas, hot rolls, ice cream & milk.

Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, fruit juice, & milk.

FRIDAY: Steak sandwich, tater tots, salad cup, brownies & milk.

Breakfast: Pancake pups, fruit juice & milk.

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Upper Colorado SWCD E-File The Green Ash

The Green Ash is a deciduous hardwood. It grows to be a spreading, round topped tree between 40 and 50 feet in height at maturity. Despite its height, it has a high degree of wind firmness.

The Green ash is both winter and drought hardy, and adapted to a wide variety of soil and climatic conditions. These characteristics have made it one of the most successful hardwoods planted for windbreaks in the Texas Panhandle.

Its good shade and pleasing appearance make it a fine addition to any windbreak. Wild life such as deer and

cottontail rabbits occasionally utilizes the leaves as a food source, and birds eat the seeds.

Remember, protection from both wildlife and livestock is just as important as watering and removal of weed competition for survival of your young trees and seedlings.

For more information about the green ash or any of the other varieties, call or come by the Upper Colorado Soil & Water Conservation District Office. The office is located in the Scurry County USCSA Office Complex at 5309 Big Springs Hwy. The phone number is 915/573-6317 ext. 2

Rural Health Care Providers

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ities. AHEC of the Plains provided Josh the assistance he needed when he recognized his interest in optometry. Because of the genuine interest of the AHEC staff and a local optometrist, Stewart Webb, O.D., Josh now has ready access to the information he needs, a mentor and a part-time job which gives him experience in a health field and a clear advantage when the comes time to apply to colleges of optometry.

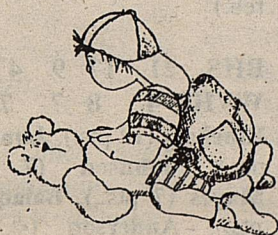
AHEC of the Plains, which is funded by Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center's Office of Rural and Community Health, strives to cultivate young people's interest in health care fields while providing a mentoring environment to cement that interest and lay the groundwork for future careers.

Why is it so important to create a pipeline for students to pursue careers in health care? A shortage of virtually all types of health care providers now plagues many

rural areas in West Texas. Efforts to recruit health care professionals from urban areas too live and work in small communities have had limited success. Since research suggests that individuals raised in rural communities are more likely to eventually settle down in rural areas, we should turn to students in rural areas to fill the current void of health care providers. This could help guarantee these communities future access to local health care.

Many West Texans have come to accept driving 60 miles or more in order to receive health care. With the help of centers like AHEC of the Plains, young people like Josh Wyatt might make it possible to exchange an hour-long drive to see a physician in another town for a visit to a local doctor whose office is only five minutes from their doorstep.

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and tax preparation software can e-file their tax returns from home any time, day or night. To do so, a taxpayer sends a completed, electronic tax return to a transmitter. The transmitter converts the file to an IRS-approved format and then sends the converted return file to the IRS. Within 48-hours, the IRS notifies the taxpayer through the transmitter whether or not the return is accepted. In 2002, 9.4 million taxpayers e-filed their returns from home - 37.9 percent more than the year before.

Taxpayers can go to a tax professional who is an authorized e-file provider to e-file their tax returns. Computer filing through an authorized provider has been the core of e-filing since its debut in 1986. Using their method, tax professionals send clients' returns electronically to the IRS. Some prepare their clients' returns and send them, others take returns prepared by their clients, enter the data, then e-file it with the IRS. Authorized providers filed 33 million returns in 2002, up 15 percent from the previous year.

Some taxpayers can even

file their tax returns over the telephone. Taxpayers who are eligible and who receive a special TeleFile instruction booklet from the IRS can file their tax return with an easy 10-minute telephone call. It's the easiest way to file. More than 4 million people chose TeleFile during 2002.

It's a Girl!



Elizabeth Ann Dye

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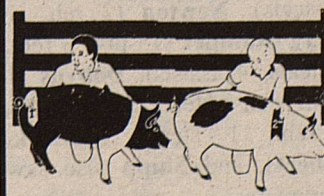
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Thank You!

The Borden County 4-H Club and Gail FFA would like to extend a big THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the 2003 Borden County Junior Livestock Show. We appreciate the efforts of the BCJLA Board of Directors, Sales Committee Members, Borden County Commissioners Court, Borden County Employees, Borden County ISD Employees, First Ag Credit (for the wonderful chuckwagon breakfast) and everyone throughout the community that helped to make our 2003 Stock Show such a success. Thanks to all the businesses and individuals who donated money towards the premium sale. Again, thank you for supporting the 4-H and FFA youth.

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