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B.H.S. Continues U.I.L. Academic Preparation

Eight Participate in Wylie H.S. Practice Meet

By Darrin Ard

Students from Borden High School continued preparation for this year's district U.I.L. Academic Meet this past Saturday by competing in the Abilene Wylie High School Valentine Classic U.I.L. Meet.

Eight students participated in a variety of events in hopes of gaining an extra edge on district competition to be held later this spring.

Bringing home hardware from the meet was junior Kyle Pinkerton. He received the third place bronze medal in Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking and participated in Current Issues & Events.

John Wilson, a sophomore, placed fifth in both Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking and Current Issues & Events. He also participated in the Mathematics contest.

Senior Michele Bond broke to the octofinals in Lincoln-Douglas Debate out of a field of 30-35 contestants before being defeated by the top debater of the host school. Additionally, Bond barely missed breaking into the semifinals in Extemporaneous Informative Speaking.

Also breaking out of the preliminary round was

sophomore Tyler Wallace in Prose Interpretation. He placed fourth in the semifinals, but failed to advance to the finals as only the top two advanced.

Other students attending the practice meet were Garrett Chapman (Extemporaneous Informative Speaking & Ready Writing), Trey Soto (Literary Criticism, Feature Writing, & Headline Writing), Cassidy Rinehart (Prose Interpretation), & Billy Roper (Science, Number Sense, & Mathematics).

Two more practice meets remain on the U.I.L. academic schedule. Both are set to occur on March 1 at Plains (general academic) and Jim Ned (speech & debate).

The District 9-A U.I.L. Academic Meet is set for March 22 at Western Texas College in Snyder. Borden County entries for the meet will appear in future additions of the *Borden Star*.

BC Sheriff's Office will host Weather Spotter Training Class

The Borden County Sheriff's Office will host a SKYWARN Weather Spotter Training class on Tuesday,

Girls Meet Aspermont in First Round; Boys Bi-District Next Week

Playoffs begin for BHS Basketball

By Sue Jane Mayes

The sudden-death season is here, and both Coach Trey Richey and Coach Kevin James know what that means.

Win, or else get out the tennis rackets, golf clubs, or spikes.

With that kind of pressure, it might be an unwelcome time of the year. But, both coaches know that this is what they've been working for since the start.

Borden High School athletics are no strangers to the playoff atmosphere.

Even though the last time the boys did advance in basketball was in 1999, they have enjoyed success in general in the athletic department.

The girls' reputation on the hard courts is legendary in these parts, with semi-state appearances in 1999 and 2002.

Nothing is taken for granted, however, during state playoff time, and each team knows it will have to bring its best to the court

each and every time.

The girls were to have faced Aspermont late Tuesday (no results in this paper until next week). If they defeat Aspermont, more than likely a Friday match-up with the winner of the Whitharral/New Home game will take place in Lubbock.

The boys enjoy a week off before their bi-district tilt; however, Coach Richey has kept them active with two practice games to date.

The boys defeated a solid Midland Classical team (private school) in Midland last Friday night, 44-39, but lost to Lorenzo Monday night in Gail.

In the win over MCHS, defensive rebounding (28 team total) and good-looks underneath (10 team assists) led to the win.

In the final quarter, the BHS went 9-of-14 from the free throw line to help the cause.

BHS 12 5 9 18 44
MCHS 7 6 11 15 39

Sharp (18 pts., 8 reb., 1 steal, 1 assist); **Tarleton** (9 pts., 9 reb., 2 assists); **Pepper** (6 pts., 2 reb., 1 assist); **Griffin** (7 pts., 6 reb., 2 steals, 2 assists); **Jackson** (2 pts., 2 reb., 1 assist); **Pinkerton** (4 reb., 3 assists); **Carter** (1 reb.); also playing was **Cade Peterson**

GIRLS PRACTICE GAME

BHS 11 8 14 15 48
MCHS 15 10 20 8 53

B. Kempf (12 pts., 11 reb., 2 steals, 1 blocked shot, 2 assists); **Culp** (3 reb., 1 assist); **Hensley** (13 pts.—including 7-of-7 from free throw line, 4 reb., 4 steals); **Rodriguez** (13 pts., 2 reb., 3 steals, 2 assists); **D. Kempf** (6 pts., 8 reb., 1 assist); **J. Gass** (2 pts., 2 reb., 1 assist); **James** (2 pts., 7 reb., 1 steal); **S. Gass** (1 reb., 2 steals); **Arellanos** (1 reb.)

present topics such as clouds identification.

The training is free to the public. Anyone who is interested in identifying possible severe weather should attend. For more information contact the Borden County Sheriff's Office at 756-4311

February 18th. The class will be held in the Community Building located behind the courthouse. It will start at 7

PM and should end by 9 PM. Meteorologist Pat Vesper from the National Weather Service in Midland will

BHS Takes Three games at Ira

By Sue Jane Mayes

A trip to the Dog Pound is not pleasant, but the Coyotes took care of the Ira Bulldogs on their home court in the regular season finales February 4.

The junior varsity boys started off the sweep with a 45-18 victory.

Led by Andy Lozano's 12 points, BHS built on a comfortable 23-9 half-time lead to win the junior varsity district title.

All Coyote players scored in the win, which gave Coach Bobby Avery's JV a 9-1 district record (10-13 on the season).

With the district title already clinched, the Lady Coyotes were playing for some pride since Ira had defeated the girls in Gail January.

It was to be another hard-fought game as Ira took a 10-9 first-quarter lead and kept the one-point margin going into the half.

Despite a 3-of-10 shooting performance from the field in the third quarter, the Lady Coyotes were able to hit one trey and play some good defense to regain the lead, 34-31, with eight minutes to play.

Good free throws down the stretch insured the win this time around as Bobbie

Kempf and Menda James went to the line in the final minute as BHS won 48-41.

Offensive boards were huge in this game as BHS pulled down 20 (to only 11 defensive rebounds).

Bobbie had 12 of those offensive rebounds, which often kept the ball alive on the Lady Coyote end and produced many second-chance points.

One offensive rebound in the third period by Dalene Kempf came with the Lady Coyotes trailing 27-26.

Kempf's rebound and toss out to Pati Rodriguez led to Rodriguez's three-pointer which gave BHS a lead it never relinquished.

The varsity boys' game was tight all the way, going down to the final seconds when Ben Griffin sank two free throws with :12 remaining and grabbed a steal at the end of the game to seal the 41-38 win.

Griffin also led all BHS scorers with 14 points.

The Coyotes only had 8 turnovers—none in the second period when they outscored Ira 12-6.

JV STATISTICS VS. IRA

BHS 8 15 6 16 45
IHS 3 6 2 7 18
Lozano (12 pts., 1 reb., 2 steals); **Thomas** (8 pts., 3 steals, 1 reb., 2 assists); **Wilson** (4 pts., 3 reb., 1 assist); **Chapman** (4 pts., 3 reb., 2 steals, 1 assist); **Lamming** (4 pts., 2 reb.); **Pigford** (4 pts., 4 reb., 1 steal); **Anderson** (3 pts., 7 reb., 2 steals, 1 blocked shot, 1 assist); **Gicklhorn** (2 pts., 5 reb.); **Soto** (2 pts., 1 reb.); **Tarleton** (2 pts., 3 reb., 1 steal)

GIRLS VS. IRA

BHS 9 13 12 15 49
IHS 10 13 8 10 41
B. Kempf (18 pts., 14 reb., 3 steals); **D. Kempf** (2 pts., 4 reb., 1 steal); **Hensley** (8 pts., 3 reb., 1 steal); **Culp** (6 pts., 1 assist); **Rodriguez** (5 pts., 4 steals); **S. Gass** (1 reb.); **J. Gass** (4 pts., 2 reb., 1 steal); **Arellanos** (4 reb., 1 steal, 2 assists); **James** (3 pts., 4 reb., 1 steal, 1 assist)

BOYS VARSITY VS. IRA

BHS 8 12 11 10 41
IHS 8 6 12 12 38
Sharp (7 pts., 6 reb., 1 steal, 1 assist); **Tarleton** (12 pts., 4 reb., 3 steals); **Griffin** (14 pts., 5 reb., 2 steals); **Jackson** (3 reb., 1 steal); **Pepper** (6 pts., 2 reb., 1 assist); **Pinkerton** (2 pts., 4 reb., 1 steal); **Carter** (1 reb.)

Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 13th, day of January, 2003, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge, Presiding; **DOUG ISAACS**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE**, County Clerk; **JANA UNDER-WOOD**, Deputy County Clerk

with Joyce Herridge, Clerk of Court leaving at 10:30 a.m. constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda;

MINUTES APPROVED
 Minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting of December 19th, 2002 were read. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaacs. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED
 The current accounts were examined and Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

SETTING SALARIES AND WAGES FOR 2003
 Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to set salaries and wages for year 2003 as budgeted in the 2003 budget as preciously advertised. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PRECINCT 2 LEASE AGREEMENT
 Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve lease agreement between Larry D.

Smith and Commissioner Precinct 2, Randy Adcock for Maintenance Yard. Commissioner Reyes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

BONDS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPUTIES.

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve the bonds for newly elected officials and deputies. Bonds issued for elected officials in the names of Van L. York, Kenneth Bennett, Joyce Herridge, Jane Jones, Randy Adcock, and Joe Belew. Bonds issued for deputies in the name of Jana Underwood. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to renew list of Historical Committee for 2003-2004. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointments to the Borden County Historical Commission for the 2002-2003 Term:

Doris Steadman
 Kenneth Bennett
 Marge Toombs
 Larry & Wanda Smith
 Jean Taylor
 Fannie Flint
 Van & Barbara York
 Dorothy Browne
 Dewey Faye Miller
 Barbara Farmer
 Joe Pat Harding
 Brent & Pat Murphy
 Sue, Smith
 Dorothy Dennis
 D. M. parks
 Billy & Mary John Phinizy
 Doris Rudd
 Joel Dennis

GRIEVANCE

COMMITTEE

The following named were drawn in open court from the list of all persons who served on a Grand Jury in 2002: Kenneth Wayne Williams; Brenda Joyce Bodine; Borden Glen Gray; Clay Dean Cowart; William Lewis Phinizy; and Joe. W. Cooley. These persons will serve on the Grievance committee for 2003 with other members of the committee as created by Article 3912K

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the 2003 Grievance Committee as drawn. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Kent Holmes, representative of the Borden County EMS visited with the Court.

OFFICE OF CONSTABLE

Commissioner Belew made a motion to accept letter of removal from Kent W. Holmes, for the position of Constable, and declare the office of constable open. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

An application for soil conservation construction of fireguards was received from Mark A. Boardman in Precinct 2 and 49 Ranch in Precinct 1. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the applications at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for motorgrader and \$65.00 per hour for dozer. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Belew made a motion to adjourn. Motions was seconded by Commissioner Adcock and approved unanimously.

Borden County Site Based Decision Making Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. on February 20th, 2003 in the Conference Room ESCXVII will be providing training to the SBDM Committee. Other agenda items and minutes from the last meeting will be published in next week's Borden Star

Water remains a priority

Senator Robert Duncan

There is an old saying about being a Texan: you know you're from Texas when you stop expecting the sight of a bridge to mean water is near. There was a time we could laugh at that one, but the reality facing Texas and its water needs make that line seem like a solemn prediction instead of a trite expression.

After a dry spell hit the Texas economy for \$4 billion in 1996, we found several deficiencies in our state's water planning. There was no drought plan, we practiced little conservation, and no viable statewide water plan existed. During that fateful year, 80 percent of the recommended water resources had already been developed, and yet our state's population was predicted to double by the year 2003.

Unless changes were made, Texas' major urban areas would be 15 percent short of daily water needs and a loss of \$40 billion could be expected in the state economy. Most new water sources take up to 25 years to develop, and Texas had little time to waste.

In 1997 and 2001, we passed Senate Bills 1 and 2 – the most comprehensive reforms to water management and planning in Texas history. The measures shifted water planning from the state level to the local level. This was designed to drive local

participation, control, and buy-in to the regional water planning process. The impact has been clear: people now talk about natural resources and communities understand water is a priority.

Securing Texas' water supply, improving its infrastructure, and promoting its conservation are among the issues demanding the most strict attention from law makers. A heightened emphasis on water issues – increased public participation, education, and awareness – now flows throughout the state.

Within the next 50 years, almost 900 Texas cities will have to either reduce their demand for water or develop new sources of it. We must balance the water needs of rural and urban areas and follow the planning process we created. Rural and urban Texas has a reciprocal relationship in which the success of one benefits the other.

Rural Texas will be forced to reckon with depleted groundwater resources and an increase of those resources by urban areas. At the current rate of usage, parts of West Texas could fall short of irrigation needs by an estimated 856,000 acre-feet per year. That would reverberate across the state's economy through the loss of thousands of jobs and millions of dollars.

If the water needs of our urban neighbors are met through investment in strategies such as conservation, reuse, desalination, and brush control, the pressure on ground water in aquifers could be relieved.

It is vital that groundwater conservation districts continue to provide local control of ground water; and it is of equal importance that these districts be supported and funded locally.

Texans have to stick together and think both progressively and pragmatically about water issues. To provide more public input and attention to water issues, we created the Texas Water Advisory Council, a 13-member group of legislators, elected officials, agency leaders, and public members. This council, which I am honored to chair, guides state water policy initiatives and is developing recommendations for the Legislature.

Water is a multifaceted issue, and several of its levels will arise during this session, including: conservation,

desalination, reuse, infrastructure improvement, marketing, environmental and in-stream flows, condemnation of surface water rights, border water disputes, long-term financing strategies to help communities pay for water projects, and protection of our state's rivers.

Water will be a salient concern for this and every future Legislature. Texas regulations, laws, and institutions must evolve to keep pace with – and at times, even encourage – new developments in technology. Texans must increase their understanding of the complex issues involved in maintaining our natural resources so they may continue to sustain the state and its economies.

Among the most precious of our resources, water is critical to all of Texas. Our state has policy challenges ahead, and overcoming them will require diplomatic resolve, judicious policies, and responsive institutions. Water is like blood, not oil. This resource sustains more than livelihoods – it maintains life.

School Menu

Week Of:

February 17th – 21st

MONDAY: Pizza, fried okra, salad, fruit & milk.

Breakfast: Pancakes, fruit juice & milk.

TUESDAY: Chicken & Rice, carrot sticks, green peas, bread sticks fruit & milk. **Break-fast:** Muffins, fruit juice & milk.

WEDNESDAY: Fish, black-eye-peas, cole slaw, hush puppies, fruit, & milk.

Breakfast: Cereal & toast, fruit juice & milk

THURSDAY: Spaghetti, spinach, salad, garlic toast, ice cream & milk.

Breakfast: French toast sticks, fruit juice, & milk.

FRIDAY: Smoked sausage on a bun, tater tots, beans, cake & milk.

Breakfast: Hot pockets, fruit juice & milk.

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Registration deadline for next ACT exam is March 7th - - - College-bound students can take the test April 12th.

College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on April 12, 2003, the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline is **March 7th**. Late registration postmark deadline is March 21 (an additional fee is required for late registration)

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. The test fee is \$25. Colleges use ACT scores, along with the student's high school GPA, the type of college-prep courses taken and other information to help

determine admissions and the appropriate course placement for new students.

The ACT Assessment is an achievement test in English, reading, math and science. It measures what students have learned in high school, and the skills required for success in college. It is not an aptitude test. Some students find it more comfortable than an aptitude test because it reflects their high school curriculum. The ACT was administered more than 2 million times last year.

Important tips – Students who have already taken the ACT can take it again and try

for a higher score. Juniors can use their scores to examine academic weaknesses, take courses to correct those weaknesses and re-take the exam as seniors. Students who take the exam more than once can report only their highest composite score to prospective colleges if they choose.

Poems from Gail residents wanted

The Talent Literary Guild is sponsoring an amateur poetry contest, free to everyone. There are 50 prizes in all, including a \$1,000,00 grand prize.

"We are delighted to sponsor this contest," says Thomas Grey, Poetry director. "Poets deserve opportunities to exhibit their work and get recognition. We expect our contest to encourage new poets."

To enter, send one poem 21 lines or less: Free Poetry Contest, 1257 Siskiyou Blvd. PMB 4, Ashland, OR 97520, you may also enter online at www.freecontest.com.

Poems may be written on any subject, using any style. The deadline for entering is March 20, 2003. The editors reserve the right to publish the winning poems online. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants.

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Smith, Edwards exchange vows in double ring ceremony

Reagan Leah Smith and Cody Wayne Edwards were united in marriage in an afternoon ceremony on December 14, 2002 at the First United Methodist Church in Lubbock.

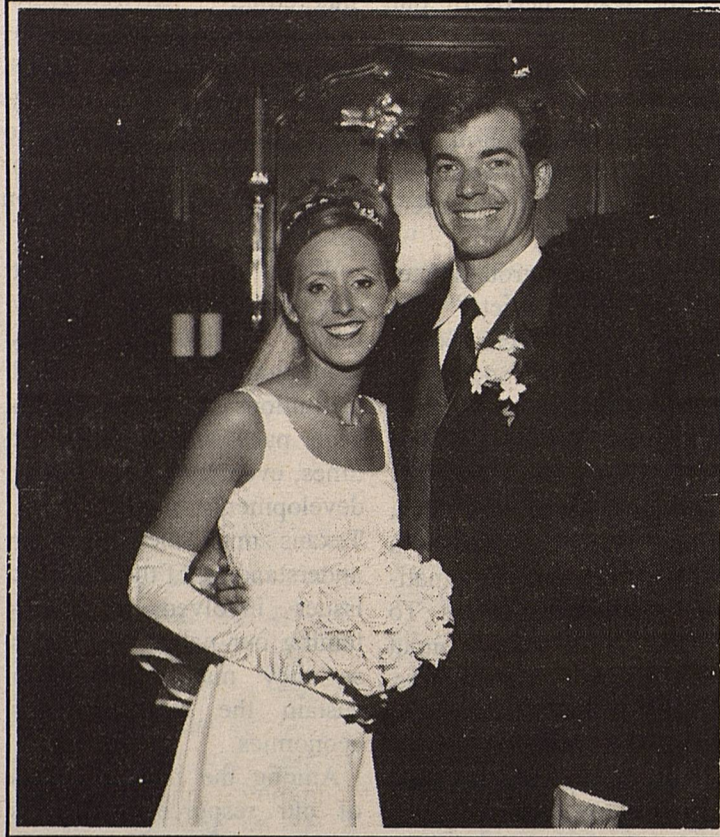
The bride is the daughter of Monte and Deidre Smith of Gail. The groom is the son of Grady and Betty Edwards of Eula.

Dr. Keith Wiseman, of First United Methodist Church in Lubbock, officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

Sigurd Ogaard, organist at the church, provided traditional Christmas hymns as guests were seated. Kerry Dowler of San Antonio played "Ave Maria" by Schubert on the flute as the mothers of the couple lit the unity candle. Dowler also played "On Wings of Song" by Mendelssohn as the couple lit the unity candle. During the recessional, the newly married couple presented each of their mothers with a long-stemmed sweetheart rose.

The altar was adorned with poinsettias. The chancel rails were also lined with large arrangements of poinsettias. On either side of the chancel rails, poinsettias were arranged to form tiered Christmas trees. Coach lamps decorated with greenery and Christmas ribbon were hung from the pillars along the aisles. Pews were marked with Christmas sprays of evergreen branches, pinecones, and burgundy and gold ribbon.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore an A-line gown of ivory satin, which featured an empire-waistline. The sleeveless, scoop-neck bodice was embellished with pearls and crystals. Its full skirt flowed into a semi-cathedral train. The bride's ensemble was completed with a headpiece decorated with iridescent stones and pearls along with a fingertip veil of shimmering ivory tulle trimmed with ivory satin. She wore elbow-



Dr. and Mrs. Cody Edwards
...nee Reagan Smith

length gloves of ivory matte satin. The bride carried a fresh bouquet of Virginia roses and stephanotis adorned with pearls.

Following tradition, something new was the bride's dress. Something blue was a handkerchief carried by the bride monogrammed with a blue *E*, representing the groom's family name. Something old and borrowed were her sister's pearl earrings, once belonging to the sister's maternal grandmother, as well as a ring borrowed from the groom's mother and once belonging to the groom's paternal great-grandmother.

Lindsey Schmidt, sister of the bride, of Lamesa served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Melinda Clary of Atlanta, Georgia; Wendy Edwards of Austin; and Sarah Nelson of Lubbock.

Flower girls were Sloan Payton of Lubbock and Kelcey Grimes, cousin of the bride, of San Angelo. The girls wore dresses that featured black velvet skirts,

black and ivory floral bodice, and burgundy accents. They each carried a pomander ball of white carnations and baby's breath.

The groom wore a black 5-button tuxedo with a black vest and black tie. His boutonniere consisted of a single white rose accented with two stephanotis adorned with pearls.

Lance Edwards brother of the groom, of Austin served as best man. Groomsmen were Darin Carroll of Atlanta, Georgia; Robert Dowler of San Angelo; and Paxton Payton of Lubbock. Riley Smith, brother of the bride, of Gail served as junior groomsman. The groomsmen also served as ushers for the ceremony.

The groomsmen also wore black 5-button tuxedos with black vests and platinum ties. They each wore a boutonniere consisting of stephanotis, accented with Christmas holly and red berries. The fathers of the bride and groom also wore tuxedos and boutonnieres matching those of the

groomsmen.

Whitney Anderson, cousin of the bride, of Gail and Kayla Galle, cousin of the groom, of Eula registered guests. Sean Tucker, cousin of the bride, of Gail also assisted in handing guests the wedding programs, which were rolled scrolls tied with satin black ribbon.

RECEPTION

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the parlor of the church. A beautiful Christmas tree was decorated near the fireplace in the parlor.

The bride's table featured the cake, the bride's bouquet, and vases filled with calla lilies. The five-tiered cake of rich vanilla was decorated with a candlelight buttercream icing and tiny Swiss dots. The cake, setting atop a round silver platform was adorned with clusters of stephanotis, rose buds, and baby's breath. Silver trays of Christmas cookies were also served. The gingerbread and sugar cookies consisted of snowflakes, wedding bells, and angel designs.

The groom's table featured a three-tiered chocolate cake. The cake sat upon a silver plateau and was topped with a Texas Tech Christmas ornament. Along the base of each cake layer were chocolate-covered strawberries and chocolate swirls. The cake, of chocolate buttercream and chocolate fudge, featured a basketweave pattern and swirl designs.

Another serving table featured fresh fruits and vegetables, along with various meat and cheese trays. The serving table was decorated with a Christmas centerpiece of red and green

candles and evergreen branches.

Serving were Maggie Flannigan, Sara Granier, Michelle Haynie, Amy Pennell, Serena Reeder, and Marcy Revelez, all friends of the bride and groom.

The tables in the parlor were covered with white tablecloths and featured centerpieces of angle and a Masters of Science degree from Angelo State University. He also received his Ph.D. in Biology at Texas Tech University. He is employed as a biology professor at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches.

COURTESIES

A bridal shower was held November 10th in the home of Nancy Edwards of Clyde. Hostesses include Nancy Edwards, Shelley Dean, Staci Galle, and Linda Walraven.

A lingerie shower and dinner, was held in the home of Sarah Nelson in Lubbock on November 21st. Sara Granier assisted with hostess duties.

A bridal shower and brunch was held November 23rd at the Borden County School. The event was hosted by Verna Adcock, Mary Airhart, LaNita Avery, Terri Buchanan, Pam Cooley, Shirley Dye, Dorothy Gray, Darby Key, Carol Lewis, Lisa Ludecke, Sue Jane Mayes, Paula Miller, Pat Murphy, Sheri Poole, Hayley Richey, Florence Schooler, Sue Smith, Beth Stamper, Lori Stephens, Amber Taylor, and Kim Thomas.

A rehearsal dinner was held at the County Line Bar and Grill in Lubbock. The dinner was hosted by the groom's parents, Grady and Betty Edwards.

Drive Safely – Watch Out for the Children

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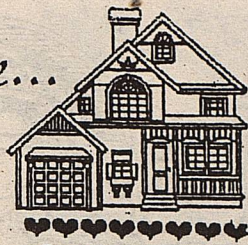
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Kitchen Cupboard Management 101 (Part 3 of 3)

Over the last two weeks we have been looking at the foods we keep in our kitchen cupboards and how they should be stored. Over the three week period, we will have reviewed some tips for helping you decide whether to toss, move or try to save common kitchen cupboard foods. We will look at the shelf life, storage tips, testing for freshness and ways to revive a product. During our last week, we will look at sugar, vinegar, popcorn and overall management tips.

SUGAR

BROWN SUGAR

* 4 months to 6 months for maximum flavor

* STORAGE TIP: It's VERY important to store brown sugar in an airtight container to retain its moisture and prevent it from becoming hard. Either store it in its original plastic bag, tightly closed, or transfer to an airtight container or a heavy moisture-proof plastic bag, such as a freezer bag.

TO SOFTEN BROWN SUGAR: Brown sugar becomes hard when the moisture in it has evaporated. Several methods have been suggested to help restore the moisture to brown sugar; here's an overview of those mentioned most frequently:

* OVEN METHOD: Heat the brown sugar in a 250 F oven for a few minutes. Watch it carefully and as soon as it is soft, measure the amount you need. When the sugar cools, it will become hard again. Warning: the sugar will be very hot.

* MICROWAVE METHOD. Place brown sugar in a microwave-safe container and

cover loosely with a clean, white, wet (but not dripping wet) paper towel. Microwave on high (100 percent power) and check about every 30 seconds. When the sugar cools, it will become hard again. Warning: the sugar will be very hot.

WHITE GRANULATED SUGAR

* 2 years

* STORAGE TIP: Store sugar in an airtight container or a heavy moisture-proof plastic bag, such as a freezer bag. Properly stored sugar keeps indefinitely.

TO SOFTEN HARDENED WHITE SUGAR: When white granulated sugar absorbs moisture, it becomes hard. Here are some possible suggestions for breaking up hard sugar:

* Put hard sugar in a sturdy food-quality bag and pound it with a hammer, meat pounder or flat side of a meat mallet.

* Smash smaller pieces with a mortar and pestle.

* Break up small pieces in a spice grinder.

TIPS ON BUYING A SUGAR STORAGE CONTAINER: If you'd like to buy an airtight storage container for your white granulated sugar, these figures may help determine what size you'll need:

* 1 pound of sugar = about 2 1/4 cups

* 5 pounds of sugar = about 11 1/2 cups

If the container doesn't give the number of cups it will hold, these figures may help you:

* 8 fluid ounces = 1 cup

* 1 pint = 2 cups

* 1 quart = 4 cups

* 1 gallon = 16 cups

Before purchasing a container, assess where you will store the food to determine whether there are any space restrictions for your container. For example, is there a limit to the height of a container needed to fit onto a certain shelf. Select a container that is easy to access when you need to measure out ingredients. Also, check to be sure the lid is easy to open and close tightly.

POPCORN (other than ready-to-pop microwave popcorn)

* 2 years

* STORAGE TIP #1: Store in an airtight glass or plastic container in a cool place, such as a cupboard.

* STORAGE TIP #2: The National Popcorn Board

<http://www.popcorn.org> recommends AGAINST storing popcorn in the refrigerator. The kernels are more likely to dry out in the refrigerator and do not pop as well. It's the water inside a popcorn kernel that expands when the popcorn is heated, causing the kernel to explode or "pop."

PUTTING THE "POP" BACK IN POPCORN:

If popcorn is too dry and won't pop, the Popcorn Board recommends filling a one-quart jar three-fourths full of kernels and adding a tablespoon of water. Place an airtight lid on the jar and give the jar a "few good shakes every few minutes" until the water is absorbed. Store the jar in a cool place and in two to three days, test-pop a batch. If the kernels still don't pop, add a few more drops of water to the jar, shake some more and let it sit another few days.

VINEGAR

* 2 years unopened, 1 year opened

* STORAGE TIP #1: Keep vinegar tightly covered. White vinegar will maintain unchanged longer than other types of vinegar, according to the Vinegar Institute <http://www.versatilevinegar.org>. The storage life of vinegar

is "almost indefinite" because of its acidic nature, according to the Vinegar Institute.

* STORAGE TIP #2: The length of storage time recommended by different companies varies, plus may be different for various types of vinegar. For a more specific time range, write, call (many have a toll-free number) or check if this information is on the company's Web site.

KITCHEN CUPBOARD MANAGEMENT 101

Now that you've sorted, tossed, moved and/or repackaged and perhaps revived some foods, here are a few tips to take control of storing foods in your cupboard:

1) If you tossed portions of expired foods, buy a smaller container next time.

2) Keep a permanent marker pen in your kitchen and put the date -- month and YEAR -- you purchased the food on the container.

3) When in doubt about storage times, call the company (many have toll-free numbers), write to the address on the label, or check if the company has a Web site that might answer your questions.

4) If you can't determine how old a food is and the container contains no "use by" date, check for a production code on container. If it's not possible to decipher the production code, call or write the company or check if this information might be given on a company Web site.

5) Practice "first in, first out," or what foodservice professionals refer to as FIFO, for foods. If you have purchased several containers of the same type of food, arrange the containers so you reach for the oldest package first.

6) READ LABELS CAREFULLY for storage information and possible recommended "use by" dates.

Source: Food Reflections E-Newsletter, February 2003

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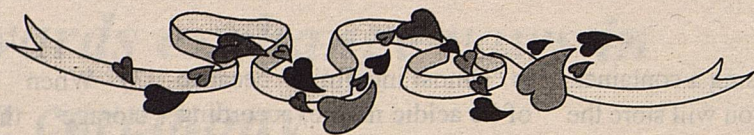
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Cherry Pull-Apart Bread, A Valentine Favorite

Here is an easy and wonderful recipe for Valentine's Day. Use Bridgford Frozen Roll Dough to create an irresistible coffee cake in no time. Simply dip the rolls in butter and then into a fragrant sugar mixture. The delicate sugar coating has cinnamon and delicious dried cherries. Place coated dough in a fluted bundt pan, let rise and bake.

Cherry Pull- Apart Bread

- 1 pkg. Bridgford Parkerhouse or White Rolls
- 1/2 cup melted butter or margarine
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1-teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 cup chopped dried cherries

Lightly grease one, fluted metal bundt pan; set aside. Mix together sugar and cinnamon in a small bowl, toss in cherries; set aside. Dip each piece of dough in melted butter and roll in sugar mixture. Place each piece of dough evenly in pan. Let the dough rise until double in size. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 30-40 minutes. Remove from oven, invert and turn out of pan immediately.

Yield 12 Slices, Calories 320, Fat 10g, Sat Fat 6g, Cholesterol 20mg, Sodium 290mg, Carbs 57g, Protein 5g.



Cherry Pull-Apart Bread made with BRIDGFORD FROZEN BREAD or ROLL DOUGH



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Notice To All Persons Having Claims Against The Estate of Margaret Bruels Dennis, Cause 361, Borden County, Texas

Notice to all persons is hereby given that the original letters of Testamentary upon the estate of **Margaret Bruels Dennis**, deceased, were issued to the undersigned on the 4th day of **February 2003**, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that we now hold such letter. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered, the county below named, are hereby required to present the same to us, at the address below given, before suite upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time required by law. David Willis Dennis, 310 S. Ave. C., Post, Texas 79356; Jacqueline Cecilia Dennis Whalen, Box 11, Gail, Texas 79738 or the Law Office of Preston L. Poole, Jr. Attorney, Box 296, Post, Texas 79356

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Taxicab adventures in Houston

"Driving a cab isn't all that interesting. It's real boring. You become well-read, sitting under those trees reading books."

Johnny Walker of Rusk drives a cab in Houston for seven years. It's sort of a family tradition with him.

"I guess it's in my blood. My grandfather was a Houston cab driver for fifty years. He was the first person

to take me to Las Vegas. I was eight years old. He was something else."

Johnny used to spend summers with his grandpa.

"I'd ride with him in his cab. I can remember picking up Frank Sinatra and Frankie Laine. Frankie Laine gave me a twenty-dollar tip when I was eight or nine years old. I thought man, this is gonna be great! Twenty dollars brought

me and my sister's clothes for the school year. He gave me twenty dollars just for taking his bags out of the trunk of that '56 Chevy."

Johnny picked up lots of fares at the docks in Houston.

"Russians always want to go to the mall to buy Levi's. They will buy a trunk load. It doesn't make any difference what size, they just want lots of them. From what I hear they take them back to Russia and sell them for 200 times what they paid for them."

He likes the foreign passengers.

"Foreign sailors will not argue with you over the price. They've got to get back on that ship. They don't want to

get involved with the police, that's a real no-no. They don't want to miss that ship."

Once he picked up a couple of tugboat pilots at 3 AM

"They had been partying and they missed their boat, which was going to Lake Charles. They wanted me to take them to Lake Charles. I told them it'd cost two hundred dollars a piece. They said no problem as long as they could be in Lake Charles by 6 AM. They got in the back and went sound asleep. I woke them up when we got to the docks in Lake Charles. There was a boat pulling in and I asked them if that was their boat. They said it was."

They paid Johnny up front.

On the trip like that he always collect first.

He says the only passengers who stiffed him were teenage white kids from affluent neighborhoods.

"The stupidest passengers are drug addicts. They flag me down and ask me to take them to a really rough part of town where there's lots of crack houses. They ask me to wait for them while they go in to make a buy. I tell them I will, then as soon as they get out of my cab, I take off. I don't stay in those areas very long. Next day I'll see that same guy and he'll stop me and ask me to take him back

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BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2002

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 4,824,475	\$ 121,431	\$ 4,945,906
5800 State Program Revenues	132,018	114,703	246,721
5900 Federal Program Revenues	-	150,994	150,994
5020 Total Revenues	4,956,493	387,128	5,343,621
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
0011 Instruction	1,389,844	214,817	1,604,661
0012 Instructional Resources & Media Services	37,056	-	37,056
0013 Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	12,319	11,985	24,304
0021 Instructional Leadership	-	124,810	124,810
0023 School Leadership	157,792	-	157,792
0031 Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	20,662	90	20,752
0033 Health Services	49,861	151	50,012
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	207,803	-	207,803
0035 Food Services	3,633	153,446	157,079
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	219,505	-	219,505
0041 General Administration	303,712	2,231	305,943
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	723,582	953	724,535
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	3,600	-	3,600
0053 Data Processing Services	55,649	-	55,649
0061 Community Services	48,930	-	48,930
Capital Outlay:			
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	226,186	-	226,186
Intergovernmental:			
0091 Contracted Instructional Services Between	547,386	-	547,386
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of	46,587	-	46,587
6030 Total Expenditures	4,054,107	508,483	4,562,590
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	902,386	(121,355)	781,031
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
7912 Sale of Real and Personal Property	10,836	-	10,836
7915 Transfers In	-	121,355	121,355
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(121,355)	-	(121,355)
8949 Non-Operating Expense	(33,054)	-	(33,054)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(143,573)	121,355	(22,218)
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	758,813	-	758,813
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	9,735,153	-	9,735,153
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 10,493,966	\$ -	\$ 10,493,966

Protecting Our Children

Raising Children In The Community

(NAPS)—Since the children are our future, it's important to give them the tools they'll need to lead the way. Unfortunately, even in America, home to more millionaires and billionaires than any other country, the poorest one-fifth of our children only has the 16th-highest standard of living in the developed world.

Far too many Americans, especially the young, seem to be falling behind in the race for the American Dream before it's even begun for them. For the country to thrive, all of our children must have access to the best education and opportunities available. Too many children are being held back by circumstances over which they have no control. Social class differences are apparent before the age of two, when the child hasn't yet seen the inside of a school.

Whether at home or elsewhere, a child needs a nurturing environment to develop his or her abilities to communicate and learn, to

manage emotions and to build relationships with grown-ups and other children.

Cities and their citizens can help to provide this environment even when loving parents can't. According to the National League of Cities (NLC), studies indicate that every dollar invested in early childhood education yields a sevenfold return in long-term benefits to society.

The NLC is a national organization representing thousands of municipal governments throughout the U.S. The mission of the NLC is to strengthen and promote cities as centers of opportunities,



It may take a village to raise a child, but a city can do a good job as well.

leadership and governance. A special entity within the NLC, the Institute for Youth, Education, and Families, helps municipal leaders take action on behalf of the children and families in their communities. For more information, and to learn how you can be a part of this effort, visit www.nlc.org/iyef.

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Taxicab adventures in Houston

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to that same neighborhood. I ask him if he remembers me and I tell him that I took him over there and left him the day before. H just tells me he can't remember."

Johnny again tells the guy he'll wait for him but he again drives off as soon as his passenger leaves the day. "They never wise up," says Johnny.

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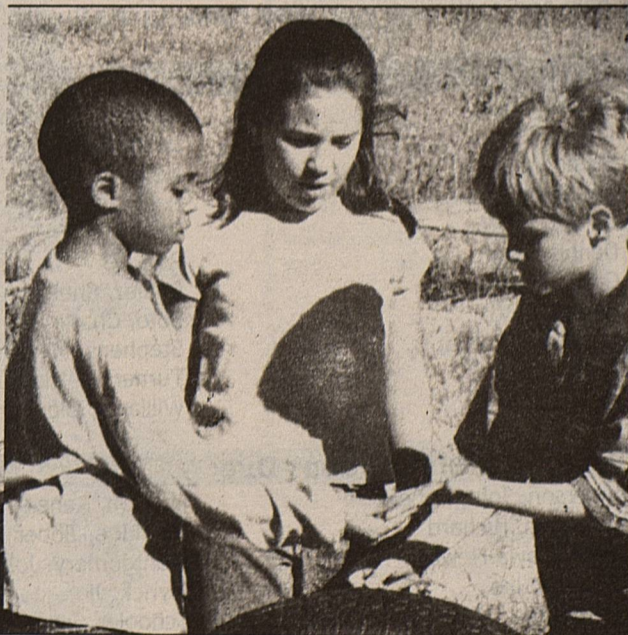


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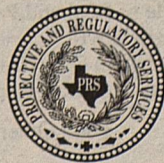
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