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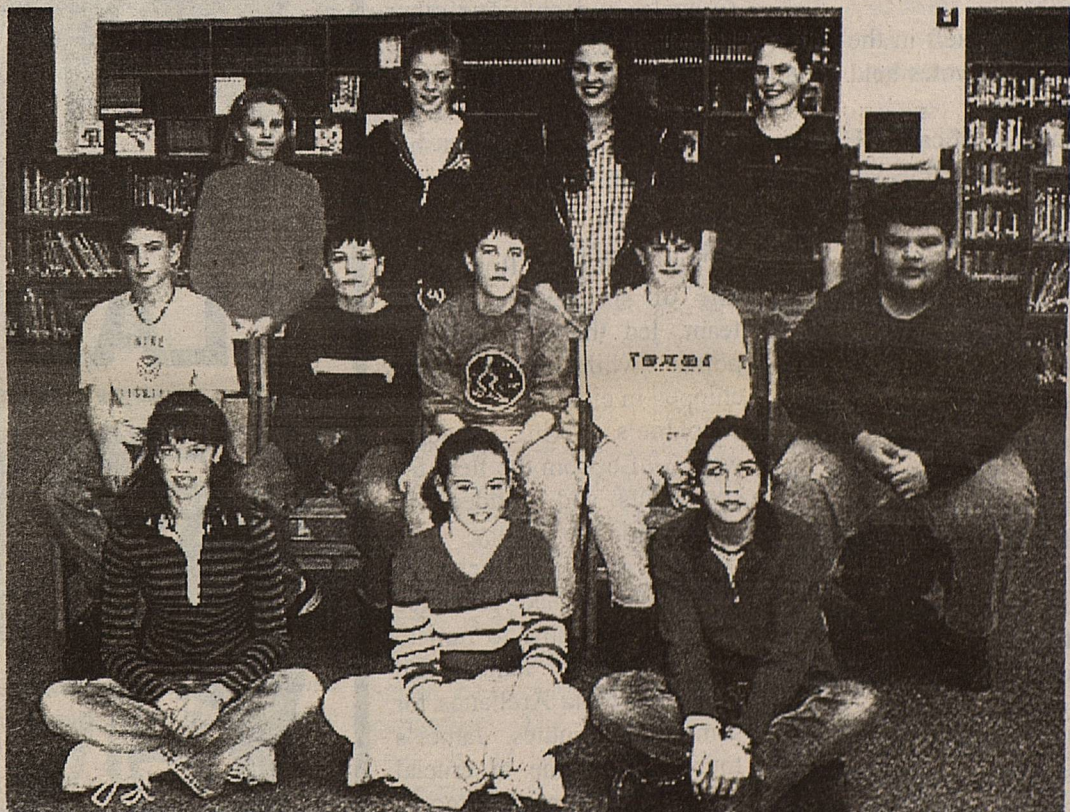
The American Cancer Society Relay For Life – Post – is just around the corner. Register your team today by calling Amy Pennell at 806/495-3600 or 806/495-4416 or Jana Bullard at 806/495-2804 or 806/495-2037. This “celebration of life” brings Garza county and the surrounding communities together in unified effort to fight cancer.

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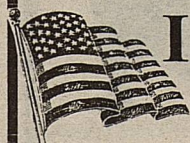
are invited to take part in this exciting team event. Relay For Life takes place from 9:00 a.m. on June 13th, 2003 until 9:00 a.m. on June 14th, 2003 at the track in Post.

Relay For Life is the American Cancer society’s version of an athletic relay, but with a new twist. Relay For Life is a family-oriented event where participants enjoy the camaraderie of a team and also raise funds to support the activities of the American Cancer Society.

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Spelling Bee Participants: Back row (L. to R.) Katherine Froman, Lindsey Stamper, Christina Soto and Becky Dobyns. Center row: Clint Chapman, Zant Williamson, John Cowart, Rowdy Clary and Reynaldo Hernandez. Front row: Rachel Wilson, Taylro Richey and Ana Arellanos.



In the Line of Duty

Our Local Servicemen



Joseph Hardman

Joseph Hardman, son of Randy and Debra Hardman. While in high school, Joseph was a member of the football team, wearing #1. He ran track on regional qualifying relays. Joseph also participated in FFA (Public Relations, 2nd in State) and one-



act. Joseph graduated in 2000 and joined the U.S. Navy soon after.

He will travel to Hawaii next week for a new assignment.

Dobyns wins AJ Spelling Bee

The 2003 Avalanche-journal Borden County Spelling Bee was a hard-fought battle through twenty rounds of competition. All competitors were well prepared, and misspellings were usually due to

nervousness rather than lack of knowledge. Those competing were 4th grade: Taylor Richey and Krista Tarleton; 6th grade: Katherine Froman; 7th grade: Kate Wallace and Rachel Wilson; and 8th grade: Ana Arellanos,

Clint Chapman, Rowdy Clary, John Cowart, Becky Dobyns, Rey Hernandez, Christina Soto, Lindsey Stamper and Zant Williamson.

On round twenty-one, Christina Soto was eliminated leaving only Rachel Wilson, the 2002 champion, and Becky Dobyns. Seven rounds later

after fielding many difficult words, Rachel stumbled on “orthography,” and Becky spelled that correctly and went on to spell the next word, Adversaries,” for the championship. Becky will now compete in the are Spelling Bee at Lubbock. Good job, Spelling Bee contestants, and good luck to Becky in the area competition.

**Coyote Play-off Game
against New Home
Time and Place TBA**

Lady Coyotes Take Area Title, 43-36

By Sue Jane Mayes

Coach Kevin James kept his post-game comments short.

"Defense."

The Lady Coyotes had plenty to say, however, as they did their talking on the court, shutting down Whitharral's dangerous offense en route to a 43-36 playoff win Friday night.

What was a back-and-forth contest all evening came down to rebounding, ball handling, and free throws, and BHS took care of all three.

With 1:04 left in the game, the Lady Coyotes held a slim 40-36 lead.

Senior Micah Hensley grabbed a defensive board with :34 and was quickly fouled.

Hensley, playing with four fouls herself, made both ends of the one-and-one to make it a 42-36 lead.

Immediately after shooting the second free throw, Hensley was thrown to the floor on a block-out play and went right back to the free throw line.

This time she sank one of the two to finish the scoring, sealing the 43-36 win.

Ironically, Hensley's foul trouble brought junior Jami Gass in the game with 1:22 remaining in the third quarter.

Until Hensley's return late in the final period, Gass contributed three rebounds and six points—including a three-point shot that put BHS in the lead for good.

Defense, however, was the key to Borden County's win against the #3 ranked Lady Panthers.

Whitharral's main scoring threat, Stephanie Gonzales, came into the contest averaging 19 points per game.

By halftime, Gonzales had scored 11 and Borden County's leading shooter, senior Bobbie Kempf, had no points.

But Kempf showed why she is one of the area's

leading players with her performance in the second half.

In a man defense, she held Gonzales scoreless in the final two quarters. She also pulled down five rebounds and blocked three shots.

"No doubt shutting her [Gonzales] down was a huge reason for the win," said James. "She's a great player, but we contained her in the second half."

Thirty-two of Whitharral's 36 points, in fact, came from Gonzales and only one other player, Kirkland, who finished with 21 points.

Kempf was well below her average in scoring, but her teammates picked up the slack.

Point guard Pati Rodriguez, one of six seniors on the team, led the way with 10 points while Kyla Culp chipped in eight.

Bobbie's twin, Dalene, went 3-of-6 from the field for six points and added six rebounds in the victory.

Depth proved a factor as Coach James had predicted when he was able to turn to junior Menda James and senior Carolina Arellanos for some key minutes. James's four points came at crucial times down the stretch, too.

With her team trailing 23-18 right before the half, James went to the line and made two free throws after being fouled on an offensive rebound.

In third-quarter action, James hit the pull-up jumper from the top of the key to pull within one, 25-24.

BHS went 13-of-35 from the field and 12-of-20 at the free throw line in the contest, which was played at Lubbock-Cooper.

The area game against Happy (ranked #2) is set for Tuesday at Lubbock Monterey gym. Tip off will be 8 p.m.

BOX SCORE

BHS	9	11	10	13	43
WHS	11	12	7	6	36

CONGRATULATIONS COYOTES



LADY COYOTES



ON MAKING THE PLAY-OFF'S WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!

Win #20 on the Season Coyotes head for Area Game after Bi-District Win over Aspermont

By Sue Jane Mayes

Bobby Knight would have been proud.

Using fundamental basketball skills, the Borden High School boys' team held off a sharpshooting Aspermont squad to win Monday night's first round playoff game, 61-56, in Snyder.

BHS set screens, ran plays, and used some patience to go along with good shot selection to jump out to a 16-9 first-quarter lead.

Twice in the game, the Coyotes were able to use the clock to perfection.

With one minute remaining in the first quarter, Coach Richey had his guys run the clock down for one final shot.

Talin Pepper found Ben Griffin who nailed the three-pointer right before the buzzer to give the Coyotes the 16-9 lead.

It was almost a carbon copy play at the end of the third quarter, and perhaps even more crucial to the game's outcome.

With a slim 36-33 lead, BHS ran down the final minute with Griffin once again taking a buzzer-beater three-point shot that hit only net.

Success behind the arc was important for the Coyotes because Aspermont was doing some of the same on its end.

In fact, the Hornets hit five treys in the final period alone.

What saved the Coyotes

were fundamentals—again.

This time at the free throw line where BHS went 26 times alone in the fourth quarter, making 17.

With 5:26 to play, Aspermont picked up their seventh foul, which sent Coyote shooters to the charity stripe for the bonus.

Griffin and Pepper accounted for most of the foul shots that gave BHS the cushion it would need to earn the bi-district title, 61-56.

Aspermont even hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to emphasize that point.

Griffin led scorers with 20 points, including four three-point shots.

Pepper, who went 8-of-10 at the free throw line, finished with 15 points.

T.J. Sharp also ended up in double figures with 11 followed closely by Shane Tarleton's nine points.

Brionne Jackson (4 pts.) and Kyle Pinkerton (2 pts.) completed the scoring for the Coyotes.

Sophomore Cade Peterson and Adam Carter also got in some time on court, hustling and moving the ball well during their minutes.

BHS will now wait to see who wins Tuesday night's contest between New Home and Ropesville.

Tentatively, the game is scheduled for Thursday due to a possible girls' regional game in Levelland on Friday night.

Student Editorial:

By John Wilson,
BHS Sophomore

France and Germany: Who Needs Them?

Much of the world wonders why the United States should get to decide what happens half-way around the globe from North America. This thinking has caused a lot of anti-American feeling worldwide throughout our country's recent history. Given this attitude, it might come as a surprise that most of the world, including even the Islamic community, supports a US-led coalition to bring about a regime change in Iraq. An even larger surprise might be that some of our closest "allies" have spearheaded the opposition to the anti-Iraqi, coalition, in particular France and Germany, countries that American dollars rebuilt, and in France's case, rescued, during and after World War II. In our post-9/11 world we finally find out who we can count on when we really need support.

But do we really need support from the international community? It's easy to say, "We're the United States. The world needs our help. We don't need the world's." As the world's only superpower, it's an easy mistake to make. Perhaps the largest real threat to the United States is not World War III, an incredibly unlikely event, but terrorism. 9/11 demonstrated what a handful of terrorists could do with just a few airplanes. Imagine those same terrorists with sufficient quantities of biological or chemical weapons to cause horrendous casualties. Even worse is the thought of what a nuclear weapon, even one the size of a suitcase, could do. To fight this kind of threat, a threat without borders that can be anywhere, anytime, international cooperation is paramount. That is why countries like Iraq, who have these

weapons or are developing them, and harbor terrorists who would use them, must not be allowed to have those weapons or harbor terrorists that would use them. Most of the world realizes this fact.

However, France and Germany have failed to realize that terrorism is the key threat to world stability. They have even gone so far as to vote against helping to protect their and our ally Turkey, one of Iraq's neighbors and the only Islamic member of NATO. They not only refuse to help the United States, but they are failing their other allies as well. Perhaps the underlying reason for this denial of aid to their allies is secret resentment of the United States and all that it stands for. The growing popularity of non-American products in these countries, such as soft drinks marketed as alternatives to popular American sodas, gives credibility to this contention. The threat from Iraq is so real that that resentment is perhaps the only possible cause to deny us support, as ridiculous as this attitude may seem to the average American. France and Germany have very proud cultures and histories and likely resent our status as the world's sole superpower and leading economy.

The main problem this proposition presents is that France holds a position on the UN Security Council, which gives them the power to veto any UN resolution. France advocates continuing the weapons inspections which Iraq is undergoing right now under the leadership of Hans Blix.

But with Iraq only a handful of years away from developing a nuclear weapon, which our President has no doubt he would use on us or

our allies, the United States needs to bring about a regime change as quickly as possible. Al Qaeda operatives are already being harbored in Iraq, with possible access to hidden stockpiles of Iraqi chemical and biological weapons.

Action must be taken, and the United States will not be alone. Great Britain, Turkey, Spain, and Italy all support us, along with numerous other European countries. The majority of the Islamic world supports an Iraqi regime change, as does almost all of NATO. The question is not whether the United States will be going it alone, with the world looking on disapprovingly and anti-American hatred smoldering. The question is whether the United States will lead a coalition into Iraq with France and Germany watching from the sidelines.

School Menu Week Of:

February 24th - 28th

MONDAY: Coyote Chulupa Taco, refried beans, salad, fruit & milk.

Breakfast: Sausage & biscuits, fruit juice & milk.

TUESDAY: Cheeseburger Mac, green beans, carrots, corn bread, fruit & milk. **Break-fast:** Waffles, fruit juice & milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken, potatoes, corn on the cob, hot rolls, fruit, & milk. **Breakfast:** Cereal & toast, fruit juice & milk

THURSDAY: Baked Potato w/ham & cheese, salad, crackers, Ice cream, & milk. **Breakfast:** Biscuit w/gravy, sausage, fruit juice, & milk.

FRIDAY: Chicken on a bun, French fries, salad cup, brownies & milk.

Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, fruit juice & milk.

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**What you do in
Early Spring
will lay the foundation for this
year's lawn**

Like a hibernating bear, your lawn goes dormant in the cold months of winter. And it wakes up hungry the following spring.

How well your lawn will look this year depends in no small measure on the availability of the proper nutrients in early spring.

As days grow longer and the soil temperature warms, grass plants develop side shoots, called *tillers*, which grow from the base of each grass plant. These are the fresh young grass blades, which bring new life to the spring lawn, to make it grow thicker and greener.

How many tillers develop, and how vigorous they are, depends primarily on the nutrients that are available to the roots of the grass plants. With an ample nutrient supply throughout early spring, more tillers develop, and they grow more vigorously, so the lawn becomes thicker, denser and greener.

**Plus a once-a-year
opportunity to prevent
crabgrass**

Early spring also offers one other important opportunity... chance to protect your lawn against crabgrass. You see, crabgrass is an annual weed that starts anew each year from seeds in the soil.

Once established in spring, crabgrass grows rapidly in hot weather and chokes out the good grass as it spreads. When it gets a foothold, there's nothing that can be

done about it, short of hand-pulling.

In the fall crabgrass drops its seeds for an even bigger crop next year. Then it dies out with the first hard frost... leaving ugly dead spots in the lawn.

The only good way to combat crabgrass is to stop it before it gets started by applying a pre-emergent control, which knocks off the young plants as they sprout.

Fortunately, this can be done at the same time you fertilize by applying a fertilizer containing a pre-emergent. It gives the grass a full early spring feeding at the same time it prevents crabgrass from growing in the lawn this year.

But remember . . . it must be applied before crab-grass starts to sprout. Once the new plants are established they cannot be selectively controlled.

Note: If you apply a pre-emergent this spring, then delay any seeding of the areas until fall, because it stops good grass seed from growing, just as it stops crabgrass.

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Let Me Get My Hat!
By Dennis Poole,
Borden County CEA-Ag.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Court of Texas Cooperating.

San Antonio Results

Borden 4-H and Gail FFA Class 3 Hampshire had several exhibitors showing animals at San Antonio. Results are as follows:

Steers:

Kalli Poole - 1st Place MW Santa Gertrudis and Reserve Breed Champion

Tanner Poole - 1st Place HW Brahman and Reserve Breed Champion

LaShae Johnson - 5th Place HW Charolais

Sunni Shipp - 11th Place Class 2 Chianina

Others exhibiting steers were **Alexis Brooks** and **Sydney Shipp**.

Swine:

Cassidy Rinehart - 1st Place Duroc

Shylo Rinehart - 6th Place

Class 3 Hampshire **Kalli Poole** - 8th Place Class 3 Yorkshire

Others exhibiting swine were: **Alexis Brooks, Heather Brooks, Megan Brooks, Rowdy Clary, Kyle Pinkerton, Tanner Poole, Chelsea Stephens, Chance Taylor, Garrett Thomas, Raylea Underwood, Miles Valentine, Miller Valentine, Tyler Wallace, and Kate Wallace.**

Exhibiting lambs were **Miles Valentine, Miller Valentine, and Kate Wallace.**

Congratulations to these exhibitors! Good luck to the exhibitors preparing their animals for exhibition at San Angelo.

Register your Relay For Life Team now

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Participants camp out at the Relay site and when they are not taking their turn walking or running, they take part in fun activities and enjoy local entertainment.

Teams from companies, churches, organizations, hospitals, and schools collect donations and can win individual and team prizes for their efforts.

The purpose of Relay For Life is to bring the progress against cancer to the forefront. Many participants are family, friends, and neighbors who have been cured of cancer themselves. Their involvement is proof of the progress that has been made not in cancer cure rates, but in the quality of life following cancer treatment.

The funds raised enable The American Cancer Society to continue our investment in the fight against cancer through research, education, advocacy, and services to patients. Due to the generosity of corporate sponsors, the money raised by participants goes directly to the American Cancer Society's lifesaving programs.

Information about how to form a team or become involved in Relay for Life contact one of the numbers below:

Event Co-Chairman **Michelle Rasbeary:** 806/495-0039
Team Recruitment: **Amy Pennell:** 806/495-3600 or 806/495-4316
Jana Bullard: 806/495-2804 or 806/495-2037

CORRECTION:

The following portion of the Smith, Edwards wedding was omitted in last week's paper.

The tables in the parlor were covered with white tablecloths and featured centerpieces of angel figurines sitting amidst baskets of evergreen branches and pinecones. White candy canes attached with a holiday message from the couple's families were given as gifts to the guests. The couple exited the reception in a 1958 red Cadillac as guests were ringing silver wedding bells.

Following a honeymoon cruise to Miami, Haiti, Jamaica, Grand Cayman, and Cozumel, the couple resides in Nacogdoches.

The bride graduated from Borden County High School and currently attends the Master of Physical Therapy program at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. She will graduate in May.

The groom graduated from Eula High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree 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.

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**FFA WEEK
FEBRUARY 16-23**

**Gail Chapter Recognizes
National FFA Week**

This week is recognized nation-wide as FFA Week. The FFA is an organization for students, which allows them to study many agriculture areas. The FFA Organization is recognized nationally and has chapters established in several foreign countries. It proudly boasts some 400,000 United States members. FFA, which was established in 1928, has provided opportunities for students to practice what they learn in the class-room, and in real-life situations, while developing strong leadership skills.

The Gail FFA Chapter consists of 32 high school

members for 2002-2003. All of which participate in classroom and shop activities. Many of these students are active in many competitive events throughout the year on the District, Area, and State levels. These events include leadership, judging, showing, scholarship, and degree applications.

Gail FFA wishes to express their thanks for the community support that they have received. We are proud to be part of an organization which truly lives up to its mission statement of premier leadership, personal growth and career success.



PREMIER LEADERSHIP



PERSONAL GROWTH

CAREER SUCCESS

*From the Counselor:
By Mary Airhart*

**Borden County ISD
Serves At-Risk
Students**

As part of a small, closely knit community, Borden County ISD staff and administration are well aware of circumstances which might affect our students and put them at risk for failure and dropping out of school. Borden ISD staff and administration are committed to helping these students remain in school and succeed for a 100% graduation rate. All programs are geared to that goal. The State, however,

has set up specific criteria for the identification of at-risk students for placement in a compensatory education program. This criteria defines a student at risk of dropping out of school as a student who is under 21 years of age and who:

1. is in Pre-kindergarten, Kindergarten or Grade 1, 2, or 3 and did not perform satisfactorily on a readiness test or assessment instrument

administered during the current school year;

2. is in Grade 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 or 12 and did not maintain an average equivalent to 70 on a scale of 100 in two or more subjects in the foundation curriculum during a semester in the preceding or current school year or is not maintaining such an average in two or more subjects in the foundation curriculum during the current semester;
3. was not advanced from one grade level to the next for one or more school years;
4. did not perform satisfactorily on the assessment instrument administered to the student under Subchapter B, Chapter 39, and who has not in the previous or current school year subsequently performed on that instrument or another appropriate instrument at a level

equal to at least 110 percent of the level of satisfactory performance on that instrument;

5. is pregnant or is a parent;
6. has been placed in an alternative education program in accordance with Section 37,006 during the preceding of current school year;
7. has been expelled in accordance with Section 37.007 during the preceding or current school year;
8. is currently on parole, probation, deferred prosecution, or other conditional release;
9. was previously reported through the Public Education Information management System (PEIMS) to have dropped out of school;
10. is a student limited English proficiency, as defined by Section 29.052;
11. is in the custody or care of the Department of Protective and Regula-

tory Services or has, during the current school year, been referred to the Department by a school official, officer of the juvenile court, or law Enforcement official;

12. is homeless, as defined by 42 U.S.C. Section 11302, and its subsequent amendments; or
13. resided in the preceding school year or resides in the current school year in a residential placement facility in the district including a detention facility, substance abuse treatment facility, emergency shelter, psychiatric hospital, halfway house, or foster group home.

Borden Count ISD has scheduled teachers to monitor progress and intervene when necessary to reduce failures and provide opportunities for academic success for all students, especially those who fit the above at-risk criteria and/or those who are known to have trying circumstances that threaten their academic success.

100th School Day

On January 28th, the kindergarten and first grade classes celebrated the one hundredth day of school. They began in the morning by sharing a breakfast in the classroom with 100 pieces of cereal and showing off their collections of 100 items.

The collection were weighed and measured, and they were voted on in several categories.

Most Fun: Leggos – Angel Villagrana

Roughest: Rocks – Eva and Frank Banman

Useful: Rubberbands – Tyler Wilson

Heaviest: Marbles – Sean Tucker

Lightest: Chinese noodles – Taylor Gass

Smallest: Paperclips – Tristen Benavidez

Largest: Crayons – Branson Smith

Prettiest: Beads – Makayla Herrington

Organized: Fruitloop Graph – Maeghan Herridge

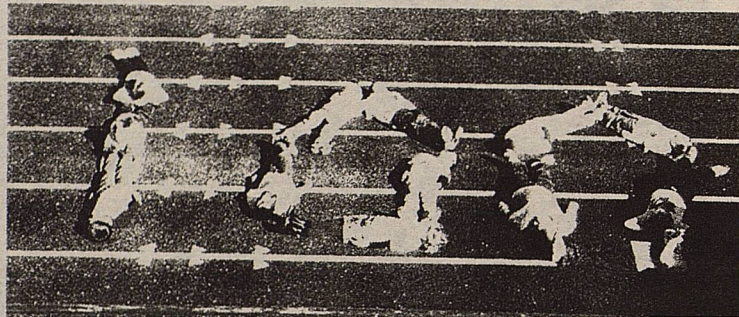
Unusual: Macaroni – Cayden Vaught, and Corn – Austin Edwards

Tastiest: M&M's Candy – Kalyn Massingill and Lifesavers – Colton Stephens

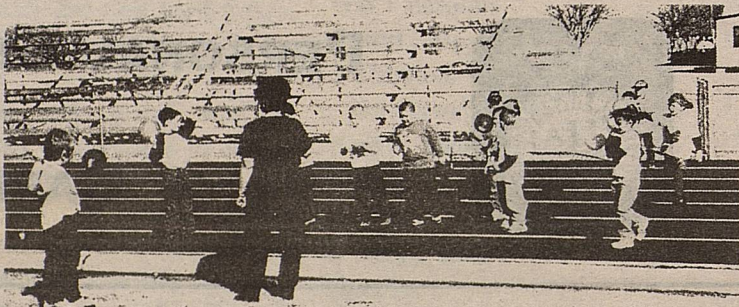
The students did many activities with 100, such as counting by 1's, 5's and 10's. They also did an activity book and crated their own 100th day T-shirt. The group went to the football field and stepped off 100 steps. Balloons were released with the school address, asking whoever found them to write to them. The students were

very excited to hear that one of their balloons was found in Snyder, Texas

This was a day that the students, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Miller looked forward to celebrating. There are only 77 days left after the one hundredth day. The students plan to stay busy and learn all they can before the summer vacation.



HUMAN #100: The kindergarten and first grade Students form a No. 100 on the track field.



Fly Away! The students released balloons with their names and the address of the school in hopes someone will find them and write them a letter.



T-shirts & Glasses: The kindergarten and first grade students show off their new 100th Day T-shirts and 100 framed glasses.

Relay For Life

June 13th & 14th, 2003

Team Captain Meeting – Feb. 25th 5:00 p.m.

Wells Fargo Bank Room – Post, TX

Anyone interested in starting a team as well as those already signed up need to attend this meeting.

For more information contact: Jana @ 806/495-2804 or 495-2037 Amy @ 806/495-3600 or 495-4316

Borden County ISD SBDM Committee Meeting February 20, 2003 – 6:30 p.m. School Conference Room

Agenda:

SBDM Training	State Compensatory
School Calendar 2003-2004	Title I
Staff Development for 2003-2004	State Testing and
Program Coordination & Reports	School Success Initiative
Special Education	Other

Previous SBDM Committee Meeting

The Borden County I.S.D. Site Based Decision-Making Committee (SBDM) met on Tuesday, October 29, 2002 in the School Conference Room at 7:30 p.m. Those attending were: Mr. Jimmy Thomas, Mr. Chet Dye, Pat Murphy, Buddy Wallace, Mary Airhart, and Julie Mumme with Mr. Hensley and Mrs.

Soto being absent. Mr. Dye will give information concerning the school improvement plan and other items that were discussed to them.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Dye went over the 2001-2002 AEIS Report Card

as part of our needs assessment data. Several areas were discussed, TAAS results for special populations, attendance, ACT/SAT tests, dropout rates, percent taking TASP, and those graduating with the recommended program Other data was looked at on the 2001-2002 AEIS report. The agenda should have read 2001-2002 Report instead of 2002-2003.

State testing changes were discussed. An article from Fiscal Notes from the office of Carole Keeton Rylander called "Taking the TAKS" was discussed at some length.

Other needs assessment items such as end of course exam results, scheduling, staffing and program coordination was discussed. Mr. Dye received corrections and feedback concerning the

in two courses each. Three of those seniors are involved in an ITV class in math with South Plains College. Suggestions were made concerning the spring semester.

Approved Student Handbooks and Student Code of Discipline Books were sent out to each family with students in the Borden County School. Additional copies were available for SBDM committee members.

Mr. Thomas and Julie Mumme gave a report on a community TIF grant and it's impact on our community.

Mr. Thomas discussed the various phases of how our community would have access to Internet service.

The floor was open for other questions or concerns.

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Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 27th day of January, 2003, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, the following member 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 and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court Constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of January 13, 2003, were read. Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

MULESHOE ROAD

Mr. Rich Anderson met at 10:00 a.m. with the Court concerning the need of repair of Muleshoe Road. He urged the County to consider the Unitized Road System.

PREDATORY CONTROL

Mr. Joel Dennis of the Borden County Trapping club gave a report concerning the control of predatory animals in Borden County.

FIRE PROTECTION

After reviewing the City of Snyder's Fire Protection Contract, Commissioner Adcock made a motion to decline the Contract. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaacs. Motion carried unanimously.

2001 AUDIT

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the 2001 Audit as submitted by Don H. Stephens, CPA, P.C. of Lamesa, Texas. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

A motion was made by Commissioner Isaacs to submit an Application through The County Assistance Program to the Texas Department of Transportation for any surplus

materials. Motion was seconded by commissioner Reyes. Motion carried unanimously.

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE APPLICATION

Borden County received an Indigent Health Care Application. Case No. 1-03 was reviewed by the Court. Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to deny application as it did not qualify. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESERVE DEPUTY SHERIFF

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve Order Authorizing Appointment of Kelly S. Bradley as Reserve Deputy sheriff at the request of Sheriff Billy Gannaway. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION-ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No items presented

ADJOURN

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

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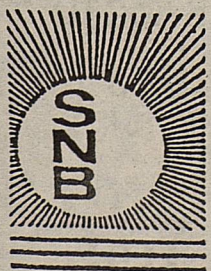
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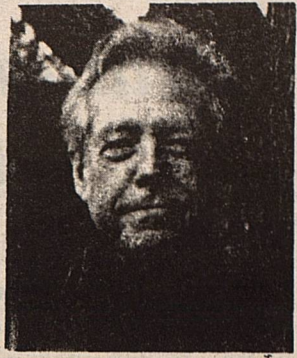


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A collection of Cookie Jars

When you enter Gale's Sweet Shop in Big Spring you're treated to the wonderful scent of baking and to a colorful, whimsical display of 453 cookie jars.

Most customers who go in for a light lunch or baked goods are amazed at the different types of cookie jars. "I didn't know there were so

many," says one. "They make you feel good just looking at them" says another.

"I started collecting them thirteen years ago when my mother gave me one my grandmother had," says Gale Pittman, owner of the bakery and the cookie jars. "It's a Disney. I have lots of Disney jars."

He keeps a record of every single car. "When I get one, I take a picture of it and put the picture in a big notebook."

He buys them and people bring them to him. "Usually when someone is cleaning out their parents' house they'll see a cookie jar and they won't sell it or throw it away. They bring it here so people can see it. Some people come in just to look at the cookie jars."

The display is constantly bringing comments like the one a woman from Fort Worth made the other day: "I've never seen anything like this."

A bakery is a great place to display cookie jars. They just sort of go together. He has Elvis cookie jars, a complete set of Pillsbury jars (one

giggles when you open the top), the Wizard of Oz, Harry Potter, Marilyn Monroe, I Love Lucy, even one in the shape of a John Deere tractor.

"That's a real popular one, with all the farming we have round here."

His jars include snowmen, telephones, teapots, cars, ducks, bears, strawberries, Ice cream cones, Oreo cookies (four of those), Uncle Sam, Tweety Bird (that one talks when you open lid), taxicabs, a police car with Andy and Barney beside it, Snoopy, M&M's, even one in the shape of a building with the work bakery on the front of it. The I Dream of Jeannie cookie jar has Jeannie inside it. He won't sell any of his jars.

Not all of them are on display. Some are under

counters until build more shelves to hold them.

He never puts cookies in them. "I do at home," says Gale.

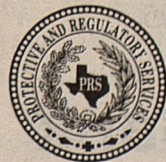
Some people won't believe they're cookie jars. "I have three or four cookie jars that look like purses. One lady wanted to buy one, thinking it was a purse, but I told her they were cookie jars."

He put one Elvis cookie jar on layaway at a store. When he went to pick it up, the jar had been discontinued, so it doubled in value.

I asked Gale what's going to eventually happen to the jars. "Some people have asked for one and I told them to put their name inside it. When I die, they can have it. The rest are going to the museum."



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