

# THE BORDEN STAR

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Serving the Counties of Borden, Dawson, Garza, Howard, Lynn & Scurry

## A Three-peat It Is . . .

### Borden High U.I.L. Academic Teams Win District

By Darrin Ard

Students from Borden County can stand proud academically this year as the high school U.I.L. Academic teams not only matched the junior high and elementary academic championships from the fall, but they also won the District 9-A Academic Meet for the third consecutive year.

Overall, the students earned 312 points at the meet. That total outdid the next closest

competitor, Klondike, by 125 points. Their total was 187. Jayton came in third overall with 167 points.

Eleven students from B.H.S. have advanced to the Region II-A Meet to be held on the campus of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene on April 11-12. These students either placed in the top three individually in their contest or were a part of a first place team.

Team-wise, the journalism, current issues & events, literary criticism, and speech and debate teams led the way with district championships.

Leading the way as the top individual point earner for the meet was senior journalism specialist Micah Hensley. Hensley won Editorial Writing, Feature Writing, and News Writing. She also was fifth in Headline Writing and sixth in Ready Writing. Overall, she earned 55 points.

Other high point-getters were sophomore John Wilson, junior Kyle Pinkerton, and senior Michele Bond.

Wilson was first in Current Issues & Events, second in Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking, fifth in Mathematics, and led the Current Issues & Events to the district championship.

Pinkerton was first in Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking, second in Headline Writing, and was a part of the first place Current Issues and Events Team.

Bond won Extemporaneous Informative Speaking and was second in Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

Also advancing to the regional meet is senior Talin Pepper (1<sup>st</sup> place individual & 1<sup>st</sup> place team in Literary Criticism).

## Borden Co. Third graders beat State Average on TAKS test

The educators and students in the Borden County Independent School District have put in countless hours this school year preparing for the implementation of the new state mandated TASK (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) test, which was taken earlier this month.

Apparently, all the extra effort has paid off, since the preliminary results for the third grade level have Borden County students beating the state average of 89% with a 100% passing rate.

Superintendent Jimmy Thomas said that notification of the preliminary test results were received last week. Out of seven Borden County third grade students taking the test,

all seven passed the test on the first round. Out of the seven passing there were four who had Commended Performance, and one of those four students had a perfect paper."

Mrs. Richey, third grade teacher and others on the staff should be commended for their hard work in preparation for the tests.

## Four file for School Trustee Election

Borden County ISD will have two places to be filled in this year's School Trustee Election to be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Monte Smith, Damon Shipp, Tim Wilson and incumbent, Mike Valentine have filed for these two positions.

The first day of early voting will begin on April 16<sup>th</sup> in the Superintendent's office of Borden County ISD, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Deadline for early voting is April 29<sup>th</sup>. Election Day will be on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## In the Line of Duty

Our Local Servicemen & Women  
By English IV Student Reporters



**Cesar Mujica**

Cesar Mujica is the son of Sandy Espinoza and is currently stationed in Ft. Hood awaiting deployment. He is a 1999 graduate of BHS. While in school Cesar

participated in football, track, basketball, UIL, FFA, the annual staff and band.

*Our Prayers go with each of these local youth.*

### UP-DATE:

**Foston Wilson** is stationed in Kuwait, Camp Virginia. He is a mechanic and is about 20KM from the front line.

**Joseph Hardman** is waiting for his assignment. He is currently in Hawaii. If you would like to talk to Jospheh, his e-mail address is: [Josephhardman@vahoo.com](mailto:Josephhardman@vahoo.com)

*(Please let us know about your service men & women at 806/756-4402 or 756-4313)*

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## A Three-peat

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Additional juniors advancing are Clay John Anderson (6<sup>th</sup> place individual & 1<sup>st</sup> place team in Current Issues & Events) and junior Dusty Gwinn (1<sup>st</sup> place team in Current Issues & Events).

Other sophomores going to Abilene are Tyler Wallace (1<sup>st</sup> in Prose; 6<sup>th</sup> place individual & 1<sup>st</sup> place team in Literary Criticism) and Garrett Chapman (3<sup>rd</sup> place in Extemporaneous Informative Speaking).

Rounding out the regional qualifiers are freshmen Andrew Lamming (2<sup>nd</sup> place in Extemporaneous Informative Speaking & 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Lincoln-Douglas Debate) and Trey Soto (1<sup>st</sup> place team in Literary Criticism).

The district meet involved students from Aspermont, Borden County, Dawson, Grady, Guthrie, Ira, Jayton, Klondike, Paint Creek, Rochester, Rule, and Sands.

Overall B.H.S. results are as follows:

**Current Issues & Events (1<sup>st</sup>):** John Wilson - 1<sup>st</sup>, Clay John Anderson - 6<sup>th</sup>, Dusty Gwinn, & Kyle Pinkerton.

**Editorial Writing:** Micah Hensley - 1<sup>st</sup>

**Feature Writing:** Micah Hensley - 1<sup>st</sup>, Oralia Galicia - 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Headline Writing:** Kyle Pinkerton - 2<sup>nd</sup>, Trey Soto - 4<sup>th</sup>, & Micah Hensley - 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Informative Speaking:** Michele Bond - 1<sup>st</sup>, Andrew Lamming - 2<sup>nd</sup>, & Garrett Chapman - 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Lincoln-Douglas Debate:** Michele Bond - 2<sup>nd</sup> & Andrew Lamming - 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Literary Criticism (1<sup>st</sup>):** Talin Pepper - 1<sup>st</sup>, Tyler Wallace - 6<sup>th</sup>, & Trey Soto.

**Mathematics (3<sup>rd</sup>):** John Wilson - 5<sup>th</sup>, Billy Roper, & Talin Pepper.

**News Writing:** Micah Hensley - 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Persuasive Speaking:** Kyle Pinkerton - 1<sup>st</sup>, John Wilson - 2<sup>nd</sup>, & Adam Carter - 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Prose Interpretation:** Tyler Wallace - 1<sup>st</sup>, Garrett Thomas - 5<sup>th</sup>, & Cassidy Rinehart - 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Ready Writing:** Micah

Hensley - 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Spelling & Vocabulary (3<sup>rd</sup>):** Emily Mayes, Whitney Anderson, LaShae Johnson, & Austin Tarleton.

Also competing at the District 9-A U.I.L. Academic Meet were the following teams and individuals:

**Accounting:** Ashley James, Menda James, & April Bouressa.

**Calculator Applications:** Billy Roper, Talin Pepper, Shane Tarleton, & Whitney Anderson.

**Computer Applications:** Ashley James, Menda James, Shane Tarleton, & Kyle Pinkerton, alt.

**Editorial Writing:** John Wilson & Talin Pepper.

**Feature Writing:** Jami Gass.

**News Writing:** Brionne Jackson & Jami Gass.

**Number Sense:** Billy Roper, Whitney Anderson, & Shane Tarleton.

**Poetry Interpretation:** Adam Carter & Jami Gass.

**Ready Writing:** Garrett Chapman LaShae Johnson.

**Science:** Shane Tarleton, Billy Roper, Kyla Culp, & Pati Rodriguez.

## Borden Co. golfers enjoy sweep

After successful hoop year, Coyotes roll on greens

By Dwight Heins  
Lamesa Press-Reporter

After a highly successful season on both the hardwoods, the Borden County Coyotes are now proving they know their way around the golf course as well.

The Coyote golfers enjoyed a clean sweep Wednesday in the Loop Invitational at the Gaines County Golf Course in Seminole.

By shooting a 378, Borden County won the boys' team championship by 24 shots. Happy came in second with a 402.

Sands boys finished fourth in the final team standings at 441.

The Coyotes won the girls' team crown with a 514, eight shots better than second-place Westbrook.

"Considering the conditions, I thought our kids played pretty well," Borden County golf coach Trey Richey said.

"It definitely wasn't the kind of day you'd play golf in if you were just playing on your own. The wind and dirt were both blowing pretty good over there."

Richey attributes the Coyotes' golf success to past experience.

"On the boys' side, all five our guys have been to regionals before at least twice," Richey said.

## The Voice Rings Loudly

### B.H.S. OAP Advances to District Contest

By Darrin Ard

The Borden County High School One-Act Play Production of John Olive's *The Voice of the Prairie* rang loudly and clearly at the West Zone OAP Contest at Dawson High School this past Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Facing improved productions from all of the schools in the West Zone of District 9-A, the play troupe advanced along with Grady High School to this Tuesday's district contest.

This accomplishment marks the fourth consecutive year that B.H.S. has advanced to the district contest.

Sophomore John Wilson led Borden County by collecting Best Actor accolades as "Leon Schwab," a swindling Yankee radio entrepreneur.

Sophomore Cassidy Welch once again hosts the Rinehart ("Frankie Reed") District 9-A Contest on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. The Cast, while senior Micah Hensley ("Frances Reed") and junior Kyle Pinkerton

("David Quinn") were both recognized on the Honorable Mention All-Star Cast.

The technical crew of the production was also recognized for its outstanding technical production. Sophomores Thelma Balague, Garrett Chapman, & Emily Mayes, along with freshmen Trey Soto, comprise the crew.

Also starring in the show are senior Michele Bond ("Actor 3 / Susie / Gossip-monger"), junior Menda James ("Actor 2 / Schoolgirl / Passerby"), sophomores Tyler Wallace ("Poppy / News Vendor / Watermelon Man") & Ben Griffin ("Actor 1 / James"), and freshmen Garrett Thomas ("Davey Quinn") & Andrew Lamming ("Passerby / Schoolboy / Jailor").

Dawson High School in District 9-A Contest on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. The plays begin at 2:00 p.m. and run back-to-back.

Rochester and Rule High

Schools, the advancing schools from the East Zone of the district, will join Borden County and Grady to determine the two productions that will advance to the Region II-A, Area 1 Contest in Jayton on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Rochester's *The Cover of Life* kicks off the contest. Grady follows with *Her Senior Year*. Borden County goes third with *The Voice of the Prairie*. Approximate show time is 3:30. Rule finishes the contest off with *Corfu, By Night*.

The awards ceremony and judge's critiques follow the last performance. Results of the contest will be in next week's *Borden Star*. Break a leg, Borden County OAP!

## Menu

### Week Of:

March 31<sup>st</sup> - April 4<sup>th</sup>

**MONDAY:** Frito Pie, salad, pinto beans, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Hot pockets, fruit juice & milk.

**TUESDAY:** Chicken nuggets, potatoes, corn, hot rolls, fruit & milk.

**Breakfast:** Biscuits & Gravy, ham, biscuits, fruit juice & milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Lasagna, carrots, salad, garlic toast, fruit, & milk.

**Breakfast:** Cheese toast, fruit juice & milk

**THURSDAY:** Beef Soup, grilled cheese, pickles, jell-o & milk.

**Breakfast:** Muffin, fruit juice, & milk.

**FRIDAY:** BBQ Sandwich, beans, French fries, cake & milk **Breakfast:** Cereal & toast, fruit juice, & milk.

Pepper, 103.  
4. Sands, 441. Heath Webb, 103.  
Dee Fryar, 109. Jeremy Renteria, 114.  
Chance Grantham, 115. Catlin Barraza, 120.

Dawson Individuals: Braxton Gary, 93.  
Kyle Murphy, 130.

**Girls Division**  
Final Team Standings: 1. Borden County, 514. 2. Westbrook, 522. 3. Loop, 526. 4. Grady, 527.

1. Borden County, 514. April Bourressa, 117. Bobbie Kempf, 127. Dalene Kempf, 133. Emily Mayes, 137. Jami Gass, 146.

“After being as competitive as we were in this tournament we can't help but be optimistic about our chances in district.”

- Borden County golf coach Trey Richey

Borden County's Ben Griffin turned in the top score at Seminole with an 89.

The Coyotes' April Bourressa had the best girls' score at 117.

Borden County's golfers are now tuning up for District 9-1A competition. The boys district tournament is scheduled for March 31 and the girls league tournament is slated for April 1. Both tourneys will be played at Jayton.

"After being as competitive as we were in this tournament we can't help but be optimistic about our chances in district. Half of the people in our district were also in this tournament," Richey said.

"But the unknown is always a pretty scary factor and we've got

five or six teams which are new to our golf district this year."

The Coyotes are looking at the district tournament as a stepping stone toward returning to regionals. The top two teams at district advance to regionals April 21-22 at Abilene.

**LOOP INVITATIONAL**  
Wednesday, Gaines County Golf Course, Seminole  
Boys Division

Final Team Standings: 1. Borden County, 378. 2. Happy, 402. 3. Grady, 433. 4. Sands, 441. 5. Grandfalls-Royalty, 443. 6. Westbrook, 455. 7. Wellman-Union, 466. 8. Ira, 471. 9. Loop, 504.

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## Coyotes' all-starters Kempf, Hensley honored by six-man coaches

By Dwight Heins  
Lamesa Press-Reporter

Borden County's dynamic duo has been mentioned among the best in the state.

Coyote seniors Bobbie Kempf and Micah Hensley have been named to the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association's Girls All-State Basketball Team.

"It's tough just getting one of your kids on this team, so to have two make it really is something that's pretty neat and also pretty unique," said Borden County head girls coach Kevin James.

"We're real tickled for both of our young ladies. It's a neat thing for the kids from the smaller schools to be recognized like this."

Kempf and Hensley are two big reasons why the Coyotes won another district championship, went three rounds deep into the Class 1A Division II state playoffs, fashioned a strong 27-7 season record and were ranked seventh in the last Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Association's state poll.

"They were both real big parts of our ball club," James said.

"We really felt like every one of our seniors were big contributors in our success, but these two young ladies really did do a great job for us this season."

The 5-foot-10 Kempf averaged 17 points and 10 rebounds per game for the Coyotes.

"One of Bobbie's great attributes has probably got to be her overall work ethics," James said.

"Bobbie, like a lot of our kids, just has a love for this game and she proved that in the way that she spent countless hours in the gym. Because of her size (5-foot-10) we had to play her at post for us and she was a good strong rebounder."

Versatility was another plus in Kempf's resume.

"We could move her outside if we needed her out there, because she could also shoot the ball real well from out there, too," James said.

"That could end up helping her later on down the road, depending

on if she decided to pursue that as one of her future goals."

The 5-foot-8 Hensley averaged 12 points and eight rebounds per game this past season for the Coyotes.

James said that Hensley had the knack for being in the right place at the right time.

"Once again it also goes back to her work ethics," James said of Hensley. "She's another kid who always worked hard in practice."

"Micah was also probably one of the most consistent rebounders we had. It just seemed like every night she came up with good rebounding games. She just always seemed to be right there whenever we needed that big rebound."

James admits that replacing players like Kempf and Hensley leaves some major shoes to fill in the Coyotes' girls hoop program.

"We still feel like we've got a pretty good nucleus coming back, but at the same time we know that we're going to have some big shoes to fill," James said.

"But then that's the challenge which every school faces at the beginning of a new season. Who's going to fill those voids left by your graduating seniors."

"We realize that we're probably going to be a different basketball team come next season, but we still feel like we're going to be able to be very competitive. With a good off-season we should be looking at another good year out here again next year."

Kempf and Hensley maintain their strong work ethics outside of the hardwoods.

"They both play golf. Bobbie also plays doubles in tennis with her twin sister Dalene while Micah also runs track," James said.

"They are both your typical small school kids in the way that they really do it all around here."

Kempf and Hensley will have the opportunity to be teammates at least one more time this summer in the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association's all-star girls basketball game at Lubbock.



**COYOTES ALL-STARTERS:** Borden County girls hoop standouts Bobbie Kempf (left) and Micah Hensley are both first team selections on the Texas Six-man Coaches Association's All-State Girls Basketball Team.  
(Lamesa Press-Reporter Photo)

## Three Coyotes selected all-region

By Dwight Heins  
Lamesa Press-Reporter

Borden County's boys staged one of the biggest turnarounds on the high school hardwoods this past season.

After going 11-19 last year, the Coyotes went 21-13 this season and three rounds deep in the playoffs before losing 48-47 barnburner to Silverton in the regional semi-finals.

Having played key roles in

the Coyotes' turnaround, three Borden County boys have been recognized among this region's best.

Borden County senior forward T.J. Sharp and senior guard Talin Pepper, were named to the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association's all-Region II Team. Sophomore Ben Griffin earned second-team honors.

Sharp averaged 16.4 points, 8.5 rebounds, 3.1 steals and

2.1 assists this past season.

Pepper averaged 14.5 points, 6.4 rebounds and 3.8 assists for Coach Trey Richey's hoopsters.

While Sharp, and Pepper are graduating this year, Griffin should be exciting to watch the next couple of seasons.

Griffin averaged 13.8 points, 4.8 rebounds and 2.7 assists this past season.

## Keeping Track Jr. High Results from Sands Meet

By Sue Jane Mayes

Inclement weather held off a day so that the Borden Jr. High teams were able to complete their meet at Sands last week.

Girls' results are as follows:

**800m run** (6<sup>th</sup> place, Lindsey Stamper, 3:02.15; Lacey

Newton, 3:28.6; Kalli Poole, 3:28.6)

**100m hurdles** (Becky Dobyms, 21.25; Rachel Wilson, 22.17; Shelby Roberts)

**100m dash** (Ana Arellanos, 15.0; Kate Wallace, 19.0; Chelsae Minnick, 19.5)

**800m relay** (Sarah Harding, Heather Brooks, Poole, Dobyms, 2:19.76)

**400m dash** (Stamper, 75.03; Kaila Thompson, 1:46; Minnick, 1:38)

**300m hurdles** (Wilson, 68.6; Dobyms, 66.7; Roberts)

**200m dash** (Arellanos, 33.94; Thompson, 40.35)

**1600m relay** (Newton, Harding, Arellanos, Stamper, 5:31.17)

**discus** (Dannelle Copeland, 59'83/4", 4<sup>th</sup> place Christina Soto, 66'9 1/2", Maggie)

**shot put** (Copeland, Soto)

**triple jump** (Stamper, Newton, Arellanos)

### TEXAS SIX-MAN COACHES ASSOCIATION'S GIRLS ALL-STATE BASKETBALL TEAM

#### FIRST TEAM

Alesha Stegemoller, senior, Priddy; Lauren Hill, senior, Hedley; Stephanie Gonzales, senior, Whitharral; Natalie Wheeler, senior, Valley; Donnice Roecker, senior, Gordon; Kara Stowe, senior, Gordon; Tara Lisle, senior, Rule; **Bobbie Kempf, senior, Borden County;** Rebekah Howard, junior, Hedley; **Micah Hensley, senior, Borden County.**

#### SECOND TEAM

Heather Hohertz, senior, Priddy; Elizabeth Holik, junior, Veribest; Kaycee Venekamp, junior, Woodson; Kristina Smith, junior, Milford; Celeigh Sterling, senior, Ira; Brittany Spradling, junior, Happy; Haley Bennett, junior, Hedley; Chandra Adkins, senior, Happy; Kelly Judkins, senior, Iredell; Maggie Newton, senior, Brookesmith.

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## Borden County's Spelling Champion places 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Borden Count ISD's 2003 Spelling Bee Champion, eighth grader, Becky Dobyns, niece of Amy and Jym Rinehart, continued her winning ways at the regional spelling bee in Lubbock where she ranked third after 26 rounds of intense competition. Good job Becky! We are proud of you.

Jacob the son of Dr. Chow from Lamesa, won that area meet and the right to compete at the national bee in Washing D.C.



Becky Dobyns

## Jr. High Boys' Sands Results

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**3200m run** (6<sup>th</sup>, Quentiñ Shafer, 9:55.83)

**400m relay** (5<sup>th</sup>, Shafer, John Cowart, Symeron Rinehart, Logan Furlong, 54.43)

**800m run** (8<sup>th</sup>, Miller Valentine, 2:50.32)

**110m high hurdles** (3<sup>rd</sup>, Jake Payne, 19.69; Zane Williamson, 23.83)

**100m dash** (1<sup>st</sup>, Michael Bullinger, 12:64; Jake Payne, 13.52; Timothy Crenshaw, 16.00; Pasqual Espinoza, 16.68; Logan Howard, 16.29)

**800m relay** (Cowart, Furlong, Valentine, Rinehart, 2:07.89)

**400m dash** (2<sup>nd</sup>, Bullinger, 62.38; Valentine, 74.41; Jacob Froman, 76.18)

**300m hurdles** (3<sup>rd</sup>, Payne, 52.15; Williamson, 65.73)

**200m dash** (4<sup>th</sup>, Bullinger, 26.65; Froman, 30.24; Crenshaw, 35.15; Espinoza, 36.27; Logan Howard, 35.57)

**1600m run** (6<sup>th</sup>, Shafer, 4:28.67)

**1600m relay** (7<sup>th</sup>, Rinehart, Howard, Payne, Cowart)

**high jump** (1<sup>st</sup>, Bullinger, 5'0")

**triple jump** (6<sup>th</sup>, Payne, 30'9"; Cowart, 27'73/4"; Froman, 29 2 1/2"; Williamson, 26'6")

**long jump** (Bullinger, 15'3/4"; Payne, 14'8"; Valentine, 11'2"; Shafer, 11'5")

**shot put** (Furlong, 35'8")

**disucs** (6<sup>th</sup>, Furlong, 106'93/4")

## EMS News

### Borden County EMS Education Program

By Philena Farmer  
Borden County EMS

It took nearly two years and countless hours by lead paramedic, Kent Holmes, but Borden County EMS now has the credentials to have their own EMT Basic class. Borden County EMS Education Program now exists due in large part to determination.

Two years ago the directors of Borden County EMS decided to develop and maintain an education program. This program was begun for financial reasons and convenience of prospective EMS members. Borden County EMS Education

Program will allow Borden County to have its own EMT Basic class at any time it is needed with less expense than in the past. This means that Borden County EMS will not depend on Howard College for a class and that the students in Borden County won't have to go to Big Spring or Snyder to receive their class.

Kent Holmes attended a two day workshop in Austin. Once it was decided to move forward with the education program, getting Kent signed up to attend this class was the first hurdle faced by Borden County EMS. Only 20 people

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### Houston's Champion Chianina

Radio, shown by LaShae Johnson, 16, of Gail, Texas, made static for the competition, taking Champion Chianina in the Junior Market Steer Show on March

14<sup>th</sup> at the 2003 Houston Livestock Show.

Radio weighs 1,214 pounds, and was named by LaShae's sister.

LaShae, a Borden County

4-H'er, has show at Houston for eight years. She showed the grand Champion Market Lamb in 2001, and has placed at Houston for the past seven years.



### Houston's Reserve Champion Brahman

Elliot, the Reserve Champion Brahman, was shown by Kalli Poole, 14, of Gail, Texas.

Elliot weighs, 1,230 pounds, and had never placed well until the Houston Show.

"It was shocking, I didn't expect it, said Kalli, a Borden County 4-H'er.

Kalli has placed at least seventh in her steer classes for the past three years at

Houston. She has shown steers for four years, and pigs for six years.

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# Sometimes Peace Requires War EMS News

By Congressman Charlie Stenholm

President Bush presented an ultimatum to Saddam Hussein to leave his country or face armed conflict, in effect asserting that sometimes peace requires war. As I have through four previous administrations, I will support this most difficult decision made by our Commander-in-Chief to ensure our national security through the removal of Saddam Hussein.

I am reminded of the words found in Ecclesiastes, that there is a time for everything; a time for peace, and a time for war. Given twelve years of failed diplomatic efforts to secure peace with Iraq, I understand the President's determination that this must be a time for war.

The United States has made the case for peace: if Saddam Hussein complies with all agreements after the Persian Gulf War, no hostilities would commence. This same case for peace has been made via the United Nations' weapons inspectors' attempts to verify compliance. The case for peace has been made by President Bush who has asked Hussein to step down

and free his people.

Conversely, Saddam Hussein himself has made a case for war. He has refused to disarm. He has continued to manufacture weapons of mass destruction. He repeatedly has defied international will. He persists in oppressing his own people. He has invited great danger for his citizens.

Indications are that Saddam Hussein has maintained a pipeline of support to terrorists in Israel and the West and it required little imagination to picture the future destructive potential of such alliances. This madman may have the psychological make-up of a school yard bully but the sticks he carried — chemical agents, biological warheads, plans for nuclear weapons — are no child's play. The longer his aggression goes unchecked, the more his thirst of power and domination will escalate, with many terrorists all too willing to accept the resources which will help do his dirty work.

Still, Americans must make a long-term commitment to security and democracy not only at home but also abroad.

We cannot fly in with sterile air strikes, fly out a few weeks later, and expect to return to our previously scheduled lives. Nurturing the philosophy and infrastructure that support democracy will require time, effort and financing. The long-term reward, however, is that free and prosperous people in other land will become less vulnerable to the lure of terrorist promises or the imprisonment of unjust dictators.

In the meantime, I pray for the security and safe return of our brave troops. I pray that they will be filled with strength and resolve and that their families will be supported by a grateful nation. The cause of freedom and justice is great, but it demands great commitment and sacrifice by all who enjoy its benefits, not simply by the men and women in uniform. After a time of war, it is up to all of us to help create a time of peace.

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are allowed in this class each year, and very strenuous requirements must be met along with a recommendation from the Regional Director for the Texas Department of Health (TDH). Kent met all requirements and was admitted to the class in November 2002. After finishing this training, he then had to pass a state co-ordinators test. He received word two weeks ago that he had passed and that Borden County EMS could move forward with plans to hold their first class. Since that time, Kent has been working on paperwork that is required by the state. This paperwork will be submitted to the TDH Regional Director within the

next week. After the approval by TDH, Borden County EMS Education Program will officially begin.

Beginning within the next month or two, Borden County EMS Education Program will hold its first EMT Basic class. Kent Holmes will serve as coordinator and Carrie Hart will be the instructor. Carrie has previously taught two basic EMT classes, and her students have a 100% pass rate on the state exam for certification.

If you are interested in becoming an EMT Basic or would like more information, please contact Carrie Hart at 756-4469 or Kent Holmes at 915-573-4164.

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## TxDOT to Host TIP Public Meeting

**ABILENE, Texas** – Texas Department of Transportation officials have announced that the Abilene District will be hosting two public meetings to discuss the 2004 – 2005 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The first meeting will be held April 1, 2003 in the Snyder Jr. High School Auditorium, 3301 El Paso Street in Snyder. The second meeting will be April 7, 2003 in the Anson High School Auditorium, 1431 Commercial Street in Anson. Both meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the same information being presented at each.

The TIP is a three-year program that includes a priority list of all transportation projects that will be carried out with the three-year period. Areas affected by the program are Borden, Callahan, Fisher, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall and Taylor Counties. The TIP includes a financial plan that demonstrates how the TIP can be implemented and the resources that are reasonably expected to be made available to carry out the program.

Projects within the Abilene Urban Area will not be discussed. There will be a separate meeting for the Abilene Urban Area conducted by the Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization.

The meetings will provide an opportunity for interested individuals and groups to offer their views, concerns, and comments on the goals, objectives and impacts of the TIP.

Persons wishing to present testimony at either of the meetings, will need to complete the response cards that will be available at the registration table. Instead, or in addition to speaking at the meetings, attendees may choose to provide written

statements and/or exhibits. All comments should be submitted to Mr. William L. Hale, P.E. District Engineer, Abilene District, P.O. Box 150, Abilene, Texas 79604-0150, by April 28, 2003 (ten days after the close of the final meetings).

If you have any questions regarding the meeting, contact Mr. Blair W. Haynie, P.E., Director of Transportation Planning and Development, at 915/676-6810 or Mary Beth Kilgore, District Public Information Officer, at 915/676-6806.

## USDA Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announces the application period for the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program through April 11, 2003. The proposed funding will be utilized to help interested landowners in the restoration of native degraded habitat on private lands.

Producers requesting assistance through the application period will have their applications evaluated in late April on the basis of the new farm bill provisions. When the program funding alloca-

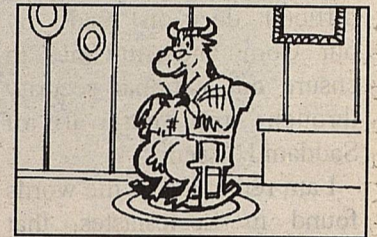
tion is made, the WHIP applications approved for funding will be subject to the contract cost-share limitation set at \$25,000, with all cost-share percentages set at 75 percent.

WHIP is a voluntary program for individuals who want to restore degraded habitat on private lands. NRCS and interested landowners work together to prepare a wildlife habitat development plan that lasts a minimum of five years.

“NRCS provides both technical assistance and cost-

sharing to help establish and restore native degraded habitats through WHIP,” said NRCS Wildlife Biologist Charles Coffman.

Interested producers should contact the NRCS field office located in their local USDA Service Center. More information is available on the USDA website at [www.usda.gov/farmbill](http://www.usda.gov/farmbill).



An Irish cow, Big Bertha, lived to the record age of 48 before her death in 1993. In addition, she gave birth to a record 39 calves.

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### SUPPORT BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

Area cotton farmers and landlords have the opportunity to vote to continue our boll weevil eradication effort in the Permian Basin. TDA has mailed ballots for a retention election, and you should have yours soon.

We urge you to say “yes” to continuing eradication.

**If you vote “For,” we can:**

- ✓ Finish the job and eliminate weevils from our fields
- ✓ Increase our yields and lower our costs
- ✓ Have a program that protects us against re-infestations
- ✓ Receive cost-share funds

**If you vote “Against,” we will:**

- ✗ Lose all the gains we’ve made over the past 4 years
- ✗ Lose cost-share funding
- ✗ Lose our protection against re-infestations
- ✗ Still pay an assessment to pay our debt

**Vote to continue the program and protect your investment. It makes sense.**

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# A Parents Guide to Talking with Children About the War with Iraq

Children and youth often know more, worry about more, and ask less than we realize. Take a moment and think back to your childhood. For many of us, there were times when something happened that might have caused us to worry, but if the adults in our world didn't bring it up, we may have worried in silence. Often parents say, "I think she's doing fine - she doesn't talk about it . . ." Or "He isn't asking any question. . ." Children listen at times we may not realize, and they have questions they may not ask unless we provide the opportunity.

This guide provides some ideas for bringing up difficult topics and helping your reassure your child. This is just that - a *guide* with *ideals*. There is no one "right way" to talk with your child. Families who live close to where the terrorist attacks on 9/11/01 occurred might have a different level of anxiety about this war than those who live in rural communities else where in the country.

**When you don't know how else to bring something up, state the obvious.** No judgment, no blame, just state the obvious. Some suggestions for this might be:

- ◆ "There has been more on the news lately about the war with Iraq. Sometimes when that kind of news is on television, kids feel confused or concerned about what it means. What kind of thoughts have you had?"
- ◆ "We received a letter from your teacher, and it says that they're helping you understand new procedures at school in case we have a terrorist attack. What are your classmates saying about this?"
- ◆ "A while back, we had some national alerts and we changed to Code Orange. This kind of thing is new for our

country, so we don't always know what that means. What do *you* think that means?" or "What are kids saying about that?"

**Speak in hopeful terms.** There are several options here:

- ◆ "People high up in government are working on these complex issues, and we're hoping they will make good decisions that help keep us safe."
- ◆ "Although we don't always know how we will cope with something, the most difficult part is often during periods of anticipation. Once we know what is actually going to unfold, we can start to put measures in place."
- ◆ "We'll get through this together. You don't have to figure this out alone. I'm here to support you, and I want to hear your concerns."

**Make it easy for kids to reveal their concerns to you.** Often, if we ask a child, "Are you worried?" the answer is likely to be "no." But if we ask, "When you are concerned about this, what part worried you?" This is a **statement of assumption**. You are letting your child hear that you assume he or she has concerns, and you'd like his or her insights. Another helpful approach is to distance the child from feeling like he or she has to reveal personal concerns by encouraging the child to think about concerns other students might have. An example of this is, "What do you think other kids your age might be worrying about?" This gives them a chance to voice a concern without having it be too close to home, so to speak.

**Be honest with your children.** Both your integrity and their own is on the line. How much detail you give and the context in which you

put something is where you have room for judgment. But you can't recapture the trust that you lose if your child realizes that you aren't truthful. So, when children ask difficult questions, it is fine for your answer to be, "I don't know," But where do you go at that point?

- ◆ From there you can suggest that you'll try to find out more about something.
- ◆ You can move from those things you can't solve to statements about how people have coped with difficult times since the beginning of time. We didn't know how we were going to get through 9/11/01, either, but sure enough, people coped and rejuvenated the cities. Manhattan and Washington, DC, continue to function and be home to people, and businesses there go on as usual.
- ◆ Admit that you have concerns, too, but then go on to talk about what you do that helps you feel safe. It might be preparations you've made, or it might be about your faith, or it might have to do with your community and support system.

**Limit or eliminate your child's viewing of television coverage.** There is a psychological saturation from television coverage that can actually result in symptoms associated with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Our brains are in a receptive mode that is very different than when we listen to coverage on the radio or read a newspaper. Print and audio-only media allow our minds to question, to create our own pictures, or create no visual imagining at all. But with television coverage, we often "can't get it out of our minds." A great example of that was how many people were haunted by the coverage of people jumping from the

towers on 9/11/01. There is nothing positive about children being haunted by those kinds of visuals, and there are many other options for how children and youth can remain informed.

**Differentiate between war and terrorism,** and help your child with realistic reassurances. War with Iraq is hours and hours away by airplane. Or days and days away by car and boat. Help our child understand the geography of this for those issues related to fears about the war. Younger children may think that the war is happening very close to home.

**Have faith in your child's ability to cope.** Often we sell kids short on their abilities to cope with bad news. Their ability to cope is **directly related to your own stability and what they read in your "energy."** So if you are calm, measured, honest, concerned, compassionate and open, your children will be much more apt to trust that they'll be okay than if you are evasive, silent, or over-reactive.

**Empower your child.** Whether you believe the war is a good idea or a bad one, writing representatives, attending rallies, or writing letters to servicepeople can help children feel empowered. Ask your child, "What will help you feel better or safer?"

**Accept short-term regression.** For some children of any age, this may be a time when, for a while, they want to sleep close to you or leave a night light on. Younger

## OBITUARY

### Chris Cornett 1976-2003

Services for Chris Cornett, 26, of San Diego, Calif., was held at 10 p.m. March 16<sup>th</sup>, in First Baptist Church in Ozona, Texas.

Graveside services followed at 4 p.m. in the Gail Cemetery in Gail under the direction of Preddy Funeral Home in Ozona.

Cornett died Wednesday, March 12, 2003.

He was born April 17, 1976 in Post. He was a 1994 graduate of Ozona High School. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Bud and Willie Cornett and one uncle, Randy Cornett.

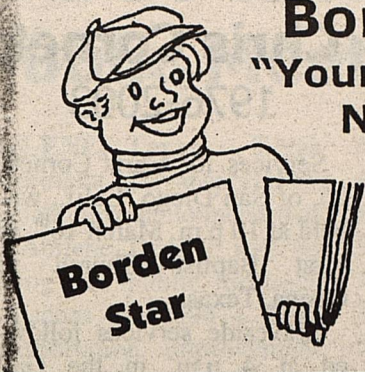
Survivors include his parents, Dale and Vickie Cornett of Ozona; one sister, Shelly Cornett of Ozona; one brother Kevin Cornett of Mineral Wells; grandparents, Red and Ginny Barkowsky of Lamesa; and his great-grandmother, Clara Barkowsky of Lamesa;

children may be clingy or wet the bed when they haven't done so for some time. Take it all in stride, don't over-react, and give some special indulgences. Bring out the sleeping bags!

**Remember the value of laughter and fun!** More than ever, be sure you create times that are just for fun every day. Integrate new ways of doing this. Laughter actually helps our immune system and depression shuts it down. This is not just for fun - it's for health!



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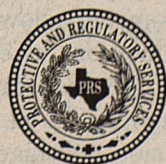
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16	17	18 OAP West Zone At Dawson	19 Loop Invitational Golf Boys/Girls Cheerleading Applications Out	20 JH Track Meet at Sands	21 HS Track Meet at Sands	22 Dist. UIL Academic Meet WTC Science Fair 6th-8th Odessa
23	24 Gain Eligibility G/T 3rd-6th Grade to ESC	25 District OAP Dawson	26 RTPE Testing	27 Tarleton Judging J.H. Track West Zone at Sands	28 West Texas A&M Judging	29 Clarendon FFA Judging HS Dawson Track Meet
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