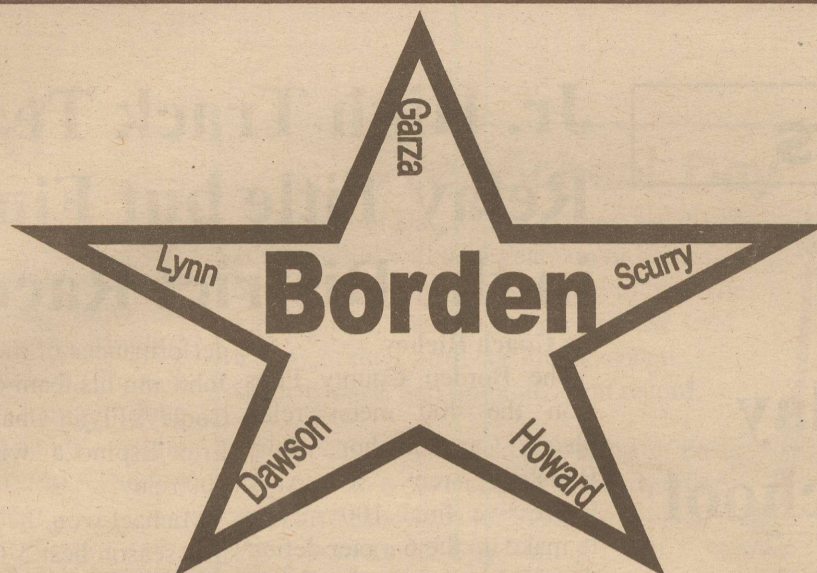


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## District 9-A Literary Champs!

### *Coyotes Throw the Book(s) at Competition*

A sixth consecutive district literary championship will send fifteen students to regional competition April 21-22 in Abilene.

The fifteen, along with other BHS competitors, combined for 449 points to win last week's District 9-A title over eleven other schools.

The win had all the excitement of a down-to-the-wire athletic contest as Borden County and Garden City were tied with 381 points going in to the final two events (persuasive and informative speaking) of the two-day meet.

The extemporaneous speaking contingency rose to the challenge as they swept persuasive speaking with first, second, and third place finishes. BHS also won informative speaking to seal the district championship.

Garden City finished with 422 points.

The Bearkats, known for their dominance in the math and science events, held an

85-point lead after last Tuesday's contest. However, BHS also maxed out points possible (37) in Current Events, Spelling, and Social Studies to stay within striking distance.

Some ground was gained after the writing results came in early Thursday (journalism and ready writing). Prose and poetry contestants added much-needed points that afternoon.

After a 1-2 finish in LD debate for Borden County, the gap had closed and the stage was set for the dramatic finish.

For you sports fanatics, it was like bases-loaded, two-outs, and Barry Bonds up to bat for the home team. Scratch that. Let's say Albert Pujols.

Or, fourth down and inches to the goal line, with time running out and Peyton Manning taking the snap. Well, maybe that Big Ben guy from Pittsburgh would be better.

Anyway, the crowd (all fifteen of them) went wild

when the speaking results were announced.

School Superintendent Jimmy Thomas and Principal Bart McMeans were on hand to present the students with the championship plaque which will hang in the school cafeteria.

cleaning up after 150-200 students.

A special thanks to Joan Marshall and Terri Buchanan in the front office for compiling, organizing, and distributing the materials.

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## Opal Region Bound BHS OAP Garners Six Individual Awards at Area Contest

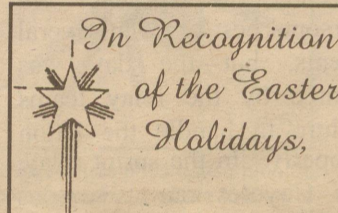
They did it! The "Area Curse" is broken.

The Borden County High School One-Act Play production of Robert Nassif Lindsey's *Opal* advanced to the Region II-A One-Act Play Contest Tuesday night following the announcement of results from the Region II-A, Area 1 Contest in Jayton.

The cast and crew of seventeen will now join five other productions at the Region II-A Contest to be held on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006, in the Behrens Auditorium of Hardin-Simmons University

in Abilene. After four consecutive trips to the Area level and sixth trip in the last seven years, the advancement ends what has seemingly become a curse for the BHS One-Act Play.

At the Area Contest, the cast and crew of the BHS show was also honored for individual acting excellence. Senior Garrett Thomas ("The Man That Wears Grey Neckties/Angel Father") was named as Best Actor for the second consecutive contest.



In Recognition  
of the Easter  
Holidays,

the Star on Gail  
Mountain will  
shine brightly  
beginning on  
Good Friday,  
April 14<sup>th</sup> thru  
Easter Sunday  
April 17<sup>th</sup>

In Celebration of  
Christ our  
Risen  
Savior!



Sophomore Rachel Wilson ("Opal") and junior Becky Dobyns ("The Girl That Has No Seeing") were both named to the All-Star Cast.

Named to the Honorable Mention All-Star Cast were juniors Kalli Poole ("The Mamma"), Christina Soto ("Sadie McKibben"), and Clint Chapman

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## Track News

### Varsity Track: Exchanges Cost Coyotes Two Relay Records and a School Record

By Coach Richey

The Borden County track team experienced some highs and lows Friday as they won several events and ran personal best times in several events, but the day was tainted by the relay teams failure to handle the baton properly. In the sprint relay, the Coyotes ran a seasons best 44.91 time in the prelims to easily out distance the nearest team, but in the finals, the relay team experience two terrible exchanges that cost them the 400 relay title.

In the 800 relay, an event that was originally scheduled to be a prelim and then final was changed for the Borden County pole vaulters and turned into a final only, found the Coyotes needing that extra work, as they dropped the baton with the lead and in the end after picking the baton up ran a seasons best 1:38.5. The Coyotes were on pace to shatter the school record, as it looked poised to run a 1:35 or better.

Other disappointments was

### JV Track Season Ends

By Coach Richey

The Borden County track season came to a close for four Coyote athletes.

Tyrell Massingill had a solid day as he finished first

seeing Michael Bullinger no height in the pole vault a week before district. Michael has the 2<sup>nd</sup> best jump in the region, and will need to regain his confidence heading into district.

J'Ryan Gicklhorn continued his dominance in the shot put as he won for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time this season.

Aaron Pigford regained some of his high jump magic winning the event and Brad Tatum continued to impress in the pole vault with a jump of 13'0".

Jake Cooley had a very solid day as he ran a solid 2:11 in the 800 for 5<sup>th</sup> place, which could have been much better had he not gotten boxed in and then followed that with a seasons best 55.77 in the 400 for 4<sup>th</sup> place.

Jake Payne ran a seasons best 42.89 in the prelims, but had trouble responding from the 800 relay and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the finals.

The Coyotes managed 90 points for a disappointing 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the track meet.

in the 3200 meter run and runner-up in the 1600 meters.

Zane Williamson won the high jump, and finished

second in the pole vault and 300 int. hurdles.

### Jr. High Track Team Wins 400 Relay Title but Finish Runner-up in the District Race

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Pups won the 400 meter relay plaque as anchor John Hensley ran a very impressive final 100 meters to make up the 6 meter deficit that he faced from the Grady relay team and helped his team easily win the event.

But, when the dust settled the Grady track team got it's revenge as they outscored the Coyotes 44 to 9 in the last to events of the contest to easily win the district 9 track meet.

The Coyotes did finish runner-up with several solid times and distances throughout the day. Some of the top

performances of the day were John and his team of Michael Cooley, Flynn Chapman, and Eric Espinoza winning the 400 relay.

Michael won the high jump in a season best 5'6" finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in long jump with a 16'8" jump and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the pole vault. Hel also finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 110 IH.

Flynn won the shot put, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 200 and ran a leg on the 800 relay along with John, Eric and David Rodriquez.

John followed that impressive showing in the 400 relay and smoked the field in the 100 in a good time of 12.28.

Brendan Tarleton ran almost 30 seconds faster than ever before to win the 2400 meters.

Eric Espinoza won the 400 in a time of 61.99. Below are the results of all the Coyotes Track Team:

#### Jr. High

**Michael Cooley:**  
High jump 5'6 1<sup>st</sup>  
Pole vault 8'0" 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Long jump 16'8" 3<sup>rd</sup>  
400 relay 51.78 1<sup>st</sup>  
110 IH 21.72 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Flynn Chapman:**  
200 28.09 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Shot put 33'2" 1<sup>st</sup>  
400 relay 51.78 1<sup>st</sup>  
800 relay 1:55.95 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Discus No mark

**John Hensley:**  
Triple jump 31'4 1/2"  
Long jump 16'6 1/2"  
400 relay 51.78 1<sup>st</sup>  
800 relay 1:55.95 2<sup>nd</sup>  
100m 12.27 1<sup>st</sup>

**Eric Espinoza:**  
Pole vault no height  
400 relay 51.78 1<sup>st</sup>  
800 relay 1:55.95 2<sup>nd</sup>  
400 m 62.01 1<sup>st</sup>

**David Rodriquez:**  
Long jump 14'2 1/2"  
2400 m 9:09.96 5<sup>th</sup>  
800 relay 1:55.79 2<sup>nd</sup>  
1600 m 6:25.01 6<sup>th</sup>

**Brendan Tarleton:**  
Triple jump 28'2"  
2400 M 9:29.99 1<sup>st</sup>  
High jump 4'8" 6<sup>th</sup>  
1600 m. 6:17.1 4<sup>th</sup>  
300 LH 60.91 6<sup>th</sup>

**Karl Lamming:**  
Triple jump 30'8 1/4"  
Long jump 14'5 1/2"  
800 m 3:13  
1600 relay 5:12.27 5<sup>th</sup>  
Discus No mark

**Tony Soto:**  
Discus No mark  
100 m. 13.62  
Shot put No mark

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### Garrett Thomas continues 110 High Hurdle dominance at San Angelo Relays

By Coach Richey

Garrett Thomas again went on his own to the San Angelo relays and performed extremely well, as he bettered his school record in both hurdle races.

In a very impressive time, Garrett easily won the 110 high hurdles in a school

record 13.96. This marks the first time that Garrett has broken the 14 second barrier. In the 300 hurdles, a small mistake on the next to last hurdle cost Garrett the Gold and a possible time under 38 seconds. Garrett finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the hurdles to a hurdler from Wall in a time of 38.32. Garrett's time was just .01 behind the Wall runner.

Garrett will join the Coyote track team in this weeks district track which will be hosted by Borden County. The top four in each event will advance to the Area track meet in Roby on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

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## Golf News

### Golf Season Flying By

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Golf Team of Jacob Froman, Austin Tarleton, J'Ryan Gicklhorn, Aaron Pigford and Trey Soto competed in the Forsan invitational two weeks ago. In a field of 10 teams and terrible weather, the Coyotes emerged with the tourney title as Trey Soto closed the deal by shooting a 101 which allowed the Coyotes to beat Stanton by 1 stroke and Coahoma by 2 strokes.

Austin Tarleton paced the

### Boys Team Finishes Runner-up to Qualify for Regional Tournament;

*Soto wins play-off trip on the girls side*

By Coach Richey

The Borden County boys golf team did not get off to a very good start to their district round Monday, but solid back nines by all of the golfers helped propel them to the Regional Golf Tournament.

Jacob Froman led the team with a solid 86 as he finished tied for second but lost in a 3 hole play-off for the silver medal. Jacob shot a 48 on the front nine but bounced back with a very good 38 on the back nine.

Austin Tarleton shot a 50 on the front but he bounced back with a 43 to shoot a 93.

J'Ryan Gicklhorn shot a 55 on the front and followed that

Coyotes with a solid 84 to finish runner-up in the tourney as well.

Jacob Froman shot an 89 while Aaron Pigford shot a 102 and J'Ryan had a 105. This gave the Coyotes a team total of 376.

Andrew Lamming also participated in this contest and he carded a 122.

On the girls side, Christina Soto finished third with a 111. Kate Wallace fired a 128 and Lacey Newton finished with a 148.

with a 47. Aaron Pigford followed his 53 with a 49 for a 102 and Trey Soto followed his 57 with a 47 to shoot a 104.

The team score for the day was 383 some 30 strokes behind champion Garden City. Andrew Lamming also participated as he shot a 114.

On the girls side, the LladY Coyotes were led by junior Christina Soto. She went the opposite of the guys, as she followed a solid 56 with a disappointing 67 on the back nine. She thought she was finished, but managed a 6<sup>th</sup> place tie, and a chance to advance to the regional

## Tennis News

### Wilson/Wallace Medal

By Coach Turner

The newly re-formed doubles team of Rachel Wilson and Kate Wallace advanced to the championship match at the Garden City Invitational Tennis Meet this past weekend. Wilson and Wallace defeated the Rubio sisters of Crane in the first round then topped Watts and Thurman from Coahoma in the quarterfinals. Up next in the semifinals was the team of Krapft and Bray from district rival Westbrook and they were no match. The run ended with a loss to Garza and Barnes from San Angelo Grape Creek, but it was a very successful weekend and a great tune up for district.

tournament with a victory in the play-off. Christina played solid on the play-off hole and easily won the hole and a trip to Regional.

The rest of the Lady Coyote team did not fare as well, but did manage to pull out a third place finish in the tournament.

Kate Wallace shot a season best 125, while Sarah Harding tallied a 138. Lacey Newton finished with a 149 and Whitney Anderson shot a 146.

The Boys Golf Team and Christina will travel to Abilene on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to compete in the two day Regional Golf Tournament.

Congratulations guys and gals on a super season. Thank you all for playing this season, I know that it has been very hectic this spring.

John Cowart advanced to the quarterfinals in the boy's singles bracket. John defeated Miller from Irion County and Alder from McCamey before dropping his match to Green of Coahoma.

Clint Chapman dropped his only match of the tournament to Valdez of Crane.

Becky Dobyns split her two matches of the weekend dropping a first round match to Chavez of Westbrook but defeated Stanley of Forsan.

Up next for the Coyote tennis team will be the District 9 meet at Garden City. Action begins at 9 am on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Golfers Finish Seventh in Coahoma

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Golf team struggled a bit in the Coahoma Golf Tournament, as they shot a 377 to finish 7<sup>th</sup> out of 18 teams.

Jacob Froman led the Coyote golfers as he fired an 84. Austin shot a 87 and J'Ryan carded a 102. Trey Soto shot a 105 and Aaron Pigford carded a 104.

On the girls side, Christina finished 6<sup>th</sup> with a very good 103 score. Kate Wallace shot a 136, while Lacey Newton shot a 138 and Whitney Anderson made her debut with a 132.

## School Lunch Menu

April 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>

MONDAY - Breakfast:

Pancake pups, fruit juice and milk. Lunch: Frito Pie, tossed salad, pinto beans, pears and milk.

TUESDAY - Breakfast:

Biscuit & gravy, ham, fruit juice and milk; Lunch: Chicken spaghetti, green beans, tossed salad, garlic biscuit, pudding and milk.

WED. - Breakfast:

French toast sticks, fruit juice and milk. Lunch: Pizza, corn, tossed salad, pineapple and milk.

THURSDAY - Breakfast:

Muffin, fruit juice and milk. Lunch: Lasagna, carrots, tossed salad, garlic toast

Fresh fruit and milk.

FRIDAY - Breakfast:

Cereal, toast fruit juice and milk. Lunch: BBQ sandwich, beans, French fries, Surprise cookies and milk.

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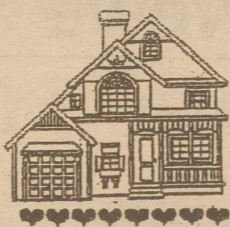
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## Heart and home...

By Julie D. Smith  
Borden County Extension Agent  
Family and Consumer Sciences



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## Tips for working with pesticides

With spring almost in full bloom and summer on its way, that means that everyone is getting the ground ready to plant, and that generally means the use of pesticides, herbicides, and other chemicals. It is vital that you follow the proper methods when using pesticides, and especially when laundering clothes worn when using the chemicals. Here are a few tips to remember when working with these chemicals:

### WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING!

# Long sleeves and pants, or coveralls, made of:

- cotton plain weave
- poly-cotton blend, plain weave
- cotton or poly-cotton twill
- non-wrinkle cotton twill weave

# Shoes or boots with socks; head covering.

# Add extra protection as required by chemical label:

- goggles
- respirator
- chemical-resistant gloves

## Borden County Senior Citizen Group

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 10 in the Community Room. This will be a pot luck supper (bring

### DON'T SPREAD PESTICIDE RESIDUES!

# Change clothes at work; place in a sealable disposable bag.

# Transport in trunk or truck bed, not inside vehicle.

# Store and wash work clothes separately from other laundry.

# Wear chemical-resistant gloves to handle work clothes.

### FOLLOW THESE CLEANING STEPS!

# Hang work clothes in the sun to help break down chemicals.

# Launder small loads only.

# Use washing machine set on longest wash cycle and highest water level.

# Wash with hot water and extra, heavy-duty detergent.

# Line dry. In bad weather, use dryer on high heat.

# Clean washer by running an empty cycle with hot water and detergent.

For more information on working with pesticides and pesticide contaminated clothing safely, contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336.

your favorite dish to share) that will begin at 6:00 p.m. We will enjoy our meal and fellowship first, then enjoy

## 4-H News

### 4-H'er Bound for District Fashion Show



Kylie Voss received first place in the Junior Construction Dressy category of the Borden County 4-H Fashion Show. Kylie made a sundress of a 100% cotton seersucker

games and more fellowship! We are moving this meeting to the second Monday for April. Hope that you can all attend!!!

Please keep in mind that there are many possible opportunities this group can provide, including wonderful fellowship, fun games and activities, great learning experiences, a chance to have your blood pressure and blood glucose checked, and even a possibility of group outings. We invite you to participate in the second Borden County Senior Citizen Group Evening. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact Julie Smith at (806)756-4336. Also, if you need transportation to and from the Community Building, please contact us to make arrangements. We look forward to a great new opportunity for our friends in Borden County!

bubble print fabric with the coordinating shrug jacket being made of solid colored linen. She will enjoy wearing it for church or special outings this Spring and Summer. Kylie will be competing at the District 4-H Fashion Show on Tuesday, April 11 in Lubbock.

### Public Speaking Project

4-H members and parents interested in learning more about the Public Speaking Project should contact the Extension Office as soon as possible. Information is available to assist 4-H'ers and their parents in writing, presenting and preparing visuals for Educational Presentations (formerly known as method demonstrations or illustrated talks); as well as covering information about the public speaking contest and share-the-fun's. Share-the-fun categories include: drama, choreo-

graphed routines, poet, comedian, vocal and musical. **The deadline for entering a Public Speaking Contest is Wednesday, April 12.**

This project provides youth an excellent opportunity to develop public speaking skills, even if they hate to talk in front of others. 4-H'ers will present their prepared presentations at County 4-H Roundup. Participants will advance to District 4-H Roundup, which will be held on May 6<sup>th</sup> at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

## CAMPS, CAMPS, CAMPS!

Information about summer camping opportunities is coming in weekly at the Extension Office. *If you are interested in any camp, we encourage you to apply as soon as possible, as many spaces are limited!* If you would like to learn more about some of the camps, visit the our web site at <http://borden-tx.tamu.edu> and look under the Links tab or contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336.

## Walk Across Texas Kick-Off

Whether you want to walk Texas. Call the Extension office at (806)756-4336 and sign up today! We will begin logging miles Tuesday, April 3 and wrap up on Monday, participating in Walk Across May 29.

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## Literary Champs!

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Thanks to the entire school family for hospitality room management, furniture moving, timekeeping, program printing, and

A complete list of participants, those placing in the top six, and those advancing to Hardin-Simmons University (site of the Region IIA contest) is listed

### District Literary Results

Tuesday, March 28  
Thursday, March 30

### UIL Participants

#### Seniors

Whitney Anderson – 5<sup>th</sup> Place  
Features, Editorial Writing,  
Headline Writing  
Kisha Clement – Accounting  
Aaron Pigford – Science  
Jodye Rutherford – Calculator,  
Accounting  
Trey Soto – Literary  
Criticism

#### Juniors

Clint Chapman – Calculator  
John Cowart – Number  
Sense, Literary Criticism,  
Math  
Sarah Harding – Feature  
Writing, News Writing  
Reynaldo Hernandez – 4<sup>th</sup>  
Place Informative Speaking  
Lacey Newton – 6<sup>th</sup> Place  
(Calculator), Accounting  
Taylor Peterson – Science  
Kalli Poole – 4<sup>th</sup> Place  
Poetry Interpretation

Kylan Reynolds – Number  
Sense, Science, Math  
Christina Soto – Number  
Sense, Calculator, 4<sup>th</sup> Place  
Features, 6<sup>th</sup> Place Math

Zane Williamson – Computer  
Applications

#### Sophomores

Logan Howard -- Science  
Hannah McConnell – Ready  
Writing, 4<sup>th</sup> Place Literary  
Criticism  
Shelby Roberts – Poetry  
Interpretation

Rachel Wilson – Math

#### Freshmen

Katherine Froman – Prose  
Interpretation  
Carlos Hernandez –  
Informative Speaking  
Krystal Hobson – Prose  
Interpretation

### Team Results

Accounting  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team

Calculator Applications  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team

Current Issues/Events  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Team

Journalism  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Team

Speech  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Team

Social Studies  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Team

Spelling/Vocabulary  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Team

## UIL Regional Qualifiers

The following students qualified for the Regional by placing in the top 3 places during the District UIL Meet held last week at Borden County. The Regional UIL Academic Meet will be held in Abilene at Hardin Simmons University on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### Seniors:

Whitney Anderson – 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
News Writing

Andrew Lamming – 1<sup>st</sup>,  
Informative Speaking, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Lincoln-Douglas debate

Trey Soto – 2<sup>nd</sup> Headline  
Writing

Austin Tarleton – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Spelling and Vocabulary  
Team

#### Juniors

Clint Chapman – 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
Persuasive Speaking  
Rowdy Clary – 1<sup>st</sup>, Current  
Issues and Events; 1<sup>st</sup>,  
Persuasive Speaking; 1<sup>st</sup>,  
Social Studies

Becky Dobyns – 1<sup>st</sup>, Ready  
Writing; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Editorial  
Writing; 1<sup>st</sup>, Headline  
Writing; 1<sup>st</sup> Spelling and  
Vocabulary

Jake Payne – 2<sup>nd</sup>, Literary  
Criticism; 1<sup>st</sup>, Social Studies  
team

Taylor Peterson – 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
Current Issues and Events;  
2<sup>nd</sup>, Social Studies

Christina Soto – 2<sup>nd</sup>, News  
Writing

#### Sophomores

Sharelle Gass – 3<sup>rd</sup>, Poetry  
Interpretation

Kate Wallace – 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
Persuasive Speaking; 1<sup>st</sup>,  
Lincoln-Douglas Debate  
Rachel Wilson – 1<sup>st</sup> Current  
Issues and Events; 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
Editorial Writing; 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
Spelling and Vocabulary

#### Freshmen:

Katherine Froman – 1<sup>st</sup>,  
Spelling and Vocabulary  
Team

Carlos Hernandez – 1<sup>st</sup>,  
Current Issues and Events  
team; 1<sup>st</sup> Social Studies  
team

## Track Results:

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#### Derek Tatum:

Pole vault 7'0" 4<sup>th</sup>  
100 m. 14.56  
1600 relay 5:12.27 5<sup>th</sup>

#### Drew Tyler:

1600 relay 5:12.27 1<sup>st</sup>  
400 74.8

#### Michael Froman:

Shot put No mark  
Discus No mark

#### Miles Valentine:

1600 relay 5:12.27 5<sup>th</sup>  
800m 2:52.04  
200 m 30.89

#### Junior Varsity Boys:

Tyrell Massingill:  
3200 m 12:30.18 1<sup>st</sup>  
1600 m 6:04 2<sup>nd</sup>  
800 relay 1:52.33 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Zane Williamson:

800 relay 1:52.33 3<sup>rd</sup>  
300 IH 52.17 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Shot put 31'1" 5<sup>th</sup>  
Pole vault 9'6" 2<sup>nd</sup>  
High jump 5'3" 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Pasqual Espinoza:

400m 65.1 6<sup>th</sup>  
200m 28.9  
800 relay 1:52.33 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Quentin Shafer:

100m 13.11 4<sup>th</sup>  
200m 27.5 3<sup>rd</sup>  
800 relay 1:52.33 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Varsity Boys:

Aaron Pigford:  
400m relay 44.97 2<sup>nd</sup>  
High jump 5'10" 1<sup>st</sup>  
800M relay 1:38.55 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### Austin Tarleton:

High jump 5'8" 4<sup>th</sup>  
Triple jump 39'10 1/2" 6<sup>th</sup>  
Long jump 18'5"

#### Bradley Tatum:

Pole vault 13'0" 2<sup>nd</sup>  
400 relay 44.97 2<sup>nd</sup>  
110 HH 16.78 6<sup>th</sup>  
1600 relay 3:51.1 6<sup>th</sup>

#### Michael Bullinger:

Pole vault No mark  
400 relay 44.97 2<sup>nd</sup>  
800 m. relay 1:38.55 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Long jump 19'3 1/2" 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Jake Payne:

400 relay 44.97 2<sup>nd</sup>  
300 H 42.89 3<sup>rd</sup>  
800 m relay 1:38.55 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### Jake Cooley:

400 m. 55.77 4<sup>th</sup>  
800 m. 2:11.01 5<sup>th</sup>

#### J Ryan Gickhorn:

Discus 113'5" 5<sup>th</sup>  
Shot put 43'11" 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Trey Soto:

Shot put No mark  
Discus No mark

#### Miller Valentine:

1600m 5:13.33 6<sup>th</sup>  
3200 m. 11:37.01

#### Logan Howard:

Polevault 9'6" 4<sup>th</sup>  
1600 m. 5:50

### Fund Raiser

*Come have lunch with Becky!*

A Spaghetti Lunch will be served after church on  
Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Gail Baptist Church  
Fellowship Hall.

All donations will help fund her Mission Trip  
to Japan this summer.

Everyone is invited to come by for lunch or for carry-out!

## Parent's Club Pre-School Easter Egg Hunt

There will be a Pre-School Easter Egg Hunt  
Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.

At the Borden County ISD  
Practice Field

Please bring 1 dozen Candy  
or Candy filled Eggs



# Williams Cautions: "Call Before You Dig"

This past Sunday, in Austin, an underground electric utility experienced the effects of being hit by an excavation activity. . . Sometime around noon, a contractor struck and damaged three electrical circuits, causing a large power outage in the down-town area. Later the same afternoon, an explosion in an underground conduit was also linked to the earlier damage caused by the construction crew.

Railroad Commissioner Michael L. Williams commented, "This incident highlights the importance of the 'One Call' system and 'calling before you dig.' The state has a simple process where anyone - homeowners planting a new tree,

contractors excavating for buildings, utilities expanding or repairing infrastructure - can make a single call before digging and have all of the lines marked - cable, electric, water, natural gas and more. This simple step greatly reduces the likely-hood of a service disruption during digging activities."

Williams noted that in 2005, about 77% of the pipeline incidents recorded in Texas were due to third parties causing outside force to a line. This was up from 59% in 2004.

"It appears the electric utility was not aware of the construction activity and therefore unable to mark their facilities for the construction crew," added Williams. "Anyone considering a digging project should call

800-545-6005 to have any underground facilities in the area marked to prevent such a potentially tragic event."

Texas is home to over 270,000 miles of underground pipelines. These pipelines are used to transport natural gas, hazardous liquids, and crude oil. One of the greatest risks associated with pipeline transportation, as well as other underground facilities, is the potential damage by digging and excavation activities.

Texas has adopted a state-wide damage prevention program. The Commission has been asked by the legislature to adopt rules to help enforce damage prevention laws relating to underground pipelines and is scheduled to begin this process this week.



## "Mail Bag"

### Write a letter today! Don't let time pass you by

Dad could fix anything and Mom was great at multi-tasking, even before the word was invented. Those talents came in handy when attempting to raise my younger sister, brother and me. We kept our parents on their toes from daylight to dusk. Looking back at our lives growing up together in rural America, we presented our parents with many challenges and at the same time we made lots of lasting memories.

I don't spend as much time with my parents, brother or sister as I would like to anymore. In the future, I may

one day come to regret that choice. I'm busy attempting to raise my own family. Does this sound familiar?

Although we are separated by time and distance, nothing will ever beat taking the time to write down some of those memories in a letter and walk one of them down memory lane. Ask anyone. The next best thing to seeing your family in person is the excitement you have when opening the mailbox and finding a letter from one of them.

Letters connect. They condense the hours and shrink the miles with

thoughts and images that last long after the cell phone static fades and the e-mail is purged with the spam. They can be read, and reread, and reread again, conjuring up images of cutting firewood revisiting the ears over the lost pet, and recounting the joy experienced during a summer vacation with Mom and Dad, long after the visit.

This weekend, sit down with our child and write a letter to Grandpa and Grandma, Aunt Janell or Uncle Craig. Share your latest adventures, or revisit a special memory from the past. Don't let time pass you by. Teach your children to write letters. Maybe one day they will write a letter or two to you.

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### Thank You!

*I would like to take this opportunity to Thank all the people in Borden County for your Vote and Support. I've enjoyed serving as your Justice of Peace the past 5 years and am looking forward to serving you the next 4 years.*

*Sincerely,  
Jane Jones*

### ALWAYS REMEMBER TO:



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### Mandatory Public Notification Language Notice of Drinking Water FLUORIDE Violation

The Texas Commission On Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the Borden County Water System that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for FLUORIDE. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL FLUORIDE at 4 mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for FLUORIDE indicates a level of 5.4 mg/L in 1998, 5.5 mg/L in 2001, 5.2 mg/L in 2002, 6.0 mg/L in 2003, and 5.5 mg/L in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2004.

This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing FLUORIDE in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Fluoride in drinking water at half the MCL or more may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than nine years old. Mottling, also known as dental fluorosis, may include brown staining and/or pitting of the teeth, and occurs only in developing teeth before they erupt from the gums.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

We are working to correct the problem by investigating the possibility of connecting to another system.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For further information contact the County Judge's Office, Borden County Courthouse, 117 E. Wasson, Gail, Texas 79738, phone 806/756-4391.

Van L. York, County Judge  
Public Water System ID# 0170010  
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Gail, Texas 79738

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# Region Bound

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("Narrator/Man/Peter Paul Rubens/Lumber Camp Man").

Additional members of the cast of the show are senior Andrew Lamming ("Narrator/General Store Owner/Big Judd/Lumber Camp Man"), juniors Rowdy Clary ("Narrator/Square Dance Caller/Lumber Camp Man"), Sarah Harding ("Narrator/Gossip Sister"), Lacey Newton ("Narrator/Gossip Sister"), & Taylor Peterson ("Narrator/Lumber Camp Man").

Also starring are sophomore Kate Wallace ("Angel Mother/Laura Ryden-The Thought-Girl With the Far-Away Look in Her Eyes") and freshman Katherine Froman ("Narrator/Selena's Mother/Teacher").

Serving as members of the technical crew are seniors Trey Soto (Lights) and Brandi Hudson (Props & Costumes), junior John Cowart (Sound), and freshman Krystal Hobson (Stage Manager).

Advancing with Borden County from the Area Contest was the Benjamin High School production of *Clara's on the Curtains*.

Schedules for the Region II-A will not be announced until Monday or Tuesday and will be published in next week's *Borden Star*.

Congratulations, BC OAP! You are REGION BOUND!

## Thank You!

*A special thank you to all of my friends and family in Borden County! I have received so many wonderful letters, cards and prayers over the past eleven months! Thanks to so many for all the love and support from so many to my family as well as myself!*

*Having such wonderful "folks back home" has certainly been a great comfort and motivation!*

*God bless ya'll! Let's keep Prayin' for a Miracle!*

*Your Friend ~  
Tammy Voss Simmons*

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## Pre-School Day

Pre-School Day will be Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. If your child will be 5 years on or before Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006, he/she is invited to visit the kindergarten class on this day. Please send a copy of their birth certificate, social security card, and immunization record.

Each child is also asked to bring an Easter Basket with a dozen candy or candy filled eggs. (No chocolate please) for the Pre-school Easter Egg Hunt at 11:30.

School will begin at 8:05 and dismiss at 12:30 on this day. The school will provide lunch. If your child would like to ride the bus, please contact the bus driver in your area. If you have any questions, contact the school at 806-756-4313.



## Gail FFA Horticulture Spring Plants Available

The Gail FFA Horticulture class has been working very hard learning about the wonderful world of Horticulture. They have been busy planting and transplanting plants in the greenhouse since early February. Our hard work to produce and grow flowers and vegetables has finally paid off. Healthy, hardy plants are everywhere!

The plants will be available for sale starting April 10<sup>th</sup>.

### The following plants will be available:

Tomatoes: \$1.00	Peppers \$1.00
Early Girl	Banana Pepper
Bush Celebrity	Early Jalapeno
	Bell Pepper

### Flower variety: \$0.50

The Gail FFA Horticulture class wishes to express their appreciation to all who have supported their plant sales in the past, and we look forward to working with our customers this year.

For more information, contact Mr. Buddy Wallace, Ag. Science Teacher at 806-756-431 ( School ) 806-756-4478 ( Home )

## PROTECTING YOUR FAMILY

### Developing Spider Sense

(NAPS)—A brown recluse spider could find a safe haven in your home. Brown recluse spiders, which hide in warm, dark areas, are sometimes found in stored clothing or shoes. Their bites can cause painful sores and disfiguring scars: Here are some spider protection tips from the experts at Terminix:



**Brown recluse bites cause painful, ulcerating sores and are known to result in tissue damage and disfiguring scars.**

- Place stored clothing in sealed plastic bags or hang inside plastic storage compartments in closets.
  - Clothes and shoes left on the floor should always be shaken well and inspected before wearing them.
  - Beds should not touch walls or curtains.
  - Occupants of homes known to harbor brown recluse spiders should carefully inspect their bedding before retiring.
  - Wear gloves when removing items from boxes stored in attics, sheds, garages or seldom disturbed locations.
- For more information on spiders and other pests, visit [www.terminix.com](http://www.terminix.com).

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## -- Randy's Roundup --

*A Weekly Newsletter from  
Congressman Randy Neugebauer  
House Ag Committee to Visit  
West Texas*

The big news last week was the announcement that the House Agriculture Committee will hold a Farm Bill field hearing in West Texas. As I had been working with the committee to hold the Texas hearing in West Texas, I welcome this good news. On May 9, committee members from across the country will gather in San Angelo to get the West Texas perspective on what policies should be included in the 2007 Farm Bill.

Through my conversations with West Texas farmers as well as with producers in other regions of the country, it is clear that many of the policies in the current Farm Bill are doing the job to provide assistance when needed. Not surprisingly, there is strong support for retaining these policies in the next Farm Bill. Although I often make this fact known in Washington, this field hearing will give other committee members the opportunity to hear it straight from those in West Texas agriculture who have to make a living under these policies every-day.

Stay tuned to the Roundup for more information on the details of this important hearing.

### **Fire Caucus**

Last week, I officially joined the Congressional Fire and Emergency Services Caucus. The Fire Caucus, as it is known on Capitol Hill, works to bring attention to first responder issues and to advocate legislation that provides them with the resources they need to protect our communities.

Events in recent years have highlighted the importance of firefighters and other first responders in towns throughout America. The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 proved that fire-fighters are an integral part of the War on Terror. More recently, wildfires from Eastland to Deaf Smith Counties have affected much of the 19<sup>th</sup> District. These events demonstrate how all communities - urban and rural, small and large - depend on first responders for public safety. I look forward to taking an active role in developing policies that reflect this reality.

### **Medicare Reminder**

Seniors who sign up by May 15, 2006 will be able to receive the lowest premiums under the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit. Seniors can sign up online, over the phone, by fax, or directly with health plans. Seniors or family members with questions about the Medicare prescription drug benefit can call 1-800-MEDICARE or visit <http://www.medicare.gov>.

### **This Week's Agenda**

This week's House agenda includes a vote on the budget proposal for 2007. While the budget proposal does not allocate money to individual programs, it does serve as a "blueprint" for the rest of the legislative year. As Congress debates spending levels for federal programs in 2007, we will rely on this budget proposal to guide the process. Therefore, it is imperative that the budget reflects the need for fiscal discipline and to spend taxpayer dollars wisely.

## **Branon Funeral Home**

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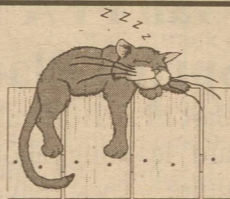
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## **PET HEALTH CLINIC** Wednesday, April 12, 2006 Dr. Bo Brock - Brock Vet Clinic Lamesa, Texas



### Offering:

Rabies Vaccination - \$8.00 (per dog or cat)  
Parvo - \$8.00 (per dog)  
Distemper/Parvo - \$17.00 (per dog)  
Feline Distemper - \$10.00 (per cat)  
Feline Leukemia - \$15.00 (per cat)  
Dewormer will be available  
(cost of wormer determined by weight of animal)

Coggins Test for Horses - \$20.00  
Distemper/Strangles - \$17.00  
West Nile Vaccination - \$17.00 (\*\* see below)

Encephalitis/Tetnus - \$10.00 \*\*see below  
Flu/Rhino - \$15.00

\*\* Option here of one shot:

West Nile/Encephalitis/Tetnus - \$25.00



**Borden County Show Barn -- 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.**  
**Plains Community - Prec. #1 Barn -- 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.**

**Bring your pets for vaccinations and insure your pet against Rabies!!!**

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