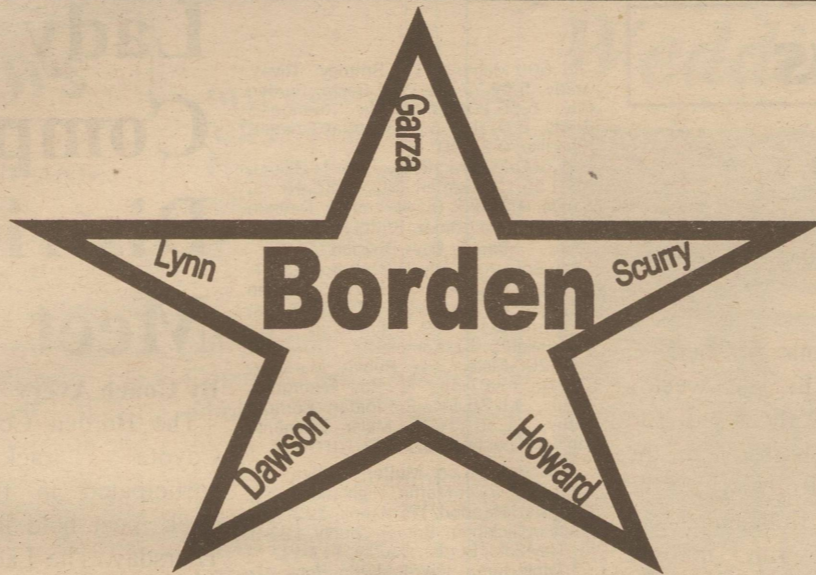


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Serving the Counties of Borden, Dawson, Garza, Howard, Lynn & Scurry

Gail FFA Livestock and Horse Teams Compete at Area Contest

Livestock team State Bound!

The Gail FFA Chapter was active once again as they competed in the Area CDE Judging events this past Saturday. The event, which was hosted by Texas Tech University in Lubbock, was attended by several hundred students from Areas I and II. Students from each area were competing in several judging events and hoping to place high enough to advance to the State level competitions later this month.

Two teams from Gail competed in the Livestock and Horse contests. The Livestock judging team placed 14th overall at Tech from a field of 89 teams. This placing also ranked them 5th out of 38 Area teams and first in District. This top 5 finish earned the team the honor of advancing to the State round of

competition. Team members, Brandi Hudson, Symeron Rinehart, Kylan Reynolds, Lacey Newton and alternate Shelby Roberts will travel to Texas A&M and represent Area II as a top 5 team on April 29th.

The Horse judging team placed 22nd overall at Tech from a field of 69 teams. This placing also ranked them 7th out of 27 Area teams, and 2nd in District. Team members were Chelsea Minnick, Clay Harding and Tyrell Massingill. Even though the team barely missed qualifying for State, they were successful in putting in the "building blocks" for an experienced, competitive team next year.

Congratulations to the Gail FFA Horse and Livestock teams and good luck to the Livestock team at the State Contest.

USDA Reminds Producers of April 14th Deadline for CRP Re-enrollment and Extensions

USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) today reminded Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) participants with contracts expiring on Sept. 30, 2007, that they have until April 14, 2006, to apply for re-enrollment and extension.

In August 2004, President Bush announced his commitment to re-enroll or extend certain contracts scheduled to expire between 2007 and 2010, and to fully use the CRP's 39.2 million acre enrollment authority. CCC received more than 5,000 comments from the public in response to a Federal Register notice and conducted a public meeting in June 2005.

In September 2005, Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns announced that CCC would begin to implement the

President's proposed actions in early 2006.

Beginning in February 2006, Farm Service Agency (FSA) county offices sent letters to CRP participants with contracts expiring Sept. 30, 2007. FSA notified those contract holders of their contract status and the April 14, 2006 deadline to accept

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*In Recognition
of the Easter
Holidays,*



*the Star on Gail
Mountain will
shine brightly
beginning on
Good Friday,
April 14th thru
Easter Sunday
April 17th*

*In Celebration of
Christ our
Risen
Savior!*



Parent's Club Pre-School Easter Egg Hunt

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

At the Borden County ISD
Practice Field

Please bring 1 dozen Candy
or Candy filled Eggs



Track News

Coyotes run to 9-1A Glory

Lamesa Press-Reporter

The Borden County Coyotes boys cashed in on their home track advantage at Gail in the District 9-1A track meet, even if they had to wait an extra day to do much celebrating.

The 9-1A track meet kicked off on last Thursday at Gail, but did not finish up until on Friday after the high wind conditions delayed two of its events – the boys' and girls' high jump and pole vault – until Friday morning.

"It was just too windy," Borden County Coach Trey Richey said of the delay. "It got pretty bad, especially early on when we had those 40 to 50 miles per hour gusts.

"It was tough, especially in events like the hurdles and relays. We were just tickled about getting around the track."

That high winds, however, did not seem to slow down the Coyote boys as they rolled up 162 points to race off with that 9-1A league track crown.

"Our kids really competed well, especially in some adverse conditions," Richey said. "We had 11 kids who ran in the varsity division and every one of them scored. It was definitely a total team effort.

"Our kids really competed well. We had some kids who turned in some times and performances which were real good to see."

Borden County senior hurdler Garrett Thomas set one of the five new meet records set on Thursday with a winning time of 14.38 in the 110-meter high hurdles.

The top four finishers in each event in last week's District 9-1A meet will run again this Thursday in the area meet at Roby, where the top four finishers will advance to run in the Regional II-IA Meet at Abilene Christian University.

"We're optimistic," Richey said of Thursday's area meet.

"We feel good about what we could also do in this meet."

DISTRICT 9-A TRACK MEET Coyote Stadium, Gail Varsity Girls Division

Final Team Standings: 1. Grady-130. 2. Highland-122. 3. Garden City-88. 4. Roby-87. 5. Trent-67.5. 6. Ira-56.5. 7. Sands-38. 8. Westbrook-16. 9. Borden County-5. 10. Klondike-4. 11. (Tie) Hermleigh, Loraine-2.

3,200-Meters: 1. Vicki Garza, Garden City, 13:34.35. 2. Gabby Rodriguez, Grady, 13:50.80. 3. Whitney Kellemeier, Garden City, 14:08.84.

Discus: 1. Sandi Cox, Grady, 96-6. 2. Brittany Lakey, Roby, 96-2. 3. Kim Williams, Roby, 91-9. 5. Christina Soto, Borden County, 84-10. 6. Mackenzie Gregory, Klondike, 82-6.

Triple Jump: 1. K'Lann Niehues, Garden City, 33-7. 2. Brittnei Blagrove, Sands, 32-8½. 3. Laura Bankhead, Highland, 31-10 ¾.

Pole Vault: 1. Brittany Lakey, Roby, 7-6. 2. Kelsi Howard, 7-0. 3. Mandi Todd, Ira, 7-0. 5. Sarah Harding, Borden County, 6-6.

Shot Put: 1. Kim Williams, Roby, 35-6 ¼. 2. Brittany Lakey, Roby, 29-5½. 3. Amy Multer, Garden City, 26-4.

Long Jump: 1. Laura Bankhead, Highland, 16-4½. 2. Jade Hughey, Highland, 15-9½. 3. Ashley Majors, Trent, 15-4½.

High Jump: 1. Elizabeth Owens, Highland, 4-12. 2. K'Lann Niehues, Garden City, 4-8. 3. Brittney Rivas, Grady, 4-8.

400-Meter Relay: 1. Highland, 53.92. 2. Grady, 55.36. 3. Ira, 55.68.

800-Meters: 1. Dannon Ramey, Sands, 2:35.94. 2. Jade Dowden, Roby, 2:39.49. 3. Monica Gonzales, Roby, 2:40.94. 5. Margarita Jimenez, Klondike, 2:51.02.

100-Meters: 1. Kim Beaver, Trent, 13.28. 2. Kaci Waller, Ira, 13.52. 3. Ashley Trotter, Ira, 13.64.

400-Meters: 1. Ashley Majors, Trent, 65.50. 2. Kandace Schuelke, Grady, 65.62. 3. Lauren Wheeler, Garden City, 66.97.

200-Meters: 1. Kim Beaver, Trent, 27.56. 2. Jade Hughey, Highland, 28.00. 3. Kaci Waller, Ira, 28.33.

100-Meter Hurdles: 1. Rebecca Juarez, Ira, 18.54. 2. Shandra Few, Roby, 18.76. 3. Emily Krug, Grady, 18.82. 6. Becky Dobyms, Borden County, 20.46.

800-Meter Relay: 1. Trent, 1:54.07. 2. Highland, 1:54.42. 3. Grady, 1:58.50.

300-Meter Hurdles: 1. Brittney Rivas, Grady, 49.52. 2. Brittnei Blagrove, Sands, 52.96. 3. Elizabeth Owens, Highland, 55.50.

1,600-Meters: 1. Brittney Rivas, Grady, 5:54.77. 2. Vikki Garza, Garden City, 5:56.20. 3. Gabby Rodriguez, Grady, 6:01.15. 6. Margarita Jimenez, Klondike, 6:27.90.

1,600-Meter Relay: 1. Highland, 4:29.55. 2. Garden City, 4:36.48. 3. Sands, 4:37.23. (Kayla Franco, Dannon Ramey, Kayla Gomez, Brittnei Blagrove).

Varsity Boys Division

1. Borden County-162. 2. Roby, 131. 3. Highland-105. 4. Grady-72. 5. Garden City-66. 6. Sands-56. 7. (Tie) Ira, Westbrook-19. 9. Trent-16. 10. Hermleigh-5. 11. Loraine-2.

3,200-Meters: 1. Robert Martinez, Sands, 11:27.54. 2. Roy Rodriguez, Grady, 11:36.01. 3. Jordan Carrion, Roby, 11:46.11. 4. Miller Valentine, Borden County, 12:01.82.

Discus: 1. Cory Multer, Garden City, 139-3. 2. Tyler Martin, Highland-130-2. 3. Josiah Hannon, Westbrook, 123-9. 4. J. Ryan Gicklhorn, Borden County, 122-5. 5. Trey Soto, Borden County, 113-11.

Triple Jump: 1. Will Martin, Roby, 40-2½. 2. Justin Tubbs, Grady, 39-10 ¼. 3. Austin Tarleton, Borden County, 39-8. 6. Garrett Nichols, Sands, 38-5 ¾.

Pole Vault: 1. Brad Tatum, Borden County, 13-0. 2. Tommylee Rivas, Grady, 10-0. 3. Bo Eggemeyer, Garden City, 9-6. 4. Michael Bullinger, Borden County, 9-0. 5. Logan Howard, Borden County, 9-0.

Shot Put: 1. Cory Multer, Garden City, 45-8. 2. J. Ryan Gicklhorn, Borden County, 44-1. 3. Zack Davison, Highland, 42-7. 6. Trey Soto, Borden County, 36-11.

Long Jump: 1. Kasey Williamson, Roby, 20-9 ¾. 2. Justin Tubbs, Grady, 20-5 ¼. 3. Jared Bradford, Garden City, 19-3 ¾. 6. Austin Tarleton, Borden County, 18-11.

High Jump: 1. Aaron Pigford, Borden County, 5-10. 2. Justin Tubbs, Grady, 5-10. 3. Ryan Adkins, Highland, 5-8. 4. Austin Tarleton, Borden County, 5-8.

400-Meter Relay: 1. Borden County, 45.83. (Michael Bullinger, Aaron Pigford, Brad Tatum, Jake Payne, Garrett Thomas, Jake Cooley). 2. Roby, 45.99. 3. Highland, 46.77. 4. Ira, 46.83.

800-Meters: 1. Will Martin, Roby, 2:09.22. 2. Jason Flores, Garden City, 2:11.87. 3. Jake Cooley, Borden County, 2:14.09.

100-Meters: 1. Ryan Adkins, Highland, 11.09. 2. Aaron Pigford, 11.15. 3. Anthony Beaver, Trent, 11.86.

400-Meters: 1. Jake Cooley, Borden County, 54.79. 2. Scott Spurgeon, Roby, 57.6. 3. Tommylee Rivas, Grady, 56.36.

200-Meters: 1. Ryan Adkins, Highland, 22.79. 2. Aaron Pigford, Borden County, 22.96. 3. Kasey Williamson, Roby, 23.15.

110-Meter Hurdles: 1. Garrett Thomas, Borden County, 14.38. 2. Josiah Hannon, Westbrook, 15.66. 3. Phillip Williams, Roby, 16.16. 4. Brad Tatum, Borden County, 18.06.

800-Meter Relay: 1. Highland, 1:36.60. 2. Roby, 1:38.09. 3. Borden County, 1:38.61. (Michael Bullinger, Jake Payne, Brad Tatum, Aaron Pigford, Austin Tarleton, Jake Cooley).

300-Meter Hurdles: 1. Garrett Thomas, Borden County, 39.22. 2. Will Martin, Roby, 42.42. 3. Jake Payne, Borden County, 43.37.

1,600-Meters: 1. Roy Rodriguez, Grady, 4:53.27. 2. Robert Martinez, Sands, 4:58.16. 3. Jason Flores, Garden City, 5:04.72. 6. Miller Valentine, Borden County, 5:15.46.

1,600-Meter Relay: 1. Highland, 3:40.87. 2. Roby, 3:42.15. 3. Borden County, 3:49.21. (Jake Payne, Michael Bullinger, Austin Tarleton, Garrett Thomas, Jake Cooley, Logan Howard). 4. Sands, 3:53.59. (Jesus Casas, Garrett Nichols, Kenneth Peacock, Robert Martinez).

GOT NEWS?

Mail it to:
P.O. Box 137 Gail, TX.

Lady Coyotes Compete in District 9-A Track Meet

By Coach Avery

The Borden County Lady Coyote track team participated in the district track meet held in Gail last Thursday. The Ladies scored 5 points as a team but did not qualify an event to the Area meet, but were very close in several events.

Sarah Harding was 8th in the 400 m. run with a time of 73 seconds, and she pole vaulted on Friday morning and place 5th clearing a personal best height of 6'6". She had to clear 7'0" in order to place in the top 4. The top 4 places qualify for the next meet.

Christina Soto was 5th in

the discus with a throw of 84'10". She needed to throw more than 90 feet in order to place in the top 4 in this event. She also threw the shot put but did not place in the top 6.

Dannelle Copeland threw the shot and disc but did not place in the top 6 in either event.

Kate Wallace threw the discus 65 feet but did not place in the top 6.

Chelsea Minnick ran the mile in 6 minutes and 45 seconds but did not place in the top six.

Becky Dobyms was sixth in the 100 m. hurdles with a time of 20.46.

Missy Coyotes Compete in Zone

By Coach Avery

The Borden County Lady Coyote junior high track team traveled to Lenorah last Saturday to compete in the Zone Track meet. The Missy Coyotes scored 128 points in the meet and came away the runner-up in the meet. The Klondike girls won the meet with 156 points.

The 400 m. relay would have probably won this event comparing times that we have ran in the past but the baton was dropped for the second meet in a row and this time the Missy Coyotes were disqualified for interfering with other runners as they retrieved the baton to continue the race.

The 800 m. relay was first in the meet with a time of

2:02.81. Running on this relay was D'Nae Johnson, Taylor Richey, Olivia Key and Rachael Payne.

The 1600 m. relay was third in the meet with a time of 5:14.08. Running on this relay was Marla Crenshaw, Lacey Roberts, Chellsie Pigford and Phyneshia Rutherford.

Lacey Roberts was third in the 800 m. run with a time of 2:53.78, she also participated in the high jump.

Marla Crenshaw was 4th in the 800 m. run with a time of 2:54.39 and she threw the shot 23' 9" and place second.

Phyneshia Rutherford also ran the 800 m. run in 3:31.42.

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Softball/Baseball

Coyotes slug out 20-10 win

Lamesa Press-Reporter

A strong day at the plate on Friday evening, (April 7th) in Midland helped Borden County slug out a 20-10 high school baseball victory over the Greenwood Rangers' JV.

"We hit the ball well today," Coyote Coach Trey Richey said. "Our defense was up and down, but we showed signs there with some tremendous catches,"

The 3-3 Coyotes scored 11 runs in the first inning, five more in the second and then their final four in the fourth.

The Rangers' JV scored five runs in the first inning, once in the second and two runs each in the fourth and fifth innings.

Quentin Shafer picked up the win by pitching the first two innings.

Clint Chapman pitched the final three frames.

Shafer and Chapman only gave up two earned runs each in Friday's victory in the Tall City.

Miller Valentine, Trey Soto and J. Ryan Gicklhorn each went three-for-four at the plate to lead the Coyotes' attack. Both Valentine and Soto drove in four RBIs each, while Gicklhorn had three.

Zane Williamson went two-for-three with two RBIs in Friday's win.

In addition to picking up the win on the mound, Shafer also had one hit and one RBI.

Borden County returns to the diamond at 5 p.m. Tuesday, (April 11th) by taking on Loraine at Western Texas College in Snyder. The Coyotes will then travel

to Forsan on Friday, (April 14th) for a game scheduled to begin at 3 p.m.

Coyote/Forsan game April 4th

The Coyotes lost 12-9 at Forsan last Tuesday evening.

Forsan scored the final 10 runs of that game after Borden County owned a 9-2 fourth inning lead.

"We ended up playing a lot of kids in this game but we still started out on fire," Richey said.

"They changed pitchers against us and we had a hard time hitting them after that.

"They were also able to come up with some big hits against us. They've got a pretty good outfit. They really do a lot of things well in this game especially for a group which hasn't played this game very long themselves."

Quentin Shafer was the losing pitcher in Tuesday's game after pitching the first four and one third innings.

Michael Bullinger pitched the final one and two-third innings of that game. Bullinger had one strikeout.

Shafer went four-for-four at the plate in that game with a triple, a double, two singles and four RBIs.

J. Ryan Gicklhorn went three-for-four, including a triple and three RBIs.

Austin Tarleton and Zane Williamson both went two-for-four at the plate. Williamson drove in one RBI.

Miller Valentine had one hit in the game but it was an inside-the-park homer.

Jake Cooley also had one hit and one RBI in that game.

Golf News

Coyotes heading to Regional Golf

Lamesa Press-Reporter

The Borden County Coyotes have definitely proven that they know the road to the Regional II-IA Golf Tournament at Abilene.

They have definitely traveled that path often enough, and now they are preparing for a return trip to the regional tournament following their strong showing last week in their District 9-1A Tournament on Monday at the Big Spring Country Club.

As a result of Monday's strong district showing, six coyote golfers are now moving on to regionals.

"This is like 14 years straight for somebody to go," Coach Richey said of regionals.

"I think out of all of them, there was only once when we didn't take a team of some kind.

"We'd like to say that we're great golfers, but we've also been pretty lucky as far as getting a good draw in district. We've also had some pretty good kids, like Jacob Froman and Austin Tarleton, who played a lot of golf back while they were growing up."

By finishing as the second best boys' team after shooting a 383 on Monday at Big Spring, Borden County is sending that entire squad back to the Regional II-IA Tournament.

"We're disappointed about not shooting a better score than we did, but we played in some tough conditions, too," Richey said. "But at least, we played good enough to live for another day in this sport."

"We're hoping to get in some more rounds between

now and then (regionals). For being a team without it sown course, we're doing the best we can."

The Coyotes' Christina Soto is also advancing after finishing as one of that league's top medalists.

Soto finished that league tournament by shooting a 123.

"She had to earn it (regionals)," Richey said of Soto's berth. "Out of all of our kids, her (Soto) and Jacob Froman probably play the most golf."

"She had to win a playoff to get this. She didn't play very well at times this week, but she still played good enough on the holes that she had to, to win that playoff."

Soto and the Coyotes' other regional qualifiers are now gearing themselves up for the Regional Golf Tournament coming up on April 24-25 at the Maxwell Municipal Golf Course in Abilene.

"It's sort of like playing Big Spring, so it's similar to what we're used to playing on," Richey said of that Abilene course.

"It's pretty wide open. It's not real long, either. Hopefully, it plays into our hands."

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Lady Coyotes Softball game

By Coach Avery

The Lady Coyote softball team played their 4th game of the season last Friday in Anson as they played the Anson JV team. The Ladies started the game well scoring four runs in their first at bat, then Anson tied the game at 4 points each to complete the first inning.

The Lady Coyotes did not score in the second inning and then Anson just exploded scoring 9 in the second and 9 in the third inning. The game

was called in the third inning via the 15 point rule.

Christina Soto scored first via a sacrifice and an RBI from Dannelle Copeland.

Sarah Harding scored twice, Whitney Anderson scored twice, and Katherine Froman scored twice.

Sara Harding played catcher, Christina Soto was the pitcher, Chelsea Minnick played first, Whitney Anderson played second, Shelby Roberts played short and Katherine Froman played third base. Brandi Hudson

played left field as did Laura Griffin, in center field was Lacey Newton and in right field was Dannelle Copeland.

There were two hits made by the Lady Coyotes one by Harding and the other by Anderson. There were 7 walks by the Lady Coyote batters.

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**Borden County ISD
Regular Board Meeting
March 20th, 2006**

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. in the Borden County I.S.D. Board Room.

Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole and Mike Valentine. Principal Bart McMeans, and Superintendent Jimmy Thomas were also present.

1. The meeting was called to order by John Anderson.
2. There was no community input.
3. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2006, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the March 2006 bills. The motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the recommendation by Mr. Thomas to renew the contract of Peter Benavidez on a probationary basis for the 2006-2007 school year and to renew the term contracts of all other professional employees for the 2006-2007 school year. The motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joe Harding to cancel the May 13, 2006 Trustee Election According to "2.051-.053 of the Texas Election Code". The motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Dennis Poole to approve the textbook adoptions for the 2006-2007 school year.

The motion carried unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to take action concerning the intent to apply for the First Day Of Instruction Waiver for the 2006-2007 school year in order to begin school according to a similar calendar the District has used the last several years. Dennis Poole voted against. The motion passed six to one.

9. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Carol Lewis to set the time and date of the April board meeting for 7:00 P.M. on April 24, 2006. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Randy Hensley to amend the 2005-2006 Borden County I.S.D. budget as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Jimmy Thomas gave a year to date financial report, reported that 152 students are currently enrolled in the Borden County School, and gave a fourth six-week honor roll and failure report. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Mike Valentine to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Carol Lewis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.



**School
Lunch Menu
April 17th - 21st**

**MONDAY - NO SCHOOL
EASTER HOLIDAY!**

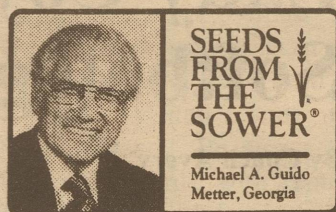
TUESDAY - Breakfast: Sausage & biscuit, fruit juice and milk; **Lunch:** Corn dog, tossed salad, macaroni & cheese, Fresh fruit and milk.

WED. - Breakfast: Waffles, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Sausage wrap, corn, cheese potatoes, fruit cup and milk.

THURSDAY - Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, potatoes, green beans, bread, fruit salad and milk.

FRIDAY - Breakfast: Cereal, toast fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Sub sandwich, salad cup, peaches, sugar cookies and milk.

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You and I were born to live. Christ was born to die—for our sins. But He didn't stay dead. He arose, "Then came Jesus."

Meet the Christ. He who left in sadness returned in gladness, with the same body that was nailed to the cross and laid in the tomb; not a phantom.

Mark the contact. Christ came "then," to turn their remorse into radiance, their trials into triumphs.

Mark the capability. They had left all, and lost all. "Then" Christ came, giving them pardon, peace and power.

They're yours for the taking.

**Missy Coyotes
Compete in Zone**

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Taylor Richey was first in the 100m. hurdles with a time of 18.25. This is a personal best time for Taylor in this event. Taylor was 4th in the triple jump with a personal record distance of 29 feet 10 inches and she was second in the discus with a distance of 79' 8 3/4" another personal best.

Rachael Payne was second in the 100 m. dash with a time of 13.72. This is a personal record for Rachael in this event and the first time she has been clocked below 14 seconds in the 100 meters. Rachael also triple jumped 30 feet 3 1/2 inches for a personal record and captured third in the event and she was second in the long jump with a leap of 14 feet 1/4 inch.

D'Nae Johnson ran the 100 m. dash in 14.43, she was 5th in the long with a leap of 12' 6 1/4" and she won the high jump clearing 4'2".

Shylo Rinehart ran the 100m dash in 14.15. Shylo placed 6th overall in the 200 m. dash with a time of 32.23. I believe this is a personal record for Shylo in this event.

Chellsie Pigford was 4th in the 400 m. dash with a time of 76.90. Chellsie was also robbed of a third place finish in the discus throwing it 65 feet but a mistake was made by the official in the event and he failed to record a number. Everyone thought that Chellsie had placed third and had done well and she was over looked by the officials some how. I am so sorry that it happened and it only proves that mistakes can be made.

Krista Tarleton ran the 400 m. dash in 80.84. She also ran the 200 m. dash in 34.62 and long jumped 11'11 1/2".

Chasity Rutherford ran the 400 m. dash in 84.19. She also ran the 200 m. dash in 35.88.

Olivia Key ran away with the 1600 m. run with a time of 6:29.06. Olivia was fifth in the triple jump with a distance of 29 feet 6 1/4 inches and she was second in the pole vault clearing 6'0".

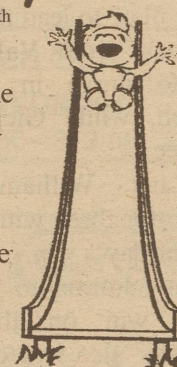
Raylea Underwood threw the discus 58' 8 1/2" and placed 8th in the event.

Pre-School Day

Pre-School Day will be Friday, April 14th. If your child will be 5 years on or before Sept. 1st, 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.



Memorial Scholarships being Accepted

Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the:

Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship.

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application prior to May 19th, 2006. Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

*Brandon Adcock
Memorial Scholarship
Committee
PO Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738*

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an

outstanding young person that is a positive representative of the Borden County School Community as evidence by their respective moral character, service-minded attitude, dedication and scholastic achievement.

Recipients must be a candidate for graduation or be a former graduate of Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution to be eligible for consideration. The Select Committee will have sole authority to determine the candidate's eligibility status related to the post-secondary institution to be

attended.

Financial need will not necessarily be a criterion for consideration; however, financial need may be considered by the Select Committee.

Members of the Brandon Adcock Family will have no input into the selection process. Complete selection authority has been delegated to the Selection Committee, and the Committee has the authority to waive all rules, regulations and formalities in order to select the candidates that the committee feels is most deserving.

John Harding Memorial

Scholarship

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Gail, Texas 79738*

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an outstanding young person that is a positive representative of the Borden County School Community as evidence by their respective moral character, service-minded attitude, dedication and participation in school activities as a student of Borden County High School.

Recipients must be a candidate for graduation or be a former graduate of Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution to be eligible for consideration. The Select Committee will have sole authority to determine the candidate's eligibility status related to the post-secondary institution to be attended.

Financial need will not necessarily be a criterion for consideration; however, financial need may be considered by the Select Committee.

Members of the John Harding family will have no input into the selection process. Complete selection authority has been delegated

to the Selection Committee, and the Committee has the authority to waive all rules, regulations and formalities in order to select the candidates that the committee feels is most deserving.

J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the:

J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship.

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application prior to May 19th, 2006. Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

*J. Pat Porter
Memorial Scholarship
Committee
PO Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738*

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an outstanding young person that is a positive representative of the Borden County School community as evidence by his/her high moral character, service minded attitude, dedication and determination to succeed along with maintaining passing grades.

Potential recipients must be a member in good standing of the current Borden County High School graduating class or must be a previous graduate of Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution to be attended.

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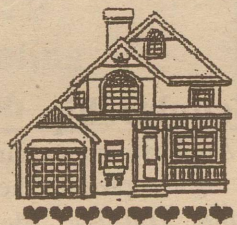
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Cast and Crew of *Opal* to compete at Regional contest on Saturday, April 22nd. at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. Performance time will be announced.

Heart and home...

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



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Internet Makes Stay-At-Home Shopping Easier ... Or Not

Shopping from home is nothing new. For example, the Sears catalogue can trace its roots back to 1888. But now that the Internet has moved catalogue shopping online, consumers face issues unknown by previous generations of shoppers.

Consumers need to develop a new set of shopping skills for shopping safely on the Internet. Online shopping has its advantages and its disadvantages. On the plus side, shopping on the Internet allows the consumer:

- Availability. Shoppers can hunt for bargains any time of the day or night, just by logging on to their computers;
- Choices. Because so many items – and varieties – are available for sale online, customers may have even more to choose from than they would have at traditional 'box' stores;
- More efficient comparison shopping. Don't worry about spending all day and a tankful of gas, traveling from store to store to compare prices. Just logon and shop from home.

On the negative side, online shopping also has:

- Too many choices. This can be confusing to the consumer.
- Inefficiency. Searching for hard-to-find items, using difficult-to-navigate Web sites with too many graphics and getting off track can waste the consumer's time;

- Incomplete information. The consumer does not have the ability to touch the product, try it on or read its labels;
- Extra costs. Shipping, handling and sales tax may be added on to the cost of the item; and
- Privacy and security concerns. The consumer does not know how and where personal information might be used.

Shopping online can be safe if the site you are buying from is a secure site. Consumers need to know how to evaluate the security of e-commerce Web sites before buying something online. Because of these concerns about privacy and security, she said, consumers need to learn new shopping skills before clicking 'Submit Order.'

First, use the latest version of your browser. That way you will be obtaining the latest in security technology used by your browser. Make sure you keep up to date with anti-virus software and a firewall. Consider installing anti-spyware software. And update your operating system.

Along those same lines, make sure your Internet service provider's equipment is secure. Next, be careful about personal information you give out to online merchants. Before you buy something online, the seller

normally will ask you to complete a form that is sent back to the originating service. If the information you send them is not very private, you don't have to worry. However, if you are including sensitive information...such as name, e-mail address, mailing address, telephone number, credit card number and Social Security number, then you must make certain that you know where your information is going and how it is going to be used.

Unless you know who will receive the information, do not provide personal information. If personal information is required, it is advised to ask yourself: Is the information really necessary? Can the site owners be trusted with personal information? Is the site secure with a privacy policy that's easy to find and understand? Is the business reputable? What happens to personal information if the site goes out of business?

If you are given a choice about how your information will be used – such as sharing it with other companies – decline this opportunity. Online shoppers also need to learn about 'cookies,' which record Web sites visited and items purchased. Be also advised to shop only with reputable companies that have secure Web sites, and being careful about choosing passwords.

Shop with businesses that disclose a telephone number for customer service, as well as a street address. Pay for online purchases with a credit card. When you pay with a credit card, your transaction is protected by the Fair Credit Billing Act.

As a result, consumers – by law – have the right to dispute charges on their bill under certain circumstances.

The Federal Trade Commission offers information about online shopping on its Web site at <http://www.ftc.gov>. Other recommended FTC sites are <http://onguardonline.gov/index.html> and the Spanish version at <http://alertaenlinea.gov/index.html>.

You may also want to visit If there is unauthorized use of your credit card, your liability will be for only the first \$50 in charges, provided you report the loss.

these Web sites for more information:

- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at <http://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/news/cnwin0506/safe.html>, and
- Better Business Bureau at <http://www.bbb.org/alerts/article.asp?ID=636>.

For more information contact the Extension Office at (806)756-4336 or visit Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences Web site at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/> and click on the link to Money.

Walk Across Texas

This year we have four teams with 27 participants in Walk Across Texas. The teams consist of:

Jabber Walkies

Amy Rinehart, captain
Shawna Gass
Darby Key
Kim Thomas
Tracy Cooley
Hayley Richey
Layne Froman

Mesquite Roadrunners

Judy Kingston, captain
Ollie Holmes
Debbie Pepper
Kayla Pepper
Kara Beth Pepper

Jean Pepper

Dina Hammonds
Terry Smith

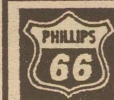
County Cruisers

Sharlot Stone, captain
Jacquie Whalen
Sarah Sharp
Benny Allison

Wayward Walkers

Verna Adcock, captain
Cindy Herridge
Sherry Gass
Pam Cooley
Kerri Dean
Vivian McMeans
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Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 27th day of March, 2006, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge, Presiding; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner, Precinct. No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct. No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct. No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct. 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 March 13th, 2006, were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

PIPELINE CROSSING OF CR 124 & CR 126

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the application for proposed pipeline crossing in Pct 1 for Great Western Drilling at or near 1/2 mile south of CR 126 crossing CR 124 and pipeline crossing at or near app. 1/2 mile east CR 124 on CR 126. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

UPPER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the annual assistance to Upper Soil and Water Conservation District in the amount of \$500.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

RESCIND FAMILY PROTECTION FEE ORDER

Commissioner Belew made a motion resend the Family Protection Fee of \$5.00 on each divorce filing as found in section 51.961 of the Texas Government Code. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

VISITORS

Lance Wells with Warren Cat of Lubbock visited with the Court.

VARIANCE FROM BORDEN COUNTY BURN BAN

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to deny the request from Tim Wilson/Munger Ranch for variance from the Borden County Burn Ban. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Pipeline crossing Pct 4 and clarification of Public Interest in roads

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Adcock to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 10th DAY OF APRIL, 2006

Memorial Scholarships

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consideration; however, financial need maybe considered by the Select Committee.

Members of the Porter Family will have no input into the selection process. Complete selection authority has been delegated to the Selection Committee, and the Committee has the authority to waive all rules, regulations for formalities in order to select the candidates that the committee feels is most appropriate. The selection process is a subjective task that will be left to the discretion of the J. Pat Porter Scholarship Selection Committee feels is a dignification of the positive attributes that were exhibited by the late J. Pat Porter.

Wedding Plans



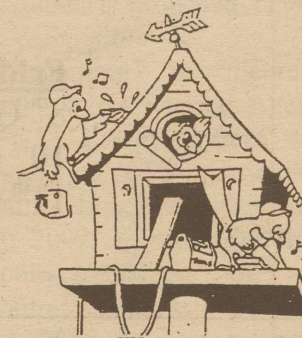
Dalton-Dennis

Lisa and Robert Dalton of Sundown, Texas, announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Dalton, to Jeff Dennis, son of Betty and Joel Dennis of Gail, Texas.

The wedding will be July 14, 2006, at the First Presbyterian Church in Lubbock.

Jeff will be receiving his Master's in Sociology in May and the couple plan to live in Boulder, Colorado, while Jeff and Heather continue their education.

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I would like to thank you for your vote in the Democratic Primary Election and ask for your continued support. I have enjoyed and look forward to serving you as your District and County Clerk.

Sincerely,
Joyce Herridge

TAKS TESTING NEXT WEEK



Next week, students of the Borden County I.S.D. will take the full battery of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) examinations for public school students across the state.

These tests not only measure your child's skills learned during the school year, but they also lead to accountability rankings given by the state for our school district.

Please ensure that your child is well rested and physically prepared for the tests. He or she will receive a full breakfast at school each morning prior to testing.

If possible, please reschedule any appointments for your child that may have been set for the morning hours on one of these days.

The testing schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, April 18th

3rd Grade Math
4th Grade Math
6th Grade Math
7th Grade Math
8th Grade Math
10th Grade Math

Thursday, April 20th

5th Grade Science
8th Grade Science
9th Grade Math
10th Grade Science
11th Grade Science

Wednesday, April 19th

4th Grade Reading
6th Grade Reading
7th Grade Reading
8th Grade Reading
11th Grade Math

Friday, April 21st

8th Grade Social Studies
10th Grade Social Studies
11th Grade Social Studies

Deadline for CRP Re-enrollment and Extensions

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the opportunity to extend or re-enroll for the contract length offered. The letters asked contract holders to confirm their interest in a re-enrolled or extended contract subject to a compliance check.

CCC ranked the expiring 2007 contracts based on the

original Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) score, adding credit for contracts within national CRP conservation priority areas. CRP participants ranking in the adjusted EBI's top one-fifth can re-enroll their land in a new 10-year contract. For lands with restored wetlands, CCC offered the chance for a 15-

year contract. CCC offered the second one-fifth group the chance for a 5-year extension; the third one-fifth a 4-year extension; the fourth one-fifth a 3-year extension; and the remaining participants a 2-year extension.

FSA county offices are now beginning to notify CRP participants with contracts

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 10th.

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)

Thank You!

*I would like to thank all the people in the community who attended my fundraiser dinner at Gail Baptist Church this past Sunday. Thank you so much for praying for my mission trip to Japan and giving to it financially; I have reached the required amount of money and do not need anymore. The community and church have helped so much this year with donations and fundraisers, and I am so blessed to have such a generous group of people around me. Again, thank you all so much for continuing to pray for me and my Japan team.
God bless you all!*

*Love,
Becky*

expiring in 2008-2010 of their re-enrollment and extension options. The deadline for participants to respond is June 30, 2006.

CCC also reminded agricultural producers and landowners of the April 14, 2006, deadline to submit offers for the CRP general sign-up, which began March 27, 2006. CCC will evaluate offers based on cost and the EBI factors of wildlife, water, soil, air and enduring benefits. Accepted offers will become effective Oct. 1, 2006.

CRP participants voluntarily enroll highly erodible and other fragile cropland in CRP through long-term contracts of 10 to 15 years. On the enrolled land, participants plant grasses, trees and other vegetation. In exchange, participants receive annual rental payments and a payment of up to 50 percent of the cost of establishing conservation covers.

For more information on CRP, contact your local FSA office or visit the FSA Web site at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/cepd/crp.htm>.