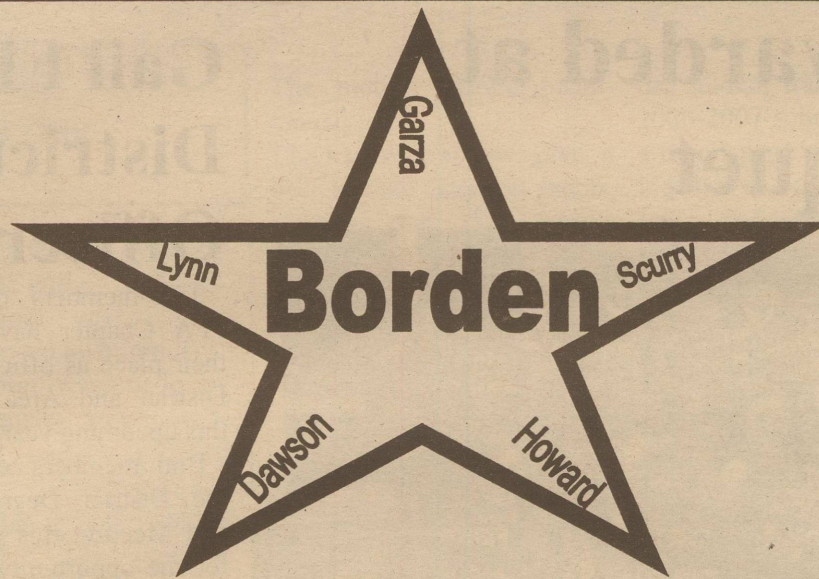


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UIL Contestants Bring Home Gold with Five State Academic Wins

BHS Takes Austin By Storm

Perhaps the weather was a *good* omen of things to come last weekend in Austin.

Hail, high winds, and street flooding did not dampen Borden High School's state academic contestants' plans.

Instead, senior Andrew Lamming, juniors Rowdy Clary and Becky Dobyms, and sophomore Kate Wallace blew into the capital city and past the other 1A competitors to score 108 points.

With four gold medals, one silver, one bronze, and a team championship, the four earned a third place overall finish for Borden High School—topping their previously high point total at state of 96 scored in 2004.

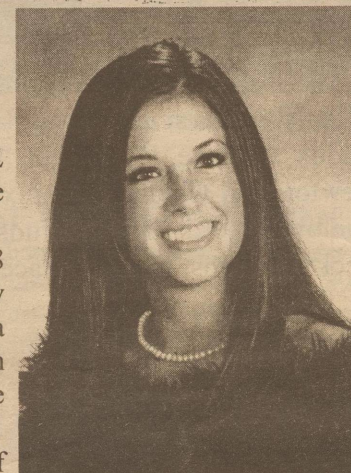
Dobyms started off things well with her third place finish in Editorial Writing. She was honored in the Thursday evening awards ceremony in the LBJ auditorium, receiving her

bronze medal from State UIL Journalism Director Jeanne Acton.

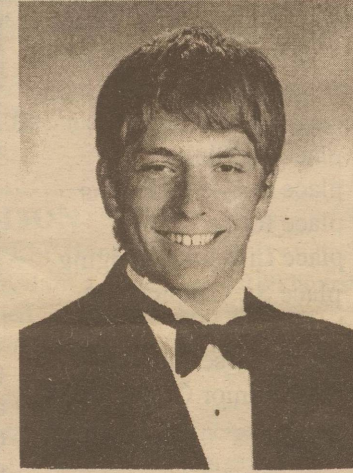
Clary, competing in an 8 a.m. contest Friday after only four hours of sleep (due to a storm-triggered fire alarm malfunction), won first place in the Social Studies contest.

Not only was his score of 94 the highest in 1A, but Clary would have won the 2A and 3A competitions as well. Overall, he finished third—

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Whitney Anderson



Andrew Lamming

BHS Class of 2006 Names Top Students

The administration and faculty of Borden County High School are pleased to announce Whitney Anderson and Andrew Lamming as the top students of the graduating Class of 2006.

Whitney Lynn Anderson, daughter of John and Kevva Anderson of Gail, has been named Valedictorian of Borden County High School.

Anderson has maintained a grade average of 95.241 for the four-year period in high school and is a member of the National Beta Club.

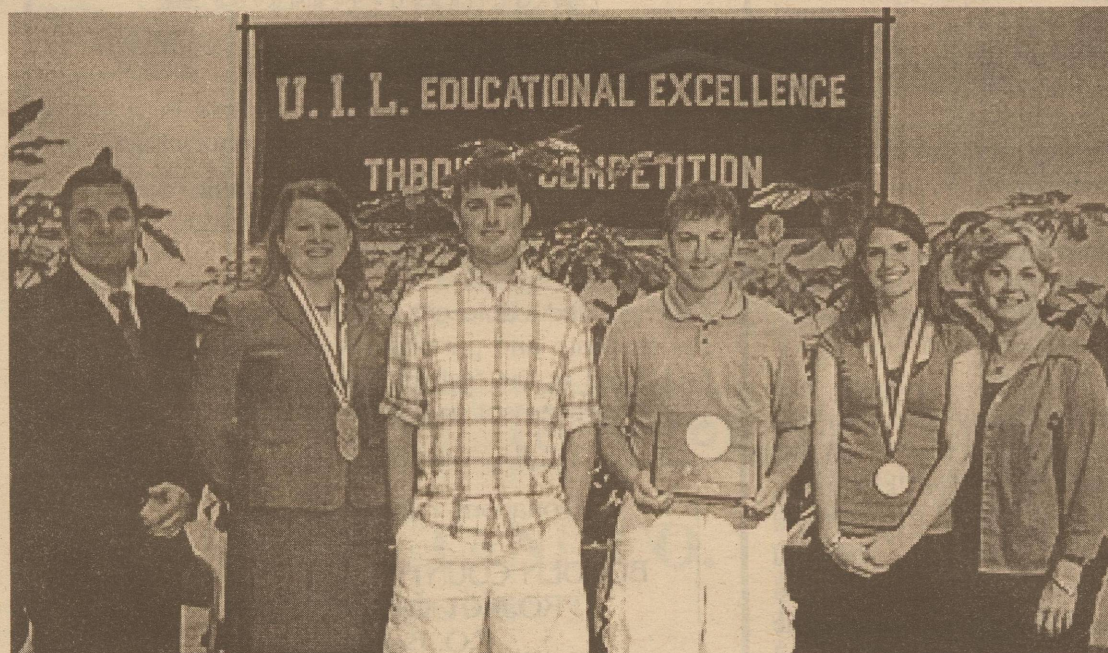
She has been involved in U.I.L. Feature, News, Editorial, Headline, and Ready Writing. Anderson

qualified for the regional meet in News Writing her sophomore and senior years and qualified for the state meet in Feature Writing her junior year. She has also been involved in UIL Number Sense, Mathematics, and Spelling & Vocabulary.

In athletics, Anderson has participated in basketball, tennis, golf, softball, cross country, and track. In basketball, she was named Honorable Mention All-District this year.

Anderson also recently qualified for the state finals in the Texas High School Rodeo Girls' Cutting Horse

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BHS UIL Academic Team – Third Place Overall at the State Meet
(L-R) Mr. Ard, Kate Wallace, Rowdy Clary, Andrew Lamming, Becky Dobyms, & Ms. Mayes

Gail FFA Awarded at District Banquet

Ten members of the Gail FFA Chapter recently attended the Lone Wolf District Awards Banquet.

The Banquet took place in Westbrook on Monday evening and hosted 100 students from the eleven schools in the District.

Awards were given to the chapters for their achievements in Leadership Development Events as well as Career Development Events that had taken place this year. The Gail FFA Chapter was awarded banners for their success in the following Areas:

- 1st place Sr. Skills
- 1st place Public Relations
- 1st place Radio
- 1st place Livestock Judging
- 2nd place Sr. Chapter Conducting
- 2nd place Horse Judging
- 3rd place Junior Creed Speaking

The Gail FFA Chapter wishes to express their



FFA Members: Back row – (L to R.) Advisor, Mr. Buddy Wallace, Cory Teel, Tyrell Massingill, Lacey Newton and Chelsie Mennix. Front row – (L. to R.) Shelby Roberts, Brandi Hudson, Dannelle Copeland, Becky Dobyns, Kate Wallace and Hanah McConnell.

thanks to Mr. David Bray (Westbrook FFA Advisor) and the Westbrook FFA Chapter for hosting them at this event.

Gail FFA Members attending the banquet were:

Brandi Hudson, Dannelle Copeland, Becky Dobyns, Lacey Newton, Shelby Roberts (District Officer) Kate Wallace, Chelsea Minnick, Hannah McConnell, Cory Teel, & Tyrell Massingill.

Gail FFA Strong in District and Area Officers for '06-'07

Two members of the Gail FFA Chapter have secured their place as officers on the District and Area level for this upcoming year.

Both members competed at the District Degree Check and Meeting this past week for the opportunity to represent the Lone Wolf District and Area II as 2006-2007 FFA Officers.

Lacey Newton, a third year Gail FFA member secured a spot on the Area II officer team and will represent the Lone Wolf District at the Area Convention this Saturday. Lacey will compete for Area President by taking an exam, participating in an interview, and delivering a speech to the Area Delegation.

Shelby Roberts, a second year Gail FFA member also



Lacey Newton and Shelby Roberts

secured a position as Lone Wolf District Sentinel by applying and interviewing at the District Level. Shelby was chosen as a top seven candidate from a field of 20 applicants.

The Gail FFA chapter is going to be well represented in the Lone Wolf District by Shelby Roberts and Area II by Lacey Newton.

Tennis News

Jr. High District Tennis Meet

By Coach Turner

The Borden Junior High tennis team played in the District 9 meet in Garden City May 5th and 6th.

In the "A" division that was played Saturday, Olivia Key won the girls singles championship with an 8-1 victory over Hirt from Garden City.

Flynn Chapman defeated Cook from Grady 8-4 in the third place match in boy's singles. Flynn defeated Parker from Sands 8-0 in the first round before dropping a 3-8 match to Colunga from Garden City in the semi-finals.

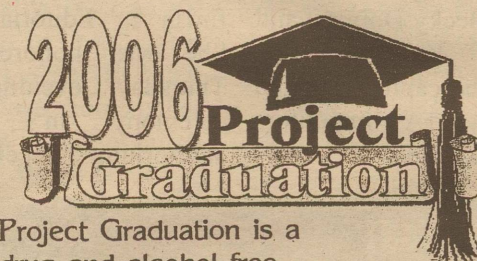
The girl's doubles team of Rachael Payne and Bailey Anderson defeated teammates Krista Tarleton and Taylor Richey 9-7 in the third place match. Payne and Anderson lost 5-8 to Neihues and Jones from Garden City in the semi-finals. Tarleton and Richey defeated Stockton and Wiggington from Sands 8-3 in the first round before dropping a 3-8 match to Garden City in the semi's.

Myles Valentine dropped a hard fought 5-8 match to Cook from Garden City in the first round. Michael Cooley and Karl Lamming

also dropped a first round match 4-8 to Long and Halfmann from Garden City. Brenden Tarleton and John Hensley were defeated 1-8 by Medina and Wiebe of Grady in the first round. The girl's team finished as the district runner-up in the team standings.

The "B" division was played Friday afternoon and the highlight was an all BC final in the girl's doubles division. Shylo Rinehart and D'Nae Johnson defeated Raylea Underwood and Lacey Roberts 8-3 to take the gold medal. Rinehart and Johnson defeated Schniers

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Project Graduation is a drug and alcohol free celebration sponsored by parents in partnership with Borden County School.

Parents and friends of the 2006 Senior Class of Borden County High School are asking for donations for Project Graduation.

Your tax-deductible gift would be appreciated by our students and parents. A list of all donors will be posted at the festivities and listed in the Thank You advertisement in the Borden Star.

Donations may be sent to:

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"PROJECT GRADUATION"
P.O. Box 95
Gail, TX 79738



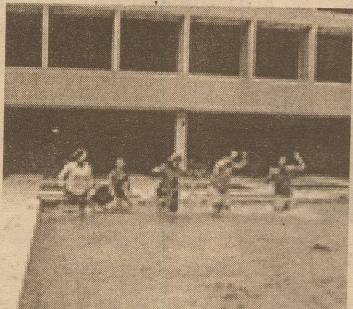
1986 BHS grad and former state qualifier Doyce Taylor with his State Champion son Rowdy, and Amber Taylor, proud mom



Becky's gold medal for winning 1A Ready Writing



The gold medalists posing in front of the city limit sign of Goldthwaite.



The traditional gold-medal plunge in the LBJ fountain. No one was arrested.



Counting up the points towards the State Team Speech Championship—Rowdy listening to Mrs. Mayes and Mr. Ard see if they have enough points to win the team title; Andrew calculating in the background

BHS UIL 2005-2006 Academic State Meet

Every Cloud Has a Bronze, Silver, and Gold Lining

By Sue Jane Mayes

I've always preferred non-fiction to fiction. Real people. Real events.

I do *like* make believe and fantasy because those appeal to my imagination. It's just that I think we overlook some great true stories taking place on a daily basis all around us.

Last Wednesday evening Mr. Darrin Ard and I left for Austin with four high school students. Their job was to compete in the State UIL Academic Meet; Mr. Ard and I were scheduled to do the driving, write the meal checks, and be nervous.

We've been blessed to make this trip several times, always delighting in taking Borden High School's scholars to meet with the best and brightest from other 1A schools in Texas. We had every reason to believe this would be another enjoyable trip.

And it was.

We had no idea it was going to be magical.

But it was.

Becky Dobyms, Rowdy Clary, Andrew Lamming, and Kate Wallace stepped into a fairy tale come true and slew all the dragons.

Their tangible rewards were four individual gold medals, one silver, and one bronze, not to mention a Speech Team State Championship (thanks also to CX debate points earned in March by Clary and his partner Rachel Wilson).

We woke up Sunday morning to load and come home, and our Ford Excursion carriage hadn't turned into a pumpkin.

When the school year began, no such joy was to be found in our halls at school. The loss of Caden left us wishing for a happily ever after ending that didn't come.

Life has happened, as it always has and always will--real life that sees cancer cause pain and suffering, real life that sees our aging parents pass away, real life that means jobs are lost and money is tight, and real life that makes us cry.

It was a treat to watch a senior who has worked so diligently helping others as a speech team member finally achieve a state championship.

It was a sweet trip down memory lane to take the son of a former state qualifier and watch him compete with the same intensity that his dad had twenty years earlier in Austin.

It was inspiring--and humorous--to watch such a brilliant writer and speller win three medals but lose her pillow, her CDs, her shopping bag, and her way around the UT campus.

It was just plain special to watch my neighbors' and dear friends' daughter be her sweet, laid back self and discover that she did indeed have a spark of competitive fire within.

It was a bittersweet moment to be able to call my mother and share the exciting news, knowing that Mr. Ard could not do the same.

Such is this non-fiction story in which all of us are characters. The plot will take a turn for the worse, and then just as suddenly Heaven opens and the blessings shower down.

These special moments do not erase the losses we, as a community, have felt especially this year. They simply give us a reason to smile and hug and believe that magic can be very, very real.



How sweet it is! Two kisses for two golds—proud parents Buddy and Kip Wallace with daughter Kate



Rowdy on stage after winning the 1A Social Studies Contest



Becky receiving her silver medal for 2nd place finish in the Spelling and Vocabulary Contest



The Speech & Debate Team State Champions --Rowdy, Andrew, & Kate-- with Ms. Mayes & Mr. Ard (Rachel Wilson, not pictured)

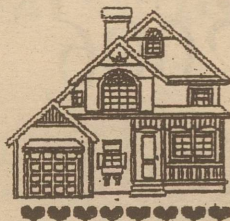


The welcome home reception for the State Champions!



Heart and home...

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



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West Texas Food Bank Outreach Planned for June in Borden County

On June 6, 2006, the West Texas Food Bank will be sponsoring an outreach to clientele in Borden County in honor of National Hunger Awareness Day. The West Texas Food Bank will be providing boxes of staple food items to qualifying clientele in Borden County. **The distribution will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Tuesday, June 6th in the Community Room in Gail (the white building located behind the Courthouse).**

In order to qualify for these food boxes, you must meet the income limits for the Texas Commodity Assistance Program (TEXCAP). Those wishing to receive boxes must complete a

TEXCAP application prior to or on the day of the distribution. Below is the chart that provides the income limits to qualify for TEXCAP.

Texas Cooperative Extension - Borden County is serving as a contact for this outreach event. If you or someone you know qualify for this opportunity and wish to complete the application and reserve your box, please contact the Extension Office by phone at (806)756-4336 or e-mail at borden-tx@tamu.edu. You may also stop by the Extension Office to pick up an application (we are located in the dark brown building behind the Courthouse in Gail).

An applicant household is NOT eligible for TEXAP if the household income exceeds:

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$17,705	\$1,476	\$ 341
2	\$23,736	\$1,978	\$ 457
3	\$29,767	\$2,481	\$ 573
4	\$35,798	\$2,984	\$ 689
5	\$41,829	\$3,486	\$ 805
6	\$47,860	\$3,989	\$ 921
7	\$53,891	\$4,491	\$1,037
8	\$59,922	\$4,994	\$1,153
For each additional person, add:	\$ 6,031	\$ 503	\$ 116

NOTE: Use gross income to determine eligibility.

EXCEPTIONS:

- Farmers and self-employed households qualify based on the net income (total income minus expenses).
- A household with unexpected and unavoidable expenses of a household crisis may qualify for temporary, emergency food assistance without regard to the household's gross or net income.

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4-H News

District 4-H Roundup Results



4-H Members: Shylo Rinehart, Lacey Roberts, Tristen Benavidez and Zach McMeans

4-H members representing time, dedication and participation in this worth-while 4-H event.

Borden County competed last Saturday, May 6th at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview at the South Plains District 4-H Roundup. Youth competed with their Educational Presentations (formerly known as Method Demonstrations) against 245 youth from across the South Plains. The youth representing Borden County in the Junior age division were Tristen Benavidez and Zach McMeans in the Open category with their presentation on *Beekeeping: A Honey of a Deal* - they received first place and a gold medal. In the Intermediate age division, Lacey Roberts presented *Dogs with Jobs* in the Companion Animal category - she received first place and a gold medal. Shylo Rinehart, Senior age division, presented *All the Pretty Horses* in the Horse category - she received first place and a gold medal and will be advancing to State 4-H Roundup on June 8th in College Station. Lacey Roberts was also recognized at roundup for her photography entries in Color Landscape and Color People - she received a red ribbon for both entries. We are so proud of these youth for the

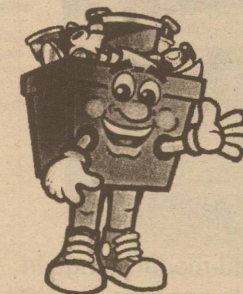
Congratulations, Zach, Tristen, Lacey and Shylo!

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.

Team	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Total Team Miles
Mesquite Roadrunner	73	79	78.5	79.5	310
County Cruisers	45.5	50.5	43	58.7	203.7
Wayward Walkers	38.5	47.5	51.5	54.5	192
Jabber Walkies	48	37	47	48	180

Cool Clovers 4-H is sponsoring an aluminum can collection!



During the Month of May, Please collect your used aluminum cans for recycling. You may bring the cans in plastic garbage sacks to the Extension Office if you would like to help out.

We appreciate your help!

Taylor Gass,
Secretary/Reporter



BHS Class of 2006 Names Top Students

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competition for the fourth time, after placing first at the regional contest.

Whitney has also been named by the student body as "Miss BHS," "Most Likely to Succeed," "Homecoming Queen," and "Most Beautiful." She has also served as senior class secretary.

Whitney plans to attend Texas A & M University this fall and will major in Animal Science.

The 2006 Salutatorian of Borden County High School is Andrew C. Bush Lamming, son of Barbara Bush-Lamming of the Plains Community and Fred Lamming of Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

He has maintained a grade average of 94.074 for the past four years and is a member of the National Beta Club.

Throughout high school, Lamming has participated in Lincoln-Douglas Debate and Extemporaneous Informative Speaking. He was a regional qualifier in both events all four years of high school. He was a state alternate in debate his sophomore year and then was a state qualifier his

senior year. He placed fifth at the regional meet in Informative Speaking both his sophomore and senior years. He also participated in band.

This year, Lamming placed fifth at the state contest for the Voice of Democracy Oral Essay Contest hosted by the VFW.

Athletically, Lamming has participated in football, basketball, golf, track, baseball, and cross country. In football, Andrew was named Second Team All-District Receiver and Corner Back this year.

Lamming is the president of his senior class and was recently voted as "Most Likely to Succeed."

Lamming plans to attend Lubbock Christian University this fall and will major in political science/pre-law.

Baccalaureate services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 21st, 2006, in the school auditorium.

Commencement exercises will be held Friday, May 26th, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. There are 13 seniors graduating in the Class of 2006.

Jr. High District Tennis

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and Havlak from Garden City 8-0 in the first round and Sturtz and Schwartz from Garden City 8-6 in the second. They defeated Talamontes and Suraba from Garden City in their semi-final. Underwood and Roberts defeated Halfmann and Ramirez 8-0 in the first round, Enriquez and Reimer

from Grady 8-5 in the second and Fryar and Decker from Grady 8-6 in their semi-final.

Michael Froman lost to Cloyd from Grady in the boys singles third place match 2-8. Michael defeated Mitchell from Grady 8-3 in the first round, but dropped a match to Dalton from Garden City 4-8 in the semi-finals.

Alvin Herrington dropped

BHS Takes Austin By Storm

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only the 4A and 5A winners scored higher with 96 and 95 points, respectively.

Clary finished sixth in this contest as a freshman.

Hurricane Kate got started Friday afternoon as she advanced in Persuasive Speaking with 1-3-3 rankings in the prelims.

She and Andrew Lamming then headed across campus to start Lincoln-Douglas debate at 6 p.m.

By 10:30 p.m. Kate was up to a Category three storm as she advanced to the semi-finals with a 2-1 record and 79 speaker points.

Kate returned at 7:45 a.m. Saturday morning, won her first semi-final against Jordan Taylor from Stratford on a 3-0 panel vote.

In the final round, Wallace saw a familiar face across the podium as she met up with her regional nemesis, Jake Torres from Irion County. Torres defeated her on a unanimous 3-0 decision in Abilene two weeks ago.

By this time, however, Kate was—pardon the weather clichés—a category 5, and Torres was blown out of the water.

She then hurried over to the Thompson Conference Center across campus to

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his first round match to Cloyd from Grady 0-8.

In boy's doubles Tony Soto and David Rodriguez lost to Kennady and Froese from Grady 4-8 in the first round and Drew Tyler and Eric Espinoza dropped a first round match to Ramirez and Rodriguez from Grady 0-8.

Congrats to all the kids on a terrific season.

speaking in the Persuasive Speaking finals.

While Wallace was busy speaking, Dobyns was tackling the difficult ready writing prompt.

The two-hour contest ended, and Dobyns collected herself to walk across the hall to Spelling and Vocabulary.

By 12:30 Dobyns was finished competing and just had to sit and wait with Kate for the results of their morning competitions.

All four awards ceremonies were at the same time, so Mrs. Mayes accompanied Dobyns while Mr. Ard went with Wallace to the LBJ for the speaking awards.

Thanks to text messaging, everyone was kept up to date. Wallace was draped with gold medals in Persuasive Speaking and LD by State Speech Director Jana Riggins.

Dobyns was honored by Ready Writing Director Ruben Rodriguez and Spelling and Vocabulary

Contest Director Marcia Hilsabeck.

Shortly after 4:30 p.m., all parties reunited in the LBJ Auditorium in time to see the Speech Team honored on stage at the 1A Champion.

Points were tabulated from March's CX Debate silver medal finish (Clary and Rachel Wilson) along with Persuasive Speaking and Lincoln-Douglas Debate wins.

Only fellow District 9A member Garden City and perennial powerhouse Lindsey scored more points.

Garden City won with 159 points; Lindsey just edged BHS with 110 points, 32 of those coming from their second-place one-act performance.

At this year's district meet, BHS defeated the state champions, 449 to 422.

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Memorial Scholarships Applications being Accepted

Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship

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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
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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

Applications are currently being accepted for the:

John Harding 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:

**John Harding
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 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.

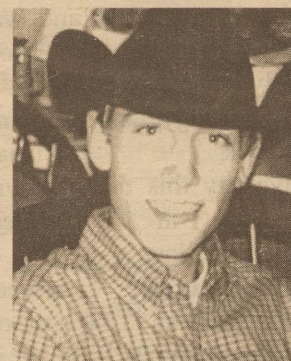
Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution to be attended.

Financial need, will not necessarily be a criterion for consideration; however, financial need may be 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.

Caden Nowlain Memorial Fishing Tournament Fish Fry / Auction



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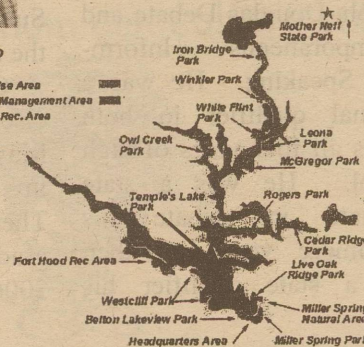
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**Borden County ISD
Regular Board Meeting
May 1st, 2006**

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, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole and Mike Valentine. Principal Bart McMeans, and Superintendent Jimmy Thomas were also present. Joel Dennis was absent.

1. The meeting was called to order by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. A motion was made by Joe Harding and seconded by Mike Valentine to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2006, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the April 2006 bills. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Mike Valentine to appoint Jimmy Thomas to serve as the 2006-2007 Borden County ISD representative to the Region 17 ESC Advisory Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Carol Lewis to allow the Borden County ISD 8-12

Band to attend a day trip prior to the end of the 2005-2006 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joe Harding to solicit bids for two school houses to attract and retain school employees. The motion carried unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Carol Lewis to set the time and date of the May board meeting for 7:00 P.M. on May 15, 2006. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Mike Valentine to accept the resignation of Pat Murphy due to retirement. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Joe Harding and seconded by Randy Hensley to hire Tracye Spencer as a professional staff member for the 2006-2007 school year. The motion passed by a four to two vote. John Anderson, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, and Mike Valentine voted in favor. Carol Lewis and Dennis Poole voted against.

11. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the Borden County ISD Budget Amendments as presented by Jimmy Thomas.

The motion carried unanimously.

12. Jimmy Thomas gave a year to date financial report, reported that 152 students are currently enrolled in the Borden County School, gave a fifth six-week honor roll and failure report, presented

the student transfers for the 2006-2007 school year, gave a report pertaining to current legislation under consideration, discussed 2006-2007 capital outlay needs, and discussed a tentative 2006-2007 school calendar. A motion was made by Mike

Valentine and seconded by Dennis Poole to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously. 13. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Carol Lewis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**PRE-KINDERGARTEN NOTIFICATION
FOR THE 2006-2007 SCHOOL YEAR**

Borden County School will offer the pre-kindergarten program during the 2006-2007 school year. The program will be for eligible students who are four years of age on or before September 1, 2006. Students can qualify for the program by meeting at least one of the following requirements:

1. Be economically disadvantaged
2. Be Limited English Proficient (LEP)
3. Be homeless

If you know of a child who qualifies for the program, notify Mr. Bart McMeans, Principal, Borden County School, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, or call (806) 756-4313 to request a registration form. Complete and return the form by May 31, 2006.

DISCLAIMER

Borden County Elementary School will offer this program only if fifteen (15) or more students qualify.

ESL PROGRAM NOTIFICATION

Borden County Elementary School will offer an ESL program for LEP (Limited English Proficient) students during the summer of 2006. The program will be scheduled for a minimum of 120 hours and will conclude prior to August 1, 2006. The program is designed for students who will enter Kindergarten or First Grade in the fall of 2006-2007. Parents of eligible children will be responsible for transportation.

If you know of a child who qualifies for the program, notify Mr. Bart McMeans, Principal, Borden County School, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, or call (806) 756-4313 to request a registration form. Complete and return the form by May 31, 2006.

DISCLAIMER

Borden County Elementary School will offer this program only if ten or more students qualify.

**LA NOTIFICACION DE PRE-KINDERGARTEN
PARA EL AÑO ESCOLAR 2006-2007**

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá el programa del pre-kindergarten durante el año escolar 2006-2007. El programa será para los estudiantes elegibles que tienen cuatro años en o antes de 1 de septiembre, 2006. Los estudiantes pueden calificar por el programa resolviendo por lo menos uno de los requisitos siguientes:

1. Sea económicamente perjudicado
2. Este limitado experto ingles (LEP)
3. Sea destituido

Si usted conoce de un niño que califique por el programa, notifica a Bart McMeans, director, Borden County School, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, o llame (806) 756-4313 para solicitar una forma de registro. Complete y regresa la forma antes del 31 de mayo, 2006.

LA DENEGACIÓN

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá este programa solamente si quince (15) o más estudiantes califican.

ESL PROGRAMA NOTIFICACION

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá un programa de ESL para los estudiantes del LEP (Experto Inglés Limitado) durante el verano de 2006. El programa será programado por un mínimo de 120 horas y concluirá antes del 1 de agosto, 2006. El programa está diseñado para los estudiantes que entraran kindergarten o el primer grado en el otoño de 2006-2007. Los padres de niños elegibles serán responsables del transporte.

Si usted conoce de un niño que califique por el programa, notifica a Bart McMeans, director, Borden County School, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, o llame (806) 756-4313 para solicitar una forma de registro. Complete y regresa la forma antes del 31 de mayo, 2006.

LA DENEGACIÓN

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá este programa solamente si diez (10) o más estudiantes califican.



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Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 24th day of April, 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 April 10th, 2006, were read. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

COUNTY ROAD INVENTORY

A motion was made by Commissioner Reyes to table the County Road Inventory for Texas Department of Transportation. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

COUNTY INSURANCE

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to renew the County Property Insurance Policy with TAC Property Casualty Self-Insurance fund

with an increase in property value on the County Agents House and increase value of contents of Annex Building and Museum. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.

COUNTY AGENT

Dennis Poole, Borden County Agent, visited with the Court.

DIVISION ORDER

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve and authorize County Judge York to sign the Division Order Contract from Sunoco Marketing on royalty interest on Willie Ross Lease in Martin County owned by the Borden County Perm. School Fund. Motion was second by Commissioner Reyes.

HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

Commissioner Belew made a motion to accept the 2006 Homeland Security Grant Program, requesting completion of the digital radio system (repeater) of interoperable communications as No. 1 request and generators for the Courthouse as No. 2 request. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

BORDEN COUNTY ROADS

After a discussion, Commissioner Adcock made a motion to enter into an Agreement with Texas J Regional Advisory Council concerning placement of One Radio for Communication with Emergency Medical service provider and other Governmental Agencies. Judge York is authorized to sign agreement for Borden County. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No new item presented

ADJOURN

Mother's Day is a Time for Appreciation

Weekly Column by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

May is a time to celebrate beginnings. As the weather warms and flowers bloom, the arrival of summer is on the horizon. The end of the school year has students looking forward to vacations, while others are anxious to graduate and begin the next phase of their lives.

This month also offers an opportunity to observe one of my favorite holidays, Mother's Day, which this year falls on May 14. We cherish the love and nourishment of our mothers.

Mother's Day is a time to remember the lessons our mothers taught us that we follow throughout our lives. Mothers are the first teachers of the leaders of tomorrow. Mothers share knowledge with their children and love them unconditionally. My mom was a huge influence in my life and always encouraged me to follow my dreams.

Many of our country's wisest leaders reserved their highest praise for their

mothers. Our first President and the father of our country, George Washington, said of his mother, Mary, "My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her."

President Abraham Lincoln said of his step-mother, Sarah, "All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." And President Theodore Roosevelt said, in honor of his mother, Martha, "The mother is the one supreme asset of national life; she is more important by far than the successful statesman, or business man, or artist, or scientist."

Though Mother's Day was not nationally recognized until 1914, it has roots from many years before. In 1858, an Appalachian homemaker named Anna Jarvis organized Mothers' Work Days. In 1870, Julia Ward Howe, who wrote the "Battle Hymn of

the Republic," issued a proclamation calling for a Mother's Day for Peace.

Anna Jarvis passed away in 1905, and in 1907, on the two-year anniversary of her passing, her daughter (also named Anna) helped organize a Mother's Day celebration at her mother's church in West Virginia. Other states soon started celebrating the day, and on May 8, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

Mother's Day is also an opportunity for mothers to share in the achievements and accomplishments of their children. A happy and successful child inspires a special sense of pride in a parent. Mothers are there to share in the rites of passage that children experience, from your child's first words and first day of school to their first job and first love. I was once told by a telephone company executive that the industry's busiest day of the year is Mother's Day - fittingly so.

BORDEN COUNTY ISD PUBLIC NOTICE

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School is in the process of requesting bids for school housing

Proposals shall be addressed to Jimmy Thomas; Borden County Independent School District; Box 95; Gail, Texas 79738, and shall be delivered in a sealed envelope marked "HOUSE BID". Proposals will be received up to but no later than **12:00 noon on Thursday, May 11, 2006**. Bids will be opened and read as they are received. Proposals will be tabulated, researched, and presented to the board of trustees for their consideration at the next scheduled meeting. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

The Borden County I.S.D. Board of Trustees or its designee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposed bids, to waive any and all technicalities, and to accept the proposal that will best serve the needs of the District.

Questions regarding additional information shall be directed to Jimmy Thomas by writing the above address; by e-mail to jthomas@bcisd.net; or by calling 806/756-4313. (fax 806/756-4310)

By order of the Board of Trustees
Borden County Independent School District
Mike Valentine, Secretary