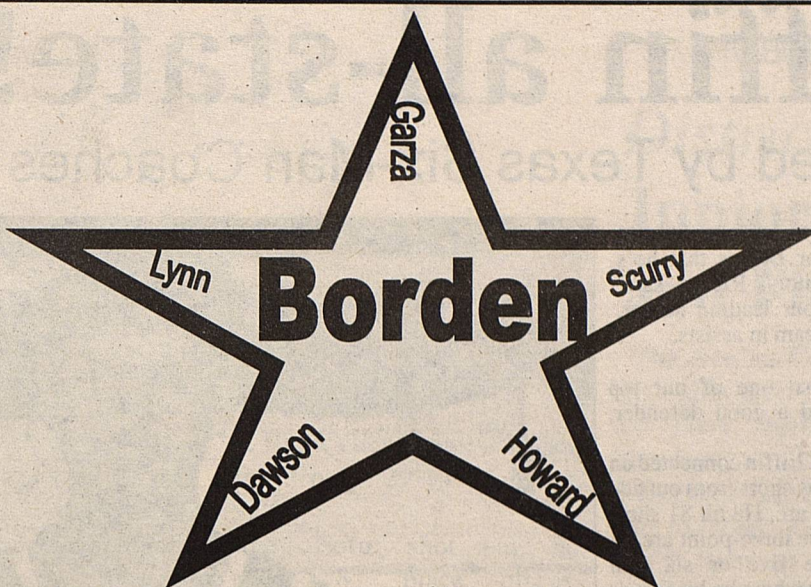


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Steam Rolling

B.H.S. U.I.L. Academic Teams Crush Competition at District Meet

Throughout months of preparation this past fall, and especially so the past three months, the steam had been building inside the U.I.L. Academic teams of Borden County High School.

At the District 9-A U.I.L. Academic Meet on March 27, all of that steam exploded into a possibly record-setting day as students from BHS won seven team awards and twelve of twenty-two individual events on their way to accumulating a whopping total of 494 points.

In all, twenty BHS students advanced on to the regional meet to be held on April 23-24 at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

The overall victory was BHS's fourth consecutive district academic title and surpassed last year's winning total by over 140 points.

The points are awarded to the top six finishers in each contest according to the following system: 1st - 15; 2nd - 12; 3rd - 10; 4th - 8; 5th - 6; & 6th - 4.

Point totals from the competing schools ended up as follows: BC - 494; Jayton - 229; Grady - 181; Rule - 139; Ira - 84; Klondike - 82; Sands - 79; Paint Creek - 58; Dawson - 40; Guthrie - 37; Rochester - 18; & Aspermont - 6.

Leading the offensive attack was junior John Wilson. His individual victories in Current Issues & Events, Computer Applications, Editorial Writing, and Mathematics and his second place finish in Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking amassed 72 points.

A trio of students added another thirty points each.

Senior Kyle Pinkerton won both the Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking and Headline Writing events.

Sophomore Tyler Wallace collected first place nods in both Extemporaneous Informative Speaking and Prose Interpretation.

Freshman Becky Dobyns repeated that feat by winning both Ready Writing and Spelling & Vocabulary.

Also placing in multiple events were sophomore Andrew Lamm-ing, sophomore Trey Soto, freshman Lindsey Stamper, and freshman Jake Payne.

Lamm-ing added twenty-four points by placing second in both Extemporaneous Informative Speaking and Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

Soto was third in Headline Writing and sixth in Literary Criticism.

Stamper won Poetry Interpretation and placed second in News Writing.

Payne was second in Literary Criticism and fourth in Social Studies.

Approximately thirty students from Borden County High School participated in the District 9-A U.I.L. Academic Meet held on the

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La Bête Gets Better

B.H.S. OAP Advances to Area

Borden County High School's production of David Hirson's *La Bête* ("The Beast") met with success this past week in both Zone and District Contests and has advanced to this Saturday's Region II, Area 1 Contest in Jayton for the fourth time in five years.

At the District 9-A West Zone Contest on Tuesday, March 30th, the cast and crew advanced to the district contest with Klondike High School's production of *The Creature Crèeps*.

Senior Kyle Pinkerton ("Elomire"), junior John Wilson ("Valere"), and junior Tyler Wallace ("Prince Conti") were all three named to the All-Star Cast.

In addition to BHS

and Klondike, the zone contest featured productions from Dawson (*I Remember Mama*), Grady (*John Turner Davis*), Ira (*Rest in Peace*), and Sands (*A Rose for Emily*).

At the District 9-A Contest in Jayton on Thursday, April 1st, Borden County and Rule High School's production of *The Diviners* were named as the advancing schools.

Klondike's production was named as alternate, and Jayton High School's *Going to See the Elephants* completed the four play competition.

Individually at the district contest, junior Cassidy Rinehart ("Dorine")

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Parents Club Pre-School Easter Egg Hunt



There will be a Pre-School Easter Egg Hunt Friday, April 9th, at 11:30 At the Borden County Park Pavilion. Please bring 1 doz Candy, filled eggs.

(NO chocolate Please!)

Preschool Day

Preschool Day will be Friday, April 9, 2004. If your child will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2004, he/she may visit the kindergarten class that day. Please send a copy of their birth certificate, social security card, and immunization record.

Each child will need to bring an Easter Basket with a dozen candy or plastic (candy filled) eggs. Please do not send chocolate.

School will begin at 8:05 and dismiss at 12:30 that 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.



BC's Griffin all-state!

Coyote junior honored by Texas Six-Man Coaches

By Dwight Heins
Lamesa Press-Reporter

Borden County has its second all-state basketball player in as many weeks.

A week after Coyote senior Ashley James was listed among the top small high school girls basketball players in the state, Borden County junior guard Ben Griffin has now been recognized among the top boys on the hardwoods out of the state's six-man high schools.

Griffin has been named as a second team honoree on the 2003-2004 Texas Six-Man Coaches Association's All-State Boys Basketball Team.

"Whenever you don't make the playoffs and still make teams like these, it really does say something about a kid and the ability that he has in this game," Borden County Coach Trey Richey said of Griffin.

Last season, the Coyotes finished at 16-14, including a 6-4 record in a district that also included Class 1A Division II state champion Grady.

Griffin becomes the Coyotes' third all-state athlete in the current school year.

In addition to Griffin and James on the hardwoods, Borden County senior standout Kyle Pinkerton tackled first-team all-state honors last fall on the high school football field on the defensive line.

In addition to earning second-team all-state from this group, Griffin has also been named to that association's all-Region II first team.

Another Coyote player senior Shane Tarleton earned second-team all-region honors by that group.

"Those two guys have been warriors for us all season long," Richey said.

Dawson junior Kanyon Brown also earned second-team all-region accolades.

This past season, Griffin averaged 15.5 points, 6-2 rebounds and four assists per game.

"Probably, one of the biggest things going for Ben is that he's such a competitor," Richey said. "He was also our leading scorer, second on the team in assists."

"He was also one of our top rebounders and a good defender, too."

On the year, Griffin connected on 38 percent of his shots from outside the three-point arc. He hit 81 shots from outside the three-point arc.

"There were five or six ball games this year where he hit five or more three's," Richey said.

"He even set the school record out here after making seven once in one ball game against Loraine."

The best thing going for Griffin as far as Richey is concerned is that he is only a junior.

"It's definitely nice to have this guy coming back again next year," Richey said. "I know I'm looking forward to it."

"Hopefully, we'll be able to start working on putting some of the disappointment of this season behind us and we can start working our way back toward that direction (playoffs) again next year."

There is more to Griffin than being a talented high school basketball player.

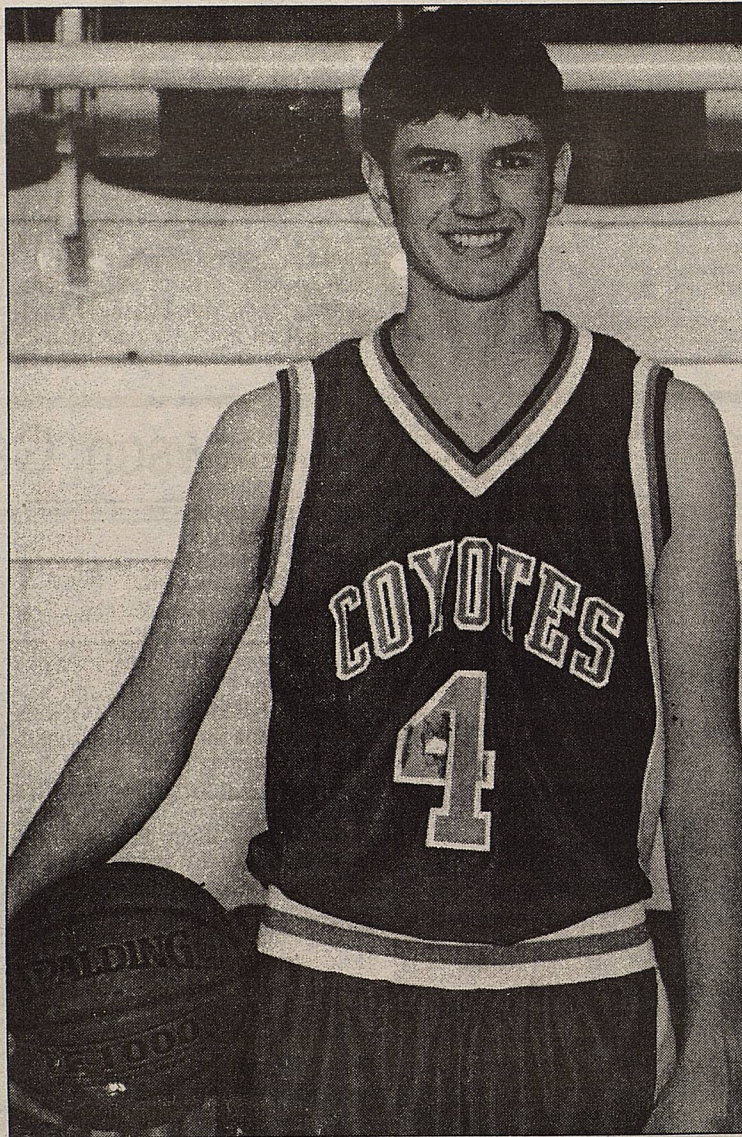
He is also pretty magical on the high school golf course, as well.

He proved that again this week by shooting a 77 to take top medalist honors in the O'Donnell Invitational at the T-Bar Golf Course at Tahoka.

"He's got that same kind of competitiveness in golf that he does in basketball," Richey said. "We're talking about the kind of kid who, as a coach, you want to take that last shot."

"There's no telling how many buzzer beater or game-winning shots he's already made out here. He's also made some big time shots out on the golf course, as well."

After being recognized as one of



COYOTE ALL-STATER

Borden County junior Ben Griffin has earned first-team all-state accolades from the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association. Griffin becomes the third all-state athlete at Gail in this school year.

the top high school boys basketball players in the state, Richey is anxious to see what the game of golf has in store for this very talented

junior.

"He was only one shot out of going to state in golf last year," Richey said.

next compete in the district tournament April 14 th , while the boys will compete in the district tourney on April 13 th . Good job guys and gals.	Jacob	44 - 43 = 87
Ben	41 - 36 = 77	
Austin	41 - 44 = 85	
J'Ryan	51 - 49 = 100	
339	4 th Place	
Shane	46 - 44 = 90	
	Lubbock Christian	328
	O'Donnell	337
	New Home	337
	Borden County	339
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	Tahoka	347
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The Borden County Landfill will be
CLOSED Easter Weekend
Saturday, April 10, 2004

Drive Safely - Watch Out for the Children

From The Counselor

By Mary Airhart

Reminder to Borden County ISD Parents

On the mornings of Tuesday, April 27, Wednesday, April 28, and Thursday, April 29, students in K, 1st, and 2nd will be taking the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS), and grades 3 - 11 will be taking the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS). Please do not schedule medical or dental appointments for these students during those mornings. Also, encourage your child to prepare mentally, physically, and academically to succeed on these tests.

School Menu

Week Of:

April 12th - 16th, 2004

MONDAY:

NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY: Corn Dog, Salad, Pork & Beans, Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** Sausage & Biscuit, Fruit Juice & Milk.

WEDNESDAY: Sausage Wrap, Corn, Cheese Potatoes, Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** Waffles, Fruit Juice & Milk

THURSDAY: Chicken Nuggets, Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** Egg & Bacon, Fruit Juice, & Milk.

FRIDAY: Sub Sandwich, Salad, Cup, Fruit, Cookie & Milk. **Breakfast:** Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice & Milk.



Borden County Boys Golf Team Opens Season With Convincing Victory

The Borden County boy's golf team traveled to Tahoka Wednesday to compete in the O'Donnell Golf Tournament. The Coyotes, had seven golfers participate in the O'Donnell invitational tourney. The first team consisting of Ben Griffin who finished as the first medalist with a seasons best score of 77. Austin Tarleton shot an 85, Jacob Froman shot a seasons best 86, Shane

Tarleton shot a 90 and J'Ryan Gicklhorn finished with a 100. The top four scores were tallied, and as a result, the Coyotes shot a school record 339. This was two strokes out of 2nd and 3rd in the tournament, but a very solid effort overall. The girls only had two competitors as Senior Shayla Gass, and Junior Ashley James played and shot a 132 and 122 respectively. The girls will

Highland Hornets Relays

Coyote Track Team Finishes Runner-Up

The Borden Coyotes continued their track season by finishing runner-up to two time defending state champion Irion County at the in the Highland Hornet Relays this past weekend. The Coyotes were a little short handed as some of the guys were sick or still nursing some injuries, but overall they competed extremely in this very tough meet.

Some of the top performances of the track meet were once again Garrett Thomas as he beat one of the regions best 110 high hurdlers in a very impressive time considering the wind of 15.53. Garrett turned in his second best time in the 300 hurdles but was scratch from the finals because of slight muscle strain. Garrett did manage to anchor home the 3rd place finishing sprint relay as he was joined by newcomer Bradley Tatum who by the way finished second in the pole vault with a jump of 11'6". Also joining Tatum and Thomas was Juniors Derek Rodriguez and Adam Carter. These three, Tatum, Rodriguez, and Carter were joined by Sophomore Trey Soto to finish 3rd in the 800 relay also.

Another medalist on the day came from the 3200 duo of Austin Tarleton and Andrew Lamming as they finished 2nd and 3rd respectively in breaking 12 minutes for the first time this season.

Also medaling was the one legged wonder Kyle Pinkerton who finished 3rd in the Discus. Below are all of the results from the Highland Hornet Invitational track meet. Good job guys.

Garrett Thomas: 1st place 110 HH, 15.53; 300 IH scratched, 42.27; 3rd place, 47.86

Derek Rodriguez: 3rd place 800m relay, 1:42.41; 4th place, 1600 relay (58.08) 4:01.56; 3rd place 400 relay, 47.86

Shane Tarleton: 5th place, 800m run, 2:22.26; 4th place 1600 relay, (60.11) 4:01.56; triple jump, 36.71/2", 7th place shot put, 37'8"; discus, 99'5"

Austin Tarleton: 2nd place 3200, 11.57.06111; 6th place 1600m run, 5:35.67; long jump, no mark; high jump, no height

Adam Carter: 3rd place 800m relay, 1:42.41; 4th place 110 HH, 18.08; 3rd place 400 relay, 47.86

Kyle Pinkerton: shot no mark; 3rd place shot, 111'10"

Bradley Tatum: 2nd place pole vault, 11'6"; 3rd place 800 relay, 1:42.41; 3rd place, 400 relay, 47.86

J. Ryan Gicklhorn: 4th place shot put, 39'10"; discus, 99'0"

Trey Soto: shot put, no mark; 8th place discus, 100'10"; 400m dash, 64.01; 200m. dash, 27.34; 3rd place 3200m relay, 1:42.41

Andrew Lamming: 5th place high jump, 5'2"; triple jump, 32'8"; 4th place 1600 relay, 4:01.56 (62.22); 3rd place 3200m run, 11:59.01

Caden Nowlain: 200m dash, 28.55; 400m. dash, 61.29

Jake Payne: triple jump, 32'10; 5th place 110 HH, 19.34; 4th place 300 IH, 47.11; 4th place 1600 relay, 4:01.56 (60.12)

Clint Chapman: 4th place pole vault, 9'0"; 100m dash, 64.11; 200m dash, 27.39

Billy Roper: shot put, no mark; discus, no mark

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dash, 75.88; 800 m. dash, 5th, 3:08.46

Emily Mayes: 200 m. dash, 31.10

Cassidy Rinehart: 4th, 200 m. dash, 28.01prelims, 28.97finals; 3rd, long jump, 14'9"; 3rd triple jump, 32'0

Christina Soto: shot, 23'9 1/2", 6th, discus, 76'6"

Shayla Gass: 6th, 100 m. dash, 13.91; long jump, 13' 1/4"

The Ladies next meet with be the District meet held next Thursday, April 8 here in Gail.

District 9-A (West Zone) Junior High Girls Track and Field Results

The Borden County Junior High girls scored 36 points at the Zone track meet last Monday.

The girls finished 3rd in the 400 m. relay with a time of 62.05. Running on this relay was Krystal Hobson, Heather Brooks, Sharelle Gass, Rachel Wilson.

These same four girls also finished 3rd in the 800 m. relay with a time of 2:14.74.

The 1600 m. relay finished 5th in the meet with a time of 5:48.68. Running on this relay was Shelby Roberts, Kathrine Froman, Baylee Benevides, Chelsea Minnick.

Here are the girl's individual events and how they fared.

Krystal Hobson discus: 4th, 55'7" 100 m. hurdles: 2nd, 21.48 100 m. dash: 17.43

Kate Wallace discus: 5th, 55'3 1/2"

Shelby Roberts 800 m. run: 3:17, 400 m. dash: 85.00

Chelsea Minnick 800 m. run: 3:20,

Baylee Benevides 800 m. run: 3:20

Sydney Shipp 100 m. dash: 17.21 300 m. hurdles: 71.15

Rachel Wilson 400m dash: 82.85

Kathrine Froman 400 m. dash: 83.0 200 m. dash: 35.52

Heather Brooks 200 m. dash: 35.33

Sharelle Gass 200 m. dash: 34.75

Coyote Pups Finish Third at O'Donnell

The Borden County Pups track season came to an end on a down note Monday, as several of the top Pup athletes were unable to finish the season as they either had previous injuries or sustained an injury in an event in which they competed. These injured athletes were 8th graders Quentin Schafer who turned in some very solid times in the 2400 meter run and 1600 run before season ending ear surgery. Miller Valentine jumped a seasons best 4'10" in the high jump for a bronze medal but kneed himself in the eye and it completely closed up from the swelling which ended his season. Chase Pinkerton led the way with two gold medal performances in the shot and discus events. Chase heaved the discus a personal best 139'11" while also putting the shot 47'8" to win both events, but in a make shift 400 relay, Chase injured his hamstring while handing the baton off (where the Pups were disqualified) and his season was finished. The Pups did manage a solid day

from 8th grader Logan Howard as he finished 3rd in the 2400 meter run, the 1600 meter run and had a career best jump in the pole vault to finish 3rd in that event for his 3rd bronze medal. 7th grader Jake Cooley had a solid day as well as he finished 3rd in the 800 meter run and 4th in the 400 meter run. 8th grader Pasqual Espinoza ran a personal best 70 second lap to finish 6th in the 400, while he teamed with Tyrell Massingill, Clay Harding and Brice Smith to finish the meet and the season 6th in the 1600 relay.

Below are the times and distances of the pups that competed in the district track meet.

Chase Pinkerton: 1st place Discus, 139'11"; 1st place Shot, 47'8"; 100m, injured; 400 relay injured; 1600 relay, injured

Quentin Schafer: Injured
Logan Howard: 3rd place Pole vault, 7'0"; long jump, 13'1-1/4"; 3rd place, 2400m run, 9:41.01; 3rd place

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Borden County High School Girls Results

The Lady Coyote track team participated in the Highland Hornet Relays last Saturday and finished the meet in 5th place scoring ___ points.

The 400 m. relay ran 5th in the meet with a time of 55.81. Running on this relay was Menda James, Cassidy Rinehart, Shayla Gass, and Lindsey Stamper.

The 800 m. relay finished 4th with a time of 2:01.63. Running on this relay was Menda James, Emily Mayes,

Cassidy Rinehart and Lindsey Stamper.

Here is how the Ladies fared individually.

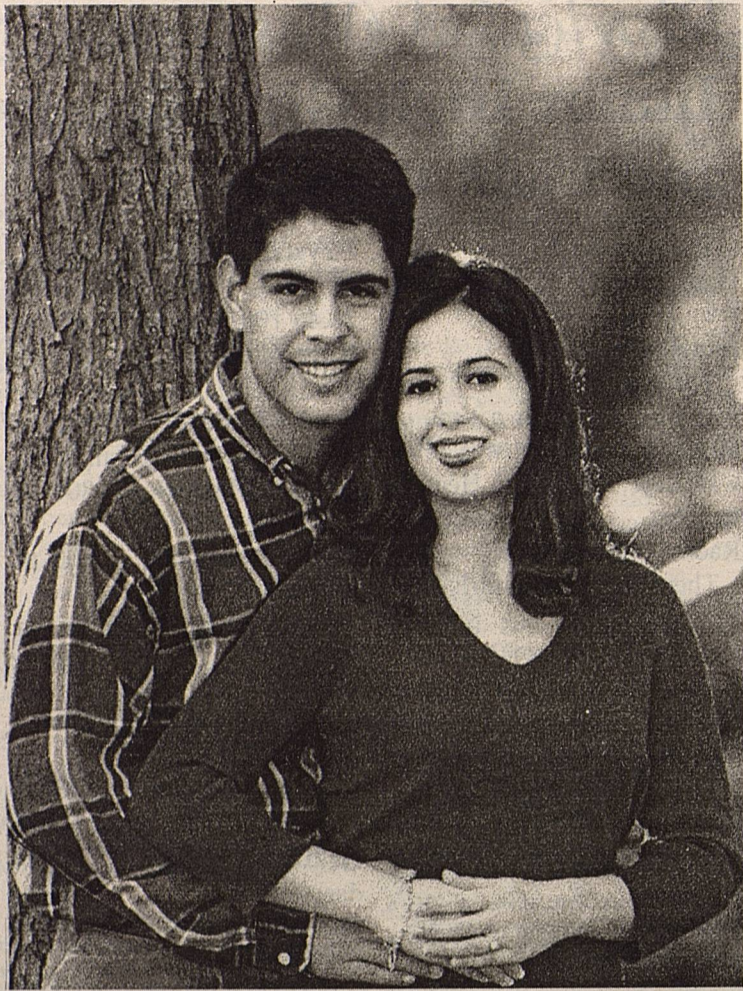
Menda James: 2nd, 100 m. hurdles, 17.56; 5th 300 m. hurdles, 52.77; high jump, 4'2"

Becky Dobyys: 100 m. hurdles, 19.95; 300 m. hurdles, 60.39

Ashley James: 100 m. hurdles, 21.94; 1st in the pole vault, 6'6"

Sarah Harding: 400 m.

Announce Wedding Plans



Sharon Dauphin and Fernando Baeza

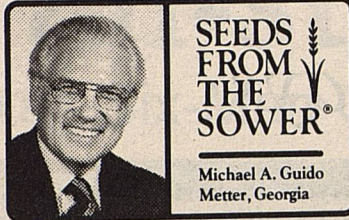
Sharon Diane Dauphin, daughter of Richard and Dorann dauphin of Houston and Fernando Baeza, son of Oscar and Lydia Baeza of Chihuahua City, Chihuahua Mexico, formerly of Gail announce plans to marry on Saturday, June 19th, 2004 at West Houston Church of Christ in Houston, at 12:30 p.m. with Colt McCook officiating.

Sharon is the granddaughter of Jean Lyons of Houston. Fernando is the grandson of Aurora Munoz and the late J.M. Munoz of Loraine and Guadalupe Baeza and the late Daniel Baeza of Cd. Aldama, Chihuahua, Mexico.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Cypress Falls High School in Houston and will graduate in May from Abilene Christian University with a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies and Special Ed.

The prospective groom is a 1999 graduate of Borden County High School and a 2003 graduate of Abilene Christian University. He is employed by Snyder ISD as a Jr. High coach and History teacher.

The couple plan to reside in Snyder.



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Michael A. Guido Metter, Georgia

Constantine the great was engaged in a bloody battle near Rome in 312. He won, attributing his victory to Christ, and received Him as his Savior.

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By Dennis Poole,
Borden County CEA-Ag.

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Grain Sorghum Production Regional Workshop Texas South Plains

A "What-You-Need-To-Know" grain sorghum information workshop will be offered in Lamesa April 12th to producers, consultants, agronomists, and seed industry personnel in the lower Texas South Plains. The workshop is sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension in conjunction with Texas Grain Sorghum Association. Basics of sorghum production including hybrid selection, planting, weed and insect control, fertility, as well as producer feedback will be featured.

The meeting begins at 8:15 AM at the Dawson Co. Community Building, South 8th & Houston, in Lamesa.

The \$5 registration fee will cover the cost of educational materials, and lunch is free courtesy of TGSA. 3.0 CEUs will be available for both TDA and CCAs. For additional information contact the Dawson County Extension office, (806) 872-3444, or Calvin Trostle, Extension Agronomy, Texas A&M-Lubbock, (806) 746-6101.

Thank You!

Our family would like to say Thank You to everyone who helped, prayed, visited and called during Chance's accident. The support we received from the entire community was a great comfort to our family during this time. We want to say Thank you again to everyone.

A Special Thank You goes out to our Borden County EMT's. I've learned over that weekend that these people are really just angels disguised as people. Carrie Hart, Kent Holmes and Bob Kemp are a blessing and a God sent to this community. We are blessed to have these angels among us.

Thank you again for taking care of Chance. I know that he was in the best of hands.



Doyce and Amber Taylor

Primary Run-off Election Dates

- April 6th, 2004** **LAST DAY** to Receive Application For Ballots by Mail for the Runoff Election
- April 5th - 8th** **EARLY VOTING** (Mon. - Thurs.) Clerks Office will be **CLOSED** on Friday, April 9th, for **HOLIDAY**.
- April 13th,** **ELECTION DAY**

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VOTE for Monte Smith

County Commissioner, Precinct 1

Democratic Primary Run-off Election

Tuesday, APRIL 13th

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Coyote Pups Finish Third

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1600m. run, 5:59.56; 4th place 800 relay, 1:56.43

Bryce Smith: Long jump, 11'10"; triple jump, 23'10"; 400 relay, disqualified; 800 relay, disqualified; 6th place 1600 relay, 5:31.89

Miller Valentine: 3rd high jump, 4'10"; long jump, injured; 300m hurdles, injured; 400 relay, injured; 1600 relay, injured

Pasqual Espinoza: 400 relay, disqualified; 400m. run, *70.69; 6th place 1600 relay, 5:31.89

Jake Cooley: long jump, 14'1"; high jump, 4'6"; 400 relay, disqualified; 3rd place 800 m. run, 2:35.1; 4th place 400m run, 66.23

Cory Teel: shot put, no mark; discus, no mark; 100m. run, 18.96; 200m. run, 41.01

Clay Harding: shot put, no mark; discus, no mark; 100m run * 16.11; 800 relay, disqualified; 6th place, 1600 relay 5:31.89

Tyrell Massingill: 400 relay, disqualified; 800 relay disqualified; 6th place, 1600 relay, 5:31.89

The Pups traveled to Jayton to compete in the Rolling Plains relays but only completed a few events before weather forced the Pups to head home early. But, before the weather could stop the day for the Pups,

Logan Howard ran a personal best 9:40 in the 2400 meter run to finish 3rd in the event.

The only other athlete to place in an event was Chase Pinkerton who finished 1st in both the Shot and the Discus.

There were 50 competitors in each of these events, so he beat quite a field. Chase won the discus with a throw of 125'11" and then put the shot a personal best 48'8" to win that event as well. No other pup athletes placed but did

receive a personal best jump by Jake Cooley of 4'8" 14'11 1/2". That is all that in the high jump and a was completed before the personal best jump in long Pups headed home.

Borden County ISD Calendar Change

There is a mistake on the May, 2004, School Calendar that was previously published and distributed.

May 7th, is a Regular School Day

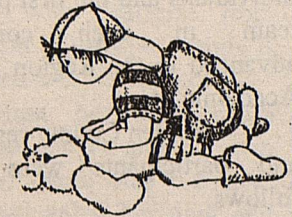
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(Elección Decisiva Del Partido REPUBLICANO)

BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS
(CONDADO DE BORDEN, TEXAS)

APRIL 13, 2004 (13 de abril de 2004)

**SAMPLE BALLOT
(Boleta De Muestra)**

INSTRUCTION NOTE: (Nota de Instrucción:)

Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name. (Vote por el candidato de su preferencia en cada carrera marcando con una "X" el cuadro al lado del nombre del candidato.)

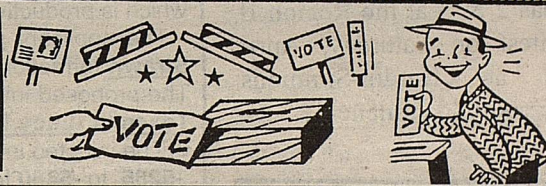
"I am a Republican and understand that I am ineligible to vote or participate in another political party's primary election or convention during this voting year." (Y soy Republicano y comprendo que no estoy elegible para votar o participar en la elección primaria o la convención de algún otro partido político durante este año electoral.)

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UIL Crush Competition At District Meet

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campus of Western Texas College in Snyder.

The top three individuals and the first place team in each contest advanced to the Region II-A Academic Meet.

Borden County results and participants were as follows:

JOURNALISM:

1st Place Team.

Editorial Writing:

John Wilson - 1st, Whitney Anderson, & Becky Dobyns.

Feature Writing:

Whitney Anderson & Kalli Poole.

Headline Writing:

Kyle Pinkerton - 1st, Trey Soto - 3rd, & Dannelle Copeland.

News Writing:

Lindsey Stamper - 2nd, Whitney Anderson - 4th, & Christina Soto.

SPEECH & DEBATE:

1st Place Team.

Informative Speaking:

Tyler Wallace - 1st, Andrew Lamming - 2nd, & Billy Roper - 3rd.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate:

Andrew Lamming - 2nd.

Persuasive Speaking:

Kyle Pinkerton - 1st, John Wilson - 2nd, & Adam Carter - 5th.

Poetry Interpretation:

Lindsey Stamper - 1st, Adam Carter - 4th, & Kalli Poole.

Prose Interpretation:

Tyler Wallace - 1st, Cassidy Rinehart - 2nd, & Menda James - 3rd.

MATH & SCIENCE:

Calculator Applications:

Clint Chapman, Lacey Newton, Billy Roper, & Christina Soto.

Mathematics:

1st Place Team;

John Wilson - 1st, Billy Roper, & Shane Tarleton.

Number Sense:

Whitney Anderson, Rowdy Clary, Billy Roper, & Christina Soto.

Science:

Shane Tarleton - tied for 4th, Rowdy Clary, Ashley James,

& Aaron Pigford.

GENERAL ACADEMICS:

Accounting:

Lesley Rutherford - 6th.

Computer Applications:

John Wilson - 1st, Billy Roper, & Shane Tarleton.

Current Issues & Events:

1st Place Team;

John Wilson - 1st, Kyle Pinkerton, Clay John Anderson, & Dusty Gwinn.

Literary Criticism:

1st Place Team;

Jake Payne - 2nd, John Cowart - 3rd, Trey Soto - 6th, & Clint Chapman.

Ready Writing:

Becky Dobyns - 1st, Garrett Chapman, & LaShae Johnson.

Social Studies:

1st Place Team;

Rowdy Clary - 1st, Taylor Peterson - 2nd, Jake Payne - 4th, & John Cowart.

Spelling & Vocabulary:

1st Place Team;

Becky Dobyns - 1st, Emily Mayes - 6th, Austin Tarleton, & Taylor Peterson.

OAP Advances to Area

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was named Best Actress.

Pinkerton and Wallace were again placed on the All-Star Cast.

Named to the Honorable Mention ASC were Wilson and sophomore Garrett Thomas ("Bejart").

The Region II, Area 1 Contest is set to begin at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 10th. Chillicothe High School's *Daddy's Dyin', Who's Got the Will?* kicks off the competition. Borden County will take the stage second at approximately 2:45. Be there by 2:30 to be sure you are admitted.

Rule will perform third and will be followed by Blackwell's *Cinderella Waltz*. Returning state qualifier Benjamin's *Blithe Spirit* and Throckmorton's *Of Mice & Men* finalize the contest.

The top two plays from the contest will join four other productions from Areas 2 & 3 at the Region II Contest on Saturday, April 24, at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

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Crew members for the play are junior Emily Mayes (Stage Manager), junior Thelma Balague (Props & Costumes), sophomore Trey Soto (Light Technician), and freshman Sarah Harding (Sound Technician).

Darrin Ard directs the production.

The community performance for this year's production will follow the last advancing contest performance. Keep reading the *Borden Star* for updates.

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Area One Act Play Borden County's Play La Bete Qualifies

Borden County's One Act Play, "La Bete" has qualified for Area competition. The Area One-Act Play Contest will be held at Jayton on Saturday, April 10 at 2:00 P.M. in the following order:

- Daddy's Dyin' Who's Got the Will? (Chillicothe)**
- La Bete (Borden County)**
- The Diviners (Rule)**
- Cinderella Waltz (Blackwell)**
- Blithe Spirit (Benjamin)**
- Of Mice and Men (Throckmorton)**

Admission will be \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. If you plan to attend the play presentation for Borden County, be early because no admittance is allowed after the play begins. "La Bete" is under the direction of Mr. Darrin Ard.

4-H Members Involved in Recycling

The Borden County High School 4-H members are collecting old Feists and other phone books to be taken for recycling. If you have any you would like to have recycled, please contact the Extension Office at 806/756-4336 or bring them by the week of April 5-9.



Texas Stories

A showcase of the Texas Spirit

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A Texas Horned Toad in New Jersey

During World War Two, Bill Palmos of Hearne was in the Naval Air Corps stationed at Lakehurst, New Jersey. During a bull session with some residents in town, the main topic of conversation was frogs.

Bill told the group, "I don't see any horny frogs up here."

He then proceeded to tell the group about Texas Horned Toads and how dangerous they were.

"I told them if it bit you or spit blood in your eye, it could put your eye out or do some real damage to you."

Everybody in the group thought he was joking. The general comment was something like this:

"O, Yeah, Yeah. Sure you've got frogs down there with horns on them."

Bill said he couldn't convince them so he called home and told his folks to get a horned frog and put it in a nickel match box and mail it to him.

"I told them they didn't need to put any food in there, he could live several days. I said to wrap up the box real good, get an ice pick and punch some holes in it so he

can get some air and won't die and send it by parcel post. I believed he would get to New Jersey alive."

Sure enough, the package arrived in two days and when bill opened the box, he saw that the horned toad survived the trip very well.

"We fixed a harness for him out of wire, attached a fishing line to it and tied it to a stake in the ground. We had an ant bed at the front of the barracks so he could get something to eat."

Bill went to town and started telling people about the honed from Texas.

"He would go under the steps all the time and we'd get that lien and pull that frog out to show people. They were scared of that thing. They wouldn't get anywhere near it because they were convinced it would spit blood in their eyes and they'd go blind."

Bill told them to stay away from it because it was dangerous.

"The Captain made me get rid of it because so many people were coming on the base to see it. The horned toad was much alive when

When the Rain Bird Sings

Young Adult Fiction Book Helps Adolescents Deal with Loss and Grieving

TAYLOR, Texas — Eugene Oscar's debut novel, *When the Rain Bird Sings* (now available through AuthorHouse), is an attempt to help teens deal with loss and grief and think about others' feelings. Oscar tells the story of Jeana Mae Kingsbury, a young girl who is forced to live with her elderly aunt and uncle after the death of her father.

Jeana Mae lives with her father in a small apartment in Hutto, Texas. Her mother died when she was born. Being poor doesn't matter to Jeana: she has her father. The only thing she wants now is a puppy, and that dream may finally be coming true. The final arrangements had been made, and her father plans to pick up the new member of the family on Saturday. However, a few days before the puppy is to come home, her father is killed in an automobile accident.

we turned him loose."

Bill had a ball in New Jersey. One time he was bragg'in about the size of Texas watermelons and nobody believed Texas had watermelons that weighed more than a hundred pounds.

He had his folks carve his name and address in a Texas-sized watermelon and ship it to him. They did and once attain, people flocked on the base to see that big melon.

"Those people up there learned a lot about Texas," says Bill.

Jeana Mae suddenly finds her self all alone in the world. Her closest relatives, whom she had only met once when she was 9, lie in Florida, and after the funeral, she will, too. As Jeana Mae struggles with the concept of death and dying, she comes to believe that life has nothing more to offer. She stays in her room and reads books to console herself. Her aunt and uncle encourage her to explore the green belt behind their home. When she finally does, she rescues an Amazon parrot from the clutches of a large cat. In the midst of the struggle, she meets another girl her age, 12-year-old Maribel Sanchez.

The new friends nurse the bird back to health and come to the conclusion that the bird is someone's loving pet. They feel it is their duty to find its rightful owner and their quest begins. The girls also befriend a girl named Katy, who suffers from muscular dystrophy and is confined to a wheelchair.

Through her relationship with the parrot and her two friends, Jeana Mae learns to love and value her aunt and uncle and accept her sad past.

Oscar, a former English teacher now lives in Texas with his wife Dolores. He is currently working on his next book.

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—Even though tap water can be easily treated to make it safe for fish immediately, when you first set up an aquarium, allow the aquarium to run for a few days to stabilize it before adding fish. If you just can't wait to see fish swimming in your new aquarium, however, start out with hardy, inexpensive fish to help the tank begin its biological cycle. You can find more tips and aquarium set-up advice at www.clubjungle.com/pages/setup_aquarium.html or call 1-800-357-7104.

Millions of families across the country are taking advantage of digital photography to make the memory keeping process easier, with twenty percent of U.S. households owning a digital camera. Now retailers have made it possible to develop digital photos in an instant, allowing people to share photos with family and friends. For example,

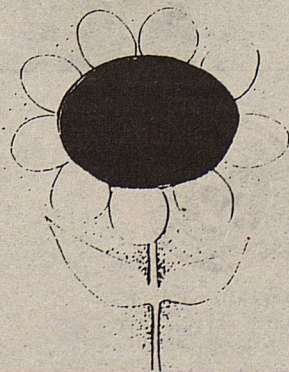


CVS/pharmacy recently introduced Kodak Digital Stations at more than 3,000 stores across the country. Using touch screen technology, customers simply insert the media card from their digital camera into the digital station kiosk, preview and customize their pictures, and receive photo-quality digital pictures in minutes. To find a CVS store, go to www.cvs.com.

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Sale of Surplus Equipment

Borden County will accept bids for the following used equipment. Bids will be opened April 26, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. at the Borden County Courthouse.

Equipment can be inspected by contacting Commissioner Doug Isaacs, phone 806/439-6619. Equipment is as follows:

- One 1983 Ford F7000 6yd. Dump truck, Diesel CAT motor
- One 2978 Chevrolet 1-ton pickup

For further information contact Doug Isaacs, Commissioner Precinct 1, phone 806/439-6619 or Van York, County Judge, phone 806/756-4391.

Mail bids to P.O. Box 156, Gail, Texas 79738. All bids should be marked "BID" on outside of envelope.

Borden County reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
BY ORDER OF THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Van L. York,
County Judge
Borden County

"Mailbag"

Spring Cleaning – Time to tidy up your mailbox

It's time for spring cleaning – sweeping and vacuuming, moving your warm-weather clothes to the front of the closet and chest of drawers, checking the outside of the house to see if it needs repairs, painting, or general sprucing up.

While you're spring cleaning the house, don't forget to check on your mailbox. Neat, attractive, well-maintained mailboxes contribute to the

overall appearance of the community and to the security of your mail. After all, your letters deserve a clean, safe place to stay, too.

Here are some helpful housekeeping tips for your mailbox.

- Check the door and hinges – make sure the door closes properly to keep your mail in and keep the wind and water out.

- Look it over for protruding nails and sharp edges. Sand and repaint, or replace, your mailbox if it's rusty – you don't want to have to go get a tetanus shot, and neither does your letter carrier.
- If it is mounted on a post, check its stability and anchor it if necessary.
- Make sure your mailbox identifies your address. Display your address on both sides of the mailbox so police, fire and rescue personnel, and friends from out-of-town can find you. Adding house numbers and

other address elements to the box also will help ensure that you get your mail, not someone else's.

Approved traditional or contemporary curbside mailboxes are required whenever a mailbox is newly installed or replaced. You can find them at your hardware store and some department stores. A customer-built curbside

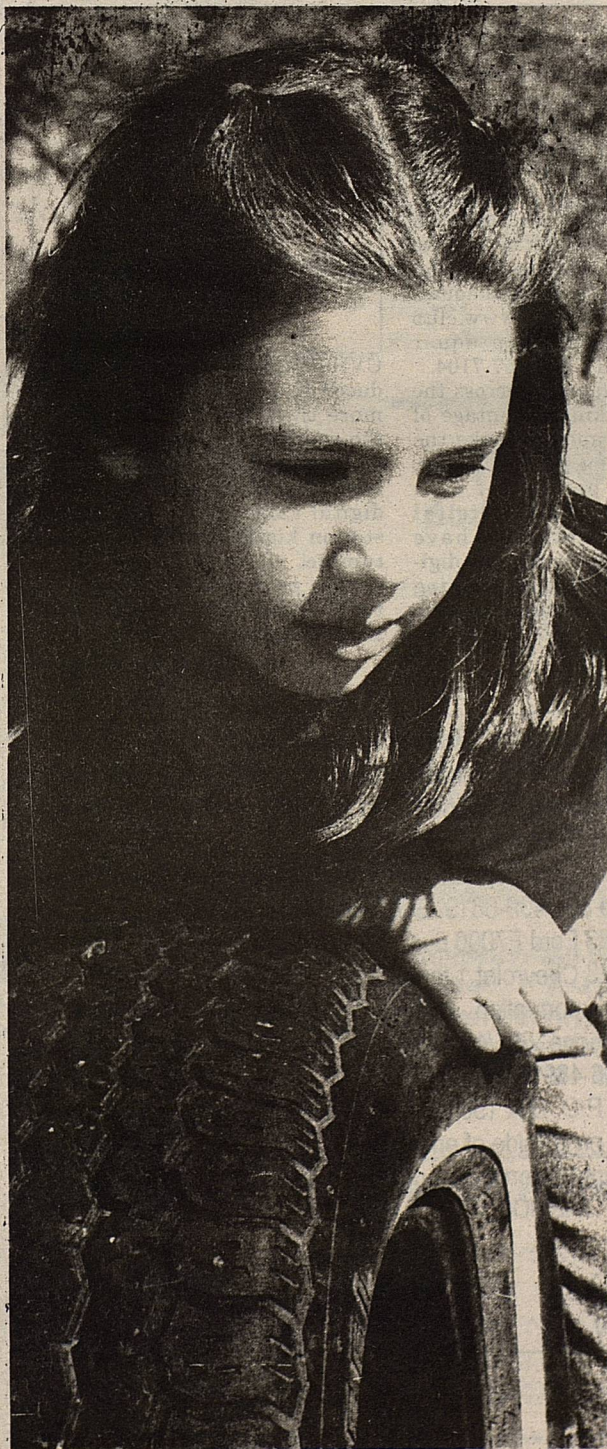
box may be used if the postmaster gives prior approval and if the mailbox generally conforms to the same specifications as approved manufactured mailboxes. Contact your local postmaster before erecting a custom-built mailbox.

If you have questions or want more information about mailboxes, visit your local Post Office or call 1-800-AS-USPS (1-800-275-8777).



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