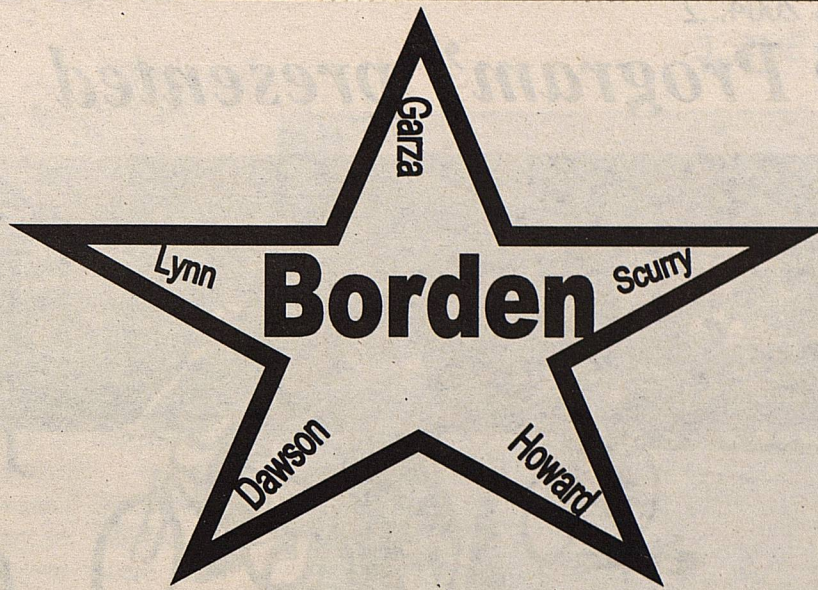


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## Awesome in Austin BHS Class of 2004 Name Top

### Pinkerton, B.H.S. Speech Squad Strike U.I.L. Gold

The Olympics may be this summer, but the U.I.L. academic teams from Borden County High School have already experienced the feeling of being on the awards stand.

At this past weekend's U.I.L. Academic State Meet, all four competitors representing B.H.S. had their limelight moments on the medalist pedestal.

Their success led to a Speech Team State Championship for the squad and a third place overall finish among all 1A U.I.L. academic teams.

In his final opportunity at state, senior Kyle Pinkerton proved that the third time was the charm as he claimed the first place gold medal in Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking. He improved over last year's third place bronze medal. Pinkerton also qualified for the state meet in 2002 in the same event.

Tyler Wallace, a junior competing for the first time in Extemporaneous Informative Speaking, placed second in the state in the event. He was defeated in the finals by the defending state champion.

Junior John Wilson, competing in four separate events at the state meet,

placed third in Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking and sixth in Editorial Writing. He also placed seventh in both Current Issues & Events and Computer Applications.

Rowdy Clary, one of very few freshmen who advanced to the state meet, demonstrated that age and classification did not matter as he claimed the sixth place medalist position in Social Studies, the newest U.I.L. academic event.

Also competing at the state meet were members of the Current Issues & Events team. Wilson, Pinkerton, and Clary all served as members of the team, placing 5<sup>th</sup> overall.

The speech team scored 37 points overall. Twenty points from the state championship in CX Debate in March were also added to bring the total to 57 and a speech team state championship. Lindsay High School was second in speech with 21 points.

Overall, Borden County placed higher at the state meet than it has ever scored, finishing third with 75 total points. Fellow Region II competitor Lindsay High School repeated as state champions with 110 points following a One-Act Play

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### Students

Kyle Pinkerton, son of Russ and Beverly Pinkerton and Jess and Sharlot Stone, was named Valedictorian of Borden County High School. Kyle has maintained a grade average of 98.798 for the four-year period in high school.

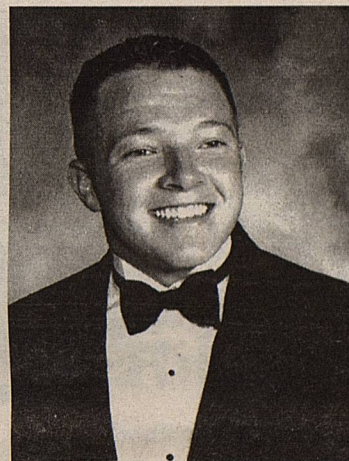
Kyle is a member of the National Beta Club. He has participated in UIL literary meets and OAP all four years. Kyle recently became the state champion in extemporaneous persuasive speaking, a member of the state champion 1A speech team, and was a member of the state qualifying current issues and events team. He was also voted "Most Likely to Succeed" and "Most Athletic". Kyle was a regional qualifier in shot put and discus. He has numerous accomplishments in football, basketball and FFA:

All-District Football and Basketball; Region II Defensive MVP Football; 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-State Defensive End; Area II Officer in FFA.

Kyle plans to attend Hardin Simmons University in Abilene this fall.

The 2004 Salutatorian of Borden County High School is Menda James, daughter of Kevin and Stephanie James. She has maintained a grade average of 98.170 for the past four years.

Menda is a member of the National Beta Club and



Valedictorian  
Kyle Pinkerton



Salutatorian  
Menda James

Honor Society. She participated in the UIL literary meets, OAP, and was a regional qualifier in prose. She was voted "Most Likely to Succeed." Menda has numerous honors in athletics: Regional qualifier in Cross Country for 3 years; Regional Qualifier in the 4X100 Meter relay; All-American Cheerleader; All-District in Basketball; District 7-A Defensive Player of the Year; 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Region, All-South Plains, and All-State in

basketball. Menda plans to attend Angelo State University in San Angelo this fall.

Baccalaureate services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2004, at 8:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Commencement exercises will be held Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004, at 8:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. There will be nine seniors graduating in this Class of 2004

### 2003-2004 Awards Banquet

Honoring the UIL Achievements of  
Borden County High School Students

Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004

7:00 p.m. - School Cafeteria

Ticket Price: \$6.00

Tickets may be purchased in Advance in the Superintendent's Office. Please be sure to RSVP no later than 5:00 p.m. Monday May 17<sup>th</sup>, by calling 756-4313.





# "Bicycle Safety Program" presented

Borden County Deputy Sheriff Benny Allison and Buster Taylor took time last Wednesday, to present a program to the Borden County School students grades K through 7<sup>th</sup> on Bicycle Safety.

Deputy Benny Allison talked to the students about bicycle safety and pointed out the importance of obeying all the traffic laws when riding their bicycles, scooters and 4-wheelers. He also stressed the importance of wearing a helmet when riding.

A "Bicycle Safety Skit" was performed for the students by Mr. Ard's Theatre Arts I class consisting of Becky Dobyns, Kalli Poole, Lacey Newton, Kylan Reynolds, Reynaldo Hernandez, Logan Furlong, and Zack McConnell. Thank you to those students and Mr. Ard for their time.

Student names were drawn for prizes. Fourth grade student, Chance Taylor was the big prize winner of a bicycle donated by Buchanan Pumping. Other sponsors of this safety program were: The Academy Sporting Goods of Lubbock; Jane and Max Jones of Fluvanna; The Greenhouse in Lamesa; The Coyote Store; Chief Wilson and Jean's Imports of Gail. TxDOT, Gail supplied the cones for the obstacle course.

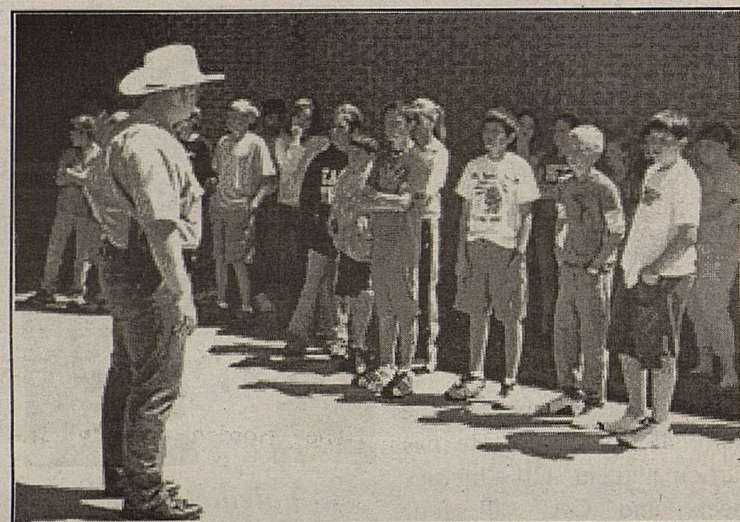
Thanks to all of these for their donations which helped to make this a successful program.



Students Participate in the "Bicycle Safety Program" presented by the Borden County Sheriff Department.



Borden County Deputy Sheriff, Benny Allison and Buster Taylor.



**Let's talk Safety:** Deputy Sheriff, Benny Allison gives a safety talk to the sixth, and seventh grade students before they ride.



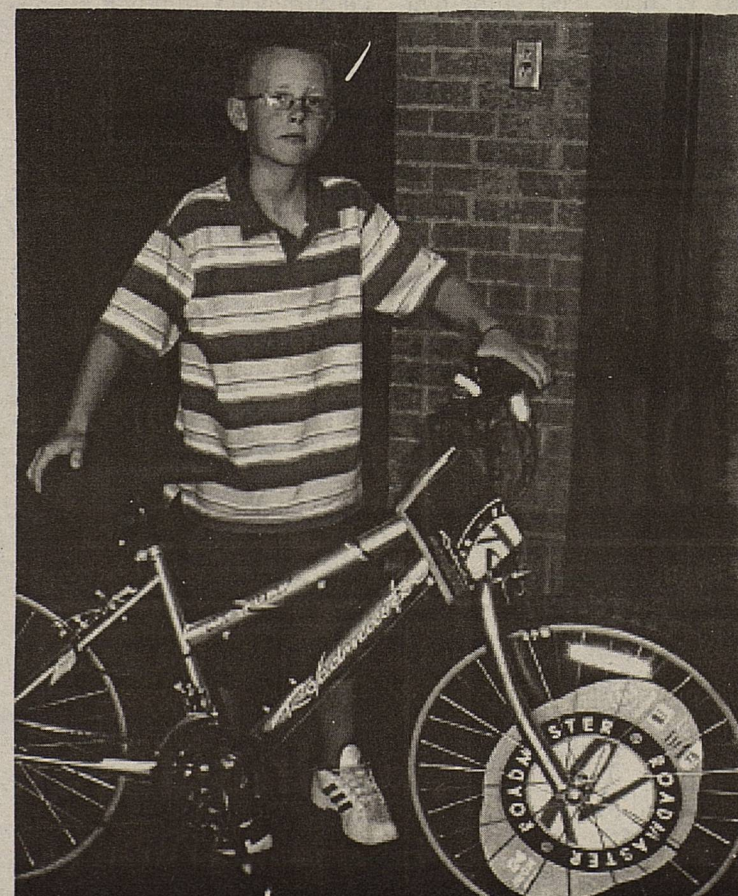
**Getting ready for the ride:** The fifth grade boys wait for instructions for the obstacle course during the Bicycle Safety Program.



Third grader, Celina Guerrero waits for her turn to try her hand at the obstacle course.



**Waiting their turn:** Seleste Herridge, Teryn Soto and Bethany Stamper wait for their turn to ride through the obstacle course.



**The Big Winner:** Chance Taylor is pictured with his new bicycle he won during last week's Bicycle Safety Program presented by the Borden County Sheriff department.



# Awesome in Austin

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victory. Region III champion Ben Wheeler: Martin's Mill was second with 80 points.

Joining the four B.H.S. competitors on the trip to Austin was sophomore Andrew Lamming. He served on the Speech Honor Crew for the tournament after being selected from a large pool of applicants by the state speech & debate director.

The students were coached by Sue Jane Mayes (Editorial Writing, Current Issues & Events, and Social Studies), Sheri Poole (Computer Applications) & Darrin Ard (Speech).

Another highlight of the group's trip to Austin was a Friday night visit with professional baseball legend Nolan Ryan. Upon invitation from the hall-of-fame pitcher,

the group enjoyed dinner with the Ryan family and a game played by the Round Rock Express, a II-A baseball club owned by the Ryans.

Great strides were made this year on the B.H.S. U.I.L. Academic teams. They were named District 9-A Champions for the fourth consecutive year, were the Region II-A runners-up, and are now third overall in the state in 1A academic competition. Congratulations to all competitors, regardless of your final results. Thank you for an excellent year of helping to build a successful program.

Athens can have its Olympics. Borden County will take gold from Austin anytime.

## Scholarships Available

### 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004. 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.

### J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the:

#### J. Pat Porter Memorial



**Strikes UIL Gold:** State UIL Qualifiers, (L. to R.) Rowdy Clary, Tyler Wallace, Kyle Pinkerton and John Wilson.

**Scholarship.** Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application prior to May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004. 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 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.

## Jr. High Tennis

The Borden County Jr. High teams competed in their district tournament on Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, in Lamesa. Both the boys and girls teams' finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the team standings. Individual finishes were as follows:

#### Girl's Singles:

Rachel Wilson - 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Kate Wallace - 4<sup>th</sup> place

#### Girl's Doubles:

Krystal Hobson and Chelsea Minnick - 2<sup>nd</sup> place

#### Boy's Doubles:

Miller Valentine and Quentin Shaffer - 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Other participants in the tournament were Tyrell Massingill and Jake Cooley in boy's doubles and Corey Teel in Boy's singles.

**NO SCHOOL  
FRIDAY, MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2004**

### PROJECT GRADUATION

Parents and friends of the 2004 Senior Class of Borden County High School are asking for donations for Project Graduation.

Project Graduation is a drug and alcohol free celebration. Your gift would be greatly appreciated by our students and parents. Thank you for your help with this very worthwhile endeavor.

Class of 2004 Senior Parents

Donations may be sent to:  
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"Project Graduation"  
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Gail, TX 79738  
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or senior parent!  
Thank you!



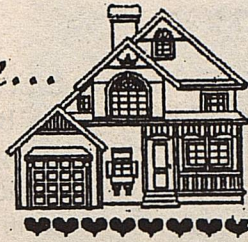






## Heart and home...

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



Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

### How to Keep a "Healthy Tan"

It is time to rethink that old phrase "healthy tan." Maybe "healthy pale" is more like it. There is really no such thing as a "healthy tan." The more sun that you get, the more chance you have of getting skin cancer. Unfortunately, you may not even be aware it's happening, because sun exposure is cumulative, even without an actual burn.

This is of special concern to dermatologists, who have seen a significant jump in all types of skin cancer, especially malignant melanoma, a potentially life-threatening disease. Although skin cancers are not caused solely by sun exposure, sunlight is still the prime culprit. Reducing sun exposure is the first line of defense against skin cancer - not to mention leathery, wrinkled skin.

Studies show that 80% of sun-related skin damage occurs in the first 18 years of life. Fortunately, it is never too late to protect your skin from the damaging effects of sun exposure.

While parents are responsible for putting sun screen on their children, it is equally important for them to put sun screen on themselves. Even if you've gone for years without wearing sun block, you can prevent future damage and begin repairing skin that's been exposed to excessive sun using it, starting now.

The best sun block is anything you are willing to wear; however, an SPF (sun protection factor) of 15 is strongly encouraged. Women can protect their skin by applying a daily moisturizer or foundation with sun screen, as well as sun screen to their exposed limbs and

neck. For those with oily or sensitive skin, there are sun screen products on the market that will address these factors. No matter what types of sun block you choose, be sure that it protects against both UVA and UVB rays (the two types of light that damage skin).

There are other ways to protect your skin in addition to wearing sun block. When outside, wear a hat, particularly one with a wide brim, and wear clothing that is light colored which will reflect instead of absorb the sunlight. Avoid long exposure during the most heat-intensive part of the day (between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.). Also, wear sunglasses. They not only protect the skin around your eyes, they help prevent cataracts, which are caused chiefly by excessive sun exposure. Remember not to be fooled by clouds; you can get sunburn even in January.

If you have a questionable mole or skin lesion, you should see a dermatologist to determine if it is dangerous. Look for places on the skin that have changed in color, shape or size. If you catch skin cancer early, there is nearly a 100% cure rate. However, if left untreated, skin cancer can cause scarring, disfigurement and even death.

If you follow these precautions, you should be able to avoid sun damage and skin cancer. But, if you just have to have that tan, do not look to tanning salons for the answer. Reports from the American Medical Association have associated the rays from tanning beds with even more skin damage and ultimately more skin



## BORDEN COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating

### 4-H Habitat for Humanity Penny Drive

The Borden County High School 4-H Club will be hosting a penny drive at school and at local businesses to help support the Statewide 4-H Habitat for Humanity Project, "Together we can Build a Future." 4-H'ers across the state of Texas are working to raise money to help build a "Texas 4-H House" in the Bryan/College Station area. Youth attending state roundup will have an opportunity to actually help build the house. For more information about the actual project visit the web site at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/roundup/commservice.htm>.

There will be jars placed in each home room from K-12 and one placed at the store, courthouse and Extension Office the week of May 17-21. We hope that the community will help support this worthwhile effort. We look forward to making this a regional activity where a neighbor may be the next to get a "Texas 4-H House!" For more information, contact any High School 4-H member or the Extension office at (806)756-4336.

cancer than the sun alone. However, if you cannot stand the look of pale skin, consider using self-tanning lotions. There are numerous self-tanners available on the market which have been vastly improved since the original "quick tan" products in years past. Self-tanners are a safe alternative to tanning salons or sunbathing. These lotions use chemicals to alter the very top layer of skin color, but do not cause any damage, and you'll have the "sun-kissed" look you so desire.



### Junior 4-H Club to Meet

The Borden County Junior 4-H Club will have their final meeting of the year on Monday, May 17 from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. Refreshments will be provided by 4-H families. The program will be on Gun Safety. Those interested in community service are encouraged to bring outgrown sweaters or jackets to be donated to an area shelter. Any youth ages 9 (or currently enrolled in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are

invited to attend. For more information contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336 <mailto:borden-4336@mailto:borden-tx@tamu.edu>.

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## 4-H Summer Camp Opportunities

June 1-3, 2004

South Plains Leadership Camp (ages 10-12)  
South Plains College - Levelland  
Cost: \$93.00

Registration due May 15

June 23-25, 2004

North Region 4-H Teen Leader Lab (ages 13-18)  
Texas 4-H Center - Brownwood  
Cost: \$107

Registration due May 30

June 28 - July 2, 2004

South Plains Electric Camp (ages 13-19)  
Scott Able 4-H Camp - Cloudcroft, New Mexico  
Cost: \$87.00

Registration due May 23

July 18-21, 2004

Prime Time #1 (ages 12-13)  
Texas 4-H Center - Brownwood  
Cost: \$160

Registration first come, first serve

July 21-24, 2004

Prime Time #2 (ages 9-11)  
Texas 4-H Center - Brownwood  
Cost: \$160

Registration first come, first serve

July 26-31, 2004

SpecTra '04 (ages 14-18)  
Texas 4-H Center - Brownwood  
Cost: \$275

Registration first come, first serve

For more information, please contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336 as soon as possible. These camps tend to fill up quickly!

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# Stenholm: Big Spring VA's Future

U.S. Congressman Charlie Stenholm (TX-17) released this statement, following the announcement by Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of the Veterans Administration (VA), that would accept a report by the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) commission regarding VA facilities nationwide:

"While I'm obviously disappointed that Secretary Principi agreed to accept the CARES report, it is very important to keep in mind that he agreed to study the feasibility of keeping health care services for veterans at Big Spring. The Secretary did not, in any way, signal that he will automatically close the Big Spring facility. This is a very important distinction for West Texas veterans and all of us who care about West Texas veterans to remember.

I have already been in contact with Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson's (R-TX) office about the announcement, and I assure you I will

be working closely with Senator Hutchison and Senator John Corny (R-TX) as we redouble our efforts to ensure the Secretary and other VA officials understand the importance of the Big Spring VA hospital to West Texas veterans.

I am confident we will make a strong case for why the Big Spring VA should remain open and be strengthened for the future because of its importance to West Texas.

Health care is an issue of great regional importance in rural areas, and I will continue to fight to make sure that rural veterans get the health care they earned because today's soldiers are tomorrow's veterans. Certainly, the VA needs to take a hard look at making some reforms, but it is essential for the Secretary to know how important the big Spring hospital is to veterans in our rural, geographically-remote area."

Stenholm also said he will continue to stress to VA officials that the Big Spring hospital serves more veterans who live to its east - for example, in Abilene, San Angelo and their respective military bases - than veterans to its west. For this reason, moving VA health care services further west, to Midland and Odessa, for example, does not make sense.

Stenholm, who is co-chair of the U.S. House of Representatives Public-Private Initiatives Caucus, said during a meeting with Principi on Capitol Hill this

spring that he believes a partnership between the Big Spring VA and Big Spring's Scenic Mountain Medical center could be a positive relationship for both facilities in the long-term.

Stenholm has consistently championed the Big Spring VA hospital throughout his years in Congress. He represented Big Spring for many years, and even though

Howard County is not in his present Congressional District, many of Stenholm's current constituents rely on the services provided at the Big Spring VA.

The CARES commission made its recommendations to Principi in a report issued February 13<sup>th</sup>. Principi had several weeks to study the recommendations and either accept or reject them in full.

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### PRE-KINDERGARTEN NOTIFICATION FOR THE 2004-2005 SCHOOL YEAR

Borden County School will offer the pre-kindergarten program during the 2004-2005 school year. The program will be for eligible students who are four years of age on or before September 1, 2004. 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 qualified for the program, notify Mr. Chet Dye, Principal, Borden County Schools, 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, 2004.

#### 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 2004. The program will be scheduled for a minimum of 120 hours and will conclude prior to August 1, 2004. The program is designed for students who will enter Kindergarten for First Grade in the fall of 2004-2005. Parents of eligible children will be responsible for transportation.

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#### DISCLAIMER

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### LA NOTIFICACION DE PRE-KINDERGARTEN PARA EL AÑO ESCOLAR 2004-2005

La Escuela de Borden ofrecera el programa del pre-kindergarten durante el ano escolar 204-2005. El programa estara para los estudiantes elegibles que tienen cuatro anos en o antes de 1 de septiembre, 2004. Los estudiantes pueden calificar por el programa resolviendo por lo menos uno de los requisitos siguientes:

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

Si usted conoce de un nino que califique por el programa, notifica a Chet Dye, director, Borden County Schools, 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, 2004.

#### LA DENEGACION

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

### ESL PROGRAM NOTIFICACION

La Escuela de Borden ofrecera un programa de ESL para los estudiantes del LEP (Experto Ingles Limitado) durante el verano de 2004. El programa estara programado por un minimo de 120 horas y concluire antes del 1 de agosto, 2004. El programa esta disenado para los estudiantes que entraran kindergarten o el primer grado en el otono de 2004-2005. Los padres de ninos elegibles seran responsables del transporte.

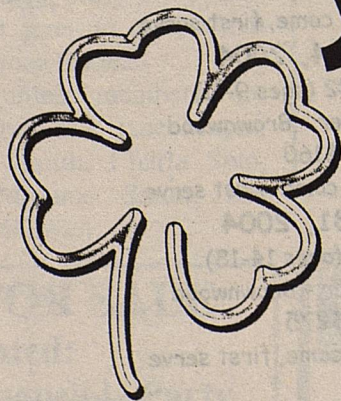
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## A Smelling Awakening

Billy Warrick of Hereford grew up in the Southeast Oklahoma woods. He and three of his buddies went possum hunting at night. He remembers one hunt extremely well.

He and his friends went to a new patch of woods near their homes.

"We had four good hunting dogs, says Billy. "They chased something up a tree and it went into a real dark spot. I was good at climbing trees, so I told them I'd climb up there and see what it was."

He was about ten feet up in the tree when he asked his fellow hunters on the ground for a stick or something to punch that thing and see what it was.

"I found out real quick it was the west end of a east-looking skunk that had climbed up a leaning sapling next to the tree. They normally don't climb trees but that little old dead sapling was leaning over and he just ran up it."

Skunk juice hit him in the face an on his shirt. It nearly made him sick.

"That hunting trip was over. The dogs had the smell on, them it was terrible. So we headed home."

Now Billy slept with his dad, who was crippled. He depended on Billy to get up in the mornings and a build a

fire in the cook and heating stove. On the way home, Billy got to thinking about how he was going to get in bed without his daddy knowing that he had skunk all over him.

"It's impossible. Don't ever try it."

Billy sat on the front porch and took off his shoes. He crept into the house as quiet as he could.

"I heard dad snoring. So I went and undressed by the stove, warmed up about fifteen minutes. That got the skunk smell stirring up pretty good."

He finally got up enough courage to take the big step.

He walked into the bedroom and eased into the bed.

"Dad just kept snoring. He had that long saw really going. Just about the time I got under the covers all I heard was two big snorts. His daddy yelled out, 'Gosh-a-mighty there must be a skunk under the house.' About that time he got to thinking that skunk must be in the bed with him."

His dad reached across the bed.

"I tried to scoot just as far from him as possible. He reached over and touched me and said 'I oughta make you sleep under the house with the dogs.' I asked him not to make me do that."

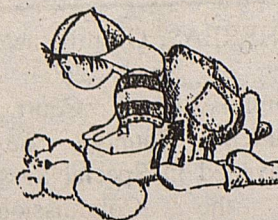
Billy's dad was a good hunter himself. He ran trap lines with Billy and went hunting with him frequently in the woods.

"Understanding my situation, he was real nice about it. He let me stay in the bed, but I don't think either one of us slept much that night."

Billy built a real good fire the next morning.

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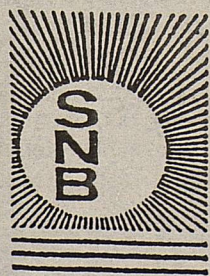
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## Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2004, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present, to-wit:

**VAN L. YORK**, County Judge Presiding; **DOUG ISAACS**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Prec. 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 meeting of April 12, 2004 were read. Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion was approved unanimously.

**ACCOUNTS ALLOWED**  
The current accounts were

examined and Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**  
Commissioner Adcock made a motion to appoint Ben Smith, Attorney At Law, as County Attorney for Borden County with salary set as the State Supplement and the County paying the Retirement and Social Security. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously

**BIDS ON SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**  
As advertised, Bids on Surplus Equipment were

opened at 10:00 a.m. bids were received from Raymond Cortez and Tony Scott. Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to accept the bid from Raymond Cortez for the 1978 Chevrolet Pickup in the amount of \$500.00 and Tony Scott's bid of \$2,000.00 for the 1983 Ford Dump Truck. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously

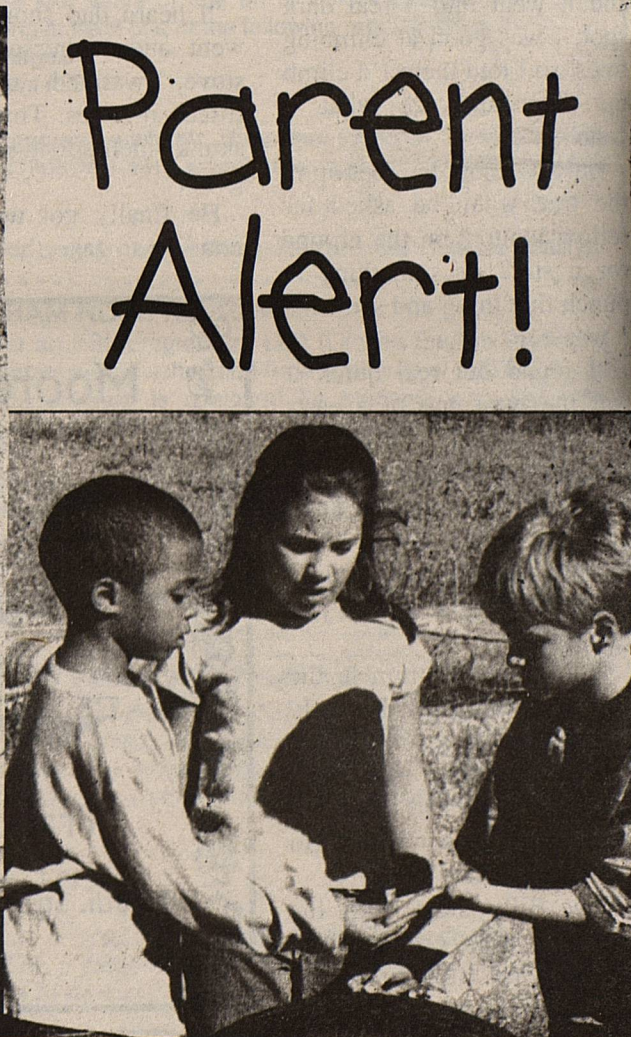
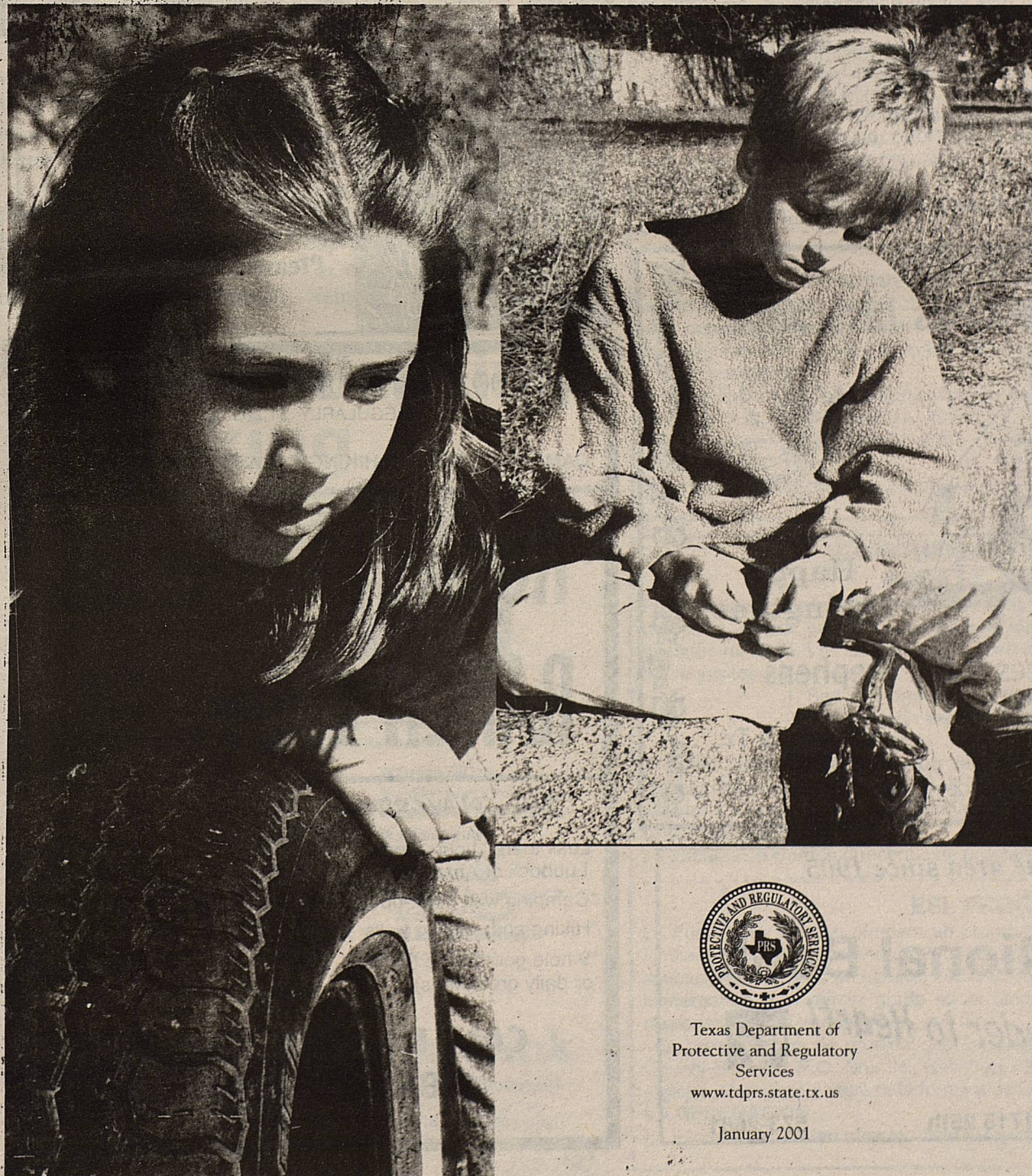
**SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION**  
An application for Soil Conservation Construction of Fireguards was received from Kenneth Bennett, Precinct No. 2. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the application at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for a motor grader and \$65.00 per hour

for a dozer. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

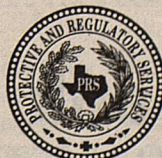
**BORDEN COUNTY WATER SYSTEM**  
A discussion was held concerning the Communication System for the Borden County Water System. The Communication System is to be under more consideration and more study.

**DISCUSSIN - ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**  
H.B. 1117 clearing title on roads.

**ADJOURN**  
A motion was made by Commissioner Belew to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reye and approved unanimously.



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