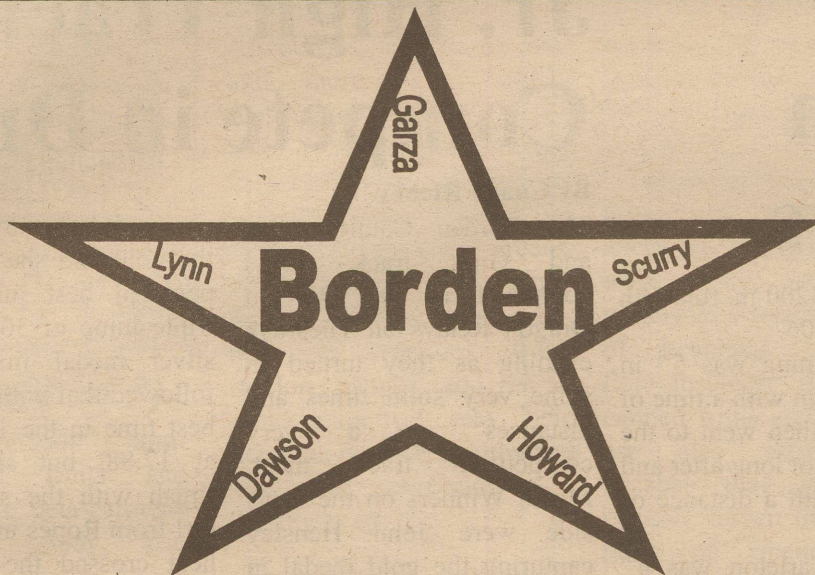


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Circle Ready for Next Round

BHS One-Act Play Advances to District Contest



At last Thursday's District 9-A, Zone 1 One-Act Play Contest, the BHS production of *The Caucasian Chalk Circle* was chosen, along with Highland H.S.'s *Mariner*, to represent the zone at this Thursday's District 9-A Contest. This marks the eighth consecutive year that the Borden County High School One-Act Play program has advanced from the zone to the district contest.



All Smiles-OAP cast and crew (back row : L to R): Brendan Tarleton, Clint Chapman, Eric Espinoza, Becky Dobyms, Sarah Harding, Rachel Wilson, Callie Poole, Christina Soto, and Kate Wallace. (middle row: L to R): Darrin Ard, Director, Karl Lamming, Symeron Rinehart, Rowdy Clary, John Cowart. (Front row: L to R): Catherine Froman, D'Nae Johnson, Lacey Newton, Lindsey Stamper, Chasity Rutherford, and Krystal Hobson.

Now, the BHS cast and crew will perform at the District 9-A Contest on Thursday (March 29) at Bronte High Schools. Four out of the twelve District 9 schools will participate.

The shows begin at 1:30 with Highland. The BHS performance will follow immediately afterwards. Approximate showtime is at 2:15 p.m.

The District 9-A, Zone 2 representatives will complete the slate of productions with Bronte H.S.'s *Unexpected Tenderness* and Blackwell's *The Magic Well*.

The top two out of the four shows will advance to the Region II, Area 1

Contest, which is set for Monday, April 2, at Snyder High School.

Honored for individual acting achievement at the zone contest were seniors Becky Dobyms, Lindsey Stamper, and Rowdy Clary.

Dobyms ("Grusha Vashnadze") and Stamper ("Natella Abashwili") were both named to the All-Star Cast.

Clary, on the other hand, was placed on the Honorable Mention All-Star Cast in the roles of "Georgi Abashwili/Lavrenti Vashnadze/Azdak."

On the technical side of theatre, senior Sarah Harding was honored as the outstanding member of the crew.

Break a leg at the District Contest, BHS OAP cast and crew!

Parent's Club Pre-School Easter Egg Hunt

Friday, April 6th, 2007 at 11:30

At the Borden county ISD
Practice Field

Please bring 1 dozen
Candy or Candy filled eggs



Coyotes Participate in Jayton Relays

By Coach Avery

The Borden County High School track teams traveled to Jayton last Friday to participate in the Rolling Plains Relays. There were 20 teams present making this one the largest meet we have participated in so far. There were not many points scored for the boys or girls teams but there were some highlights.

In the girls, the 400 m. relay improved their time to 56.8 seconds, but did not make the finals. Running on this relay was D'Nae Johnson, Olivia Key, Marla Crenshaw and Krystal Hobson.

The 800 m. relay improved it's time to 2:03. Running on this relay was D'Nae Johnson, Olivia Key, Marla Crenshaw and Sara Harding.

Christina Soto threw the disc 89'9 3/4" to earn a silver medal in the meet. Soto also threw the shot 25 feet.

Sara Harding was 4th in the Pole Vault clearing 6'6".

D'Nae Johnson was 5th in the high jump clearing 4'4". She also ran the 100 m. dash in 14.3.

Marla Crenshaw was 5th in the 400 m. dash; she ran a 71 in the prelims and a 72 in the finals.

Krystal Hobson ran the 100 meters in 16.00 seconds.

Olivia Key ran the 1600 m. dash in 6:38.9. She also went 29'2 3/4" in the triple jump.

Dannelle Copeland participated in the shot and the disc.

There were four boys that participated in the JV division. Tyrell Massingill ran a real good race in the 1600 m. run and won it with a time of 5:42.79. He was

third in the 3200 m. run with a time of 13:06.

Karl Lamming was 5th in the 800 m. run with a time of 2:42.73; he then went to the triple jump not long after and was third with a distance of 33'7".

Brendan Tarleton was 4th in the triple jump clearing 29 feet, he was 5th in the high jump clearing 5'2", he was 6th in the 1600 meters with a time of 6:18.36 and he ran the 3200 meters in 13.06.

Pascual Espinoza ran the 400 meters in 62.30, and he ran the 800 meters in 2:49.

The Coyotes ran the 400 m. relay in 48.20, on this relay was Michael Cooley, Michael Bullinger, Quentin Shafer, and Flynn Chapman.

The 800 m. relay ran a 1:46, on this relay was the same 4 people as the 400 m. relay.

Michael Bullinger won the pole vault with a bruised heel by clearing 11'6". He also ran the 100 m. dash in 12.15.

Jake Cooley ran the 400 m. dash in 55.59 in the prelims, and he ran a 56.17 to place 5th in the event in the finals. Jake also ran the 200 in 25.4 seconds.

Zane Williamson participated in 5 field events, he was fourth in the pole vault clearing 10 feet, he was 6th in the triple jump clearing 37'10 1/2", he went 17 feet'6" in the long jump, he made the finals in the discus throwing it 97'6" and he participated in the shot put.

Michael Cooley made the finals and finished sixth in the long jump clearing 18 feet 6 inches. Michael ran the 200 m. dash in 25.80 and he cleared 5'6" in the high

Jr. High Track Teams Compete in Dragon Relays

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Boys and Girls track teams competed in the Dawson Dragon Relays on Tues-day evening as they turned in some very solid times and distances in a very competitive track meet. Medal Winners on the Boys side were John Hensley capturing the gold medal in the Long Jump with a jump 17'7", John also finished second in the triple jump with a personal best jump of 35'5 1/2" and he followed that personal best with one of the best junior high 100 meter dashes in recent memory with a very solid 11.88 to easily outdistance the competition. The boys had heart break in the meet, as Miles Valentine and Tony Soto tangled feet on their exchange in the 400 relay that left them both sprawled on the track, but Tony was able to finish his leg on the relay before realizing that he was injured. As it turns out, Tony will be lost for the season with a hip flexor injury.

On the girl's side, Krista Tarleton cleared 4'4" to finish in a tie for the gold medal, (which she won on a coin flip by the way). Taylor Richey threw the discus a

jump.

Logan Howard was 5th in the pole vault clearing 9 feet. Logan ran the 1600 in 5:42.37 and he ran the 3200 in 13.44.

Cory Teel threw the disc a personal best just barely missing the finals throwing it 95'7". He also participated in the shot put.

Flynn Chapman ran the 200 m. dash in 27.10 and he participated in the shot put.

personal best 86'2" to win the gold and she also had a personal best jump in the triple jump of 30'4 1/2" in a silver medal finish. She followed that with a personal best time in the 100 hurdles at 17.88, but she had to finish with the silver, as a girl from Ropes in a separate heat crossed the line in a time of 17.86 to take the gold. Taylor teamed up with Krista and Phyneshia Rutherford and Bailey Anderson to capture the bronze medal in the 1600 relay. Below are the times and distances of all Borden County athletes.

Krista Tarleton:

High jump-1st -4'4"
Long jump-11'7"
800 relay-5th -(30.13)
2:13.66
1600 relay-3rd -(77.13)
5:07.45

Bailey Anderson:

100 meters-6th -14.44
800 relay-5th -(34.12)
2:13.66

1600 relay-3rd -(79.45)
5:07.45

Taylor Richey:

Discus-1st -(86'2)
Triple jump-2nd
(30'4 1/2)
100 hurdles-(17.88)
300 hurdles-5th -(56.89)
1600 relay-3rd -(70.45)
5:07.45

Phyneshia Rutherford:

Triple jump-27'6 1/2
Long jump-11'9 1/2
800 relay-5th -(35.64)
2:13.66
1600 relay-3rd -(80.42)
5:07.45

200 meters-33.2

KeriAnne Howard:

400 meters-89.89
800 relay-5th -(33.41)
2:13.66
200 meters-(39.93)

John Hensley:

Long jump-1st -(17.7)
Triple jump-2nd -(35'5")
100 meters-1st -(11.88)
400 relay-(DQ)
800 relay-5th - dropped
baton 1:56.19

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Pre-School Day

Pre-school Day will be Friday, April 6th. If your child will be 5 years on or before Sept. 1, 2007, he/she is invited to visit the kindergarten class on this day. Please send a copy of their birth certificate, social security card, and immunization record.

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

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



Lady Coyotes Host Lady Lions

By Coach Avery

The Lady Coyotes hosted their first home game in history last Saturday and the softball field at WTC in Snyder. It was a nice facility to play in and when we found out that we were to be in charge of the clock and book and PA well forget the PA then we got it together and made it work. The Lady Coyotes had a little more success against the Lady Lions than we did against Ralls, we did score one run and it took New Deal 5 innings to end the game via the 15 run rule. The final score was 21 to 1.

Our girls are making some improvement on defense, if you take away a few early errors in this game our girls are still in the game. We allowed only 3 runs in the first inning. Pitcher Christina Soto struck out two batters and third baseman Krystal Hobson threw out a runner at first where Sara Harding was anxiously waiting for the ball.

In the second inning the Lady Coyotes allowed 6 runs. Early in the inning the Lady Coyotes produced a double play as Soto caught a fly ball and then threw the ball to first base catching the runner halfway between first and second. The Lady Coyotes then allowed 6 runs that inning and missing opportunities that we needed keep it close. To end the inning with the bases loaded Harding fielded a short hit ball and threw it home to Lacey Newton who retired the side.

In the third inning the Lady Coyotes allowed 5 more runs. The first out was produced when Soto struck out a batter but the ball was dropped by Newton who

then threw the ball to first to produce the out. Then shortly after Soto caught another pop and then threw the ball home to Newton who tagged out a runner trying to score.

In the fourth inning Soto struck out a batter for the first out, for the second out Sharelle Gass at short stop fielded a ball and threw it to Olivia Key at second base for the second out, and for the third out Soto fielded a ball at pitcher and threw out the runner at first to Harding. The Lady Lions scored only one run this inning.

In the fifth inning the Lady Coyote defense allowed 6 runs as one Lady Lion hit an inside the park home run with the bases loaded. Then Soto struck out two and threw the third out at first.

I am really proud of the way our girls are playing defense, they are improving and if we can eliminate a few errors that keep the inning alive then we will be able to play with these teams.

Christina Soto batted a perfect 1000 by walking once and hitting two singles.

Sara Harding walked at her first at bat and then hit into two pop ups in her next two at bats.

Dannelle Copeland was thrown out at first, Lacey Roberts hit a pop up in her only bat, Olivia Key walked once and reached base again by being hit by a pitch.

Sharelle Gass hit a pop up into left and she was thrown out at first in her two at bats.

Krystal Hobson struck out twice, Marla Crenshaw struck out once and was thrown out once, D'Nae Johnson walked once and struck out once and Lacey Newton was thrown out once and struck out once.

Our only score came when Soto reached base on a hit, and then stole second on a passed ball by the catcher, she then stole third on another passed ball and then she got to go home on a passed ball.

Softball Opens District with

Ralls

By Coach Avery

The Borden County Lady Softball team opened district play last Tuesday with a double header against the Ralls Lady Rabbits. The Lady Rabbits were definitely the best team that we have seen so far in this new game for the Lady Coyotes. They had it all and they were very good at it. The Lady Coyotes lost the first game 19 to 0, and were defeated in the second game 26 to 0.

In the first game the Lady Coyotes allowed 16 runs in the first inning, but in the second inning the Lady Coyotes allowed only 3 runs. The defense really improved that inning and it looked like we were learning a few things. The game was called after 2.5 innings due to the 15 run rule.

In the second game the Lady Coyotes allowed 21 runs in the first inning but only allowed 5 runs in the second inning. This game also ended after 2.5 innings of play.

There were only three girls that reached base in the two games for the Lady Coyotes and all three were due to base on balls. No Lady Coyote ever reached second base. Their pitcher was pretty good and she did not

make many mistakes. She was the only pitcher that we faced and her placement of the ball kept our girls watching. My predictions is that Ralls will play softball for a while this year. The real scary part is they only had one senior on their team and she did not start.

Christina Soto was the only pitcher we used in both games, and she reached base twice due to walks.

Sara Harding was the first baseman.

Dannelle Copeland played left field as well as did Shylo Rinehart.

Olivia Key was on second base.

Sharelle Gass was the short stop.

Krystal Hobson played third base and she also reached base due to a walk.

Marla Crenshaw played center field and catcher.

Lacey Roberts also played center field.

D'Nae Johnson played right field.

Lacey Newton was the starting catcher.

Jr. High Track

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Miles Valentine:

High jump-6th-(56.89)

Long jump-scratch

400 relay-(DQ)

800 relay-5th - dropped baton

300 low hurdles-4th -52.72

David Rodriguez:

2400 run-5th -9:58.88

1600 run-6th -6:26.1

High jump-4'4"

1600 relay-6th

Austin Fields:

400 relay-(DQ)

800 relay-5th -dropped baton 1:56.19

200 meters-30.79

Joseph McConnell:

Shot put-no mark

1600 relay-6th

800 relay-5th -dropped baton-1:56.19

200 meters-6th -29.8

Chris Teel:

100 17.65

Discus-no mark

Shot put-no mark

Tony Soto:

Shot put-7th -31'2"

Discus-no mark

400 relay-(DQ)

Micheal Froman:

1600 run-6:39.9

Shot put-no mark

Discus-7th -87'1

Austin Tyler:

1600 relay-6th

110 hurdles-22.59

300 hurdles-65.23

Triple jump-28'4



Long jump-12'7"

Blake Turner:

1600 meters-6:33.2

800 meters-2:49.2

Triple jump-28'1"

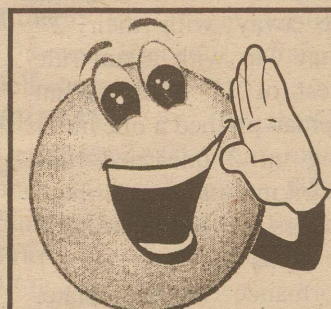
Derek Tatum:

Pole vault-7'0"

110 hurdles-7th -21.44

300 hurdles-55.47

1600 relay-6th



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Coyote Baseball Off and Running in District Play

By Coach Richey

Over the last couple of weeks the Borden County Baseball has played five district baseball games. In those five games, the Borden County Baseball team got their first ever district win with a shortened game victory over the Roby Lions 9 to 7 because it was too dark to play. In that contest, Quentin Shafer got his 2nd win of the season going 2 2/3 of an inning to collect the win behind 5 strikeouts, giving up 5 hits and 4 earned runs. Clint Chapman was 1 of 3 with a run scored, Quentin Shafer was 0 for 2 with 2 runs scored, Flynn Chapman was 3 of 3 with 3 RBI's. Michael Bullinger was 2 of 3 with 1 RBI. Karl Lamming had an RBI on a 1 of 2 night. Flynn Chapman also pitched 2 innings giving up 2 earned runs while striking out 5 batters. Jacob Froman got the save pitching 1 1/3 innings of relief.

On Friday the 16th of March, the Coyotes hosted the Loraine Bulldogs in a double header at WTC field in Snyder. The Coyotes came away with their 2nd district win with a run rule contest of 12 to 2. Clint Chapman pitched a one hitter giving up 2 unearned runs and striking out a career high 9 batters, while scoring 3 runs of his own in a 1 for 1 performance at the plate. Quentin was 1 of 3 with a run and an RBI. Zane Williamson was 1 of 3 with 2 runs scored. Flynn was 2 of 3 with 4 runs and 2 RBI. Miller Valentine was 2 of 3 with 2 runs and 4 RBI's. Karl Lamming was 2 of 3 with 3 RBI.

In the 2nd contest, things did not fair so well as the guys did not play near as

well and we committed 7 errors in route to a 13 to 3 lose to the Bulldogs. Jacob Froman was tagged for the lose giving up 2 earned runs in 1 1/3 innings pitched also pitching was Quentin as he gave up 5 unearned runs and 2 earned runs in 3 1/3 innings pitched. Flynn Chapman also pitched giving up 4 unearned in 2 1/3 innings. Hitting for the Coyotes was Clint with a 3 for 4 night with 2 runs scored and an RBI. Quentin was 2 of 3 with 2 RBI's, while Jacob Froman was 1 of 3 and Flynn Chapman was 4 for 4.

On Saturday March 24th, the Coyotes played host to the Aspermont Hornets at Moffett Field in Snyder. The Coyotes got another solid pitching performance from Clint Chapman as he pitched all 7 innings of an 8 to 1 victor. Clint had 5 strikeouts as well. Clint was also 2 of 4 with a run and an RBI. Quentin was 2 of 2 with 2 runs. Zane was 1 of 3 with a run and an RBI, Flynn was 4 of 4 with 3 RBI. Miller was 1 of 4 with a run and an RBI while Karl lamming scored 2 runs.

In the 2nd game, a pitchers duel broke out for 5 innings. The Coyotes had a chance to score in the bottom of the 5th inning but had a bang bang

play to end the inning that kept a run from scoring and the coyotes also had a runner thrown out at home, more than once. Quentin pitched 6 innings giving 2 earned runs and 2 unearned runs. Clint was also 2 of 4 from the plate while Quentin was 1 of 4, Zane was 1 of 3, Jacob Froman was 2 of 3 and Miller Valentine was 1 of 2. The Coyotes could not manage to break into the scoring column as they actually had the same number of base runners as the Hornets, but in the end, we could not get the big hit. The Coyotes are now 3 and 2 in district and 5 and 2 overall.

Also playing some huge time is starting third baseman Carlos Hernandez, Center Fielder Michael Cooley who is hitting the ball hard, but right at someone right now. Tyrel Massingill is playing some right field, while Karl Lamming is playing left.

The Coyotes made a change in defense as Zane Williamson moved to catcher, and actually threw a hornet out from his knees as he threw a bullet to Flynn at second base.

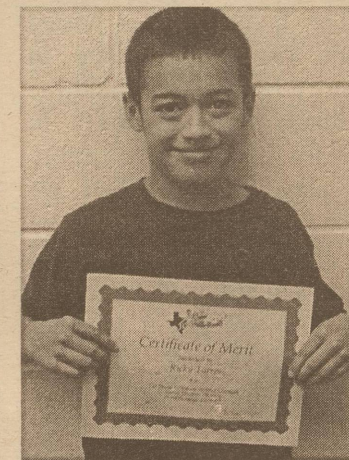
The Coyotes will next play Ira on Tuesday night. Good job guys.

Borden County Student Wins Contest

Local Borden County student Ricky Torres, Jr., child of Ricky and Margie Torres, recently won the literary "Let's Write" contest sponsored by Studies Weekly, Inc. Texas Studies Weekly will print the story and send Ricky Torres cash prize for doing such a good job.

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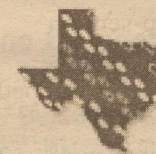


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Ready for Battle BHS UIL Academic Squad Set to Defend District Title

The battle lines have been drawn. Basic training is over. The mission is clear: Defend the goal!

When the Borden County High School U.I.L. Academic Teams head to this year's District 9-A Literary Meet in Water Valley this Friday, the ultimate goal of defending the district championship stands before them.

It is a title they have held for six consecutive years and one that they do not want to relinquish any time soon.

Standing in the way of that title, however, is defending regional and state academic champion Garden City H.S.

Last year's district race came down to only 27 points separating the champion Borden County and runner-up Garden City. GCHS came back to win at the regional and state meets with strong showings in the math and science domains.

Also standing in the way of a repeat championship for BHS is district 9-A newcomer Water Valley H.S., who has won its old district several of the past years.

However, students at BHS have some battle experience on their side. They finished third overall at the regional and state meets themselves last year. The team also returns four individual state champions as well.

This year, BHS has also won sweepstakes championships at practice meets at both Abilene: Wylie and Post. They have also had strong showings at meets in Idalou and Friona.

As in anything, practice in U.I.L. Academics makes

perfect, and if things work out perfectly, Borden County will come home this Friday with a seventh consecutive district academic championship.

BHS contestants and events are as follows:

Calculator Applications

Krystal Hobson
Lacey Roberts
Christina Soto
Raylea Underwood

Computer Applications

Rowdy Clary
John Cowart
Logan Howard

Current Issues & Events

Rowdy Clary
Reynaldo Hernandez
Karl Lamming
Rachel Wilson
Taylor Peterson (alt.)

Editorial Writing

Becky Dobyns
Lacey Roberts
Rachel Wilson
Chellsie Pigford (alt.)

Feature Writing

Lacey Roberts
Christina Soto
Lindsey Stamper

Headline Writing

Becky Dobyns
Hannah McConnell
Chellsie Pigford
Hailey White (alt.)

Informative Speaking

Rowdy Clary
Carlos Hernandez
Rachel Wilson
Karl Lamming (alt.)

Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Michael Porter
Chasiti Rutherford
Kate Wallace

Literary Criticism

John Cowart
D'Nae Johnson
Hannah McConnell
Chasiti Rutherford

Mathematics

Lacey Roberts
Christina Soto
Raylea Underwood
Rachel Wilson

Graduating Seniors Can Turn Passion for Trash into Scholarship Cash

The fourth annual Don't Mess with Texas Scholarship, funded by EnviroMedia Social Marketing, will award one \$3,000 scholarship and two \$1,000 scholarships this spring to high school students planning to pursue a two- or four-year degree at a Texas university or college.

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News Writing

Lacey Roberts
Christina Soto
Lindsey Stamper

Number Sense

Lacey Roberts
Christina Soto
Raylea Underwood

Persuasive Speaking

Clint Chapman
Reynaldo Hernandez
Kate Wallace
Michael Porter (alt.)

Poetry Interpretation

Eric Espinoza
Sharelle Gass
Lindsey Stamper

Prose Interpretation

Katherine Froman
D'Nae Johnson
Brendan Tarleton

Ready Writing

Becky Dobyns
Hannah McConnell
Chellsie Pigford

Science

Jake Cooley
Eric Espinoza
Logan Howard
Asa Rutherford

Social Studies

Rowdy Clary
Carlos Hernandez
Taylor Peterson
Symeron Rinehart

Spelling & Vocabulary

Becky Dobyns
Katherine Froman
Chellsie Pigford
Brendan Tarleton

The scholarship recognizes the achievements of graduating seniors who have taken leadership roles to prevent litter within their schools or communities.

The scholarship application must be postmarked by April 6, 2007. Students are required to submit the following:

- Completed application,
- Two letters of recommendation, and
- An essay about a specific litter problem in the student's community. Applicants must address how they executed a creative and sustainable solution to reduce the litter problem.

All completed applications must be addressed as follows:

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For more details and to

download an application, visit DontMessWithTexas.org.

About Don't Mess with Texas

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School

Lunch Menu

April 2nd - 6th, 2007

MONDAY - Breakfast: Pancake Pup, Fruit Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Frito Pie, Tossed Salad, Pinto Beans, Pears, and Milk

TUESDAY - Breakfast: Biscuit & Gravy, Fruit Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Garlic Biscuit, Pudding, and Milk.

WEDNESDAY - Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, Fruit juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, Corn, Tossed Salad, Pineapple, and Milk.


THURSDAY - Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese, Broccoli w/ranch, Jell-o, and Milk.

FRIDAY - Breakfast: Cereal & Toast, Fruit Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** BBQ Sandwich, Beans, French Fries, Surprise Cookie, and Milk.


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Parent's Club Meeting

There will be a Parent's Club meeting
on April 19th at 6:00 pm
in the Conference Room.



Texas Stories
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Blue Bell Ice Cream is 100 Years Old

The Brenham Creamery Company opened on August 3, 1907 as a butter manufacturing company. The company bought cream and milk from area farmers to make butter. Nineteen stockholders put up \$2200 to start the business. In 1911 it started making ice cream at the rate of two gallons a day. By 1919, the company was floundering and some thought was given to closing the company. A new manager, EF Kruse, was hired at a salary of \$60 a month. He was 23 years old, just back from World War One and had the opportunity to get a job as superintendent of schools in a nearby community. But he accepted the offer from Blue Bell. He didn't cash any of the checks from Blue Bell for six months because he didn't want the company to go into the red. In 1930 he changed the name of the company to Blue Bell Creameries, named for a flower that blooms in July.

Blue Bell's growth has been slow and steady. Its ice cream entered the Houston market in 1959, the Austin market in 1965 and the Dallas market in 1978. Waco felt slighted and put up a billboard with the words "You Can't Get Blue Bell Ice Cream in Waco." Soon Blue Bell entered Waco. When the distribution center for West Texas opened in

Big Spring, Blue Bell had its biggest sales week in the company's history up to that time. Blue Bell is now in 16 states, from Arizona to North is the largest ice cream company in the country. 2800 people work at Blue Bell, 800 of them in Brenham. The employees own 40% of the company.

EF Kruse managed the company until he passed away in 1951. At that time his son Ed Kruse took over as manager. Ed's brother Howard followed him and now Ed's son Paul is president and CEO of Blue Bell. The Kruse family has run the company for 88 years.

Milk for Blue Bell ice cream comes from a 200-mile radius of Brenham. The company uses milk from 50,000 cows daily. "The milk we use today was grass yesterday," says Howard Kruse. "It's fresh." Blue Bell's flavors. He says it took two years to develop Homemade Vanilla, the company's bestseller. Cookies and Cream is number 2. To celebrate the company's centennial, a new flavor named Century Sundae was introduced. It is Homemade Vanilla with caramel and chocolate sauce, whipping cream and a cherry garnish.

A big moving van carrying displays and the history of the company is traveling to areas where Blue Bell is

Wildflower Hotline Available

Motorists searching for the best wildflower locations along Texas highways have help at their fingertips.

The Texas Department of Transportation's wildflower hotline (800-452-9292) and Internet site (www.txdot.gov) give user's information on the best spots to find wildflowers along the Texas highway system.

The wildflower hotline, available as part of the menu for the road conditions hotline is active through early May. The hotline has a recording available 24-hours-a-day telling where wildflowers are by selecting option two. Travel counselors are also available as a new hotline feature from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. seven-days-a-week, except Easter Sunday. The counselors can be reached by selecting option three, four, or five. Spanish-speaking Texans should press option five for a Spanish translator.

To make it easier to find wildflowers in bloom, hotline callers may request information by seven regions of the state: Big Bend, Gulf Coast, Hill Country, Panhandle, Piney-Woods (East Texas), Prairies and Lakes (North Central Texas), and Southwest Texas.

sold. Big events are planned at the Brenham plant leading up to the August 3rd anniversary. That plant, by the way, gets more than 100,000 visitors a year.

Howard Kruse says ice cream is the fun food in America. "It's the happiest food in the world. You eat it when you're feeling good, waling down the street, at a party, in your backyard. It's just fun."

Information on the hotline and Internet comes from TxDOT's maintenance offices, chambers of commerce and parks officials.

"Wildflower growth will probably be above average due to the most recent rain although the drought did reduce germination in the fall in much of the state," said Dennis Markwardt director of TxDOT Vegetation Management.

April is considered the prime month for blooming wildflowers.

TxDOT spreads more than 20,000 pounds of wildflower seeds along Texas highway rights of way each year. Each pound contains 30 or more varieties of wildflowers.



The statewide locator may for wildflower blossoms is available on the TxDOT webpage at www.txdot.gov by clicking on Travel on "Wildflowers."

This area has a written summary of wildflower growth as well as an enlargeable map featuring wildflower-power" sites, marked with colored circles representing wildflower varieties in bloom.

The department's wildflower effort is part of a vegetation-management program encouraging the growth of native species that require less mowing and care.

For more information, call Bill Powell, (512)463-8606. Information about TxDOT is also available through www.txdot.gov.

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For more information, contact LaNita Avery.



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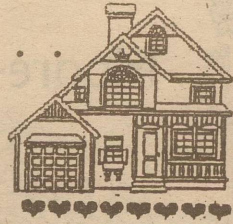
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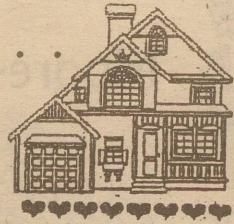
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