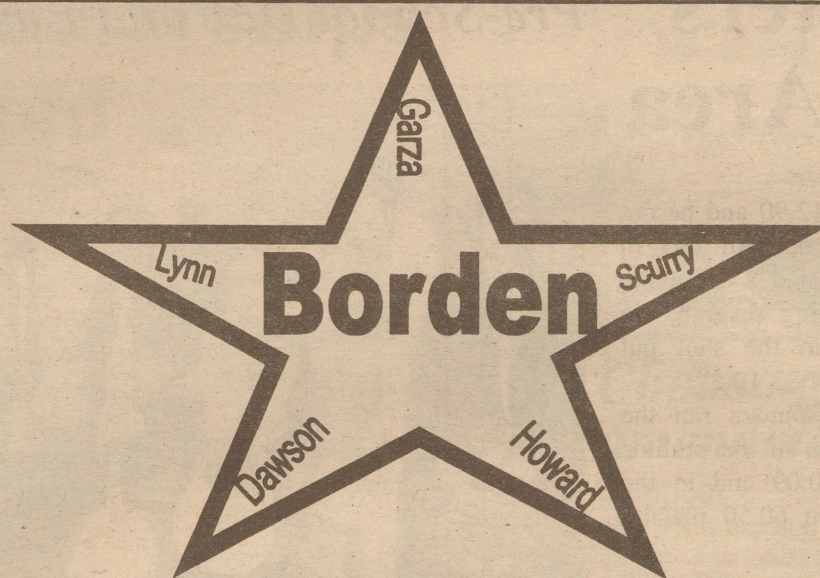


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Ready for Battle... Again

BHS UIL Academic Squad Set for Regional Meet

When the smoke cleared from the Water Valley area following the District 9-A Academic Meet a week and a half ago, the winner of the shoot-out was clear—Borden County High School by over 80 points.

Now, the war wages on at this weekend's Region II-A UIL Academic Meet hosted by Abilene High School and staffed by Hardin-Simmons University.

The nineteen members of the BHS UIL Academic squad who advanced to the regional meet are optimistic about improving upon last year's third place regional finish. Doing so, though, will require a second trumping of the defending regional champion and fellow District 9-A foe Garden City High School.

With only two weeks between the district and regional UIL Academic Meets, the turn-around time

has been short, sweet, and to the point. However, the preparations have progressed in full-swing.

Best wishes to the following BHS competitors who qualified for the regional meet with either a first, second, or third finish individually or as a member of a first place team:

Current Events Team

Rachel Wilson
Rowdy Clary
Karl Lamming
Reynaldo Hernandez

Editorial Writing

Rachel Wilson
Becky Dobyns

Feature Writing

Lindsey Stamper

Informative Speaking

Rachel Wilson
Rowdy Clary

Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Kate Wallace
Chasiti Rutherford



A Sign of the Times

If you drive in front of the school and have that strange feeling you are being watched, you are.

A pair of Coyote eyes is the distinguishable feature of the newly-installed marquee-style sign now standing on campus near the front office.

The sign also features computer generated "running" announcements of

school activities. Included are dates, times, and locations for all school events.

Special Thanks go to Borden County's talented maintenance staff for their assembly work; Ross, Drew, Sid, Phillip, Delfino and Ricky.

It is definitely an attractive addition to the campus.

Four Borden County Tracksters advance to Area! See page 2 for article

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Four Tracksters Advance To Area

By Coach Avery

The Borden County boys and girls track teams participated in the district track meet in Bronte last Thursday and there are four boys still left alive qualifying for the Area meet in Roby this Thursday. Zane Williamson qualified in the triple jump with a 4th place finish, Michael Bullinger won the pole vault, Jake Cooley was a very close third in the 400 m. dash, and Michael Cooley placed third in the high jump. The top four finishers in each event qualify for the Area meet.

Christina Soto placed sixth in both of her events. In the shot he put it 27'10" and in the discus she threw it 88'5".

The girls 400 m. relay ran 57.84 had a couple of bad exchanges and did not finish in the top six. Running on this relay was D'Nae Johnson, Olivia Key, Marla Crenshaw and Krystal Hobson.

The girls 800 m. relay ran a time of 2:05 and did not finish in the top six. Running on this relay was D'Nae Johnson, Olivia Key, Marla Crenshaw, and Sara Harding.

Krystal Hobson ran the 100 m. dash in 15.28.

D'Nae Johnson ran the 100 m. dash in 14.69 in the prelims and 14.46 in the finals finishing seventh. She also cleared 4'2" in the high jump.

Marla Crenshaw ran the 400 m. dash in 70.67 in the prelims and 70.35 in the finals finishing eighth.

Olivia Key ran 1600 meters in 6:35.68 and she was eighth in the triple jump clearing 29'2 1/4".

Sara Harding cleared 6'0" in the pole vault finishing 6th.

In the JV boys division Flynn Chapman ran the 100

m. dash in 12.90 and he ran the 200 m. dash in 26.7 in the prelims and 27.1 in the finals finishing seventh. He placed 5th in the shot put with a toss of 32'10.5".

Pascual Espinoza ran the 400 m. dash, in the prelims he ran a 60.09 and in the finals he ran 60.50 placing 5th.

Karl Lamming ran the 400 m. dash in 63.18 in the prelims and in the finals he ran 64.65 and finished 7th. He was also second in the triple jump clearing 32'11".

Brendan Tarleton ran the 1600 m. run in the JV division and finished second with a time of 6:04.29. He also was 5th in the triple jump clearing 30'10" and he cleared 4'10" in the high jump.

Cory Teel had a personal best throw in the discus throwing over 100 feet for the first time; he threw it 100'1" and won the JV division.

In the varsity boys division Zane Williamson long jumped 16'11", he triple jumped 37'9" and place fourth and he was fifth in the pole vault placing 5th.

Michael Bullinger place first in the pole vault clearing 13'6", he had a bruised heel so he pulled from his running events so it will have a chance to get well.

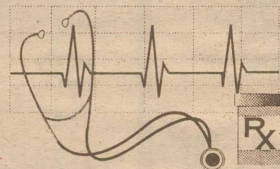
Jake Cooley ran the 400 m. dash in 57.06 in the prelims to qualify for the final where he ran neck and neck with second and was picked third with a time of 54.7.

Michael Cooley had a good day for a freshman at the district track meet, he ran a 12.36 100 meters to qualify for the finals and ran a 12.20 to finish eighth in the finals.

Pre-School Day and Easter Egg Hunting!



Happy Hunting! The Kindergarten and Pre-K class started the Easter holidays by hunting Easter eggs at last Friday's Egg hunt sponsored by the Parent's Club. Pictured with baskets in hand and ready for the hunt are Katie Gray, Kenley Dean, Macie Turner, Emma Key, Kaitlyn Hamm, Brandon Avery, Russell Wilks, Maegan Bland, Brooke Swaffle, Janie Bird and Michael Brady. Kaitlyn Hamm, Maegen Bland, and Michael Brady along with Keigan Benavidez (not pictured) were also visiting school for Pre-School Day to introduce them to the Kindergarten class for next fall.



Health Awareness

Snuffing Out Secondhand Smoke

(NAPS)—In a report last June, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control estimated that while 70 percent of smokers want to quit, only 5 percent are successful each year. That leaves about 45 million people who still light up every day, and lighting up doesn't just put smokers at risk.

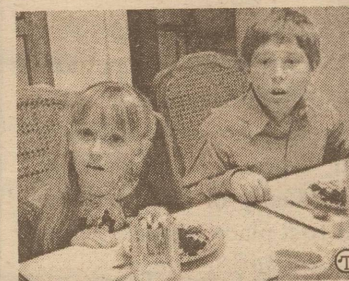


In the 200 m. dash he ran 25.72, in the long jump he cleared 18'8 1/4" placing 5th and in the high jump he finished third leaping 5'8".

Logan Howard cleared 9'0" in the pole vault, he ran 3200 meters in 13:19.75 and he ran 1600 meters in 5:51.59.

Tyrell Massingill finished 7th in the 1600 m. run with a time of 5:31.34 and he ran the 3200 meters in 12:37.37.

Quentin Shafer ran the 100 m. dash in 12.78, and he ran the 200 m. dash in 26.22.



Humor may help teach about the dangers of secondhand smoke.

U.S. Surgeon General Richard Carmona announced that no level of secondhand smoke is safe, and emphasized the need for continued education about the serious health risks posed by secondhand smoke.

A new public service campaign may help. However, rather than using shocking images and alarming statistics to attract attention to the dangers of secondhand smoke, it uses humor.

"Daddy's gas could kill us all!" exclaims a young girl in one of the public service spots developed for the American Legacy Foundation® and the Ad Council. Entitled *Don't Pass Gas*, the campaign seeks to capture people's attention about the potentially fatal dangers of

secondhand smoke by using an unorthodox approach to inspire viewers to laugh and learn.

The public service announcements (PSAs) include the talents of first-time commercial director and Emmy-nominated actor Jason Alexander. Through TV and radio PSAs as well as Web ads, the campaign will educate Americans—especially parents—about the dangers of secondhand smoke, and encourage them to create smoke-free environments for their families and other loved ones, young and old. Audiences will remember Alexander as the character George Costanza from the popular TV show "Seinfeld."

In the U.S., one out of every five children who has a smoking parent is exposed to secondhand smoke at home. These children are at increased risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), lung infections, ear infections and severe asthma.

"We're confident that our partnership with the Ad Council will attract the public's attention and lead them to make positive decisions for their families," foundation President and CEO Cheryl Heaton, Dr.P.H., said. "We recog-

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Borden Jr. High Track Comes Up short in District Meet

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Boys track team competed in the District Track Meet on Monday evening and they turned in some very solid times and distances in a very competitive track meet.

The young men from Gail came away just short of the district title falling to the Ira Bulldogs by one point 177 to 176.

Medal Winners on the Boys side was John Hensley capturing the gold medal in the Long Jump with a jump 17'2", John also won the triple jump with a jump of 34'5 1/2" and he followed that by winning the 100 meters and 200 meters in run away fashion with times of 12.10 in the 100 and 26.9 in the 200 meters. John also teamed up with Austin Fields, Miles Valentine and Joseph McConnell to blister the field in the 400 relay with a time of 52.6. Fields, Valentine and McConnell were joined by David Rodriguez to win the 800 relay in a time of 1:53.

Also bringing home gold medals were David in the 2400 with a time of 9:46.

Silver medal winners were Blake Turner in the 2400 with a time of 9:50, David in the 1600 6:05 after accidentally stopping after 3 laps, Miles Valentine in the 300 hurdles 52.2 and also the Shot put 34', and Derek Tatum in the Pole Vault 7'6".

Bronze medal winners were the team of Turner, Fields, McConnell and Tatum in the 1600 relay in a very solid time of 4:32. Michael Froman in the 2400 in a time of 10:11 and Derek

Tatum in the 110 hurdles 21.59.

The Coyotes competed extremely well today and did so without the services of Tony Soto who was injured last week. The Pups carried 9 athletes to the district track meet and all 9 athletes scored in the meet, that is a total team effort and a solid team effort.

Congratulations on a super track season. Below is a list of athletes and their times and distances.

John Hensley-1st Long Jump (17'2"); 1st Triple Jump (34'6"); 1st 100 meters (12.10); 1st 400 relay (52.5); 1st 200 meters (26.9).

Miles Valentine- 4th High jump (4'8"); 2nd Shot Put (34'0"); 1st 400 Relay (52.5); 1st 800 Relay (1:53); 2nd 300 low hurdles (52.22).

Tony Soto: Injured
David Rodriguez- 1st 2400

Run (9:46.88); 5th 1600 Run (6:05.1); High jump (4'4"); 1st 800 Relay (1:53).

Austin Fields- 1st 400 Relay (52.5); 5th 800 Relay (1:56.19); 3rd 1600 Relay (4:32); Long jump 12'8".

Joseph McConnell- 4th Shot put (31'2"); 3rd 1600 Relay (4:32); 1st 800 Relay (1:53.1); 1st 400 Relay (52.2).

Chance Taylor- 6th 400 (77.7); 800 meter (3:12).

Michael Froman- 4th 1600 Run (6:19.9); Shot put (no mark); Discus (no mark); 3rd 2400 (10:11).

Austin Tyler- 6th 110 hurdles (24.29); 300 hurdles (60.23); 6th triple jump (27'9"); long jump (12'7").

Blake Turner- 2nd 2400 meters (9:50.1); 4th 800 meters (2:48.2); triple jump (27'3"); 1600 relay (4:32)

Derek Tatum- 2nd Pole vault (7'6"); 3rd 110 hurdles (21.44); 5th 300 hurdles (54.47); 3rd 1600 relay (4:32).

UIL Results

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Literary Criticism Team

John Cowart
D'Nae Johnson
Hannah McConnell
Chasiti Rutherford

News Writing
Christina Soto
Lindsey Stamper
Persuasive Speaking
Kate Wallace

Poetry Interpretation
Lindsey Stamper
Eric Espinoza

Prose Interpretation
D'Nae Johnson
Ready Writing
Becky Dobyns
Hannah McConnell

Social Studies Team
Rowdy Clary

Carlos Hernandez
Taylor Peterson
Symeron Rinehart
Clint Chapman (substitute)



Spelling Team
Becky Dobyns
Katherine Froman
Brendan Tarleton
Chellsie Pigford

Gail FFA Greenhouse Plants for SALE

The Gail FFA chapter now has plants available for spring planting. These plants are available in the greenhouse, which is located north of the Ag. Building on the Borden County Campus. Anyone wishing to purchase starter plants can contact Buddy Wallace at 806-756-4313 (school) or 806-756-4478 (home). All plants are suitable size for ground planting. The Gail FFA Chapter welcomes everyone to come view the plants and tour their greenhouse!

Plants Available:

Large variety of tomatoes	Peppers
Cherry Tomatoes	Small Geraniums
Roma Tomatoes	Starter Flowers

Golfers' Final Tune-up for District

By Coach Richey

The Borden County boys and girls golf teams traveled to Stanton to compete in the 3rd Annual Garden City Six-man Shootout golf tournament. The girls team consisting of Christina Soto 119, Kate Wallace 113, Chellsie Pigford 138, Becky Dobyns 149 and Baylee Benavidez 118 fired a team score of 488 to finish 2nd overall in the tournament. Kate Wallace followed her 4th place finish at the Loop invitational a week earlier with a 5th place finish. Host Garden City won the tournament with a 414 total.

On the boys side, Borden County finished 4th with a team total of 436, behind the 6th place finish of Jacob Froman with a 90. Jacob Finished 2nd at the Loop

Invitational with a nice 82 a week earlier, but the winds made today's round much more difficult. Karl Lamming fired a 115, Brendan Tarleton shot a 114, Clint Chapman 117 and Taylor Peterson shot a 129. Also competing as medalist were Symeron Rinehart, 121 and Tyrell Massingill 133.

The Coyotes will next play two rounds of golf in the District 9-A golf tourney.

School

Lunch Menu

April 16th - 20th, 2007

MONDAY - Breakfast: Pancake Pup, Fruit Juice, Milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, Corn, Salad, Pineapple, Milk.

TUESDAY - Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Fried Steak, Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Fresh Fruit, and Milk.

WEDNESDAY - Breakfast: Biscuit w/gravy, Sausage, Fruit juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Nuggets, Green Peas, Potatoes, Roll, Mix Fruit, and Milk.

THURSDAY - Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Fish, Black-eye Peas, Potato Salad, Hush Puppies, Rosie Applesauce, and Milk.

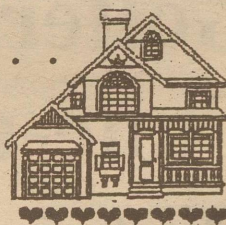
FRIDAY - Breakfast: Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, French Fries, Salad Cup, Chocolate Chip Cookie, and Milk.

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Heart & Home . . .

By Julie Smith

Borden County Extension Agent,
Family & Consumer Sciences



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Shopping for Health (part 3 of 3)

More and more consumers interested in learning more about foods that can promote health. With this in mind, it is important that consumers understand how to put nutrition information into practice.

Where better to practice nutrition knowledge than the grocery store! Even the most savvy shoppers can discover something new when it comes to shopping for foods that promote health. There are tools throughout the grocery store that help direct consumers to healthful food choices. Throughout this three-part series on *Shopping for Health*, you have been guided to things to consider when grocery shopping and choosing nutritious foods for your health and that of your family.

The Meat and Seafood Shoppe

Protein-packed meats, poultry, and fish provide an assortment of B-vitamins that may help regulate metabolism, support cell growth and contribute to healthy immune function. Red meat and fish contain the antioxidant mineral, selenium, too. Researchers are studying conjugated, linoleic acid (CLA), a fatty acid in beef, lamb and dairy products for its possible role in helping to maintain desirable body composition and healthy immune function.

Salmon, sardines, herring, trout, and tuna are terrific

sources of the omega-3 fatty acids, docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) and eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA), types of polyunsaturated fats shown to reduce the risk of coronary heart disease.

Shopping Tip:

- Walnuts, flaxseed, and canola oil contain an omega-3 fatty acid called alpha-linolenic acid (ALA) which may help keep the heart healthy. Eggs from hens fed a high-flax diet contain omega-3s. Check the label, omega-3s are also added to some brands of peanut butter, mayonnaise, cooking oil, cereal, pasta and nutrition bars.

Slick Choices for Oils and Spreads

Times have changed and consumers are now instructed to enjoy the health benefits of a moderate fat diet by choosing oils and spreads rich in monounsaturated fat (*olive, canola, peanut, or high oleic safflower oil) or polyunsaturated fat (sunflower, corn or soybean oil).

Some margarine-like spreads are fortified with plant sterols and stanol esters, which, when consumed in appropriate amounts, may reduce the risk of coronary heart disease by lowering LDL (bad) blood cholesterol.

Shopping Tips:

- Nuts and seeds and the butters made from them also contain mostly monounsaturated and polyunsaturated oils plus the antioxi-

dant, Vitamin E.

- Some brands of salad dressing, orange juice, yogurt and snack bars are also fortified with plant sterol and stanol esters.

Coffee, Tea or Wine?

Like many fruits and vegetables, these beverages contain beneficial antioxidants. In particular, flavonoids in tea and wine and phenolic acids in coffee may promote heart health, if you choose to drink these beverages.

Shopping Tip:

-Cocoa and dark chocolate also contain flavonoids.

Chew on this in the Checkout Line

Satisfy your sweet tooth with chewing gum made with a sugar alcohol such as xylitol, sorbitol, mannitol, or lactitol. They help reduce the risk for dental caries (cavities).

Don't rely on one food or food component as a shortcut to good health - no single food can do it all. It is best to encourage consumers to utilize the whole grocery store and to choose a wide variety of foods as part of a balanced diet. And don't eat

too much just because a food contains a healthful constituent - calories are important and more of a nutrient may not necessarily be better. Also engage in a lifestyle that includes other healthful habits such as regular physical activity, stress management and not smoking.

Finally, adding new foods or food components to a diet may necessitate removing or

reducing others in order to maintain a healthful weight. To determine your ideal daily calorie intake, go to <http://www.mypyramid.gov>.

For more information on functional foods and beneficial components, go to <http://www.ific.org/nutrition/functional/index.cfm>.

Source: International Food Information Council *Food Insight Newsletter* September/October 2006

PARENT'S CLUB MEETING

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

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Monday, April 16th @ 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room



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Obituary

J.M. "Scoot" Gilchrist 1930 - 2007

Funeral services for J.M. "Scoot" Gilchrist were held Saturday, March 31st, 2007 at Hilliard Funeral Home in Van, Texas with the Rev. Larry Shackelford and Darrell Gilchrist officiating. Interment followed at Prairie Springs Cemetery in Van Zandt County, Texas.

Scoot passed away at the age of 77 on March 28, 2007 in Tyler, Texas.

Mr. James Merlon "Scoot" Gilchrist was born March 7, 1930 in Ben Wheeler, Texas to the late William Gordon Gilchrist and Vennie Lee Carroll Gilchrist. He was a lifelong resident of Ben Wheeler and worked in the oil field.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Leonard Gilchrist; and three sisters, Ruby Vinning, Dorothy Rawson and Jean Birdwell.

Survivors include five sons, Paul Gilchrist of Van, Don Gilchrist of Ben Wheeler, Billy Gilchrist of Ben Wheeler, J.L. Gilchrist of Van and Mark Gilchrist of Pruitt; four daughters, Yvonne Bedenbender of West Monroe, LA, Debby Brockway of Ben Wheeler, Brenda Copeland of Gail and Linda Boyd of Calhoun, LA; two stepsons, David Daniels of Canton and Ricky Daniels of Fruitvale; sister, Avis Rawson of Canton; twenty-two grandchildren; and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Jerry McMillian, Mickey Cauthron, Gordon Gilchrist, Billy Robert Rawson, Dan Copeland and Larry Bill Chitty.

Walk Across Texas

We kicked off the 2007 Walk Across Texas program in Borden County on March 21st. We have three teams that have officially registered with 22 participants. If you have registered online, but are not listed here, or would like to participate in the 2007 Walk Across Texas program, please contact the Extension Office so that we can make sure that we count your team! We will give a mileage update in next week's paper!

The teams are as follows:

The Dream Girls

Shawna Gass, captain
LaNita Avery
Amy Rinehart
Darby Key

Sheryl Tarleton
Sheri Poole
Charla Soto
Sherry Gass.

The Go-Getters

Cindy Herridge, captain
Becky Beaver
Jana Underwood
Jane Jones
Kerri Dean
LeaAnn Hudson
Terri Buchanan

The BC Steppers

Sharlot Stone, captain
Benny Allison
Brenda Copeland
Jacquie Whalen
Joyce Herridge
Sarah Sharp
Terry Smith
Julie Smith



Thank You

The family of J.M. "Scoot" Gilchrist would like to thank you for all the cards, flowers, prayers, and food that this community has sent to our family during this past week. It is nice to know that we live in a community that has such good people in it. Words cannot express how much it has meant to me and my family. Again, thank you and God Bless.

Brenda Copeland and Family



SLOW DOWN -
Watch out for the Children!

Snuffing out Secondhand Smoke

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nize how powerfully addictive smoking is and how tough it is to quit. Many smokers lack the tools and resources to do so effectively. We encourage smokers to get the help they need to quit and provide programs to help them do so. This campaign asks smokers that are continuing to struggle with their addiction to please be mindful of protecting their families and other loved ones from the devastating effects of secondhand smoke and not smoke around other people—especially their children."

The two spots, "Dinner" and "Movie," focus on family members or friends wanting to step away to "pass gas." The audience learns that the "gas" being referenced is actually secondhand smoke. Secondhand smoke is a mixture of gases and extremely small solid materials; thus the irreverent play on words. *Don't Pass Gas* is

the first national, multimedia campaign to address the issue of secondhand smoke.

Cigarette smoke contains more than 4,000 chemical substances, including several known human carcinogens. In 2004, Legacy released data showing that a small reduction in tobacco smoke exposure would spare thousands of children from serious health problems, including fewer low-birth-weight babies, fewer cases of asthma and fewer ear infections.

The best action parents can take to protect their families from secondhand smoke is to make their homes and cars smoke-free and to stop smoking around children.

You can visit www.DontPassGas.org for more information on the dangers of secondhand smoke and to find resources for your family. People can also phone the toll-free number (888) No-Pass-Gas to receive more information.

Calendar For 2007 Constitutional Amendment Election

- March 13th - First day to submit application for early voting.
- April 12th - Last day to register to vote.
- April 30th - Early voting by personal appearance begins
- May 4th - Last day to receive application by Mail
- May 8th - Last day to vote early by personal Appearance
- May 12th - ELECTION DAY

Legal Notice

Borden County Commissioners' Court will consider bids for the purchase of one Ambulance to be used by Borden County EMS. Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m., April 24, 2007 in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Borden County Courthouse in Gail, Texas.

Specifications may be obtained at the offices of the County Judge, 806/756-4391.

BY THE ORDER OF THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Van L. York
County Judge
Borden County

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Borden County ISD Regular Board Meeting

March 26, 2007

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

Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Carol Lewis, and Mike Valentine. Dennis Poole arrived at 7:20 P.M. Randy Hensley was absent. Jimmy Thomas and Bart McMeans were also present.

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

2. There was no community input.

3. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2007 and March 7, 2007 board meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the March 2007 bills. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Mike Valentine to renew the contracts of all professional employees for the 2007-2008 school year with the exception of Peter Benavidez. The contract of Peter Benavidez will be reviewed again during August of 2007 in conjunction with the completion of his coursework and testing requirements for Texas Teacher Certification. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve a band trip for May 4-6, 2007, for the band to go to Dallas to compete at a band festival and attend Six-Flags Over Texas. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by

Carol Lewis and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the textbook adoptions for the 2007-2008 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

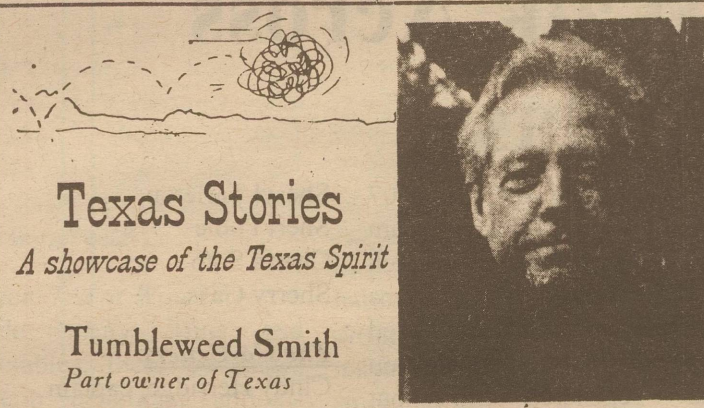
8. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Dennis Poole to approve a cooperative purchase of an ambulance with Borden County and the Borden County EMS. The EMS organization will pay \$10,000 toward the purchase, Borden County will pay 50% of the remaining bid price of the ambulance, and Borden County ISD will pay 50% of the remaining bid price of the ambulance. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to purchase a vacuum truck from Dupree Motors of Snyder, Texas at a price of \$13,500 if the truck, tank, and vacuum system pass an inspection and are deemed satisfactory upon inspection. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to withhold further payments to Pro Tech Track Company until all work is completed according to an acceptable standard. The motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Mike Valentine to set the next regular school board meeting for 7:00 P.M. on April 16, 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Dennis Poole to amend the 2006-2007 Borden County ISD Budget as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.



Texas Has an Official State Vehicle

Jerry Baird of Snyder has a chuck wagon.

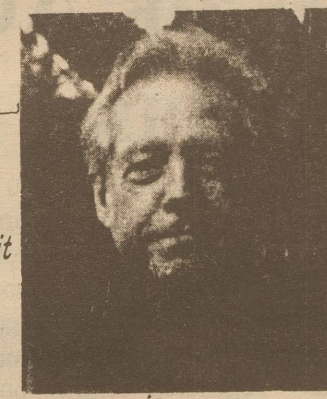
"It's an old one I found up in Dickens County," says Jerry. "I found it in a barn about 30 years ago. It's about a hundred years old. It's an original old wagon that has got a lot of character over the years from this West Texas wind. You can drive it down the road. It's hung in there and made the journey with me."

Jerry has done chuck wagon cooking for the last

13. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Mike Valentine to allow a bus to be driven to Post to allow Trudy Basquez to provide transportation to the Borden County ISD for transfer students. The motion carried unanimously.

14. Mr. Thomas gave a student enrollment report and reported that 148 students were enrolled, gave a year to date financial and investment report, gave a report on current construction projects, and gave a fourth six-week honor roll and failing report. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

15. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joe Harding to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.



quarter century. He's serious about it and has won several cooking contests, including Brady's annual Labor Day goat cook-off. When the Olympics were in Atlanta in 1996, he was there cooking with his wagon.

"I couldn't do that again because of security."

Last year he cooked for the governor and the state senate. He says it was the first time a chuck wagon had been allowed on the capital grounds.

"You know chuck wagons nearly totally disappeared. There were very few left in Texas, so about ten years ago we started an organization called The American Chuck Wagon Association. We had no idea it would grow like it's grown. There are 146 wagons registered now in the association. They are put in archives at Texas Tech, which gives them a history that will be there forever. We decided to work on making the chuck wagon the official vehicle of Texas."

Jerry and other chuck wagon owners enlisted the assistance of Senator Kel

Seliger and others who thought the proposal had merit.

"The Texas senate last year, in spite of not being able to do some things, passed legislation to make it official. Of course we had to testify and go through everything imaginable to make it happen, but the chuck wagon is now the official vehicle of the state of Texas. It's just like the bluebonnet is the state flower and the mocking bird is the state bird. It has its prominent place in history now."

Jerry says most of the chuck wagons registered are in Texas but the association is exploding in other states, especially California.

"People are taking these old wagons and fixing them up. They're absolutely gorgeous. They're spending a lot of money on them, you know. They spit shine and polish them up real good. They take them to cook-offs all over Texas. Those are pretty challenging. You have to cook 5 things: bread, meat, beans, potatoes and dessert. It's hard to keep from burning something."

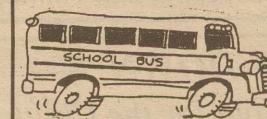
Last year Jerry's wagon received the Will Rogers' Wagon of the Year award from the annual western academy awards event held in Fort Worth. Jerry usually hauls his chuck wagon from place to place on a trailer, but when he's working on a ranch he used a team of horses to pull it.

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**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 Scholarship.**

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application prior to May 18th, 2007. 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 Com-

mittee feels is a dignification of the positive attributes that were exhibited by the late J. Pat Porter

John Harding Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the: **John Harding Memorial Scholarship.**

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application prior to May 18th, 2007. Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

**John Harding
Memorial Scholarship
Committee
PO Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738**

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

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

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

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

Members of the John Harding family will have no



Choosing garden soils and amendments

Compost

What is it: Compost is any organic material – from leaves to manure to municipal waste- that has broken down into a rich, black, crumbly substance called humus.

What it does: Feeds the soil, improves its texture, often contains micronutrients, encourages important microbial activity.

Advantages: Compost is one of the best things to add to all soils because it both fertilizes and improves texture.

Disadvantages: Some compost is poor quality. Aged forest products make the best-quality compost. Composted manure is ever rich in nitrogen, so be careful to not work in too much or plant growth may be overly lush. Composted manure may have a lingering odor. And remember: With any compost, you pay a premium price for something you can easily make in your own yard.

Potting soil

What it is: Lightweight soil blended with amendments such as compost, perlite, vermiculite, charcoal, and/or sphagnum peat moss.

What it does: Drains freely but also retains moisture well.

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Advantages: The ideal mix for container planting; far more convenient than making your own. Often sterile, cutting down on diseases.

Disadvantages: Quality varied; cheap potting soils are often too heavy.

Garden soil, topsoil

What it is: New on the garden scene, bags of "garden soil" can be a blend of many things, including soil, sphagnum peat moss, fertilizers, bone meal, and manure. Topsoil is any relatively decent-quality soil scraped from the top layer of the earth and packaged.

What it does: Provides the ideal mix for containers.

Advantages: Sterile mixes are ideal for growing plants in containers. (Potting soil, on the other hand, could have harmful bacteria.) Often used for seed starting. Specialty mixes available for plants with different needs, such as orchids, cacti, and bonsai.

Disadvantages: Often low in nutrients, though some have fertilizers added to compensate. However, the amount of fertilizer is usually tiny.

What it does: Provides good soil for growing plants directly in the ground.

Advantages: A convenient way to buy small quantities of top-quality soil to use in your flower and vegetable beds.

Disadvantages: Very expensive compared with bulk topsoil from a landscaping company or garden center – and also compared with the cost of improving the soil in your garden.

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Attention Seniors!

Parent's Club Scholarship applications must be returned to Mr. Ard by April 18, 2007.

For more information, contact LaNita Avery.

Weeding things Out

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Sphagnum peat moss, peat, peat alternatives

What it is: Sphagnum peat moss is harvested from peat bogs and is of a high, consistent quality. Peat is usually darker and heavier than sphagnum peat moss. It's usually not a particularly good addition to your soil. There are also new "peat alternative" products that claim to have the advantages of peat without the environmental disadvantages.

What it does: Breaks up heavy soils and makes sandy soils more moisture-retentive. Some types of peat are an acceptable soil amendment.

Advantages: An easy and fairly cost-effective way to add organic matter to the soil.

Disadvantages: There's some concern about the environmental impact of harvesting sphagnum peat moss. There's more concern about harvesting the other types of peat, through, and the quality of those can vary radically.

Potting mix, potting medium

What is it: While some bags labeled as "mix" or "medium" contain soil, most are soilless; that is, they're a blend of any of the following: sphagnum peat moss, perlite, vermiculite, and fertilizers.

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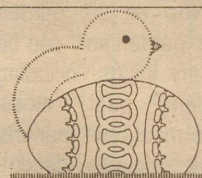
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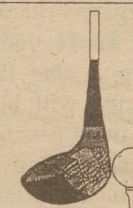
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April 2007



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 TAKS 5 th Math District Golf @ Big Spring Country Club Baseball @ Hamlin (Double Header) 4:00	4	5 HS District Track @ Bronte	6 Early Dismissal 12:30 Pre-K Day Easter Egg Hunts End of 5 th Six Weeks Softball vs. Seagraves @ WTC 4:30 Baseball vs. Rotan @ WTC 4:00	7 Little Dribblers @ Borden County
8 Easter	9 Holiday District Golf @ Big Spring Country Club	10 Beginning of 6 th Six Weeks Immunization Clinic District Tennis @ Garden City District 4-H Fashion Show	11 District Tennis @ Garden City	12 HS Area Track @ Roby Cheerleading applications distributed	13 HS Region II-A UIL Academic Meet @ Hardin-Simmons	14 HS Region II-A UIL Academic Meet @ Hardin-Simmons Area II CDE @ TTU ACT Test (must have pre-registered)
15	16 ITBS Testing (K-2)	17 TAKS Math 3,4,6,7,8,10 Exit ELA Retest ITBS Testing (K-2)	18 TAKS Reading 4,6,7,8 Exit Level Math ITBS Testing (K-2)	19 TAKS Science 5,8,10,11 Exit Level Science Cheerleading applications due ITBS Testing (K-2) Parents Club Meeting 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room	20 TAKS Social Studies 8,10,11 Regional Qualifiers Track TBA ITBS Testing (K-2)	21 Softball @ Seagraves 5:00 Baseball vs. Hermleigh (Double Header) @ Moffett Field, Snyder 6:30 JH SPECHEA Tennis Meet, Levelland State CDE Judging @ TTU
22	23 Regional Golf @ Abilene, Maxwell	24 Baseball vs. Ira @ WTC 5:00 Cool Clovers 4-H 3:45-4:45 @ Show Barn Regional Golf @ Abilene, Maxwell	25 MADD Exhibit JH/HS 4-H 12:35 in Conference Room Regional Tennis @ HSU in Abilene	26 Cheerleading tryouts Progress Reports Regional Tennis @ HSU in Abilene	27 Bad Weather Day Registration deadline for June 2 nd SAT Test Regional Track @ Abilene	28 JH SPECHEA Tennis Meet, Levelland Regional Track @ Abilene
29 	30 FFA Lone Wolf District Meeting @ Snyder Metropolitan 8 Test (K-2)	1 JH District Tennis @ Sweetwater Metropolitan 8 Test (K-2)	2 Metropolitan 8 Test (K-2)	3 JH District Tennis @ Sweetwater Metropolitan 8 Test (K-2) State Academic UIL	4 Band Trip leaves @ noon Metropolitan 8 Test (K-2) State Academic UIL	5 Band Trip District 4-H Roundup in Levelland State Academic UIL