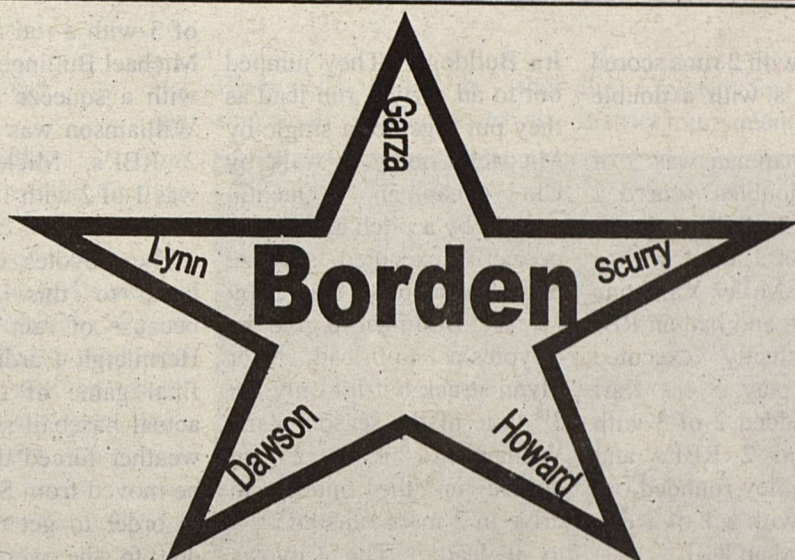


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## What a Weekend!

### *BHS Finishes Third Overall in 1A at UIL Academic State Meet*

Scoring 117.5 points, Borden County High School's UIL academic team finished the year strong en route to a third place finish overall at last weekend's UIL Academic State Meet held on the University of Texas campus.

Last year, the squad also placed third, scoring 108 points overall.

The UIL Academic State Meet, held May 3-5, has become a familiar stomping ground for several students, including repeat gold medalists Becky Dobyms and Kate Wallace.

Dobyms repeated this year, winning first place in ready writing (see copy of her paper in this issue of *The Borden Star*).

The senior also tied for first in spelling, with a score of 96 out of a possible 100. Emily Raymond of Albany was the other gold medalist in spelling.

Dobyms has been to Ausfin three out of the past four years, medaling eight

times in four different events.

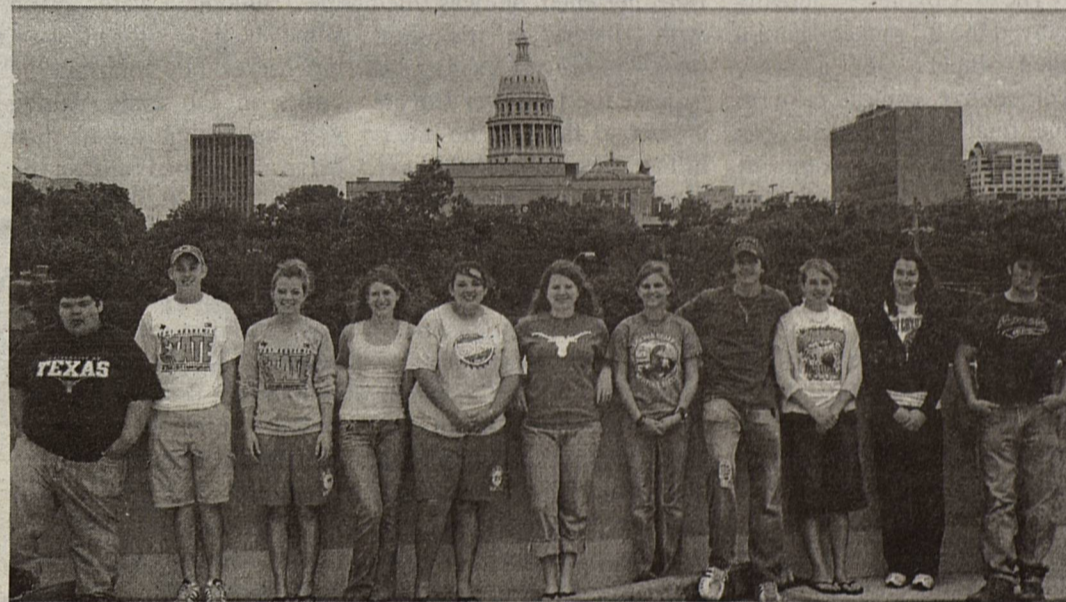
The speech team was well represented, and for the fourth consecutive year a student from BHS— has won the Persuasive Speaking contest coached by Darrin Ard.

Wallace accounts for the most recent gold medals as she won first place in 2006. Her gold medal last Saturday in Persuasive Speaking gives her a total of four state medals in two years.

Wallace, who was also the defending state champion in Lincoln-Douglas debate, won the third place bronze medal in that event this year. She lost her semi-final round on a split 2-1 vote to eventual state champion Jill Bezner of Lindsay.

First-time state qualifier Christina Soto added twelve points when she finished second in News Writing.

The event is considered the toughest of the four journalism contests and is



dominated year after year by students from Nazareth.

Soto was awarded the silver medal by UIL Journalism Director Jeanne Acton Thursday night in a packed McCullough Auditorium on the UT campus.

Dobyms also earned a medal in journalism as the senior duplicated her 2006 finish with a bronze medal.

Advancing to the finals and scoring points at the 2007 State Meet were speech team members Rowdy Clary and Rachel Wilson, who finished fourth and fifth respectively in Informative Speaking.

The cumulative efforts of the speech team (Clary, Wallace, Wilson and Lindsey Stamper in Poetry Interpretation) accounted for 58 points. This gave BHS the runner-up Speech Team in Class 1A behind Lindsay High School.

Last year BHS was the State Champion speech team and Lindsay finished second.

Junior Rachel Wilson closed out the point scoring for BHS with a sixth place medal in Current Issues and Events.

The CI&E team also competed this year at the State Meet. Along with

Wilson, team members were Clary, Reynaldo Hernandez, and Karl Lamming.

Joining Dobyms in Austin was the 2006-2007 Spelling team: sophomore Katherine Froman and freshmen Chellsie Pigford and Brendan Tarleton.

Four sponsors accompanied the eleven state-qualifying students: Darrin Ard, Sue Jane Mayes, Cindy Herridge, and Charla Soto.

Herridge and Soto will be assuming UIL responsibilities next year upon Mayes's retirement from UIL coaching.

# Coyotes Slide Into Final

## Four

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes played their final 4 baseball games of the season over the final 8 days of the regular season. The Coyotes ended that eight day stretch just like they started district play, by winning 3 of the 4 games played. The Coyotes started district play with 3 wins and 1 loss and they ended district play with that identical record of 3 wins and 1 loss. The only problem though, was that they were 0 and 6 in the middle of the district season.

The Coyotes actually played the 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked Hamlin Pied Pipers to a very competitive contest prior to the final game, which was better than any team in district had done with the state ranked Pipers throughout district play. This meant that the Coyotes actually played great baseball over the final 5 games of the season. They lost to Hamlin 9 to 3 before playing the final 4 games during that 8 day stretch.

The Coyotes matched up with Hermleigh for the first time and immediately took care of business in this contest as they built a quick 2 to 0 lead on their way to a 13 to 2 victory.

Leading the way for the Coyotes in this contest was winning pitcher Quentin Shafer who pitched 4 innings and gave up only 1 run on 6 hits. Quentin had 1 walk and 5 strikeouts as he improved to 2 wins and 1 loss on the season.

Hitting stars in this contest were Clint Chapman who was 1 of 2 and scored 3 runs, Quentin was 3 of 4 with 2 runs and 3 RBI's, Zane Williamson pitched 1 inning giving up 1 run on no hits and struck out 2 and he also

was 3 of 4 with 2 runs scored and 2 RBI's with a double and a triple.

Flynn Chapman was 3 of 3 with 2 doubles, scored 2 runs and 3 RBI's, Jacob Froman was 1 of 4 with a run scored, Miller Valentine scored a run and had an RBI on a perfectly executed squeeze play. Karl Lamming added 2 of 3 with a triple and 2 RBI's and Michael Cooley rounded out the hitting with a 1 of 2 day and a run and an RBI.

The Coyotes would next play Roby for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time this season. This game was rain shortened, but was filled with history in it's short time. Flynn Chapman became the first ever Coyote pitcher to throw a no-hitter. In fact, this game could have been a perfect game if not for back to back hitters that reached base on a dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike, because of this, Flynn had to get 5 outs in the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning. Flynn had 7 strikeouts in the 5 inning shortened contest due to rain. The Coyotes bats did not fair much better, but they did put together 2 good solid hits that were enough to give them their 5<sup>th</sup> district victory of the year and a sweep of the Lions.

Flynn Chapman led off the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning with a double and then stole 3<sup>rd</sup> base. A fouled off attempt at a squeeze play forced Miller Valentine to battle and have to hit away. That is just what he did as he lined a shot down the 3<sup>rd</sup> base line that drove in the only run of the game. When the rains came, the game was called after 4 1/2 innings and a legal game which gave Flynn the no-hitter and the Coyotes a victory.

The Coyotes next traveled to Ira to take on the 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Ira Bulldogs. They jumped out to an early 3 run lead as they put together a single by Michael Cooley, a walk by Clint Chapman, Quentin was hit by a pitch and then a perfectly executed squeeze play for a bunt single by Michael Bullinger to give the Coyotes a 1 to 0 lead. After Flynn struck out for only the 3<sup>rd</sup> time of the season, Zane Williamson hit a 2 out double up the middle to drive in 2 more runs and a 3 to 0 lead. The Coyotes would leave runners on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, but felt good about their chances. But however, in the bottom of the inning, the Bulldogs were given some help by the Coyote defense as they committed 4 errors in the inning along with an untimely balk that led to 8 unearned runs for the home team Bulldogs and chased starter Clint Chapman from the game. Clint pitched great, he just was unfortunately the recipient of poor defense behind him in that 3<sup>rd</sup> inning which resulted in an 8 to 3 lead for the Bulldogs.

In the 5<sup>th</sup> inning, the Coyotes got another run as Clint Chapman walked and then stole 2<sup>nd</sup>. Quentin Shafer singled up the middle to drive in Clint. Quentin was later thrown out at home when a pick-off attempt got away from the Bulldogs, but when Quentin tried to go from 2<sup>nd</sup> home he was thrown out on a super play by the Bulldogs. The Coyotes never really threatened the rest of the game. Quentin pitched the remainder of the contest when he took over for Clint in the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning as he gave up no hits while striking out 5 Bulldogs. The final score was 8 to 4 in favor of the home town Bulldogs. Clint Chapman was 1 of 2 with 2 runs scored, Quentin was 1

of 3 with a run and an RBI. Michael Bullinger was 1 of 3 with a squeeze RBI. Zane Williamson was 1 of 2 with 2 RBI's, Michael Cooley was 1 of 2 with 1 run.

The Coyotes would come back to this same field because of rain to play the Hermleigh Cardinals in the final game of the Coyotes actual baseball season. The weather forced this game to be moved from Snyder to Ira in order to get the game in due to the wet conditions. The Coyotes were able to play every Coyote baseball player in this contest and were able to pound out 15 hits in a 13 to 0 4 1/2 inning game called by the 10 run rule.

With this victory the Coyotes improved to 9 wins and 8 losses on the season and 6 wins and 8 losses in district.

Quentin Shafer again was the winning pitcher in this contest as he came a dribbler away from pitching a no-hitter. One cardinal hitter hit a slow roller to 3<sup>rd</sup> base and Clay Harding was unable to throw the Cardinal runner out and this was the only hit surrendered on the day. Quentin improved to 3 wins and 2 losses on the season. Clint Chapman was given the opportunity to close out his career on the mound for the final inning and he had little trouble ending this game with a quick 3 up 3 down final inning in the top of the 5<sup>th</sup>.

As for hitting, the Coyotes did plenty of it with the following results, Clint Chapman scored a run, Quentin was 1 of 3 with a run and an RBI, Jake Cooley was 1 of 1 with an RBI and a

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## 2007 All District Softball Selections

By Coach Avery

Eight members of the Lady Coyote softball team received second team honors. The ladies, their positions and classifications on the second team are as follows: Lacey Newton-Sr.-catcher; Christina

Soto-Sr.-pitcher; Sara Harding-Sr.-first base; Olivia Key-fresh.-second base; Krystal Hobson-Soph.-third base; DNae Johnson-fresh.-outfield; Marla Crenshaw-fresh.-outfield; and Sharelle Gass-jr.-outfield.

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# Jr. High Makes Clean Sweep at District

By Coach Turner

The Borden Junior High Coyotes took every gold medal and trophy that district 9 offered last week at the tennis championships. The girls, all four of them, won the team championship as did the boys.

In boy's doubles Tony Soto and David Rodriguez defeated Lopez/Gonzales from Loraine 8-1 in the semifinals then defeated Magness/Jeter from Blackwell 8-2 to win the gold medal.

In boy's singles Miles Valentine defeated Benivamodes from Loraine 8-1 in the quarterfinals, Bass from Westbrook 8-5 in the semifinals, and defeated teammate Blake Turner 8-2 in the final to take home the gold. Blake defeated Morton from Westbrook 8-7 in the quarterfinals and teammate Michael Froman 8-3 in the semifinals before taking the silver in the final. Michael defeated Talamantes from Loraine 8-3 in the first round and Elliott from Blackwell 8-0 in the quarterfinals. Michael lost to Bass from Westbrook 8-2 in the third place match. In other boy's singles action John Hensley defeated Garcia from Loraine 8-0 in the first round but dropped a very tough quarterfinal to Bass of Westbrook 8-7. Austin Tyler also dropped his first round match with Bass 8-7. Alvin Herrington dropped his first round match with Elliott from Blackwell 8-5. Congrats to the district champs.

In girl's doubles action Krista Tarleton and Stefanie Cooley teamed up to defeat Delacruz/Wells of Loraine 8-0 in the quarterfinals, Graston/Morrow

Blackwell 8-2 in the semifinals, Williams/Bradley from Loraine 8-0 in the final to take home the gold.

The match of the day was occurred in the girl's singles final. Teammates Taylor Richey and Bailey Anderson squared off and it wasn't settled until the very end. Taylor took the match with an 8-6 win as her and Bailey brought home the gold and silver. Taylor defeated Sanchez from Loraine 8-2 in the quarterfinals and Stephanie from Loraine 8-0 in the semifinal. Bailey defeated Blackwell from Blackwell 8-0 in the quarterfinals and Hoyle from

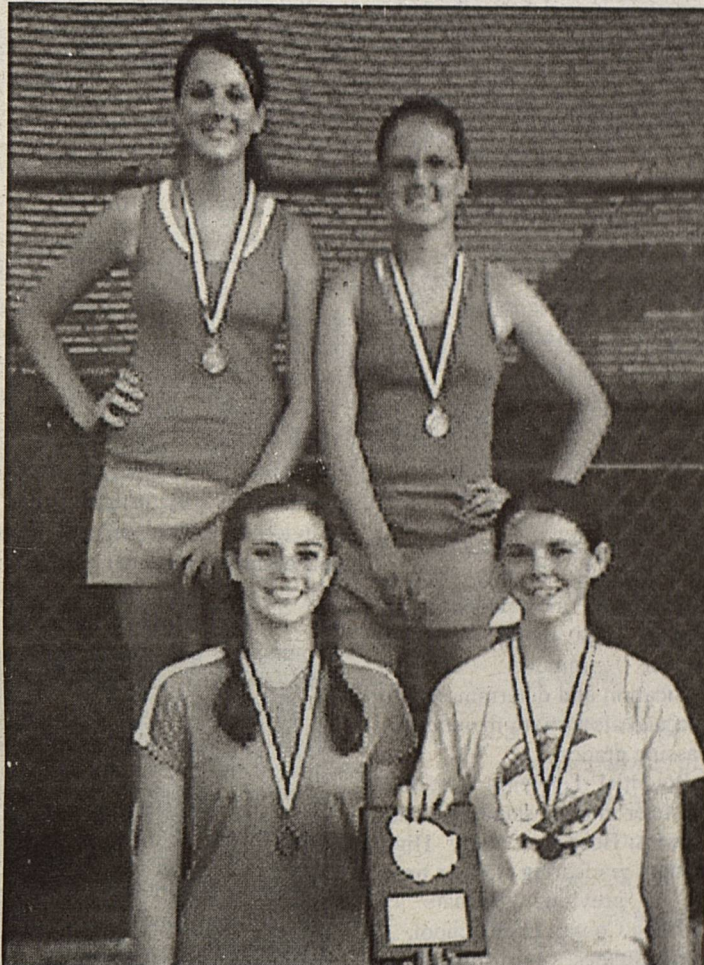


Pictured is Singles Gold medalist Miles Valentine.

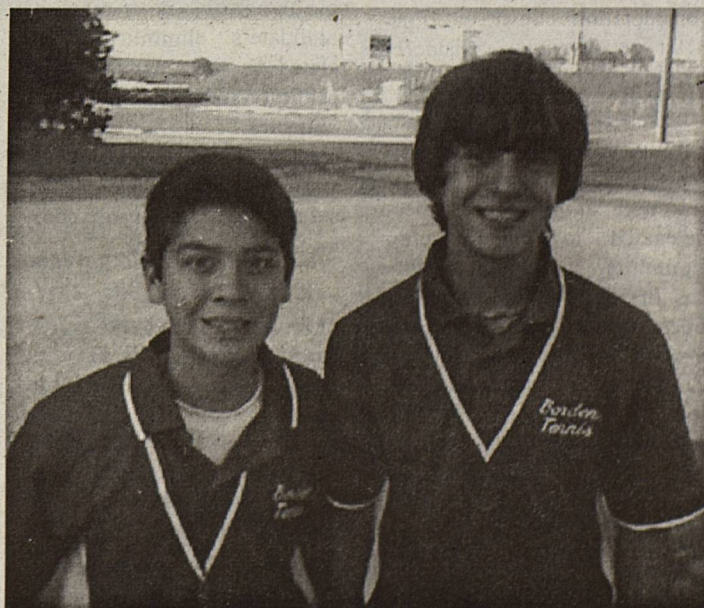


Pictured is Singles Silver medalist Blake Turner.

Blackwell 8-4 in the the Coyotes for a terrific semifinals. Congrats to all district tournament.



**Medal winners:** Top row-Krista Tarleton and Stephanie Cooley captured the Gold in girls' doubles. In singles', ( L. - R.) Taylor Richey brought home the Gold medal while Bailey Anderson brought home the Silver medal.



Playing on Doubles team for Borden County David Rodriguez and Tony Soto bring home the Gold medal.

# Final Four

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run, Flynn Chapman was 3 of 3 with 2 doubles, 3 runs and an RBI, Zane Williamson was also 3 of 3 with a double, 3 runs and 2 RBI's. Jacob Froman was 2 of 2 with 1 run and 3 RBI's, Miller Valentine was 1 of 2 with a run and an RBI. Michael Cooley was 1 of 2 with a run, Carlos Hernandez yet again played fabulous defense, as he did not bat because we DH for him. Cory Teel was 1 of 1 for his first hit of the year, Clay Harding was 1 of 1 with an RBI, Karl Lamming was 1 of 2 with 2 RBI's to round out the hitters on the day. Also contributing was Michael Bullinger, Tyrell Massingill and Skyler Williamson.

The Coyotes had a tremendous season and the future really looks bright as they started seven underclassmen, and nine underclassmen got quite a bit of playing time on the varsity level. Seniors, Clint Chapman finished 3 wins and 3 loses on the season pitching, while Zane Williamson proved to be a very solid catcher this season and when we finally settled on third base with Jacob Froman we found a very solid defensive team in place and our success down the stretch proved it. These 3 young men will be sorely missed, but they helped lay the ground work on the future success this baseball program will have. You guys returning have a lot to look forward too. I will give all final statistics when the all-district honors are announced. Congratulations guys on a super year.

# Memorial Scholarships

## 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

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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.**

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PO Box 95  
Gail, Texas 79738**

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an outstanding young person that is a positive representative of the Borden County School community as evidence by his/her high moral character, service minded attitude, dedication and determination to succeed along with maintaining passing grades.

Potential recipients must be a member in good standing of the current Borden County High School graduating class or must be a previous graduate of Borden County High School.

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

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

Members of the Porter Family will have no input into the selection process. Complete selection authority has been delegated to the Selection Committee, and the Committee has the authority to waive all rules, regulations for formalities in order to select the candidates that the committee feels is most appropriate. The selection process is a subjective task that will be left to the discretion of the J. Pat Porter Scholarship Selection Committee feels is a dignification of the positive attributes that were exhibited by the late J. Pat Porter.

## 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 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.



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# FFA District Banquet Held at Westbrook

By Buddy Wallace

Seventeen members from the Gail FFA Chapter recently attended the Lone Wolf District Banquet. The Gail members and their advisor were among 85 District FFA members who attended this event in Westbrook on Monday evening.

The banquet proceedings included the recognition of the chapters for their success in the fall and spring District level competitions. It also included the installation of next years' officer team.

Gail FFA members received seventeen award banners for their success in the District events this year, and were proud to see Shelby Roberts installed as District Reporter and Lacey Roberts installed District Student Advisor.

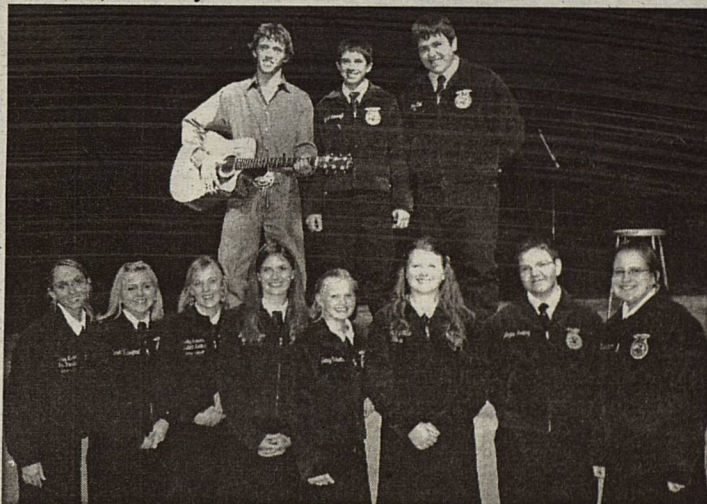
Congratulations to all Gail FFA members for their District Level Success this year!



**Gail FFA members attending the banquet and pictured with the chapter banners are:** Becky Dobyns, Symeron Rinehart, Dannelle Copeland, Kate Wallace, Chelsea Minnick, Shelby Roberts, Sharelle Gass, Miller Valentine, Tyrell Massingill, Cory Teel, Chasiti Rutherford, Chellsie Pigford, Skyler Williamson, Eric Espinoza, Michael Porter, Lacey Roberts, and Raylea Underwood.



**Dynamic Duo:** Shelby Roberts, who is returning for her third year as a Lone Wolf District FFA officer welcomes her sister Lacey as a new member to the team. Both girls were recently elected to serve on the District level for 2007-2008. Shelby will serve as Reporter and Lacey will serve as Student Advisor.



**Advancing to Area II Competition:** Several Gail FFA members were among the field of competitions that were successful in each of their events and will advance to Area II competition on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Their results are as follows: Talent: Miller Valentine-2<sup>nd</sup> place; Sr. Prepared Public Speaking: Becky Dobyns-2<sup>nd</sup> place (Area Qualifier); Jr. Prepared Public Speaking: Michael Porter-1<sup>st</sup> place (Area Qualifier); Extemp Speaking: Kate Wallace-1<sup>st</sup> place (Area Qualifier). Shelby Roberts and Lacey Roberts were both elected to serve as Lone Wolf District Officers for the upcoming 2007-08 year. These girls were selected as two of the top seven from 26 candidates. Also competing in the officer elections were Raylea Underwood and Chasiti Rutherford. Cory Teel and Tyrell Massingill attended the meeting as members and support staff.

Congratulations to all members who attend and competed in this event Good luck to those advancing to Area!



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# Oh, what fun it is to ride...

A short feature by Sue Jane Mayes

For years, I had counted my lucky stars that bus driving was not one of my responsibilities with the Borden County ISD.

When a contract would be handed out every May, I would scour that thing, reading the fine print, smudges, and any other little marks just to make sure that a requirement to get a CDL was not added to my contract, much the way a rider is added to a bill in Congress. One could never be too cautious.

For twenty-five years, no such demand was made. And then it happened. Someone invented those darn activity buses that do not require a CDL to drive, only twenty hours of special bus safety. Since they are built on a van chassis, the reasoning is that any old English teacher can drive one.

And so, I have. For three years. With kids. On board.

Not only have I developed an even deeper respect for those-daily bus drivers (and I have always appreciated what they do), sometimes I find myself hoping that some kid oversleeps or that only a handful of students offers to go on UIL trips so that we can drive the Excursion and not the activity bus.

But, the reality is that the UIL Academic program has created a monster—and we must feed it.

For the first time last week, we double-digitated the number of students who qualified to Austin for the State Academic Meet. It has been our goal to take teams, and we took three (speech, current issues, and spelling).

Driving an activity bus on the plains of West Texas is far different from driving in the Hill Country—much the

same way that driving in downtown Gail is not the same as driving in downtown Austin. But I did it.

Please, by all means, congratulate our students on their successful weekend in Austin. But don't forget to

pat the bus driver on the back—the same one who hit curbs, paraded down Sixth Street, and skirted around tornadoes.

She survived—and that's worth more than gold.



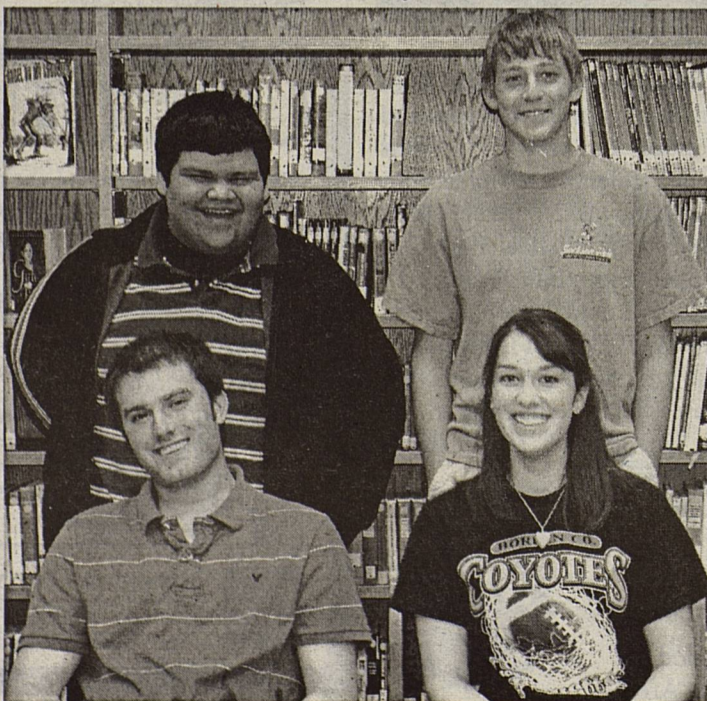
**BHS UIL Academic State Meet**

*Above* – **Deja vú...** Kate Wallace receiving her second consecutive gold medal in Persuasive Speaking from UIL State Speech Director Jana Riggins.

*Right* – **The pen is mightier than...** Journalism medalists Becky Dobyns (bronze) and Christina Soto (silver).

*Bottom Left* – **This just in...** Current Issues & Events Team members Reynaldo Hernandez, Karl Lamming, Rowdy Clary, and Rachel Wilson;

*Bottom Right* – **Proofread this...** Spelling & Vocabulary Team members Brendan Tarleton, Chellsie Pigford, Katherine Froman, and Becky Dobyns.



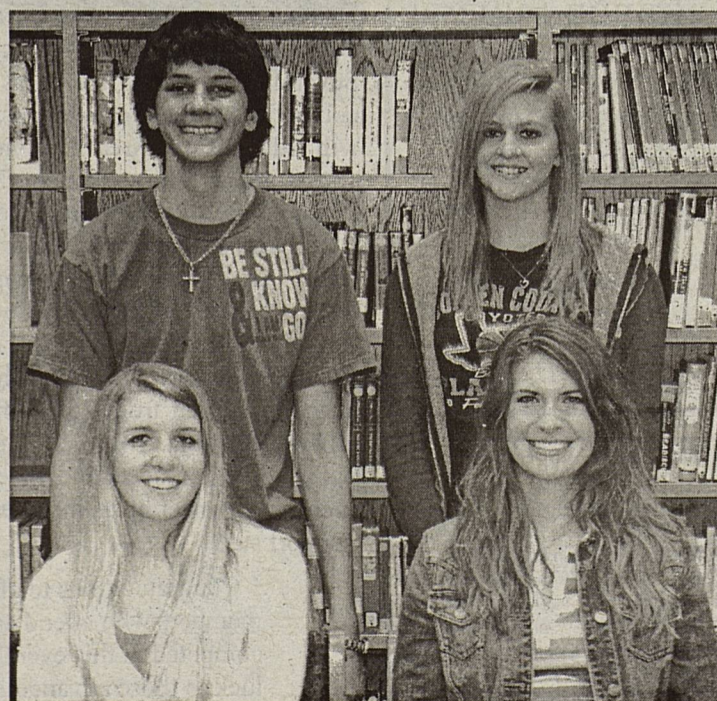
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## Obituary

### Glenda Marie Bond

Services for Glenda Marie Bond, age 61, of Gorman, Texas were held on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. at Higginbotham Funeral Home in Gorman, Texas. Rev. Jim Haggard and Rev. James Bond officiated. Burial followed at Flatwood Cemetery in Eastland County under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home in Gorman.

Mrs. Bond passed away on Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

She was born June 15, 1945 in Ranger, Texas to Glynn Alford Wilson and Mildred Melvina (Harrell) Wilson. She married Joe Bond on June 11, 1966.

She was a devoted wife, loving mother and grandmother. Glynda spent many nights in the stands at a gym or football field to show support for her coach-husband and her boys. For thirty years, she was a faithful servant in the Kokomo Baptist Church, serving as a pianist, organist and Sunday school teacher. For twenty-one years, she taught kindergarten through the sixth grade in Borden County, Texas, Ranger and Carbon.

She is survived by her husband, Joe Bond of Gorman; two sons, Shannon Bond of Copperas Cove and Brian Bond of Dallas; three brothers, Jerry Wilson and Jimmy Don Wilson both of Ranger and Glynn Wilson of Houston; and Mildred Wilson a sister-in-law, Leann Wilson; and 3 grandchildren.

In Lieu of flowers, the family request donations to "Children At Heart" in Round Rock, Texas

## 4-H News

### Cool Clovers Officer Election Results

The Cool Clovers 4-H Club held their 2007-08 Officer elections on April 24<sup>th</sup>. The results are as follows:

**President** – Matthew Ham  
**V. President** – Mollie McMeans  
**Vice President of Community Service** – Zach McMeans  
**Vice Presidents of Recreation** – Tristen Benavidez and Blaise Freeman

**Secretary/Reporter** – Taylor Gass  
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 Nearest Lease Line (ft) 1787.0  
 Nearest Well on Lease (ft) 866.0  
 Lease Lines 1837.0 F W L, 1787.0 F N L  
 Survey Lines 1837.0 F W L, 1787.0 F N L

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 1 additional field: (1) WILDCAT. No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for this field.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:  
 HOOD (SPRAYBERRY) OIL statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.  
 WILDCAT Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 6000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant at (801) 526-3741.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protester should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the commission at (512) 463-6701.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY May 23, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHINSUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY  
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Snake Safety by Julie Smith. Respectfully submitted,  
 Taylor Gass  
 Secretary/Reporter

### District 4-H Roundup Results

4-H'ers members representing Borden County competed last Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at Levelland Middle School in Levelland at the South Plains District 4-H Roundup. Youth competed with their Educational Presentations (formerly known as Method Demonstrations) against 230 youth from across the South Plains. The youth representing Borden

County in the Junior age division were Tristen Benavidez and Matthew Ham in the Shooting Sports category with their presentation on *The Evolution of the Modern Firearm* - they received first place and a gold medal. We are so proud of these youth for the time, dedication and participation in this worthwhile 4-H event. *Congratulations, Matthew and Tristen!*

### GOT NEWS?

Mail it to:  
 P.O. Box 137 Gail, TX.  
 e-mail  
[vadcock@bcisd.net](mailto:vadcock@bcisd.net)

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SINCLAIR OIL & GAS COMPANY, (RRC Operator No. 784548) has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 528, Bk. 97, H&TC RR CO/BOUCHIER, A W Survey, A-1069, HOOD (SPRAYBERRY) Field, BORDEN County, being 7 miles W direction from FLUVANNA, Texas. The location and identity of the well is as follows:

**FIELD: HOOD (SPRAYBERRY)**  
 Lease/Unit Name MILLER "528"  
 Lease/Unit Well No. 5  
 Lease/Unit Acres 640.0  
 Nearest Lease Line (ft) 467.0  
 Nearest Well on Lease (ft) 974.0  
 Lease Lines 1787.0 F W L, 467.0 F N L  
 Survey Lines 1787.0 F W L, 467.0 F N L

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# Poisonous Plants in Borden Co.

Article by: Jason Gerngross  
United States Department of  
Agriculture

Due to the above average rainfall that Borden and surrounding counties have been experiencing some poisonous plants have been identified. Two of the most commonly found poisonous plants that have been identified in our area are Woolly Loco weed and Threadleaf Groundsel.

Woolly loco is a stout perennial legume. The leaves have 19-29 ovate-oblong leaflets which are densely hairy. It usually grows in localized patches commonly in flooded draws, but is frequently associated with buffalo and blue grama grassland. Horses are particularly susceptible but cattle, sheep and goats may develop loco poisoning as well. Animals poisoned from loco are extremely nervous. The most common signs are slow, staggering gait, rough coat, staring look, emaciation and muscle incoordination. The signs of locoism may not be apparent when the animal remains quite, but when subjected to strenuous muscular exertion signs of locoism appear. Complete recovery rarely occurs.

Threadleaf groundsel is a many stemmed perennial complex. It is evergreen on

Texas ranges. The leaves usually are on each side of the stem and divided into three to seven segments and may be hairy or nearly smooth. The stems have leaves on them except at the base and also have variable hairiness. Yellow flowers are produced throughout mild winters and the blooms are abundant following summer rains. Threadleaf groundsel is a native weed or half-shrub, usually growing in association with native grasses. On Texas ranges cattle are most often poisoned. The advanced stage of the disease is characterized by continuous walking, the sudden appearance of nervous disturbances and frequent voiding of small amounts of liquid, bile-stained feces. In the advanced stage, the poisoned animals are likely to attack any moving object that may be near. Death soon follows the appearance of the advanced stage of disease.

Sometimes due to over grazing livestock will often graze on these poisonous weeds and will become deathly ill. If these weeds are present in your pasture the best thing to do is to rotate pastures and try to avoid those pastures with poisonous weeds. Also if

cattle are full when turned into a new pasture and there is plenty of grass then they are not as likely to graze on the poisonous weeds. If you have any further questions feel free to contact the local USDA/NRCS office at 325-573-6317 Ext3

## Shooting Sports News

Gail Trap Club member Matthew Roberson traveled to San Angelo to compete in the Tom Green county 4-H

Whiz Bang held on Saturday, May 5.

There were 56 competitors in the Intermediate division. Matthew placed 6<sup>th</sup> in Trap, had a shoot off in 5-stand for 4<sup>th</sup> place, was 2<sup>nd</sup> in Skeet and was 2<sup>nd</sup> High Overall in this division. Congratulations Matthew!

### PRE-KINDERGARTEN NOTIFICATION FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR

Borden County School will offer the pre-kindergarten program during the 2007-2008 school year. The program will be for eligible students who are four years of age on or before September 1, 2007. 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. Bart McMeans, 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, 2007.

#### 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 2007. The program will be scheduled for a minimum of 120 hours and will conclude prior to August 1, 2007. The program is designed for students who will enter Kindergarten or First Grade in the fall of 2007-2008. Parents of eligible children will be responsible for transportation.

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Borden County Elementary School will offer this program only if ten (10) or more students qualify.

### LA NOTIFICACION DE PRE-KINDERGARTEN PARA EL AÑO ESCOLAR 2007-2008

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá el programa del pre-kindergarten durante el año escolar 2007-2008. El programa será para los estudiantes elegibles que tienen cuatro años en o antes de 1 de septiembre, 2007. Los estudiantes pueden calificar por el programa resolviendo por lo menos uno de los requisitos siguientes:

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

Si usted conoce de un niño que califique por el programa, notifica a Bart McMeans, director, Borden County 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, 2007.

#### LA DENEGACION

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

### ESL PROGRAM NOTIFICACION

La Escuela de Borden ofrecerá un programa de ESL para los estudiantes del LEP (Experto Inglés Limitado) durante el verano de 2007. El programa será programado por un mínimo de 120 horas y concluirá antes del 1 de agosto, 2007. El programa esta diseñado para los estudiantes que entraran kindergarten o el primer grado en el otoño de 2007-2008. Los padres de niños elegibles serán responsables del transporte.

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#### LA DENEGACION

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