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Ready for Regional BHS UIL Teams Primed for Contest

Coming off a convincing District 9-A Championship on a week-and-a-half ago, the UIL Academic squad from Borden County High School is ready for more success as they compete at this weekend's Region II-A Academic Meet at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Eighteen BHS will descend upon the TTU campus in hopes of advancing to the UIL State

Academic Meet at the University of Texas in Austin set for May 2-3, 2008.

They also hope to claim the overall Regional Championship, a title they narrowly missed last year as they finished as Runners-Up to a fellow District 9 foe – Garden City High School.

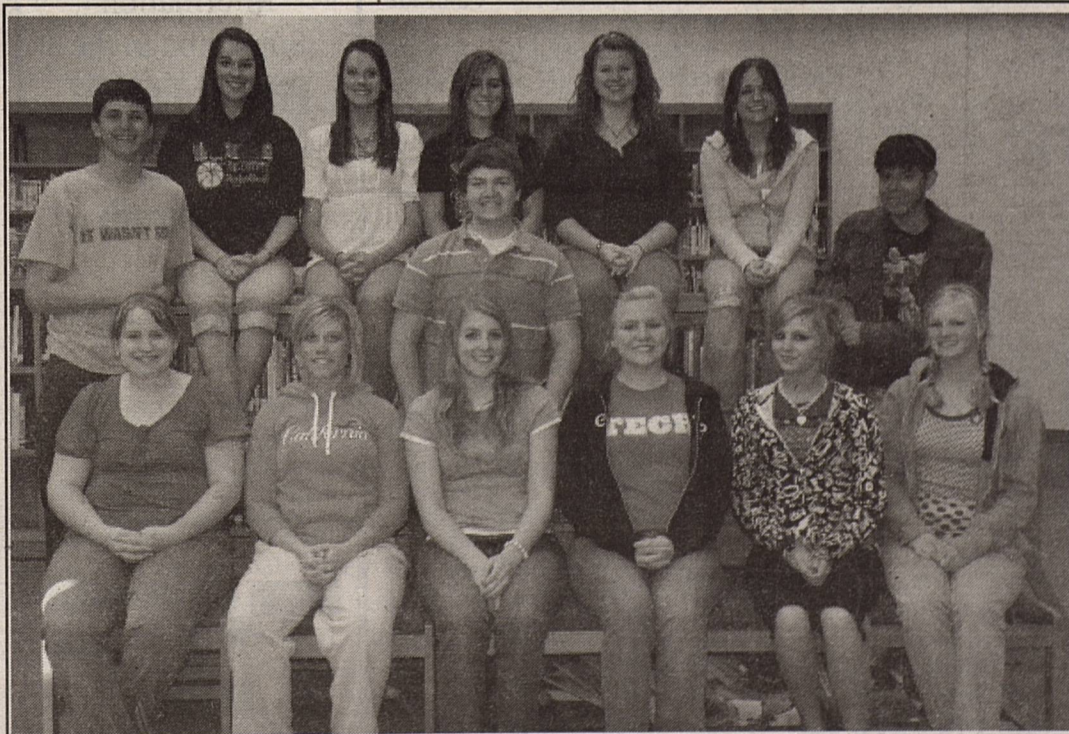
The BHS students qualified for the regional meet by plac-

ing in the top 3 individually in each event or by being a member of the first place team in the general academic events.

Leading the way for BHS will be the Current Issues & Events, Spelling & Vocabulary, and the Social Studies teams, who all placed first at the district meet.

Senior Rachel Wilson,

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BHS UIL Academic Regional Qualifiers pictured are (top row left to right) Brendan Tarleton, Rachel Wilson, Krista Tarleton, D'Nae Johnson, Kate Wallace, Hannah McConnell, Eric Espinoza, (bottom row left to right) Raylea Underwood, Sharelle Gass, Katherine Froman, Chasiti Rutherford, Chellsie Pigford and Lacey Roberts. (Not pictured are Jake Cooley, John Hensley, Carlos Hernandez, Karl Lamming and Taylor Richey)



Borden County employee, Cody Cooley, drives a motor grader into the smoke of last Monday's grassfire in an effort to control the fire.

Grassfire Destroys More Than 30,000 Acres on Local Ranch Land

Borden County volunteer fire department and many volunteers along with about six area fire departments including the Texas Forest Service worked last Monday in an effort to control and extinguish a grassfire fueled by high winds and dry conditions. The fire burned a path of about 15 miles and destroyed approximately 30,000 acres. Local ranches affected by the blaze

include Canon Ranch, Coleman Ranch, Muleshoe Ranch and Youngblood Ranch.

The fire is believed to have started on the Canon Ranch when an electrical transformer reportedly exploded igniting the fire. The Canon Ranch is located on the Borden and Dawson county line.

Wyndel Culp, manager of In-

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2nd High Individual



Pictured is Gail FFA member, Chelsea Minnick (right) with her 2nd high individual Horse Judging Honor.

Gail FFA Horse Judging Team Places 2nd at WTAMU Contest

By Buddy Wallace

The Gail FFA Horse Judging Team had a strong showing at the WTAMU FFA Horse Judging Contest. This event, held in Canyon on March 28, played host to 68 teams from New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. Gail team members Chelsea Minnick, Clay Harding, Shylo Rinehart, and Annie Stribling captured the

2nd place team honors and Chelsea Minnick was honored as the 2nd high individual from a field of 306 contestants. Pictured with the students is Dr. John Pipkin, Equine Science Instructor and Horse Team Judging coach at West Texas A&M University. Congratulations to the Gail FFA Horse team and best of luck at Area!

Drive Safely. Watch for Children

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Jr. High Girls and Boys Capture Team Titles at Borden County Track Meet

By Coach Baeza

The Junior High Boys and Girls track teams have both taken team titles recently at the Borden County track meet. Results for the teams are as follows:

Girls:
2400 Meter Run: Shea Burkett-1st, 11:44.33.

400 Meter Relay: 1st-56.67-Lexi Peterson, Mattie Turner, Teryn Soto and Stefanie Cooley.

800 Meter Run: 1st - Maci Clark-3:32.18.

100 Meter Hurdles: 2nd - Mattie Turner-18.97.

100 Meter Dash: 3rd - Kayla Pepper-16.40; 4th-Maci Clark-16.53 and 6th-Kylie Voss-16.85.

400 Meter Dash: 1st-Stefanie Cooley-71.49 and 2nd-Teryn Soto-78.42.

200 Meter Dash: 2nd-Kayla Pepper-31.14 and 4th-Kylie Voss-35.99.

1600 Meter Run: 1st-Shea Burkett-7:13.94.

1600 Meter Relay: 1st-5:09.09-Lexi Peterson, Mattie Turner, Teryn Soto and Stefanie Cooley.

Shot Put: 1st-Raegan Belongia-26'4"; 2nd-Kaylyn Dean-23'2.5" and 3rd-Seleste Herridge-22'4.5".

Discus: 1st-Raegan Belongia-73'10"; 2nd-Seleste Herridge-51'3"; 3rd-Kayla Pepper-48'; 4th-Alvina Seyler-46'11"; 5th-Vivian Hernandez-46'6" and 6th-Kaylyn Dean-41'2".

Long Jump: 1st-Mattie Turner-13'9.5"; 5th-Kylie Voss-11'9.5" and 6th-Stefanie Cooley-11'6".

Triple Jump: 1st-Mattie Turner-27'9.25" and 3rd-Stefanie Cooley-23'10".

High Jump: 1st-Teryn Soto-4'2".

Boys:
2400 Meter Run: 1st-Luke Burkett-10:14.55.

400 Meter Relay: 1st-55.94-Steven Howard, Dalton Thuett, Luis Andrade and Troy Copeland.

110 Hurdles: 1st-Tanner Richey-18.43 and 2nd-Austin Tyler-22.07.

100 Meter Dash: 2nd-Austin Fields-12.91.

800 Meter Relay: 2nd-2:07.09-Steven Howard, Dalton Thuett, Luis Andrade and Troy Copeland.

300 Meter Hurdles: 1st-Tanner Richey-45.11 and 2nd-Austin Tyler-58.90.

200 Meter Dash: 2nd-Austin Fields-26.33.

1600 Meter Run: 2nd-Luke Burkett-6:26.94.

1600 Meter Relay: 1st-4:29.66-Austin Fields, Tanner Richey, Austin Tyler and Steven Howard.

Shot Put: 1st-Matt Roberson-33'3/4"; 3rd-Luis Andrade-30'6.5" and 4th-Dalton Thuett-27'3.75".

Discus: 1st-Matt Roberson-87'1"; 2nd-Luis Andrade-85'10" and 3rd-Troy Copeland-65'10".

Long Jump: 1st-Tanner Richey-16'11.25"; 2nd-Austin Fields-15' and 3rd-Austin Tyler-13'6.5".

Triple Jump: 2nd-Austin Tyler-30'10" and 5th-Steven Howard-26'4.5".

High Jump: 1st-Tanner Richey-5'6".

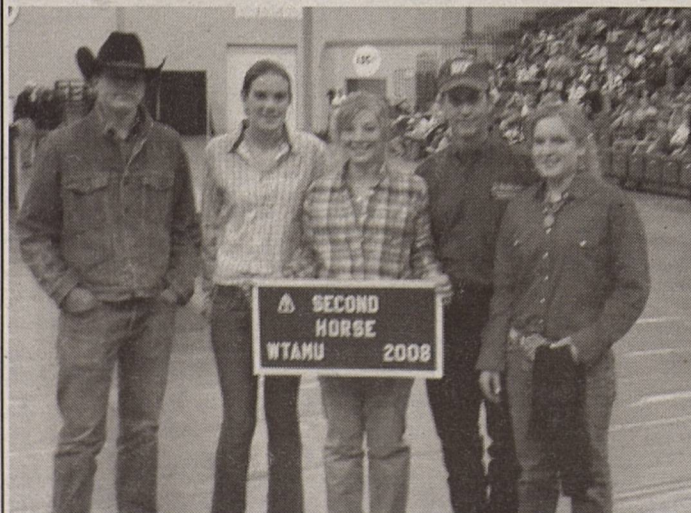
Pole Vault: 1st-Austin Fields-8' and 2nd-Steven Howard-7'6".

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Horse Judging Team



The Gail FFA Horse Judging team is pictured with Dr. John Pipkin, Horse Judging Coach WTAMU. The team consists of (left to right) Clay Harding, Annie Stribling, Shylo Rinehart, and Chelsea Minnick.

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BHS UIL Advance...

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sophomore Karl Lamming, and freshman John Hensley comprise the Current Issues & Events Team and are in search of their second consecutive berth to the State Meet. Sophomore Eric Espinoza is joining the team at the regional meet because of a conflict by another team member.

Also in search of a second consecutive trip to Austin are members of the Spelling & Vocabulary team: junior Katherine Froman, sophomores Michael Porter & Brendan Tarleton, and freshman Taylor Richey.

The Social Studies team hopes to improve upon its second place finish last year at the regional meet with the following team members: juniors Carlos Hernandez & Jake Cooley, and sophomores Karl Lamming & Raylea Underwood.

Individually, the speech and debate team goes in as the defending regional champions. Senior Kate Wallace will compete for her third consecutive trip to State in Extemporaneous Persuasive Speaking. Hensley will join her in the event at regional.

Wilson, who is also in search of a return trip to Austin, and Lamming will vie for a spot in Extemporaneous Informative Speaking.

In Prose Interpretation, Tarleton and D'Nae Johnson will compete, while senior Sharelle Gass and Richey will

take on the competition in Poetry Interpretation. Gass was a regional finalist two years ago as a sophomore.

Sophomore Chasiti Rutherford will compete as the district champion in Lincoln-Douglas (LD) Debate in hopes of improving upon her quarterfinalist finish last year at regional. Porter will pull double-duty as an LD debater as well.

The district champion Journalism Team will also be well represented by freshman Krista Tarleton and sophomore Chelsie Pigford in Feature Writing and Wallace in Headline Writing.

Sophomore Lacey Roberts was set to compete as the district champion in News Writing, but she has chosen to withdraw from the contest due to a scheduling conflict.

Johnson will also compete in Literary Criticism, whose team narrowly missed a wildcard berth to the meet as the district's second place squad.

Froman will also compete in Ready Writing and is joined by senior Hannah McConnell, who will be competing in the event at the regional level for the second consecutive year.

Results of the Region II-A Meet will be published early next week on the Borden County I.S.D. website (www.bcisd.net) and in next week's *Borden Star*.



Members of the Gail Horticulture class are (left to right) Clay Harding, Tyrell Massingill, Cory Teel, Jacie Eveland, Carlos Hernandez, Miller Valentine and Jake Cooley

Gail FFA Greenhouse Plants for Sale

By Buddy Wallace

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. Quality plants are a result of hard work by the Borden County Ag Science Horticulture class.

Anyone wishing to purchase starter plants can contact Buddy Wallace at 806-756-4313 (School) or 806-756-4478 (Home). Customers can also place orders with students

of the Horticulture class. Students are Jacie Eveland, Tyrell Massingill, Clay Harding, Carlos Hernandez, Jake Cooley, Corey Teel, Bailey Benavidez.

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 are: large variety tomatoes, Roma tomatoes, peppers, starter flowers. All plants are \$1.00 each.

BHS One-Act Play Ends Run

After successful Zone and District competitions, the Borden County High School One-Act Play production of *Nevermore!* came to an abrupt close on April 1st at the Region II-A, Area 1 Contest held at Howard College in Big Spring. Despite its best performance of the season, the cast and crew came home disappointed that it had not advanced to the Region II-A Contest, which occurs this coming weekend in Lubbock.

Individually, however, members of the cast and crew were quite successful. Sophomore Eric Espinoza, who played the lead role of

"Edgar Allan Poe," was named to the Area All-Star Cast, as was senior Rachel Wilson ("Annabel Lee"), who closed out her BHS One-Act Play career with the performance of a lifetime. Both Espinoza and Wilson were honored for acting excellence at all three rounds of competition.

Freshmen John Hensley ("Jeremiah Reynolds") and Miles Valentine ("Young Edgar/Mike/Pallbearer") were also both named to the Honorable Mention All-Star Cast, showing much promise for the future of BHS theatre.

Crew members Katherine Froman and Tony Soto were

School Lunch Menu

April 14 -18, 2008

Monday - Breakfast: Breakfast Pancake Pup, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pizza, Corn, Salad, Pineapple and 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, Green Peas, Potatoes, Roll, Mixed Fruit and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Breakfast Pastry, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Fish, Black-eyed 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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honored individually as the contest's "Best Stage Manager" and "Best Light Technician" respectively.

The production was also awarded a commendation from the Howard College site crew as being the most professional and well-behaved cast and crew of the day.

Fellow District 9 competitor Bronte High School advanced to region for the second year in a row with its production of *The Dancers*. They were the alternate to State last year. District 10 Champion Aspermont High School also advanced to the regional contest with its humorous rendition of *The Imaginary Invalid*.

Congratulations, BHS OAP, for a job well done!

Borden County Booster Club

Meeting
Wednesday, April 23rd
5:30 p.m.

Community Center

- **Plan for Teacher Appreciation event
- **Committee Report Fund Allocations
- **Finalize Scholarship Application process

The purpose of the Booster Club is to support, promote and encourage the students of Borden County School in all school-related endeavors.

Membership is open to any parent/guardian or community member interested in the promotion and support of the Booster Club and BCS students.



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Heart and Home ...


by Julie Smith
 Borden County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences

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April is National Cancer Control Month

National Cancer Control Month may not mean a lot to you, but the Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas Cancer Council want you to know that we are working hard to raise awareness about cancer prevention and the early detection of cancer, which can affect you and your loved ones.

In Texas alone, it was estimated in 2004 that approximately 85,000 individuals will be diagnosed with cancer, and another 37,000 will die from the disease, and the rates have increased since that time. There are five types of cancer that are the most common in Texas: skin, lung, colorectal, breast, and prostate cancer.

Many cancers can be prevented and often cured if detected and treated early. Your local county Extension office has many resources for you. To find your local county Extension office, please visit: <http://texasextension.tamu.edu/county/>.

Extension offers programs to every county in the state of

Texas. Many Extension offices can help increase your physical activity, educate you on the hazards of tobacco products, provide information on how to protect your children from secondhand smoke, and even give you information on sun safety. If you are looking for information on breast, cervical, colorectal, or prostate cancer—Extension can help with that, too!

Your local county Extension office is here to help you – at every stage in your life. Extension can educate you on how to prevent cancer and find it early! Let's prevent cancer from affecting those we love.

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas Cancer Council hope you have a great 2008 – and let's control cancer this month!

Source: Courtney J. Schoessow, MPH, Extension Program Specialist, Texas AgriLife Extension Service. March 2008. Texas AgriLife Extension Family and Consumer Sciences website: <http://fcs.tamu.edu/>.

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Source: St. Louis Inspirational Christian

This Weeks Birthdays

11th - Celina Guerrero
 12th - Tres Spencer
 13th - Arica Proulx
 14th - Caelan Thuet



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Engagement Announced




Froman - Wright

Ken and Layne Froman of Gail would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Michelle Kaye to Grant Wright, son of Audie and Ann Wright of Aledo. Michelle and Grant will exchange vows on Saturday, June 28, 2008 at First Baptist Church in Midland.

Borden County Volunteer Firefighter Meeting

There will be a volunteer firefighter meeting on Thursday, April 10th at 5:30 at the fire station. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer fireman is urged to attend this meeting. For more information please contact Buster Taylor at 806/756-4434 or Billy Gannaway at 806/756-4311.



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The first class series will be held:


- Monday, April 7
- Monday, April 14
- Monday, April 21
- Monday, April 28
- Monday, May 5

from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Trailblazers Senior Center (205 E. 10th Street) in Post.

NOTE: Classes in Gail will be held in July.

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Borden County 4-H News



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Livestock Judging

Any 4-H'er interested in Livestock Judging, please call Cody G. Hill at the Borden County Extension Office. Practices will begin soon!

Last call for Roundup Entries!

4-H'ers interested in competing in the Public Speaking Project should contact the Extension Office as soon as possible. Information is available to assist 4-H'ers and their parents in writing, presenting and preparing visuals for educational presentations (method demonstrations); as well as covering information about the public speaking contest and share-the-fun's. This project provides youth an excellent opportunity to develop public speaking skills, even if they hate to talk in front of others. 4-H'ers will present their prepared presentations at County 4-H Roundup. Participants will advance to District 4-H Roundup, which will be held on May 3rd at Levelland Middle School in Levelland. **The FINAL deadline for entering a Public Speaking Contest is Tuesday, April 15.**


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Agriculture News
 by Cody G. Hill
 Borden County Extension Agent –
 Agriculture

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4-H Shooting Sports Meeting

The 4-H Shooting Sports is a great way for youth to be involved in 4-H. It teaches 4-H'ers not only how to become better marksman, but it teaches them safety, responsibility, trustworthiness, patience, honesty, and yes, how to have fun!!!

There will be a planning meeting on Thursday, April 17, 2008, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at the Borden County Extension Office. All 4-Her's and parents who are planning to participate in the Shooting Sports project are encouraged to attend.

4-H Horse Project Meeting


The 4-H Horse Project is a great educational tool for youth to learn more about horses in areas of health care, horsemanship, grooming techniques, speed events, roping, and so much more.

There will be a Borden County 4-H Horse Project meeting on Thursday, April 24 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Borden County Extension Office. Any 4-Her's and parents who are interested in participating are encouraged to attend this meeting.

4-H & FFA Steer Validation

All across the State of Texas steer prospects are being selected by 4-H and FFA members for the 2008-2009 show season. During the month of June, these steers will be validated. Validation is a process in which the steers are tagged, tattooed, nose printed and hair samples are collected to show ownership and provide information in case a steer was lost or stolen. If you are planning on exhibiting steers during the 2009 Borden County Jr. Livestock Show or any of the major stock shows, you need to contact Borden County Extension Agent Cody G. Hill to order your tags. We must order these tags by April 18, 2008.

For more information on these project areas, contact Borden County Extension Agent Cody G. Hill at (806) 756-4336.


SEEDS FROM THE SOWER
 Michael A. Guido
 Metter, Georgia

A father came home from church, and his little girl asked, "What did the man preach about?" "God," he answered. "Was He our God?" she wondered.

It's one thing to say God, but it's another thing to say "our" God.

Christianity is more than a profession, it's a possession. And this possession works two ways. The Christian possesses Christ, and Christ possesses the Christian.

To possess God in Christ is to have all that you need for this life and the next. Have God and you have all. To be possessed by Him is to have absolute security and satisfaction.

Do you possess Christ, and does He possess you?

Grassfire...

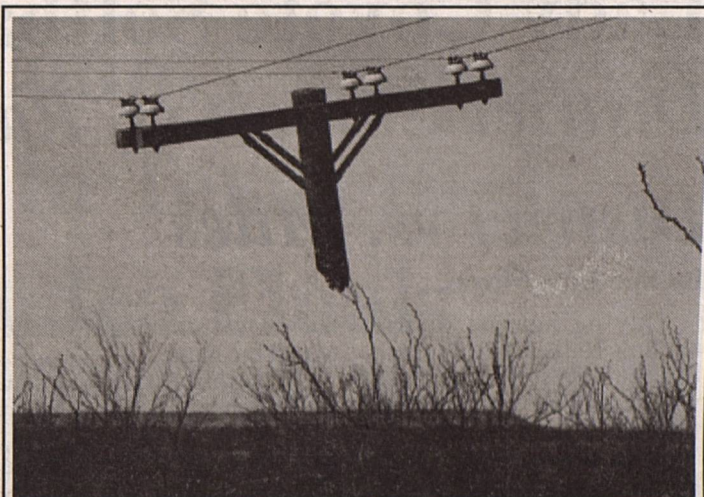
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dian Canyon Ranch, suffered extensive burns to his hands and other areas of his body when the motor grader he was using to help control the fire was overrun by flames. He was airlifted to Lubbock where he remains in University Medical Center and is listed in stable condition.

Several private oil companies are also said to have provided services to fight the blaze.

The fire was reported contained around 11p.m. Monday night.

House keeper and all around helper for elderly couple in Gail. Non-Smoker Need drivers license and good references required. Please call 756-4397.



What's left of a utility pole, dangles from the highlines it was meant to hold up. The pole was destroyed in last Monday's grassfire that also destroyed some 30,000 acres. Hundreds of volunteers fought the fire until it was contained late Monday night.

Thank You!

We would sincerely like to thank all of the people involved in helping fight the grassfire last week on the Muleshoe Ranch. It is impossible to thank each person that helped, but we want each of you to know how much we appreciate your help. Please continue your prayers for Wyndel Culp's recovery and also...pray for rain!

Thank you once again,
 John and Kevva Anderson
 Rich and Barbara Anderson



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Lady Coyote Softball Update

District Contest vs. Ralls; Non-District vs. Miles

By Sue Jane Mayes

Playing against district leading Ralls Lady Jackrabbits, the BHS softball team met what could be a state-bound team come June.

Using their dominant pitching, hitting, and capitalizing on Lady Coyote errors, Ralls took last Saturday's doubleheader played on Dag Azam Field in Ralls.

Junior Krystal Hobson got the Lady Coyote's only hit in the series, while Sharelle Gass, Taylor Richey, and Chasiti Rutherford were the only other base runners from walks issued in the game.

Against Miles JV in Monday's game, things started off in a similar fashion before the girls stopped the bleeding, giving up six runs in the first inning.

However, BHS answered with three runs of its own. Leadoff hitter Hobson and D'Nae Johnson advanced on the bases and scored on Taylor Richey's hit. Lacey Roberts also came around after advancing on a base on balls and stealing two bases.

Miles erupted for six runs in the fourth inning to ice the game, taking advantage of throwing errors. Taylor Richey did record two strikeouts in the inning as relief pitcher.

BHS would score twice more to make it a 21-6 game, and defensively, the team enjoyed yet another successful double play started when Roberts caught a pop up, tossed to Richey who then threw to Bailey Anderson at third to get the advancing runner who had tagged up. Gass also turned in several good stops at shortstop while catcher Johnson made a great catch behind the plate on a high pop up. She also assisted in an out when she retrieved a passed ball and threw to Richey covering the plate to tag out the Miles player trying to score from third.

Krista Tarleton, who made it over to Snyder after playing 18 holes of district golf in Big Spring, beat out an infield hit in the game to try and start a rally in the bottom of the fifth,

but she was stranded at second to end the game.

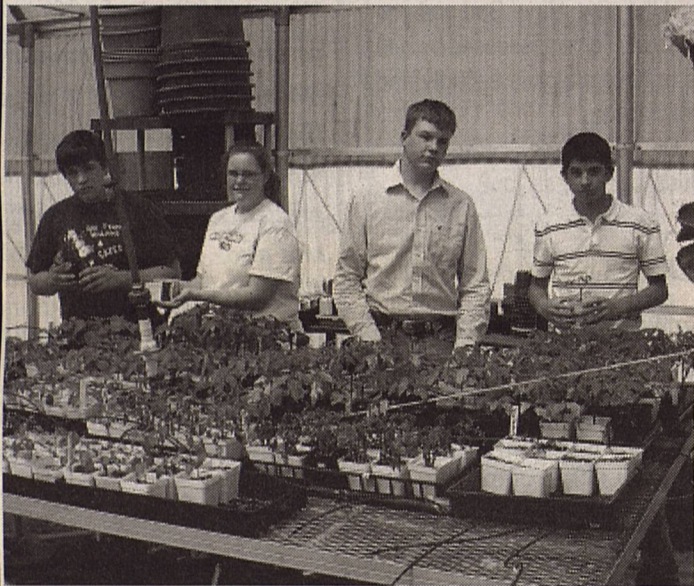
Phyneshia Rutherford saw action at both catcher and first base. Hobson assisted in two outs while playing third. Marla Crenshaw struck out one batter in her first inning pitching performance and then later moved to left field when Richey came in for relief. Shylo Rinehart covered left field for the Lady Coyotes. She

was hit by a pitch and advanced to score one run in the game.

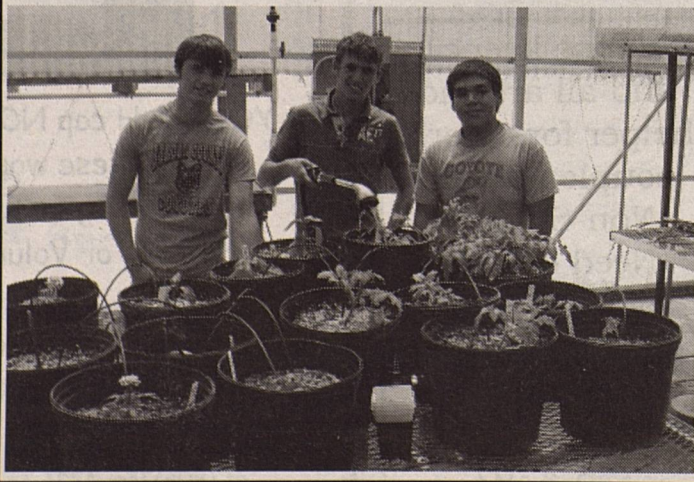
Junior Olivia Key, starting pitcher, was unable to attend Monday's game due to a doctor's appointment.

The Lady Coyotes will finish their 2008 season with a final district game next Tuesday in New Deal against the second-place Lady Lions. Game time is set for 4:30 p.m.

Horticulture 101



Learning how to grow and care for all sorts of plants is what the Gail Horticulture class is all about. Pictured above are (left to right) Corey Teel, Jacie Eveland, Clay Harding and Tyrell Massingill and pictured below are (left to right) Jake Cooley, Miller Valentine and Carlos Hernandez.



Mandatory Public Notification Language Notice of Drinking Water ARSENIC Violation

August 2006

The Texas Commission On Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the Borden County Water System that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for ARSENIC. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL ARSENIC at .01 mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for ARSENIC indicates a level of .026 mg/L in 2006

This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing ARSENIC in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system and may have increased risk of getting cancer.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

Borden County Water System is installing equipment to lower the level of ARSENIC to below the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) standards.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For further information contact the County Judge's Office, Borden County Courthouse, 117 E. Wasson, Gail, Texas 79738, phone 806/756-4391.

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Public Water System ID#0170010
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This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing FLOURIDE in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Fluoride in drinking water at half the MCL or more may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than nine years old. Mottling, also known as dental fluorosis, may include brown staining and/or pitting of the teeth, and occurs only in developing teeth before they erupt from the gums.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

We are working to correct the problem by investigating the possibility of connecting to another system.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For further information contact the County Judge's Office, Borden County Courthouse, 117 E. Wasson, Gail, Texas 79738, phone 806/756-4391.

Van L. York, County Judge
Public Water System ID#0170010
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Gail, Texas 79738

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

Spring Break on Florida's West Coast

The white sand on Siesta Beach in Sarasota, Florida is like powder. It is always cool, even on the hottest days. When we were there in mid-March about a million people were on the beach. I don't know how much fun they were having. The wind was howling at about 60 miles an hour. A combination of blowing sand and sea spray cast a fog over the area and the Gulf water was cold. We stayed about five minutes. We saw license plates from just about every state in the union. I can hear the occupants saying, "We paid good money to get to a Florida beach for spring break and by gosh we're gonna enjoy it. Period." This was our first trip to Sarasota and we were impressed. We went there to visit some new friends we met on a cruise to Russia last year. They love Sarasota and showed us around. The city is tremendously upscale and will soon have a Waldorf-Astoria Hotel and a Neiman-Marcus department store. It already has a Ritz Carlton and a Four Seasons. Several people who own second or third homes there fly in on their private jets and bring their personal chefs with them. Sarasota, with 30 golf courses, has as many wealthy residents as West Palm Beach and the number is growing. Financial experts say the area between Naples and Tampa (with Sarasota roughly in the middle) is the sixth or seventh wealthiest corridor in the US. When our friends picked us up at the Tampa airport we went immediately to the Dali Museum in nearby St. Petersburg, which was exhibiting some of Salvador Dali's work in film. He was fiercely interested in using his painting techniques

in movies. He collaborated with Walt Disney, Alfred Hitchcock and others. His three-minute dream sequence in Hitchcock's *Spellbound* was one of several Dali works being screened at the museum. The name of the exhibit was DALI AND FILM and the price of admission included a DALIWOOD t-shirt. We wore them and have the photos to prove it.

The house where we stayed had a lanai, a Hawaiian word for porch or balcony. Nearly every house we saw had one of these attached to it. It literally is a room with the walls and roof made of fine mesh screen. It is braced with slender steel girders, all painted white. It is a fabulous addition that makes a lot of sense. You can walk directly into the lanai from the house, whose sliding glass doors remain open during the day to take advantage of the breeze. We never used the air conditioner.

Sarasota is the home of John and Mabel Ringling, the circus couple. The Ringling estate has the Ringling mansion, theater and circus museum as well as the Ringling's dazzling collection of fine art. I couldn't believe that such a fortune could be made during a time when a ticket to a traveling tent circus cost a quarter. We had a blast in Sarasota. You never know how the folks you meet on cruises are going to be when you meet them on their home territory. But Les and Marilyn are the same aboard ship or on land. We feel like we've known them for a long time and want to see them some more; in fact we plan to go to Israel with them next year.

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Borden County Students Compete in Texas High School Rodeo Finals

The Regional Finals of the Texas High School Rodeo Association were April 4-5 in Ft. Stockton. Prizes were awarded for point totals accumulated during the Fall and Spring Semesters at the THSRA rodeos. Chance Taylor and Riley Smith tied for first place with Sam Powers and Cody Mahaffey in the Wrangler division (Jr. High School). Both teams accumulated 38 points for the year to win belt buckles. Chance also placed in the tie-down calf roping and rib-

bon roping. Riley placed in the tie-down calf roping. Sean Tucker placed in the breakaway roping of the Youth division. He was bucked off of his calf on Friday night, granted a reride—only to be bucked off again. Saturday,

Sean held on to gain a score and cinch the buckle for first place. Sean was also awarded the sportsmanship buckle for the Wrangler/Youth divisions. The State Finals of the THSRA will be held in June in Gonzales, Texas.



Riley Smith, Sean Tucker and Chance Taylor competed in the Regional Finals of the Texas High School Rodeo Association. They will be competing in the State Finals of the THSRA to be held in June in Gonzales, Texas.

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Pre-School Day

Pre-School day will be Thursday, April 24th. If your child will be 5 years on or before September 1, 2008, he/she is invited to visit the kindergarten class on this day. Please send a copy of your child's birth certificate, social security card, and immunization record. This year, there will not be an early dismissal for the rest of the school in Pre-School Day. Pre-School students will attend school from 8:05 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The school will provide lunch. If your child would like to ride the bus, please contact the bus driver in your area. However, you will need to make arrangements to pick up your pre-school child at 12:30.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 806-756-4313.



-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer

Help Available to Those Facing Mortgage Difficulties

While the economy in West Texas continues to be stronger than in many other parts of the country, I wanted to be sure any residents who are having difficulty with their mortgages were aware of assistance that is available.

Hope Now is a program created by an alliance of large banks, counselors, mortgage services, and other critical industry supporting organizations with the sole purpose of helping keep you in your home. If you are having difficulty making mortgage payments or have fallen behind on payments, Hope Now may be able to assist you. Both the Department of Housing and

Urban Development and the Treasury Department supported the creation of Hope Now to help encourage lenders to work with borrowers on options that help keep people in their homes rather than allow borrowers to fall into foreclosures.

If you are having difficulty making your mortgage payments or have fallen behind on your payments, you can call the Hope Now hotline at 888-995-Hope to speak with a mortgage counselor.

In addition, the Treasury Department recently announced a program to assist homeowners. Project Life Line is geared to help Americans stay in their homes by freezing the foreclosure process for

30 days while the mortgage is renegotiated or refinanced. All major banks have agreed to abide by the Treasury Department's plan to lessen the impact of these mortgages on the open market. To learn more, please visit, <http://www.ustreas.gov/>. **Honoring Our First Responders**

Today, I was in Big Spring at an event to honor and thank our brave first responders who, amidst the chaos of the refinery explosion in February, came to the scene, put out the fires and helped those in need. It was an honor to meet with these individuals and express the appreciation of a grateful community for their dedicated work, and rapid professional response.

These dedicated men and women embody the best there is in a community; to come together in a time of crisis and do what needs to be done to help their fellow citizens.

They risk their lives to help others, and there is nothing more honorable than that. Looking back on that fateful day in February, I can only thank the Good Lord that there was not a single fatality and truly believe that was a miracle.

sure to update you. In the meantime, do not hesitate to visit my website at www.randy.house.gov or call my office toll free district wide at (888) 763-1611 or my Washington, DC office at 202-225-4005.

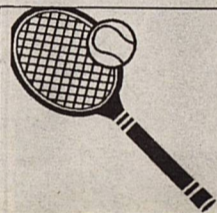
—Randy



As always, when events unfold in Washington, I will be

Gail cemetery trustees met on March 27, 2008 with the president of West Texas Consultants Inc., James Tompkins and voted to survey and plot the new portion of the cemetery which is Block 17 directly west of Block 18. Estimated cost of this is \$7,000 to \$8,000. This is something that needs to be taken care of for the future. The trustees are in need of funds to carry out this project. We would appreciate any amount of donation.

Mail to: Gail Cemetery
1751 CR 130
O'Donnell, Tx. 79351



APRIL 2008



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Area OAP @ Howard College JH/HS 4-H Meeting during lunch in Conference Room Cool Clovers Meeting 3:45-4:45 in the Show Barn SAT registration deadline for 5/3 test	2 District Track @ Water Valley	3 District Tennis @ Garden City TELPAS Reading Test	4 District Tennis @ Garden City	5 Softball DH @ Ralls 1:00 Baseball @ Rotan 1:00
6	7 2 nd Day District Golf @ Big Spring Softball vs. Miles @ Snyder (Cates) 4:30 Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes program 6-8 p.m. @ Trailblazers Senior Center in Post State FFA Officers @ Borden County 10:30 - 12:30	8 TAKS Math 5 th & 8 th Area Track @ Bronte Softball @ Slaton JV2 4:00 "Pampering your Body, Mind and Soul": Women's Health @ Extension Office 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	9 Youth Board Meeting during Lunch	10 Baseball @ Hamlin 6:00	11	12 Baseball vs. Hermligh @ Snyder (Moffett) 6:00 Area II CDE @ TTU Softball @ Slaton JV1 5:00 ACT Test (must have pre-registered)
		HS Region II-A UIL Academic Meet				
13	14 Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes program series 6-8 p.m. @ Trailblazers Senior Center in Post	15 Baseball DH vs. Aspermont @ Snyder (Moffett) 4:30 Softball @ New Deal 4:30	16	17 Regional Qualifiers Track TBA	18 End of 5 th Six Weeks Baseball @ Ira 5:00	19 State Horse & Wool CDE Judging @ TTU SPECHEA JH Tennis, SPC, Levelland
	Scholastic Book Fair					
20	21 Beginning of 6 th Six Weeks Baseball @ Hamlin 6:00 Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes program series 6-8 p.m. @ Trailblazers Senior Center in Post	22	23	24 Pre-K Day	25 Bad Weather Day	26
	Regional Golf @ Maxwell		Regional Tennis		Regional Track	
27	28 Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes program series 6-8 p.m. @ Trailblazers Senior Center in Post	29 TAKS Math 3 rd , 4 th , 6 th , 7 th , 10 th	30 TAKS Math Exit Level (11 th) TAKS Reading 4 th , 6 th , 7 th			