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Final Hurdle

Borden County graduate, Garrett Thomas, ran his final race at the national track meet at North Carolina. He leaves Tarleton as a two-time Division II track all-American and finished this year just a few places short of three-peating that honor.

Dameon Myres Tarleton State University photo

Thomas's Final Hurdle

Courtesy Lamesa Press Reporter
By Dwight Hines

There is an old saying in sports that goes along the lines that you are only as good as your last game or last race.

That old adage, however, will not hold up when it comes to the college track career of Borden County's champion hurdler, Garrett Thomas.

Thomas finished his college track career for Tarleton State University last weekend by running the 110-meter high hurdles at the NCAA Division 2 National Track Championships at Charlotte, N.C. It was his fourth straight year to run that hurdle race on a national

level. He had earned all-American status in those hurdles each of the past two years in college.

Thomas went in with hopes of three-repeating as a NCAA D2 college track all-American for a third straight year, but ended up coming out five spots of that goal as he finished a frustrating 13th in his final race at Charlotte with a time of 14.81.

"It's another one of those deals where anything can happen in the hurdles, but that's what drew me to them (hurdles) in the first place," Thomas said.

It was only a couple of weeks ago when Thomas won his first Lone Star Conference championship in that hurdle race with a time of 14.22.

Only the top eight finishers in each event at the national championship meet earn that right to earn college all-American status.

"This one race didn't turn out like any of us wanted it to. Everybody wanted to see him end it on a high note back as an All-American again," Tarleton State Coach Pat Pon-

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Rodriguez to Revisit Haiti on Mission Trip

Raul Rodriguez, a 2003 Borden County High School graduate, went to Haiti last year right before the massive earthquake that crippled the small country.

Rodriguez has plans to return to Haiti this August.

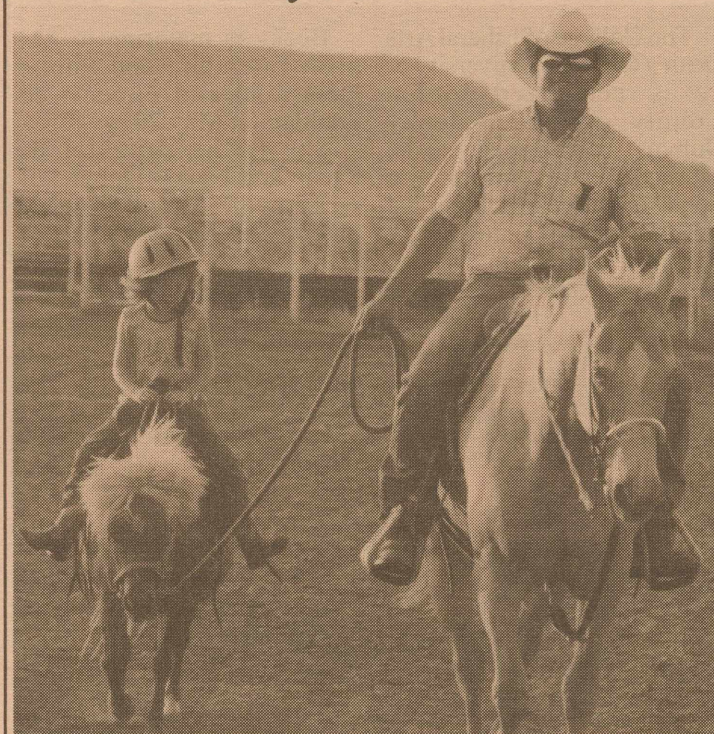
"Once again we will be teaming up with the Mission of Hope, an organization that has worked for over 10 years

in Haiti giving orphans a home, spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ, providing food, medicine and education for the needy and also housing many who were affected by the earthquake," said Rodriguez.

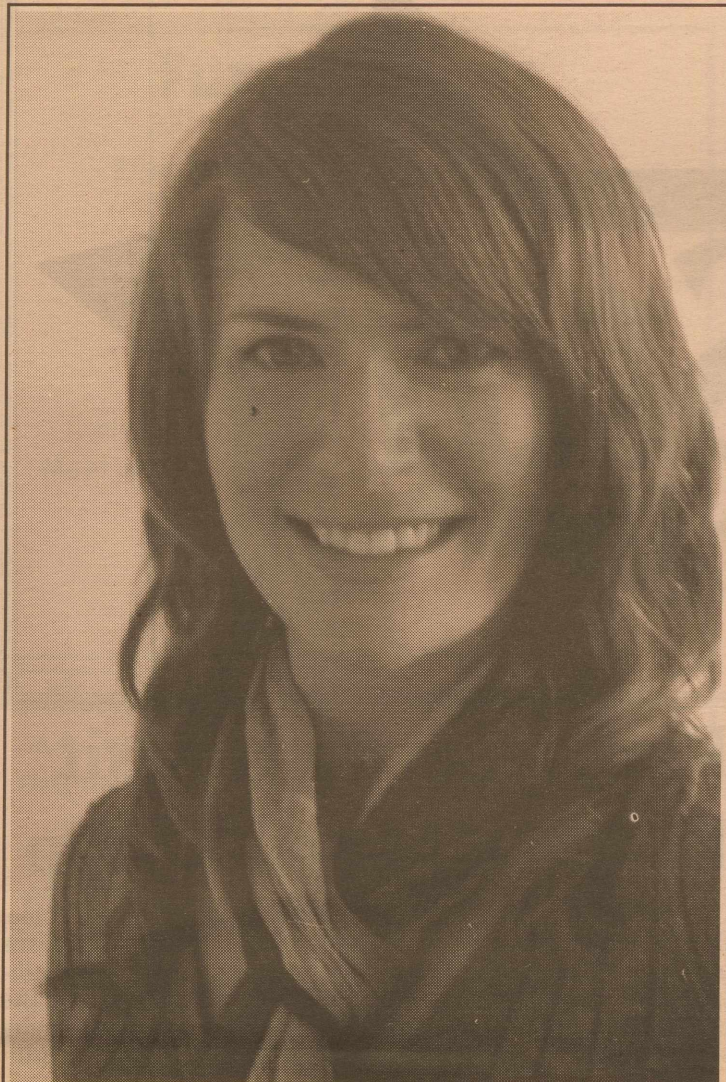
He will be in Haiti from Aug. 7-14. Rodriguez is required to pay \$1,600 by July 1

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Borden County Youth Horse Club



The Borden Co. Youth Horse Club play days began several weeks ago with 19 kids participating. Pictured is Kambell (left) and Kyle Schmidt from Sweetwater, Texas. Kambell is the granddaughter of Monte and Deidre Smith of Borden County.



Dobyns Named to Dean's List

The College of Liberal Arts Dean's Office at University of Texas recognized Borden County graduate, Becky Dobyns, for having earned the designation of Magna cum Laude on the dean's honor list for the spring semester of 2010.

Becky is majoring in English Literature and Public Relations and expects to graduate in May 2011.

She is the daughter of Kevin and Nancy Dobyns of Jacksonville, Fl. and the niece of Jym and Amy Rinehart of Gail.

Save This Date
August 6 & 7, 2010
Borden All-School 2010 Reunion

- The last "5 Year Reunion" held on the old school campus
- See plans for the new campus
- Send suggestions for activities this year
- Send new addresses of Exes/Employees/Parents/Friends of Borden School
- More information to follow

BHS All-School Reunion
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Thomas Finishes Last Race...

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der said.

"This one race isn't going take away the fact he had an outstanding career for us."

Because of heavy rain and lightning, this year's national hurdle race turned into a timed finals instead of following the normal pre-lim and final format.

"It was good in the way that it gave me an extra day to recover from that hamstring we tweaked the week before we went out to North Carolina, but an all timed finals can be a rough deal, too," Thomas said. "Most of my friends had chin splits or stress fractures, but I've never been hurt. I've always looked at that as another one of my blessings, and then whenever ia ended up getting hurt for the first time it was right before my last race."

Thomas's luck did not get much better when he finally got to run those hurdles.

"I still wasn't 100 percent. It seemed like it took me a while to get it going. Finally by the fifth, sixth and seventh hurdle we got some of that snap back," Thomas said. "The guy running right to my left ended up hitting a hurdle. A couple of them ended up flipping over. I ended up getting hit by the base of one of those hurdles."

Thomas literally turned out being a victim in what turned out being his final race.

"We ended up having hurdles flying all over the place. We also had one kid who had a false start and whenever that happens it has a tendency to hold everybody back a little," Ponder said. "As a result, he didn't get the best start either. But, then again, Garrett isn't the kind who ever looks for excuses, which is something else about him which helps make him special."

Special is definitely an understatement when it comes to Thomas.

"He's one of those kids who

you can tell hat his parents did a great job raising him, too. He's also a very solid individual. We're talking about the kind of kid that any coach wants I his program," Ponder said of Thomas.

"One of the biggest things going for Garrett is the way that he's always done things the right way."

College all-Americans normally come out of hometowns that are a lot bigger than Gail, Texas.

Thomas, however, takes great pride in his roots.

"Whenever we tell people that we graduated out of a class of 13 kids they look at me like we're crazy," Thomas said. "I'm proud to be from West Texas. Just like I'm proud to tell people that I'm also from Gail, even if a lot of people never heard of it before or even know where it's at on the map."

Ponder, however, does not seem the least bit surprised to see Thomas develop into what he did on the next level with the Texans.

"We had a pretty good idea of what we're getting just from the recruiting process," Ponder said. After we started that process and the more we got to know Garrett, as well as his parents, we could tell that we were getting something special.

"He was also coming to us with already some outstanding marks that he set back in high school. We just felt like it was going to be a matter of adjustments which, with just knowing his attitude, we never felt like that was going to be that big of a problem."

After running his last college race, it now is onto the real world for Garrett who will be getting married on June 26 in San Angelo. That young couple then plans on making the move to Idalou where his

soon to be wife, Cheyenne, will teach special education at Lorenzo.

"Since we won't be running in a track meet somewhere every weekend anymore, we'll finally get a chance to start looking for a job," Thomas said.

Garrett graduated from Tarleton State University on May 15 with a degree in Marketing.

"It's already been like a job environment just being in that weight room every morning at six. We realize that it's probably not as stressful, but we've still been bossed around every day following some kind of structure and schedule. You've still got people expecting you to perform, even if it's at a different level. Coming in here four years ago as a freshman, we found out that it's already like a business relationship starting day one."



Walk Across Texas a Huge Success

Twenty-four Borden County residents participated in the *Walk Across Texas* program during March, April and May. Together, these individuals walked 1703.45 miles over the eight week period. What an accomplishment!


The mileage breakdown for each team is: Victorious! Secrets - 408.25 miles; Daisy Dukes - 416 miles; and County Cruisers - 879.2 miles.

The *Walk Across Texas* program was designed to encourage people to start and maintain a physical fitness program. A reusable grocery bag will be given to each participant. We are very pleased that they walked over seventeen hundred miles! A special thanks to everyone that participated in the 2010 *Walk Across Texas* program!



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On the Wild Side of Life
by Cody G. Hill
Borden County Extension Agent –
Agriculture

Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

Tips to Protect Livestock From Wildfire

Ranchers can take precautions to reduce the risk and spread of wildfire and protect livestock from injury or death by fire. The most important thing to remember is to have a fire plan in place. You'll have a limited time to react when a wildfire hits, so you'll need to be prepared and practiced for it. The plan should include how to access and transport livestock that may be in danger. Make sure you have keys to padlocks and can get easy access to every gate on the perimeter fence. If there's a wildfire, farmers and ranchers need to know in advance what their priorities are.

Sometimes firefighters will ask which they should save first – a structure, livestock, machinery or feed. If you have time to evacuate livestock, proceed with caution, as some animals may refuse to leave and others may run back into a burning barn or building. Close gates that give livestock access to dangerous or soon-to-be dangerous areas. When evacuating the animals, be sure to keep them from going into areas where they might become trapped or have a limited chance of escape.

Livestock are sensitive to wildfire and are frequently injured or killed by running into fences, barriers and other obstructions while trying to flee. Having the right equipment and experienced handlers to move livestock is important, but if time is of the essence it may be necessary to release the animals and recapture them later. All farm and ranch family members and workers should be on the lookout for potential fire hazards and know how to respond in case of a fire.

Some basic safety precautions should include installing and maintaining smoke detectors in barns and buildings, placing fire extinguishers in barns, vehicles and tractors, and posting emergency num-

bers in a central location near a telephone.

To help prevent or feed a fire, store fuels, pesticides and other chemicals away from heat sources and combustible materials. If there's a wildfire, these should be removed from the premises. Also, trash, hay, lumber, empty feed sacks and other flammable materials should be kept away from barns and buildings.

Firebreaks or fireguards are another useful tool in helping prevent the spread of wildfire. As their names indicate, these are designed to keep fire in or out of a pasture. Cleared firebreaks must extend to bare ground or mineral soil with no line of continuous dead fuel that allows the fire to creep across the fire line.

There are a variety of firebreaks and method for creating them, and should be constructed to meet the needs of the individual landowner while offering protection to rangelands and pastures. Wildfires travel quickly, especially when there's a high wind, so being pro-active rather than reactive is the best approach.

Another preparatory method for wildfire control is green-stripping. Green-stripping is a technique that can be used on rangeland and improved pasture and involves burning a strip around the perimeter of a pasture under safe, prescribed conditions, including high relative humidity and low wind speed. The strip or firebreak is typically from 100 feet to 1000 feet wide and needs to be burned prior to the major wildfire season.

Most wildfires in Texas occur from February through March and usually come with high winds. If you live in an area characterized by high winds during this period, you may need a wider fire-guard. The term green-stripping comes from the response of the vegetation after a prescribed

Sharelle Gass would like to announce the arrival of her daughter,
Patzlee Quin Gass
Born May 13, 2010 at 11:51 a.m.
at Covenant Women's Hospital in
Lubbock, Tx.

She weighed 6 lbs. 11 ozs. and was 20 in.



Grandparents: Stanley & Sherry Gass of Gal, Tx.
Proud Aunt and Uncle: Shayla & Jeremiah Erwin of
Lubbock, Tx.

Great Grandparents: Melba & Johnny Dempsey
and the late Charles Vaughn of O'Donnell, Tx.
Sharon & Sam Mensch of Nowata, OK
Great Great Grandparents: Shirley & Henry Gass of
O'Donnell, Tx.

Thought for the Day

Why must we have memory enough to recall to the tiniest detail what has happened to us, and not enough to remember how many times we have told it to the same person.
--Unknown

burn. Once the grass starts to green up, livestock will be attracted to the restored area. Research has shown that for up to two years livestock will spend most of their grazing time in these areas.

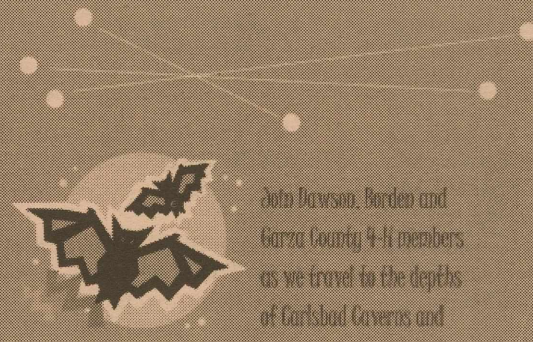
Since the potential wildfire "fuel loads" will be lower in these areas, two purposes are served — a wildfire may be prevented from crossing the green area, and, if one does, there's a high probability livestock will be on these strips and better protected from the fire.

More information on wildfire and protecting livestock from it can be found at the Texas Extension Disaster Education Network Web site, <http://texashelp.tamu.edu/004-natural/fires.php>. Extension Specialists involved in preparing this information were Rich Machen, Texas Livestock Specialist, Uvalde, and Bruce Lesikar, Texas AgriLife Extension Engineer.



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4-H BAT CAMP



Doti Dawson, Borden and Garza County 4-H members as we travel to the depths of Gartsbad Caverns and cruise the Pecos River on a historic paddlewheel boat to a one-day trip on June 24th. 2 meals, snacks, admission to Gartsbad Caverns, boat trip & t-shirt are included in the \$20 registration fee.

Borden County 4-H 806-756-4336
Thursday, June 24th
Time: 9:30 AM-?

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Medical Fund for Brinlie Webb

A fund to help offset medical expenses for Brinlie Webb, Borden County 1st grader and daughter of Ryan and Brandi Webb of Lamesa, has been set up at State National Bank in Lamesa. She was diagnosed with a brain tumor last week and flown to Houston where she underwent surgery on Friday. To make a donation to by or mail to State National Bank 801 North 4th Street Lamesa, Texas 79331

Legal Notice

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BORDEN ORDER PROHIBITING CERTAIN FIREWORKS IN SPECIFIED AREAS OF BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS

WHEREAS, on the 8th of June, 2010, the Commissioners Court of Borden County has determined that conditions on certain uncultivated acreage in the county are extremely hazardous for the danger of fire because of high grass or dry vegetation;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of Borden County adopts this Order prohibiting the sale or use of restricted fireworks in the following areas of Borden County:

D. No person may sell, detonate, ignite, or in any way use fireworks classified under 49 C.F.R. parl. 173.100(r)(2) (10-1-86 edition), as skyrockets with sticks@ and missiles

with fins@ in the specified area of Borden County.

E. This Order does not prohibit:

3. common fireworks, small in size classified as Class C explosives;

4. large fireworks devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation and classified as Class B explosive by the U.S. Dept. of Trans. (Tex. Occ. Code, Chapter 2154).

F. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally violates a prohibition established by the Order. An offense under this order is a Class C Misdemeanor.

APPROVED THIS THE 8TH DAY OF JUNE, 2010, BY THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT.

Van L. York
 County Judge
 ATTEST:

Joyce Herridge
 County Clerk

Mission Trip to Haiti...

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to ensure his place on the mission trip.

"Anything you will be able to give would be a blessing," he said. "I truly ask that you also keep my team and I in your prayers as we begin to plan for this trip."

Rodriguez traveled to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, for seven days with his young adult church group Invictus out of the Harvest Time Church in Odessa last summer. The group stayed at the Mission of Hope about 10 miles away from the capital.

Rodriguez went on to say that he was struck by how depressed the economy is in Haiti, but their faith in God is strong.

His goal now is to positively impact the lives of children and teenagers wherever God leads him.

"I think I'm going in the right direction now," he said. "I was blessed to go last year on this trip and it had such an amazing impact in my life that I feel led to go and help make a difference in people's lives this year."

Rodriguez is the son of Delfino and Mary Ann Rodriguez of Borden County. His grandparents are Henry and Marcelina Torres of Lamesa.

He attends the University of Texas in the Permian Basin where he is a double kinesiology and Spanish major. Rodriguez is a candidate for graduation in May, 2011.

To make donations to his mission trip to Haiti please call (806)786-0504.

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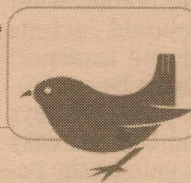
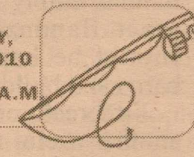


4-H TOUR

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 WEDNESDAY,
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TIME: 9:45 A.M.



It's going to be a full day and lots of fun!
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Morning Session:

Bring \$1 with you and meet at 9:45 a.m. at the South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center - 3308 95th St (95th and Indiana) The tour will begin promptly at 10 a.m.

Lunch: 11:30 - 1:00 (on your own)

Afternoon Session:

Meet at 1:00 p.m. at Gander Mountain - 4006 W Loop 289 We will have three rotations including: touring the store, proper casting (fishing rods) and tying knots. Afterward, we will meet at the District Office at 2:30 p.m. for refreshments. Then get ready, because the Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge will begin at 2:45 p.m.



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
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