

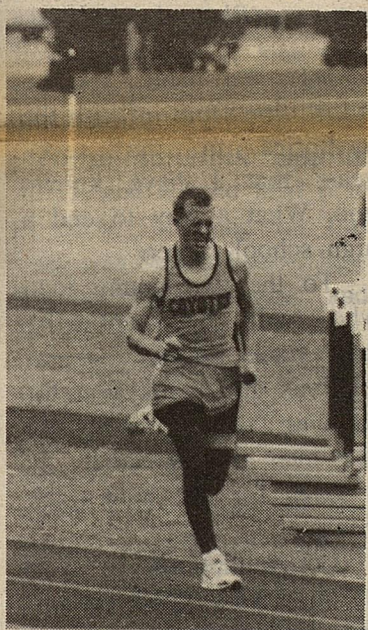
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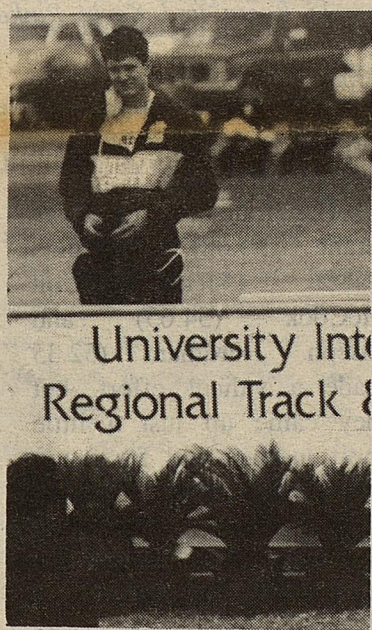
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Two Coyote Track Team Members Earn Trip to Austin



Trent Pepper



Jeff Dennis

The Borden County Coyotes, behind the state awarding efforts of Trent Pepper and Jeff Dennis finished fourth in the Regional II-A Track Meet held in Abilene last weekend. This placing and point total are both believed to be best in Borden County school history. Trent Pepper started things off on Friday as he made good on his hopes of a return trip to Austin in the 3200 meter run, as he ran a school record and personal best time of 10:01.91. This time is very impressive, as

Trent found himself running alone for the final six laps of the competition. This is also the top time turned in for the four regions covered in Class A. Also in this race was freshman TC Stipe. TC ran a very good time of 10:44.10, but was just nipped at the line as he finished seventh.

As the day progressed, the Coyotes would compete in three more events, two relays, and shot put. The relay races were prelim races. The foursome of Ryan Grant, Joseph Hardman, Kevin Pinkerton

BHS Announces Valedictorian and Salutatorian for 1998-99

Mr. Chet Dye, principal of Borden County High School announced today the valedictorian and salutatorian for 1998-99 graduating class.

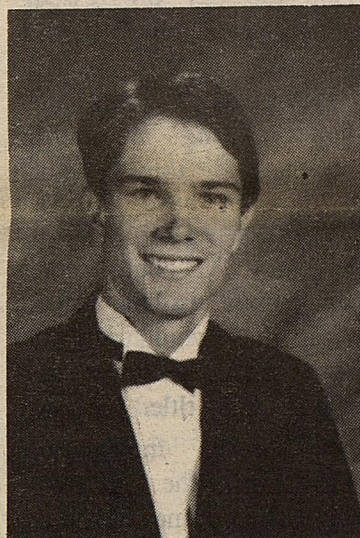
Jeffery Dennis, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joel Dennis, was named Valedictorian. Jeff has maintained a grade point average of 101.74 for the four year period in high school.

Jeff is a member of the National Beta Club and participated in the UIL literary meet in science and math. He advanced to regional in current events and issues. Jeff was voted *Most Likely to Succeed* by his school mates. He was a captain of the basketball team. He advanced to regional in shot put and discus. Jeff has numerous accomplishments in

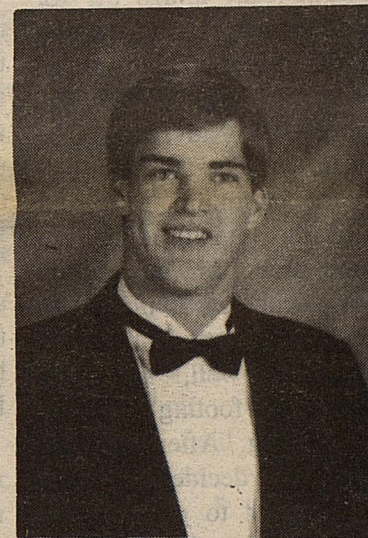
and Fernando Baeza ran the 400-meter relay, and turned in their best time of the year in spite of three questionable hand-offs at 44.65. This time was good enough to qualify for Saturday's finals.

Later that day, the foursome of Robert Stamper (running for Ryan Grant in the prelims with a time of 54.91), Fernando Baeza (54.03), Colt

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Jeffery Dennis



Colt McCook

basketball: All District (three years); Academic All State TABC; Academic All State 6-man; All Region 6-man; All State 6-man; and State qualifier in discus.

Jeff plans to attend Texas Christian University this fall.

Colt McCook, son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles McCook was named as Salutatorian of the 1998-99 graduating class. Colt has maintained a grade point average of 99.99 for the four years. Colt is a member of the National Beta Club and participated in the UIL literary meet in number sense, science and math. Colt was voted *Mr. BHS* for 1998-99. He was a captain of the football

and the basketball term. He has numerous accomplishments in football and basketball: All District (four years); Academic All-State TABC; Academic All State 6-man; All Region TABC; All Region 6-man football; Most Valuable Player 6-man basketball & All State; Most Valuable Player in District.

Colt plans to attend Abilene Christian University this fall and major in Youth and Family Ministry.

Baccalaureate service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Sunday, May 23rd, 1999 in the school auditorium.

Commencement exercise will be held Friday, May 28th, 1999, at 8:00 P.M. in the school auditorium.

Regional Track Meet Results

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McCook (54.16) and Joseph Hardman (52.48) competed in the 1600-meter relay prelims. This team turned a very solid 3:35.58 to easily qualify for the finals on Saturday.

The next event for the Coyotes was Jeff Dennis in the shot put. In this event, Jeff threw the shot 44'9-3/4" which was a little over a foot off of his personal best, still the third best throw of his life to finish 7th place, just 1/4 of an inch out of 6th place. A very impressive showing for the veteran Coyote.

On Saturday, Jeff came back to start things off for the Coyotes by competing in the discus. This was an event in which he had hoped of advancing to Austin in. For the best part of the morning it looked as if this dream might not come true, as Jeff found himself in fourth place. As the finals started, the rain began as well, and Jeff found the footing difficult in the ring. After slipping twice, Jeff decided to front a throw just to get a mark. After Jeff was done, the discus official decided to delay the competition while they dried off the discus ring. On Jeff's next to last throw, he dug deep and through the discus 148'11" to take over second place. Now all he had to do was watch the next two throwers to see if his dream would come true. Moments later, the waiting was over, and a trip to Austin was in Jeff's hands.

Moments after the completion of the discus competition, the Coyote 400-meter relay team stepped on the track to see if they could keep the momentum going. For the first part of the relay, it looked as though the Coyotes were going to make a bid for one of the top three spots as Ryan

gave the baton to Joseph in good shape and the same occurred as Joseph ran a strong second leg and handed to Kevin. Kevin kept the Coyotes in the hunt, but the momentum would be short lived. The exchange between Kevin and Fernando was a little shaky, in fact Fernando had to turn and take the baton which resulted in the Coyotes falling out of contention for a medal. Fernando did manage to bring the Coyotes home in a time that in spite of the miscue was the second fastest time in school history in a hand timed 44.36.

As the day progressed, the announcement of the team totals midway through the track meet found the Coyotes sitting in fourth place behind three teams that did not have a mile relay. This meant that if Trent and TC could score some points in the mile, the Coyotes would actually have a chance to win the Regional II-A title.

With this information relayed to the Coyotes milers, they came out with a determination to keep their team in contention. Trent was also hoping to do something he was not able to do last year, and that was to advance to state in both the 1600-meter and the 3200-meter. This would not be an easy task as the 1600-meter field included the defending state champion, and a young man that had out ran Trent last week. Trent showing a strong determination came out with a game plan in hopes of dethroning the champion. Trent came out and took an early lead before Diego Porras of nearby Sands jumped out to take the lead just before the completion of the third lap. This strategy was used by the runner in the hopes of taking away the kick of



Borden County Coyote and Lady Coyote Track team members taking time to visit with Elsie. Borden County is named for Gail Borden, founder of pasterized milk. (Not pictured are some of the boys track team members, Jeff Dennis, Trent Pepper, T.C. Stipe, Ed Rodriquez, Fernando Baeza and Kevin Pinkerton.) (Photo by LaNita)

the defending state 1600 meter relay, the champion, as he was known for the final surge that he could give at the end of the race. Trent went right with Diego, and regained the lead with 100 meters remaining in the third lap. As the bell lap began, it turned into a two man race between Trent and the young man from Vernon Northside that out ran Trent the previous week. Trent showing an unwavering desire to win used his newfound strength to surge toward a double victory and another trip to Austin as he ran another school record and personal best time of 4:34.07. TC Stipe was also making a gutsy battle of his won, as he crossed the finish line in a very impressive time of 4:52.92 to gain a valuable point for the Coyotes as he finished sixth place.

The eleven points that the distance duo of Pepper and Stipe moved the Coyotes to 37 points. The leader at the time had 44 points. This meant that if the Coyotes could finish fourth or better in the

1600 meter relay, the Coyotes would capture the Region II-A track championship.

The foursome of Ryan Grant (54.08), Fernando Baeza (53.10), Colt McCook (54.65) and Joseph Hardman (52.35) made a valiant effort, but they came up just a little short in their bid for a top four finish, as they finished a disappointing fifth place in a very respectable time of 3:34.18 in some very difficult conditions. The fifth place finish coupled with a first place finish by Santo gave them the team title with 45 points, and the Coyotes a very close fourth with 41 points.

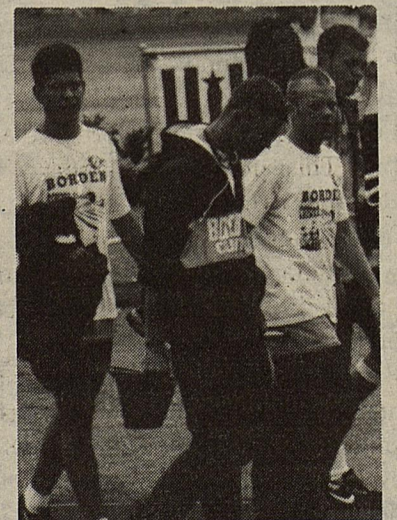
COACHES COMMENTS: By Trey Richey

This is believed to be the best finish in school history. It was very exciting coming down to the final event of the Region II-A meet with an opportunity to win a championship. As a result, it was just one more memory of many that this senior class has given not only to me, but the entire

school. To you seniors, thank you for all of the memories in the seven years that I have known you. What a way to end a high school career.

To the two young men who will be continuing their track season, congratulations and thank you for allowing me to taste my first ever trip to Austin as a coach for the state track meet.

Congratulations to you all on a very good season, and again, thank you all for the memories that will last a lifetime!



Coyote Relay Team Members: Fernando Baeza, Joseph Hardman, Ryan Grant and Kevin Pinkerton

Lady Coyote Regional Track Meet Results

The Lady Coyote track team spent last weekend in Abilene participating in the Regional Track Meet. The top two finishers in the meet will qualify for the state meet. The prelims were ran on Friday and the finals were on Saturday. Friday the weather was nice, with mild temperatures and sunny skies. Saturday it was much colder, with a front keeping the temperature in the 50's.

The Ladies scored 23 points in the meet, finishing in 10th place. There were no Ladies to finish in the top two, but there were some close to advancing.

The 400 m. relay ran a 52.34 accutrack time, and a 52.12 hand held time in the prelims. This put them in sixth place going into the finals. Running in lane two the relay pulled up a position and finished fifth on Saturday with an accutrack time of 52.97, and a hand held time of 52.61. Running on this relay was Shaina Isaacs, Julie Mayes, Katie Kemp, and Bekah Hensley.

Lindsey Smith placed fourth in the 800 m. relay with a time of 2:32.16 officially. She just barely out leaned a competitor at the finish to place fourth by a few one-hundredths of a second.

Crystal Dye ran in the 100 m. hurdles and the 300 m. hurdles on Friday. In the 100 m. hurdles she set a personal record with a 17.20 hand held time. Her accutrack time was 17.62. This placed her the ninth best time in the prelims, the top eight go to the finals. In the 300 m. hurdles Crystal ran a hand held time of 51.75, her accutrack time was 52.10. This placed her in tenth place in the prelims.

Holly Thomas ran the 3200 m. run in a time of 14:00.60 officially. Holly has been hampered with a hip pointer all season that is just not getting any better. Holly ran a tough race with a lot of pain. As only a Sophomore you know Holly will have better luck ahead of her.

In the 800 m. relay the team of Isaacs, Mayes, Kemp, and Hensley, ran the third best time in the prelims. Their accutrack time was 1:51.87, and their hand held time was 1:51.59. This was our best chance to get to state in a relay or even medal at the meet in a relay. One bad exchange would cost this team that chance. On Saturday the girls had a good race going but the bad exchange cost them valuable seconds and they finished

fourth with a time of 1:53.81 officially.

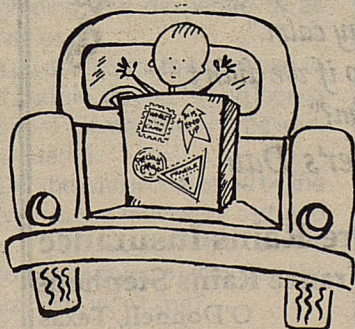
The 1600 m. relay ran a good time on Friday with a 4:19.48. This was the best time this year in this event and it placed them the fifth fastest relay going to the finals. On Saturday the girls ran a 4:23.80 and finished fifth in the event.

Bekah Hensley finished in fifth place in the long jump. Bekah was in fourth place with a distance of 15'10" and was just move back a notch when a competitor bettered Bekah's jump by 3/4 of an inch.

Rika Copeland placed sixth in the shot put with a put of 33'02". This was not her best performance of the year, but as a freshman you know that there will be other chances. It is not bad to come into the Regional meet as a freshman and make the finals.

COACHES COMMENTS: by Bobby Avery

These girls did a great job of competing at the meet. This year the regional meet was a little tougher than most. There were some pretty good teams there running some pretty good times. Our region will probably do well at the state meet. Our girls were pretty disappointed that we did not send any body to Austin, but sometimes you have to be more lucky than good. The cold weather on Saturday slowed everyone's time down a bit from Friday. Also, it is hard to repeat your best performance two days in a row. Congratulations girls on a good season and a good year.



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Girls Regional Qualifiers: (L. to R.) Katie Kemp, Julie Mayes, Bekah Hensley, Holly Thomas, Valerie Wootan, Lindsey Smith, Rika Copeland, Shaina Isaacs, Jana Himes and Crystal Dye.
(Photo by LaNita)

Relay Miscues, Leave Borden Coyote Pups Short of District Championship

The Borden County Pup track team came up just short in their bid for the district track title. The Pups did however, turn in some very impressive performances during the course of the meet. In the end, a couple of miscues during the two relay events spelled doom for the Pups as they were not able to hold onto the lead that they held from the beginning of the meet to the beginning of the mile relay. When the Pups jumped the gun, the district title went with it. The Pups also had a mishap in the 400-relay, when they dropped the baton while leading the event. The Pups John Stamper picked the baton up, got back into his lane and finished his leg and then T.J. Sharp brought it in for what appeared to be a second place finish in spite of the dropped baton, only to find out that the team consisting of Dwain Wright and Talin Pepper along with

TJ and John would be disqualified. Enough about the mishaps. The Pups did show their dominance during the field events. In the six field events, the combination of TJ Sharp and Talin Pepper brought home the gold medal in all six events. TJ won the long jump with a leap of 16'10" triple jump with 34'9", shot put with a toss of 14'11.5", and discus at 139'4". Talin won the high jump (4'10") and the pole vault at 9'0". The Pups took a very commanding lead after the field events as they tallied 85 points in the field events alone with a 3rd place finish by Evan Winegarner in the 2400 meter run gave the Pups a total of 91 points and a 35 point lead. The Pups could not hold the lead as they only managed points during the running events. Other receiving medals in the meet were Cade Peterson 3rd place pole vault, Dwain

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Gifts and Donations Needed For "BHS Project Graduation"

Parents of the senior class of 1999 are asking for donations and gifts for "Project Graduation".

This project helps make this very important night in the lives of our children a lot of fun and a very memorable evening for them.

Your gifts and donations will be greatly appreciated and will help make this night even more exciting.

You may send your donations to: "BHS Project Graduation" in care of Borden County I.S.D. P.O. Box 95, Gail, Texas 79738 or contact any senior parent or the school.

Thank you for you help in this project.
Class of 1999 Parents

McPhaul, Bilbro wed in Austin

Jacquelyn McPhaul and Gregory Bilbro were united in marriage in an afternoon wedding on April 18th at the Barr Mansion in Austin. Judge Jan Breland officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Jack and Marilyn McPhaul of Lubbock. The groom is the son of Kenny and Carolyn Bilbro of San Antonio.

Barton Strings Trio of Austin performed musical selections.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of soft diamond white matte satin. The sleeveless princess bodice featured a Sabrina neckline. The back was enhanced with an oval keyhole cut out. French pleating in the matte satin accented the midriff and waist of the gown. The hemline of the A-line skirt was finished with a bias-cut band.

In keeping with tradition the bride's gown represented something new. She carried a lace handkerchief, which was carried by her mother at her wedding. She wore an heirloom sixpence in her shoe, which she borrowed from her mother. She wore a garter of diamond white Venice lace and she tossed a satin garter with blue and white accents.

She carried a bouquet of purple stock, yellow freesia, flaming parrot tulips and orange Gerber daisies accented with silk green ribbon.

The maid of honor was Jennifer Jones of College Station. She wore a lemon-grass colored sundress suit. Her bouquet complemented the bride's bouquet.

The groom's attire consisted of a block two-button south jacket with matching vest and a banded collar shirt. Antique car cufflinks were a gift from the bride. His boutonniere was a red sweetheart rose accented with yellow freesia.

The best man was Robert Deegan of East Haven, Conn. Roy Clayton of College Station served as usher. The groom's attendants were attired to complement the groom. They wore boutonnieres of yellow freesia.

RECEPTION

Following the ceremony a reception was held at Barr Mansion. The outdoor setting featured large oak and pecan trees.

The bride table featured the traditional white wedding cake with buttercream icing. Whole raspberries were between the layers and an apricot glaze and greenery of raspberry vines was used to decorate the cake.

The groom's table featured an opera chocolate raspberry torte.

Following the honeymoon to Seattle, Wash. and Victoria, B.C. the couple will make their home in Austin.

The bride is a graduate of Borden County High School in Gail, Texas and where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in geography. She is em-

ployed by Impact Resources in Austin.

The groom is a graduate of John Marshall High School and the University of Texas at Austin where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science. He is employed at Don Ray George and Associates in Austin.

COURTESIES

Dr. and Mrs. Jim Jenkins hosted a dinner in honor of the couple on March 19th in Lubbock.

A bridal coffee was held March 20th at First Presbyterian Church of Lamesa. Hostesses were Sherry Adcock, Ann Adcock, Lynda Bethel, Inez Clayton, Beth Cohorn, Peggy Crawley, Ann Crawley, Meryl Fitzhugh, Susan Halfmann, Sharron Hegi, Judy Hightower, Sarah Noret, Jimmie Pace, Mary Lane Peterson, Jeannie Peterson, Cathy Renner, Linda Smith, Lillian Strahan, Doniece White, Vicki Whitman and Ellie Wilson.

A cookout was held on March 20th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hegi. Other hostess were Mr. and Mrs. Scott Clayton and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hightower.

A rehearsal dinner hosted by the groom's parents was held at El Sol y La Luna Restaurant in Austin.

A bridal luncheon held on April 17th at Green



Mrs. Gregory Bilbro
...nee Jacquelyn McPaul

Pastures Restaurant in Linda Davis, the bride's Austin was hosted by aunt.

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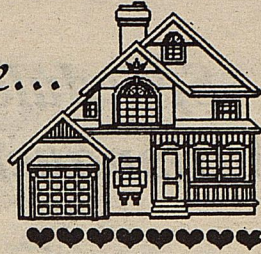
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Heart and home...

By Julie D. Mumme
Borden County Extension Agent -
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Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. the Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

Osteoporosis Action Week Begins on Mother's Day

Osteoporosis, a major health problem in America, will receive statewide attention during Osteoporosis Action Week, May 10-16. The Texas Department of Health, along with health care providers, hospitals, businesses, and other agencies such as the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, will join the annual National Foundation's Osteoporosis Prevention Week campaign to educate Texans on this debilitating disease which causes bones to become so fragile that they break.

Information is available on steps being taken to assist Texans in prevention and early detection of

osteoporosis. Each year, 95,000 Texas women are among 1.5 million American women who receive fractures caused by osteoporosis.

The cost to Texas today is about \$1 billion or more in hospital and nursing home expenses. About one in two women and one in eight men are affected by osteoporosis. While there are treatments for this disease, there is no cure. This is why prevention is so important. Contact the Extension office at (806)-756-4336 is you would like more information about the treatment and prevention of this devastating disease.

Walk Across Texas

WEEK 2

TEAM NAME	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	TOTAL TEAM MILES
Wandering Women	65.5	67	132.5
Coyote Cuties	36	62	98
Toddling Teachers	58.85	82.5	141.35
EMS	71	72.5	143.5
Courthouse	46	51.5	97.5
Bodies of Steel	27.75	64.5	92.25
Wind Walkers	35	42	77
TOTAL MILES	340.1	442	782.1

LEGAL NOTICE

Borden County Waste Disposal, Ltd. Is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to operate a reclamation plant. The proposed reclamation plant is located 10 miles east of Gall, Texas, on Highway 180 in Borden County.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Protests and requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication to the Technical Permit Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 (Telephone 512/463-6870)

Borden Co. EMS receives donation from Hochheim Insurance Company

A little information about Hochheim Insurance

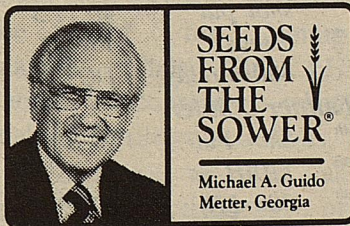
In the early 1890's, German pioneers journeyed to the rolling blackland prairies of rural south central Texas. The eyes of Mr. Hoch were set firmly on the hope and the promise of a new century. The traces of a community began to grow up around the Hoch's farmstead. Those early-day German pioneers were frugal and fiercely independent, and hard work was as common to them as breathing. They tilled the soil and gathered their crops. Their children were important to them, and so was their education. One classroom serving its community was recognized as the Hochheim (German for Hock Home) Prairie school. Life was hard, they had grown accustomed to hardships. All shuddered at the thought of accepting anything that resembled charity. Several of the prairie farmers sat down together at the Hochheim Prairie School house in 1892 and decided to organize a mutual insurance



Borden County EMS receives \$500.00 donation from Hochheim Insurance Company. Show is Shirley Bennett, Borden County EMS secretary/treasurer receiving a check from Hochheim Insurance Branch 159 secretary/treasurer Janice Culp.

association, and collectively formed the cornerstone of the Hochheim Prairie Farm Mutual Insurance Association. Through the years, the leadership of the Hochheim Prairie Companies has never lost sight of one vital, important fact. The members are the Association. Buildings furniture, state-of-the-art computers and technology have no meaning at all unless there is a resulting benefit to those members. The leadership of Hochheim Prairie Farm

Mutual Insurance Association and all its subsidiary companies have one goal: to faithfully follow the standards, the vision, the courage, the integrity and the energy exemplified by the founding fathers during those final years of the nineteenth century. Each year the members select a volunteer organization to support that is dedicated to serving their community. This year Borden County EMS was selected to receive their \$500.00 donation.



An English statesman said to a group of American students, "In 1776 you conquered your fathers. In 1861 you conquered your brothers. Now the next great victory is to conquer yourselves."

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Former BHS Graduate received master degree from Pepperdine

Shawn Lewis, 1993 graduate of Borden High School and 1997 graduate of Lubbock Christian University, received his masters degree from Pepperdine University in graduation ceremonies held April 16 in Malibu, California.

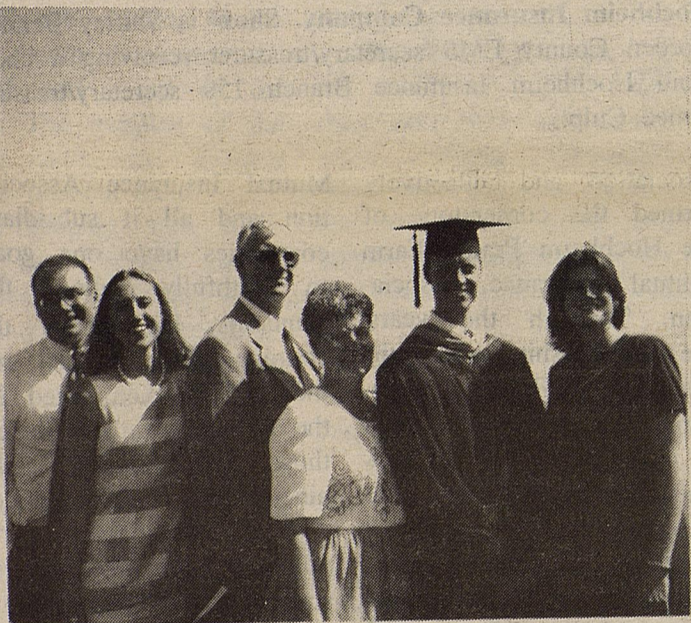
Overlooking the scenic Malibu hills and coastline, Shawn was among 32 graduates of the inaugural School of Public Policy Class. Pepperdine itself enrolls about 4,000 students.

While attending Pepperdine, Shawn met former President Ronald Reagan, former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, and Jack Kemp. He also volunteered at the largest

homeless shelter in the United States, the Union Rescue Mission of Los Angeles. And, he even found time to body surf in the Pacific.

Shawn, the son of R. D. and Carol Lewis of Gail, also had his older sisters in attendance: Shelly ('88 BHS graduate) and her husband Scott, and Amy ('90 BHS graduate).

Shawn will be moving to Abilene in May to begin work for the City of Abilene as Management Assistant in the City Manager's office. His work will involve specialized duties for the city manager, mayor, and city council in regard to municipal operations and activities.



Pepperdine University Graduate with his family: (L. to R.) Scott & Shelly Bolton (sister & brother-in-law); R. D. & Carol Lewis (dad & mom); Shawn and sister Amy Lewis.

Coyote Pups

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Wright 2nd place 800 run, Talin Pepper 2nd in 400 and 200, John Stamper 3rd 110 int. hurdles, Kyle Pinkerton 3rd place in the discus and Evan Winegarner 3rd in the 1600 meter run.

The Pups did a super job competing, and as a result they finished a very respectable runner-up in the East zone district track meet. There definitely, is a bright future for the Pups

down the road, as Coyote Track seems to be on the rise. Congratulations guys on a super job all year long.

Talin Pepper:

1st high jump 4'10"
1st pole vault 9'0"
2nd 400 m. run 64.32
2nd 200m. run 27.50
400m. Relay DQ

Dwain Wright:

4th pole vault 7'0"
long jump 11'3.5"
400m. Relay DQ
2nd 800m. run 2:56.88
1600 relay DQ

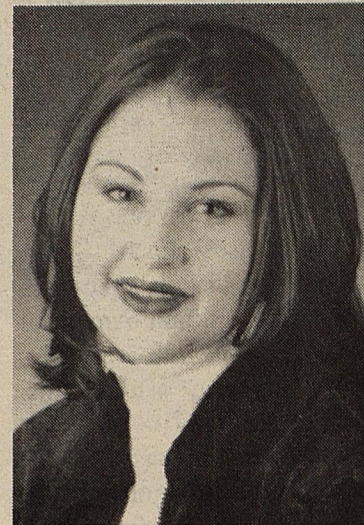
Lauri Vaughn Scheduled Griffin

Lauri Vaughn, an Ambassador Intern, will be the guest speaker at the 1999 FFA Banquet held Tuesday, May 11th at 7:30 p.m. in the Borden County School Cafeteria.

Lauri is a freshman Agricultural Communications major from Lubbock and a graduate of Lubbock-Cooper High School. While in high school, Lauri was actively involved in many organizations such as student council, FHA, FBLA and Thespians, but her main focus and involvement was with the FFA organization.

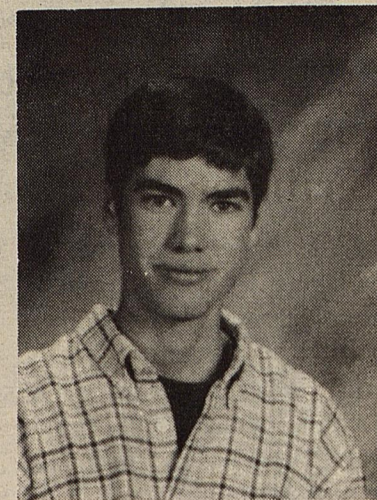
Her most outstanding accomplishment within FFA was winning the State Prepared Public Speaking Contest, and then competing in the National contest where she was named the National Prepared Public Speaker during the 71st National FFA Convention.

While at Texas Tech, she has been involved with



the Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow and the Collegiate FFA organizations. Lauri plans to enter law school upon completion of her degree specializing in the area of environmental law. She feels that her background and experience within agriculture will give her an opportunity to be a spokesperson for the dynamic industry of agriculture.

Competes Region II-A Golf Tourney



Tom Griffin

Borden Counties Tom Griffin was the lone representative for the Coyotes in this years Region II-A Golf Tournament held in Abilene last week. The young sophomore made a very impressive showing as he finished the two day event with a total score of 177. On the first day, Tom had a bit of bad luck turn a very good round into a battle, but the young Coyote managed to keep his head and card a very respectable 94 score on the opening round. On the next day, Tom came back with a very impressive round, in fact in spite of an out of bounds ball Tom turned in one of the top ten scores on the day as he carded a personal best 18 hole total of 83. This is definitely a solid score for the sophomore Coyotes. This will also be a building block for more success for Tom down the road.

Congratulations Tom on a very good season. Keep up the good work.

TJ Sharp:

1st long jump 16'10"
1st Triple jump 34'9"
1st shot put 40'11.5"
1st discus 138'4"
400m relay DQ

Tanner Poole:

7th Shot Put 27'8"
5th 110IH 22.35
5th 300 LH 62.63
1600 relay DQ

Kevin Pinkerton

7th 800m. run 3:38.83
7th 1600m run 8:08.18

Evan Winegarner:

5th triple jump 26'3.5"
3rd 2400m. run 10:25.87
3rd 1600m run 6:28.79
1600 relay DQ

Cade Peterson:

3rd pole vault 7'6"
100m. dash 15.25
5th 1600m run 7:13.26

John Stamper:

400m. relay DQ
3rd 110 IL 21.75
4th 300 LH 54.99

Dusty Gwinn:

discus 75'1"

Brionne Jackson:

100 m. dash 16.66

Kyle Pinkerton:

3rd discus 100'4.5
6th shot put 31'5"
4th triple jump 27'8.5"
5th 100m run 15.06
6th 300 LH 63.95

Andy Lozano:

7th 400m. dash 78.19
5th 200m 31.5
1600m relay DQ

Clay John Anderson:

400m dash 79.98
200m. dash 34.69

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By Dennis Poole,
Borden County CEA-Ag.

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Forage Fertilization Fertilizer Selection and Timing

With the mild winter and early spring-like temperatures we have had this year, many forage producers are starting to think about crop fertilization. However, several factors should be considered when planning a fertility program. First, warm-season grasses cannot use fertilizer until they are actively growing. This generally doesn't occur until nighttime temperatures are consistently in the upper 60's and 70 degrees. Fertilizing too early can promote growth of competing weeds and increase production inputs (costs) for herbicides to control the problem. Secondly, since the fertilizer is not being used by the crop, it is subject to loss by leaching or runoff if substantial rainfall occurs.

Some other common questions posed by growers are "Which kind of fertilizer" and "How much fertilizer" should I apply. There are 20 plant essential nutrients required for crop production, of which, about 12 can become deficient in Texas' soils (see Table). As a result, the best answer to both questions is to use your soil test recommendation. A soil test conducted on a properly collected soil sample is the best estimate of nutrient supplying power of the soil. It will indicate which nutrients (if any) are deficient and how much fertilizer should be added to produce the desired crop and yield. A number of private laboratories, as well as the Texas Agricultural

Extension Service in College Station offer soil-testing services for a minimal fee.

Nitrogen is the primary growth nutrient for most crops and one of the greatest economic inputs in forage production. It is a part of the chlorophyll molecule and of proteins, and as such is important for photosynthesis and crude protein formation. In general, any of the common nitrogen sources (Ammonium nitrate, Ammonium Sulfate, Urea, Anhydrous Ammonia and Urea Ammonium Nitrate) can be used in forage crops with equal effectiveness. This most important issue is proper application. Ammonium nitrate is an excellent nitrogen source, but is hygroscopic (attracts water) which causes handling problems. Thus, it is often not available in more humid areas of the state. Anhydrous ammonia, which is a gas at atmospheric pressure, must be injected into the soil (with good seal behind knives) to minimize losses. Both urea and ammonium sulfate are subject to volatilization (gaseous loss of nitrogen) when surface applied. This is true when urea is surface applied to any soil, but for ammonium sulfate only when it is applied to a high pH (limestone) soil. To minimize any potential losses, these fertilizers should be incorporated, if possible or applied to a dry soil surface. When applied to dry soil, no chemical reactions between the soil and fertilizer can

occur to cause losses. Then when rainfall comes, the highly soluble fertilizer is moved into the soil by water with little loss expected.

Liquid fertilizers such as UAN (32 Solution) also are very effective nitrogen sources. Studies conducted by Dr. Vince Haby with the Texas Agriculture Experiment Station in Overton, have shown the dribble banding of UAN produced yields of 7 tons or more, equal to that of other nitrogen sources. Some producers in central and east Texas consistently use UAN and report that the leaf burn along the bands quickly disappears and yields are not affected. One other factor to consider when selecting a nitrogen source is that all ammonium forms of nitrogen produce acid upon reaction with the soil. Ammonium sulfate produces about 3 times as much acid as other ammonium nitrogen sources. This acidifying effect can be beneficial in high pH soils, where lowering pH can improve nutrient uptake by plants. However, on acid soils the effect is to further lower soil pH and increase the need for liming material. Thus, soil pH should be considered when making fertilizer selections.

However, as far as general effectiveness of different nitrogen fertilizers in concern, the old saying is true that "A pound of nitrogen is a pound of nitrogen". If equipment and conditions allow the fertilizer material to be properly applied, the most important question is cost. Growers should always make produce comparisons based on the cost per unit of nutrient. For example, one ton of ammonium sulfate contains 420 pounds of nitrogen while one ton of urea contains 920 pounds of nitrogen. Dividing the pounds of nutrient per ton into the cost per

ton will give the cost per pound of nutrient for direct comparison.

Like nitrogen, the other plant essential nutrients also must be supplied in adequate amounts to provide for optimum crop growth. Phosphorus and potassium are the nutrients required in the next greatest amounts compared to nitrogen. Both liquid and dry formulations are generally available and are equally effective. Secondary and micronutrients are less frequently deficient in most soils, but their importance should not be overlooked. When forage is regularly removed, such as in haying programs, nutrient removal

will be greater and regular fertilization more critical. In grazing systems, nutrient recycling is an important process that can save fertilizer dollars by using the same nutrients over and over.

Fertilizer selection and rates always should be based upon soil test to prevent under-or over-application. Excess fertilizer not only increases production costs, but also can lead to nutrient imbalances in the soil, which severely reduce plant growth. Finally, wait until perennial grasses are actively growing before adding fertilizer to ensure good crop uptake and fertilizer use efficiency.

Water Week Heightens Awareness of Conservation

State water planners predict that by the year 20-30, demand for water will exceed supply in some areas of the state.

That's why Texas is making a major push to protect its greatest natural resource. "Water Week" is May 3rd through May 7th. The purpose is to heighten awareness of our water supply and to promote water conservation. Extension program leader Bruce Lesikar says the state has been divided into regions and each region will decide

how to meet future water demands of the area. The main tools to become good water managers is to inform farmers about new irrigation technologies, tell industry about water recycling and let homeowners know how to save water inside and outside the home. One of the options is to build additional water capturing systems or additional treatment processes, which will ultimately cost the consumer. He says the cheaper alternative is promoting an efficient use of water.

Mulching Saves Water

Mulch can actually reduce water consumption by plants and the environment as a whole. Mulch is defined as any substance that puts a barrier between the soil and the air above it. When mulch is applied to the landscape it eliminates evaporation.

When mulch is used, water is left for the plant to use. This increases efficiency so less water needs to be

applied. Mulch also helps keep weeds down and if they do break through the surface of the mulch, they are easier to pull. This conserves water because weeds take away from the water supply of plants.

Mulch not only helps plants during times of drought, it will help preserve water resources for future generations.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

WHEREAS, On this the 12th day of April, 1999, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Court-house in Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge, Presiding; **DOUG ISAACS,** Commissioner, Prec. No. 1; **LARRY D. SMITH,** Commissioner Prec. No. 2; **HURSTON LEMONS, JR.,** Commissioner, Prec. No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE,** Co. Clerk, and Ex-officio of the Commissioners Court.

with **VERNON WOLF,** Commissioner, Prec. No. 3 absent due to heart surgery, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda:

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting

of March 22, 1999 were read. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said minutes and a motion was seconded by Commissioner Lemons. Motion carried unanimously

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined and Commissioner Lemons made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY HEALTH PROGRAM

Commissioner Lemons made a motion to approve the scheduling of the Health Program for County Employees. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously

BORDEN ISD SIGN

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve the placement of a sign by Borden County ISD on the Site of the Old County Show Barn which is located on West Searcy Ave. Between the two acre Blocks 77 and 79 in the

townsite of Gail. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

COUNTY AUDITOR POSITION

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to recommend to the District Judge, Ernie B. Armstrong, that the vacant position of County Auditor not be filled. The County will keep two sets of books and will have an annual outside audit as long as this position is vacant.

Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously

DEPOSITORY BANK

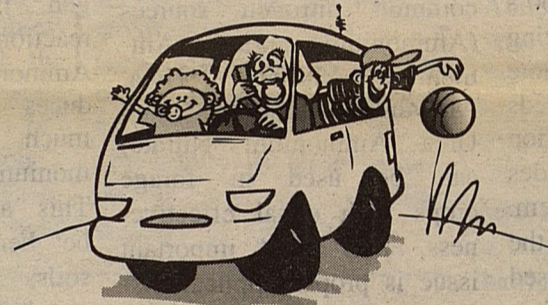
A motion was made by Commissioner Isaacs to give Legal Notice that Borden County will accept bids for the County Depository Bank for 1999-2000, said bids to be opened May 10, 1999 at 10:00 o'clock A.M. Commissioner Lemons seconded the motion. Motion carried

unanimously

LEGAL NOTICE

Commissioner Smith made a motion to advertise for bids on Asphalt, Gravel, Freight on Gravel, Fuel (diesel & unleaded gasoline), Propane for Courthouse, Precinct 1 and Precinct 2 Shops. Bids will be received until 10:00 A.M. on May 24th, 1999. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously

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1. Asphalt for 1999 paving program
2. Gravel for the 1999 paving program
3. Freight on Gravel
4. Fuel for 1999
 - a. unleaded
 - b. diesel
5. Propane for Courthouse, and Precinct Precinct#1 and #2 Barns

For specifications and information on the above, contact the office of the County Judge, Borden County Courthouse, 806/756-4391.

Bids should be submitted to the Office of the County Judge, P.O. Box 156, Borden County Courthouse, Gail, Texas 79738.

The right is reserved by the Borden County Commissioners' Court to accept or reject any and all bids.

For the Borden County Commissioners' Court

Van L. York
County Judge
Borden county

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