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Fundraising Efforts Underway for BHS Grad John Paul Harris A Chance to Shine on Behalf of One of Borden's Brightest Stars

By Sue Jane Mayes

This Friday, March 21, the Borden Relays return to Gail with a new look—a makeover that brings a resurfaced track, a new press box, and at last, an air-conditioned concession stand. For those of us old enough to know, this updated version will be greatly appreciated.

Former BHS athletes can still recall the old cinder track and the days of travel to Snyder or Lamesa to work out on real high jump, pole vault, and long jump runways/pits. It was a time hassle for athletes and coaches, this 70-mile round trip commute, but it was not a bother: athletes such as John Paul Harris would have traveled twice that distance to practice and compete. John Paul would do it again today.

If only he could.

The 1993 BHS graduate is now 33 years old; his body is going on 93. The young husband of Deidre and father to Logan (7) and Breeley (3) faced more than just a few laps around the track. The same disease that shut down the stellar baseball career of Lou Gehrig in 1936 is now taking its toll on John Paul's physical body. That's what ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease does—it weakens and eventually paralyzes the muscles of the limbs and trunk as well as those that control vital functions such as speech, swallowing, and breathing.

It isn't easy to write that last line. No one really wants to think about happening to John Paul. But John Paul isn't just

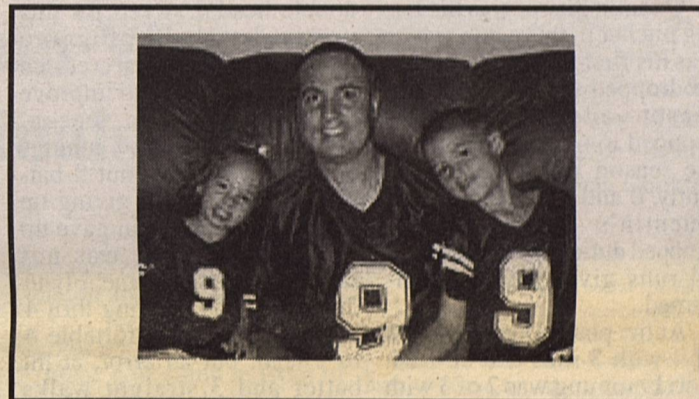
anyone. He remains typically positive, low key, laid back person he has always been. ALS has not and will never paralyze his spirit.

The Harris Family came to Borden County in the late 80's. John was the band director—an outgoing and upbeat man who loved teaching his music and showing pride in his and wife Jackie's three children. Jackie, much like her son John Paul, was the quiet and dependable foil to her husband—content to work silently in the background as wife, mother, and teacher aide.

John Paul's sister Julie graduated valedictorian in 1990, a state champion in editorial writing. Jade, the family baby, is still legendary in these parts as "that little guy who showed up in everyone's home" just to visit. The three Harris children made their mark. And it was John Paul who made his with both his athletic ability and his unassuming personality.

He led his teammates not vocally but with action. He drew attention to himself not with celebratory moves after a touchdown but with celebrations with his teammates.

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Another "W" for the W's

Making the most of their experience, their talent, and their time, seniors Rachel Wilson and Kate Wallace accomplished yet another milestone for Borden County High School's speech and debate program.

For the fifth time in six years, BHS won the 1A State Cross-Examination (CX) Debate Championship held on the University of Texas campus March 10-11.

For Wilson, it was her third CX championship in four years, all with different partners. She and brother John won the title in 2005. Last year, she captured the championship with Rowdy Clary, and this year she followed up with her lifelong best friend. Wilson and Clary were state runners-up in 2006, the only "kink" in the dynasty that began in 2003 when John Wilson and Billy Roper brought home the first of the State Championship plaques.

For Wallace, the win now ranks her among a very elite group in the state among all classifications of speakers. She won a gold medal in Lincoln-Dou-

glas debate in 2006, has been the state's back-to-back 1A gold medalist in persuasive speaking in 2006 and 2007, and can now add a CX title. Not only that, but she advanced to the FFA National Extemporaneous Speaking competition in Indianapolis in the fall of 2007.

Wilson also was named the Silver Gavel winner in Class A with 118 (out of 120) speaker points accumulated on the first day of competition. This marks the third year she has finished in the top five in that category. Wallace finished just out of the top five with 113 speaker points.

Wallace and Wilson, who finished the year 33-3, did not drop a single judge's ballot in the tournament until the final round of the day against Muenster, whom they defeated to win the gold on a split 2-1 decision.

In Monday's qualifying rounds, the girls went 4-0, defeating teams from Oakwood, Whitharral, Santa Anna, and Thorndale.

In Tuesday's out-rounds, BHS

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Booster Club Pre-School Easter Egg Hunt

Friday, March 21, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.

At the Borden County ISD
Practice Field

Please bring 1 dozen

Candy or candy filled eggs



Coyotes Enjoy Highs and Lows of Spring Break Baseball

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes began their district baseball season on Monday of Spring break as they hosted the Rotan Yellowhammers. The Coyotes beat the Yellowhammers earlier in the season in a tournament, but this game counted and the Coyotes did not have near the same success this time around.

Eleven Coyote errors produced 14 unearned runs against the Coyotes which left the 8 runs the Coyotes scored short of a district opening victory as they fell to Rotan 14 to 8. Quentin Shafer was the losing pitcher in this game, which was his first loss of the year as he dropped to 4 and 1 on the season and the Coyotes dropped to 6 wins 5 losses on the season but more importantly, 0 and 1 in district play. Quentin's ERA actually dropped during this game as all 14 runs given up were unearned.

At the plate, Quentin was 2 of 4 with 3 runs and an RBI. Karl Lamming was 2 of 3 with an RBI, Miles Valentine was 1 of 4 with an RBI, Flynn Chapman was 1 of 4 with 2 RBIs, Michael Cooley was 1 of 4, Clay Harding was 1 of 4 with a run scored, Tyrell Massingill walked 3 times and

scored 2 runs, and Tony Soto was 1 of 2 with 2 RBI's and 2 runs scored.

On Saturday, the Coyotes after a long day at the track on Friday would host Loraine in a double header.

The Coyotes got off to a slow start, but 3 runs in the top of the 6th inning allowed the Coyotes to take game one of the double header 4 to 1. The Coyotes followed that contest as they again used some late inning magic scoring 5 runs in the top of the 7th to take a 11 to 6 victory and the first ever double header sweep for this young baseball program. Quentin Shafer was credited with both victories to improve to 6 and 1 on the season. Quentin pitched all 7 innings of game 1 striking out 9 batters, walking 4 and giving up 3 hits. Quentin again gave up only 1 run, but it was not earned. In the 2nd game, Flynn Chapman was cruising thru 4 innings with a comfortable 4 to 1 lead, but an error, at hit batter and 3 straight walks chased him from the game. Flynn had 5 strike outs, but 8 walks and no hits allowed. Flynn did allow 3 earned runs in his 4 1/3 innings of baseball and when Quentin allowed two of the 3 runners that he inher-

ited to score Flynn officially left trailing 5 to 4 as did the Coyotes after the fifth inning.

The Coyotes came back to regain the lead in the sixth inning as freshman Tony Soto led off the inning with a double and then was bunted over to third on a sacrifice by Tyrell Massingill. Miles Valentine was thrown out at first on a shot to the Loraine short stop, but the Coyotes scored to tie the game on the Valentine RBI. The Coyotes managed to score another run to regain the lead but the scrappy Bulldogs would tie the game on a couple of errors by the Coyotes in the bottom of the 6th. That set up the dramatic 7th inning that again was started by Tony as an errant throw allowed Tony to get on with one out and then a perfect bunt by Tyrell forced a wild throw that got away into the outfield which resulted in Tony scoring to give the Coyotes the lead.

The Coyotes then got rolling as they had 5 consecutive hits to push across 4 more runs which was more than enough as Quentin had a 1-2-3 bottom of the 7th for a 11 to 6 victory. Quentin pitched 2 2/3 innings in relief for the victory and a 6 and 1 record while helping the Coyotes improve to 2 and 1 in district and 8 and 5 overall on the season. Quentin had 4 strikeouts, a walk and gave up 2 hits while allowing no earned runs.

At the plate in game one, Miles was 2 of 3 with a double and 1 run scored, Karl was 1 of 3, Quentin was 1 of 3 with an RBI, Flynn was 2 of 3 with a double and a run, Miller Valentine was 1 of 3 with a run, Michael Cooley was 2 of 3 with a run and an RBI, and Tony was 1 of 3 with an RBI.

At the plate in game two, Miles was 1 of 4 with a double 3 runs scored and 2 RBI's, Karl was 3 of 4 with 3 runs scored, Quentin was 2 of 5 with 2 RBI's, Flynn was 4 of 5 with 3 RBI's, Miller was 3 of 5 with a double, a run and an RBI, Clay Harding was 1 of 4 with an RBI, Tony was 1 of 4 with a double and 2 runs scored and Tyrell was 1 of 3 with a run scored.

Top Honors for Lady Coyote Basketball Players

By Coach Turner

Three Lady Coyote varsity basketball players have been named to post-season honors.


The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches announced that freshman Taylor Richey and sophomore Olivia Key were named to the Class 1A Division 2 All Region Team for the 2007-2008 sea-

son. The Texas Six-Man Coaches Association also named Taylor to the West Region 1st Team All Region.

Finally, senior Rachel Wilson earned Academic All-State status as announced by the Texas Girls' Coaches Association.

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Abernathy JV Cools Lady Coyotes' Bats

By Sue Jane Mayes

A ten-day spring break lay-off is a welcome thing. However, the time off showed its effects on the Lady Coyote softball team as they fell to Abernathy's JV Monday, 18-7.

BHS had not seen action since Friday, March 7, against Forsan. While pitching was strong (Taylor Richey and Olivia Key combined for seven strikeouts against the Lady Antelopes), the Lady Coyotes could muster only six hits in the contest.

In the top of the first, BHS stranded Richey on third after she singled and stole second and third.

Abernathy responded with seven runs on four hits and three errors.

A three up and three down top half of the second reflected the Lady Coyote hitting woes. In the bottom half of the inning, Richey struck out three Abernathy players, but a two-out rally saw six more runs cross the plate, making it a 13-0 game.

Sophomore Chasiti Rutherford provided the spark in Monday's game, starting the scoring for BHS by walking in the top half of the third inning. She stole second and then later scored on an RBI fielder's choice by Krista Tarleton.

Olivia Kay also got a hit in the inning, stole second, but was left on base as the rallied fizzled.

Key came in as relief pitcher in the bottom of the third. She gave up only one run, striking out two Abernathy players. The inning's highlight was Richey's unassisted double play as the first baseman grabbed a line drive and then tagged the runner going from first to second. A few more steps and Richey would have

had an historic and rare unassisted triple play.

Trailing 14-1, BHS once again mounted a small rally in the top of the fourth when Bailey Anderson reached first base on a base on balls. She stole second and then third. Krystal Hobson also punched a ticket to first with a walk, placing Lady Coyotes on the corners with no outs.

Lacey Roberts had an infield hit, scoring Anderson. Hobson alertly stole home on a passed ball, and Roberts also turned the corner to score when Chasiti Rutherford connected on a 2-2 pitch. Three runs pushed across to cut the lead for Abernathy, 14-4, going into the bottom of the fourth.

The hosts scored four runs despite some good defense by right fielder Chasiti Rutherford who grabbed a pop fly to hold up runners. Richey and Key teamed up to field the final out in the bottom of the fourth.

BHS would score three runs in the top half of the fifth. Catcher D'Nae Johnson was hit by a pitch and made the most of her time on the bases, stealing second and third and scoring on Key's infield RBI single. Key also stole second and third and then advanced home on a passed ball, cutting the lead to 18-6. The Lady Coyotes third and fourth hitters both went down swinging, but Krystal Hobson kept hope alive by getting on base with two outs. Hobson's walk and steal to second and third netted a run when Pheneshia Rutherford beat out an infield hit to score Hobson.

The game ended with a fly out to short right firmed as the Lady Coyotes dropped the 18-7 St. Patrick's Day contest.

Sophomore Marla Crenshaw also saw action in centerfield and had one at-bat in the contest.



Borden County Seniors, Rachel Wilson (left) and Kate Wallace (right) win the 1A State CX Debate Championship for the fifth time in six years. The event was held at University of Texas.

CX Debate Champions...

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met Munday in the octafinals, taking a 3-0 decision, followed by similar results against Forsan in the quarterfinals. That set up a semi-final meeting with pan-handle-rival Farwell. Wallace and Wilson went affirmative and won on a 3-0 ballot to advance with Muenster to the championship round.

In the final round of the day, the girls took the negative position, but claimed the round on the 2-1 vote by the panel of judges.

Darrin Ard has coached the girls this year, taking over for Sue Jane Mayes, who retired from coaching UIL in May 2008. Both Ard and Mayes accompanied the girls to Austin because Mayes can "never retire from driving duties."

Prior to their win in Austin, Wallace and Wilson also competed at the Texas Forensics Association (TFA) State Tournament held in Coppell March 6-8.

Going against large 5A and private schools, the girls went 2-2 and finished with a #50 ranking in the 103-team field. The two wins came against a Houston Bellaire school and St. Mary's Hall, a private school from San Antonio. The losses were to another Houston Bellaire team and a 5A school from Austin.

Both Wallace and Wilson graduate in May 2008.

The rebuilding begins, but a solid foundation has been left by all of these students mentioned above.

2008 Borden County Baseball Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Location	Possible Conflicts
Feb. 14 th	Thursday	Scrimmage: Albany	5:00	Snyder (Moffett)	
Feb. 18 th	Monday	Wilson	4:00	WTC	
Feb. 21-23	Thur.-Sat	Snyder JV Tournament (our Vars.)	TBA	Snyder (Moffett)	
Feb. 26 th	Tuesday	New Home	4:00	Snyder (WTC or Moffett)	
Feb. 28 th	Thurs. - Sat.	Tourney @ Hamlin	TBA	Hamlin	
Mar. 1 st	Sat.				
*March 3 rd	Monday	Roby	4:00	Roby	
March 7 th	Friday	Wilson	4:00	Post	
*March 10 th	Monday	Rotan	4:00	WTC	Spring Break
*March 15 th	Saturday	Loraine (Double Header)	3:00	Snyder (Moffett)	Spring Break
*March 17 th	Monday	Hermleigh	4:00	Snyder (Moffett)	
*March 26 th	Wednesday	Ira	6:00	Snyder (Moffett)	
*March 29 th	Saturday	Roby	6:00	Snyder (Moffett)	
?? April 1 st	Tuesday	Hamlin	4:00	Snyder (Moffett)	Area One-Act
*April 5 th	Saturday	Rotan	1:00	Rotan	
*April 7 th	Monday	Hamlin	6:00	Hamlin	District Golf
*April 12 th	Saturday	Hermleigh	6:00	Snyder (Moffett)	UIL coming Home & FFA
*April 15 th	Tuesday	Aspermont (Double Header)	4:00	Snyder (Moffett or WTC)	
*April 18 th	Friday	Ira	5:00	Ira	
?? April 21 st	Tuesday	Hamlin	6:00	Hamlin	
April 20-21	Mon.-Tues.	Rain out dates			
April 24-26	Thurs-Sat.	Tie Breaker Date			Regional Track

* - District Game
?? - Possible Date Change: May have to move Hamlin game here if Play advances.

Coyotes Gain Victory Over Cardinals

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes improved to 3 and 1 and moved into 2nd place in district with their 9 to 4 victory over the Hermleigh Cardinals. Flynn Chapman found the zone Monday as he struck out 11 Cardinals while allowing no earned runs as he gave up only 2 hits, but more importantly for him had only 2 walks allowed. Tyrell Massingill pitched 2/3 of an inning in the middle of the game for some game experience and allowed 2 runs, but costly defensive mistakes kept him from being more successful. The coyotes could have blown this contest wide open, but several base running mistakes kept the coyotes from taking complete control of this contest. Leading the way for the coyotes at the plate was Miles Valentine going 2 of 4 with a double and 2 runs scored, Karl Lamming was 3 of 3 with 2 runs and 2 RBI's on 2 Doubles, Quentin Shafer was 4 of 4 with a double and 2 runs, Flynn was 3 of 4 with a run and 3 RBI's, Miller Valentine was 1 of 4 with an RBI, Clay Harding was 0 of 4 with an RBI, Michael Cooley was 1 of 2 with a run scored, Tony Soto was 1 of 3 with an RBI, Tyrell was 1 of 2 with an RBI, and Skyler Williamson had a walk and a run scored. Also contributing was and playing shortstop was Carlos

Hernandez and then Brendan Tarleton and Michael Froman.

The victory moves the coyotes into sole possession of 2nd place a 1/2 game in front of Ira and a game behind state ranked Hamlin. The coyotes will next play the Roby Lions on Wednesday in a make-up contest of an earlier rain out game. Good luck guys.

School Lunch Menu

March 25 - 28, 2008

Monday - NO SCHOOL!
Tuesday - Breakfast: Sausage & Biscuit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Corn Dog, Tossed Salad, Macaroni & Cheese, Fresh Fruit and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Waffles, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Sausage Wrap, Ranch Style Beans, Potatoe Salad, Peahces and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Omelet, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Potatoes, Green Peas, Roll, Mixed Fruit and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Cereal & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Sub Sandwich, Salad Cup, Peaches, Sugar Cookie and Milk.

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2008 Borden County Softball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
2-15-08 Friday	Loraine	4:30	SNYDER (Cates)
2-18-08 Monday	Aspermont	4:30	SNYDER (Cates)
2-22-08 Friday	Slaton JV1	5:00	Slaton
2-26-08 Tuesday	Trent	4:30	Trent
2-29-08 Friday	Westbrook	4:30	SNYDER (WTC)
3-3-08 Monday	Aspermont	4:30	Aspermont
3-7-08 Friday	Forsan JV	4:30	Forsan
3-17-08 Monday	Abernathy JV	5:00	Abernathy
3-21-08 Friday	Post JV	4:30	Post
3-24-08 Monday	**New Deal	4:30	SNYDER (Cates)
3-29-08 Saturday	**Seagraves	1:00 (Double Header)	SNYDER (Cates)
4-1-08 Tuesday	Lockney	5:00	SNYDER (WTC)
4-5-08 Saturday	**Ralls	1:00 (Double Header)	Ralls
4-7-08 Monday	Miles	4:30	SNYDER (Cates)
4-8-08 Tuesday	Slaton JV2	4:00	Slaton
4-12-08 Saturday	Slaton JV1	5:00	Slaton
4-15-08 Tuesday	**New Deal	4:30	New Deal

BOLD are home games

** Denotes District Game

All home games will be played in Snyder at either WTC or Cates fields.


Head Coach: Peter Benavidez

Assistant Coaches: Fernando Baeza and Sue Jane Mayes

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Heart and Home ...

by Julie Smith
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Dyeing Eggs Naturally

Every year around Easter, we get the urge to color Easter eggs. No matter your age, this is a fun tradition. Generally we pick up a dyeing kit at the grocery store and come home and dissolve the tablets in the water or vinegar and get to work. But, have you ever thought of using things around your kitchen for dye? Common food items such as red cabbage, onion skins, and coffee can be used to transform plain white eggs into colorful Easter gems. Kids will especially love discovering all the different colors they can create - let them experiment using hard-boiled eggs and bowls of cold dyes.

Dye Recipes: Select the item you want to use for dyeing (see the color glossary below) and then follow the steps listed here. Add 1 quart of water and 2 tablespoons of white vinegar to the pot (if more water is needed to cover the ingredients, proportionally add more water and vinegar). Bring to a boil and lower the heat. Allow the ingredients to simmer for 30 minutes. Strain dye into a bowl and let cool.

Dyes:

Red Cabbage Dye: 4 cups chopped red cabbage

Turmeric Dye: 3 Tablespoons turmeric

Onion-skin Dye: 4 cups onion skins (skins of about 12 onions)

Beet Dye: 4 cups chopped beets

Coffee Dye: 1 quart strong black coffee (instead of water)

Color Glossary

Deep Gold: Boil eggs in turmeric solution, 30 minutes

Sienna: Boil eggs in onion-skin solution, 30 minutes

Dark, Rich Brown: Boil eggs in black coffee, 30 minutes

Pale Yellow: Soak eggs in room temperature turmeric solution, 30 minutes

Orange: Soak eggs in room temperature onion-skin solution, 30 minutes

Light Brown: Soak eggs in room temperature black coffee, 30 minutes

Light Pink: Soak eggs in room temperature beet solution, 30 minutes

Light Blue: Soak eggs in room temperature red cabbage solution, 30 minutes

Royal Blue: Soak eggs in room temperature red cabbage solution overnight

Lavender: Soak eggs in room temperature turmeric solution, 30 minutes. Follow with room temperature red cabbage solution, 30 seconds

Chartreuse: Soak eggs in room temperature turmeric solution, 30 minutes. Follow with room temperature beet solution, 5 seconds

Salmon: Soak eggs in room temperature turmeric solution, 30 minutes. Follow with room temperature beet solution, 30 minutes

Cold Dipping Method

With this method, the eggs and the ingredients for the dye are boiled separately. Using a metal spoon, lower cooled hard-boiled eggs into a bowl of dye, and let them soak for as little as 5 seconds or as long as overnight, depending on the depth of color you desire. Remove eggs with spoon, pat dry with paper towels, and let dry on a wire rack. The cold-dipping method produces subtle, translucent shades but can result in an uneven color unless the eggs are rotated occasionally while in the dye. For hollow eggs that will last indefinitely (used as decorations on Easter egg trees or for cascarones (confetti filled eggs), cold-dip raw eggs then blow them out after they are dyed.

Boiled Method

This method involves boiling the eggs with the dye; the heat allows the dye to saturate the shells, resulting in intense uniform colors. Set raw eggs in a pot of strained dye; bring to a boil for the amount of time specified in the color

Fluvanna Resident Receives Degree

Lubbock Christian University had 221 graduates who participated in commencement exercises in December and among those that graduated was Carey L. Cox of Fluvanna.

Cox graduated with a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies-Elementary. While at LCU, she was a member of the Student Education Association (SEA) for two years. Cox is the daughter of Bubba Cox of Granger, TX and Jane Jones of Fluvanna, TX.

Lubbock Christian University is a private four-year school with an enrollment of 2,000 students that offers programs for 35 bachelor's degrees and 11 master's degrees.

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glossary. Remove and dry eggs as with the cold-dipping method.

Finish (optional)

Natural dyes tend to fade over time, so finish any eggs that you plan to keep (not ones with the insides left) with a matte or gloss acrylic spray varnish. To create an egg-spraying stand, stick a 6-inch length of wire into a block of Styrofoam, prop the hollow egg onto the wire through one of its holes. Spray egg with a coat of varnish in a well-ventilated area and let dry.

Information source: Martha Stewart's Web site <http://www.marthastewart.com>

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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!

County Educational Presentation Contest, Share-the-fun and Public Speaking Project

4-H'ers and parents interested in learning more about 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. Share-the-fun categories include: drama, Celebrate 4-H, choreographed routines, poet, comedian, vocal and musical. 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 deadline for entering a Public Speaking Contest is Wednesday, April 2.

4-H Clothing Project Was "Sew" Much Fun!

The 4-H Clothing Project was held in February and early March in the Home Economics Lab. There were four participants complete the project (Taylor Gass, Kalyn Massingill, Mallory McMeans, and Mollie McMeans). Volunteer leader Ollie Holmes and County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences Julie Smith led the project lessons and "sew fun day." Participants learned about the elements of design, clothing selection, skin care and personal hygiene, the parts of a sewing machine, basic sewing skills, pattern and fabric selection, and how to cut out and read a pattern. During the "sew fun day," the participants made pajama pants and were also able to embroidery a t-shirt to match.

Special thanks goes to Ollie Holmes for her time and expertise given to the clothing project. We would also like to thank Borden County ISD for allowing us to use the Home Economics Lab and sewing machines.

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Agriculture News
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Houston Livestock Show

Borden County 4-H and Gail FFA members again represented Borden County very well during the 2008 Houston Livestock Show held March 3 - 14, 2008. Over \$40,000 in premiums were brought back to Borden County for our outstanding youth.

Miller Valentine won Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb with his Heavy Light Weight Medium Wool lamb. Miller is a Senior at Borden County High School and is actively involved in Gail FFA.

Baylee Benavidez won Breed Champion Spot Barrow with her 1st Place Class 3 Spot. Baylee is a Junior at Borden County High School and exhibits her swine projects through Borden County 4-H.

Complete placings are as follows:

Steers:

Shelby Roberts – 12th Place Medium Weight Maine-Anjou
 Others exhibiting steers were: Chelsea Minnick, Flint Roberts, and Lacey Roberts.

Lambs:

Miller Valentine – 1st Place Heavy Light Weight Medium Wool, Reserve Breed Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Lamb
 Miles Valentine – 8th Place Medium Weight Medium Wool
 Merik Valentine – 10th Place Heavy Weight Medium Wool
 Kate Wallace – 20th Place Light Weight Medium Wool
 Others exhibiting lambs were Raylea Underwood.

Swine:

Baylee Benavidez – 1st Place Class 3 Spot and Breed Champion
 Kate Wallace – 5th Place Class 1 Duroc
 Others exhibiting swine were Sharelle Gass, Shylo Rinehart and Riley Smith.

All exhibitor's and their families are to be congratulated on their hard work preparing their animals for this prestigious stock show. Several exhibitors are showing their animals in competition this week and those results will be published next week.

Again, congratulations to all our young people who exhibited and for the outstanding performance by everyone!

Agricultural Conference

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will sponsor a multi-county "Lower Rolling Plains Ag Conference" from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on March 26 at the Scurry Coliseum in Snyder.

The program is to be a clearing house of information sought by area producers, said Dr. Ed Bynum, AgriLife Extension integrated pest management agent at Sweetwater.

control," Bynum said. "Our aim is to provide information on matters affecting crop and livestock producers in this region, though much of the information will also be applicable to almost anywhere in Texas." Morning topics will include: "Farm Bill Update," "Laws and Regulations" and "Weed Resistance to Herbicides – Why and How."

Following a catered lunch, the program will split into two concurrent sessions.

Session A presentations will be: "Cotton Weed Management – Goals for Economical Yields," "Grain Sorghum Production and Insect Control" and "Drift Management."

Session B presentations will be: "Wildlife Management for Fun and/or Profit," "How to Find Good Herbicide Recommendations for Range Systems," "Summer Annual Forage Sorghum Management" and "Herd Health Issues."

The Texas Department of Agriculture will offer 7 continuing education units.

Also, persons needing a Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide applicator's license can receive the necessary training from 9 a.m. to noon with the testing to follow at 1 p.m. For this training RSVP by March 21 by calling 325-573-5423.

Individual registration for the Ag Conference is \$10 by March 21 and \$15 thereafter.

For more information and to register, call Bynum at 325-236-9011 or the AgriLife Extension office in Scurry County at 325-573-5423.

AgriLife Extension offices involved with conducting the program are Borden, Fisher, Garza, Mitchell, Nolan, and Scurry counties.

Borden County ISD Board Meeting February 18, 2008

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. in the Borden County I.S.D. Board Room. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, and Dennis Poole. Joe Harding and Mike Valentine were absent. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas was also present.

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

2. There was no community input.

3. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2008 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the February 2008 bills. The motion carried unanimously.

5. An interlocal agreement with Borden County was reviewed. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joel Dennis to table this agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to set the regular March meeting for 7:00 P.M. on March 24, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to increase the salary of Bart McMeans by \$1200 plus \$120 for tax sheltered annuity and extend his contract through June 30, 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Mr. Thomas discussed the current age of the Borden County ISD school plant and suggested that the board consider conducting a facility study for potential school plant upgrades in conjunction with the Borden County Independent School District having the highest appraised values in the history of the school district and in conjunction with current development of wind power plants that will further increase local appraised values. A motion was made by

Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to contract with TASA to conduct a facility study. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the 2008-2009 Borden County ISD school calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the senior trip for the Class of 2008 and to allow them to go to Florida. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Mr. Thomas gave a year to date financial report, a personnel report, and reported that 163 students were enrolled as of February 14, 2008. It was reported that the renovation of the men's restroom in the high school teacher's lounge was complete and the women's restroom would be the next project that would be undertaken. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Dennis Poole to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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Walk Across Texas will kick off in Borden County on Monday, March 31. Visit <http://walkacrosstexas.tamu.edu> or call (806)756-4336 to find out more information about how YOU can become involved in this fun and fitness program!



Thank You

Thanks to everyone for voting in the Democratic Primary Election on March 4. I appreciate your continued support.
Sincerely,
Monte Smith
Precinct 1

Calendar for Democratic Primary Run-Off Election

April 8, 2008

Authority conducting elections Political Party-County Chairs
Now accepting application for early voting by mail

March 10, Last day to register to vote

March 31, First day to vote early in person
Vote early in the Clerk's Office in
Borden county Courthouse

April 1, Last day for early voting clerk to receive
application for voting by mail

April 4, Last day to vote early by personal
appearance

April 8, Election Day

POKA LAMBRO ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR MARCH 27, 2008

Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is set to host their 57th Annual Membership Meeting—Thursday, March 27, 2008. The meeting will be held at Poka Lambro's main business office located 11.5 miles north of Tahoka on US Hwy 87.

Member registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:00 noon. The business meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. One important item of business of the agenda will be the election of two directors for the Cooperative.

Other Annual Meeting highlights will include the reports of officers and directors, the presentation of Poka Lambro Scholarships, and any other business that may come before the membership. All Poka Lambro members are encouraged to attend the meeting. Door prize cards may be picked up when registering. Members must be present to win door prizes.

For additional information please contact Amy Preston at 800-422-2387.



Living Well Educational Program

Join us for educational programming that will help improve your lifestyle and overall well-being to begin "Living Well in 2008."

Pampering Your Mind, Body and Spirit: Women's Health Issues
Monday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room

Participants will be presented information about the various issues that face women (osteoporosis, menopause, heart disease and breast health). Come learn how you can pamper your mind, body and spirit by utilizing basic steps to keep yourself healthy.

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Erin Kitten Nominated for Principal's Leadership Award

Erin Kitten, a Smithson Valley High senior, has been nominated to compete in the national Principal's Leadership Award (PLA) scholarship program, sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

SVHS principal Chris Trotter announced the nomination, which places Kitten in the national competition. One hundred national PLA winners will be chosen this spring to receive a college scholarship ranging from \$1,000 to \$12,000.

"Every year the nominees for the principal's Leadership Award are just phenomenal, and Erin Kitten is no different," SVHS principal Chris Trotter said. "She is an excellent example of what a true student leader embodies and deserves to be commended for her excellence in the classroom

and community."

High School principals from across the country were able to nominate one of their student leaders. Nominees were selected based on their leadership skills, participation in service organizations and clubs, achievements in the arts and sciences, employment experience, and academic record. They were also required to write an essay.

Kitten has been a four-year member of student council and is serving as spirit master this year. She was president of the junior class and was prom committee chairperson last year. She has been a member of Peer Assistance Leadership, the National Honor Society, and Rowdy Row during both her junior and senior years.

Kitten was also on the girls cross country team as a sophomore, and earned academic all-

district honors.

Kitten plans to attend Texas A&M University and study business.

Erin is the daughter of Edward and Suzanne (Walker) Kitten of San Antonio, and the grand-daughter of Bob and Cookie Dyess of Gail, Texas.

The NASSP promotes the intellectual growth, academic achievement, character development, and leadership development through its programs. NASSP administers the National Honor Society, and the National Association of Student Councils.



Harris Fights Battle Against ALS...

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The Coyote football team of 1992-1993 was a close-knit group for many reasons. They took nothing for granted—their talents, their friendships, and their time together. And part of the reason for that came from the loss of their beloved teammate and John Paul's best friend, Brandon Adcock. Brandon died the year before, a 16-year-old whose life was taken much too soon in a car accident.

John Paul and his classmates learned much from that tragedy. Every moment counted, and the senior Coyotes that year honored their fallen friend by winning district and advancing to the playoffs, losing to the six-man powerhouse of the 1990's, eventual State Champion Ft. Hancock.

Now, John Paul and his former teammates have to face another difficult situation far too soon. But this time those teammates and friends from John Paul's class are going to stare down ALS and fight a battle with their beloved "Pauley."

The diagnosis was made almost a year ago; therefore, the disease is beginning to take its

toll on John Paul's fine motor skills. Simple tasks are becoming more and more of a challenge.

The challenge for those of us who are once again spectators in his life is to not only cheer him on but to be active in our spiritual and financial support. Look at it as one big ol' pep rally to help encourage John Paul, Deidre, their children, and the rest of the Harris family.

Currently, John and Jackie are employed with Hartley ISD, where they moved after leaving Borden County. Daughter Julie Toland lives in Lubbock, a young widow herself after losing her husband Joe to heart disease a few years ago. She has one son, Jarrett. Jade, the youngest of the Harris family, has been serving his

country in Iraq since November.

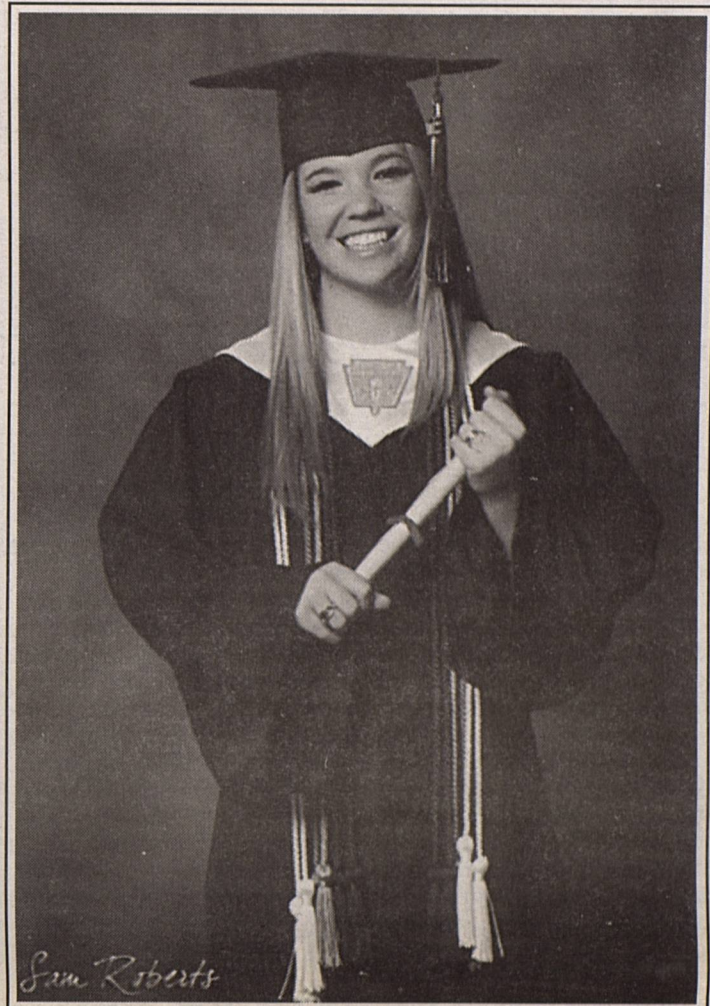
In an effort to raise money and solicit prayers for John Paul, letters have been sent to *Borden Star* subscribers and as many BHS alumni as could be contacted. If you do not receive one of these letters, you can mail your tax-free deduction to the First Baptist Church in Gail (P.O. Box 297, Gail, Texas 79738) or to the Gail Church of Christ (P.O. Box 316, Gail, Texas 79738).

Questions or suggestions can be sent to Shawn Lewis (BHS Class of '93, jshawnlewis@juno.com) or Sue Jane Mayes (sjmayes@poka.com).

We have the chance to shine for John Paul, much the way he used to shine for Borden County Schools.

Information About ALS —from the ALS Association of America

- *** amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, a progressive neurodegenerative disease
- *** is not contagious
- *** approximately 5,600 people diagnosed each year in the U.S.
- *** life expectancy varies from two to five years from the time of diagnosis; many people do live with quality for five years and more; more than half of all patients live more than three years after diagnosis. up to ten percent will survive more than ten years.
- *** occurs throughout the world with no racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic boundaries



Smithson Valley High School senior, Erin Kitten is pictured with honors she has received. The shield on the collar is a National Honor Society patch and each cord has a different representation: white-NHS, purple-PALS, green-service and gold-top 10%.

Borden High School One-Act Play Community Performance



**Thursday,
March 20th**

7:00 p.m.

B.C.I.S.D. Auditorium

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

The Rio Grande Valley

I have spent some time in the Rio Grande Valley. I've seldom been able to get down there in the winter, the time you're supposed to go. It seems that I always go the valley during the hot summer months. This year, though, I've managed to get there in the winter. I get to conduct a workshop on interviewing for the Valley Byliners, a writing group in Harlingen. I love the valley. It is a place of sunshine and citrus and gentle people. It is friendly and welcoming and has an unhurried charm.

It's the Gladys Porter Zoo and the lighthouse at Port Isabel. It's giddy sun seekers from Canada's snowfields. It's old church bells and caring hands shaping a perfect tortilla. It's the heady fragrance of gardenias and orange blossoms. It's the warmest winters west of the Mississippi. It's a night sky filled with sparkling stars. It's towering palm trees lining highways and oleander bordering boulevards.

It's picturesque fishing villages and shrimp boats in the gulf. It's tropical plants and exotic wildlife. It's cities like Pharr, San Juan and Alamo, Donna, Weslaco and Mercedes. It's the longest bridge in Texas and the state's newest port. It's the site of the last battle of the Civil War. It's where you're not sure where Mexico ends and Texas begins. It's the muted sob of the Inca dove and the exuberance of the chachalaca. It's an aloe vera farm and the feel of soft sea breezes. It's jacaranda, hibiscus and ebony trees. It's a slow pace, fiestas and mariachis, Kind Ranch and drowsy afternoons. It's South Padre, where sails billow in the wind and dolphins provide an escort. It's the Rio Grande River and celebrations with piñatas. It's countless miles of unspoiled wilderness and the beautiful splendor of sunrise. It's a place where the bougainvillea blooms and the people are happy.

Borden County Track and Field Schedule 2008

(tentative)

Day	Date	Location	Teams
Thursday	Feb. 21	Klondike Jr. High Track Meet	boys/girls
Friday	Feb. 22	TBA	Boys/Girls
Friday	Feb. 29	Hamlin Pied Piper Relays	Boys
Saturday	March 1	Loop Jr. High Track Meet	boys/girls
Saturday	March 1	Loop Invitational	Boys/Girls
Thursday	March 6	O'Donnell	boys/girls
Saturday	March 8	O'Donnell Invitational	Boys/Girls
Thursday	March 13	Jayton Jr. High Meet	boys/girls
Friday	March 14	Jayton Rolling Plains Relays	Boys/Girls
Friday	March 21	Borden County Jr. High	boys/girls
Friday	March 21	Borden County Invitational	Boys/Girls
Monday	March 24	Junior High Zone @ Highland	boys/girls
Saturday	March 29	TBA	Boys/Girls
Wednesday	April 2	District Track @ Water Valley	Boys/Girls
Tuesday	April 8	Area Track @ Bronte	Boys/Girls
Thursday	April 17	???: Regional Qualifier Meet	Boys/Girls
Fri. - Sat.	April 25-26	Abilene: Regional Track Meet	Boys/Girls
Fri. - Sat.	May 9-10	Austin: State Track Meet	Boys/Girls

Remember.....

Borden County remains under a Burn Ban.
No burning trash or outdoor grilling.
Please take precautions at all times.

Volunteers Needed

Anyone interested in volunteering at the Borden County Track meet is urged to contact the school at 806/756-4313 or Coach Richey at 806-759-3335. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

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Borden County I.S.D. Coyote Relays

11:30-12:30

Scratch Meeting (In Blue Room North Side of School)

1:00-1:30

3200 Meter Run (Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys)

1:30-4:00

HS Running Prelims
400 Meter Relay (Run for Lanes)
100/110 Meter Hurdles
100 Meter Dash
400 Meter Dash
300 Meter Hurdles
200 Meter Dash

Field Events

1:30 Start:
Discus: Varsity Boys
Shot Put: Varsity Girls
2:00 Start:
High Jump: Varsity Boys
Pole Vault: Varsity Girls
3:00 Start:
High Jump: Varsity Girls
Pole Vault: Varsity Boys
Shot Put: Varsity Boys
Discus: Varsity Girls

4:00

2400 Meter Run (Junior Girls, Junior Boys)

4:00-7:00

Junior High Field Events:

4:00 Start:
Junior High Girls: Shot Put
Triple Jump, High Jump
Junior High Boys: Long Jump
Pole Vault, Discus

High School Field Events:

4:00 Start:
Long Jump: Varsity Boys
Triple Jump: Varsity Girls

5:15 Start:

Junior High Girls: Discus
Long Jump, Pole Vault
Junior High Boys: Shot Put
Triple Jump, High Jump

5:15 Start:

Triple Jump: Varsity Boys
Long Jump: Varsity Girls

7:00

Running Finals
(JH Girls, Vars. Girls, JH Boys, Vars. Boys)

400 Meter Relay
800 Meter Run
100/110 Hurdles
100 Meter Dash
800 Meter Relay
400 Meter Dash
300 Hurdles
200 Meter Dash
1600 Meter Run
1600 Meter Relay

Awards Immediately Following the 1600 Relay