

# The Borden Star

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## Rising to the Top BHS One-Act Play Set for Area Contest

The Borden County High School 2009 One-Act Play production of *The Beggar's Opera* is set to compete in the upcoming Region I, Area 2 Contest in hopes of advancing once again.

The Area Contest is set for this Saturday, April 11, at Lubbock Christian University's Moody Auditorium. Shows start at 1:00 p.m.

The Borden County H.S. show will be the third to perform, so it is suggested that

anyone who wishes to watch the BHS production should be there by 2:30 at the latest.

Admission to all six shows will cost \$3 at the door. Joining BHS at the Area Contest are productions from Ropes, Whitharral, Tahoka, Sundown, and Grady High Schools.

The top 2 of the 6 shows will advance to the Regional I One-Act Play Contest, which is set for April 25<sup>th</sup> on the campus of South Plains College in Levelland.

Dear Borden County School Community:

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District took action on March 9, 2009 to call a bond election for the issuance of \$25,000,000 of bonds by the Borden County Independent School District as allowed by State Law for the construction of school buildings, the purchase of school buses, the purchase of school sites, and levying the tax to pay for the bonds associated with a project of this nature. Meetings to explain the above proposals are tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2009, and Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the school auditorium of the Borden County School in Gail, Texas. Printed materials are presently being prepared that will be provided to the Borden County School Community as soon as it becomes available for distribution.

The official date of this election is May 9, 2009. A calendar for the upcoming May 9, 2009 Borden County Independent School District Bond Election is included below. Please feel free to contact Superintendent Jimmy Thomas in person, via email at [jthomas@bcisd.net](mailto:jthomas@bcisd.net), or by phone at 806-756-4313 if you have questions or need additional information pertaining to this issue.

#### CALENDAR FOR THE UPCOMING MAY 9, 2009 BOND ELECTION

- Applications for Early Voting by mail are presently being accepted by the Borden County Independent School District
- April 9, 2009-Last day to register to vote for the Saturday, May 9, 2009 election
- April 27, 2009-First day to vote early in person
- May 1, 2009-Last day to receive an application for a ballot to be voted by mail
- May 5, 2009-Last day to vote early by personal appearance
- May 9, 2009-Election Day

Sincerely,

Jimmy Thomas



Pictured are Gail FFA Horse and Livestock judging teams who recently competed in Area CDE contests. They are (back row left to right) Kimberly Proulx, Jacie Eveland, Clay Harding, (front row left to right) Kagan Benham, Shylo Rinehart, Lacey Roberts, Raylea Underwood, Mabelle Barr, Annie Stribling and Tyrell Massingill.

## Gail FFA Teams Compete in Area CDE Contests Horse Team State Bound

By Buddy Wallace

The Gail FFA chapter was busy once again this past weekend as several members competed in the Texas Tech Area CDE Contests.

Both the Livestock and Horse Judging teams traveled to Lubbock to compete in this event and

the results are as follows:  
Horse Team: Clay Harding, Tyrell Massingill, Shylo Rinehart, Annie Stribling and alternate, Kagan Benham.

The horse team placed 18th overall out of 71

teams, 4th in Area II out of 29 teams and placed 1st District.

Livestock Team: Raylea Underwood, Lacey Roberts, Jacie Eveland, Kimberly Proulx and alternate,

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# Taking It To The Next Level

## Borden High School UIL Team Wins Ninth Consecutive District Title

Despite butterflies, a new district, and stiff competition, the UIL academic squad from Borden County High School won their ninth consecutive district championship last Thursday at the District 4-A UIL Academic Meet at Loop High School.

Fifteen students from BHS will now advance to the Regional Meet on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at South Plains College in Levelland.

All in all, four teams won district championships, and BHS students won nine out of 22 individual contests. The Calculator Applications, Journalism, Spelling & Vocabulary, and Speech & Debate Teams all notched wins.

BHS outscored its nearest competitor by a considerable margin of 144 points, which is quite an accomplishment considering the excellent academic reputations of many of the participating schools.

Final tallies for the 12 schools in the district are as follows: BC - 423, Wellman-Union - 284, Grady - 255, Loop - 228, O'Donnell - 111, Sands - 103, New Home - 12, Dawson - 8, Ira - 8, Wilson - 7, Klondike - 0, and Southland - 0.

These points are gained by placing in the top 6 individually or in the top 2 teams according to the following scale: 1<sup>st</sup> - 15, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 12, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 10, 4<sup>th</sup> - 8, 5<sup>th</sup> - 6, & 6<sup>th</sup> - 4. Top teams win 10 points while second place teams are awarded 5.

Points gained from the CX Debate District Meet in February (28 points) and the

One-Act Play district meet (40 points) held last Tuesday also added to the totals.

Final results and participants for BHS are organized below. Regional Qualifiers are marked with an asterisk (\*).

Calculator Applications: 1st team- \*Austin Fields-3rd, \*Chellsie Pigford-5th, \*Lacey Roberts-6th and \*Austin Tyler.

Current Issues & Events: 2nd team- \*John Hensley-2nd, Luke Burkett, Carlos Hernandez and Karl Lamming.

Computer Applications: Brittany Day, Laura Ocanas and Skyler Williamson-Dear.

Literary Criticism: 2nd Team- \*D'Nae Johnson-1st, Kagan Benham and Kerianne Howard.

Mathematics: Bailey Anderson, Kagan Benham, Austin Fields and Miles Valentine.

Number Sense: Bailey Anderson, Austin Fields, Tony Soto and Raylea Underwood.

Ready Writing: \*Joseph McConnell-3rd, Katherine Froman-5th and Kerianne Howard.

Science: \*Joseph McConnell-1st-Overall & 1st in Biology, Olivia Key, Laura Ocanas, Kimberly Proulx, Tony Soto and Skyler Williamson-Dear.

Social Studies: 3rd team- Carlos Hernandez-4th, Karl Lamming-5th and Raylea Underwood.

Spelling and Vocabulary: 1st team- \*Katherine Froman-1st, \*Brendan Tarleton-3rd, \*Taylor Richey-5th and \*Michael Porter-6th.

Journalism Overall: 1st team Editorial Writing: \*Chellsie Pigford-1st, Bailey Anderson-

6th and John Hensley.

Feature Writing: \*Lacey Roberts-1st, Chellsie Pigford-3rd and Krista Tarleton.

Headline Writing: John Hensley, Chellsie Pigford and Tony Soto.

News Writing: \*Lacey Roberts-1st, \*Krista Tarleton-3rd and Chellsie Pigford.

Speech & Debate Overall- 1st Team

Cross-Examination Debate: John Hensley/Karl Lamming-2nd and Eric Espinoza/Brendan Tarleton-3rd.

Informative Speaking: \*Eric Espinoza-1st, \*Karl Lamming-3rd and Austin Fields-5th.

Lincoln Douglas Debate: \*Michael Porter-2nd, \*Chasiti Rutherford-3rd and Raegan Belongia.

Persuasive Speaking: \*John Hensley-1st, \*Chasiti Rutherford-3rd and Kobie Benham-4th.

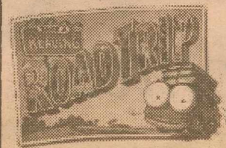
Poetry Interpretation: Eric Espinoza-4th, Taylor Richey and Chelsey Sapp.

Prose Interpretation: \*Brendan Tarleton-1st, \*D'Nae Johnson-3rd and Phyneshia Rutherford.

### 2009 Borden County Baseball Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Location	Scores
Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Scrimmage:	TBA		
Feb. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Scrimmage: Rotan	TBA	Rotan	
Feb. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Open	TBA		
Feb. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Hermleigh	12:00	Snyder (Moffett)	
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Monday	Hermleigh	3:33	Snyder (WTC)	
March 5 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs. - Sat.	Tourney @ Hamlin	TBA	Hamlin	
				Hamlin	
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				Hamlin	
				Hamlin	
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Anson	6:00	Anson	
March 13 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs. - Sat.	Possible Tourney @ Plains	TBA		
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Open	TBA	TBA	
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Albany	TBA	Snyder (Moffett)	
*March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Monday	Ralls	5:00	Ralls	
*March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	O'Donnell	12:00	Snyder (Moffett)	
March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday	Forsan JV	5:00	Snyder (Moffett)	
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Friday	Nazereth	6:30	Shallowater	
*April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Crosbyton	5:00	Snyder (Moffett)	
*April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Ralls	5:00	Snyder (Moffett)	
*April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	O'Donnell	5:00	O'Donnell	
*April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Tahoka (double Header)	12:00	Tahoka (DH)	
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday	Lockney Varsity (tentative)	5:00	Lockney	
*April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Crosbyton	4:30	Crosbyton	
April 27 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup>	Mon-Tues.	Rain out dates			
Apr. 30-May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Thurs-Sat.	Tie Breaker Date			

\* - District Game



## The Book Fair is Coming!

The Class of '09 will be having a **Book Fair**

**April 14 - 17, 2009**

In the Borden County School Conference Room

See any Senior for more information

## UIL Regional Qualifiers



The Borden County UIL team won their ninth consecutive district championship last Thursday at the District 4-A Meet at Loop. Those students who will now compete at the Regional Meet on Friday at South Plains College in Levelland are (top row left to right) Austin Tyler, Karl Lamming, Brendan Tarleton, Joseph McConnell, (middle row left to right) Katherine Froman, Taylor Richey, Michael Porter, Chellsie Pigford, Eric Espinoza, John Hensley, Krista Tarleton, (front row left to right) Chasiti Rutherford, D'Nae Johnson, Lacey Roberts and Austin Fields.

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# Coyotes Capture Win at Borden County Meet

The Borden County Coyotes hosted the Coyote Relays on April 4 and the boys team took away two team plaques as both Varsity and JV divisions won the meet. The Coyote JV scored an impressive 207 points and outscored the second place team by 105 points. The Coyote Varsity also dominated the field as they scored a total of 114 points and won by a margin of 26 points. The girls took 5th place overall in the meet. Thanks to the many volunteers who made this years meet run smoothly. Good job Coyotes!

## Varsity

**400 Meter Relay:** 1<sup>st</sup>-46.05- John Hensley, Michael Cooley, Miles Valentine and Jake Cooley.

**800 Meter Run:** David Rodriguez-2:19.05.

**110 Meter Hurdles:** Karl Lamming-19.89.

**100 Meter Dash:** 4<sup>th</sup>-John Hensley-11.76 and Austin Fields-12.30.

**800 Meter Relay:** 1<sup>st</sup>-1:39.96-Austin Fields, Miles Valentine, John Hensley and Michael Cooley.

**400 Meter Dash:** 1<sup>st</sup>-Jake Cooley-53.91 and 4<sup>th</sup>-Tony Soto-56.64.

**300 Meter Hurdles:** 5<sup>th</sup>-Karl Lamming-47.99.

**200 Meter Dash:** Miles Valentine-25.26; Austin Fields-26.36 and R.T. Shafer-26.11.

**1600 Meter Relay:** 2<sup>nd</sup>-3:42.22-David Rodriguez, Austin Fields, Michael Cooley and Jake Cooley.

**Discus:** 4<sup>th</sup>-R.T. Shafer.

**Long Jump:** 2<sup>nd</sup>-Michael Cooley-20'5.75"; Tony Soto-16'6" and John Hensley-16'2".

**High Jump:** 1<sup>st</sup>-Michael Cooley-6'2" and 2<sup>nd</sup>-David Rodriguez-5'10".

## JV Division

**3200 Meter Run:** 3<sup>rd</sup>-Michael Froman-12:46.38 and 4<sup>th</sup>-Luke Burkett-12:52.60.

**400 Meter Relay:** 1<sup>st</sup>-49.21-Flynn Chapman, Skyler Williamson-Dear, Derek Tatum and Quinton Shafer.

**800 Meter Run:** 6<sup>th</sup>-Brendan Tarleton-2:35.88.

**110 Meter Hurdles:** 1<sup>st</sup>-Zach Telchik-19.29 and 4<sup>th</sup>-Austin Tyler-21.80.

**100 Meter Dash:** 1<sup>st</sup>-Joseph McConnell-11.69.

**800 Meter Relay:** 1<sup>st</sup>-1:45.49-Flynn Chapman, Skyler Dear, Derek Tatum and Quinton Shafer.

**400 Meter Dash:** Brendan Tarleton-67.52.

**300 Meter Hurdles:** 1<sup>st</sup>-Collin Telchik-52.91 and 5<sup>th</sup>-Austin Tyler-54.85.

**200 Meter Dash:** 1<sup>st</sup>-Joseph McConnell-26.85 and 3<sup>rd</sup>-Derek Tatum-27.58.

**1600 Meter Run:** 2<sup>nd</sup>-Michael Froman-5:58.25; 5<sup>th</sup>-Luke Burkett-6:15.18 and Collin Telchik-6:25.52.

**1600 Meter Relay:** 2<sup>nd</sup>-4:13.88-Quinton Shafer, Michael Froman, Zach Telchik and Skyler Williamson-Dear.

**Shot Put:** 1<sup>st</sup>-Skyler Williamson-Dear-33'11"; 2<sup>nd</sup>-Derek Tatum-32'8" and 5<sup>th</sup>-Joseph McConnell-31'1".

**Discus:** 1<sup>st</sup>-Brendan Tarleton-105'11" and 3<sup>rd</sup>-Michael Froman-94'8".

**Triple Jump:** 1<sup>st</sup>-Brendan Tarleton-32'8.5" and 2<sup>nd</sup>-Austin Tyler-32'6".

**High Jump:** 1<sup>st</sup>-Zach Telchik-5'6"; 2<sup>nd</sup>-Quinton Shafer-5'6" and Brendan Tarleton-5'2".

## Girls

**400 Meter Relay:** 3<sup>rd</sup>-57.32-D'Nae Johnson, Stefanie Cooley, Olivia Key and Brittany Day.

**110 Meter Hurdles:** 5<sup>th</sup>-Taylor Richey-19.06.

**100 Meter Dash:** Brittany Day-14.37; Marla Crenshaw-14.82 and Seleste Herridge-16.90.

**800 Meter Relay:** 3<sup>rd</sup>-2:02.13-D'Nae Johnson, Taylor Richey, Krista Tarleton and Stefanie Cooley.

**400 Meter Dash:** 2<sup>nd</sup>-1:06.80-Aubree Lester and Krista Tarleton-1:14.52.

**200 Meter Dash:** 1<sup>st</sup>-Aubree Lester-29.34; Brittany Day-31.83 and Marla Crenshaw-32.40.

**1600 Meter Relay:** 4<sup>th</sup>-4:53.56-Krista Tarleton, Taylor Richey, Stefanie Cooley and D'Nae Johnson.

**Shot Put:** 5<sup>th</sup>-Raegan Belongia-26'7"; Vivian Hernandez-no mark and Seleste Herridge-no mark.

**Discus:** 2<sup>nd</sup>-Taylor Richey-

94'5.25" and 5<sup>th</sup>-Raegan Belongia-80'9".

**Long Jump:** Aubree Lester-13'3" and Marla Crenshaw-12'9".

**Triple Jump:** Taylor Richey-29'8" and Olivia Key-28'0".

**High Jump:** 4<sup>th</sup>-Krista Tarleton-4'8".

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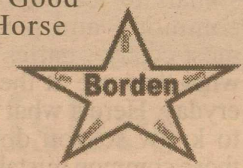
# Judging Teams...

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Machelle Barr.

The livestock team placed 26th overall out of 91 teams, 9th place Area out of 40 teams and 2nd place District.

The Horse Judging team's strong performance qualified them to advance to the State Horse Contest as the fourth place Area Team. Gail Horse team members will compete on Saturday, April 18th for state level honors in the Horse Event. Good luck Horse team!



## School Lunch Menu

April 13 - 17, 2009

**Monday - NO SCHOOL**

**Tuesday - Breakfast:** Muffin, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Steak Fingers, Potatoes, Green Peas, Applesauce, Hot Roll and Milk.

**Wednesday - Breakfast:** Cereal & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Garlic Biscuit, Fruit and Milk.

**Thursday - Breakfast:** Pancakes, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Burrito, Potato Salad, Broccoli w/ranch, Fruit and Milk.

**Friday - Breakfast:** Omelet & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger, Salad, French Fries, Surprise Cookie and Milk.

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Stefanie Cooley (right) hands off to D'Nae Johnson in the 1600 Meter Relay in this past Saturday's meet. The relay placed 4th in the race.

## Pizza! Pizza!



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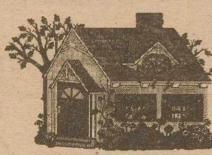




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**Heart and Home ...**

by Julie Smith  
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## Top Fitness Mistakes

Some moves are better left out of your workout—here's what to watch out for.

Recently, the American Council on Exercise (ACE) surveyed 3,000 fitness professionals to identify the most common—and perhaps the most costly—gaffes based on what they see at the gym everyday. Here's what you need to know so you don't make those common mistakes and so you can get the most out of your exercise routine while keeping safety first.

**Hot Habits** Incorporate these into your workout to boost safety and fitness:

**Warm up.** People tend to shrug off this prelude to exercise, either giving it minimal time or bypassing it altogether. But just like cold dough, cold muscles won't be as pliable to work with (without risking tears) as warmed ones. Try gentle movements, like walking, to prepare your muscles before leaping into a more rigorous workout.

**Stretch more.** "Stretching seems to be a 'lost art,' but it can improve range of motion and flexibility, and reduce the risk of muscle tightness and strain," says Debi Pillarella, MEd, a certified personal trainer and a national fitness spokesperson for ACE. Get the most from your stretch right after your workout, while your muscles are still warm.

**Bring a bottle.** Always bring a bottle of water with you to the gym and drink from it regularly—before you feel thirsty. "Thirst is a signal that you're already on your way to dehydration," says Pillarella.

**Find "just right."** Many people either work out too intensely—risking injury—or not intensely enough. Ask your

gym's fitness advisor to help determine workout goals that are right for you based on your age and fitness level.

**Risky Routines** Avoid doing these and improve your workout IQ:

**Lifting too much.** Talk to your fitness advisor to ensure you're lifting weights that are appropriate for you—otherwise you could injure your muscles. If you feel you're ready to challenge yourself, add weights gradually and always listen to your body. "Lifting to the point of 'tingle' or fatigue is fine," says Pillarella, "but be wary of lifting to the point of 'failure' or muscle exhaustion."

**The machine lean.** Stair-climbers, elliptical machines, cross trainers, and treadmills may seem like equipment made to lean on, but this may put undue stress on the wrists and back. Monitor your posture during exercise for the most effective results.

**Jerking around.** If a free weight is so heavy that you must "jerk" it up to get it to move, you're probably straining your muscles as well, which may mean you're courting injury. Find a weight you can control with a smooth lift. This goes for weights on machines as well.

**Going nuts with food and drink.** If your workout lasts less than two hours, you shouldn't need energy bars or sports drinks to fuel your workout. And here's a surprise: "Some bars are high in calories," says Pillarella, "so always check labels to make the best selections."

Source: Eat Better America web site <http://www.eatbetteramerica.com>

## Walk<sup>®</sup> Across Texas!



Walk Across Texas kicked off on March 23<sup>rd</sup>! This year we have three teams with 24 participants in Walk Across Texas. The teams consist of:

**R.A.C.E. (Ready Around the Clock to Exercise):** Shela Tucker (captain), Brent Tucker, Cheyenne Tucker, Tanya Shafer, Clair Shafer, Deidre Smith, Jimmy Thomas, Kim Thomas and Tracye Spencer.

**Cool Coyotes:** Shawna Gass (captain), Amy Rinehart, Sherry Gass, Arica Proulx, Kerri Dean, Sheri Poole, Cindy Herridge and Darby Key.

**County Cruisers:** Sharlot Stone (captain), Jacquie Whalen, Paul Awtry, Jana Underwood, Raylea Underwood, Becky Beaver and Jane Jones.

Week 1: Team R.A.C.E. is starting out strong in this first week with 92 miles. The County Cruisers have walked 34 miles followed by the Cool Coyotes with 33.5 miles.

It's not too late to dust off your walking shoes and hit the trail to participate in this worthwhile program. For more information, call the Borden County Extension Office at 806/756-4336.

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## Scissor-Tailed Flycatcher

From its long tail to its famous "sky dance," no other bird is more striking and identifiable than the Scissor-tailed Flycatcher. It was officially adopted by the State Legislature May 5, 1951 as the Oklahoma state bird. The common name is derived from its former Latin name—*Muscivora forficata*, meaning "flying"- "scissors" and "to devour." Scissortails can be found on open prairies, along tree-lined roads, and along roadsides perched on fences, limbs and in isolated trees. They consume a great number of grasshoppers, crickets, spiders, and other ground-dwelling insects making them economically important and popular with farmers and ranchers.

Soon after the birds arrive in the state, the males begin their famous "sky dance," a popular site along roadsides during spring and early summer. After climbing about 100 feet in the air, the male makes

a series of V-shaped flights, then plunges down in an erratic zigzag course often somersaulting while uttering a rolling, cackling call. The performance has been described as "an aerial ballet of incomparable grace." Nesting usually takes place in an isolated tree 7-30 feet above ground. Often two broods of 4-6 each are raised during the summer.


Scissor-tailed flycatchers are easily identified by their long scissor-like tail, which may reach nine inches in length. During flight the bird opens its tail like a pair of scissors and folds or closes the "scissors" when perching. The nape of its neck and its back are pearl gray, and the breast is white. Wings are sooty black with a touch of scarlet at the shoulders. The principal threat to scissortails is poaching. A great number of birds have been killed by poachers who wanted only the bird's tail.



Pooh and friends have welcomed a new friend to the 100 acre wood...

Gerry and Julie Smith are proud to announce the birth of their son.

### Granger Edward Smith



arrived on March 17, 2009 at 11:31 A.M.  
6 pounds 13 ounces 20 inches long

Proud Grandparents are:  
Bill Mammae and the late Debbie Mammae  
Terry Smith and the late Edward Smith

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## Borden Star



## Obituary

### Nelda Steadman 1942 - 2009

Nelda Steadman of Lubbock departed this life on March 14, 2009 at the age of 66 years. She was born August 29, 1942 in San Angelo, Texas to Gaston Isaac and Mamie Lillian (Edginton) Steadman. Nelda graduated from Borden County School in 1960 and attended San Angelo Jr. College. She moved from San Angelo to Lubbock in 1964 and worked as a USPS letter carrier; she also loved bowling, painting and being with family and friends.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Nerissa Brock and husband John of Lubbock; one son, Mike Jenkins of Lubbock; two brothers, Harold Steadman of

Odessa and Gerald Steadman of Houston; two sisters, Mary Jo Lewis of Lubbock and Doris Steadman of Ira; and her two grandchildren, Allison and Evan Brock.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation was held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 16, 2009 at White Funeral Home in Lubbock.

Celebration of Life services were held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at the White Memorial Chapel in Lubbock. Interment followed at the City of Lubbock Cemetery in Lubbock.

Arrangements were under the personal care of White Funeral Home in Lubbock.

## Thank You!

*The Class of 2010 would like to thank everyone that came out and supported our fund raiser on April 5th.*

*We had a great time and made lots of money. This will help in sending us on our Sr. trip. Once again, thank you!*



## Thomas Finishes 7th at Texas Relays

Former Borden County student and All-American, Garrett Thomas finished seventh in the 110-hurdle finals at Texas Relays in Austin this past Saturday. Thomas finished the event with a time of 14.42 beating his preliminary time that he posted on Friday by 0.28 seconds.

Thomas will return to action

this Thursday, April 9th at the ASU Invitational in San Angelo. Garrett has qualified for the national track meet with a time of 14.22 which will also be held in San Angelo this May.

Thomas is a 2006 graduate of Borden County and the son of Jimmy and Kim Thomas.



### Thank You

*Dear Friends and family in Borden County, Thank you so much for the love and support you have given our family. We appreciate all of the cards, gifts, phone calls, and good hugs. We are truly blessed to be surrounded by such a wonderful community!*

*Sincerely,*

*Jym, Amy, Cassidy, Symeron, and Shylo Rinehart  
Yvonne Finley and the rest of the  
Bill Finley family*



### Thought for the Day

*"Joy is choosing to see the beauty and blessings no matter what comes our way in life. It doesn't disappear because of the circumstances. Happiness is circumstantial, but joy builds in your life over time."*

*--Ed Young*



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3rd & 4th generations still serving this area.

## Pre-School Day Time Change

Pre-School Day will be Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. If your child will be 5 years on or before September 1, 2009, he/she is invited to visit the kindergarten class on this day.

After you have taken your child to the kindergarten class, please go to the library to complete your child's registration packet. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate, social security card, and immunization record.

**WE WILL BE HAVING AN EARLY DISMISSAL AT 12:30 ON PRE-SCHOOL DAY.** Pre-School students will attend school from 8:05 - 12:30. The school will provide lunch. If your child would like to ride the bus, please contact the bus driver in your area.

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



### GAIL FFA GREENHOUSE PLANTS FOR SALE

The Gail FFA chapter now has plants available for spring planting! These plants are available in the greenhouse, which is located north of the Ag. Building on the Borden County Campus.

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

Anyone wishing to purchase starter plants can contact Buddy Wallace at 806/756-4313 (School) or 806/756-4478 (Home).

Customers can also place orders with students of the Horticulture Class.

Students are:

Michael Porter, Drew Tyler, Lacey Roberts, Shylo Rinehart, Mandi Hudson, Chasiti Rutherford, Chellsie Pigford, Eric Espinoza, Skyler Williamson, Raylea Underwood and Jacie Eveland.

All plants are suitable size for ground planting. The Gail FFA chapter welcomes everyone to come view the plants and tour their greenhouse!

#### PLANTS AVAILABLE

##### LARGE VARIETY TOMATOES

1. Better Boy
2. Early Girl
3. Beef Steak

##### Roma Tomatoes

##### PEPPERS

1. Bell (Fat and Sassy, Big Bertha, Jupiter)
2. Jalapeno (Fooled You, Early)
3. Banana (Sweet Banana)

##### STARTER FLOWERS

##### HERBS

- Cilantro
- Sage
- Oregano

All Vegetable plants are \$1.00 each





## Legal Notices

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BORDEN

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is given herewith that proposals will be considered from Banks and Banking Corporations desiring to serve as depository for public funds and county public school funds of Borden County, Texas. Such proposals will be considered Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 9:30 a.m., and the Commissioners' Court of Borden County may, at its discretion, reject any and all bids or proposals submitted. Applications submitted should be in accordance with Article 116.021, Local Government Code, Vernon's Civil Statutes, and it is desired that same stipulate percent interest to be paid on time deposits and rate of interest Borden County would pay on borrowed funds for ordinary operating expenses and borrowed funds for equipment purchases. Depository Bank would be expected to furnish printed checks and deposit slips for all accounts.

Van L. York  
County Judge  
Borden County

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### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

### CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene  
Contract 6032-50-001 for RETRO-REFLECTIVITY DATA COLLECTION in HOWARD County, etc will be opened on April 29, 2009 at 1:30 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$45,790.78

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov. and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 29241  
State Office

Constr./Maint. Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)

Abilene District  
District Engineer  
4250 N. Clack  
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150  
Phone: 325-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

## TIME CHANGE!!

The time for the  
**Booster Club Egg Hunt**  
has changed from  
1:00 p.m. to 11:30 a.m. on April 10<sup>th</sup>  
due to an early release.

Any pre-school age child is invited to  
participate.

Please bring 1 dozen eggs.  
No unwrapped candy please

For more information, contact Tammy Simmons  
at 806/756-4361.

# Borden County Jr. High Boys Dominate Zone

The Borden Junior High Traveled to O'Donnell on March 30 and dominated to field as they easily won the team title. This is the second year in a row that the Coyotes have won the Zone Meet which is a testament to the hard work that these kids have put in. Good Job Coyotes!

### Results:

**2400 Meter Run:** 1<sup>st</sup>-Zach McMeans-10:56.8 and 2<sup>nd</sup>-Jared Smith-11:32.1.

**400 Meter Relay:** 2<sup>nd</sup>-54.5-Matthew Ham; Brady Bybee; Kurt Shafer and T.J. Basquez.

**800 Meter Run:** 1<sup>st</sup>-Riley Smith-2:37.0; 5<sup>th</sup>-Jared Smith-3:02.6 and Matthew Proulx-3:06.4.

**110 Meter Hurdles:** 1<sup>st</sup>-Tanner Richey-16.83 and 2<sup>nd</sup>-Kurt Shafer-20.27.

**100 Meter Dash:** 6<sup>th</sup>-Matthew Ham-13.73; Helio Rosales-15.26; Tristin Benavidez-16.02 and Matthew Roberson-16.32.

**800 Meter Relay:** 1<sup>st</sup>-1:46.2-Steven Howard, Austin Cope, Riley Smith and Tanner Richey.

**400 Meter Run:** 1<sup>st</sup>-T.J. Basquez-1:03.0; Brady Bybee-1:09.54 and Matthew Proulx-1:18.71.

**300 Meter Hurdles:** 1<sup>st</sup>-Austin Cope-48.92 and 3<sup>rd</sup>-Kurt Shafer-57.31.

**200 Meter Dash:** 3<sup>rd</sup>-Steven Howard; 4<sup>th</sup>-Helio Rosales-28.67; Luis Andrade-30.69 and Brady Dowds-32.80.

**1600 Meter Run:** 2<sup>nd</sup>-Brady Bybe-6:18.5; 4<sup>th</sup>-Zach McMeans-6:37.3 and 6<sup>th</sup>-Matthew Ham-7:06.4

**1600 Meter Relay:** 1<sup>st</sup>-4:04.4-Steven Howard, Austin Cope, Riley Smith and Tanner Richey.

**Discus:** 1<sup>st</sup>-T.J. Basquez-116'9"; 2<sup>nd</sup>-Matthew Roberson-104'9"; Luis Andrade-no mark; Brady Dowds-no mark and Tristin Benavidez-no mark.

**Shot Put:** 1<sup>st</sup>-T.J. Basquez-40'2"; 2<sup>nd</sup>-Matthew Roberson-38'; 4<sup>th</sup>-Helio Rosales-35'4"; Brady Dowds-no mark and Tristin Benavidez-no mark.

**High Jump:** 1<sup>st</sup>-Tanner Richey-5'6" and 2<sup>nd</sup>-Austin Cope-5'4".

**Pole Vault:** 1<sup>st</sup>-Jared Smith-

6'6"; 2<sup>nd</sup>-Matthew Proulx-6'14' and 3<sup>rd</sup>-Steven Howard-6'.

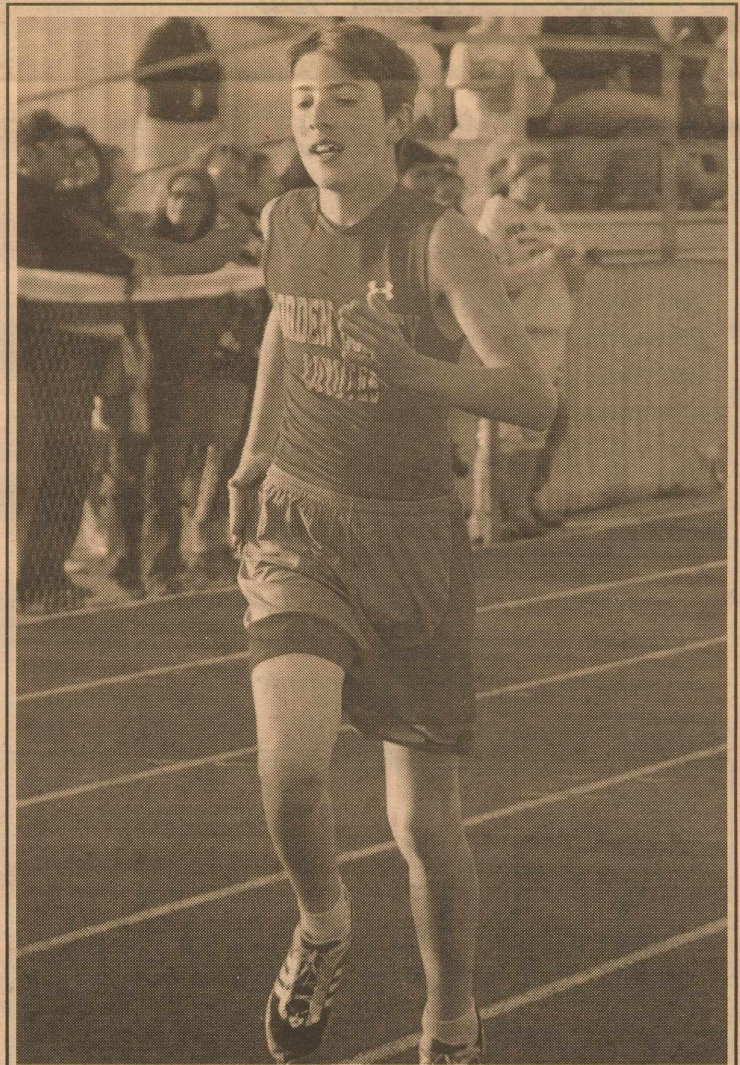
**Long Jump:** 2<sup>nd</sup>-Austin Cope-16'5.6"; Matthew Ham-14'4.6" and Matthew Proulx-

14'. **Triple Jump:** 1<sup>st</sup>-Tanner

Richey-37'4.25"; 2<sup>nd</sup>-Steven Howard-33'7" and 4<sup>th</sup>-Riley Smith-31'2".



8th grader, Tanner Richey (pictured) placed 1st in the High Jump with a jump of 5'6". Austin Cope placed 2nd with a jump of 5'4".



Borden County 7th grader, Matthew Proulx runs the 400 Meter Run in last weeks O'Donnell meet. The Coyotes won the team title to win Zone.



## Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
Tumbleweed Smith

### Sam Baker and His Wild Emotions

When Sam Baker is performing his music on stage he looks wild. His long unruly hair flies around and he moves in such a way that you wonder if he's sane. He sings loud with a raspy voice and strums his guitar like he was fighting it. Then his voice turns soft and contemplative and he plays his guitar with gentle, loving strokes. Sam Baker is one interesting guy. Music has taken over his life.

I had wanted to meet Sam for a long time. Texas artists and musicians kept telling me about him, but I somehow didn't connect with him until late last year when we both happened to be at Bill Worrell's place in Mason County.

There were crowds of people around, so to get away from the din, we settled down in a nearby pickup, rolled up the windows and had a visit. I asked him about an experience he had in Peru in 1956 when he was 32. His eloquence surprised me.

"When you're young you want a challenge, so you walk up in tall places and run wild rivers and go about the world as though you're immortal," he said.

In Peru, he and some friends climbed icy peaks in the Andes. He boarded a train in Cuzco and sat in a narrow compartment with a man, woman and child. He had a wonderful time in Cuzco, which he described as a beautiful city that make you feel like nothing bad would ever happen to you. There had been trouble in Peru from a terrorist group called the Shining Path. Lima was under martial law. Sam says he had been keeping a watchful eye, but Cozco relaxed him and he felt good. The terrorists had placed a suitcase bomb on a luggage rack just three feet from Sam's head. When it exploded, the three people in the compartment were killed. Sam suffered brain damage, a loss of hearing and the top of his left hand was blown off. Shrapnel punctured his body. He

nearly died.

"My world changed from being a young man to an old man," Sam says. "From a place where I was strong and able to climb ice to a place where I couldn't hear, couldn't walk and couldn't use my hands. It's a miracle to be on the face of the earth."

Sam struggled with words. Instead of asking for a cup, he asked for that thing that holds coffee. He could see a chair, but couldn't remember the name for it. Eventually he started writing about his experience in Peru and some songs emerged. Four years ago, when he was fifty, he recorded a CD and called it *MERCY*. It launched his career as a singer-songwriter. He now performs all over the US and Europe, but calls Austin home.

"I'm like a kite with a long string," says Sam, "but it's anchored here in Texas." His second CD, *PRETTY WORLD*, was released in 2007. The injury to his hand was severe. He says his guitar playing is almost primitive, but it gives him the emotional foundation for the words to his songs. Sam Baker was born in Itasca, played sports in high school and studied guitar at North Texas. He worked as a white water boatman and carpenter before he started singing for a living.

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## The Final Destination

CheerStar Athletics mini level one team is gearing up to compete in the US Finals in Las Vegas, Nevada on April 17th & 18th. They have received a bid to compete at the US Finals from America's Best Cheer & Dance and also from COA LoneStar Nationals. This team currently holds 2 National Titles and have finished in a close 2nd at two more competitions this season.

We look forward to meeting up with some tough teams at the US Finals, and we are confident that these girls will be top contenders at the event. We are honored to represent Snyder and our surrounding communities in an event of this caliber.

On February 21-22, The girls placed 1st at the American Showdown Nat'l Championships in Fort Worth. The teams were awarded really nice plaques along with a bid to the International All Levels Championships. The team also received a team trophy and banner for the gym, while each individual on the team was given a National Champion Jacket and medallion. Not only were they named National Champions, but they were also recognized as the Judge's Choice for Choreography. This is a huge honor and only one team was chosen for this award out of all the levels and age groups. They defeated some top name gyms in the DFW metroplex at this competition. Cougar Cheer always proves to be tough competition and the girls have out performed them twice this season.

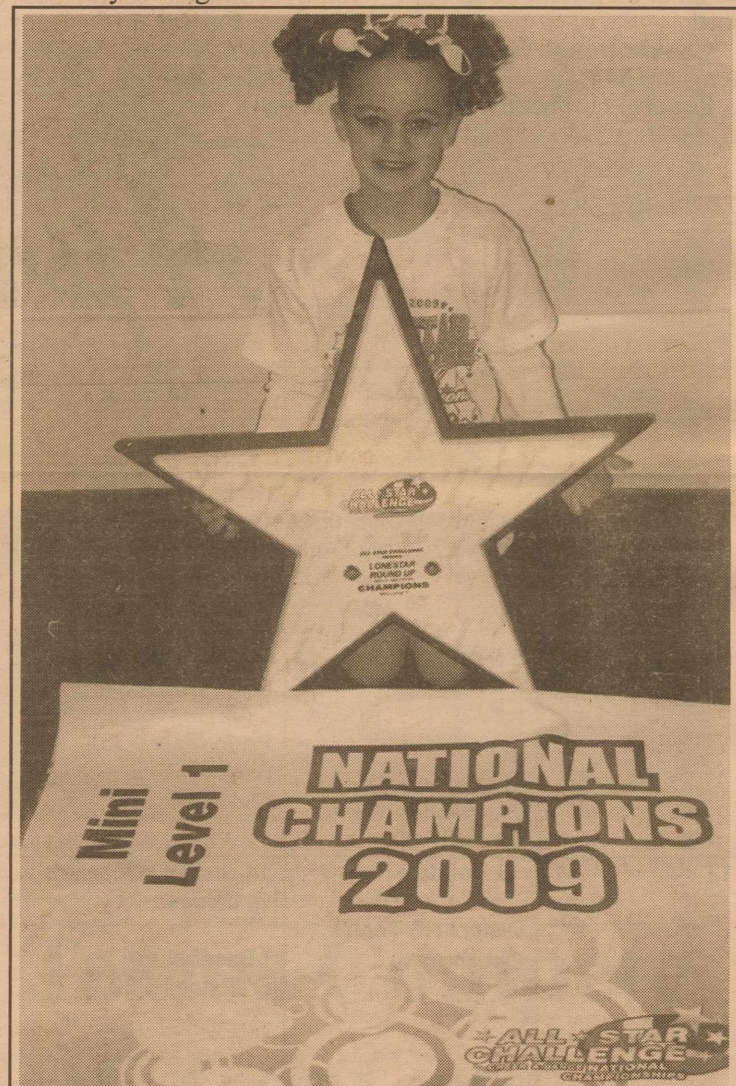
Back in January, the team attended the LoneStar Roundup in Arlington. They were once again named National Champions of another competition company. Plus, they received an overall award for Outstanding Tumbling Achievement and another one for Judge's Choice in Choreography. They also placed 3rd overall out of all of the age groups in Level 1, and they are the youngest age division. The girls received a National Champion T-Shirt and Backpack for their hard work and success. They also received a team trophy and banner at this competition.

This group of youngsters have done an amazing job all

year. The team consists of 12 girls ages 8 & under. There are athletes on the team from Borden County, Colorado City, Rotan, and Snyder. So not only do these girls come to practice and work hard, but many of them have to travel to Snyder twice a week for practice. These girls have a bright future in cheerleading. Their discipline and dedication is remarkable for athletes of such a young age. They are tons of fun to watch. Their energy is definitely contagious.

Representing Borden County is Kaci Hudson, she is six years old, and the youngest member of the team. She is in Kindergarten at Borden County ISD. She has been a Cheerstar for two years. Kaci is the daughter of Andy and Lea Ann Hudson of Gail.

We hope everyone has the opportunity to watch them perform this season at a local performance. The team is coached by KK Vinson, Terry Hanshaw, and Neika & Kay Porter.



Pictured is Borden Kindergartener, Kaci Hudson. She is a member of the CheerStar Athletics of Snyder, Texas. The team will be performing at the National Finals in Las Vegas, NV on April 17 & 18. She is the daughter of Andy and LeaAnn Hudson of Gail.

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# Extra FFA Cookie Dough and Meat Items Available

The Gail FFA Chapter has several cookie dough and meat items available from their fall sales. Anyone wishing to purchase extra items can contact Buddy Wallace at 806/756-4313 (School) or 806/756-4468 (Home).

The Gail FFA Chapter once again thanks the community for all of their fund-raiser support!

**Cookie Dough Items:** (All items are \$14)  
Peach Cobbler, Sugar

Cookie, White Chocolate Macadamia Nut, Peanut Butter, M&M, Chocolate Chunk Pecan and Snicker Doodle.

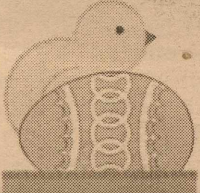
**Meat Items:** Spiral Sliced Ham-\$28; Smoked Sausage Kolaches-\$16; Smoked Bacon-\$16; Smoked Pork Loin-\$16; Cajun Meat Pies-\$16; Tailgate Party Pack-\$15; Peppered Bacon-\$16; Smoked Turkey-\$23; Chicken Fajitas-\$15; Beef Fajitas-\$15; Hickory Smoked Boneless Peppered Turkey Breast-\$18.




**Got News?**  
Mail to:  
**P.O. Box 137**  
**Gail, Tx. 79738**  
Email:  
**kdean@bcisd.net**  
or call  
**806/756-4313**  
**ext. 275**




Placing 1st in the 110 Meter Hurdles is Borden County sophomore, Zach Telchik. The Coyote JV won the meet with a score of 207 and Varsity winning as well with a score of 114.



# April 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
* Denotes District games April 14 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> Scholastic Book Fair			1 LD Debate District Meet @ Wellman-Union	2 District UIL @ Loop  CDE Judging WTAMU Canyon	3 4-H Livestock Judging Meeting in Conference Room: 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> 11:30 - 12 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> 12:30 - 1  Baseball vs. Nazareth @ Shallowater 6:30	4 Area CDE Judging TTU  Borden County Relays  SAT Test (Must have pre-registered)
5	6 District Golf TBD  4-H Photography @ Show Barn 3:45-5:00  * Baseball vs. Crosbyton @ Snyder (Moffett) 5:00	7 TAKS Math 5 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>  OAP Community Performance 7:00 p.m.	8 FFA State Officers @ BC 8 - 10 a.m.	9 District Track @ Borden County  District 4-H Fashion Show	10 Pre-K Day  Booster Club Pre-K Easter Egg Hunt 1:00  * Baseball vs. Ralls @ Snyder (Moffett) 5:00	11 Area OAP @ Lubbock Christian University
12	13 Holiday  District HS Tennis @ Lamesa	14 District HS Tennis @ Lamesa  * Baseball @ O'Donnell 5:00	15	16  Driver Ed. 4-6	17 Area Track @ Sundown  End of 5 <sup>th</sup> Six Weeks  Driver Ed. 4-6	18 State CDE Judging TTU  * Baseball @ Tahoka (DH) 12:00  SPCHEA JH Tennis Meet @ Levelland
19	20 4-H Photography @ Show Barn 3:45-5:00  Beginning of 6 <sup>th</sup> Six Weeks  Driver Ed. 4-6	21 Baseball @ Lockney 6:00  Driver Ed. 4-6	22 Regional Tennis @ Levelland  Booster Club Teacher Appreciation Dinner  Driver Ed. 4-6	23 Regional Tennis @ Levelland  State CDE Judging Tarleton  Driver Ed. 4-6	24 Regional UIL @ Levelland  Driver Ed. 4-6	25 Regional OAP @ Levelland  State CDE Judging Texas A&M  * Baseball @ Crosbyton 4:30
26 	27  Driver Ed. 4-6	28 TAKS Math 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup>  Driver Ed. 4-6	29 TAKS Reading 4 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup>  TAKS Math Exit Level (11 <sup>th</sup> )  Driver Ed. 4-6	30 TAKS Science 5 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , Exit Level (11 <sup>th</sup> )  TAKS Math 9 <sup>th</sup>	1 TAKS Social Studies 8 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , Exit Level (11 <sup>th</sup> )  Regional Track @ Levelland	2 Regional Track @ Levelland