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BHS UIL Academic Team Set for Regional Contest

Following a 10th consecutive District Championship several weeks ago, the Borden County High School UIL Academic Team is set to take on winners from 7 other districts this Friday as they head to the Region I-A UIL Academic Meet in Levelland.

At the meet, eighteen students from BHS will vie for qualification to the UIL Academic State Meet set for May 6-8 at the University of Texas in Austin. The top three individuals and the first place teams will advance.

Leading off the BHS contingent are the district-winning Calculator Applications, Literary Criticism, Science, and Speech teams.

The Calculator Applications team is comprised of senior Chellsie Pigford, junior Taylor Richey, and sophomores Austin Fields and Austin Tyler. Pigford will also be competing in Feature Writing.

Seniors D'Nae Johnson and Kagan Benham will join junior Kerianne Howard and freshman Celina Guerrero as members of the Literary Criticism team.

The Science team is made up of seniors R.T. Shafer and Skyler Williamson-Dear, along with junior Joseph McConnell, and freshman Hanna Forbes.

Shafer will also compete in Mathematics, while McConnell will pull double-duty as a competitor in Ready Writing.

As for the Speech team, senior Chasiti Rutherford is looking for a return trip to Austin in Lincoln-Douglas Debate and will also compete in Persuasive Speaking.

Joining Rutherford in Persuasive Speaking is junior John Hensley, who will also compete in Current Issues & Events and Social Studies. Hensley is looking to return to Austin again himself after advancing to State in Persuasive Speaking as a freshman two years ago.

Senior Eric Espinoza will also be searching to advance to State for the second time in Informative Speaking. He will also compete in Poetry Interpretation.

Senior Karl Lamming and freshman Steven Howard will join Espinoza as competitors in Informative Speaking.

Senior Lacey Roberts will also be searching for a second consecutive trip to Austin in journalism. This year, her hopes are set in News Writing after going to State last year in Feature Writing.

Best of luck to all UIL competitors!

Cotton  **News**
from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

High Plains Region On Fast Track to Planting; Plentiful Rains Brighten Planting Prospects

By Shawn Wade

No matter whom you talked to before this week, the tone of just about every conversation about 2010 production prospects was optimistic, began with a smile, and included a comment about how the area's soil moisture profile has rarely looked better. After this week's plentiful, widespread rainfall the situation has only gotten better in most of the High Plains.

Since it is the High Plains, though, those prior conversations also included the obligatory reminder that the area still needed a "planting rain" to replenish upper level moisture lost during pre-plant field operations and really get things started right.

Following several inches of rain over a majority of the region, it appears the request for a timely "planting rain" have been filled beyond most expectations this week. With just 2-3 weeks remaining until planting operations normally begin, and soil temperatures on the rise, things are looking pretty good for

the 2010 High Plains planting season.

Rainfall amounts reported by the National Weather Service were lightest in the counties along the Texas-New Mexico border. Rainfall totals rapidly climb above the 1-2 inch mark moving eastward, however. Rain was still falling at 9:30 a.m. Friday morning when the NWS showed Post, TX, at 3.2 inches, with the highest rainfall total for the previous 24 hours.

It's hard to imagine the current situation could have been scripted any better following multiple rainfall and snow events throughout the late Fall and Winter months. Early moisture already had High Plains producers whistling a happy tune when thinking about the opportunity for a solid start when 2010 cotton planting begins in late April and reaches terminal velocity in mid-May.

About the only thing left on the 2010 checklist, other than to fill in the moisture gaps along the western edge of the region over the next few

weeks, is to have soil temperatures reach optimum cotton planting levels.

In order to help growers track soil temperatures and finalize 2010 planting plans, Plains Cotton Growers has reactivated the "Soil Temperatures" link on the PCG Weather pages at: <http://www.PCGwx.com>

For the past several years, as a service to High Plains cotton farmers, PCG has made daily soil temperature information available on the PCG Weather Pages. Look for the "Soil Temperatures" link in the left sidebar.

Growers can also go direct to this page and bookmark it by typing <http://www.plainscotton.org/weatherdata/index.php> into their internet browser.

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Burkett 4-1A Singles' Champ Freshman Goes From Unseeded to Tennis Throne Room

Courtesy of Lamesa Press Reporter
By Dwight Hines

Borden County's Shea Burkett shocked the District 4-1A tennis world this past week with the league's tournament being held at the local high school tennis courts.

Burkett went into this week's 4-1A Tennis Tournament "unseeded", but that did not keep her from leaving town with that league's girls' singles crown.

Burkett capped off her drive to the 4-1A girls' singles throne room by beating one of her own teammates, Borden County senior Olivia Key, in the finals, 6-2, 6-2.

"We're real excited for both of our kids," Borden County coach Colt McCook said. "We're not typically a tennis power out here, so it felt good to see our kids play as well as they did."

With two players reaching the finals, McCook knew that the 4-1A girls singles crown would be going back home with him to Gail. But, he still is somewhat surprised to see which of his players ended up with that honor.

After breezing to a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Loraine in her first round match, Burkett went the distance in her semi-finals against Grady, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 to reach the finals.

After drawing a bye in her quarterfinal match, Borden County's Key beat Grady, 6-1, 6-1 in the semi-finals.

"Shea had a real hard second round match. We didn't know how she'd come back from that," McCook said of Burkett.

"Shea had a real long drown out match, but she came back strong and then she played even better in the finals."

It definitely was an exciting week for Burkett.

"She's our big surprise of the week," said former Golden Tor assistant Ty Stovall, now the tennis coach at Grady who also chaired this week's tennis tournament.

"We're talking about the same girl who came in second in her junior high tournament.

Obviously, she's been working hard at it."

Sands girls doubles team of senior Ashli Stockton and sophomore Priscilla Ybarra also are heading to regionals on Wednesday and Thursday at Levelland, after finishing second in girls doubles in this week's 4-1A Tournament.

Stockton and Ybarra beat teams from Wellman-Union, 6-4 and 6-2, and Grady, 6-2, 6-1, to reach the finals where they got beat by another team from Wellman-Union, 6-1, 6-3.

"We're real excited to see our two girls qualify," Sands Coach Dustin Wall said. "From what we've been told, this is the first time in a while that Sands is sending anybody to regionals in tennis, which just makes all of this that much more exciting."

Adding to Borden County's enthusiasm is sending two girls players in singles to this week's Region I-IA Tennis Tournament at South Plains College in Levelland.

"After Olivia lost to Shea in the finals, we wondered how she'd come back and play in her playback match," McCook said. "Right now, we're real goad to see both of these kids advancing."

With only the top two finishers in each division advancing on to this week's regionals, Key also had to win a playback match against another player from Grady, 6-2, 6-4, to earn that runners-up spot.

An off the court decision coming into this season has paid big dividends for the Mustangs regional-bound tennis players.

"In the past, Ashlie's always played doubles and Priscilla's played singles, but coming into this season we felt like this (doubles) would be their best shot and they wanted to do it, too," Wall said.

"Priscilla's got a good serve. Ashli's just so quick which helps her get to a lot those tough shots as far as keeping balls in play."

Consistency made the dif-

ference in Burkett's drive to her 4-1A girls' singles crown.

"Shea just hit the ball really well this week. Shea did a good job playing pretty much mistake free," McCook said.

Like many Borden County athletes this year, Key has enjoyed a great senior season for the Coyotes.

"Olivia's qualified for regionals in cross country, played on our basketball team, which made it to the regional quarterfinals. Now, she's qualified to go back to regionals in tennis. She also ran again Friday to see if she can also get there (regionals) in track," McCook said.

Burkett and Key are not the only Borden County athletes to bring home medals from this week's 4-1A tennis tournament.

The Coyotes' Brendan Tarleton and Bailey Anderson got bronze medals after getting third in 4-1A mixed doubles.

"They probably did as good as they could have done this week," McCook said. "Grady had two really good mixed doubles teams, which were above the rest this week."

Sands' freshman Jake Browne should be a player to watch in the years to come after finishing fourth in 4-1A boys singles at the local courts.

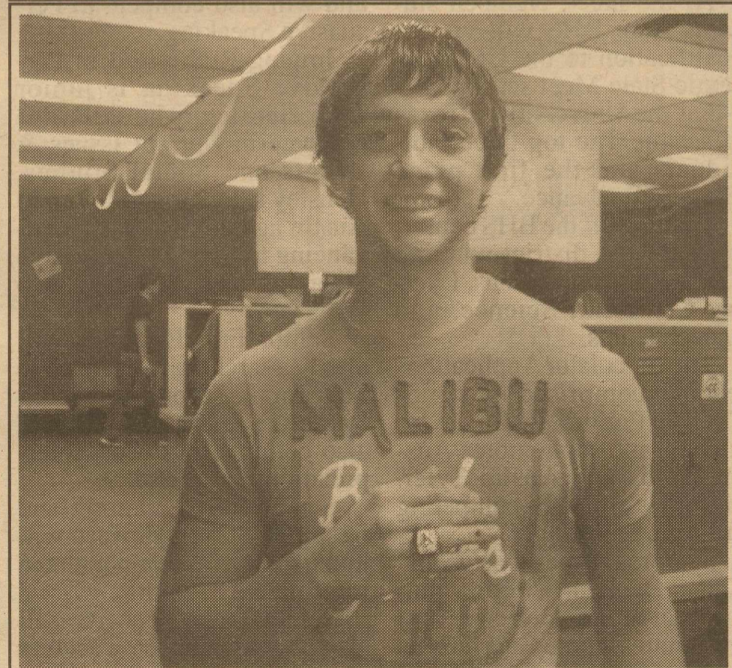
Browne won his first round match against Wilson before falling to Grady in his second round match.

"Getting a win at this level as only a freshman, should do a lot of good for his confidence," Wall said of Browne. "Just getting the chance to play two matches here this week should also give him great experience all in its own."

Stovall's Grady Wildcats enjoyed a clean sweep in this week's District 4-1A Tennis Tournament, winning both the boys and girls divisions. In fact, the Wildcats won boys' doubles and singles as well as mixed doubles.



Borden County tennis player Shea Burkett advances to regionals after beating out Loraine and Grady in the girls' singles.



Borden Co. football player, Derek Tatum shows off his state championship ring. The Coyotes are back-to-back state champions.

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Gail FFA Greenhouse Plants for Sale

By Buddy Wallace

The Ag. Science Horticulture Class still have plants available for spring planting. These plants are available in the green house, which is located north of the Ag. Building on the Borden County Campus. Anyone wishing to purchase starter plants can contact Buddy Wallace at 806/756-4313 (school) or 806/756-4478 (home). All plants are suitable size for ground planting. The Gail FFA chapter welcomes everyone to come view the plants and tour their green-

house!

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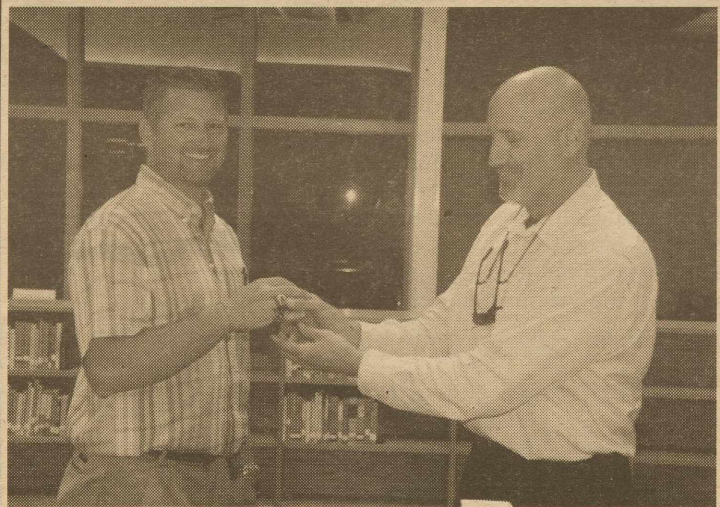
Plants Available:

- Large Variety Tomatoes:
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Roma-plenty still available
Peppers:
1. Bell Peppers-Fat and Sassy and Rainbow Hybrid
2. Sweet Banana
3. Early Jalapeño-new batch ready in 10 days



The Ag. Science Department Horticulture class members are shown sampling a ripe set of bananas from their tree in the greenhouse. The students have been busy planting, transplanting, caretaking and selling plants. Students pictured are (left to right) David Rodriquez, Phyneshia Rutherford, Miles Valentine, Derek Tatum, Haylee McDaniel, Michael Froman, Kerriane Howard, Annie Stribling, Mandi Hudson, and Alvin Scheller. Not pictured are Krista Tarleton, Kimberly Proulx and Mabelle Barr.

Richey Receives State Championship Ring



All smiles and lots of bling! Borden County head football coach, Trey Richey, shows off his Division II State Championship ring this past week. Fundraisers were held by family and friends to purchase the rings for the state champions. Pictured with Richey is Mark Harris, Herff-Jones representative.

Headed for Boston Marathon



Tammy Lewis Bautista (right) crosses the finish line with her husband, Dixon Bautista at the Great Aloha Run in Hawaii on President's Day, 2010. Tammy, a 1998 graduate of Borden County, is now living in Hawaii and recently qualified for the Boston Marathon to be held on April 11, 2011. "I started running back in college as a stress reliever when I was studying premed," Tammy said. "Eventually, it changed from being a stress reliever into a passion of mine. Qualifying for the Boston Marathon has been a dream of mine since completing my first marathon in 2004." Tammy is the daughter of Tom and Carolyn Lewis of Gail.

School Lunch Menu

April 19 - 23, 2010

Monday - Breakfast: Pancake Pup, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Hamburger, Lettuce & Tomatoe, Tater Tots, Carrots, Apricots and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Omelet & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Golden Fish Strips, Salad, Black-Eyed Peas, Fruit Cup, Hush Puppies and Milk.

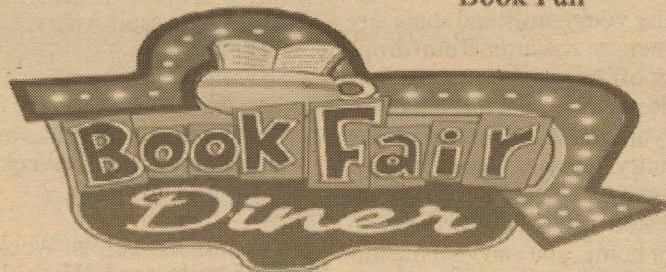
Wednesday - Breakfast: Biscuit & Sausage, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Roll, Pears and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans, Fruited Gelatin, Texas Toast, Ice Cream and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Oatmeal & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: BBQ on a Bun, Baked Chips, Pickle Spears, Salad, Cookie and Milk.

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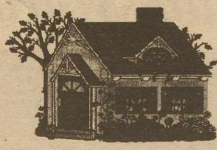
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Heart and Home ...


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Joining the Green Revolution

April 22, 2010 marks the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day. There are many things that we can do to protect our environment and keep our world "green." Here are some helpful tips on how to start recycling - a simple thing we can all do.

Lately there has been a push across the area to start recycling items and bringing our own bags to the store. It really is an easy thing to do to protect our environment and our valuable resources. Here are just a few facts to think about:

- Americans throw away 25,000,000 plastic beverage bottles every hour!

- Recycling plastic saves twice as much energy as burning it in an incinerator.

- The average American uses seven trees a year in paper, wood, and other products made from trees. This amounts to about 2,000,000,000 trees per year!

- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours — or the equivalent of a half a gallon of gasoline.

- A modern glass bottle or jar would take 4000 years or more to decompose — and even longer if it's in the landfill.

- A typical family consumes 182 gallons of pop, 29 gallons of juice, 104 gallons of milk, and 26 gallons of bottled water a year. That's a lot of containers — make sure they're recycled!

There are a few key elements to start recycling in your home.

1. Decide what to recycle—Evaluate how much space you have to sort and store materials and what items you tend to go through. Paper products are a safe bet to be recycled, and aluminum or steel cans are valuable. Other commonly accepted items include glass and plastic bottles.

2. Find a vendor—Check with your local recycling center, municipality and waste hauler to find out what kind of materials are accepted in your area. The

green Earth 911 recycling locator at the top of the page can help. In our case, we must take the recycling items to a large town such as Snyder, Lubbock, Abilene or Midland.

3. Decide on storage—Washable plastic bins or trash cans are the best and cardboard boxes are good too. Be sure to rinse out the containers that held food to avoid critters.

4. Educate your family—If items are put in the wrong containers, it means more work for you and could mean materials might not be recycled. Let the people know what to do.

5. Label bins—Print up a sheet of special instructions, such as: remove caps, stomp on containers, break down cardboard boxes, bundle newspapers, etc.

6. Maintain and monitor—Keep the storage bins clean and dry and make sure materials don't pile up. A clean recycling area encourages other to keep it clean and uncluttered. Watch for critters from unwashed containers.

7. Reward good behavior—Praise your family and share any monetary rewards from dropping off materials.

Remember, not all things are recyclable in all areas of the country. It varies greatly by city, county, and state. If you are interested in recycling items in your home, you can visit the following web sites for local recycling information:

- City of Lubbock <http://solidwaste.ci.lubbock.tx.us/recycling/recycling.html>

- Market Street 50th & Indiana United Supermarkets 82nd & Frankford

- United Supermarkets Parkway Drive & Zenith

- City of Abilene <http://www.abilene.tx.com/SolidWasteServices/recycle.htm>

- United Supermarkets 4209 Buffalo Gap Rd.

- City of Midland <http://www.keepmidlandbeautiful.org/information/recycling.html>

Thought for the Day

One laugh of a child will make the holiest day more sacred still.

--Robert Ingersoll



Walk Across Texas Kicks Off

Walk Across Texas kicked off for 2010 in Borden County on April 5th with three teams. We are so excited about the 12th annual Walk Across Texas program! Teams and team members are: *The Daisy Dukes* - Shawna Gass (team captain), Cindy Herridge, Cindy Massingill, Sherry Gass, Amy Rinehart, Arica Proulx, Kristen McCook and Ericka Dowds. *The Victorious! Secrets* - Darby Key (team captain), Sheri Poole, Kim Thomas, Hayley Richey, Kerri Dean, Veronica Ard, Darrin Ard and Charla Soto. *The County Cruisers* - Julie Smith (team captain), Sharlot Stone, Jane Jones, Jacquie Whalen, Kent Holmes, Ollie Holmes, Paul Awtry and Russell Awtry.

The teams are already off to a great start! Their mileage totals for the first two weeks are:

- The Daisy Dukes: Week 1 = 49 miles and Week 2 = 43 miles

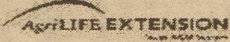
- Victorious! Secrets: Week 1 = 46.95 miles and Week 2 = 37.1 miles

- County Cruisers: Week 1 = 97 miles and Week 2 = 105.2 miles



- City of Odessa <http://www.keepodessabeautiful.com/recycling.htm>

Sources: Earth911.org, Recycling Fun Facts and Recyclingcenters.org



On the Wild Side of Life
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Snake Bite Cautions for Horse Owners

By Ginger Elliot, DVM, Guthrie, Texas

Spring and summer months bring an increase in horse activities and the end of hibernation for rattlesnakes. As they begin to emerge and leave their dens, until their return during cooler fall weather, this movement and activity increases the incidence of horses bitten by rattlesnakes. Of the 27 species of rattlesnakes in the United States, 11 are found in Texas. The Western Diamondback Rattlesnake and the Prairie Rattlesnake are the most common rattlesnakes found in the western part of Texas where veterinarians treat an average of about 6 – 10 cases per year. Over 90% of these bites occur on the face, primarily the nose, in pastures or fields while the horse is grazing. They can also receive some nose bites when the horse gets curious to the sound, site and smell of the rattlesnake. The second most common bite site occurs on the lower limbs. Rarely, horses may be bitten on the chest, abdomen, upper legs or other locations while the horse is lying down.

Rattlesnake venom contains many myotoxins and hemotoxins. Localized signs of rattlesnake bites include significant to severe swelling, pain, and bleeding at the bite site, with significant tissue damage. Horses become lethargic and usually have difficulty breathing. Occasionally, systemic signs such as dehydration, fever and irregularities in heart rate and rhythm can be present. Shock rarely occurs. Severity of reactions may depend on the amount and con-

centration of the venom injected by the snake. Size, species, health, age of snake and condition of its fangs also can affect the outcome of the bite.


When a horse receives a rattlesnake bite, keeping the horse from moving or becoming excited prevents further absorption and circulation of the venom. This also limits further increases in respiratory rate through a horse's restricted air passages. Most facial bites usually resolve with early treatment but an average of 20% of leg bites can result in chronic problems such as lameness or infection. Rare long term complications include cardiac disease. Medical treatment is aimed at ensuring that the horse has adequate breathing capabilities. Cut off garden hoses or syringe cases can be placed a distance up the horse's nostrils to open up the airways. Although this technique can be a useful tool, some horses won't tolerate it because their nose is too painful and/or they are frightened by the procedure. Medications used by veterinarians include steroids and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs to decrease swelling around the bite site. Tetanus prophylaxis also is indicated. Antibiotics are used as well as local wound therapy on leg bites. Wetting hay and feed for horses with facial bites can help them eat.


Source: TAMU Department of Animal Science <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/horse-bits/archives-horse-bits/index.htm>

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Borden County 4-H News


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4-H Photography Project

4-H Photography project will meet on April 13 and 27 and May 11 and 25 from 5:30 - 7:00 in the Community Room. Supper will be provided. For more information contact Tammy Simmons at (806)756-4361 or the Extension office.

If you have any questions, would like further information on any of the above projects, please contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or e-mail at borden-tx@tamu.edu.

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4-H Fashion Show



Kelby Kleck competed in the South Plains District 4-H Fashion Show on April 13th in Abernathy. Ninety youth across the South Plains participated in the Fashion Show. Kelby competed in the Junior Construction Specialty Category with her pajama pants and matching top. We are so proud of Kelby! She did a great job representing Borden County 4-H.



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER

Michael A. Guido
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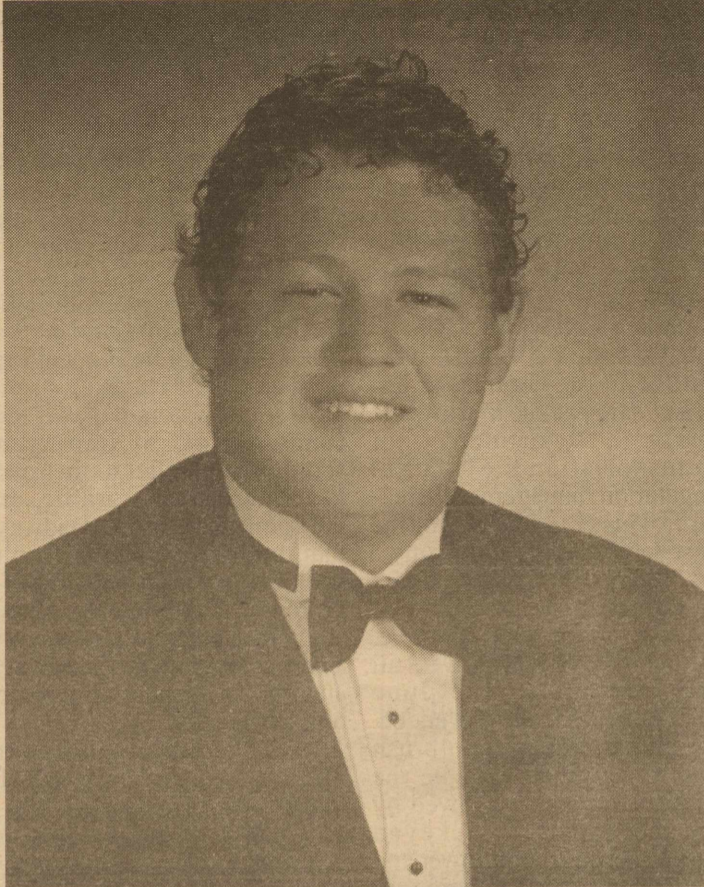
A man said to a little girl, "You prayed, but God didn't answer your prayer. Why?"

"Maybe it wasn't good, or I wasn't good," she explained. "Because the Bible says, 'No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.'"

God is good. Whatever is good for us, He wants us to have. God is great. Whatever His goodness wants us to have, His greatness can give us. There's no limit to what His goodness and greatness can do for us. With God all things are possible.

But we must walk uprightly. If we refuse to heed God's command, He'll refuse to hear our cries.

To pray aright, live aright!



J. Ryan Gicklhorn

Benefit To Help BHS Grad With Medical Expenses

By Sue Jane Mayes

Three communities plan to join forces in an effort to raise money for J. Ryan Gicklhorn, a 2006 BHS graduate.

Borden County, O'Donnell, and Tahoka will host a benefit luncheon, Sunday, May 2, from 12:30-2:00 p.m. in the Borden High School cafeteria.

Gicklhorn was hospitalized January 30 with pancreatitis. Doctors diagnosed "dissecting pancreatitis" in the initial stages, but that diagnosis changed to "necrotizing pancreatitis" indicating that part of Gicklhorn's pancreas died. He spent a total of 58 days at UMC in Lubbock, 19 of those in surgical ICU.

Gicklhorn's mother, Philena Farmer, taught math in Tahoka (14 years) and is currently teaching in O'Donnell. She is a Borden County graduate (Class of '76). Gicklhorn is the

grandson of Shorty and Barbara Farmer of the Plains Community. They, too, are Borden High School graduates, Class of 1955.


Barbecue brisket, beans, potato salad, and homemade desserts will be served at the benefit. All donations will go to J. Ryan and his family.

Anyone wishing to donate \$25 to sponsor the purchase of a brisket can do so by contacting The First Baptist Church in Gail, Texas at P.O. Box 297, Gail, TX 79738.

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Texas in Bloom

AUSTIN—Spring is in the air and wildflowers are blooming all across the state. Fall and winter rains have generated a lot of wildflower germination and establishment, and this year's crop should be very abundant statewide.

"This year's wildflowers will be in big contrast to last years" said Dennis Markwardt, Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) vegetation management director. "This could be one of the best years in quite some time."

"Many different species are up in just about all regions of the state. If the rains continue, we could have wildflowers all the way up to the June timeframe," Markwardt added.

Phlox, Indian paintbrush and bluebonnets will be the early bloomers. Followed by the coreopsis, blackeyed susan, clasp cone flower and Engelmann daisy. There will be a very wide variety of species showing up as well.

The department's management of native grasses and wildflowers along Texas roadsides dates back to the 1930s. TxDOT's wildflower program not only helps our highways look good but also reduces the cost of maintenance and labor by encouraging the growth of native species that need less mowing and care.

"The peak of wildflower season draws tourists through the state to witness the colorful display each spring. Tourism plays an important role in the Lone Star State's economy," said Doris Howdeshell, TxDOT's travel information division director. "People love to drive through the state and see all the beauty that the spring wildflowers bring, and we're thrilled to help tourists find the best routes to see these living works of art."

TxDOT buys and sows approximately 30,000 pounds of wildflower seed each year. There are more than 5,000 species of wildflowers in Texas and, while spring is one of the best times to enjoy wildflower beauty, there are flowers that bloom almost year round. TxDOT nurtures and cares for more than 800,000 acres of right of way that are filled with wildflowers throughout the year.

As a reminder, the wild-

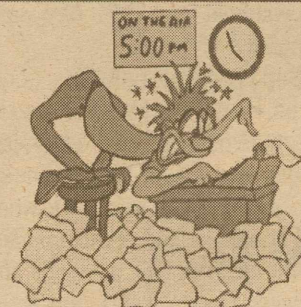
flowers are for everyone's enjoyment but, for safety reasons, the public should be cautious when stopping to see the blooms. If you are going to stop and pick the flowers, please choose areas with light traffic conditions and make sure you signal before leaving or entering the roadway.

If you do stop, park off the roadway (off of improved shoulders) parallel to the road in the direction of traffic, on the same side of the roadway that the flowers are on. Don't walk or run across lanes of traffic to get to the flowers. Obey signs that prohibit parking on a particular stretch of roadway, and do not trespass on private property.

For the latest wildflower information, call the TxDOT Wildflower Hotline at 800-452-9292 or go to http://www.dot.state.tx.us/travel/flora_conditions.htm. This page will have text information available to you and links to additional wildflower information and a map site.

You can also go to <http://www.lone-star.net/mall/txtails/wildflowers/sightings.htm> for wildflower sightings, links and numbers to call.

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Very tentative on non-district games.

**2010 Borden County
Baseball Schedule**

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Location	Scores
Feb. 15 th	Monday	Scrimmage:	TBA		
Feb. 18 th	Thursday	Scrimmage:	TBA		
Feb. 23 rd	Tuesday	Open	TBA		
Feb. 27 th	Saturday	Open	TBA		
March 1 st	Monday	Open	TBA		
March 4 th - 6 th	Thurs. - Sat.	Tourney @ Sundown	TBA	Sundown	
March 4 th	Thursday	O'Donnell	12:00	Sundown	
March 4 th	Thursday	Crosbyton	3:00	Sundown	
March 6 th	Saturday	Denver City JV	9:00	Sundown	
March 6 th	Saturday	Sundown	6:00	Sundown	
March 8 th	Monday	Open			
March 13 th	Saturday	Kress	1:00	Kress	
March 13 th	Saturday	Kress	4:00	Kress	
March 16 th	Tuesday	Lamesa JV	4:30	Big Spring	
March 16 th	Tuesday	Big Spring JV	7:00	Big Spring	
March 19 th	Friday	Albany	5:00	Snyder (WTC)	
March 23 rd	Tuesday	Open		Moffett	OAP
*March 27 th	Saturday	Tahoka	2:00	Snyder (Moffett)	
March 30 th	Tuesday	Open	TBA	Moffett	OAP
April 2 nd	Friday	Ralls	5:00	Ralls	
*April 6 th	Tuesday	O'Donnell	6:00	Snyder (Moffett)	
*April 10 th	Saturday	Crosbyton	12:00	Crosbyton	
April 13 th	Tuesday	Morton	6:00	Moffett	Tennis
*April 17 th	Saturday	Tahoka	12:00	Tahoka	
*April 20 th	Tuesday	Ralls	5:00	Snyder (Moffett)	
*April 24 th	Saturday	O'Donnell	TBA	O'Donnell	
April 27 th	Tuesday	Open	TBA	TBA	No TAKS
*May 1 st	Saturday	Crosbyton	12:00	Snyder (Moffett)	
	Mon-Tues.	Rain out dates			
	Thurs-Sat.	Tie Breaker Date			

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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
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A Voice For Vision, A Vision For Voice

When Steve Schneider of McAllen was working toward his PHD in literature at the University of Iowa, one of his professors, W. D.

Snodgrass, who had won a Pulitzer Prize for poetry, showed a group of slides full of impressionist paintings, then proceeded to read poems he had written about each painting.

Steve's wife Reefka is an accomplished artist whose work has been featured in publications by Yale and Vanderbilt Universities. Her work has won significant awards and has been in galleries and museums. When she was doing a series of charcoal and pastel portraits of residents in the border town of Nuevo Progreso, Steve took notice of them and was moved to write some verse about the drawings. The result is a book of twenty-five sketches and poems just released, titled "BORDER-LINES: Drawing Border Lives."

One drawing shows a little six year old street vendor selling purses.

The accompanying poem goes like this:

"In her right ear she wears a pink stud.

She awakens each day, early.

To walk the streets of Nuevo Progreso

Where she competes with other child vendors-of watches, silver bracelets, CD's of Tejano music.

She is intimate with the alleys of this

border town: beggars with tin cans,

children playing the accordion, stray cats.

She will never learn how to read or write.

She leaves only traces of her footsteps

On the muddy paths beside the Rio Grande."

Steve heads up the English Department at UT Pan Am in Edinburg. He says when he first saw his wife's drawing of that little street vendor, he wanted to create words to go

with it.

Reefka says the project had a lot of personal meaning for her. "I had been seriously injured in a car accident and was in a lot of pain all the time. There was so much pain in the eyes of the people I was drawing I felt a kind of sharing and wanted to honor the strength and dignity that was in them."

Steve first got involved with poetry while attending Syracuse University as an undergraduate. For a long time it was secondary to his academic career, but the last couple of years he has been a productive poet, with two books published.

Former Graduate Named to Fall President's List

Krystal Hobson has been named to the 2009 fall semester President's List at South Plains College.

To be named to the President's List, students must be enrolled in at least 12 se-

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Krystal is a 2009 graduate of Borden County High School and the daughter of Danny and Renee Hobson.

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Big Spring Lamesa O'Donnell



Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

The Basic Principles: Part 3

Society in general tends to be negative. As positive as you may be, you need to recharge your attitude on a regular basis. This column helps by providing useful techniques and examples for living without limits. Even though staying positive, like staying in shape, requires constant effort, the rewards are phenomenal.

6. Education never ends. Never stop learning. Education is a lifetime endeavor. Formal schooling is the least significant part of your education. Keep your mind open to learn new things every day.

Every person you come into contact with has something to teach you. It doesn't matter what someone else's educational level, social status or age is. Learn from those you like and admire as well as from those you don't care for.

Each situation you experience has something to teach you. When things work out as planned you can learn. When things don't work out as expected, you can learn. Actually, you can learn more when things don't work than when they do.

In order to learn, your mind must be open and receptive. There must be room for new ideas. If a water glass is full, you can't add more water. If you feel that you know everything, your mind is full and has no room for new ideas.

7. Control your own emotions

Don't allow others to control you emotions. Although you can't control your environment you can control your reaction to it. It doesn't matter what other people say, think or do. What does matter is what you say, think and do. Often those closest to you, family and friends, will be the most critical and judgmental of your goals and plans.

Everyone who has ever accomplished anything has at some point been laughed at and criticized. Every technological and societal development that benefits us today was only possible because their innovators kept to their path de-

spite the condemnation of others. You can't control other people's opinions and actions but you can control your response.

If you want to attain other people's goals then follow their advice. If you want to reach your own goals, follow your own path. It's not easy, but it's worth it!

8. Guard your time. Twenty-four hours a day is all the time any person has. There is a special bank account where 86,400 new seconds are deposited for you every day. You choose how to spend your daily balance. Each day any unused or wasted balance is zeroed out and lost forever, nothing carries forward.


Granted, not all of your time is discretionary. You may be spending time at a job you don't like. But how is the rest of each day spent? Is your free time spent with people who share your positive attitude and encourage you or with people who are negative and discouraging?

Do you spend your free time working towards your goals? Every second that goes by is gone forever; it's your choice how to use it. Your time is one of your most precious commodities. Guard your time and don't allow negative people or activities to steal it.

NOW AVAILABLE: "Dare to Live Without Limits," the book. Visit

www.BryanGolden.com or your bookstore. Bryan is a management consultant, motivational speaker, author, and adjunct professor. E-mail Bryan at bryan@columnist.com or write him c/o this paper. © 2005 Bryan Golden

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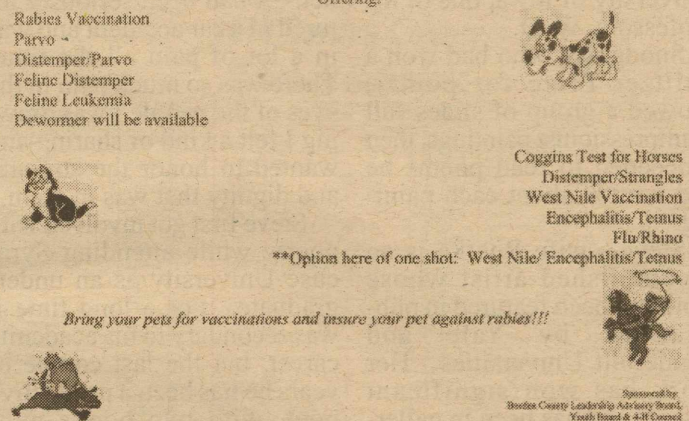
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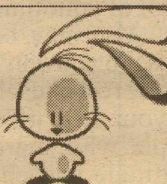
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April 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 District UIL Meet @ Loop HS Tennis SPCHEA @ Levelland	2 Pre-K Day Baseball @ Ralls-5:00	3 Coyote HS Relays
4	5 Holiday District Golf @ Gaines County	6*Baseball vs. O'Donnell @ Snyder (Moffett), 6:00 Mandatory Faculty Meeting @ 3:33 TAKS-5 th & 8 th Math HS Tennis vs. Sands @ Gail	7 TAKS-5 th & 8 th Reading	8 UIL Picture during Tutorials	9 HS District Track Meet @ Gail	10 *Baseball @ Crosbyton-12:00 Area II CDE Judging-Texas Tech, Lubbock Area OAP @ LCU
11	12 HS Tennis-District @ Lamesa Driver Ed.	13 Baseball vs. Morton @ Moffett-6:00 HS Tennis-District @ Lamesa Driver Ed.	14 Driver Ed. 4:00-6:00	15 Driver Ed. 4:00-6:00	16 Area Track Meet @ Sundown End of 5 th 6 weeks Driver Ed.	17 *Baseball @ Tahoka - 12:00 State CDE Judging Texas Tech, Lubbock JH Tennis-SPCHEA @ Levelland
18	19 Beginning of 5 th 6 weeks Regional Golf @ Lubbock Driver Ed.	20*Baseball vs Ralls @ Snyder (Moffett) 5:00 Regional Golf @ Lubbock Driver Ed.	21 Regional Tennis Driver Ed.	22 State CDE Judging-Tarleton Regional Tennis @ Levelland Driver Ed.	23 Possible - Regional HS.UIL @ South Plains	24 *Baseball @ O'Donnell-TBA State CDE Judging Texas A&M JH Tennis-District @ Lamesa Possible- Regional OAP @ South Plains
25	26	27 Baseball - Open TAKS-3 rd , 4 th , 6 th , 7 th & 10 th Math	28 TAKS- 3 rd , 4 th , 6 th , 7 th Reading & 11 th Math	29 TAKS-5 th , 8 th , 10 th & 11 th Science & 9 th Math Cheerleading Applications Distributed	30 TAKS-8 th , 10 th & 11 th Social Studies	*Denotes District Games