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Five Students Austin Bound in May Strong Showing in Abilene Earns BHS Third Place Finish UIL Regional Literary Competition

An interesting mix of experience and youth paved the way for Borden County High School April 16 at Abilene Christian University.

The Coyotes were among the top three finishers out of 45 Conference A schools in Region II. Finishing in first was

Haskell with 134.33 points. Just ahead of the Coyotes was Albany with 94 points.

Highlighting the day's competition was the advancement of five students along with one team to the State UIL Meet scheduled for May 5-7 in Austin on the University of Texas

campus. Seniors John Hensley, Joseph McConnell, and Krista Tarleton will compete along with freshmen T. J. Basquez and Zach McMeans.

Hensley, competing in his fourth straight regional meet in persuasive speaking, finally won the gold in this event. He earned a 1-1-3 rating in his final speech to claim first place over speakers from Stamford and Electra.

In Science, Joseph McConnell became the first science student in some time to advance to Austin. He placed second overall and second also in individual biology and physics events. McConnell was joined by teammates Austin Fields, Hanna Forbes, and Tanner Richey as the four won the bronze medal in team competition.

In her final attempt at reaching Austin, Tarleton's feature earned her a silver

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Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Tough Times Don't Last

Tough times don't last but tough people do. Problems and people are in constant conflict. The way you triumph over problems is to outlast them. Adversity comes and goes. Problems are solved, resolved or fade away. Tough people keep going. They may slip, trip or fall but they get up, recover their balance and keep moving forward.

Tough times can have a grinding, draining and demoralizing effect on a person. But allowing a tough problem to beat you into despair puts you in danger of becoming overwhelmed with little hope of recovery. Everyone needs encouragement and motivation. The following poem has hung above my desk for years:

Don't Quit

When things go wrong as they sometimes will;

When the road you're trudging seems all uphill;

When the funds are low and the debts are high;

And you want to smile, but have to sigh;

When care is pressing you down a bit -

Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Success is failure turned inside out;

The silver tint of the clouds of doubt;

And you can never tell how close you are;

It may be near when it seems afar.

So, stick to the fight when you're hardest hit -

It's when things go wrong that you mustn't quit.

- Author Unknown

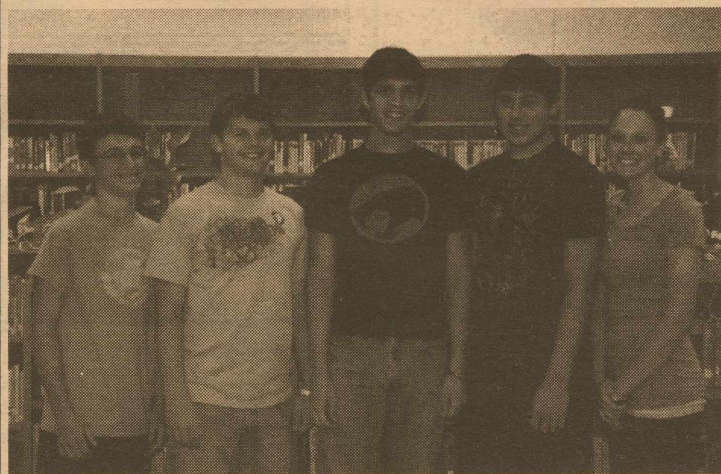
I read this poem to recharge my energy and enthusiasm. Often, it's when you're hanging on by your fingernails, and feel that you can't last much longer, that you're about to turn the corner and overcome your problems. It's exactly at the point where you want to give up and throw in the towel that you must dig deeper into your inner storehouse of resolve and march on.

Understanding that tough times don't last gives you the stamina to outlast them. There has never been a problem that could stand up to the power of imagination and determination. Mental toughness empowers you to find solutions. Tough times force you to develop your strengths and formulate a strategy of thinking enabling you to find the way around, over, under or through a problem.

Problems are only temporary aberrations on your path

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UIL State Bound



Advancing to the State UIL Meet in Austin is (left to right) Zach McMeans, John Hensley, Joseph McConnell, T.J. Basquez and Krista Tarleton.

FFA Livestock and Horse Team Compete at Area Contest

Horse Team State Bound

By Buddy Wallace

The Gail FFA Chapter was active once again as they competed in the Area CDE Judging events this past Saturday. The event, which was hosted by Texas Tech University in Lubbock, was attended by several hundred students from Areas I and II. Students from each Area were competing in several judging events and hoping to place high enough to advance to the State level competitions later this month.

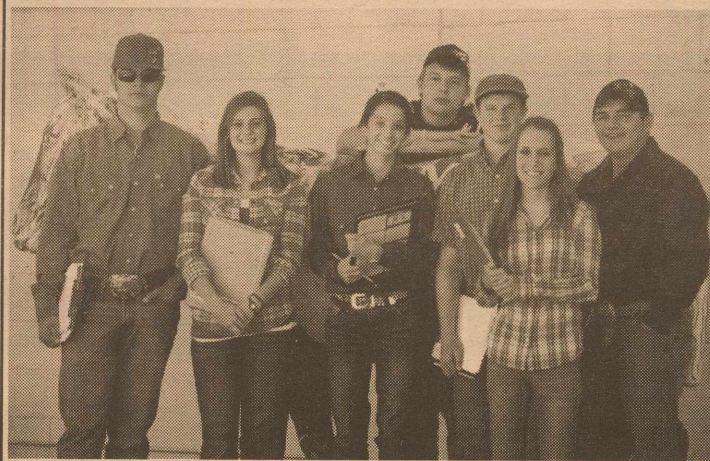
The Horse, Poultry, and Livestock teams from Gail competed in this event. The Livestock judging team placed 14th in Area at Tech from a field of 45 teams. Team members, Mabelle Barr, Steelie Sanders, Selestte Herridge, and Kylie Voss also placed 1st in

the District as they finished off a solid year of judging. The Horse judging team placed 8th in Area from a field of 35 teams. They also placed 3rd in the District competition. Team members Lexi Peterson, McLayne Hall, Kalyn Massingill, and Matthew Ham rounded out a successful learning year of judging.

The Poultry Team consisting of Tristen Benavidez, Mollie McMeans, and Brady Dowds also competed in the Area competition and ranked 10th in Area and 3rd in District. Although young, this team planted good seeds for a successful run next year.

Congratulations to the Gail FFA Horse, Poultry and Livestock teams!

Horse Judging Team



Members of the Borden County horse judging team competing at the Area CDE Judging event are (left to right) McLayne Hall, Lexi Peterson, Kalyn Massingill, Brady Dowds, Matthew Ham, Mollie McMeans and Tristen Benavidez.

Livestock Judging Team



Members of the Borden County livestock judging team competing at the Area CDE Judging event are (left to right) Steelie Sanders, Mabelle Barr, Kylie Voss and Selestte Herridge..

Coyotes and Ladies Travel to Garden City to Compete in District Tennis

Boles/Burkett Head to Regionals

By Coach McCook

Shea Burkett and Shaylie Boles finished first and second respectively at the district tennis tournament in Garden City this past week, qualifying them for the regional tournament in Abilene. For Shea, it was the second year in a row she has been crowned district champion. She swept through each match with relative ease: 6-0, 6-0; 6-0, 6-0; 6-0, 6-1. Shaylie, however, began the day defeating the #1 seed 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, and won her second round 7-5, 6-4, before losing to her teammate in the championship match. She then had to play

for second place and a trip to regional. After losing the first set in a tiebreaker 6-7 (4-7), she proceeded to finish out the match 6-1, 6-2. By taking gold and silver in girls' singles, these two ladies led the Lady Coyote tennis team to a district championship.

Luke Burkett finished third, winning his first two matches 6-0, 6-2; 1-6, 6-3, 7-5 before losing in the semifinals to the eventual district champion. He then played his teammate, Collin Telchik for third place. Collin had won his first two matches 6-2, 6-4; 6-2, 6-2 be-

fore losing in the semifinals. Luke defeated Collin 7-6, 6-4 which put him in a position to play for second place, but he lost that match.

In doubles, Tony Soto and Austin Tyler lost their first round 6-3, 6-2, as did Lexi Peterson and Kylie Voss.

Taylor Gass won third place in JV girls' singles (8-0, 4-8,

8-4), and Kalyn Massingill and Mallory McMeans finished third in JV girls' doubles (15-13, 1-8, 8-5). Maeghan Herridge and Mollie McMeans lost their first match 7-9.

Congratulations everyone who participated in high school tennis this year! And best of luck to Shea and Shaylie at regional.

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School Lunch Menu

April 18 - 22, 2011

Menu subject to change

Monday - Breakfast: French Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Oven Crispy Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Apricots and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Poptart, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Mexican Casserole, Salad, Pinto Beans, Sliced Peaches and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Biscuit & Ham Patty, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Baked Beans, Lettuce & Tomato, Chocolate Pudding Cup and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza Bagel, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Corndog, Oven Fried Potatoes, Fresh Broccoli w/Ranch, Apple Slices and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Omelet & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pizza, Salad, Corn, Pineapple and Milk.

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Bulldogs Use Two Big Innings to Double Up the Coyotes

By Coach Richey

In a huge ball game, the Borden County Coyotes had to have, the Ira Bulldogs found what the Coyotes could not. The Bulldogs found some long ball magic and a few clutch two out hits to come away with a big victory and a potential play-off ending loss for the Borden County Coyotes.

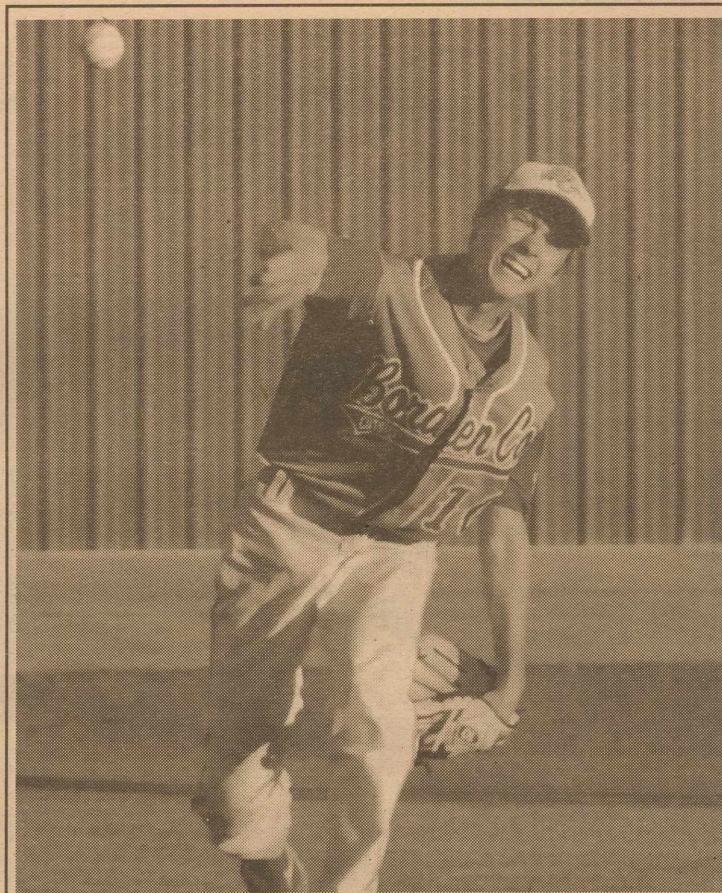
The Coyotes with the 8 to 4 loss, have their backs completely up against the wall instead of climbing back into the race, they are forced to win out in order to ensure a play-off opportunity or have to have help and win 5 of the next six games to have a chance. Borden County got off on the wrong foot as starter Austin Fields got off to a rough opening inning giving up 5 hits in the first inning, but the most damaging was a 2-run shot to the opposing pitcher as the

Bulldogs built a 3 to 0 lead. Behind a hit of his own, Fields got back into the game as Shafer knocked him in to cut the deficit to 3 to 1.

In the 2nd however, the Bulldogs strung together 3 more hits to push across another run and a 4 to 1 lead. The Coyotes managed a couple of hits over the next few innings, but could not come away with a clutch two-out hit as they did in their last district game against O'Donnell. Meanwhile, Fields settled down a bit and only gave up on more run as the Coyotes finally cut into the 5 to 1 deficit and trimmed the lead to 5 to 3 going into the 6th inning. But, with 2-outs the Bulldogs got another huge hit to push across two more runs and then added one more run two batters later to make the score 8 to 3 heading into the

final innings.

Collin Telchik took over for Fields in the 7th with the Coyotes trailing 8 to 3 and had a quick inning. The Coyotes threatened in the bottom of the seventh loading the bases with one out, but could only manage a sacrifice fly by TJ Basquez and the rally was over as the Coyotes lost a tough one 8 to 4. Fields took the loss to drop to 3 - 3 on the season and was 1 of 3 at the plate with a run scored. Tanner Richey was 1 of 4 with a run. Quint Shafer was 1 of 3 with a run and an RBI. Miles Valentine was 0 of 2 with a run and a sacrifice bunt. Zach Telchik was 3 of 3 with 2 RBI's and a double. Collin Telchik was 1 of 3. Basquez was 0 of 3 with an RBI. Austin Tyler was 1 of 3 and Jared Smith was 0 of 3.



Coyote, Collin Telchik pitches to an Ira opponent during last weeks match with the Bulldogs.

Solid Track Season Continues With More Highs and Lows

By Coach Richey

The 2011 track season has seen its share of highs this year, but has also been filled with several low moments as well and the Area track meet in Hamlin last Thursday was no exception. With some very exciting moments taking place, some disheartening moments also were encountered along the way.

As for highlights, none could be bigger than that of Reagan Belongia in the discus as she beat a one of the longest standing records as she threw the discus 117'10" to break the record by more than five feet, as well as take her district championship and turn it into an area championship and has her placed 2nd in the region right now. Fellow thrower and young lady that has been chasing the school record for four years only to come up inches short on several occasions also gets to continue her senior season as Taylor Richey battled the elements to come away with a 4th place finish and earn her 4th trip to the Regional meet with a 93'2" throw.

Moments before all of this happened, freshman Taylor

Gass punched her ticket to regional with a 3rd place finish in the 3200 with a time of 13:07. While the girls' discus was taking place, Quint Shafer was competing in the boys' high jump, and after clearing 5'10" on his 3rd attempt, he cleared 6'0" on his first to propel himself into 2nd place and a spot at the regional meet. Moments later, yet another year of heartbreak struck senior Tony Soto who was all too familiar with 5th place last year at the area meet saw the same fate hit him again this year as he finished 5th in the long jump and triple jump, with leaps of 19'6" and 40'4 1/2". In the triple jump he injured his ankle, but was not going to let that keep him from running. He teamed up with Steven Howard, Austin Fields and Quint Shafer to run the 800 relay that came up short of advancing with a disappointing 1:37.1 time.

David Rodriguez nursing an injury that came up on Tuesday managed to get out in the 400 with a 2nd place finish, but his time was well off his personal best, but he has two

weeks to get healed and return to his previous form. TJ Basquez just missed a trip to region with his 5th place finish in the shot put at 40'7 1/2", while Matt Roberson proved that it only takes one throw as his only fair throw in the discus was enough to qualify for regional with his 4th place finish as he had a 119'5" on his first throw and then scratched all of the other attempts. Austin Tyler ran a personal best 16.3 in the 110 high hurdles to also punch his ticket with his 4th place finish. Hanna Forbes continued her success in a new event for her, the 300 hurdles, although this was not her best time, she did advance with a 3rd place finish in 51.1, her 49.1 at district has her with the 3rd best time in the region. Aubree Lester also moved on in the 200 with her 3rd place finish in a time of 27.2. Forbes, Lester, Teryn Soto and Stephanie Cooley teamed up to run the 1600 meter relay, but they were well off their district time and as a result finished a disappointing 5th place. Soto and Cooley teamed up with Mabelle Barr and Kalyn


Massingill to run a season best 54.9 in the 400 relay to finish 7th. Massingill, Soto, Lester and Forbes came together to

advance in a disappointing time of 1:53 in the 800 relay as they finished 3rd. Their best time of



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Raegan Belongia sets a new school record at the Area track meet last week throwing the discus 117'10". She broke the record by more than 5 feet.



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Borden County 4-H News


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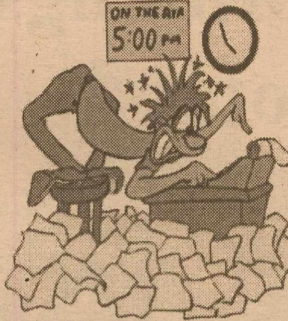


Congratulations to Borden County 4-H'ers: (left to right) Kelby Kleck (tied for 5th Jr. Construction Casual), Maddie Matlock (2nd Jr. Buying Casual), Katie Gray (4th Jr. Embellished/Recycles), and Madison Cole (4th Jr. Construction Dressy) for their outstanding work and for doing so well at the District 4-H Fashion Show in Abernathy Tuesday evening. We are so proud of y'all!!!


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*Thoughts
for the Day*

*God's people should plan
for a voyage of a thousand
years, but be prepared to
abandon ship tonight.*
 Joseph Bayly

*It's fun to believe in
yourself, but don't be too
easily convinced.*
 T. Harry Thompson





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



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4-H'ers Win Beef Cattle at Judging Contest

Borden County 4-Hers competed during the 2011 District 2 4-H Livestock Judging Contest April 16, 2011 at Texas Tech University. Borden County 4-H won high team overall. Also, individual placing were Thomas Nix placed 2nd, JW Nix placed 3rd, and Tatum Treadwell placed 4th. Katie Gray placed 2nd in the Swine division. Congratulations to all 4-Hers.



Borden County 4-H'ers competing in the district judging contest this past weekend are (bottom to top) Hayley Gray, Kenley Dean, J.W. Nix, Katie Gray, Thomas Nix, Dylan Murphy, Tatum Treadwell and Borden County Extension Agent, Cody Hill.


April/May 2011 4-H Calendar


April
 14 Photography Project 3:45 to 5:15 in Home Ec Lab
 15 **Deadline to register for North Region 4-H Leader Lab**
 16 District 4-H Livestock Judging Contest in Lubbock
 26 County 4-H Recordbook Workshop at 6:00 p.m. in the Extension Office Meeting Room (**THIS IS A DATE CHANGE**)

May
 7 District 4-H Roundup in Levelland
 23 4-H Monthly Meeting
 (Cool Clovers: 11:30-12:00; JH/HS: 12:35-1:05 in Conference Room at School)
 31-June 2 North Region 4-H Leader Lab in Levelland

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County Sets April as Child Abuse Awareness Month



Borden County Judge, Ross Sharp (seated) signs a declaration setting April to be Child Abuse Awareness month in Borden County. Peggy Parrott and Ericka Dowds, representatives with the West Texas Children's Advocacy Center visited with Judge Sharp and the county commissioners and provided information about the organization.

The Advocacy center mission is to bring unity and efficiency to investigations of child abuse through the multidisciplinary team comprised of law enforcement, Children's Protective Services, medical and mental health professionals, prosecutors, and other individuals and disciplines as necessary by coordinating investigations and sharing information and resources there by providing the best possible service to restore the lives of these families and our community.

The Advocacy center services 5 counties including Fisher, Nolan, Mitchell, Scurry and Borden County.

Pictured are (front center) Judge Ross Sharp, (back left to right) West Texas Children's Advocacy Center representative, Peggy Parrot; County Commissioner Precinct No. 1, Monte Smith; County Commissioner Precinct No. 4, Joe Belew; County Commissioner Precinct No. 3, Ernest Reyes; West Texas Children's Advocacy Center representative, Ericka Dowds and County Commissioner Precinct No. 2, Randy Adcock.



Mr. & Mrs. Alfonso Benavidez

Couple to Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

The children of Alfonso and Maria Benavidez proudly announce the 50th wedding anniversary on April 23rd 2011. Mr. and Mrs. Benavidez were wed in 1961 in Webb County. The couple then moved to West Texas in the early 1970's and made Borden County their home.

Alfonso and Maria raised two daughters, Simona Ramirez of O'Donnell and Marie Benavidez of Lamesa. They also raised three sons, Alfonso Benavidez Jr. of O'Donnell, Phillip Benavidez (married to Holly) of Gail and Peter Benavidez (married to Kerri) also of Gail.

Alfonso and Maria also have 10 grandchildren. They are Joshua Ramirez, Justin Ramirez, Tiffany Ramirez, Baylee Benavidez, Krystasha Benavidez, Jaden Benavidez, Diego Bernal, Tristen Benavidez, Madison Benavidez and Keigan Benavidez. Alfonso and Maria have two great-grandchildren, Hunter and Kooper Hiracheta. The couple will have a celebration in honor of their anniversary.

Booster Club Annual Pre-K Egg Hunt

Children Ages 5 & Under

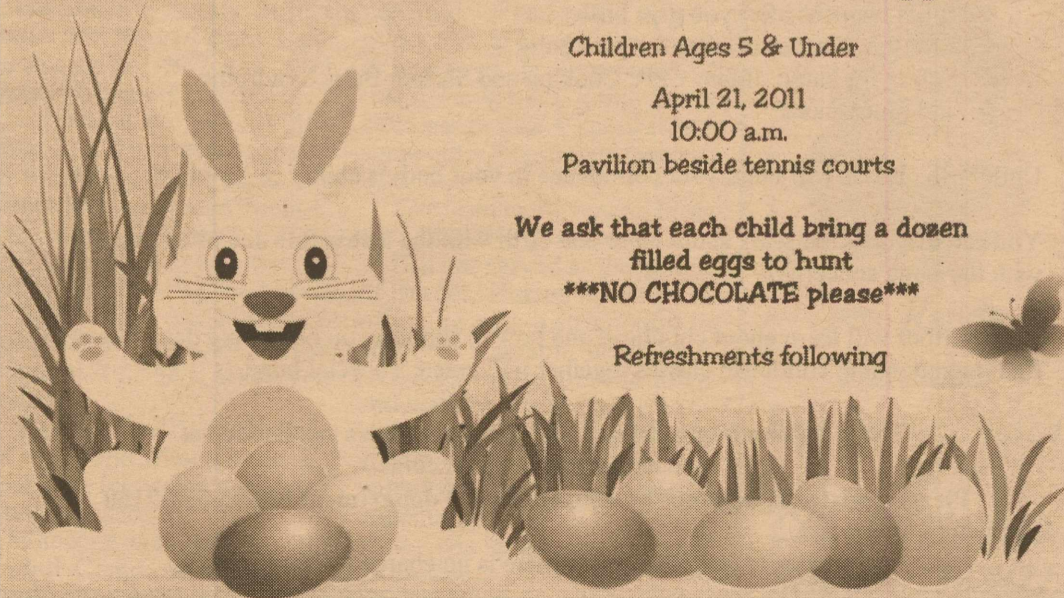
April 21, 2011
10:00 a.m.

Pavilion beside tennis courts

We ask that each child bring a dozen
filled eggs to hunt

NO CHOCOLATE please

Refreshments following



Legal Notices

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BORDEN LEGAL NOTICE

The Borden County Commissioners' Court will receive bids until 9:30 a.m., April 26, 2011 for the purchase of a used water truck for use in Borden County Precinct 2 and 4. Bids will be opened and considered in the Borden County Commissioners' Courtroom in the County Courthouse. Specifications may be obtained at the office of the County Judge, 806/756-4391, Commissioner Precinct 2, Randy Adcock, 806/759-8804 or Commissioner Precinct 4, Joe Belew, 325/573-7718.

The Borden County Commissioners' Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive all formalities.

BY THE ORDER OF THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Ross Sharp
County Judge
Borden County

Notice of Drinking Water **FLUORIDE** Violation

April 2011

The Texas Commission On Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the Borden County Water System that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for FLUORIDE. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL FLUORIDE at 4 mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for FLUORIDE indicates a level of 5.3mg/L in the 2nd quarter of 2010 and a level of 5.6mg/L in the 3rd quarter. The running annual average is 5.4 mg/L.

This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing FLUORIDE in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Fluoride in drinking water at half the MCL or more may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than nine years old. Mottling, also known as dental fluorosis, may include

brown staining and/or pitting of the teeth, and occurs only in developing teeth before they erupt from the gums.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

We are working to correct the problem by investigating the possibility of connecting to another system.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For further information contact the County Judge's Office, Borden County Courthouse, 117 E. Wasson, Gail, Texas 79738, phone 806/756-4391

Ross D. Sharp, County Judge

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The Commissioners' Court of Borden County will receive bids on the following until 9:00 a.m., May 10, 2011.

- 1.. Fuel for 2011
 - a. unleaded
 - b. diesel
2. Propane for Courthouse, and Precinct #2 Barns

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

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

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

For the Borden County Commissioners' Court

Ross Sharp
County Judge
Borden County

Submit bids to:
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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, May 10, 2011 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.

Ross Sharp
County Judge
Borden County

Burn Ban

A Burn Ban remains in effect for Borden County until further notice.

Borden County Youth Horse Club

The Borden County Youth Horse Club will kick off Tuesday nights in June at the new arena. If you are interested in participating or if you would like to make a tax deductible donation to our awards fund, please contact Cassidy Carpenter at 806/786-6796 or at cassidyogden@yahoo.com

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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

From Hogs to Hearses

Bill Wilcox lives on Lake Buchanan just outside of Burnet. He has a late fifties Chevy that he restored from a pile of parts. He keeps it in a locked trailer that is as clean as a surgical suite. His red and white car, in perfect condition, has won numerous prizes at car events.

He has an unbelievable man-cave behind his house. It looks like a miniature version of Luckenbach. It has all kinds of things that meant a lot to him scattered throughout the place. A barbecue cooking area looks like he could prepare a meal for hundreds of people.

"I call it the Y'all Come Back Saloon," says Bill. "It was modeled after the Judge Roy Bean West of the Pecos saloon down by Langtry. I started off with a picture of that place and just kept adding to it."

There are so many additional rooms and porches on it now it has lost some of that original architecture. I've been continually working on it for twenty-nine years. This place has the story of Texas history in it. It has a lot of stuff I've collected and a lot of stuff that different people have given me."

You could spend a lot of time in Bill's Y'all Come Back Saloon. It has a bed in it and doubles as a guest room. But there are so many interesting things to look at guests stay up late browsing. It is a typical old frame building you might find in the east Texas countryside.

He and his family built a home and moved onto Lake Buchanan in 1982 and after awhile Bill got to looking for a place where he and his dog could go and just relax together. So he started working on his retreat, which is made from old barn wood. The saloon has a 1957 Rockola jukebox that has 200 forty-five RPM records on it. Don't dare ask him if he knows the words to all the songs on it or he'll show you he does.

Then he'll tell you all about the songs and what they really mean. He has made a study of country music.

When he was growing up around Cisco, Bill's family bought hogs from farmers and

delivered them three times a week to Swift Packing Company in the Fort Worth stockyards. After delivering the hogs, they went to eat in a fancy restaurant called The Flamingo. Bill calls it an elite barbeque place.

"It had something we had never seen before: valet parking. My dad and granddad would get a big charge out of pulling up in front of the restaurant in this old double-decker hog truck and having those valet boys park it. Usually those boys really hustle to park the vehicles that pull up in front of the restaurant, but they weren't in such a hurry to park that big old truck. It was quite an experience for my granddad and my dad and as a young boy, I got a big kick out of it, too."

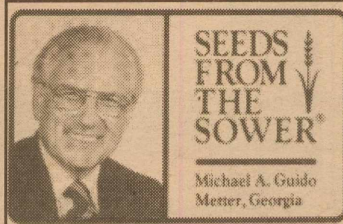
Bill is in the funeral business. I asked him how he got into that line of work.

"In Cisco, Texas I was fourteen years of age and went to work for the local funeral home, mowing grass, washing cars and running errands for my bosses. The gentleman who owned the funeral home was Mr. W. O.

Wiley. I just observed every day that he wore a nice suit of clothes and drove a nice automobile. When I would go home I would see my father come in bone-tired from thirteen or fourteen hour days. I was always associated with the shipment of the hogs. I would go on all the trips in the summertime. I just made up my mind that after smelling that aroma from the floorboard of that old hog truck going to the stockyards that I should find some other direction to take my life.

I've been in the funeral business fifty-five years now."

Bill has served as the mayor of Burnet. During his terms in office he was instrumental in securing a prison, bringing a steam excursion train to town and making sure the lakes were kept up so people could enjoy all sorts of water sports. Bill is indeed a character and wears a trademark hat with lots of sweat on it. His laugh can be heard for miles.



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER

Michael A. Guido
Metter, Georgia

A church member almost upset a service by first removing a shoe and then his sock.

"What's the big idea?" asked a friend.

"Well," he said, "I just noticed that one of my socks was on wrong side out. When I find I'm wrong, I always proceed at once to get right."

Not a bad idea, is it?

If a thing isn't all right, it's all wrong.

And if it's all wrong, you'll not feel all right. For the Bible says, "Anyone who does wrong, will be repaid for his wrong."

There's nothing shameful about confessing being wrong. The shame is continuing in it. So quit it, and proceed at once, with God's help, to do right.

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Dare to Live...

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of life. Tough times are like a brick wall. When examined up close, both are made up of small pieces that are removable. If you try and break through a brick wall by repeatedly throwing your body against it, you will only become sore and frustrated.

However, if you climb to the top of the wall with a hammer and a chisel, you can readily begin removing one brick at a time. This is the same approach that will allow you to tackle tough times. Each challenge is a collection of bricks that can be removed one at a time.

You can cause problems to crumble by disassembling them into small pieces. Once your brick wall of problems has been reduced into a pile of rubble, it no longer seems imposing or overwhelming.

When viewed in this way, every challenge will appear conquerable. You realize that you can overcome any prob-

lem. As you begin to proactively disperse adversity, your self-confidence, self-esteem, and mental toughness will flourish. Rather than being apprehensive of tough times, you will become as worried about them as you would be of a housefly. They may be annoying but they are certainly no match for you and your mind.

You have the ability to be constant and consistent. You have the force of willpower and determination. Tough times will come and go but you have the power to endure and overcome. You are a tough person who will outlast tough times.

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Borden County Ag. Science Horticulture Greenhouse Plants Available

By Buddy Wallace

The Ag. Science Horticulture Class now have plants available for spring planting. These plants were grown from seed by the class. Anyone wishing to purchase starter plants can contact Buddy Wallace at 806/756-4313 (School) or 806/756-4478 (Home). Email bwallace@bcisd.net. All plants are suitable size for ground planting. The Gail FFA Horticulture class appreciates your business!

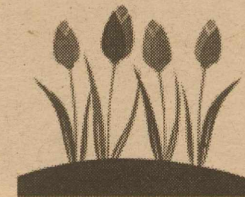
All plants are \$1.00 each. Plants available are as follows:

- Large Variety Tomatoes:
1. Early Girl
 2. Better Boy
 3. Bush Goliath

Medium Size Tomatoes:

1. Roma
- Small Tomatoes:
1. Sun Cherry
- Peppers: *(All peppers ready the week after Easter)
1. Bell Peppers (Early Sensation)
 2. Sweet Banana
 3. Early Jalapeno
 4. Fooled You Jalapeno
 5. Habanera

There will be several flower bedding plants available also.



Tracksters Headed to Regionals...

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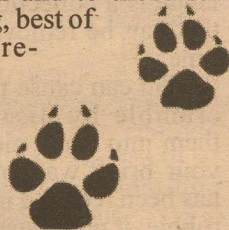
the season has them sitting 4th in the region.

On the boys side, Rodriguez, Howard, Fields and Matt Proulx ran the 1600 relay, but again, disappointment was witnessed as they finished 5th with a time of 3:42 well off their 3:38 from district even though new member Proulx ran a personal best 56/5 split, but Rodriguez injury slowed him down, the disappointment was apparent on the boys faces.

A highlight on the day however did come from the boys 400 relay as they finished 4th and advanced to the regional meet, this team consisted of Howard, John Hensley, Fields

and Joseph McConnell, with a time of 45.6. Joseph also ran the 100 but finished 7th in a 11.8.

The Coyotes and Lady Coyote teams both finished 4th place in this meet. The athletes that finished in the top 4 will next compete at the Regional track meet on May 2nd and 3rd at Abilene Christian University. Congratulations on a super season and to those still competing, best of luck at regional.



UIL State Bound...

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medal and a trip with the guys. She will now have to interview someone at the state level and then write a feature story using her interview notes.

The Current Issues and Events team entered regional competition tied with Stamford with the best qualifying team score. Freshman T. J. Basquez made the difference with a six-point improvement over his district score; this provided the margin of difference as BHS defeated Stamford by five points, 52-47. Hensley and Zach McMeans, another freshman, both finished in the top four as Hensley took 2nd individually thus qualifying for state while McMeans won 4th place as the alternate to state in individual competition.

Sophomore Shea Burkett came close to punching a ticket to state. She finished 4th, just four points behind the bronze medalist in Spelling. The Spelling team tied for second as members Brady Dowds,

Matthew Ham, and Steelie Sanders combined for a total of 172 points, tying them with Albany.

Another senior scoring points at regional was Taylor Richey. She advanced to the finals after a number one ranking in the prelims. Richey finished 5th in the finals.

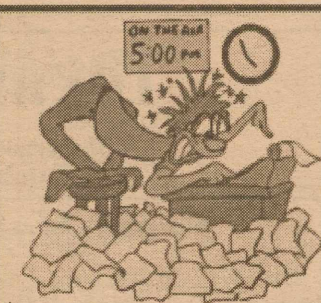
The Social Studies team consisting of Ham, McMeans, and Mollie McMeans finished only eight points behind the winning team from Veribest. The three freshmen scored a 125 to Grady's 126 as Veribest scored 133. Mollie and Zach tied for 5th Place individually, but Mollie's essay proved the difference in the tiebreaker.

Participants in other regional events are as follows: senior KeriAnne Howard (Literary Criticism); sophomore Steven Howard (Informative Speaking); sophomore Brady ByBee (Headline Writing); Zach McMeans (Persuasive Speaking).

**Thank you for reading
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Quint Shafer secured a trip to the regional track meet placing 2nd at the area meet by clearing 6'0" in the high jump.



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