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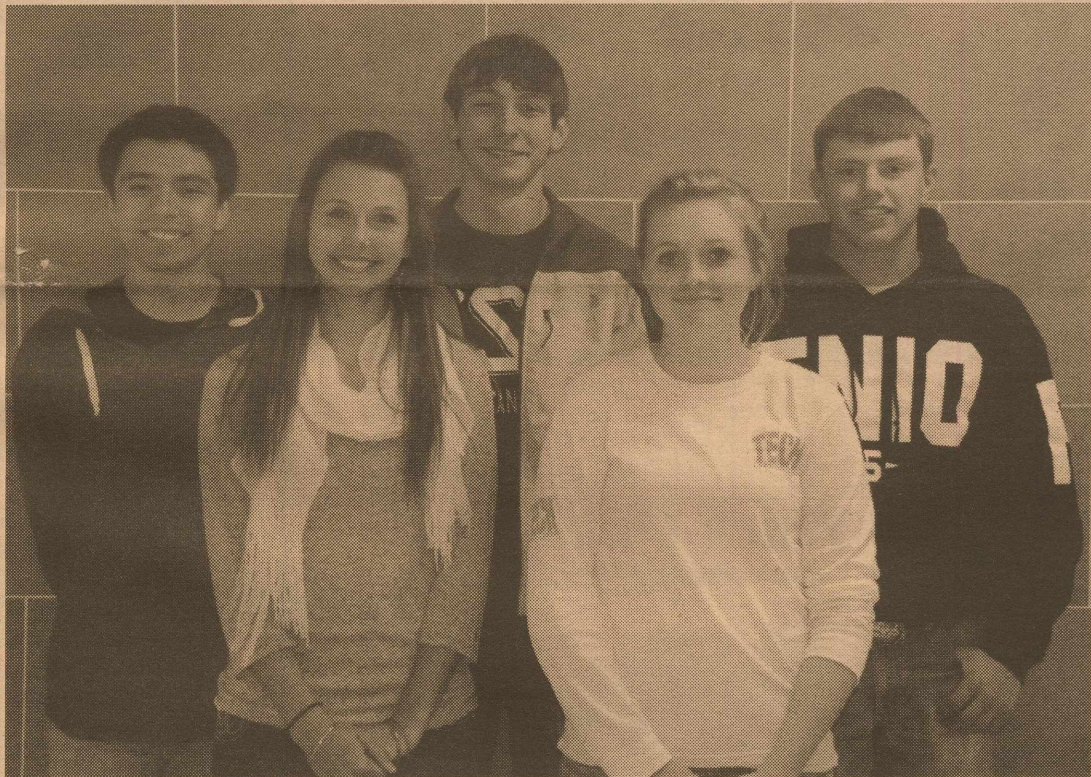
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UIL State Qualifiers



Borden County UIL members advancing to the State meet to be held in Austin are (left to right) Nathan Souder, Sydnee Jordan, Robert Jordan, Carly Bell and Sean Tucker.

Worth Their 'Wait' in Gold, Silver and Bronze

The hardest part about UIL academic meets is the sitting and waiting for results.

As it turned out, those endless and hopeful moments ended happily for five Borden High School students who will now wait one more time—in

Austin.

The five—senior Sean Tucker (Math), junior Robert Jordan (Poetry), junior Nathan Souder (LD Debate), sophomore Sydnee Jordan (News Writing), and freshman Carley Bell (Feature Writing)—

earned top three finishes to qualify for the State Academic Meet scheduled for May 25-27 on the University of Texas campus.

Both Jordan and Souder

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New Farm Bill Offers Increased Opportunities for Producers

The 2014 Farm Bill offers increased opportunities for producers including farm loan program modifications that create flexibility for new and existing farmers. A fact sheet outlining modifications to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Farm Loan Programs is available here.

The Farm Bill expands lending opportunities for thousands of farmers and ranchers to begin and continue operations, including greater flexibility in determining eligibility, raising loan limits, and emphasizing beginning and socially disadvantaged producers.

Changes that will take effect immediately include:

- Elimination of the 15 year term limit for guaranteed operating loans.

- Modification of the definition of beginning farmer, using the average farm size for the county as a qualifier instead of the median farm size.

- Modification of the Joint Financing Direct Farm Ownership Interest Rate to 2 percent

less than regular Direct Farm Ownership rate, with a floor of 2.5 percent. Previously, the rate was established at 5 percent.

- Increase of the maximum loan amount for Direct Farm Ownership Down Payment Loan Program from \$225,000 to \$300,000.

- Elimination of rural residency requirement for Youth Loans, allowing urban youth to benefit.

- Debt forgiveness on Youth Loans, which will not prevent borrowers from obtaining additional loans from the federal government.

- Increase of the guaranteed percentage on Conservation Loans from 75 to 80 percent and 90 percent for socially disadvantaged borrowers and beginning farmers.

- Microloans will not count toward direct operating loan term limits for veterans and beginning farmers.

Additional modifications must be implemented through the rulemaking processes. Visit the FSA Farm Bill website for detailed information and updates to farm loan programs.

Borden County Tracksters on Their Way to Regional Track Meet in San Angelo

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes continued a very successful track season Thursday by winning the District 11 and 12 Area track meet. The Coyotes in the process set a school record in the 800 meter relay while advancing 13 boys to the regional track meet next week along with 4 girls.

The Boys will take with them into the regional track meet some of the top relay times and several top 6 individual qualifying times, heights or distances as well. The Girls have several opportunities to run on Saturday with top 8 times which would allow them to run in the finals of the regional track meet, which is quite a feat in itself.

The Coyotes entered the final event of the day knowing that all they had to do was beat Ira again for the team title and this time the Coyotes would run with no alternates in this race. Because of this they were never threatened in the race as they not only won the race very handily, but turned in their best time in over 10 years in the process. This foursome was made up of Jayton Lewis, Ryan Willborn, Hunter Jones and Korbin Martinez.

Earlier in the day, the Coyotes used a different line-up in the 800 Meter relay that would allow Willborn to compete in the 400 for one more week, Mason Coor, Hunter Jones, Corbin Sumners and Jayton Lewis ran the best time in school history in the event in spite of a very poor hand-off during the race, running a time of 1:33.95 to finish a close second to Grady. The Sprint relay of Lewis, Sumners, Jones and Willborn ran a nice 44.81 to finish second and advance as well. Also qualifying for regional on the boy's side was Diego Bernal and Ricky Torres in the shot put as they finished 1st and 3rd respectively. The Duo of Robert Jordan and Riley Herridge finished 2nd and 3rd in the pole vault. Hunter

Jones finished 2nd in the long jump, while Korbin Martinez won the 800 meter run and finished 2nd in the 300 hurdles. Morgan Wilson finished 3rd in the 3200 meter run and Corbin Sumners finished 3rd in the 200 meter run. Ryan Willborn won the 400 but will not participate in it at Regional in order to stay fresher for the 400 and will possibly return to the 800 relay if needed.

On the girls side, Zoie Key finished 4th in the 3200 and 2nd in the 1600 to advance while Bailey Robinson unleashed a personal best throw on what could have been her final throw of her career but with the heave she continues her season with a 4th place finish. Tatum Richey finished 3rd in the 100 hurdles and the final qualifier was Preslea Hall with her 3rd place finish in the 400.

Top 4 in each event advance to the regional track meet held this Thursday and Friday, April 30th and May 1st in San Angelo at Angelo State University.

Varsity Boys:
Riley Herridge: Pole Vault-3rd-10'6".

Robert Jordan: Pole Vault-2nd-11'0".

Korbin Martinez: 800 Meter Run-1st-2:08.41; 300 Meter Hurdles-2nd-41.75 and 1600 Meter Relay-1st-(52.88) 3:33.89.

Hunter Jones: Long Jump-2nd-20'8"; 400 Meter Relay-1st-44.82; 800 Meter Relay-1st-1:33.95 and 1600 Meter Relay-1st-(53.76) 3:33.89.

Mason Coor: 800 Meter Relay-1st-1:33.95 and 400 Meter Relay-alternate.

Sean Tucker: 110 High Hurdles-5th-18.23.

Corbin Sumners: 400 Meter Relay-1st-44.82; 800 Meter Relay-1st-1:33.95 and 200 Meter Dash-3rd-23.12.

Jayton Lewis: 400 Meter Relay-1st-44.72; 800 Meter Relay-1st-1:33.95 and 1600 Meter Relay-1st-(53.37) 3:33.89.

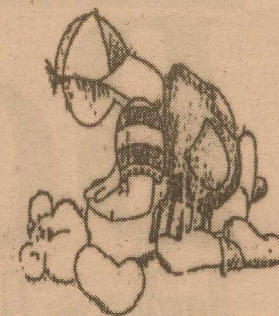
Diego Bernal: Shot Put-1st-

41'2½".

Ryan Willborn: Long Jump-
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The Borden County boys track team ran to catch the District 11 and 12 championship at the Area track meet last week. Pictured are (back l to r) Coach Benavidez, Mason Coor, Coach Skelton, Hunter Jones, Diego Bernal, Sean Tucker, Korbin Martinez, Jayton Lewis, Corbin Sumners, Ricky Torres, Coash Edwards, Coach Richey, (front l to r) Nathan Souder, Dylan Murphy, Morgan Wilson, Trace Richey and Ryan Willborn.

Regional Track Qualifiers



Members of the Borden County track and field team advancing on to the Regional Meet in San Angelo are (back l to r) Riley Herridge, Trace Richey, Korbin Martinez, Ricky Torres, Hunter Jones, (middle l to r) Mason Coor, Robert Jordan, Ryan Willborn, Morgan Wilson, Jayton Lewis Corbin Sumners, Nathan Souder, (front l to r) Bailey Robinson, Tatum Richey, Zoie Key and Preslea Hall.



(Left to right) Caelan Thuett, Rhaeden Bland, Caytlynn Summers and Colby Pennell.

Cotton Judging Team Attends State Contest

The Borden County FFA chapter Cotton Judging team attended the State Judging contest on Saturday April 25, 2015 in Lubbock, Texas.

Due to unfortunate circumstances the team lost two of its members, however, two other FFA members, Caytlynn Summers and Rhaeden Bland stepped up to help our two seasoned cotton judger's, Colby Pennell and Caelan Thuett, attend the State contest. There were well over 80 teams that attended the contest with 306 competitors. The team ended up 43rd, and Colby was high point on the team with a score of 840 out of a possible 1000. They did a great job, and thanks for stepping up and representing Gail FFA and BCISD!

Coyote Baseballers Secure Spot in Play-Offs With 11-1 Win Over Roby Lions Last Week

By Coach Edwards

The Borden Coyotes baseball squad defeated the Roby Lions 11-1 to earn a spot in the Texas High School Baseball Playoffs. It is the second time in three years for the accomplishment.

The Lions led Borden 1-0 for an inning and a half, but Jayton Lewis' two out, two rbi single open the flood gates for the Coyotes. Borden scored

four runs in the third inning and four more in the fourth to give them a comfortable 10-1 lead. Borden scored one more run in the fifth to end the game with the mercy rule.

Hurrikane Richter got the victory for the Coyotes allowing only one unearned run, three hits, and three walks. Richter fanned seven Lion batters.

State UIL Meet...

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won gold Saturday at Angelo State University, site of the Region II-A Meet. The trip to Austin will be the second for both. Jordan qualified in the same event in 2013 while Souder competed at State Congress in January of this year.

For the first time in recent school history, BHS is sending someone to state in Math. Tucker finished third in the event after winning the district title in March.

Sydnee Jordan, Robert's younger sister, will join her brother, as a silver medalist in News Writing. Also competing for the Journalism team in Austin will be newcomer Carley Bell, who also won a silver medal, hers for second place in Feature Writing.

Other students scored points Saturday, which helped give BHS 99.50 points overall, good for the fourth best spot out of 32 schools represented in the region. This was behind Garden City (139), Jayton (197), and Regional Team Champion Cross Plains (262.50).

Senior Bessie Rhodes scored eight points for BHS with her fourth place finish in Headline Writing. This makes her an alternate to State along with sophomore Savannah Herridge, who won a fourth place medal in Persuasive Speaking.

Junior Karly Etheredge, scoring six points, placed 5th in Current Issues and Events. She and senior Frank Banman,

who finished just behind Karly, earned four points with his Sixth Place medal.

Rounding out the scoring for BHS was sophomore Braxton Coor who netted four points by making the finals in Informative Speaking and placing 6th in that event.

The Speech Team also earned BHS five points by finishing second overall to Cross Plains. The Journalism Team—consisting of Sydnee, Carley, and sophomore Maddie Benavidez—tied for 2nd Place and split points with Cross Plains.

In other team competition, the Current Issues and Events Team finished 3rd (Tucker, Banman, Etheredge, and junior Zoie Key).

The Number Sense Team finished fourth overall (freshman Ashlyn Tucker with a top ten finish along with junior Jacob Phinzy, sophomore Savannah Herridge, and freshman Harley Merrill).

The Social Studies Team also finished fourth overall (sophomores Dylan Murphy, Hayley Gray, Braxton Coor, and freshman Thomas Nix). Both Hayley and Thomas had top ten finishes in this event.

Other regional qualifiers competing Saturday were Maddie in Feature Writing, Souder in Science, Zoie in Persuasive Speaking, Cayden Vaughn in Literary Criticism, Mason Coor in Headline Writing, Josh Murphy and Braxton Barnes in Lincoln-Douglas debate, Tatum Richey in Spelling and Calculator Applications, Bessie Rhodes in Spelling, Preslea Hall in Calculator Applications, Trace Richey in Calculator Applications, Carly in Ready Writing, and Sydnee in Feature Writing.

School Lunch Menu

Apr. 27-May 1, 2015

Menu subject to change

Monday - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday - Breakfast: Blueberry Muffin & Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk. Lunch: Chicken Quesadilla, Salsa, Garden Salad, Refried Beans, Applesauce and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Roll, Strawberry Cup and Milk.


Thursday - Breakfast: Egg, Sausage & Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Soft Beef Tacos, Tortilla Chips & Salsa (9-12 grade only), Baby Carrots w/Ranch, Seasoned Corn, Orange Smiles and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Muffin & Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Hamburger, Zesty Cucumbers, Sweet Potato Freis, Sliced Peaches and Milk.

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Protect Your Home From Power Surge

A flash of light, a crack of thunder. You wake up with a start, realize that your family and house are safe, then go back to sleep thinking everything is ok. But is it? You really won't know until the next day, when you check to see if a power surge turned your computer, home theater or sound system into a pile of fried microchips.

An Inside Job

As dangerous as lightning is, 80% of temporary power surges actually originate from inside the home. They are caused by motor-driven appliances like an air conditioner, dish washer, or refrigerator; or even something as small as a laser printer or coffee maker.

According to Leviton Institute, three types of power surges can occur both inside and outside you home: **destructive** surges that "fry" your sensitive electronics; **disruptive** surges that cause you to have to reset or reprogram devices; and **dissipative** surges that degrade your sensitive electronic components over time.

The good news is that you can be more sensitive to your home's sensitive electronics. There are a wide variety of surge protection devices (SPD's) on the market to protect your valuable home electronics from these potentially destructive power surges.

First Line of Defense

Power strip SPD's are the simplest and cheapest form of protection. They are widely available, reasonable prices (typically between \$10 and \$50), and provide good protection from temporary power spikes. Most come with six to eight outlets, enough for the average home office or den.

Keep in mind that they protect not just expensive electronics but computers as well; some of the information or data

on them might be irreplaceable (like photos, files and videos). Since even a minor power fluctuation can freeze up a program or corrupt a file, be sure your surge protector is up to the job - look for one with the UL 1449 label, which guarantees it meets tested and approved standards.

By the way, do not forget your phone, data and cable/satellite TV lines; they can carry a voltage spike into your home just as easily as a power line, with the same destructive results. Make sure your surge protector can also accommodate them.

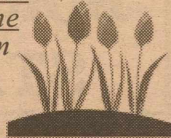
Network of Protection



Power strip SPD's, while effective at stopping most in-house spikes, can be overwhelmed by nearby lightning strikes that enter your home through the power line. For unparalleled protection, the Leviton Institute recommends that you have a licensed electrical contractor install a whole-house network.

The network protection begins outside the house with a meter socket surge arrester, which can be installed by your utility company. Inside, a panel-mounted device installed near the circuit breaker box forms the second layer of defense. A final gauntlet of SPD outlets and power strip SPD's in each room protect at the point-of-use.

With a whole-house network in place, you can rest easier knowing that, even if lightning strikes somewhere nearby, your home will be protected. You might even sleep better at nights. Except for the thunder of course!

Source: *Spring Safety Issue of Helpful Hints on Home Electricity from Leviton Institute, Volume 11*




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Michael A. Guido, D.D.
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Whenever is a gracious word that sounds very comforting when someone offers to help us when we are going through a difficult time. We know that someone will help when we dial 911. Our homes are wrapped in security systems "in case" someone tries to enter if they are not invited. There are endless "alerts" available to notify someone, somewhere if we fall, encounter pain or face an emergency. We are to be thankful for these and many other devices that let us know that help is available.


In Psalm 34 we are reminded of the realities of life. "God's eyes," says David "are on the righteous," His "ears attentive to their cry." So, whenever the righteous cry out, "the Lord hears them." Not may or might hear them, could or should hear them - but will hear them. We do not have to get in line, dial a number on a phone or press a button. Just "call out." Whenever. David is very realistic about life. He's been there and endured that. When he speaks about the tragedies in his life, we can enter into his experience with him. We have walked through the deep valleys as he has and have stumbled through similar shadows. Christians are not given a "free pass" to a life without problems.

But we are given the assurance that God is more than present. "His eyes are on us" and "His ears open to us." So, when our hearts are broken by the tragedies of life, our spirits crushed in grief, our joints ache and our illnesses never seem to end, He's with us!

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Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Compassion

"If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion." — The Dalai Lama

Having compassion for others is essential if you are going to attract the things you want in your life. If you just care about your own needs, you will wind up repelling those people and circumstances you seek.

A compassionate person cares about other people. Whenever possible, a compassionate person tries to lend a hand to those in need. The person lacking compassion, views life as a competition where people have to fend for themselves. Their attitude is that if someone else has problems, that's their problem.

Although each person has to take responsibility for his or her own life, and each of us should be self-reliant, we also have a responsibility to be of service to others. Compassion is trying to understand someone else's circumstances along with a willingness to reach out to them. Just feeling sorry is not compassion.

There are many ways to show compassion. Some people donate money to organizations that support various causes from fighting poverty to medical research. This is certainly an effective way to show compassion. However, being compassionate is much more than financial generosity.

With some awareness, you can show compassion in many ways that will mean a lot to the other person. Your actions don't have to be elaborate to be significant. But your actions do have to mean something to the other person. So you have to look for what is important to someone else, not what is important to you.

Unfortunately, some people feel that they know what is best for others. They may be well intentioned, but their efforts are viewed as intrusive or disruptive. Judging another person based on your preferences, experiences, or beliefs, is not compassion. To be compas-

sionate, you must try to look at the world from the other person's perspective, rather than your own.

Small gestures, at the right time, can mean the world to someone, even though to you the actions may be insignificant. Making yourself available for someone to talk to, being patient, sharing what you've learned from overcoming similar problems, running an errand, or giving a friend a ride, are just examples of what you can do.

When you show compassion, you help alleviate someone's suffering. Additionally, you will also feel good. Being compassionate should never be done with any ulterior motive or expectation of reward or payback.

When you genuinely care about the well being of others, you attract positive people and circumstances into your life. If you are callous, you will repel the positive and attract the negative. People who are uncompassionate are typically unhappy, with a miserable personality.

Having compassion should be a way of life. It only takes a little extra effort to make everyone's lives brighter. Those who are generous with their time and emotions are invariably more satisfied than those who are not.

Being compassionate doesn't take anything away from you, rather it provides you with a sense of satisfaction that is hard to get from anything else. Compassionate people have a limitless, priceless gift that can bring so much joy to others.

It's not difficult to show compassion. All you have to do is listen to other people and be sensitive to their needs. You can even bring a smile to a stranger. Hold a door open. Let someone in front of you when on line. Help carry packages. There is no act too small to be helpful.

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Holocaust Survivor/Author Skypes With Sixth Graders Students Ask Questions About The Upper Room

When Johanna (de Leuw) Reiss would have been a Sixth Grader, her days were not spent in a classroom. Lucky girl, most 12-year-olds would imagine.

But for almost three years, from 1942-1945, Johanna and one of her sisters lived a cramped, anxious, and dreadfully long existence in hiding while the Nazis carried out their ethnic cleansing throughout Europe. As a Dutch Jew, Johanna and her family were targeted along with many others.

Johanna is a Holocaust survivor, and, as a former teacher, now spends her time visiting schools and speaking with students about her books chronicling those years of her life.

Borden County's Sixth Grade read her first book, published in 1972, entitled The Upstairs Room. Teacher Sue

Jane Sullivan, who has corresponded with Mrs. Reiss for three years, received permission from the administration to contact Mrs. Reiss's publicist to arrange a Skype lecture. Mrs. Reiss spoke with the group April 20 from her home in Manhattan.

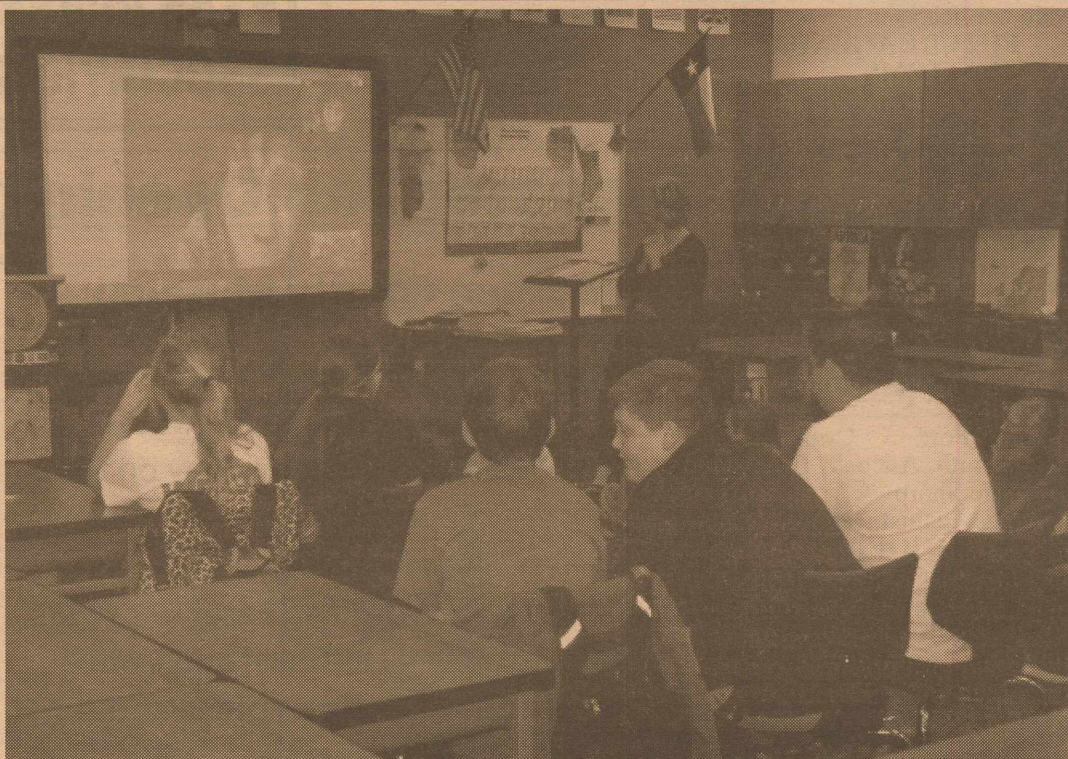
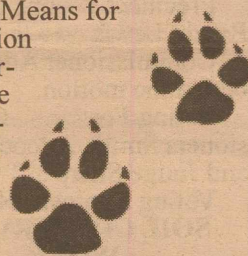
She conducted a question and answer session followed by a display of photos she has of Johan and Dientje and Opoe, the Dutch family members who risked their lives and possessions to protect Annie (as she is known in the book) and her older sister Sini.

Mrs. Reiss also spoke of her struggle to speak English after she came alone to the United States in the 1950s. Her resiliency and determination saw her through another set of obstacles in New York, where she settled and later became an American citizen.

She married a man from Russia who had also come to the United States, had two daughters, and at her husband's urging began to write about her experiences.

To date, along with The Upstairs Room, she has had three more books published: That Fatal Night, A Hidden Life, and The Journey Back.

Special thanks to Borden County's technology coordinators Mr. Ricky Martinez and Mr. Robert Smith for helping facilitate the one-hour Skype session and to Superintendent Billy Collins and Principal Bart McMeans for permission to incorporate this lesson into the curriculum.



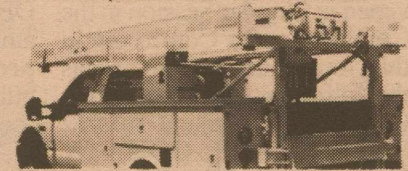
Borden County Sixth graders ask questions and visit with Johanna Reiss, a Holocaust survivor through Skype recently. She is the author of The Upper Room which chronicles her time in hiding from the Nazi's from 1942.1945.

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Commissioners' Court

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BORDEN
WHEREAS, on this the 14th day of April, 2015, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas the following members of the Court being present to-wit: ROSS SHARP, COUNTY JUDGE, PRESIDING; MONTE SMITH, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1; RANDY ADCOCK; COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2; JOE BELEW, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4; JANA UNDERWOOD, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-EFFICIO OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT, Precinct 3 Commissioner Ernest Reyes absent, thus constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda. Other officers present: Marlo Holbrooks, County Attorney; Benny Allison, Sheriff and Tax Collector and Shawna Gass, County Treasurer. Others present - Van L. York

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the April 14, 2015, regular session of the Commissioners Court to order at 9:20 A.M.

COMMUNITY INPUT

None

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners' Court meeting of March 24, 2015 were presented. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said minutes as presented. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion.

Voting for: Commissioners Smith, Adcock, Belew and Judge Sharp

Voting Against: None

COUNTY OFFICER MONTHLY REPORTS

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve, accept and file submitted reports in the County Clerk's office. A corrected February 2014 Treasurer's report was presented due to typo. No March report was submitted from Agriculture Extension or County Treasurer. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

Voting for: Commissioners Smith, Adcock, Belew and Judge Sharp

Voting Against: None

COUNTY BUILDING

IMPROVEMENTS SHERIFF & ANNEX BUILDING

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve bid from CM Homebuilders LLC DBA Reed Construction in the amount of \$8540.00 for the improvements to the Annex building. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioners Smith, Adcock, Belew and Judge Sharp

Voting Against: None

2014 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Section 111.070 (c) Local Government Code

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the 2014 budget amendments as required by Section 111.070 (c) Local Government Code. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioners Smith, Adcock, Belew and Judge Sharp

Voting Against: None

BORDEN COUNTY WATER RATES

Discussion held - no action taken

BORDEN COUNTY DEPOSITORY

Section 116.021 Local Government Code

Commissioner Belew made a motion to request proposals for County Depository for 2 year term starting June 1, 2015 in accordance with section 116.021 Local Government Code. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioners Smith, Adcock, Belew and Judge Sharp

Voting Against: None

PROPOSALS FOR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

Section 262.025 Local Government Code

Commissioner Smith made a motion to request bids for petroleum products for use in the county according to section 262.025 Local Government Code. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioners Smith, Adcock, Belew and Judge Sharp

Voting Against: None

DONATION TO THE BORDEN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Section 81.032 Local Government Code

Commissioner Belew made

a motion to approve a donation to the Borden County Historical Commission from America's Farmers Grow Communities sponsored by Monsanto Fund as provided by Section 81.032 Local Government Code. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioners Smith, Adcock, Belew and Judge Sharp

Voting Against: None

BORDEN COUNTY MUSEUM

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve part time employee to work in museum at the pay rate of \$10.00 per hour and employee will have workers compensation. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioners Smith, Adcock, Belew and Judge Sharp

Voting Against: None

PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the following application:

Precinct 1 - one time only Randy Lewis

Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioners Smith, Adcock, Belew and Judge Sharp

Voting Against: None

SOIL CONSERVATION WORK

No applications
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Water System
2. Health program
3. Parking lot at event center
4. EMS landing zone for helicopter in Precinct 3

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioners Smith, Adcock, Belew and Judge Sharp

Voting Against: None

ADJOURN

Commissioner Belew made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 28TH DAY OF APRIL, 2015.

Legal Notice

STATE OF TEXAS LEGAL NOTICE COUNTY OF BORDEN

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. This shall be for a two (2) year period commencing June 1, 2015. Such proposals will be considered Tuesday, May 12, 2015 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, 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 D. Sharp
County Judge
Borden County

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

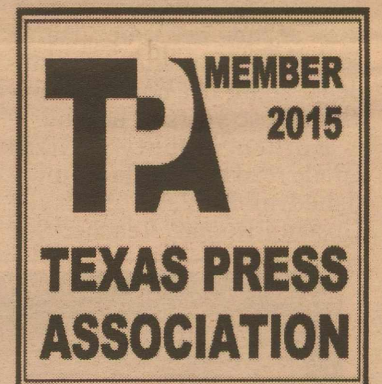
Notice is hereby given that original Letter Testamentary for the Estate of Ray O. Her-

ring, Deceased, were issued on April 22, 2015, in Cause No. 407, pending in the County Court of Borden County, Texas, to: Gwendolyn Gaye Herring.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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DATED the 22nd day of April, 2015.

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Summer Job Opening

Borden County Museum

Two days a week/four hours each day

12 weeks--June to August

Must be able to work one day on the weekend.

Open to all ages.

Experience in Word and Excel required.

Leave resume or letter of application

in the County Judge's office at the

Courthouse

by Friday, May 8.

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

Portraits of Warriors

I first heard of Ken Pridgeon while visiting in Liberty, Texas. The owner of radio station KSHN, Bill Buchanan told me that Ken was doing some fantastic things for families who had sons or daughters killed in military action. I made contact with Ken, who lives in Baytown, but he couldn't do the interview that day because he was going to Galveston to address thousands of Navy veterans. That night he was going to be recognized during halftime at a football game. He later told me he was driven to the stadium in a limousine and a big jumbotron showed a report on him that had recently been on TV.

When Ken was in the military, he came home on leave and went duck hunting. "I shot a wood duck and the thing fell at my feet. There's nothing prettier than a wood duck. God was having a good day when he put that thing together. I looked down and saw how pretty it was and tried to give him artificial respiration. I wanted to bring him back to life, but the poor little guy died. That was the end of my duck hunting and I started finding ways to paint them and I've painted thousands of them, working to get the right way the feathers belong and the color just right."

Ken developed into a fine artist. Four years ago a woman asked him to paint a portrait of a Texas marine killed in Iraq. Then another person asked him to paint a soldier killed in Afghanistan. Ken was moved by the requests and set out on the biggest job of his life. He found out how many Texas military personnel had lost their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan and he is trying to do portraits of all of them. It's hard to keep up. "When I started here were 525. Now there are 739 and the number keeps growing."

He has a gallery in Baytown that contains nearly 200 portraits he has painted. Ken gets no money for his work. He lives mostly on his social security income. The gallery and

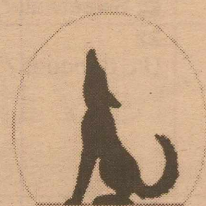
his painting supplies are donated. Many people donate money. "There's a donate button on the website portraitofawarrior.org. There's a picture of the gallery there and you can see over a hundred paintings."

He paints six days a week. The gallery gets busloads of visitors. Ken started doing the paintings when he was 75 years old. "I didn't have anybody to tell me I couldn't do it. This gives me the greatest pleasure of my life."

Ken is 79 now. When someone contacts him to do a portrait of a fallen warrior, he gets details about the individual and puts some of those details in the painting. "After the family gets in touch with me, they tell me a little bit about their son or daughter's history. I'm a poor man's Norman Rockwell and like to put a little bit of the story in the background about his or her life. I give a print of the portrait to the family."

Many people see the quality of his work and want to commission him to do a portrait of someone not connected with the military. "But I don't accept any of those. I don't have time."

When Tumbleweed Smith is not out chasing Texas stories he's at home in Big Spring with his wife Susan. Contact him at ts@tumbleweedsmith.com



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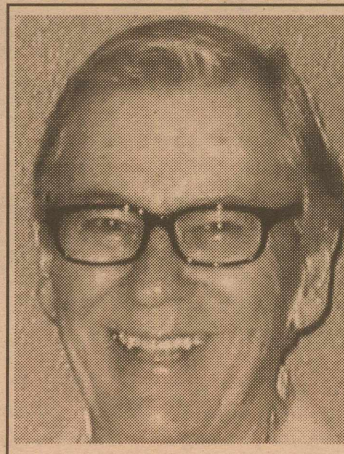
First Baptist Church
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Obituary

Jack David McPhaul

1936 - 2015



A memorial service for Jack David McPhaul 78, of Lubbock, were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 25th, at St. John's Methodist Church in Lubbock.

His body was donated to Med Cure to help Alzheimer's and Parkinson's research. His ashes will be spread along the Oregon Coast.

Mr. McPhaul was born on Sept. 11, 1936 in Lubbock to Louise (Jackson) and J.D. McPhaul. He graduated Lamesa High School in 1954 then went on the graduate Texas Tech College in August 1959 with a Bachelor of Business Administration.

He married Marilyn Carmack on June 30, 1960 in St. John's United Methodist Church garden in Lubbock. The young couple initially settled in Lamesa. He started farming and ranching in Borden County in 1962 and they relocated there in 1974 to

raise their three girls.

He taught Sunday school, sang in the choir and was a lay leader at First United Methodist Church of Lamesa for many years. He served on the Borden County School Board for nearly 18 years, stepping down in 1992 before moving out of the county. After retiring from farming and ranching, he and his wife moved back to Lamesa in 1993. He then began a new career by obtaining his real estate license. Both were active in the Lamesa Community Players.

When he and his wife moved to Lubbock in 1997, they both became active members of St. John's Methodist Church. Jack sang in the choir and served on the Louise Underwood Art and Lecture Series committee. He also performed with the Lubbock Chorale choir for a season and remained active in several business ventures.

He was preceded in death by his parents; stepmother, Pauline; sister, Linda; and daughter, Kelli.

Survivors include his wife, Marily; daughter, Heather of Westlake Village, California; daughter, Jacquelyn of Austin; and brother, of Tracy of Tyler.

In lieu of flowers, suggested memorials are the American Heart Association (heart.org); Hospice of Lubbock (hospiceoflubbock.org); and National Public Radio (npr.org/stations/donate).



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3rd & 4th generations still serving this area.

4-H Meeting



Borden County 4-H'ers had a fun 4-H meeting Monday, April 27! Thanks to Meagan Skelton for teaching the youth how to paint. Everyone did a fantastic job painting their rendition of the horse head. Pictured are (back l to r) Connor Etheredge, J.W. Nix, Lucas Grantham, Paige Holbrooks, Thomas Nix, Kaylee Walker, Ryann Phillips, Rexie Sanders, Kennedy Tucker, Hayley Gray, (front l to r) Ben Nix, Laney Stansell, Jenna Holbrooks, Brooklyn Gray, Katie Gray, Tres Spencer, Granger Smith and Erin Nix.

Area Track Results...

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5th-18'11³/₄"; 400 Meter Relay-1st-44.72; 400 Meter Dash-1st-53.49 and 1600 Meter Relay-(53.37) 3:33.89.

Braxton Barnes: Discus-8th-99'6¹/₂".

Nathan Souder: 400 Meter Dash-5th-56.24 and 1600 Meter Relay-alternate.

Dylan Murphy: 3200 Meter Run-2nd-11:59.61.

Ricky Torres: Shot Put-3rd-39'7¹/₂".

Morgan Wilson: 3200 Meter Run-3rd-11:42.89 and 1600 Meter Run-8th-5:28.39.

Trace Richey: 3200 Meter Run-6th-12:15.11 800 Meter Relay-alternate and 1600 Meter Relay-alternate.

Varsity Girls:
Bailey Robinson: Discus-4th-90'11".

Karly Etheredge: 400 Meter Relay-6th-55.44 and 200 Meter Dash-6th-27.95.

Kylee Dean: 800 Meter Relay-7th-2:06.48 and 1600 Meter Relay-6th-4:50.29.

Tatum Richey: 400 Meter Relay-6th-55.44; 100 Meter Hurdles-2nd-17.72 and 300 Meter Hurdles-6th-56.00.

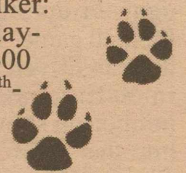
Zoie Key: 1600 Meter Run-4th-13:52.33; 3200 Meter Run-2nd-6:12.51 and 1600 Meter Relay-6th-4:50.29.

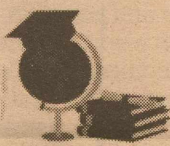

Sydnee Jordan: 400 Meter Relay-6th-55.44 and 800 Meter Relay-7th-2:06.48.

MJ Van der Bank: 800 Meter Relay-7th-2:06.48.

Preslea Hall: 400 Meter Relay-6th-55.44; 400 Meter Dash-3rd-1:06.87 and 1600 Meter Relay-6th-4:50.29.

Braylee Walker:
800 Meter Relay-2:06.48 and 1600 Meter Relay-6th-4:50.29.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Progress Reports Regional Track @ ASU Cheer Applications Due	2 Regional Track @ ASU
3	4 Holiday -Bad Weather Day	5	6 EOC Test: Biology EOC Test: U.S. History	7 EOC Test: Algebra I Lone Wolf FFA District Meeting @ Snyder JH District Tennis @ Snyder	8	9
10	11 OAP Community Performance-7:00	12 Cheerleading Tryouts	13	14	15 State Track Meet Area II FFA Convention @ Sweetwater	16 State Track Meet Area II FFA Convention @ Sweetwater
17	18	19 FFA Banquet-7:00	20	21 Spring Concert-7:00	22 UIL Banquet-7:00	23 Prom-BC Event Center
24 Baccalaureate 11:00 a.m.	25 UIL State Academic Meet	26 UIL State Academic Meet	27 UIL State Academic Meet	28 JH Graduation-7:00	29 End of Six Weeks HS Graduation-7:00 Project Graduation	30 Work Day
31			Awards Ceremony-2:50			