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Avery Coach of the Year

Girls' Basketball Coach Receives South Plains Honor

By Dwight Heins
Lamesa Press-Reporter

When the 2001-2002 school year began, Bobby Avery never dreamed he'd be heading up the Borden County High School girls basketball program at Gail.

But when Gailan Winegarner suddenly resigned as coach last fall, Avery stepped into the position for a season he'll probably never forget.

After heading up Borden County's football program the past 12 seasons and winning the state six-man championship in 1997, Avery proved he knows something about girls basketball as well.

The District 11-1A Champion Lady Coyotes ended up going 29-6 and all the way to the state semi-final tournament championship game before losing to eventual Class 1A Division II state champion Nazareth.

For his efforts, Avery has been recognized as the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's* All-South Plains Class 1A Division II Girls Coach of the Year.

This honor caught Avery by surprise to say the least.

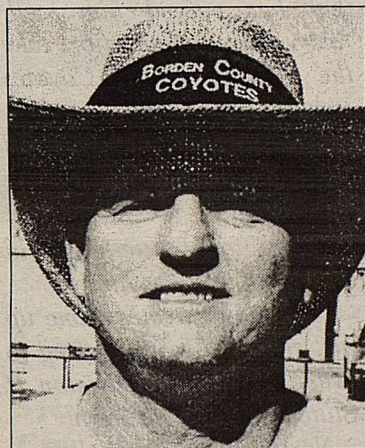
"It's kind of ironic in a way that we never got this (honor) in football," said Avery.

"There's some pretty good coaches who got this (award)

in all of the different classifications so to have my name even mentioned in this group is a nice honor."

Two area players selected to the All South Plains 1A Division II Girls Basketball Team were Borden County junior guard Bobbie Kempf and Klondike senior wing Britney Pinkerton.

Receiving honorable mention on that team are Borden County junior guard Micah Hensley and Dawson senior guard Katy Goode.



Bobby Avery

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Essay Contest Winner Qualifies for National Competition: Mrs. John D. Ramp, State Regent, presents Borden Jr. High sixth-grader Rachel Wilson with this year's top essay awards. See story on pg. 2.

Coyotes Win 5th District Track Title in Six Years in Dramatic Fashion

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes found just enough inner strength to regain the district title after a one-year absence. It took a total team effort to come away with this dramatic team title. The Coyotes mixed in some sterling performances while overcoming some adversity as senior standout, TC Stipe re-injured his hamstring while turning in a seasons best for himself and for all of Class A in running the 800-m dash in a superb 1:58.84. In fact, his first lap of 54.5 would have been good

enough to win the open quarter. Coincidentally, the 400-meter dash was the only event the Coyotes did not score in during the track meet. TC was unable to run the 1600-m run or run his usual anchor leg on the mile relay, which forced some of the younger Coyotes to have to step up in his absence. That is exactly what the Coyotes did.

Shane Tarleton and John Wilson turned in personal best times in the 3200-meter run by running a 12:14.69

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Golfers Tee It Up

Boys Claim District Championship While Girls Qualify for Regional with Runner-up Position

By Sue Jane Mayes

Borden High School will send both its boys' and girls' golf teams to the Region II-1A Tournament in Abilene April 22-23.

The Coyote boys' team shot a 371 in the 18-hole tournament held at the Comanche Trails course in Big Spring to win over Sands

by four strokes.

The girls finished second behind Westbrook with a team score of 484.

Mike Floyd coaches both the boys and girls for BHS.

Individually, freshman Cade Peterson will play in Abilene after finishing

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Even with four starters back from a club which went four rounds deep in the post-season the year before, Avery said this season's success was a pleasant surprise.

"They lost only one girl (all-star Bekah Hensley) from the year before but she was a big part of their offense and defense. As a result, not many thought we'd get as far as we got. It's a big testimony to the girls," said Avery. "Not one player can make a whole team and these girls proved it does go back to a team effort."

"These girls really showed a lot of maturity. We had a bunch of girls who really stepped up in their games and improved a bunch compared to the beginning of this season."

Still Avery was impressed with the way this year's Lady Coyotes made a transition to their coaching change.

"Everybody's going to have their different philosophies and ways of doing things but I didn't come on board expecting to fix a lot of things," said Avery.

Avery is glad to see Kempf on the All-South Plains team.

After averaging 14 points and over seven rebounds per game in the Lady Coyotes' five playoff games.

"Bobbie Kempf stepped up and turned into a pretty good point guard which really helped us out a bunch, especially in the beginning when a lot of people tried pressing us. She's also got good inside moves which also helped her out when it came to posting people up, too," said Avery.

"Bobbie's been getting a lot of post-season honors and she's very deserving of all of them. She's got a good head on her shoulders. She's one of those players who thinks basketball and as a result she

makes very few mistakes on the court."

With four of this year's starters and 12 letter-winners returning next season, Avery believes the Lady Coyotes should be a fun team to watch again next season.

"You've probably got to be talking about one of the best Class 1A basketball jobs in the state," said Avery.

EDITORIAL:

By Sue Jane Mayes

Last week, Avery was named Coach of the Year by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal for the All-South Plains 1A Division II teams.

Avery did not have to take the job, but in the difficult weeks after Coach Winegarner's departure, someone needed to provide stability and calm the troubled waters.

Not many people could have handled the pressure that the community puts on the Lady Coyote basketball program.

Not many people could have done it and been a head football coach either.

Not only did Avery see his 1-9 football team improve to 5-5, but he then turned his attention to the girls where they carved out a 29-6 record.

True, the girls relied on

FFA Judging Teams Compete At Texas Tech Area Meet

Three Borden High School FFA judging teams represented their program Saturday at the annual area contest held on the Texas Tech University campus.

Mr. Buddy Wallace, FFA sponsor, took three teams, all

playoff experience from the previous year, but some credit goes to the man who had the wisdom to know that somethings work better left alone.

With his laid back style and own philosophy of coaching that has served him well, Avery saw a team effort take the 2002 Lady Coyotes straight back to the playoffs.

The girls advanced even further this year by defeating Brookesmith at the Semi-State regional title game in Ft. Worth in February.

The Lady Coyotes came up just short of Austin, losing to eventual Class A Division II State Champs, Nazareth.

Next year, the football team has its coach back all to itself, and hopefully some young ladies at Borden High School will thank a man that stepped in and did a good job of relief pitching.

It seems that sportswriters appreciate what he has done, too.

Can you coach baseball, Coach Avery?

of whom placed in the top third of their events.

The chapter's Wool Team will not compete until April 20 in Lubbock at the state contest.

Members of the Dairy Cattle Judging Team finished 15th out of 44 teams from all schools—large and small enrollments.

Cody Nowlain, Jami Gass, LaShae Johnson, and Ben Griffin are the students competing in this event.

The Livestock Judging Team—T.C. Stipe, Shayla Gass, Kyle Pinkerton, Dan

Griffin, and Tyler Wallace—were 34th out of 100 teams entered.

Finally, five girls making up the Horse Judging Team took 29th place out of 67 teams represented.

Heather Crawford, Brandy Shafer, Amanda Boucher, Sunni Shipp, and Cassidy Rinehart competed in this group.

FFA students prepare each spring for these judging contests, putting in many classroom hours as well as after-school time.

The State Judging Competition takes place the last weekend in April at either College Station or Texas Tech, depending on the event.

Essay Contest Winner Qualifies for National Competition

By winning the state-wide Daughters of the American Revolution American History contest for sixth-graders in Texas, Rachel Wilson will soon have her essay judged at the national level.

Rachel, daughter of Carol and Tim Wilson of Gail, and a student in Mrs. Cindy Herridge's class at BJH, received her state award March 16 in Irving.

The essay contest was sponsored by the Col. Theunis Dey Chapter, DAR of Midland.

The State American History Committee selected Rachel's essay, and a national committee will now judge it.

The topic for this year's contest—"As editor of the Philadelphia Gazette, interview at least two signers of the Declaration of Independence and write an article for the July 5, 1776, edition"—gave Rachel the opportunity to write about John Adams and Thomas Jefferson.

Along with Rachel, sixth-graders Shelby Roberts and Kate Wallace also turned in essays.

Of not, First Lady Laura Bush is a member of the Midland Chapter of the DAR and sent her greetings to the State Convention where Rachel received her award. (see photo)

From the Counselor

Mary Airhart

REMINDER

TAAS will be given to grades 3 - 8 and ITBS will be given to grades K - 2 on Tuesday, April 16th, and Wednesday, April 17th. Eighth graders will also take Social Studies on Thursday, April 18th and take Science on Friday, April 19th. Most of the students will finish the

tests before lunch each day, but some teachers will schedule frequent breaks so that students will work on their tests into the afternoon. Please reschedule any dental or medical appointments that conflict with these state-mandated tests. These test dates are set by the State and there are no make-up dates.

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Coyotes Win 5th District Track

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and 13:06.9 respectively. These times were good enough for 4th and 5th places. John had to make a mad dash during the final 300-meters to get his 5th place finish, while Shane was the first of many Coyotes to advance as his 4th place finish did just that.

TJ Sharp and Raul Rodriguez got the field event portion of the track meet started off nicely for the Coyotes as TJ put the shot a personal best of 38'3" for third place, and Raul jumped a personal best 19'6-3/4" in the long jump for the bronze as well. Cade Peterson continued the trend of personal bests as he jumped 10'6", but his time it was good for the first Coyote gold medal. TJ Sharp and Kyle Pinkerton continued the Coyotes good fortune as they turned in one, two finish in the discus. TJ garnered his second medal with a throw of 131'10" as Kyle came up with a fine 110'11" throw. While the throwers were throwing, Jacob Zant was jumping. After a disappointing 3rd place finish, Jacob jumped a personal best 37'7-3/4" for 5th just 1/2 inch from advancing to Area.

When the running finals started, a gamble paid off, as the Coyotes held off a tough Ira Bulldog team to take a somewhat surprising victory in the 400-meter relay. Jacob, the gamble ran a superb 2nd leg to give the Coyotes a commanding lead that the Coyotes would not give up as Cody Nowlain brought the baton home to victory by 3 hundredths of a second. Rounding out this champion team was TJ and Raul.

Jacob and Adam Carter would go 1st and 3rd in the 110 High Hurdles as Adam ran a personal best 18.33 and Jacob ran a super 15.48 into the wind. These two would hook up in the same sports, but a much more exciting and incredible race during the 300 intermediate hurdles. Jacob's part was basically business as usual as he easily out-

distanced the field with a fine 42.8 time. Meanwhile, Adam took a different road to his bronze medal, as he fell over the 2nd hurdle and did a forward roll as he scraped up his body. But undaunted, Adam jumped to his feet and continued on. He quickly began picking off runners one at a time. As he concluded his journey, going from 8th to 3rd with a forward roll.

Cody Nowlain continued his impressive showing on the season, as he proved to be the fastest man in the meet as he won the 200 meter dash with a fine 24.04 time into a stiff wind.

With TC out, the Coyotes had to turn to John Wilson for some much needed help. John needed to score at least 1 point, meaning at least 6th place to allow the Coyotes with a sub for their best leg in the mile relay to only finish one place behind Sands in the event to give the Coyotes a district title. John ran the race of his life as he competed tremendously while dropping almost a full minute off his best 1600-meter time to not only score that much needed point for his beloved Coyotes and his teammates, but he finished fourth and advanced to the Area meet.

This set the stage for the final event, the 1600-meter relay. While this has been the Coyotes *Trade Mark* event the past few years, the early gamble took away the services of Jacob Zant and the injury took away TC Stipe. This meant that the big heart of Adam Carter would have to join Raul, Cody and Talin Pepper. With every runner turning in either a seasons best or a personal best the Coyotes were able to finish in third place. This may not seem great, but these young men were challenged to finish one spot behind the Sands Mustangs. This would secure a Team Championship, and they did jut that. What a super ending to an incredible day. Congratulations Coyotes on your district Championship.

Seniors:

TC Stips - 1st 800 - 1:58.84
Jacob Zant - 3rd High jump (5'8"); 5th Triple jump (37'7-3/4"); 1st 400-meter relay (46.20); 1st 110 HH (15.48); 1st 300 IH (42.8).

Cody Nowlain - Long jump (17'10"); Triple jump (scratch); 1st 400-meter relay (46.2); 1st 200-meter, dash (24.04); 3rd 1600-m relay (54.0)

Juniors:

Talin Pepper - 1600-meter Relay (58.43) 3:48.97

TJ Sharp - 3rd Shot Put (38'3"); 1st Discus (131'10"); 1st 400-meter relay (46.2); 4th 100-meter dash (12.3); 200-meter dash (25.4).

Raul Rodriguez - 3rd Long jump (19'6-3/4"); 1st 400-meter relay (46.2); 6th 100-meter dash (12.5); 3rd 1600-meter relay (57.9).

Sophomores:

Kyle Pinkerton - 7th Shot (36'4"); 2nd Discus (110'11")

Dusty Gwinn - Shot put; 7th Discus (99'11")

Shane Tarleton - 4th 3200-meter run (12:14.6); 6th 800-meter run (2:25.21).

Freshman:

Cade Peterson - 1st Pole Vault (10'6"); 100-meter dash (13.74).

Ben Griffin - 5th Pole vault (8'6"); 400-meter dash (63.0).

John Wilson - 5th 3200-meter run (13:06.9); 4th 1600-meter run (5:36.3)

Adam Carter - Long jump; 6th Pole vault (8'0); 3rd 110 HH (18.3); 3rd 300 IH (48.6); 3rd 1600-meter relay (58.58).

Total Points:

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Sands - 147

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Score 100 points to Grady's 100.5 Seven-member Girl's Track Team Bring Home Runner-up District Trophy

By Sue Jane Mayes

Track coaches are constantly doing quick math during a track meet, but when a team only has six running members and one field event person, it's not too tough, right?

Coach Bobby Avery watched his small team demonstrate a big heart by amassing 100 points in only two field events and a handful of running events.

Grady, defending champions in track, won the title by fielding a larger team and entering three people in most events.

Of the 17 events, BHS Lady Coyotes medaled in nine, qualified all seven team members in every event in which they participated, and lost out on the district title by just .5 of a point.

Senior Rika Copeland accomplished something that few do—won her fourth consecutive district titles in both the shot put and the discus.

Her toss of 36'6" in the shot and a throw of 93'1" in

the discus placed her in next week's area competition.

The girls' sprint relay team—Shayla Gass, Pati Rodriguez, Laura Stamper, and Emily Mayes—won gold with a 55.22 time.

In the 800m relay, the same group (Micah Hensley running for Laura Stamper), earned the silver medal with a 1:59.21.

Other medalist performances included Hensley (2nd in the 100m dash, 12.41), Rodriguez (4th in the 100m dash, 14.32), Cassidy Rinehart (3rd in the 400m dash, 67.60), Hensley (1st in the 300m hurdles, 51.68), Stamper (3rd in the 200m dash, 29.40), and Mayes (3rd in the long jump, 13' 10 three-quarters inches).

Scoring additional points and qualify for area with other placings was Rinehart (4th in the triple jump, 30'7-1/2").

Junior Sunni Shipp participated in the shot put as well as the discus for the Lady Coyotes.

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second in medalist competition.

For the boys' team, freshman Ben Griffin led with the way with an 88, followed closely by Shane Tarleton with an 89.

Completing the boys' team scores were Cody Nowlain (94), Talin Pepper (100), and Dan Griffin (112).

Junior Bobbie Kempf paced the girls' game with a 111,

and April Bouressa carded a 112.

Emily Mayes (123), Micah Hensley (134), and Jessica Ellison (138) will also compete as regional qualifiers on the Lady Coyote team.

Jacob Zant, Dalene Kempf, and Carolina Arellanos were other members of the Coyote and Lady Coyote golf teams.

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Texas Stories
A showcase of the Texas Spirit

Tumbleweed Smith
Part owner of Texas



Some Words about Spring time

Life seems to begin in the spring. The earth feels cleansed, blessed again, purged of winter's darkness. We witness the season of hope and renewal.

Spring is when you want to sit and watch a bug for about an hour. Or just stretch out and stare at your shoes. It makes you feel frisky like you're three years old and you've just finished taking a bath.

You pull out the ice cream freezer and begin to imagine how the fruits of summer will taste. You think about the old swimming hole.

No season offers more promise than springtime. And no place shows off its spring wardrobe any better than Texas. When it's springtime in Texas, fields of blue and red and yellow appear. The air is scented with wildflower perfume.

The early leaves on mesquite tree turn a shade of light green that artists find difficult to duplicate.

Lawns come back to life. The earth warms. They sky boils. The wind ceases its relentless howling and settles down to a gentle breeze.

Seeing Texas in the spring is like seeing New England in the fall. We experience the colors and our lives are enriched. Texas is the birthplace of spring. Flowers are arranged among cactus and rocks in natural bouquets.

Spring is a time of rededication. You have more faith in yourself and an increased awareness of opportunities. Perhaps you do have a chance to do something great.

The silence of the prairie is broken with the piercing sound of birds. Welcome to the spring, they seem to say. And they show off their colors, too. Mocking birds dart about, flashing their white tail feathers from the tops of juniper bushes. Cardinals and cedar waxwings provide a spectacular aerial display. A hawk catches a wind current and glides gracefully over the land. The perfect blue of an April sky is an exciting backdrop for watching things fly. The miracle of spring is amazing to observe. Even when the winters are mild we still anticipate spring. We want to hear the birds, to feel the sunshine, to experience life outside the house.

Spring makes you appreciate the sense of freedom that makes Texas famous. The skies open up and seem larger. Texas has more sky than most places, anyway. The sunsets are fabulous. Have they always been there? Or is it that we've been in the house so long we've forgotten to look westward at day's end?

The 24-hour celestial parade is an event not to be

missed in the spring. We awaken to a dawn dressed in sunrise pink. Later the golden sun illumines the clouds. By mid-afternoon they become active and bounce around and bump each other. At sundown the sky is streaked with reds and oranges. And darkness brings its own special magic. It's fun to go outside at night, lie on a pallet and look at the stars. If you're lucky, you'll see one fall. You might even see a satellite streaking across the heavens.

Spring makes you feel glad to be alive.

School Menu Week Of:

April 15th - 19th

MONDAY: Sausage Wrap, ranch style beans, potato salad, fruit & milk

Breakfast: Pancake pup, fruit juice & Milk.

TUESDAY: Fried chicken, potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, ice cream, & milk. **Breakfast:** Cereal, toast, fruit juice & milk.

WEDNESDAY: Lasagna, baby carrots, salad, garlic toast, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Eggs & Ham, fruit juice & milk.

THURSDAY: Meat & gravy, corn, potatoes, bread, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** French toast sticks, fruit, & milk.

FRIDAY: Bar-B-Que on a bun, tater tots, salad, cookies, & milk. **Breakfast:** Pancakes, fruit juice & milk.

Spring Forward, Fall Back

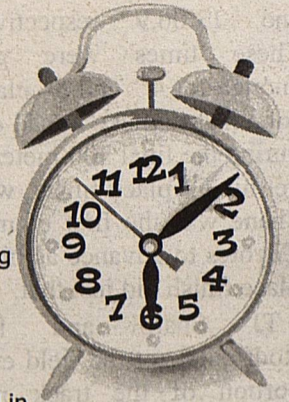
Last weekend, at 2 a.m. Sunday, Daylight Saving Time began and most Americans moved their clocks forward an hour.

The United States started observing Daylight Saving Time during World War I, mainly to save fuel by reducing the need to use artificial lighting. It was not observed nationally again until World War II.

The current system was standardized in 1986. Now, DST starts at 2 a.m. on the first Sunday in April and ends at 2 a.m. on the last Sunday in October.

Incidentally, by state law, Indiana, Arizona, and Hawaii are always on standard time and never Spring Forward or Fall Back.

Source: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us).



Keeping an Eye on Texas

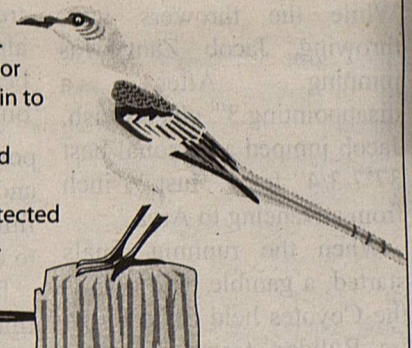
To hear a mockingbird

Although the state's official bird, the Northern, or Common Mockingbird, can be seen in the state year-round, its songs are more often heard in the Spring and early Summer.

The mockingbird has been the state bird of Texas since 1927. Its scientific name *Mimus polyglottos*, is translated as "many-tongued mimic" and highlights the mockingbird's amazing talent for mimicking the songs of more than three dozen bird species.

In *To Kill A Mockingbird*, author Harper Lee wrote that it is "a sin to kill a mockingbird."

According to Texas Parks and Wildlife, it is also against the law—mockingbirds are a protected songbird in the United States.



SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us) and <http://www.wildtexas.com/wildguides/mockingbird.htm>.

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