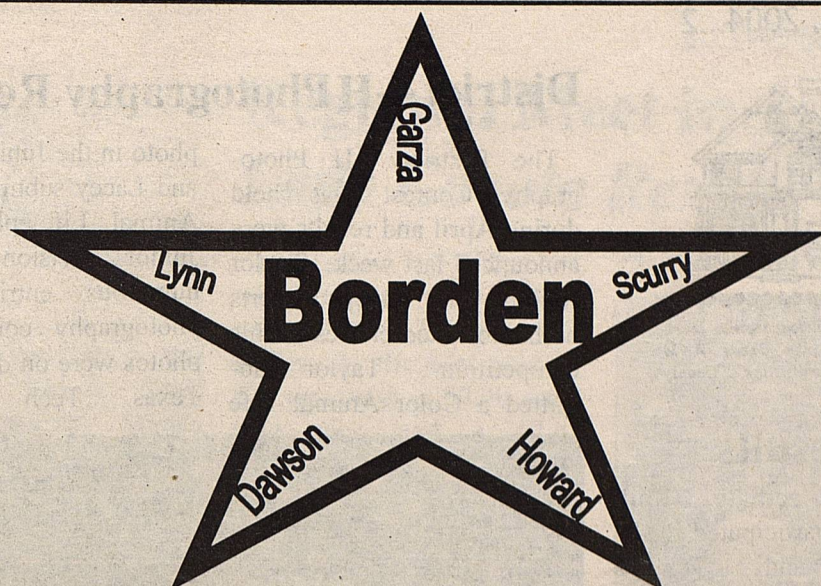


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## A Mother's Day Wish

By Texas First Lady Anita Perry

I hope every day, but especially this Mother's Day Weekend, Texans take a moment to thank the women who shaped their lives, whether they are mothers, grandmothers, aunts or friends that helped to guide them as they grew.

This weekend flowers, greeting cards and brunches will be given in special recognition of moms. As we take part in this tradition, I'd like to ask Texans to take a moment and also remember the moms for whom this day might not be quite as special.

For many mother in our state, the celebration of this day can be a painful reminder that their lives and possibly the lives of their children are clouded by domestic violence. Sadly, statewide research shows that 74 percent of Texans have been abused, or know of someone who has suffered abuse. More chilling is the fact that two Texas women every week are killed through acts of domestic violence. Many more are physically or emotionally abused.

Focus group after focus group shows that the first person survivors talk to about an abusive relationship is a family member or friend. However, many Texans, about 35 percent, who learn of a friend or family member's violent circumstances, do nothing, as they don't realize how they can

help or don't want to get involved. I have spoken to many sisters, mothers and daughters who said they just didn't recognize the signs of a loved one's abuse or paid too little attention until it was too late.

When a friend, family member or a co-worker we know needs outpatient surgery, we offer to drive them home from the hospital. When a family suffers a loss or illness, we bring food to their home. But all too often, when a friend or co-worker shows up with a bruise or acts unexplainably withdrawn, we don't want to interfere. Domestic violence is not just a private family matter. It is a crime with serious, dangerous repercussions for men, women, children and the entire community.

That's why our state will soon launch a second phase of an awareness campaign to change the situation this time focusing on friends, family and co-workers who are in a position to assist victims of domestic violence.

In 2002, with the aid of a \$2 million grant from the Office of the Attorney General, the Texas Council on Family Violence launched an unprecedented 16-month, bilingual public awareness campaign to give women trapped in violent relationships, many of whom are mothers, the information they

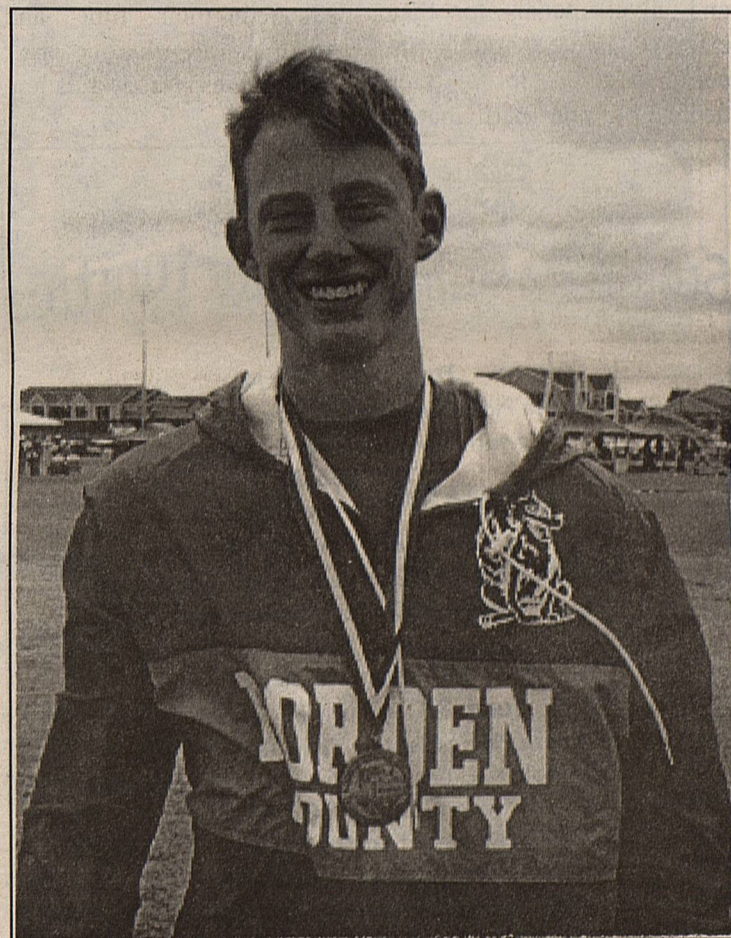
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## Sophomore Hurdler, Garrett Thomas is Austin Bound

By Trey Richey

Three Borden County Coyotes tracksters traveled to Abilene this weekend to compete in the Region II-A track meet. These three athletes all had different emotions following the track meet. One of these three Coyote athletes had his high school athletic career here at Borden County come to a close. That athlete was senior Kyle Pinkerton who completed a stellar career on Friday after he finished 8<sup>th</sup> place in the discus with a throw of 125'7 1/4". Kyle was able to qualify for the regional meet in spite of breaking his foot on March 19<sup>th</sup> of this track season.

Another Coyote athlete had his season come to an end, but with a bright future. This athlete was sophomore J. Ryan Gicklhorn who competed in the shot put, but failed to make the finals in this event. The final athlete to compete was able to extend his season two more weeks as he earned a trip to Austin and the state track meet. That particular athlete was fellow sophomore Garrett Thomas. Garrett completed his season in the 300 hurdles by finishing with a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish in a time of 41.55, but he did manage to set the record in this event during the course of the season. Garrett however, will continue to work on the 110 high hurdles as he set a



school record time of 14.68 to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the event and a date at the State Track meet on May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> in Austin, Texas. Garrett has had a tremendous track season and he hopes to cap the year by bringing home a medal at this meet.

Congratulations to all three of you young men who have had a very successful season but are heading in different

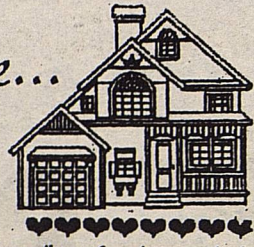
directions. Good luck to you Garrett in your continued quest for a state medal and improving on your school record times.

Garrett will compete in a state qualifiers meet in Abilene on Thursday. He will have one more shot at bettering his 300 intermediate hurdle record along with improving his 110 hurdles for the upcoming State meet.

Drive Safely – Watch Out for the Children

## Heart and home...

By Julie D. Smith  
Borden County Extension Agent  
Family and Consumer Sciences



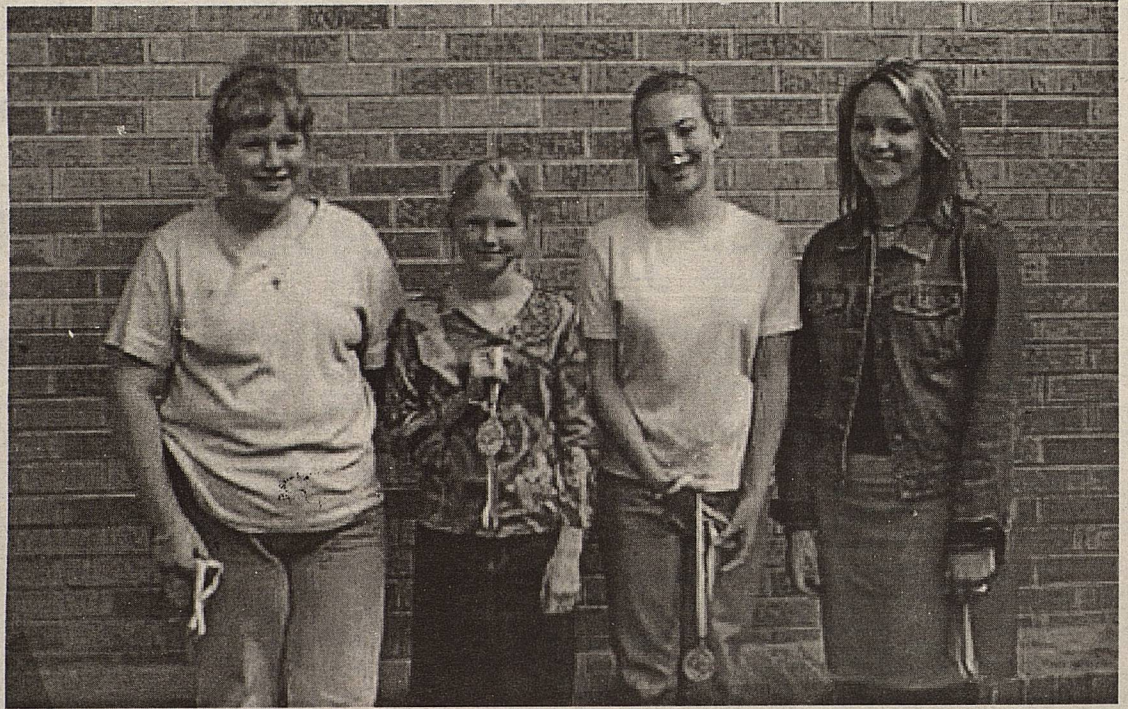
Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin, the Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

### District 4-H Roundup Results

District 4-H Roundup was held on Saturday, May 1 at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Four youth from Borden County participated in this event. Shylo Rinehart, Lacey Roberts and Raylea Underwood competed in the Family Life Educational Activity with their illustrated talk on *ABCs of Babysitting*. They received second place and silver medals for their efforts and should be commended for their dedication and participation in this 4-H activity. Kalli Poole also participated in the Clothing and Textiles Method Demonstration with her presentation *Mission Impossible: Closet Organization*. She received first place and has the opportunity to advance to State 4-H Roundup in College Station in June. We are proud that these youth dedicated their time and energy in developing their presentations, visual aids and practices.

### District 4-H Photography Results

The District 4-H Photography Contest was held during April and results were announced last week. Taylor Richey and Lacey Roberts both submitted entries in this competition. Taylor submitted a Color Animal Life photo in the Junior 1 division and Lacey submitted a Color Animal Life photo in the Junior 2 division. There were numerous entries in the photography contest. The photos were on display in the Texas Tech University Southwest Collection Library from April 26 through May 1, and a slide show of each photography entry was presented at the roundup assembly. We are proud of these young lady's efforts and participation!



4-H Members: (L. to R.) Raylea Underwood, Lacey Roberts, Shylo Rinehart and Kalli Poole.

## 4-H Summer Camp Opportunities

June 1-3, 2004

South Plains Leadership Camp (ages 10-12)

South Plains College - Levelland

Cost: \$93.00

Registration due May 15

June 23-25, 2004

North Region 4-H Teen Leader Lab (ages 13-18)

Texas 4-H Center - Brownwood

Cost: \$107

Registration due May 30

June 28 - July 2, 2004

South Plains Electric Camp (ages 13-19)

Scott Able 4-H Camp - Cloudcroft, New Mexico

Cost: \$87.00

Registration due May 23

July 18-21, 2004

Prime Time #1 (ages 12-13)

Texas 4-H Center - Brownwood

Cost: \$160

Registration first come, first serve

July 21-24, 2004

Prime Time #2 (ages 9-11)

Texas 4-H Center - Brownwood

Cost: \$160

Registration first come, first serve

July 26-31, 2004

SpecTra '04 (ages 14-18)

Texas 4-H Center - Brownwood

Cost: \$275

Registration first come, first serve

For more information, please contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336 as soon as possible. These camps tend to fill up quickly!

### A New Look At Tea And Health

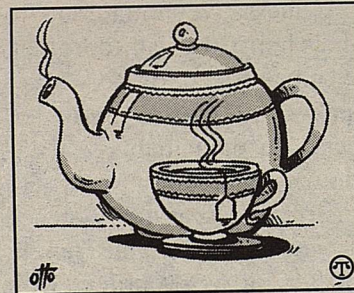
(NAPS)—Most people try to lead healthy lifestyles, but it can be hard work!

Between crazy work schedules, driving the kids to-and-from practice and saving for college, few people realistically have the leisure time or extra money to go to the mall three times a week or shop for groceries at specialty health food stores.

Yet, keeping the family healthy remains a huge priority and there are simple ways to achieve this goal. From preparing balanced, low-fat meals, to climbing stairs at the mall instead of riding the escalator, everyone has a few easy tricks that add an extra boost of wellness to the daily routine.

Here's another valuable tip: drink more tea. Not only is it calorie-free, great tasting and about half the caffeine as a cup of coffee, but one serving of Lipton black or green tea contains about 190 mg of flavonoid antioxidants—compounds that are believed to fight free radicals in your body.

That's more flavonoid antioxidant activity than certain fruits and vegetables! Though, be sure to eat those five servings of fruits and veggies each day, because tea is not



Tea is a simple way to be good to yourself.

a substitute for their nutrients. Additionally, scientists are eagerly investigating the relation-

ship between tea consumption and the reduction of disease risks, such as heart disease and stroke. And, though there isn't definitive evidence of this relationship just yet, researchers are encouraged by preliminary findings.

Of course, you always could eat three eggplants while chanting "ohm" as you contort into the Downward Dog yoga position, but that doesn't sound very simple.

To learn more information about tea and health, visit the Lipton Tea Web site at [www.LiptonT.com](http://www.LiptonT.com).

### PROJECT GRADUATION

Parents and friends of the 2004 Senior Class of Borden County High School are asking for donations for Project Graduation.

Project Graduation is a drug and alcohol free celebration.

Your gift would be greatly appreciated by our students and parents. Thank you for your help with this very worthwhile endeavor.

Class of 2004 Senior Parents

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## Lady Coyote Results Regional Qualifiers Meet Roscoe

Last week Christina Soto was inadvertently left out of the article for the Area Track Meet. Christina did qualify for Area in the Discus and she threw her personal best there, 81'7". Good Job Christina and sorry for the oversight.

Our Regional Qualifiers ran in Roscoe last Thursday for a practice meet before the Regional meet in Abilene.

The girls 800 m. relay ran the best time all year with a 52.98. We changed the order in a couple of legs and I think it has made a difference and the exchanges are starting to come around and look good

again too. Running in this order was Shayla Gass, Cassidy Rinehart, Menda James, and Emily Mayes.

Cassidy Rinehart finished fourth in the 200 m. dash with a time of 27.65.

Ashley James cleared 7'6" again in the pole vault.

Shayla Gass, Lindsey Stamper, and Emily Mayes ran the 100 m. dash for conditioning.

Here are there times in order mentioned: 13.70, 14.86, 14.24.

Menda James ran the 110 m. hurdles for conditioning and just to be able to do it one last time. Her time was 17.16.

## Lubbock Lake Landmark Extends Summer Operating Hours

LUBBOCK, TX – Beginning May 4<sup>th</sup>, Lubbock Lake Landmark, part of the Museum of Texas Tech University, is extending its summer operating hours to accommodate persons who would like to use the trails during off-peak hours. Through August 31<sup>st</sup>, the preserve will open Tuesday through Saturday mornings at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Sunday hours will be 1-8 p.m. the Landmark is closed on Mondays.

"Many of our visitors come out to walk the trails, and the cool early morning hours are the most comfortable time of the day to get some exercise," said sue Shore, education program manager. "Evening hours offer an alternative to individuals who work during the day."

The Landmark has four miles of hiking trails that snake through over 300 acres of the archaeological and

natural history preserve along Yellowhouse Draw. Pets are not allowed on the trails. Admission to the Lubbock Lake Landmark is free of charge. Please call (806)742-1116 or email [lubbock.lake@ttu.edu](mailto:lubbock.lake@ttu.edu) for additional information.

As one of the few known sites in North America to contain evidence of continuous human habitation spanning 11,500 years, the Lubbock Lake Landmark is a renowned archaeological and natural history preserve. The Lubbock Lake Landmark, a unit of the Museum of Texas Tech University is located at 2401 Landmark Drive on Lubbock's northwest edge (accessible via marked Loop 289 exits, or following signs at US 84 (Clovis Road) through Landmark Lane to Landmark Drive). Stay up-to-date . . . visit the Museum's website at <http://www.museum.ttu.edu> and select the Lubbock Landmark link.

## Regional Meet in Abilene Lady Coyote Results

The Ladies 4 X 100 meter relay finished tenth in the prelims on Friday. The Ladies ran the best time of the year with a 52.70 hand held time and a 52.81 automatic time. Running on this relay was Shayla Gass, Cassidy Rinehart, Menda James and Emily Mayes. Good Job Ladies and Good Season.

Ashley James competed in the Pole Vault on Friday evening clearing 7'0". Ashley has cleared 7'6" several times this year, which would have put her in the top 6 of the meet. Ashley is a junior and will have another year, maybe with better luck.

Cassidy Rinehart qualified for the finals Friday with a 26.95 automatic time and a 26.74 hand held time. Cassidy finished third in her heat on Friday and was sitting in 5<sup>th</sup> overall. Cassidy qualified to run in lane 2 for the finals on Saturday and ran a good race before tightening up toward the end in the cold

## Pepper Receives Prestigious Award

SILOAM SPRINGS, ARK – John Brown University senior Trent Pepper, son of Kelly and Lesa Pepper of Borden County, has been awarded the prestigious Benedict Fellowship from the Alpha Chi Honor Society.

Students across the nation receiving the fellowship award will have \$2,500 for the first year of graduate or professional study. Out of 76 nominees, only 10 were selected to receive the prestigious award.

Pepper will graduate Summa Cum Laude from John Brown University with a Bachelor of Arts in History and a minor in theological studies. Pepper plans on

weather. Cassidy finished

fifth with an automatic time of 27.59 and a hand held time of 27.19. Good Job Cassidy.



Headed to STATE! – BHS sophomore, Garrett Thomas makes his final hurdle and is now on his way to the State Meet in Austin.

## Menu Week Of:

May 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2004

**MONDAY:** Corn dog, Macaroni & Cheese, Salad, Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** Pancakes, Fruit Juice & Milk.

**TUESDAY:** Chicken Strips, Potatoes, corn, hot Rolls, Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** Biscuit & Gravy, Fruit Juice & Milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Meatballs, & Spaghetti, Salad, Green Beans, Bread Sticks, Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** Muffin, Fruit Juice & Milk

**THURSDAY:** Grill Cheese, Salad, Sliced Apply w/peanut butter, Cookies Fruit, Cookies & Milk. **Breakfast:** Pancake Pups, Fruit Juice, & Milk.

**FRIDAY:**

## NO SCHOOL

This will be the last Published Menu for the year.

attending Ave Marie School of Law in Ann Arbor, Mich. in the fall.

Alpha Chi has chapters at 300 institutions nationwide and in Puerto Rico. The society registers 11,000 new members each year selected from the top 10 percent of juniors and seniors in all academic fields.

John Brown University is a top-tier private university, ranked 11<sup>th</sup> by *U.S. News & World Report* in the Southern Region. JBU enrolls more than 1,800 students from 42 states and 42 countries. JBU is a member of Arkansas' Independent College and Universities and the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities.

## Texas Beef Producers Welcome Soldiers Returning from Iraq

Texas beef producers April 22<sup>nd</sup> greeted soldiers returning to the United States after a year of combat in Iraq with their thanks and a barbecue beef meal at festivities conducted at Fort Hood near Killeen, Texas.

More than 30,000 U.S. soldiers and their families enjoyed the meal served by more than 60 volunteers including current members of the Texas Beef Council board of directors, Texas chuck wagon caterers and TBC staff. The soldiers were member of the Fourth Infantry Division's Task Force Ironhorse whose distinguished year of service in Iraq included the capture

of Saddam Hussein in December.

"It was our privilege to serve some of the thousands of women and men who serve us in the Armed Forces," said Hungerford, Texas, beef producer Richard Forgason, DVM, TBC chairman. "This was small thanks for all that they do to keep the world free, and the beef checkoff program was honored just to be included in the homecoming."

TBC and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association joined forces with H.E.B. Grocery Co. to provide the beef meal. H.E.B., a 300-store supermarket chain headquartered in Texas, donated 7,500 pounds of pre-

cooked chopped beef.

Texas chuck wagon caterers Eddie Deen of Fort Worth, Tom Perini of Buffalo Gap and Cliff Teinert of Albany heated the product for serving. The returning soldiers consumed an average of 7,500 beef sandwiches per hour.

Producers serving the beef sandwiches to the servicemen and women included Forgason, Pete Bonds of Saginaw, Dan Dierschke of Austin, Reta Dyess of Jacksonville, John and Ginger Dudley of Comanche, Hope and Harlan Huffman of McGregor and Jim McAdams of Adkins.



**Texas Beef Produces Welcome Soldiers Returning from Iraq** – The Anselmo Daisley family, participating in homecoming ceremonies at Fort Hood April 22<sup>nd</sup>, enjoys the hospitality of Texas beef producers as they received beef sandwich lunches from Pete Bonds of Saginaw, far left, and Dan Dierschke of Austin, second from left. Daisley, a member of Co. C, 3-66 Armor, returned to the U.S. with other members of the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division after a year in Iraq as members of Taskforce Ironhorse. Taskforce soldiers captured Saddam Hussein in December 2003. TBC served 30,000 sandwiches to the returning soldiers and their families over four hours.

## Ranch Estate Planning Seminar Set

August 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004

"A properly drawn estate plan may save many ranch families over \$200,000 in estate taxes." This statement made by Wayne A. Hayenga, Texas Extension Economist and Attorney, assumes a lot of information: a married couple who "like each other" and want to care for each other, who have a ranch worth \$1 million or more, and want to pass it on to their children.

This is an eye opening fact for many ranchers. In fact, many people only worry about estate planning if they hear of a friend's "problem" in selling a ranch to pay estate taxes. "But," Hayenga continued, "for many families the estate tax savings are not as large as income tax savings if they have a properly prepared estate plan."

A seminar discussing these complicated tax topics will be held at College Station on August 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004, at the College Station Conference Center, Texas A&M

University, in conjunction with the Annual Beef Cattle Short Course.

The seminar is structured to help ranchers learn how to lower their tax burden and ease administrative burdens that affect passing their estates to their loved ones. In addition to discussing estate planning systems, tax savings possibilities will be discussed using corporations, partnerships and trusts when family members are involved in the business.

Making gifts to avoid estate taxes will be discussed also. "There are three problems with making gifts – the first is dying poor; the second is the adverse income tax consequences the gift can cause the recipient; the third is when somebody other than your intended beneficiary ultimately gets the gifted property."

Two problems that affect family operations – planning for inflation and growth needs of the business will be discussed. Another topic,

how to be fair among all children when one child is interested in the ranch and others are not, will be addressed.

The speaker, Wayne A. Hayenga, is a Professor and Extension Specialist with Texas Cooperative Extension. An agricultural economist and attorney, Dr. Hayenga works extensively with farmers, ranchers and family-owned firms in financial, business and estate tax planning. He is a member of the Texas and American Bar Associations and the American Agricultural Law Association. He is active in the Agricultural Law Committee of the State Bar of Texas.

Dr. Hayenga is an excellent communicator. He delivers a top-notch educational program, emphasizing key points with an entertaining style, illustrating estate and income tax law provisions with practical examples that make

learning a pleasure. His teaching makes full use of his broad background and practical experience as a farmer, lender and lawyer.

The registration fee is \$100.00 (which includes

seminar materials, lunches and refreshments). Registration information is available by contacting Sharon Wehring at 979/845-2226 or e-mail at:

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## Fifty Years of Dancing At The Stampede

Hoyle Nix loved western stuff. He was a cowboy at heart. In May of 1954, when he opened his dance hall in Big Spring, he decided to call it *The Stampede*. It became a monument to Saturday night dances.

Hoyle was a legendary western musician. He was a fiddle player and had a band that played for weekly dances in Brownfield, San Angelo, Sweetwater, Abilene and Big Spring. Hoyle's song, *Big Balls In Cowtown*, was played on radio stations across the nation and has since been recorded by George Strait and Asleep at the Wheel. Hoyle's death in 1985 was mentioned on NBC's Nightly News.

Hoyle's son, Jody, who owns *The Stampede* now, and has a successful musical career of his own, was two years old when the dance hall opened.

"I was there, but I don't remember much," says Jody. "It opened on May 8, 1954. Eleven hundred people paid to get in. I think the cover charge was a dollar or a dollar and a half."

When it opened, there were no tables, just benches around the wall. People came there to dance. There was a red line painted on the floor. If they weren't dancing, they had to stand behind the red line. The tables were added in 1957 or 58. That cut down on the size of the dance floor, but people could have a place to sit. There has never been any alcohol sold at *The Stampede*. Jody says it's always been a family place.

In the beginning, men couldn't wear their hats on the dance floor and their shirt tails had to be tucked in. Any man violating this rule was approached by the floor bouncer, usually an off-duty deputy sheriff.

The old dance floor has a few wobbles and warped spots in it now. Every once in a while Jody has to get a hammer and knock a few nails down. But there's been many a boot sole scooted across that floor in fifty years.

*The Stampede* has had birthday parties, wedding receptions and homecoming dances. When it was built, the walls were not finished. Hoyle just left it that way and it's like that now.

"*The Stampede* is not a fancy place," says Jody. "It

was built to dance in. It wasn't built for looks."

Thousands of people have learned how to dance the Cotton-Eyed Joe, the Texas Two-Step, Put Your Little Foot, Waltzes, Schottisches, the Paul Jones and all kinds of western dances at *The Stampede*. Jody says a million people have danced there.

Some well known musicians have played at the *Stampede*. Bob Wills was there 4 or 5 times a year until he had his stroke in the late sixties. But people went there mostly to hear *Hoyle Nix and His West Texas Cowboys*, which were known all over the state.

Since 1996, Jody has put together an occasional reunion of some of the original members of Hoyle's band. When that happens, the place is packed with people of all ages. Last November's reunion was a sellout. *Jody Nix and his Texas Cowboys* played until 1:30 a.m. and didn't want to stop then. Jody is planning a big 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at *The Stampede* May 15<sup>th</sup>.

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## Borden County ISD Spring Concert Tuesday, May 11, 2004

On Tuesday evening, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004, the Borden County ISD will present its Spring Concert beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium under the direction of Mr. Philip Marshall.

Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will be singing the musical *Circus Circus*, written and arranged by John Jacobsor and John Higgins.

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will play several selections on both the recorder and xylophone arranged by Sandy Feldstein.

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade band will play several pieces by themselves as well as two pieces with the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band.

The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band will play alone and with the High School Band.

The High School Band will close the program with the pieces they plan to play at the Directors Choice Musical Festival held at Richardson High School in Dallas on Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004

## Mother's Day

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need to seek and obtain help.

"Break the Silence, Make the Call" resulted in a 69 percent increase in English-language calls to the National Domestic Violence Hotline and a staggering 92 percent in Spanish-language calls in its inaugural month. For many women, placing that first call to the National Domestic Violence Hotline was an incredibly important first step in seeking and receiving life-changing assistance for themselves and their

family.

In the coming weeks, you'll see and hear new public service announcements, imploring all Texans to get involved by breaking their silence, making the call to 1-800-799-SAFE or TTY 1-800-787-3224, when a loved one or friend is in need.

This Mother's Day, take time to honor mothers - and honor all Texas women by raising our consciousness to help all mothers celebrate this day as they should: in a home filled not by fear, but love.

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## Reaching for the Stars... And the Dollars

Sen. Hutchinson Weekly  
Column

Pick up any paperback mystery on today's bestseller list and the pages will come alive with stories of cyber crime, toxic chemical weapons or feats of genetic and biological wizardry. The setting for many of today's most popular television shows are crime labs, science halls and emergency rooms. But America's fascination with science, medicine and technology is not merely fictional - our leadership in new and emerging fields is very real. And Texas is leading the way.

After joining the Senate Appropriations Committee in 1997, I realized that Texas fell drastically behind in federal research and development dollars. I launched a campaign to elevate the profile of Texas institutions and boost their share of federal funding. Branches of the federal government, from the Defense and Energy departments to the National Institutes of Health, rely on the academic world to conduct research projects on their behalf. Nearly 60 percent of all funding for academic research comes from the federal government. Texas needed to get a larger slice of the pie.

For the past five years, I have convened annual higher education summits in Washington D.C. to bring together Texas' academic leaders and senior Administration officials to help build new research partnerships. I'm pleased to report that our hard work is paying off. According to a newly released study, federal research funding for Texas colleges and universities has increased dramatically in recent years. RAND Corporation announced that Texas higher education institutions took in \$1.26 billion in federal research money in fiscal year 2002, up more than \$100 million from the

previous year. This survey shows that through greater collaboration and our annual summits we are transforming Texas into a science powerhouse. I've always known our schools perform groundbreaking work. Now federal decision makers are recognizing Texas' excellence as well.

These dollars are important for attracting top scientists, professors and students to Texas, as well as expanding our horizons and building a broader base of knowledge. These research dollars have an important economic development impact on our state. For every \$1 invested, Texas gets a \$5 economic boost, fostering commerce and creating new jobs.

The vast and varied research projects being conducted around the state run the gamut from wind energy research to finding a cure for cancer. And their discoveries impact us all, from the big city to the small rural town. Let me share a few examples with you. I recently announced an important partnership between the University of Texas System and Sandia National Labs, our nation's leading nuclear weapons laboratory. Sandia's strength in biotechnology, engineering and Microsystems research will be complemented by the brilliant and innovative minds in the UT System. This partnership will enable Texas students and professors to take part in important research efforts that contribute to the defense of our homeland.

Texas Tech University is cultivating a center of excellence at its Institute for Forensic Sciences. The major focus of the Institute is to assist those combating terrorism attacks through forensic methods, clearly an important priority as we face terrorism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Texas A&M continues to stand out with its agricultural leadership shown through its Vegetable and Fruit Important Center. At the Center, researchers and students alike are working to create healthier fruits and vegetables infused with vitamins and proteins.

The Houston scientific community has recently formed the NanoHealth Alliance that includes the University of Houston, Rice University, MD Anderson and the UT Health Science Center among others. The Alliance provides unique national resources of material

science, biotechnology and medicine, and will study how the emerging field of nanotechnology, a science measured in billionths of a meter, can impact the medicines we take.

As you can see, the work being done all around the state is more exciting than any work of fiction. Our schools are contributing to the safety, health and well being of not just Americans,

but people the world over.

In January, I helped launch The Academy of Medicine, Engineering and Science of Texas, bringing together our state's premier research academics to forge new alliances. Together our universities and local and federal leaders will continue to partner toward our goal of making Texas a state of science.



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### PRE-KINDERGARTEN NOTIFICATION FOR THE 2004-2005 SCHOOL YEAR

Borden County School will offer the pre-kindergarten program during the 2004-2005 school year. The program will be for eligible students who are four years of age on or before September 1, 2004. Students can qualify for the program by meeting at least one of the following requirements:

1. Be economically disadvantaged
2. Be Limited English Proficient (LEP)
3. Be homeless

If you know of a child who qualified for the program, notify Mr. Chet Dye, Principal, Borden County Schools, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, or call (806)756-4313 to request a registration form. Complete and return the form by May 31, 2004.

#### DISCLAIMER

Borden County Elementary School will offer this program only if fifteen (15) or more students qualify.

### ESL PROGRAM NOTIFICATION

Borden County Elementary School will offer an ESL program for LEP (Limited English Proficient) students during the summer of 2004. The program will be scheduled for a minimum of 120 hours and will conclude prior to August 1, 2004. The program is designed for students who will enter Kindergarten for First Grade in the fall of 2004-2005. Parents of eligible children will be responsible for transportation.

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#### DISCLAIMER

Borden County elementary School will offer this program only if ten (10) or more students qualify.

### LA NOTIFICACION DE PRE-KINDERGARTEN PARA EL AÑO ESCOLAR 2004-2005

La Escuela de Borden ofrecera el programa del pre-kindergarten durante el año escolar 2004-2005. El programa estara para los estudiantes elegibles que tienen cuatro años en o antes de 1 de septiembre, 2004. Los estudiantes pueden calificar por el programa resolviendo por lo menos uno de los requisitos siguientes:

1. Sea económicamente perjudicado
2. Este limitado experto inglés (LEP)
3. Sea destituido

Si usted conoce de un niño que califique por el programa, notifica a Chet Dye, director, Borden County Schools, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, o llame 806/756-4313 para solicitar una forma de registro. Complete y regresa la forma antes del 31 de mayo, 2004.

#### LA DENEGACION

La Escuela de Borden ofrecera este programa solamente si quince (15) o más estudiantes califican.

### ESL PROGRAM NOTIFICACION

La Escuela de Borden ofrecera un programa de ESL para los estudiantes del LEP (Experto Inglés Limitado) durante el verano de 2004. El programa estara programado por un mínimo de 120 horas y concluire antes del 1 de agosto, 2004. El programa esta diseñado para los estudiantes que entraran kindergarten o el primer grado en el otoño de 2004-2005. Los padres de niños elegibles serán responsables del transporte.

Si usted conoce de un niño que califique por el programa, notifica a Chet Dye, director, Borden County Schools, P.O. Box 95, Gail, TX 79738, a llame 806/756-4313 para solicitar una forma de registro. Complete y regresa la forma antes del 31 de mayo, 2004.

#### LA DENEGACION

La Escuela de Borden ofrecera este programa solamente si diez (10) o más estudiantes califican.

## New Safety Campaign Calls on Pickup Drivers and Passengers to "Buckle Up in Your Truck"

Many of today's pickup drivers in this part of the country were driving pickups long before the cargo vehicles hit the level of popularity that they enjoy today. Light trucks, including pickups and SUVs, now outsell passenger cars.

But one statistic that isn't charging with the growth trend is pickup truck drivers' failure to use safety belts. That is an alarming fact to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) officials because pickups, with their high-profile designs, are two times more likely to rollover than cars in fatal crashes.

Research indicates that safety belts are up to 60 percent effective in preventing death of buckled up occupants in pickup crashes. It also shows that safety belt use reduces the risk of dying in pickup rollover crashes by 70 percent or more.

That is why NHTSA and their stats partners are launching a region-wide "Buckle Up In Your Truck" safety belt educational campaign in a five-state area of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and the Indian nations, in early May 2004.

There are over six million registered pickup trucks in the region. Observation surveys in the five states reveal that roughly 1.5 million of the region's pickup truck drivers are not wearing their safety belts, leading to many unnecessary deaths. In 2002, 1,348 pickup drivers and passengers in the region died in truck crashes.

"It's agonizing to think that so many pickup drivers ignore safety belt laws at the expense of their own well-being," said Georgia S. Chakiris, NHTSA Administrator for Region VI. "But the

fact is wearing a safety belt dramatically increases your odds of surviving a crash, particularly in the case of a rollover."

Crash data also shows that around as percent of pickup truck drivers in fatal crashes in Region VI were men. More than half of those who died were only 15 to 30 years old.

"Because many pickup drivers are young, they often don't stop to think what their life means to so many. Not wearing a safety belt often means that a boyfriend, son, father or husband isn't going to be coming home after a crash. That's a pretty high price to pay for not taking a few seconds to buckle up," Chakiris said.

The "Buckle Up In Your Truck" campaign include television, radio and other educational messages to reach out to pickup drivers in the five-state area.

The 30-second television commercial features dramatic, slow-motion footage of a pickup truck rolling over. The audio that accompanies it is a voice reciting the groom's traditional marriage vows, beginning with "To have and to hold." The spot ends with the truck rolling out of the frame as the man recites, "till death do us part."

Two television public service announcements will be released this summer, each featuring a nationally recognized outdoorsman with a know reputation for driving pickup trucks for work and leisure; Bill Dance, host of TV's "Bill Dance Outdoors" fishing program, and Jackie Bushman, host of the "Buckmasters" hunting show. Both men have volunteered their time and services to help spread the work about "Buckle Up In Your Truck."

The challenge for the educational effort, as well as the reason for it, is that focus group surveys have indicated that a high number of male pickup drivers in the region aren't impressed with statistical information about protection offered by safety belts. However, many in the groups have expressed concerns about how their deaths or disabling injuries

could affect their families and friends.

Others say they feel safer because they view their trucks as being bigger and stronger than other vehicles because they sit up higher on the road. Many knew of the risk of rolling over a pickup, but they were unaware of the high degree of protection that safety belts provided in a rollover crash.

"We expect this educational campaign to convince more pickup drivers to buckle up on their own," Chakiris said.

"But we also feel our message will get loved ones to take a more active role in reminding their favorite pickup drivers that bucking up isn't just for their own good, it's for everybody's."

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## Cooking Corner Tips To Help You

Savor The Flavors Of Rich Foods, Without All The Calories

(NAPS)—Any time of year is a good time to start a weight-loss plan—and shedding the pounds is a lot easier if you don't have to drop all your favorite foods as well.

Fortunately, "lite" and "no sugar added" versions of various kitchen staples can help make it easier to create healthier versions of delicious dishes. The following recipes, from the kitchen at Knouse Foods, take advantage of real fruit flavors, but have less sugar, fat and calories than traditional recipes.

For more delicious recipes, visit Knouse Foods at [www.Knouse.com](http://www.Knouse.com).

### Apple Graham Cracker Dessert

- 1 can (20 oz.) LUCKY LEAF Lite "No Sugar Added" Apple Pie Filling
- 1 tsp. apple pie spice
- 2 Tbsp. reduced-calorie margarine
- 2/3 cup Splenda
- 2 eggs or equivalent in egg substitute
- 1 1/2 cups purchased graham cracker crumbs
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup fat-free milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 cup reduced-calorie whipped topping
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350°. Spray a 9x9-inch cake pan with butter-flavored cooking spray. In a medium bowl, combine pie filling with apple pie spice. Set aside. In a large bowl, combine margarine and Splenda. Stir in eggs. Add graham cracker crumbs, baking powder, salt, milk and vanilla extract. Mix well to combine. Spread half of mixture into prepared cake pan. Spread half of pie filling mixture over top. Spread remaining batter carefully over apples and arrange remaining apple pie



Delicious, fruity dishes can be whipped up without a lot of sugar, fat or calories.

filling over top. Bake for 45 to 50 minutes. Place cake pan on a wire rack and let set for at least 10 minutes. Divide into 8 servings. When serving, top with 2 Tbsp. whipped topping and chopped walnuts.

Per serving: 204 Calories, 8g Fat, 4g Protein, 29g Carbohydrate, 500mg Sodium, 122mg Calcium, 2g Fiber.

**Strawberry Swirl Cheesecake**  
Any MUSSELMAN'S Lite Fruit 'N Sauce flavor can be used

- Crust:**
- 1/2 cup almonds, crushed
  - 60 reduced-fat chocolate wafers, crushed
  - 2 Tbsp. margarine or yogurt spread, melted
  - 12 oz. MUSSELMAN'S Strawberry Lite Fruit 'N Sauce
  - 1 Tbsp. cornstarch

- Filling:**
- 24 oz. (3 packages) fat-free cream cheese
  - 3 eggs
  - 3/4 cup Splenda
  - 1 Tbsp. vanilla
  - 1 cup reduced-fat sour cream
  - 2 Tbsp. cornstarch
  - 4 oz. MUSSELMAN'S Strawberry Lite Fruit 'N Sauce

Preheat oven to 350°. Mix

crushed almonds and chocolate wafers, pour in melted margarine. Grease 9-inch springform cheesecake pan, line bottom with parchment paper. Press wafer mixture into bottom of pan, bake 10 minutes. Mix Fruit 'N Sauce with cornstarch, pour into crust, return to oven and bake 15 minutes. Let cool.

For filling, mix cream cheese until smooth, then add eggs, Splenda, vanilla, sour cream, cornstarch and mix another 3 minutes. To create swirl, take 1/4 cup of filling, place in a bowl and whisk in 4 oz. Fruit 'N Sauce.

Pour filling in baked crust. Drizzle swirl mixture clockwise one teaspoon at a time; with a knife, superficially make swirls on top of the cheesecake. Cover with aluminum foil and bake 1 hr. 15 minutes or until center is firm. Remove from oven, let cool before removing rim of springform pan. Refrigerate a minimum of 4 hours.

Per serving: 39 Calories, 8g Fat, 2g Protein, 3g Carbohydrate, 45mg Cholesterol, 14mg Sodium.

**Lite Raspberry Dressing**  
Can be used over salad, vegetables, fish or chicken

- 4 oz. MUSSELMAN'S Raspberry Fruit 'N Sauce
- 1/4 cup canola oil
- 1/4 tsp. Italian seasoning
- 1 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 1/2 cup vinegar
- Salt and pepper to taste

In a blender, mix Fruit 'N Sauce, canola oil, Italian seasoning and salt and pepper, for 1 minute. Add lemon juice and vinegar, mix for 1 minute. Adjust salt and pepper to taste.

Per serving: 61 Calories, 7g Fat, 0g Protein, 0g Carbohydrate, 0mg Cholesterol, 0mg Sodium.

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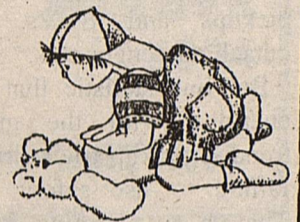
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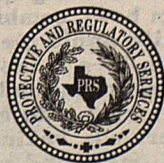
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