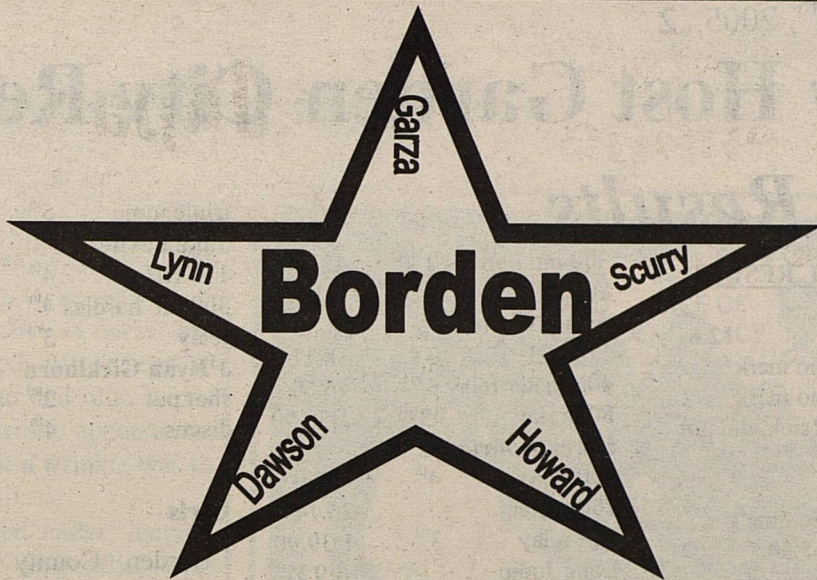


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Wallace represented VFW as a *Voice of Democracy* essay finalist

Tyler Wallace represented VFW Post 6797 & Auxiliary of Post Texas in District 7 as a *Voice of Democracy* essay finalist. The seventeen finalists were hosted to a memorable weekend which included a Texas State Capitol tour, meeting with Governor Rick Perry, and a tour of the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum. The students were also treated as honorees at the Awards Banquet where they were given a standing ovation upon introduction to the audience of VFW members and families. The weekend concluded with Sunday's Memorial Service that was a moving reminder of the heroic price paid for our great freedoms by dedicated individuals.

The following Sunday, Feb. 5th, Tyler and his family traveled to Muleshoe where Tyler presented his essay to the District 7 members.

Each *Voice of Democracy* finalist was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

The VFW is an all volunteer organization made up of men and women who qualify for membership. Members must be a citizen of the United States, be of good standing in the community, have been honorably discharged from or are



Borden County senior, Tyler Wallace pictured with Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Ratliff. Mr. Ratliff is Commander of Post 6797 and District 7, which sponsored Tyler. Mrs. Ratliff serves as President of the District 7 Auxiliary. District 7 also awarded Tyler a \$500 Savings Bond.

currently a member of the armed forces of the United States. Military service must include being deployed in a particular theater of operations recognized as military service that qualifies for membership or must have been awarded a recognized campaign medal as set forth in the V.F.W. Chapter and/or By-Laws.

Tyler had the opportunity to meet many men and women who have served their

country well and continue to volunteer time to their community. All of the events, scholarships and activities are the results of people who continue to serve.

Froman represents Borden Co. in Spelling Bee

Katherine Froman, represented Borden County School well in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal Spelling Bee held in Lubbock on Saturday, March 5th. She placed 11th in a field of 31 spellers. Katherine is an eighth grader and is the daughter of Ken and Layne Froman of Gail. Good Job, Katherine.



We Need To Tackle the Social Security Challenge Now

By U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

America's Social Security system is headed for trouble, two trains rumbling toward a collision. One train rumbles on tracks laid down by financial promises made when this New Deal-era program was established.

The second travels on a path set by long-term demographic trends. To avoid the wreck, we need to change the courses of the trains, and the time to do it is long before the conductors on these trains can see each other.

Without significant changes, the question is not whether this accident will happen, but when. The demographic trends pushing us toward disaster are simple: birthrates are going down while people are living longer. This was not a problem in 1935 when

Spring Break

March 14th - 18th

Early Dismissal

Friday, March 11th - 12:30

Classes will resume on Monday, March 21st.



Borden County Host Garden City Relays

Borden County Results

The Borden County High School track team stayed at home to host the Garden City Relays this week. Borden County hosted the Garden City Relays because of their girls being in the playoffs. The High School Coyotes finished runner-up in this track meet scoring 104 points to finish 12 points behind the O'Donnell Eagles. The coyotes were a little short handed as they had two athletes get sick and had two other athletes unable to compete.

The High School girls scored 37-1/2 points in the meet. While the Missy Coyotes placed third in the meet scoring 103 points. The Coyote Pups results will be in next weeks paper.

HIGH SCHOOL RESULT

Trey Soto	100	12.81
	shot put	no mark
	discus	no mark
Logan Howard (sick, did not compete)		
Quentin Shafer	1600 meters	no time
	400 meters	65.94
	long jump	no mark
	pole vault	no height
Miller Valentine	800 meters	no time
	1600 meters	no time
	high jump	no height
	pole vault	no height
Dore Rodriquez	shot put	no mark
	discus	no mark
Pasqual Espinoza	400 meter run	69.81
	800 meters	no time
Varsity Division		
Garrett Thomas	110 HH	1 st 15.33

300 int. hurdles	1 st	42.65
800 relay	3 rd	1:39.90
Adam Carter		
110 HH	3 rd	18.11
400 meter relay	3 rd	46.60
800 relay	3 rd	1:39.90
Derek Rodriquez		
400 relay	4 th	46.60
200 meters		26.14
800 relay	3 rd	1:39.90
Long Jump		16'9 3/4"
Aaron Pigford		
400 meter relay	4 th	46.60
800 relay	3 rd	1:39.90
High Jump	1 st	5'8"
Long Jump	4 th	17'1"
Chase Pinkerton		
100 meters		12.80
shot put	3 rd	40'4"
discus	5 th	109'
Bradley Tatum (did not compete injured)		
Andrew Lamming		
3200	2 nd	12:20.37
triple jump	30'4 1/2"	high
jump	4 th	5'2"
Austin Tarleton (got sick)		
long jump	5 th	16'11 3/4"

triple jump	5 th	36'0"
Jake Payne		
110 HH	4 th	18.2
300 int. hurdles	4 th	47.3800
relay	3 rd	1:39.90
J'Ryan Gickhorn		
shot put	2 nd	40'8"
discus	4 th	109'9"

Jr. High Girls

The Girls won the 400 m. dash with a time of 58.95. Running on this relay was D'Nae Johnson, Olivia Key, Krystal Hobson and Rachael Payne.

The Borden Girls also won the 800 m. relay with a time of 2:06.28. Running on this relay was Marla Crenshaw, D'Nae Johnson, Krystal Hobson and Rachael Payne.

The Borden Girls also placed second in the 1600 m. relay. Running on this relay was Rachael Payne, Krystal Hobson, Marla Crenshaw and Olivia Key.

Krystal Hobson threw the disc 64'5" and won second place. Krystal also threw the shot 23'11 1/2" and finished 4th.

Marla Crenshaw threw the disc 54'3" and was 6th place. Marla also placed 4th in the 1600 m. run with time of 7:07.20.

Rachael Payne was third in the triple jump leaping 26'10". Rachael also place second in the long jump clearing 12'8 1/2".

Olivia Key was 5th in the triple jump with a leap of 34'6 1/2". Olivia also won the 1600 m. run in 6:44.56.

D'Nae Johnson finished 4th in the 100 m. dash with a time of 14.98.

Girls

Borden County was the host of the Garden City track meet on Saturday February 26th because the Bearkats were still in the basketball playoffs that week. Our High school girls score 37 1/2 points in the meet. Here is how they fared.

Christina Soto was 4th in the shot putting it 25'7 1/4". Christina also placed 4th in the disc with a distance of 77'8".

Dannelle Copeland tied for 6th place in the shot with a put of 25'6 3/4". Dannelle also place 6th in the disc tossing it 62'6".

Sarah Harding placed 6th in the 800 m. run with a time of 3:10.01.

Lacey Newton won a third place medal in the 400 m. dash with time of 72.94.

Cassidy Rinehart won the gold in the 100 m. dash with a time of 13.69. She also won the 200 m. dash with a time of 29.46.

result for were not run because of the weather conditions.

Junior Varsity Division

Trey Soto	100	4 th	12.88
	200	3 rd	26.40
	800 relay		
	shot put		
	discus		
Logan Howard	3200m	6 th	13:03.65
	1600		
	1600 relay		
	pole vault		
Others entered in this division but did not get to compete,			
Quentin Shafer	800 meter		
	800 relay		
	1600 relay		
	long jump		
	pole vault		
Miller Valentine			

800 meters	
800 relay	
1600 relay	
high jump	
pole vault	
Dore Rodriquez	
shot put	
discus	
Pasqual Espinoza	66.65
400 m. run	
800 relay	
1600 relay	

Varsity Division

Garrett Thomas	110 HH	1 st	15.04
	300 IH	2 nd	41.22
	800 relay		
Adam Carter	110HH	8 th	17.9
	400 m relay	3 rd	46.60
	800 relay		
Derek Rodriquez	400 relay	3 rd	46.60

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Junior High and High School Tracksters Travel to O'Donnell for Eagle Relays

The Borden County Jr. High Track team and High School track teams traveled to O'Donnell this week. The High School meet was cut short because of the weather, as several of the coyotes were unable to perform their respective events during the meet.

During the Junior high meet, the highlight of the day had to be the gold medal garnered by 8th grader Jake Cooley, who wowed the crowd with an electrifying 400 meter dash as he easily outdistanced the field by running a very impressive 59.15. Other top finishers for the meet were 8th grader Cory Teel with a 4th place throw in the discus of 92'. The Cooley Brothers both impressed in the high jump, as younger brother Michael cleared 5'0" to finish 4th

place. Jake finished 5th with a leap of 4'10". The other point scored by the pups was a 6th place finish by Jake in the 2400 meters.

Below are the results of the Jr. High and the partial results of the High School track meet in O'Donnell.

Jake Cooley	2400 m	6 th	9:27.58
	400m	1 st	59.15
	1600 relay	7 th	4:46.96
	high jump	5 th	4'10"
Michael Cooley	long jump		15'1"
	high jump	4 th	5'0"
	1600 relay	7 th	4:46.96
	100m	7 th	14.71
	400 relay		57.91
Tyrell Massingill	400 relay		57.91
	1600m	7 th	6:08.42
	long jump		12'0"
Corey Teel	shot put	no mark	
	discus	no mark	
Clay Harding			

shot put	no mark
discus	no mark
100m	17.20
400m	89.96
Carlos Hernandez	
shot put	no mark
discus	no mark
Flynn Chapman	
400 relay	57.91
shot put	no mark
200m	30.53
1600 relay	4:46.96
Karl Lamming	
400 relay	57.91
triple jump	28'10"
long jump	13'1"
1600 relay	4:46.96
300 h	63.55
Brendan Tarleton	
2400m	10:38.09
1600m	7:04.35
200m	35.08
high jump	no heigh
triple jump	24'
Eric Espinoza	
400m	72.03
200m	33.43

*The events that do not have a

Voice of Democracy essay

The following is Tyler's *Voice of Democracy* essay:

Clad in glistening blue, the column marched up the street to the tune of "When Johnny Comes Marching Home." The air smelled of gunpowder and boot polish. The sounds of planes overhead muffled the methodical click of heels, and the rhythmic creak of leather against wood. At the head of the column, the colors sparkled red white and blue into a sky that seemed to escalate the flag's patriotic appearance. The legs appeared to move as one, and not a wrinkle was to be seen on the freshly starched sleeves.

Backs were rigid and arms were tucked under, leaving only the gun barrels protruding out of what other wise would have seemed a perfect square. Even the scabbards of the offices seemed to dangle from their belts in systematic harmony.

Oh, how these fearless young fighters did contrast to the entourage who walked along behind at a seemingly slower pace. Less synchronized, and less coordinated, this group of men had a more circular appearance. Not to say they did not show discipline, because discipline had been the moral fiber of what their life had been based on. There were only nine of them. Last year there had been eleven.

They proudly bore with them a banner. Less angry than the flags at the head of the first column, it was carried on each edge by two of the aged men. It gave the modest name of a company and at the bottom read: Veterans of Foreign Wars.

These men carried with them a different kind of pride. They carried the pride of experience, for these men had many stories to tell. They had seen humanity at its lowest point and had found there was hope. They had made friendships that nobody in the cheering, admiring crowd could even comprehend. And they had valiantly persevered above all odds.

And this was to be their day of acknowledgement. One day to remember the eternity they had spent across the seas. One day to remember the endless nights spent in a hole dug into the ground. And, one day to remember the hundreds of thousands of those who would be less fortunate and would not see home.

They didn't regret doing what they had done. It had been the towering climax of their lives, but they would not even contemplate doing it again. No, that would be the job of the stiff column that marched ahead.

As the column approached the end of the line, the patriotic community shrank away, back to their homes to enjoy their frozen TV dinners which they heated in their microwaves, and to stare at their Japanese televisions while their favorite universities played football on the screen. They thought very little about the price that was paid so that they could have all these commodities in abundance. They worried more about their jobs next week rather than the job that had done to obtain that security.

But will we forget these arthritic figures who marched proudly in the rear? There will be other wars, and we will observe those who are doing. However, we will always remember with fervor those who have done. We certainly won't forget those deeds, nor will we forget the loss.

Yes, we will celebrate. But we should not confine the remembrance to one single day. We should always keep in our minds what has been accomplished by these brave individuals. We will always celebrate. We will celebrate by shows of patriotism, by fireworks, flag-waving, and most importantly, we will celebrate by a clear and resounding thank you. Thank you so much for all you have done.



Tyler Wallace shown here with some of the Voice of Democracy finalist and their sponsors.

Eagle Relays

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100 m		12.69
Aaron Pigford		
400 m relay	3 rd	46.60
200 m	3 rd	23.81
800 relay		
Chase Pinkerton		
100 m		12.56
shot put		
discus		
Bradley Tatum		
100 m	4 th	12.09
400 relay	3 rd	46.60
800 m relay		
Andrew Lamming		
3200	7 th	12:04.25
1600m run		
pole vault		
high jump		
Austin Tarleton		
800 m run		
1600 m relay		
high jump		
triple jump		
long jump		
Jake Payne		
110 HH	9 th	17.95
300 IH	3 rd	45.70
1600 relay		
J'Ryan Gicklehorn		
shot put		
discus		

The Coyotes and the Pups will next be participating in the Grady Wildcat Relays on Thursday and Friday. During the Spring Break, the Coyotes will travel to Jayton to compete in the Rolling Plains relays. Good job to you all.

Last Thursday, March 3rd, the Borden County Junior

High girls placed third at the O'Donnell Eagle Relays scoring 101 points in the meet.

The 400 m. relay was second in the meet by 4 100's of a second out of first place. Their time was 58.13. Running on this relay was D'Nae Johnson, Olivia Key, Krystal Hobson and Rachel Payne.

The 800 relay was also second in the meet bringing home the silver with a time of 2:10.28. Running on this relay was Marla Crenshaw, D'Nae Johnson, Chellsie Pigford and Olivia Key.

The 1600 m. relay placed 4th in the meet with a time of 5:07.30. Running on this relay was Lacey Roberts, Marla Crenshaw, Chellsie Pigford and Krystal Hobson.

Lacey Roberts ran the 800 m. run and finished 4th with a time of 2:53.89.

Rachael Payne was second in the 100 m. dash with a time of 14.81. Rachael later won the 200 m. dash with a time of 30.96. Rachael also won the triple jump with a distance of 28'10 1/2", and she was second in the long jump with a leap of 13'7".

D'Nae Johnson was 4th in the 100 m. dash with a time of 15.36.

All School Reunion Meeting to be held

There will be an All-School Reunion meeting on Monday, March 21st. at 7:00 p.m. in the School Conference room. Please make plans to attend and help with the preparations for the reunion. All present and ex teachers, students, parents or anyone interested in helping is invited to come and help with the planning. This reunion also includes students and teachers from the Plains and Murphy School communities.

Addresses for several members of Borden County High School classes are still being sought by organizers in preparation for the 2005 All-School Reunion to be held August 5th and 6th, 2005.

If you have information about someone that has not been contacted about the reunion, please inform any of the Reunion Committee members so that the information can be sent to them.

Shylo Rinehart ran the 100 m. dash in 15.83 and she ran the 200 m. dash in 35.83. Shylo also threw the shot but did not receive a mark.

Krystal Hobson ran the 200 m. dash in 32.81. Krystal also threw the shot 19' but did not place, and she threw the disc 57'7".

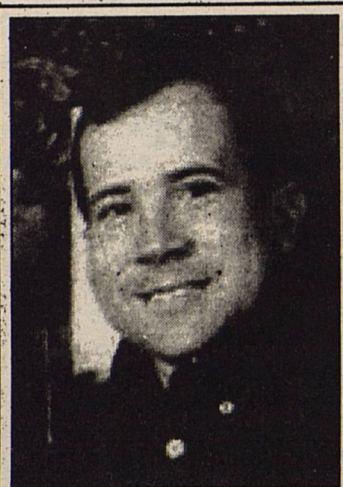
Olivia Key ran the 1600 m. run and won 3rd place with a time of 6:35.35. Olivia was 4th in the triple jump with a distance of 28'10 1/2", and she leaped 12'7" in the long jump.

Marla Crenshaw placed 6th in the 1600 m. run with a time of 7:10.07. Marla also participated in the disc and she long jumped 11'5".

Raylea Underwood participated in the shot put.

Chellsie Pigford participated in the disc.

OBITUARY



Clint O'Brien
1978-2005

Memorial services for Clint Norman O'Brien, 26, of Borden County were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 5th at First Baptist Church in Lamesa with Rev. Nathan McBride officiating. Private graveside services officiated by Rev. Dennis Tetters were held in the Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Clint was born October 6th, 1978, in Lubbock and died Tuesday, March 1st, in Lamesa. He graduated from Borden County High School in 1998, where he was involved in football, basketball, and track. Clint was very active in FFA and 4-H and was awarded

the Gold Star in 4-H. Raising and showing pigs was one of Clint's favorite activities. After graduation he worked for the Texas Crop Inspection Program as a peanut sampler. Clint loved the outdoors, farming and ranching and riding his 4-wheeler. He also collected miniature tractors. He was a member of the First Baptist Church where he was active in the Singles Sunday school department. Clint was very much a people person and will be greatly missed by countless friends and family members.

Survivors include his parents, Barry and Susan O'Brien of Borden County; sister, Staci and husband Caleb Teeters and two nieces, Jayli and Kamryn of Fort Worth; grandparents, Travis O'Brien of Lamesa and S.L. and Vella Mae Yielding of Brownwood; and a large extended family.

The family suggests memorials to the American Brain Tumor Association, 2720 River Road, Des Plaines, IL 60018-4110 or to the Borden County EMS, Gail, TX 79738

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By Dennis Poole,
Borden County CEA-Ag.

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Major Stock Show Information

Sharelle Gass and Quentin Shafer also exhibited their meat goat projects at the San Angelo Stock Show. They were inadvertently left out of the news article and we apologize for the omission.

The next two weeks finds many exhibitors and their families traveling to Brenham for the hog sift and to Houston for the showing of steers, lambs, and goats.

The barrows began to arrive at Brenham on Saturday, March 5. The sift began on Monday, March 7 for Chester White & OPB, Spot, Hamp, Poland, Duroc, and York barrows. They will pre-judge on Tuesday, March 8. The sift for Berk and Cross barrows will be on Tuesday, March 8 with pre-judging to be held on Wednesday, March 9. The top 660 barrows will then qualify to go on to Houston on Thursday, March 10 and

will show respectively on Friday, March 11 and Saturday, March 12. Grand Champion selection will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 12 with the auction to be held at noon on Sunday, March 13.

Steers began to arrive on Monday, March 7 and will weigh and classify on Tuesday, March 8. Brangus, Santa Gertrudis, Brahman, Simbrah, ABC, Simmental, and Limousin will show on Wednesday, March 9. Red Angus, Angus, Shorthorn, Maine-Anjou, and Chianina will show on Thursday, March 10. Hereford, Polled Hereford, Charolais, and AOB's will show on Friday, March 11 with the Grand Champion Selection to be held at 8:30 p.m. Friday evening. The auction will be held at noon on Saturday, March 12.

Meat Goats will begin arriving on Monday, March 14 and will weigh and sift on Tuesday, March 15. Light weight and middle weight goats will show on Wednesday, March 16 and the light heavy weight and heavy weight will show on Thursday, March 17. Grand Champion selection will be held Thursday evening and the auction will be at noon on Saturday, March 19.

This year lambs will go directly to Houston. They will begin arriving on Tuesday, March 15. Southdown, Fine Wool, and Fine Wool Cross will show on Thursday, March 17. Medium Wool will show on Friday, March 18. Grand Champion selection will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 18 with the auction to be held at noon on Saturday, March 19.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will post the results of each class on their web-site at www.hlsr.com.

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**BORDEN COUNTY I.S.D
SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION INFORMATION**

The trustee election for the Borden County Independent School District will take place on Saturday, May 7, 2005. Three positions will be filled in this election. Two positions will be three-year terms, and one position will be a one-year unexpired term. Interested candidates may obtain an application for a place on the ballot in the central office of the Borden County I.S.D. Other important school board election information is as follows:

- 3/07/05 Last day to file for place on ballot
- 3/08/05 First day to apply for ballot by mail
- 3/14/05 5:00 p.m. deadline for filing a write-in declaration
- 4/07/05 Last day to register to vote for Saturday, May 7, 2005 election
- 4/20/05 First day of early voting by personal appearance
- 4/29/05 Last day to apply for ballot by mail
- 5/03/05 Last day of early voting by personal appearance
- 5/07/05 Election Day (polls open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)

PLEASE NOTE THAT ELECTIN LAWS REQUIRE VOTERS TOHAVE A CURRENT DRIVER'S LICENSE OR A VOTER REGISTRATION CARD TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE. CURRENT LAW ALLOWS NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS REQUIREMENT.

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Texas State Technical College host 2nd Annual Mechanical Technology Division Career Day

Texas State Technical College (TSTC) West Texas Sweetwater will host the annual Mechanical Technology Division Career Day on Saturday, April 16, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on the TSTC West Texas Sweetwater Campus. Prospective students are invited to bring their family members to this event. A free lunch will be provided.

The following TSTC West Texas Sweetwater Campus Mechanical Division Technology programs will be showcased during this event: Air Conditioning & Refri-

geration Technology
Auto Collision Repair
Technology
Automotive Technology
Building Construction
Technology
Diesel Technology

The new Culinary Arts program will also be featured during this career day.

TSTC West Texas Sweetwater faculty and industry representatives will be in these departments for tours and questions/answers.

New this year will be Mechanical Technology displays from two other TSTC West Texas campuses:

Abilene -- Aircraft Pilot Training and Aviation Maintenance Technology;
Brownwood -- Machining Technology and Welding Technology.

To RSVP, please call Judy Romine at 1.800.592.8784, Ext. 431 or 325.235.7431, or you may e-mail judy.romine@tstc.edu before April 11, 2005.

TSTC West Texas Sweetwater is located 4 miles west of Sweetwater; take Interstate 20, Exit 240 North.

For more information, please visit our web site at www.westtexas.tstc.edu

2005 District 7-A Girls All-District Selection

By Coach Turner

Three Lady Coyote seniors were honored by the district 7-A coaches. LaShae Johnson was named First Team All-District. Emily Mayes and Cassidy Rinehart were named Honorable Mention All District. LaShae led the Lady Coyotes in district scoring with an average just under 11 points per game. Cassidy and Emily followed with averages just under 9 and 8 points per game. Congratulations to these young women on their honor.

Co-MVP

Megan Niehues

Senior - Garden City

Mackenzie Gregory

Junior - Klondike

Defensive Player of the

Year

Kelsey Tubb

Senior - Grady

New Comer of the Year

Trista Southall,

Freshman - Klondike

All-District

Erin Hirt

Sophomore - Garden City

Kara Southall

Senior - Klondike

LaShae Johnson

Senior - Borden Co.

Deanna Morales

Senior - Dawson

Brianna Pribyla

Senior - Grady

Jordan Gregory

Freshman - Klondike

Ashton Hayes

Senior - Dawson

Lauren Plagens

Sophomore - Garden City

Katy Morris

Senior - Klondike

Lyndsey Pinkerton

Senior - Grady

Honorable Mentioned

Emily Mayes

Senior - Borden Co.

Cassidy Rinehart

Senior - Borden Co.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Spring break - it's a time for suntans, good fun and great friends. Whether you plan to travel north to the ski slopes, south to the beach or stay right at home for your break, be certain to stay on guard about your personal safety. Sexual assault is a crime that has affected nearly 2 million Texans, and more Texas women and men are victimized every day. There are some simple tips you can follow to keep your spring break a safe one.

- First, trust your instincts. Do not enter environments that are obviously unsafe.
- Second, constantly be alert for anyone who is paying undue attention to you or for anyone who might be "conveniently" following you. Additionally, always be aware of potential escape routes around you.

- Third, watch your drink. If possible, watch while your drink is being prepared, and only accept drinks from servers. Keep in mind that GHB and Rohypnol cause no significant change when added to drinks, so the only way to know for sure your drink is safe is to keep an eye on it yourself.

- Fourth and finally, keep in mind that the most common weapon used in a sexual assault is not a gun or knife - it is trust. The vast majority of sexual assaults are committed by someone know to the victim - a relative, friend, acquaintance or coworker.

Keeping this simple advice in mind can help make the difference between great

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memories and ones you would rather forget.

Most importantly, sexual assault is never a victim's fault. There is a difference between making a bad judgment and committing a crime. A sexual assault is the fault of the perpetrator, no matter how the victim may have dressed or behaved. Whether a victim does everything right or everything wrong, the blame belongs to the rapist.

If you or someone you know has been sexually assaulted, contact Victim Services at 1-432-263-3312. It's free. It's confidential, and it's available 24-7. The staff at Victim Services can help you with counseling, advocacy and many other free services.
Sincerely,
Shann Thomas
Executive Director
Victim Services of
Big Spring

School Menu

Week of March 14th - 18th, 2005

- - - SPRING BREAK - - -

Week Of: March 21st - 25th, 2005



MONDAY: Pizza, Corn, Salad, Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice & Milk.

TUESDAY: Chicken Fried Steak, Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, & Milk. **Breakfast:** Muffin, Fruit Juice, & Milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken Nuggets, Green Peas, potatoes, Rolls, Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** Biscuit w/gravy, Fruit Juice & Milk

THURSDAY: Fish, Black-eye Peas, Potato Salad, Hush Puppies, Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice, & Milk.

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Milk Train: Most Dairy Cattle Due for TB Test before Entering Texas

On March 18, Texas will join more than 33 other states that require most dairy cows and dairy bulls to have a negative test for cattle tuberculosis (TB) within 60 days before entering the state. Young dairy heifers and bull calves hauled to Texas will have to be officially identified with an ear tag and will be restricted at a designated facility until they test negative for TB at six months of age. With 807 registered dairies, Texas ranks among the top 10 states in the nation for dairy cattle and milk production. Nearly 62,000 dairy replacement animals entered the state in 2004.

The new regulation provides testing exemptions for dairy cattle that originate from herds tested yearly under a TB-accreditation program, neutered dairy cattle being fed for slaughter, and dairy cattle delivered directly to slaughter. These animals, however, must have a certificate of veterinary inspection, issued within 30 days prior to movement.

"During the past 18 months, the 335,000 cattle in Texas' dairies have been tested for cattle TB, and it is only prudent to ensure that incoming replacement dairy cattle also are free of the disease," commented Dr. Dee Ellis, who heads up the Animal Health Programs for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. Beef cattle will continue to enter Texas under existing regulations.

Dr. Ellis pointed out that concerns about cattle TB in dairy operations have increased, particularly after four dairies and two related operations were found to be

infected detected during the 2004 federal fiscal year, from October 2003 through September 2004. Two infected herds and a dairy heifer-raising facility were found in New Mexico, a dairy heifer-raising facility in Arizona, states which had the U.S. Department of Agriculture's TB-free designation. An infected dairy was found in Michigan. During Texas' statewide dairy testing, an infected herd was found in Hamilton County, and subsequently depopulated.

Dr. Ellis explained that infected cattle can expose herd mates to the TB bacteria by coughing or contaminating feed with drool or nasal discharge. In confined operations, like dairies, TB can spread more readily. Because dairy animals often are kept for several years, infected animals can develop the characteristic internal lesions in the lungs, lymph nodes and other organs, and begin the cycle of disease exposure again. Infected cattle may pose a risk to handlers who work with the animals daily. Milk from commercial dairies, is heat-treated, or pasteurized, to kill bacteria. At slaughter, state or federal meat inspectors examine carcasses, collect tissue samples for testing, and condemn meat unsafe or unfit for human consumption.

"Because there is no effective treatment for cattle TB in livestock, infected herds must either be destroyed under a government indemnity, or payment, or the herd is placed under quarantine and tested repeatedly over a period of months, until all animals that respond to a test are depopulated. After being released from quarantine, the herd still is subjected to a yearly test for five years, to

ensure the animals remain free of the disease. Often, the best option is depopulation, as this eliminates the potential for the disease to reoccur or spread," said Dr. Ellis.

After two TB-infected cattle herds were detected in 2001, Texas lost its USDA TB-free designation just a few months shy of its two-year anniversary for achieving the coveted status. New Mexico and California also have lost TB-free status, and Michigan last summer gained split-state status, while it continues to deal with TB in cattle and free-ranging deer in the state's Upper Peninsula.

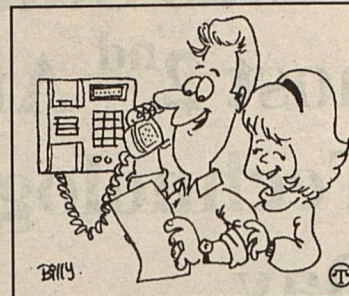
Dr. Ellis said the plan to regain Texas' TB-free status was developed with the dairy and beef cattle industry, and one aspect involves testing all dairies a chore already accomplished and at least 2,400 purebred or seed stock beef cattle herds. More than 500 beef cattle herds have been tested in Texas, with no TB infection detected, but more herd tests are needed to provide adequate disease surveillance. The USDA has extended funding to pay for herd tests, and more than 500 private veterinary practitioners in Texas are certified to provide the service. To learn more about the TB testing program, call the TAHC at 1-800-550-8242, your nearest TAHC area office, or your private veterinary practitioner.

The full text of TAHC entry requirements and cattle tuberculosis regulations can be accessed on the TAHC web page at <http://www.tahc.state.tx.us>.

Select "Statutes and Regulations" on the left side of the home page.

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—Students in a 4-H program in Iowa are creating fleece blankets for the 30 orphans who are living in a Russian orphanage. The young person who is heading up the project lived in that same orphanage before moving to America. To learn more about this and other 4-H programs visit the Web site at www.4husa.org.



The type of identity theft known as phishing has increased by 4,000 percent in just five months, according to the Anti-Phishing Working Group (APWG). Experts encourage consumers to use spam filtering and privacy control software, such as Symantec's Norton Internet Security 2005. Anti-spam solutions can detect certain characteristics in phishing e-mails and tag them as spam. For more information on phishing, visit National Cyber Security Alliance at www.stay safeonline.info, National Consumers League at www.phishing info.org and the Federal Trade Commission at www.ftc.org.gov.

According to the experts at Cottage Farms and Roberta's Exotic Flowers, winter can be a good time to review your garden results from the past season and prepare for the next season's revisions. Start collecting garden catalogs and publications so you can plan out the types of flowers and plants you'll want to add as well as plan for landscape design changes. It's also a time to prune and shape trees and shrubs. More gardening information and products for the garden are available at QVC.com or by calling 800-

345-1515.

Today, many savvy consumers head online to eBay to sell their unwanted gifts and earn extra cash to buy what really was on their wish lists. Thanks to the expansion of eBay drop-off centers around the country, consumers can now easily turn de-gifting into "e-gifting." The drop-off service leader in both volume and customer satisfaction is AuctionDrop. Because of its relationship with The UPS Store, anyone in the U.S. can use the service simply by dropping things off—unpacked, valued at over \$75 and weighing under 25 lbs.—at a UPS store. To learn more, visit www.auction drop.com.

Taking simple maintenance and safety precautions can help keep your family safe on the roads. A wise precautionary measure is to equip your vehicle with an emergency kit containing battery, jumper cables, a flashlight, matches, a "Help sign," and oil/dry absorbent for traction, as well as extra gloves, hats and blankets. For more information, visit one of Pep Boys' 595 stores or go to the Web site, pepboys.com.

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Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 14th day of February, 2005, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge, Presiding; MONTE SMITH, Commissioner, Prec. No. 1; RANDY ADCOCK, Commissioner, Prec. No. 2; ERENST REYES, Commissioner, Prec. No. 3; JOE BELEW, Commissioner, Prec. No. 4; JOYCE HERRIDGE, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court

constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of January 24, 2005 were read. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

PAVING PROGRAM

Rick Roger, Engineer with Oller Engineering, Inc. 2005 Paving Program, met with the Court designating roads to be paved in 2005.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Reyes seconded by motion. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS

James Cortney with Eddins Walcher, Co., of Snyder visited with the Court concerning an overcharge in the amount of \$1,376.59 made by the Eddins Walcher and an overpayment made by the County. Commissioner Belew made a motion to distribute the refund evenly between the four precincts. Motion was seconded by

Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

RACIAL PROFILE REPORT

Deputy Sheriff Benny Allison presented the Sheriff's Office 2004 Annual Racial Profile Report to the Commissioners' Court.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

The name of Borden Glen Gray was drawn in open court from the names of all persons who served on the Grand Jury in 2002, to serve on the Grievance Committee for 2005 with other members of the Committee. This appointment is made due to the original appointee declining the appointment. Commissioner Smith made a motion to appoint Borden Glen Gray to serve on the Committee. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

MENTAL HEALTH MENTAL RETARDATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Adcock approving the Resolution In Support of Mental Health Mental Retardation Local Authority and Provider Roles commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPRAISAL CAPS

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the Resolution in opposition to limit local control on appraisal caps and does urge the 79th Legislature to reduce the school property tax burden by assuming the state's historic share of support for public education. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

EASEMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Belew to approve the Easement for additional ten feet extension of right of way along Landrum Road for one mile and along CR 432 for one mile from Charles A. Jones

We Need To Tackle The Social Security Challenge Now

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President Franklin D. Roosevelt founded the Social Security program. With an average life expectancy of 64, only 54 percent of workers were expected to live long enough to collect their checks. Today, the U.S. Census reports the average life expectancy is 77.2 years and increasing. The Department of Health and Human Services reports that by 2050, American men will live an average of 79.7 years and women will live even longer.

These trends will be amplified when 76 million Baby Boomers hit retirement age. Born between 1946 and 1964, they will begin retiring in 2008, and threaten to swamp the Social Security system.

along the south and west sides of Section 518, block 97, H&TC in the amount of \$7200.00. Easement recorded in Vol. 291, Page 570 of the Deed Records. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

Application for Soil Conservation Construction of Fireguards were received from Marge Toombs in Prec. No. 4 and Jack Savage in Prec. No. 2. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to decline the applications and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

H.B.1117, Title of County Roads.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew and approved unanimously.

For many years, there was no problem with Social Security, because the abundance of workers paid far more into the program than it provided to retirees. The excess money was placed in something called the "Social Security Trust Fund."

Unfortunately, by law, the Trust Fund is required to save the excess payments in U.S. Treasury bonds which are, for lack of a better word, "IOUs" from taxpayers. The money itself has been spent. This means the minute the Social Security system takes less in from workers than it pays to retirees, it will have to draw on those bonds, which will have to be made good by taxpayers. This shortfall is predicted to begin as early as 2018.

Inaction is out of the question. According to the Heritage Foundation, if Congress does nothing to reform the system, Social Security will need general fund infusions to make up the difference in tax revenues and benefit payments amounting to \$72 billion in 2020, \$275 billion in 2030, \$429 billion in 2050 and \$719 billion in 2070. The long-term projections of Social Security's financial health will continue to worsen because, with each passing year, a surplus year passes and a deficit year is added in the calculation.

Compounding this problem was the fact that changes in Social Security also weakened the financial health of the system. Originally, initial benefits at the time of retirement were linked to inflation, but in the 1970s they were pegged to the rise in wages, which tend to go up faster than prices. Coupled with demography and the impending retirement of the Baby Boomers, the Social Security system is headed for a disaster.

Numerous proposals to save Social Security are on the table, and I look forward to talking with my fellow Texans and working with my colleagues to craft policy changes which will honor present commitments, while providing a permanent solution.

While we may not agree on what the best options are at this point, it is unacceptable to pretend there is no problem. The financial future of Social Security is determined not only by demographic trends; it is affected by the promises made when the program was established. We have a window of opportunity to remake the program so the promises made today will be fulfilled tomorrow without mortgaging the future of our children and grandchildren.

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Neugebauer Calls on Japan to Reopen Border to American Beef

Supports Resolution That Could Result in Economic Sanctions for Japan

Washington, DC— Congressman Randy Neugebauer acted Thursday to express his displeasure with Japan for its delay in abiding by an October agreement to reopen its border to American beef.

Neugebauer co-sponsored a House Resolution that was introduced by Congressman Jerry Moran (R-Kan.). This resolution urges the United States Trade Representative

to impose economic sanctions on Japan if it continues to delay meeting its trade obligations under the October agreement.

“Through this resolution, we are sending a message that we take our trade agreements seriously and we expect our partners to live up to their side of the deal,” Neugebauer said. “The United States has proven that

our beef supply is safe, and we have held up our end of the bargain. Now, it is time for Japan to stop dragging its feet and open up its border.”

Japan has banned all imports of beef from the United States since December 2003, when a single case of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) was found in a Canadian-born cow in Washington State. Since that time, the U.S. has taken many steps to ensure the safety of

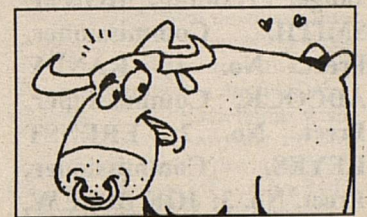
the domestic beef supply. This includes the implementation of a rigorous surveillance program that exceeds the international standards set by the World Organization for Animal Health.

The two countries agreed in October 2004 to a process that would allow for the opening of both borders to beef products from cattle younger than 20 months of age. Despite these steps, the Japanese border remains closed to American beef, and Japan has not set a date by which its new regulations will take effect.

“Japan has long been an important and vital trading partner for agriculture, and I would have rather not had to take this action,” Neugebauer

said. “However, the fact remains that there is no scientific reason why the Japanese border should remain closed to American beef.”

Thursday’s resolution has received bipartisan support from at least 40 members of the House, including Agriculture Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.). The National Cattlemen’s Beef Association has also backed the measure



There are approximately 2.5 times as many cattle in Argentina as there are people.



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