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Curtains Up on *Nevermore!* BHS One-Act Play to Perform Next Week

The cast and crew of the Borden County High School One-Act Play production of *Nevermore!* invites everyone to their community performance of their show this next Thursday, March 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Borden County I.S.D. auditorium.

The community performance will be the final dress rehearsal for the 19-member cast and crew as it prepares for its District 9-A, Zone 1 Contest set for Tuesday, March 25th. That performance will also be open to the public and will include productions from four other schools in the area.

The Zone Contest will begin at 3:00 p.m. on March 25th in the Borden County I.S.D. auditorium. Hermleigh High School's *The Magician's Nephew* will begin the contest and will be followed by productions by Ira High School (scenes from *The Playboy of the Western World*), Westbrook High School (*Goodbye to the Clown*), and Highland High School (scenes from *Mrs. Murray's Farm*).

The BHS show will be the last to perform with an ap-

proximate starting time of 7:00 p.m. No late entries will be allowed, so be there early to ensure admittance.

The top two productions from the Zone Contest will advance to the District 9-A Contest to be held at Bronte High School on Thursday, March 27th.

The BHS production tells the story of classical American author Edgar Allan Poe, who wrote macabre mysteries in the early to mid-1800s. Poe's own death was as mysterious as his stories as he disappeared for several days before being found delirious on the streets of Baltimore. He died a couple of days later.

In the show, "Poe," (sophomore Eric Espinoza) is haunted by the characters of his own stories as they attempt to keep him separated from his endeared "Annabel Lee" (senior Rachel Wilson). Captain Amos Nimrod (sophomore Brendan Tarleton) and Jeremiah Reynolds (freshman John Hensley) are the play's primary antagonists as they lead Poe toward an unfortunate end.

Lovers of Poe's writing will be delighted by montages from several of his famous short stories including "The Tell-Tale Heart," "The Masque of Red Death," and "The Oblong Box." References throughout the play allude to his chilling poems "Annabel Lee" and "The Raven," from which the play gets its title.

The show, written in the early 1990s as a collaboration by Julian Wiles and his Charleston State Company of Charleston, South Carolina, also includes performances by seniors Kate Wallace ("Dancer/Lady in Green/Mrs. Prothero") and Logan Howard ("Master of Ceremonies/Viscount Valequez/Pallbearer").

Additional sophomores in the production are D'Nae Johnson ("Young Annabel Lee/Lady Prospero/Mademoiselle Camille L'Espanaye"), Karl Lamming ("Annabel's Father/Inspector Grimke/Prince Prospero/Pallbearer"), Chasiti Rutherford ("Dancer/Lady in Crimson/Mrs. O'Leary/Madame L'Espanaye"), and Michael Porter ("Dancer/Cabin Boy/Miguel/Hopfrog/Priest").

Freshmen in the production include Miles Valentine ("Young Edgar A. Perry/Mike/Pallbearer"), Phyneshia Rutherford ("Dancer/Lady in Purple/Hannah"), Derek Tatum ("Dancer/Cabin Boy/Rusty/Roderick Usher"), Krista Tarleton ("Dancer/Mrs.

Reilly/Duchess Ulrica"), and Michael Froman ("Jake/Pallbearer").

Technical crew members for the production are junior Katherine Froman (Stage Manager), sophomores Chellsie Pigford (Props & Costumes Manager) and Shylo Rinehart (Sound Technician), and fresh-

man Tony Soto (Light Technician).

Sophomore Marla Crenshaw and juniors Laura Griffin, Carlos Hernandez, and Krystal Hobson serve as alternates. Darrin Ard is the show's director.

Break a leg, cast and crew of *Nevermore!*

USDA Rural Development Accepting Applications For Rural Development Loan Program

Temple, Texas-Scooter Brockett, Acting State Director of USDA Rural Development, announced today the Agency is accepting applications for the Rural Economic Development Loan Program until June 30, 2008.

USDA Rural Development Business Programs administer loans and grants designed to strengthen the economy and infrastructure of rural areas. The purpose of the Rural Economic Development loan Program is to provide zero-interest loans to electric and telephone companies who are USDA Rural Development borrowers not delinquent on any Federal debt or in bankruptcy proceedings. This entity establishes a revolving loan fund that can be used for community facilities and infrastructure. The funds support financing job creation

projects and economic development within rural areas. A third-party recipient may be a private or public organization having corporate and legal authority to incur debt.

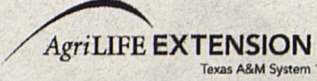
The Rural Economic Development Loan Program has approximately \$33 million available on a competitive basis nationwide. Completed applications must be postmarked and submitted to the Texas USDA Rural Development Office, 101 South Main, Suite 102, Temple, Texas 76501 or submitted electronically at <http://www.grants.gov> no later than June 30, 2008. An application must contain all of the required elements to prevent negatively impacting the overall score.

USDA Rural Development works to ensure that rural citi-

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Remember.....

Borden County remains under a Burn Ban.
No burning trash or outdoor grilling.
Please take precautions at all times.




Heart and Home ...

 by Julie Smith

 Borden County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences

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March 9-15 is Living Well Week

Raising Kids, eating right, spending smart, living well - that's the theme of a National Living Well campaign being promoted by the National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences, both at the national level, and here in Texas. The goal of the Living Well campaign is to provide people with the education and information they need in order to "live well."

The Texas Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences works through Texas AgriLife Extension Service to offer all kinds of information that will help families achieve a positive, healthy lifestyle. Whether you are trying to manage your diabetes through meal planning and exercise, make decisions about health care and insurance, or get tips on effective parenting techniques, Extension probably has information that can help.

March 9-15 is National Extension Living Well Week, and it's a good time to get better acquainted with your local Extension office. The Extension program offers a variety of information for people of all ages in the areas of Family and Consumer Sciences - from nutrition and health, clothing selection and care, housing and home development, financial management, and family relations. Extension programs are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. We will seek to provide all reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for any of our programs. We request that you contact us at the Extension office as soon as possible to advise us of auxiliary aid that you will require. If you would like to become involved in the Living Well educational programs offered in Borden County, con-

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tact Julie Smith, Borden County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences at the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or visit our web site at <http://borden-tx.tamu.edu>.

Raising kids, Eating right, Spending smart Living Well.

Walk Across Texas to Kick Off March 31st


For the tenth year, we are holding the *Walk Across Texas* program here in Borden County. *Walk Across Texas* is an eight-week program that will spark some friendly competitions among friends and coworkers. Teams of eight will compete to see who can log the most miles walking, jogging, or even biking. The kickoff for Borden County will be Monday, March 31st.

Teams will keep track of their miles, which will be posted in the Extension office, and published in the *Borden Star* and on our web site.

Many people are unaware of the positive benefits of exercise. According to the American heart Association, heart disease is the number 1 problem in the United States. The risk of heart disease could be significantly reduced by regular exercise.

According to the Texas department of Health, the positive effects of physical activity are not limited to lowering the risk of heart disease. Not only does regular exercise help relieve stress and anxiety, "physically active people outlive inactive people," a TDH report stated.

Participating in *Walk Across Texas* is not only a great way to get involved with our community, it's a healthy habit. To participate in *Walk Across Texas*, first get a team together; choose a team captain and name your team; fill out a registration form available at the



 Agriculture News

 by Cody G. Hill

 Borden County Extension Agent -

 Agriculture

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San Angelo Stock Show Results

Borden County 4-H and Gail FFA members represented Borden County at the San Angelo Livestock Show. The youth exhibiting throughout the week were: Chelsea Minnick (steer), Sean Tucker and Riley Smith (goats and swine), Baylee Benavidez, Krystal Hobson, Shylo Rinehart, Miller Valentine, and Kate Wallace (swine).

Placings were:

Shylo Rinehart - 1st Place Class 2 Duroc

Congratulations to all our young people who exhibited and for the outstanding performance by everyone! Best of luck to those families preparing to exhibit animals at the Houston Livestock Show.



Borden County 4-H'er, Shylo Rinehart (2nd from right) shows off her 1st place ribbon she received at the San Angelo Livestock Show. Her Duroc placed 1st in Class 2. Pictured are (left to right) Cody Hill, Borden County Extension Agent, Amy Rinehart, Kristen Knight, Tad Knight, Shylo and Jim Rinehart.

Extension Office or online at <http://walkacrosstexas.tamu.edu> and have your team captain register your team on the Walk Across Texas website.

We hope everyone will dust off their walking shoes and hit the trail to participate in this worthwhile program. Perhaps we can beat last year's mileage of 1200 total miles! For more information, call the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or visit the Walk Across Texas website.



Walk Across Texas!

Thought for the Day

To the world you may just be one person, But to one person you may be the world.

Source: St. Louis Inspirational Christian Connection.

School Lunch Menu

March 11 - 15, 2008

Monday - Breakfast: Biscuit & Gravy, Ham, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Frito Pie, Tossed Salad, Pinto Beans, Pears and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Lasagna, Carrots, Tossed Salad, Pineapple, Garlic Toast and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Pancake Pup, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Garlic Biscuit, Pudding and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pork Roast, Tortills Corn, Spinach, Mixed Fruit and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Cereal & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: BBQ Sandwich, Benas, French Fries, Surprise Cookie and Milk.

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Borden County 4-H News


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Livestock Judging

Any 4-H'er interested in Livestock Judging, please call Cody G. Hill at the Borden County Extension Office. Practices will begin soon!

County Educational Presentation Contest, Share-the-fun and Public Speaking Project

4-H'ers and parents interested in learning more about the Public Speaking Project should contact the Extension Office as soon as possible. Information is available to assist 4-H'ers and their parents in writing, presenting and preparing visuals for educational presentations (method demonstrations); as well as covering information about the public speaking contest and share-the-fun's. Share-the-fun categories include: drama, Celebrate 4-H, choreographed routines, poet, comedian, vocal and musical. This project provides youth an excellent opportunity to develop public speaking skills, even if they hate to talk in front of others. 4-H'ers will present their prepared presentations at County 4-H Roundup. Participants will advance to District 4-H Roundup, which will be held on May 3rd at Levelland Middle School in Levelland.

The deadline for entering a Public Speaking Contest is Wednesday, April 2.


4-H Clothing Project Was "Sew" Much Fun!

The 4-H Clothing Project was held in February and early March in the Home Economics Lab. There were four participants complete the project (Taylor Gass, Kalyn Massingill, Mallory McMeans, and Mollie McMeans). Volunteer leader Ollie Holmes and County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences Julie Smith led the project lessons and "sew fun day." Participants learned about the elements of design, clothing selection, skin care and personal hygiene, the parts of a sewing machine, basic sewing skills, pattern and fabric selection, and how to cut out and read a pattern. During the "sew fun day," the participants made pajama pants and were also able to embroidery a t-shirt to match.

Special thanks goes to Ollie Holmes for her time and expertise given to the clothing project. We would also like to thank Borden County ISD for allowing us to use the Home Economics Lab and sewing machines.



Part of the Clothing Project is learning about basic skin care and personal hygiene. Cindy Ferguson, Mary Kay Independent Sales Director, teaches the participants about skin care and make-up application.



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER
 Michael A. Guido
 Metter, Georgia

An artist had an etching of the Leaning Tower of Pisa in his New York Studio.

Even though he straightened it every morning, it was always crooked.

One day he mentioned it to the janitress. She explained, "I have to hang it crooked, to make the tower hang straight."

Like that person, many twist the Bible to justify their crookedness.

But we should adjust ourselves to the Bible, and not try to adjust the Bible to ourselves.

Saint Paul said, "The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us do what is right."

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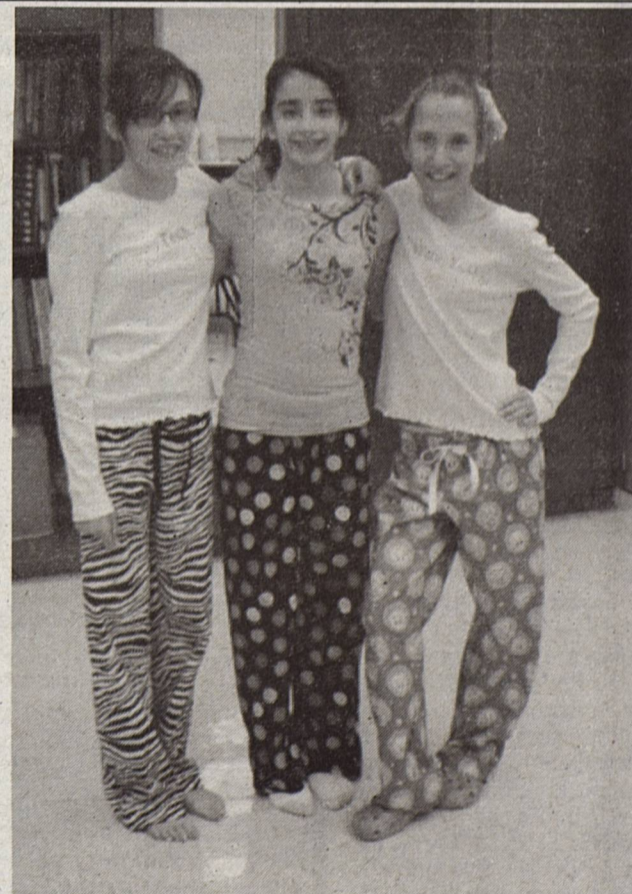
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Kalyn quickly learned that there are many steps to follow before you can sew a garment, including laying out the fabric, pinning the pattern, cutting the fabric out and marking the fabric.



At last! The girls completed their pajama pants with a few minutes to spare on the "Sew Fun Day." Mallory, Kalyn and Mollie are proud to model their finished product.

Drive Safely. Watch for Children

Commissioners Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 26th day of February, 2008, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

MONTE SMITH, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JOYCE HERIDGE**, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court with Judge Van L. York absent, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

PRESIDING CHAIR

Commissioner Smith made a motion to appoint Ernest Reyes, Commissioner Precinct No. 3, to preside. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of February 12, 2008 were read. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.

UTILITY BILLS

County treasurer, Kenneth P. Bennett, met with the Court. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve authorization of County Treasurer to pay the County Utility Bills as they are received. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BURN BAN

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to NOT PERMIT the Prescribe Burn on Munger Ranch during the present Burn Ban for Borden County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

An Application for Soil Conservation Constriction of fireguards was received from John T. Wilson in Precinct No. 1, and Sam Hunnicutt in Precinct No. 4. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the applications at the

rate of \$35.00 per hour for a motor grader and \$65.00 per hour for a dozer. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No new items were presented.

ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 11th day of March, 2008.

USDA...

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Calendar for Democratic Primary Run-Off Election

April 8, 2008

Authority conducting elections Political Party-County Chairs

Now accepting application for early voting by mail

- March 10, Last day to register to vote
- March 31, First day to vote early in person
Vote early in the Clerk's Office in
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- April 1, Last day fro early voting clerk to receive
application for voting by mail
- April 4, Last day to vote early by personal
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- April 8, Election Day

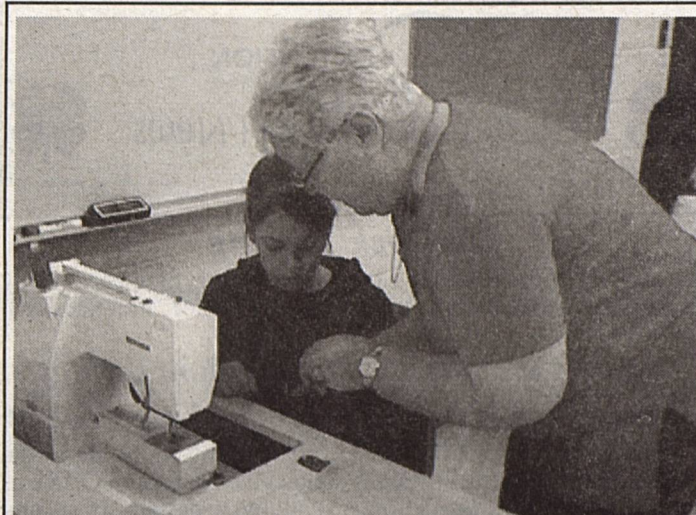
Borden County Booster Club Meeting

Wednesday, March 19
5:30 P.M.
Community Center

- ** Plan for BCS appreciation event
- ** Plan for Pre School Easter Egg hunt
- ** Begin Scholarship application process

The purpose of the Booster Club is to support, promote, and encourage the students of Borden County School in all school-related endeavors.

Membership is open to any parent/guardian or community member interested in the promotion and support of the Booster club and BCS students.



Volunteer leader Ollie Holmes, teaches Taylor Gass how to insert the bobbin into the bobbin case during the "basic machine" lesson.



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Borden County Booster Club

Scholarship Applications Available

** Borden County Booster Club scholarship applications will be available from Mr. Ard beginning March 17.

** For consideration, all completed applications must be turned in to Mr. Ard by April 11, 3:30 P.M.

** Eligible applicants are members of the Borden County Class of 2008.

Voting Machine

The Democratic Run-off Election will be held on April 8, 2008. Counties with a population of less than 2,000 are exempt from the requirement of the use of electronic voting systems in which a federal office is not on the ballot (House Bill 556, passed 80th Legislature). A Voter with a disability may request an accessible electronic voting system (the Auto-Mark) by the 21st day before election day with Joyce Herridge, the early voting clerk.