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Begging Pays Off BHS One-Act Play Advances to Area

Over the past week, the cast and crew of the Borden County High School 2009 One-Act Play production of *The Beggar's Opera* advanced twice and will now compete in the Region I, Area 2 Contest on April 11th at Lubbock Christian University.

The community performance of the show will be Monday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Borden County I.S.D. Auditorium. All of the public is invited to attend.

On March 31, the cast was one of two advancing shows from the District 4-A Contest held in O'Donnell. Also advancing to the Area Contest was the Grady High School production of *And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson*.

Individually, junior Chasiti Rutherford ("Polly Peachum") was named as the Best Actress in the district.

Fellow juniors Eric Espinoza ("Captain MacHeath") and D'Nae Johnson ("Lucy Lockit") were named to the District All-Star Cast while sophomores John Hensley ("Mr. Peachum") and Miles Valentine ("Filch") were named to the District Honorable Mention All-Star Cast.

At the Zone Contest on March 24, the production advanced to the District Contest

and brought home six individual acting awards, including both Best Actor (Hensley) and Best Actress (Johnson) honors.

Sisters Chasiti Rutherford and Phyneshia Rutherford ("Mrs. Peachum"), a sophomore, were both named to the Zone All-Star Cast.

Espinoza and junior Brendan Tarleton ("Mr. Lockit") were named to the Zone Honorable Mention All-Star Cast.

Additionally, the technical crew of the production was named "Best Tech Crew" of the Zone Contest. Senior Katherine Froman serves as stage manager while juniors Chellsie Pigford and Shylo Rinehart work with props and sound respectively. Sophomore Tony Soto completes the crew as the light technician. Froman was also recognized individually as an "Outstanding Crew Member."

This marks the 10th consecutive time that BHS thespians have advanced from the Zone Contest to the District Contest and 8 out of 10 times that they have advanced to the Area Contest. Also advancing with BHS to the District Contest was Sands High School with their rendition of *Steel Magnolia*.

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Pictured are cast and crew members of the Borden County UIL One-Act Play "The Beggar's Opera". (Back row left to right) Miles Valentine, Karl Lamming, Brendan Tarleton, Tony Soto, Michael Porter, Eric Espinoza, (middle row left to right) Raegan Belongia, John Hensley, Collin Telchik, Kobie Benham, Krista Tarleton, (front row left to right) Katherine Froman, Chelsey Sapp, Shylo Rinehart, D'Nae Johnson, Kagan Benham, Chasiti Rutherford, Chellsie Pigford and Phyneshia Rutherford.

USDA Responds to Producer Concerns by Extending Sign-Up Date for DCP and ACRE

(POST, TX), March 31, 2009 – Victor Ashley, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Garza-Borden Counties announced today that USDA has extended the sign-up deadline from June 1, to Aug. 14, 2009, for both the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP)

and the forthcoming Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program. This action extends the sign-up deadline by 10 weeks to give producers ample time to decide whether to participate in ACRE or remain in DCP.

"Extending the sign-up

deadline for both these programs ensure that America's farmers have enough information and time needed to determine if ACRE is the right program for their operational needs," said Ashley. "The

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BHS Ready For Battle

UIL Academic Squad Set For District Meet

The tension is rising. The smoke is fuming. The butterflies are starting to tickle.

Yes, it is that time of the year again as the Borden County High School UIL Academic Teams compete this Thursday at the District 4-A UIL Academic Meet at Loop High School.

After much success at various invitational meets the past couple of months, BHS students should perform well. The contest finds BHS in a new, but familiar district against some old foes, so the stakes are high as they attempt to claim a 9th consecutive district championship.

Standing in the way of that district championship are the defending Region I champions from Wellman-Union High School and other strong contingents from Dawson, Grady, Ira, Klondike, Loop, Sands, O'Donnell, New Home, Southland and Wilson.

Competitors from BHS are as follows (by contest):

Calculator Applications: Austin Fields, Chellsie Pigford, Lacey Roberts and Austin Tyler.

Current Issues: Luke Burkett, John Hensley, Carlos Hernandez and Karl Lamming.

Computer applications: Brittany Day, Laura Ocanas and Skyler Williamson-Dear.

Editorial Writing: Bailey Anderson, John Hensley and Chellsie Pigford.

Feature Writing: Chellsie Pigford, Lacey Roberts and

Krista Tarleton.

Headline Writing: John Hensley, Chellsie Pigford and Tony Soto.

Informative Speaking: Eric Espinoza, Austin Fields and Karl Lamming.

Lincoln Douglas Debate: Raegan Belongia, Michael Porter and Chasiti Rutherford.

Literary Criticism: Kagan Benham, Kerianne Howard and D'Nae Johnson.

Mathematics: Bailey Anderson, Kagan Benham, Austin Fields and Miles Valentine.

Number Sense: Bailey Anderson, Austin Fields, Tony Soto and Raylea Underwood.

News Writing: Chellsie Pigford, Lacey Roberts and Krista Tarleton.

Persuasive Speaking: Kobie Benham, John Hensley and Chasiti Rutherford.

Poetry Interpretation: Eric Espinoza, Taylor Richey and Chelsey Sapp.

Prose Interpretation: D'Nae Johnson, Phyneshia Rutherford and Brendan Tarleton.

Ready Writing: Katherine Froman, Kerianne Howard and Joseph McConnell.

Science: Olivia Key, Joseph McConnell, Laura Ocanas, Kimberly Proulx, Tony Soto and Skyler Williamson-Dear.

Social Studies: Carlos Hernandez, Karl Lamming and Raylea Underwood.

Spelling and Vocabulary: Katherine Froman, Michael Porter, Taylor Richey and Brendan Tarleton.

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Coyote Track News

Canyon Reef Relays

The Borden County Boys competed in the Canyon Reef Relays in Snyder on March 6th and came away with some good experience and a new school record. Michael Cooley smashed to old school record of 6'2" with tremendous jump of 6'7". Not bad for a guy who is only 5'8". Here are the results of the meet.

Varsity Boys:

800 Meter Run: David Rodriguez-2:18.57.

100 Meter Dash: John Hensley-12.16.

800 Meter Relay: 1:42.35-John Hensley, Michael Cooley, Tony Soto, Jake Cooley.

400 Meter Dash: Jake Cooley-54.25; Tony Soto-56.61 and David Rodriguez-59.40.

200 Meter Dash: Michael Cooley-24.94.

1600 Meter Relay: 3:53.60-John Hensley, Michael Cooley, Tony Soto and Jake Cooley.

High Jump: 1st-Michael Cooley-6'7" and David Rodriguez-5'8".

JV Boys:

3200 Meter Run: Luke Burkett-13:25.14.

400 Meter Relay: 7th-48.65-Austin Fields, Flynn Chapman, Chance Taylor and Miles Valentine.

800 Meter Run: Michael Froman-2:31.49.

110 Meter Hurdles: Karl Lamming-22.32 and Austin Tyler-22.80.

100 Meter Dash: 8th-Austin Fields-12.56; Joseph McConnell-12.78 and Skyler Dear-13.54.

800 Meter Relay: 5th-1:45.21-Austin Fields, Glynn Chapman, Chance Taylor and Miles Valentine.

400 Meter Dash: Austin Tyler-71.99.

300 Meter Hurdles: Karl Lamming-50.14 and Collin Telchik-56.39.

200 Meter Dash: Miles Valentine-25.69; Derek Tatum-26.69 and Joseph McConnell-27.25.

1600 Meter Run: Michael Froman-5:44.06; Brendan Tarleton-6:15.51 and Collin Telchik-6:20.41.

Hamlin Pied Piper Relays

Varsity Boys:

800 Meter Run: David Rodriguez-2:22.70.

800 Meter Relay: 1:38.23-John Hensley, Michael Cooley, Tony Soto and Jake Cooley.

400 Meter Dash: Jake Cooley-54.64.

200 Meter Dash: Michael Cooley-25.02.

1600 Meter Relay: 3:46.78-David Rodriguez, Michael Cooley, Tony Soto and Jake Cooley.

Long Jump: Michael Cooley-20'1.5"; Tony Soto-18'1.5"; John Hensley-16'9".

High Jump: 1st-Michael Cooley-6'2" and David Rodriguez-5'6".

JV Boys:

400 Meter Relay: 2nd-48.58-Austin Fields, Quentin Shafer, R.T. Shafer and Miles Valentine.

800 Meter Run: Brendan Tarleton-2:40.70.

110 Meter Hurdles: Zach Telchik-20.04; Karl Lamming-19.38 and Austin Tyler-22.38.

100 Meter Dash: Joseph McConnell-12.71.

800 Meter Relay: 1st-1:44.77-Austin Fields, Quentin Shafer, R.T. Shafer and Miles Valentine.

400 Meter Dash: 8th-Austin Tyler-71.56.

300 Meter Hurdles: Zach Telchik-48.73; Karl Lamming-48.07; Collin Telchik-55.28.

200 Meter Dash: 2nd-Miles Valentine-25.44.

1600 Meter Run: 6th-Brendan Tarleton-6:06.07 and 7th-Collin Telchik.

1600 Meter Relay: 2nd-4:03.14-Austin Fields, Karl Lamming, Zach Telchik and R.T. Shafer.

Shot: Joseph McConnell-32'8".

Long Jump: 2nd-Miles Valentine-17'3.5".

Triple Jump: 1st-Karl Lamming-40'2" and R.T. Shafer-34'5".

High Jump: 2nd-Kurt Shafer-5'8" and 4th-Zach Telchik-5'6".

Girls:

Shot Put: Raegan Belongia.

Discus: Taylor Richey-5th-95'7"; Raegan Belongia-6th-79'7".

Long Jump: Marla Crenshaw-12'9½".

Triple Jump: Taylor Richey-30'4½"; Olivia Key-28'4".

High Jump: Krista Tarleton-4'8".

Pole Vault: D'Nae Johnson.

100 Meter Run: Brittany Day-14.5; Marla Crenshaw-14.9.

200 Meter Run: Brittany Day-31.3; Marla Crenshaw-31.3.

400 Meter Relay: 56.6-D'Nae Johnson, Stefanie Cooley, Olivia Key and Taylor Richey.

800 Meter Relay: 2:02.7-D'Nae Johnson, Taylor Richey, Olivai Key and Stefanie Cooley.

1600 Meter Relay: 4:54.3-Krista Tarleton, Olivia Key, Stefanie Cooley and D'Nae Johnson.

400 Meter Run: 1:15.2-Krista Tarleton.

800 Meter Run: 3:03.5-Marla Crenshaw.

100 Meter Hurdles: Taylor Richey.

Dawson Dragon Relays

High School Girls:

Shot Put: 3rd-Raegan Belongia.

Discus: 2nd-Taylor Richey-88'2" and 3rd-Raegan Belongia-84'11".

200 Meter Run: Seleste Herridge.

100 Meter Run: 6th-Stefanie Cooley-14.4; Brittany Day-14.7 and Seleste Herridge-16.5.

800 Meter Relay: 2nd-2:02.3-Brittany Day, Taylor Richey, Krista Tarleton and Stefanie Cooley.

Jr. High Girls:

Shot Put: Kaylyn Dean, Kayla Pepper, Celina Guerrero, Maeghan Herridge, Steelie Sanders and Kassie Gaines.

Discus: Celina Guerrero, Kaylyn Dean, Kayla Pepper, Maeghan Herridge, Steelie Sanders, Mindy Tyrell and Kassie Gaines.

2400 Meter Run: 3rd-Shea Burkett-11:59.5.

800 Meter Run: 3rd-Mollie McMeans-3:00.9.

400 Meter Run: 2nd-Teryn Soto-1:10.7; 6th-Mallory McMeans-1:15.6.

400 Meter Relay: 4th-59.0-Lexi Peterson, Kalyn Massingill, Kayla Pepper and Sydney Day.

100 Meter Run: Sydnie Day-5th; Lexi Peterson; Kylie Voss; Celina Guerrero; Mindy Tyrell; Kaylyn Dean and

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Coyote Track News

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Kassie Gaines.

200 Meter Run: Kylie Voss-33.5; Kaylyn Dean-35.9; Celina Guerrero-36.9; Jordan Day-36.1; Maeghan Herridge-36.2 and Mindy Tyrell-36.0.

100 Meter Hurdles: 6th-Kalyn Massingill-20.6.

300 Meter Hurdles: 4th-Taylor Gass-1:02.4.

800 Meter Relay: 2nd-2:05.7-Teryn Soto, Kalyn Massingill, Taylor Gass and Sydney Day.

East Zone Track Meet at O'Donnell

Jr. High Girls:

Shot Put: 6th-Kaylyn Dean-21'11"; Kayla Pepper; Celina Guerrero; Maeghan Herridge and Steelie Sanders.

Discus: Celina Guerrero; Kaylyn Dean; Kayla Pepper; Maeghan Herridge; Steelie Sanders and Mindy Tyrell.

Long Jump: 2nd-Sydney Day-13'3"; 3rd-Kalyn Massingill-12'10.5"; 4th-Kylie Voss-12'6.5" and Lexi Peterson-11'4".

Triple Jump: 4th-Taylor Gass-24'8.5"; Kalyn Massingill-NM.

High Jump: 1st-Teryn Soto-4'2" and Jordan Day-NH.

Pole Vault: 1st-Taylor Gass-5'0".

2400 Meter Run: 1st-Mollie

McMeans-11:23.6 and 2nd-Shea Burkett-11:25.0.

1600 Meter Run: 1st-Taylor Gass-6:52.1 and 3rd-Shea Burkett-7:17.6.

800 Meter Run: 3rd-Mollie McMeans-3:00.5 and 5th-Sage Wheatley-3:17.9.

100 Meter Dash: 2nd-Sydney Day-14.0; Lexi Peterson-15.4; Kylie Voss-15.6; Kaylyn Dean-16.06; Celina Guerrero-16.6 and Mindy Tyrell-16.8.

200 Meter Dash: Kylie Voss-34.3; Kaylyn Dean-35.8; Jordan Day-36.6; Maeghan Herridge-36.7; Celina Guerrero-37.7 and Mindy Tyrell-40.7.

400 Meter Dash: 2nd-Mallory McMeans-1:06.0; 3rd-Sage Wheatley-1:07.7 and Teryn Soto-1:09.3.

100 Meter Hurdles: 1st-Kalyn Massingill-20.7.

300 Meter Hurdles: 4th-Taylor Gass-1:03.8.

400 Meter Relay: 2nd-59.8-Lexi Peterson, Kaylyn Massingill, Kayla Pepper and Sydney Day.

800 Meter Relay: 1st-2:06.4-Teryn Soto, Kalyn Massingill, Taylor Gass and Sydney Day.


1600 Meter Relay: 1st-5:01.5-Mallory McMeans, Lexi Peterson, Kayla Pepper and Teryn Soto.




Pizza anyone? The Borden County junior class is currently selling pizza's. Pictured are Junior class members (back left to right) Jacey Eveland, Annie Stribling, (front left to right) Eric Espinoza, Laura Ocanas and Chellsie Pigford.

Pizza! Pizza!

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Pizza kits from Little Caesar's Pizza are now available from any member of the Class of 2010. These pizza kits bring the yummy pizzaness of Little Caesar's to the convenience of your home. It's so easy to do. Contact a Class of 2010 member, place your order and soon you will enjoy the pizza you've been wishing for.



OAP "Beggar's Opra"...

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lias.

The BHS comedy tells the story of a company of rag-tag beggars in the early 18th century who are performing a play for a London street audience. Their classical plot surrounds the appearance of "Captain MacHeath" (played by Espinoza), a romantic highwayman who becomes involved in a love triangle with two women at the same time - "Polly Peachum" (Chasiti Rutherford) and "Lucy Lockit" (D'Nae Johnson).

The girls' parents - "Mr. Peachum" (John Hensley), "Mrs. Peachum" (Phyneshia Rutherford), and "Mr. Lockit" (Brendan Tarleton) - create quite a stir as the two women fight for MacHeath's affection.

Joining the cast of fifteen are juniors Kagan Benham ("Dolly"), Karl Laming ("Matt/Prisoner"),

Chelsey Sapp ("Mrs. Coaxer"), & Michael Porter ("Ben/Constable").

Fellow sophomores are Krista Tarleton ("Jenny") and Valentine ("Filch"). Freshmen cast members are Raegan Belongia ("Mrs. Slammekin"), Kobie Benham ("Jem/Prisoner/ Hangman"), and Collin Telchik ("Ned/Prisoner").

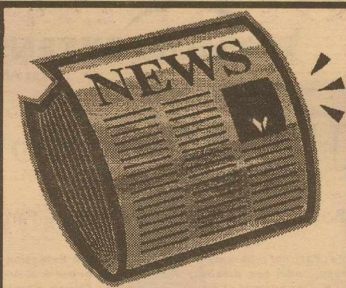
Technical crew members for the production are Froman (Stage Manager), Pigford (Props & Costumes Manager), Rinehart (Sound Technician), and Soto (Light Technician).

More details on the Area Contest will be in next week's *Borden Star*.

Sophomore Derek Tatum and freshmen Vivian Hernandez and Chance Taylor serve as alternates. Darrin Ard is the show's director.



Borden County Coyote, Sydney Day (right) heads to the finish line for 2nd place in the 400 meter relay. Other teammates in the relay were Lexi Peterson, Kalyn Massingill and Kayla Pepper.



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School Lunch Menu

April 6 - 10, 2009

Monday - Breakfast: French Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Coyote Taco, REfried Beans, Salad, Pineapple and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Pop Tart, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken, Potatoes, Corn, Hot Roll, Fresh Fruit and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Ham, Egg, Biscuit, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Turkey & Gravy, Green Beans, Potatoes, Roll, Mixed Fruit and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Polish Sausage, Baked Potato w/Ham & Cheese, Steamed Broccoli, Crackers, Ice Cream and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Cinnamon Pastry, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken on a Bun, French Fries, Salad, Cup, Easter Cake and Milk.

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Heart and Home ...

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Making Family Chores Fun

Introduce your kids to new ideas and skills that will help keep the family home clean and organized during the school year. They'll also learn to take pride in a job well done!

To help, we've collected a set of five kid-friendly activities. You'll start by gathering the common household items listed in the righthand column. Then set aside about an hour to complete the activities. Let the learning...and fun...begin!

Activity 1: Create Job Squares

Begin by helping your kids see how many jobs need to be done around the house.

step 1 Name each job. Ask kids to name every household task they can think of. Help them out by asking them to name the things they do around the house ("Do you pick up your toys?"). Also ask kids to name the tasks other family members perform. As each task is mentioned, write it down on a list.

step 2 Create "job squares." Take some paper and cut it into pieces that are about the size of index cards. Write down each task you listed in step 1 on a separate piece of paper. These will be job squares, which you will use later. Kids may wish to write the job squares themselves or decorate them with drawings.

step 3 Organize job squares. Lay all the squares out on a table. Aren't there a lot of things that get done around the house each week? If you wish, give a small reward for each square that's been completed.

Activity 2: Lunchin' in the Rain

* Help your child learn how to pack a nutritious school lunch. Start by handing each child three sandwich bags.

* Help kids make good choices. Ask kids to choose foods they think a parent would pack for lunch. These foods should be available in your refrigerator or pantry.

* Have kids pick 1) a fruit or vegetable; 2) an item made

with grains, such as pretzels, crackers, or another snack; and 3) bread and fixings for a sandwich (meat, cheese, or other items).

* Place each item carefully in a sandwich bag, and tell kids to carefully close the top of the sandwich bag. When everything is safely sealed, place all the sandwich bags in a paper sack.

* Throw in a surprise. What if it were to rain on the way to school? Show kids what might happen by putting the finished paper lunch sack in the kitchen sink and running a generous amount of water over it.

* Continue until the kids are wide eyed and the sack is saturated. Then ask what has happened to the food. The kids will probably think the food is soaked. Imagine their surprise when the soggy sack is opened and the food inside the sandwich bag is still crisp and fresh.

* Congratulate kids for doing a good job of fixing their lunch, and share some of the food they've packed inside as a snack reward.

Activity 3: Dusting Contest

This quick activity alerts children to the need for dusting and shows them an instantly satisfying result.

step 1 Have your child name two pieces of wood furniture in your home. (If more than one child is involved, have each child name one piece of furniture.)

step 2 Ask them to guess which item they chose has more dust on it.

step 3 Give each child his or her own dusting cloth. (If just one child is participating, cut the cloth in half.) Tell the children to dust the piece of furniture they chose and bring the dusty cloths back for comparison. Be prepared to lend a helping hand if dusting is a new activity.

step 4 Compare the cloths to see which item of wood furniture had the most dust. Don't forget to offer praise for a good job of dusting all the furniture!

Activity 4: Sort of Fun

Even young children can tell the difference between a piece of white clothing and a colored item.

Have your children sort the whites and colors in batches of dirty laundry, as you stand by to help along the way. To add to this activity, make it a Stain Hunt. Encourage your children to spot stains in the clothes they sort. If there are any stains, have your children watch as you treat each stain with a dab of stain remover. After you've washed the clothes, come back later to show kids how their efforts helped to create clean, fresh, stain-free clothes.

Activity 5: Make a Mission Board

You'll be using the job squares you created in activity 1 to make a Mission Board. The Mission Board is a daily reminder of the tasks each family member can do to help with the family mission of keeping your home clean and well organized.

step 1 Take a corkboard (or a piece of display board thick enough to hold thumbtacks). Place the corkboard in a busy part of the house.

step 2 Choose a sandwich bag for each family member and write each person's name on the front of the bag with a permanent marker.

step 3 Tack each sandwich bag to the corkboard, so that slips of paper can be easily inserted and removed from the bag.

step 4 Add one extra bag to the corkboard and write the word DONE on it in big, bold letters.

step 5 Once each child has his or her own bag on the Mission Board, place each child's job squares in the appropriate sandwich bag. Let the kids choose the jobs they want first, and pull out the chores only an adult can do. Keep going until all the job squares are distributed fairly.

Your Mission Board is a constant reminder of what needs to be done around the house. The clear plastic bags allow each member to see how many tasks have been completed and how many jobs remain to be finished. You can make this an ongoing project by adding new jobs to each child's bag as they arise.

Wrapping Up

Present each child with a final reward for the day's activities (if you chose to use re-

wards). Your reward is teaching a valuable lesson about how work can be honorable, practical...and fun!

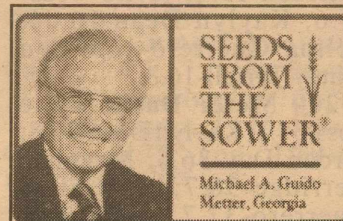
You might want to give kids rewards for taking part, such as:

* Snacks like small candies, crackers, or fruit snacks for completing each activity.

* A fun, inexpensive toy.

* A trip to the playground, the movies, or a bike ride.

Source: Right@Home web site <http://www.rightathome.com>



Niagara Falls provides the greatest single natural source of water power in North America. The river plunges 500,000 tons of water a minute into the gorge.

But one day the water stopped. Because of an ice dam thrown across the river, the waters failed, the rainbow disappeared, and the music was hushed.

Not once, not even for a moment, has the love of God failed and it never shall fail. For you can't be loved more than He loves you.

Whenever you're tempted to doubt His love, go back to Calvary.

Hear Him as He says to you, "I have loved you with an everlasting love."

Why don't you love Him?

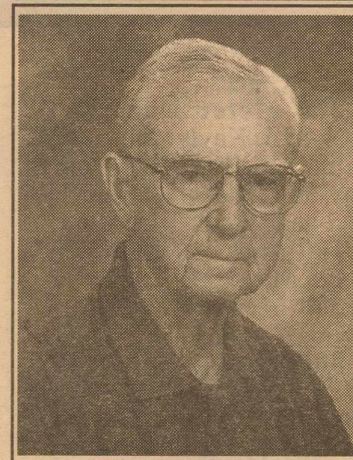
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Obituary



William Harrison Finley
1919 - 2009

William Harison Finley, 89, died March 24, 2009 in Granbury.

A private family memorial service was held at the chapel of Church of the Good Shepherd in Acton.

Mr. Finley was born November 15, 1919, in Cass County, Texas. Following U.S. Naval service during World War II, he graduated from the University of Houston and joined Amoco Oil Company retiring in 1981 after employment in the United States, Venezuela, The Netherlands, Iran, Trinidad and Argentina.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Yvonne Finley (nee Rollins); four daughters, Nancy Dobyns of Jacksonville, Fl.; Beverly Smith of Plano, Texas; Joan Coffing of Albuquerque, NM; Amy Rinehart of Gail, Texas; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to Macular Degeneration Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 531313, Henderson NV 89053.

Engagement Announced



Lust - Hensley

Randy and Donelle Hensley of O'Donnell are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Micah Danielle, to Cameron Ryan Lust of Lubbock. Grandparents of the bride-elect are Don and Nelva Jones of Fluvanna, and the late Pat and Jo Hensley of O'Donnell.

Lust is the son of Rex and Carol Lust of Dimmitt and Gary and Shanee Thompson of Lake Tanglewood. He is the grandson of Houston and Doris Lust of Dimmitt and Betty Burrous and the late Reeford Burrous of Dimmitt.

The bride-to-be is a 2003 graduate of Borden County High School. She received a Master of Physician Assistant Studies in 2008 from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. She is currently employed by Physician Network Services in Lubbock.

The prospective groom is a 1997 graduate of Dimmitt High School. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from Texas Tech University in 2004. He is currently a loan review analyst at PlainsCapital Bank in Lubbock.

The couple will exchange wedding vows at the First United Methodist Church in Lubbock on August 1, 2009.

BOOSTER CLUB PRE-SCHOOL EASTER EGG HUNT

The Booster Club will be hosting it's
annual egg hunt on
April 10th, 2009
At 1:00 p.m.



On the practice field.



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Big Country Electric 10th Annual Meeting

Big Country Electric Cooperative will hold its 10th Annual Meeting of the Membership Saturday, April 18th at the Coliseum in Snyder, located at 900 E. Coliseum Drive.

Member registration begins at 4:00 p.m. At that time, members and guests are invited to enjoy a Texas barbecue meal catered by J & D Concessions of Snyder.

Entertainment will be provided by *Revolution*, a violin troupe composed of Abilene and Cooper High School students. Local artists will also have their works on display for all members and guests to view.

The business meeting will convene at 5:00 p.m.

Member-owners of Big Country Electric Cooperative are encouraged to attend and take an active role in the director elections and business of their cooperative.

Hudson Receives Award



Andy Hudson, (right) sign technician in the Borden County maintenance section, is presented a Certificate of Service by Lauren Garduño. Hudson, a five-year employee with the Texas Department of Transportation, was honored for his longevity during a recent supervisors meeting in Abilene. In addition to the framed certificate, he received a five-year service pin and a TxDOT coffee mug, his gift of choice. Lauren Garduño is the Abilene District Engineer. (TxDOT photo by Mary Beth

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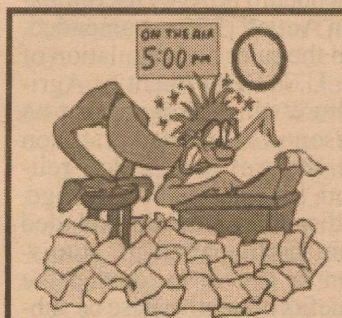
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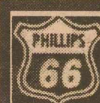
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Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor, Councilmen, Judges and Commissioners of the Cities and Counties of Albany, Baird, Big Lake, Borden County, Breckenridge, De Leon, Friona, Lockney, McLean, Mitchell County, Monahans, Morton, Nazareth, Parmer County, Post, Roscoe, Shallowater, Swisher County, Tahoka, Tulia, Ward County, and Whiteface, Texas will be received at the offices of Oller Engineering, Inc., 2517 74th Street, Lubbock, Texas until 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 16, 2009 for furnishing all necessary materials, machinery, equipment, superintendence and labor for cleaning and seal coating certain streets for the Cities and Counties of Albany, Baird, Big Lake, Borden County, Breckenridge, De Leon, Friona, Lockney, McLean, Mitchell County, Monahans, Morton, Nazareth, Parmer County, Post, Roscoe, Shallowater, Swisher County, Tahoka, Tulia, Ward County, and Whiteface, Texas, including other incidental items of work as called for in the specifications. Total square yards per City or County:

Albany-13,000; Baird-8,898; Big Lake-11,340; Borden County-208,667; Breckenridge-29,240; De Leon-15,508; Friona-27,335; Lockney-9,781; McLean-6,100; Mitchell County-15,000; Monahans-128,082; Morton-28,140; Nazareth-2,080; Parmer County-17,675; Post-42,321; Roscoe-10,000; Shallowater-20,133; Swisher County-1,614; Tahoka-16,942; Tulia-17,012; Ward County-67,114; Whiteface-9,163. **Total Square Yards: 705,145.**

The Owners shall be those cities and counties herein identified and for which the construction services and work is being performed. Oller Engineering, Inc. and Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc., shall be the agent/agents for the Owner(s) and shall collect, analyze and recommend a

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Information for Bidders, proposal forms, plans and specifications are on file at the offices of the various City Managers, County Judges of the Cities and Counties of Albany, Baird, Big Lake, Borden County, Breckenridge, De Leon, Friona, Lockney, McLean, Mitchell County, Monahans, Morton, Nazareth, Parmer County, Post, Roscoe, Shallowater, Swisher County, Tahoka, Tulia, Ward County, and Whiteface, Texas, and Oller Engineering, Inc., 2517 74th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423, (806)748-5700 and Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc., 402 Cedar Street, Abilene, Texas, 79604, (325)698-5560.

Copies of the plans and specifications and contract documents may be secured from Oller Engineering, Inc., 2517 74th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423, (806)748-5700 and Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc., 402 Cedar Street, Abilene, Texas, 79604, (325)698-5560.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is given herewith that proposals will be considered from Banks and Banking Corporations desiring to serve as depository for public funds and county public school funds of Borden County, Texas. Such proposals will be considered Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 9:30 a.m., and the Commissioners' Court of Borden County may, at its discretion, reject any and all bids or proposals submitted. Applications submitted should be in accordance with Article 116.021, Local Government Code, Vernon's Civil Statutes, and it is desired that same stipulate percent interest to be paid on time deposits and rate of interest Borden County would pay on borrowed funds for ordinary operating expenses and borrowed funds for equipment purchases. Depository Bank would be expected to furnish printed checks and deposit slips for all accounts.

Van L. York
County Judge
Borden County

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be re-

ceived by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 6032-50-001 for RETRO-REFLECTIVITY DATA COLLECTION in HOWARD County, etc will be opened on April 29, 2009 at 1:30 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$45,790.78

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov. and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

BORDEN COUNTY SCHOOL TRUSTEES CALL FOR MAY 9, 2009 BOND ELECTION

The trustees of the Borden County Independent School District took action on March 9, 2009 to call a bond election for the issuance of \$25,000,000 of bonds by the Borden County Independent School District as allowed by State Law for the construction of school buildings, the purchase of school buses, the purchase of school sites, and levying the tax to pay for the bonds associated with a project of this nature. Meetings to explain the above proposals are tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2009 and Tuesday, April 21, 2009. Printed materials are presently being prepared that will be provided to the Borden County School Community as soon as it becomes available for distribution.

CALENDAR FOR THE UPCOMING MAY 9, 2009 BOND ELECTION

- Applications for Early Voting by mail are presently being accepted by the Borden County Independent School District
- April 9, 2009-Last day to register to vote for the Saturday, May 9, 2009 election
- April 27, 2009-First day to vote early in person
- May 1, 2009-Last day to submit an application for a ballot to be voted by mail
- May 5, 2009-Last day to vote early by personal appearance
- May 9, 2009-Election Day

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

Some Banks Are More Independent Than Others

The Wall Street Journal recently reported that treasury officials expect 25% of the approximately 8,000 US banks to apply for funds available through the Capital Purchase Program (CPP), which is under the umbrella of the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), which is part of President Obama's plan to help the economy. I think that says a lot. The fact that 75% of the banks declined the offer is a good sign. I'm glad to see banks pushing back against more federal control of the country's financial institutions.

Big Spring used to have three banks, now it has several. The early ones were owned and operated by local folks. Today most of the banks in Big Spring are controlled from out of town. One is fiercely independent and intends to stay that way. The State National Bank of Big Spring is in the unique position of celebrating its 100th anniversary. It has been in the same family since it was founded in 1909.

When chairman of the board John Currie graduated from TCU in 1951 he wanted to take a job in the oil fields of Venezuela. When that fell through, he knew where he could find work. His father, Robert Currie, was president of the State National Bank and his grandfather, T. S. Currie, was the bank's first manager. So John took a job in September of 1951 and has been at the bank ever since. A member of the Currie family had been president of the bank until 1988 when John left that position and handed it over to Jim Purcell.

John worked for the bank during his high school years.

He actually earned his first paycheck from the bank in 1936 when he was given five dollars for jumping up and down on a foot-operated device that punched holes in checks. The bank was chartered on March 1, 1909 as the First State Bank of Big Spring. In 1924 the bank converted to a national bank charter and was renamed The State National Bank of Big Spring. During the depression years of the 1930's and 1940's the bank used the slogan, "Time Tried and Panic Tested."

The bank has some extremely loyal customers, perhaps because during drought years the bank stayed with them longer than most banks would. Agriculture has been the backbone of both the Big Spring Community and the bank. Farming and ranching now account for about half the bank's business. State National has stayed ahead of the curve on technology and has a number of firsts in computer banking.

In 2003 the bank acquired banks in O'Donnell and Lamesa, a move that has proven profitable for all three banks. State National remains independent, even though it has had the opportunity many times to become part of a conglomerate. John feels he has a responsibility to the customers, employees and the community. Concerning the bank's 100th anniversary, John says simply, "We're proud to have been around that long." When I asked him what he considered the bank's biggest accomplishment, he replied with a smile, "We stayed solvent."

Water Flows Despite Drought Conditions

Creeks rise in wake of brush control efforts

By DEE ANN LITTLEFIELD

Water is scarce in Borden and Scurry counties in West Texas, where the annual rainfall is about 18 inches. That's the average, but as many farmers and ranchers in the area can tell you, it's the below-average years that require extra management and continuous planning.

In 1913, R.M. Clayton purchased a large track of land in Borden County, which he operated as the Muleshoe Ranch, near Gail, Texas. As his sons and daughters continued in the ranching business, the original ranch was divided up among heirs.

Clayton's grandson, Rich Anderson, and his son, John, continue to operate their portion of the original ranch, still branding the original Muleshoe brand.

Rich began working with the Soil Conservation Service, now the Natural Resources Conservation Service, in the late 1950s, participating in the Great Plains Conservation Program. John, and his wife, Kevva, continue the conservation heritage on the land, implementing practices such as grazing management and water distribution. John currently serves on the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District board.

Other Clayton family members, Tim and Carol Wilson, operate the Rocker Ranch, which is part of the original Clayton ranch estate, and neighbors the Muleshoe Ranch. The Wilsons have been consulting with the NRCS since 1986, accomplishing goals outlined in their conservation plan.

Despite the good grazing management efforts, over the years, the Andersons, the Wilsons and many other ranchers in the area have experienced the invasion of salt cedar trees along their creeks. According to studies conducted by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, salt cedar and other in-

vasive brush species have emerged in the upland areas, resulting in greatly diminished water supplies.

TSSWCB studies report that plant species such as salt cedar, juniper, and mesquite have become dominant and caused extensive problems with water quality and quantity in the watersheds of the Upper Colorado River Basin, as they have higher water consumption rates and more extensive root systems than most typical native vegetation, and therefore out-compete many typical native species.

All five members of the Upper Colorado SWCD are proactive stewards of their land; they felt that a more aggressive approach might be the key to managing the issue of invasive brush.

In 2002, Anderson and fellow SWCD board member Ted Crenwelge and the rest of the

Upper Colorado SWCD board set out to see what they could do to reverse the invasion of salt cedar, mesquite and juniper trees on ranches in the area. They approached Kevin Wright, NRCS district conservationist in the Snyder field office, to provide some expertise and assistance with this project.

As a result of their efforts, Wright helped them and other ranchers develop conservation plans using the best science and technology available to achieve their economic and environmental objectives. The ranchers' primary goal was to work with nature to restore the range to healthy conditions, to the point it could provide environmental services such as wildlife habitat, improved grass cover to reduce erosion, and hopefully a better, more abundant supply of water. They

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USDA to Extend Dates for Programs...

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DCP and ACRE programs play a critical role in the farm safety net and it is vital that we act to support the hard work of the farmers we depend on."

Sign-up for ACRE is expected to start in late April, with an official sign-up announcement to be made in the coming weeks. Producers can elect ACRE at their FSA county office after the sign-up period commences. The original June 1 deadline may have forced producers to rush their decision, which is why this extension gives producers more time to make an informed decision about staying with DCP for 2009 or participating in ACRE for crop year 2009 and beyond through 2012.

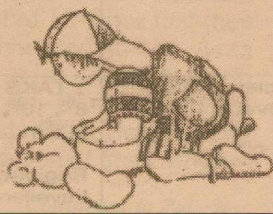
The ACRE program, authorized by the 2008 Farm Bill, provides eligible producers a

state-level revenue guarantee, based on the 5-year state Olympic average yield and the 2-year national average price. ACRE payments are made when both state and farm-level triggers are met. By participating in ACRE, producers elect to forgo counter-cyclical payments, receive a 20-percent reduction in direct payments and a 30-percent reduction in loan rates. The decision to elect ACRE binds the farm to the program through the 2012 crop year, the last crop year covered by the 2008 Act.

For more information about ACRE, DCP and other price support programs, please visit your local USDA Service Center or your local FSA county office. You can also obtain information on-line at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

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Drought Conditions...

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wanted to do all this while managing their herds to produce a sustainable supply of food and fiber to provide income for their families.

Many Borden and Scurry county ranchers met with Wright about this project and were able to participate in the NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board's brush program, which helped share the cost of removing salt cedar trees along the headwaters of the Colorado River. The first aerial treatment, applied in 2005, was so successful that many ranchers repeated the process in 2008, spraying along Mesquite Creek and its tributaries, which are all part of the Colorado River Watershed. As part of their restoration and water management strategies, they applied upland brush management to juniper and mesquite trees, monitored their cattle grazing and managed their riparian areas to create optimal wildlife habitat.

"The outcome has been phenomenal," said Tim Wilson

of the Rocker Ranch, "particularly on Mesquite Creek, which runs through my ranch. I have seen a dramatic increase in water flow."

The results of the collective conservation efforts can be seen, and heard, as formerly dry springs are now flowing again. And it's not because of recent rains. Texas is currently experiencing severe drought conditions, and this area has only received seven-tenths of an inch since November.

But this hasn't stopped the stream flow. These streams aren't just flowing; they are growing. In the areas where the brush treatment and other conservation practices have been applied, the streams are flowing downstream many miles beyond their historical stream flow. In fact, these treated streams in the Upper Colorado River Watershed are now providing additional water to Lake JB Thomas, E.V. Spence Reservoir, and O.H. Ivie Reservoir watersheds, which provide public water sources for several communities, including San Angelo, Odessa, Big

Spring, Snyder and Abilene.

Through utilization of good conservation treatments, these streams have also made a new source of livestock water readily available, enabling the ranchers to manage their operations better and allowing them to not have to pump water out of an underground aquifer to supply their livestock and wildlife.

What started as brushy, dry creekbeds on some ranches in West Texas have turned into a new source of drinking water for the tens of thousands of people that rely on the municipal water supplies. Additional results of this private commitment to stewardship are the cattle are enjoying more grass, many wildlife species are thriving in their improved habitat, and the ranchers are smiling about the success of it all.

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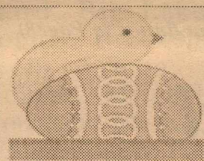
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April 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
* Denotes District games April 14 th - 17 th Scholastic Book Fair			1	2 District UIL @ Loop CDE Judging WTAMU Canyon	3 4-H Livestock Judging Meeting in Conference Room: 3 rd -5 th 11:30 - 12 6 th -8 th 12:30 - 1 Baseball vs. Nazareth @ Shallowater 6:30	4 Area CDE Judging TTU Borden County Relays
5	6 District Golf TBD 4-H Photography @ Show Barn 3:45-5:00 * Baseball vs. Crosbyton @ Snyder (Moffett) 5:00	7 TAKS Math 5 th & 8 th	8 HS (9 th -12 th) 4-H Meeting in Conference Room 12:35-1:05	9 District Track @ Borden County District 4-H Fashion Show	10 Pre-K Day Easter Egg Hunts * Baseball vs. Rails @ Snyder (Moffett) 5:00	11 Area OAP @ Lubbock Christian University
12	13 Holiday District HS Tennis @ Lamesa	14 District HS Tennis @ Lamesa * Baseball @ O'Donnell 5:00	15	16	17 Area Track @ Sundown End of 5 th Six Weeks	18 State CDE Judging TTU * Baseball @ Tahoka (DH) 12:00 SPCHEA JH Tennis Meet @ Levelland
19	20 4-H Photography @ Show Barn 3:45-5:00 Beginning of 6 th Six Weeks	21 Baseball @ Lockney 6:00	22 Regional Tennis @ Levelland	23 Regional Tennis @ Levelland State CDE Judging Tarleton	24 Regional UIL @ Levelland	25 Regional UIL @ Levelland State CDE Judging Texas A&M * Baseball @ Crosbyton 4:30
26	27	28 TAKS Math 3 rd , 4 th , 6 th , 7 th , 10 th	29 TAKS Reading 4 th , 6 th , 7 th TAKS Math Exit Level (11 th)	30 TAKS Science 5 th , 8 th , 10 th , Exit Level (11 th) TAKS Math 9 th	1 TAKS Social Studies 8 th , 10 th , Exit Level (11 th) Regional Track @ Levelland	2 Regional Track @ Levelland