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BHS UIL Academic Teams Seeking Yet Another Consecutive District Championship

The past seven years have provided much success at the district, regional, and state levels for the UIL Academic program at Borden County High School. This Friday, March 28th, the squad will be in search of its eighth consecutive district championship at the District 9-A UIL Academic District Meet at Water Valley High School.

Winning that championship will not be easy, however, because BHS happens to find itself currently in one of the arguably toughest 1A academic districts in the state.

In fact, Last year, three schools from the district (Garden City, Water Valley, and BHS) finished in the top six overall at the State Meet. Last year's district meet came down to the end before BHS was named as champion.

The BHS teams are ready for the challenge, though; following successful invitational practice meets in Andrews, Idalou, Lubbock: Monterey, and Post.

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With the district championship win on Monday at the Highland track meet, the Borden County Jr. High boys are champions times three. The team were football, basketball and now track district champs. Pictured are (back row left to right: Luis Andrade, Dalton Thuett, Ranner Richey, Riley Smith, Austin Fields, Matthew Roberson, Austin Tyle, Steven Howard, (front row left to right) Troy Copeland, Blake Turner and Luke Burkett.

USDA Authorizes Emergency Use of CRP Acres for 100 Texas Counties

(Post, TX) - March 25, 2008 - In response to producers who lost forage acres or fencing as a result of recent wildfires, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) today announced authorization of

emergency use of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres in 100 Texas counties. Eligible producers must request and receive FSA approval for emergency use of CRP acres by close of business

April 4, 2008.

Emergency use of land enrolled in CRP has been authorized for Andrews, Archer, Bailey, Brooks, Callahan,

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Lady Coyote Softball Update New Deal Takes District Opener

By Sue Jane Mayes

Once again, the final score of BHS's softball game masked the fact that the team showed signs of breaking out of a losing streak. However, costly errors in two innings made the difference as the Lady Coyotes fell 26-6 to New Deal.

In the top half of the first, New Deal capitalized on four errors, scoring four runs. Shortstop Sharelle Gass scooped up a grounder to throw to first baseman Taylor Richey who made a great stretch to record an out to slow the rally.

Batting the bottom half of the first inning, BHS came alive with consecutive hits by D'Nae Johnson and Olivia Key who ripped singles up the middle. Richey, batting third, also got a hit scoring Johnson. Key, however, was thrown out at the plate for the first out.

A walk by Bailey Anderson led to Gass's sacrifice, moving both Anderson and Richey around in scoring position. Lacey Roberts then took care of business with a hit, scoring both Anderson and Richey. Her two RBI single made it a 4-3 game as the Lady Coyotes trailed by one after one inning.

Ten errors, three hits, and two walks cost the Coyotes 14 runs in the top half of the second inning. The inning actually began with a quick out as Key fielded a grounder and threw to Richey at first for the out. Like so many times this season, though, little things went wrong as the final two outs weren't recorded until New Deal held a sizeable 17-3

lead.

The third inning was the polar opposite as BHS recorded a double play as, ending the inning without New Deal crossing the plate. Bailey Anderson caught a line drive and threw back to Richey to double up the runner coming from first.

The Coyotes answered with two more runs in the bottom of the third. Johnson got on base again with an infield hit, beating out a throw. Key reached based on an error as did Richey. Johnson and Key both scored in the inning, cutting the deficit to 17-5.

Despite some good fielding by Key and Richey in the top half of the fourth, the Lady Lions were still able to score six runs. Two triples highlighted the offensive production for New Deal.

BHS turned another double play in the top of the fifth when third-baseman Krystal Hobson snagged a line drive and then tagged a runner. New Deal scored three more runs, however, in the inning. Leading 26-5, the Coyotes would have to score several runs to prevent the ten-run rule.

After two quick outs, Richey tripled to give the Lady Coyotes something to cheer about. Shylo Rinehart, in her first at-bat of the game, walked to keep the rally alive. Before the final out was recorded, Richey did score to make it a 26-5 final.

BHS has a doubleheader Saturday in Snyder against Seagraves. Both games are district contests

Reserve Grand Champion



Gail FFA member, Miller Valentine is pictured with his Reserve Grand Champion Lamb at the Houston Livestock Show. Pictured with Miller are (left to right) Travis Dimler, Mike Valentine (father), Merik Valentine, Miles Valentine, Tammy Valentine (mother), David Garrett, Terri Garrett, Gail FFA instructor Buddy Wallace, Kate Wallace and Kylie Moreland.

Coyote Sluggers Tame Lions Borden County Wins 9-8 Nailbiter

Lamesa Press-Reporter

Apparently, the Borden County Coyotes are quick learners when it comes to high school baseball.

The Coyote sluggers are off to a 10-5 start, including 4-1 in District 3-1A, following Wednesday evening's 9-8 win over Roby at Spikes Field.

"Right now, the thing which we're probably the proudest of is the fact that we're not an easy out for people. They've got to come ready to play us," BC Coach Trey Richey said of his Coyotes, who have won four straight after their league-opening loss.

"At the same time, it's hard to get too excited knowing that we've been playing the bottom third of our district, as far as records are concerned. We can't get too high about anything yet, but at least we're seeing that we've got an opportunity."

With that, Richey is still proud of what he has been seeing in only the Coyotes' third year of high school baseball.

"For being in only our third year and to be 10-5 it's pretty good, especially for some guys who don't even have their own baseball field. We're talking about a lot of guys who haven't played anything since Little League, if any at all," Richey said of his Coyotes.

"Being able to already win 10 games this year is a good accomplishment. It says a lot about our kids, especially as young as we are. Our two seniors have been stepping up, but outside of that we've been playing a lot of freshman and sophomores."

The Coyotes were originally scheduled to play Wednesday's game at Roby, but due to wet grounds the two schools agreed to go ahead and play right here at Lamesa's Spikes Field.

"The last time we played there (Spikes) it was against Ira last year and that wasn't a good experience for us, so we're just glad that things went much better for us there this

time," Richey said of Spikes Field.

A two-run sixth inning ended up being the difference for the Coyotes here at Spikes.

"Coming in, we felt like this was one of those games which we had to have. We know coming in that they (the Lions) were 0-3 (in district) but, at the same time, we also know that they were also much better than that," Richey said. "They've already played Hamlin twice and probably everybody in our district's going to end up getting beat by those guys."

"We feel like that third (play off) spot's wide open, so being able to get this one tonight helped us creep a little closer toward our dream of being in the playoffs."

Borden County also scored two runs in the second, one more in the fourth and four runs in the fifth.

Roby scored two runs in the second, one more in both the

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BC Sluggers Tame Lions...

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third and fourth innings, three in the fifth and one in the sixth.

Coyote senior Quentin Shafer continues to be a force on the mound for the Coyotes. By striking out 11 batters here on Wednesday compared to walking only one and scattering five hits, Shafer is now 7-1 on the year.

Only two of Roby's eight runs on Wednesday were earned.

"Out of the 100 pitches which Quentin threw Wednesday, 70 were strikes," Richey said. "We really don't know a lot about this game yet, but one thing we do know is that you've got to be able to throw strikes. Quentin's been doing a good job for us in that area."

Shafer has been a fixture on the mound since day one the Coyotes' baseball program.

"He's pretty tough-minded," Richey said of Shafer. "He's pitched for us for three years now. In fact, in our very first game that we played as a high school baseball team he was out on the mound for us back as a sophomore."

"He's not all that over-powering, but he knows how to spot his pitches. He also does

a good job of keeping batters off balance."

Designated hitter Tony Soto led the Coyotes' attack at the plate here on Wednesday by going three-for-four with one RBI.

"You've got to feel pretty good when eight out of the 10 guys who swing a bat for you in a game get a hit," Richey said.

Miles Valentine went three-for-five with a double and also scored two runs.

Flynn Chapman continues to swing a hot bat in the Coyotes' line-up. Chapman, who's been a red-hot .700 on the year with already 33 RBIs, went two-for-three with a double, one RBI and scored two runs.

Miller Valentine, Clay Harding and Michael Cooley each went two-for-four. Both of Miller's hits were doubles. He also drove in two RBIs and scored one run. One of Harding's hits was a double. He also drove in two RBIs. Cooley drove in one RBI and also scored one run.

Karl Lamming went two-for-five on the day with one double, scored two runs and also drove in one RBI.

Quentin Shafer had one hit, scored on run and had one RBI.

The Coyotes continue their quest for one of 3-1A's three playoff spots at 6 p.m. Wednesday when they will take on the Ira Bulldogs at Snyder's Moffett Field.

"We're probably talking about the second best team in our district, so if we could steal one off these guys it could end up going a long ways in a lot of ways," Richey said.

The Coyote baseballers will turn around and take on Roby again next Saturday in a game scheduled for 6 p.m. at Snyder's Moffett Field.

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District Champs!



Borden County Jr. High Girls track team won district Monday at the Highland track meet. Pictured are (back row left to right) Kayla Pepper, Kaylyn Dean, Reagan Belongia (middle row left to right) Alvina Seyler, Celina Guerrero, Kylie Voss, Shae Burkett, Seleste Herridge, Mattie Turner, Teryn Soto, Vivian Hernandez, Lexi Peterson and (front) Stefanie Cooley.

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Borden County Track and Field Schedule 2008

Day	Date	Location	Teams
Thursday	Feb. 21	Klondike Jr. High Track Meet	boys/girls
Friday	Feb. 22	TBA	Boys/Girls
Friday	Feb. 29	Hamlin Pied Piper Relays	Boys
Saturday	March 1	Loop Jr. High Track Meet	boys/girls
Saturday	March 1	Loop Invitational	Boys/Girls
Thursday	March 6	O'Donnell	boys/girls
Saturday	March 8	O'Donnell Invitational	Boys/Girls
Thursday	March 13	Jayton Jr. High Meet	boys/girls
Friday	March 14	Jayton Rolling Plains Relays	Boys/Girls
Friday	March 21	Borden County Jr. High	boys/girls
Friday	March 21	Borden County Invitational	Boys/Girls
Monday	March 24	Junior High Zone @ Highland	boys/girls
Saturday	March 29	TBA	Boys/Girls
Wednesday	April 2	District Track @ Water Valley	Boys/Girls
Tuesday	April 8	Area Track @ Bronte	Boys/Girls
Thursday	April 17	???: Regional Qualifier Meet	Boys/Girls
Fri. - Sat.	April 25-26	Abilene: Regional Track Meet	Boys/Girls
Fri. - Sat.	May 9-10	Austin: State Track Meet	Boys/Girls


2008 Borden County Baseball Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Location	Possible Conflicts
Feb. 14 th	Thursday	Scrimmage: Albany	5:00	Snyder (Moffett)	
Feb. 18 th	Monday	Wilson	4:00	WTC	
Feb. 21-23	Thur.-Sat	Snyder JV Tournament (our Vars.)	TBA	Snyder (Moffett)	
Feb. 26 th	Tuesday	New Home	4:00	Snyder (WTC or Moffett)	
Feb. 28 th - Mar. 1 st	Thurs. - Sat.	Tourney @ Hamlin	TBA	Hamlin	
*March 3 rd	Monday	Roby	4:00	Roby	
March 7 th	Friday	Wilson	4:00	Post	
*March 10 th	Monday	Rotan	4:00	WTC	Spring Break Cross A State
*March 15 th	Saturday	Loraine (Double Header)	3:00	Snyder (Moffett)	Spring Break
*March 17 th	Monday	Hermleigh	4:00	Snyder (Moffett)	
*March 26 th	Wednesday	Ira	6:00	Snyder (Moffett)	
*March 29 th	Saturday	Roby	6:00	Snyder (Moffett)	
*?? April 1 st	Tuesday	Hamlin	4:00	Snyder (Moffett)	Area One-Act
*April 5 th	Saturday	Rotan	1:00	Rotan	
*April 7 th	Monday	Hamlin	6:00	Hamlin	District Golf
*April 12 th	Saturday	Hermleigh	6:00	Snyder (Moffett)	UIL coming Home & FFA
*April 15 th	Tuesday	Aspermont (Double Header)	4:00	Snyder (Moffett or WTC)	
*April 18 th	Friday	Ira	5:00	Ira	
*?? April 21 st	Tuesday	Hamlin	6:00	Hamlin	
April 20-21	Mon.-Tues.	Rain out dates			
April 24-26	Thurs.-Sat.	Tie Breaker Date			Regional Track

* - District Game
?? - Possible Date Change: May have to move Hamlin game here if Play advances.



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Heart and Home ...


by Julie Smith
 Borden County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences

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Spring Must-Dos

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Ready to tackle this year's big spring clean? By breaking down tasks day-by-day, in a week's time your home will be sparkling top-to-bottom.

Conquer your kitchen vertically. Chances are you've been cleaning your kitchen "horizontally" (the counters, that is) on a daily basis. Spring cleaning is the time to tackle the "vertical!" You'll be surprised at how much cooking grease and grime have made it onto your walls. To get started, remove everything from the walls. If the paint is waterproof, spray an all purpose cleaner on the spots on the walls and wipe off with a slightly damp sponge or cloth. To reach high places, lightly apply the cleaner to a damp sponge mop. (If you are not sure about your wall finish, test the cleanser in an inconspicuous place first.) Include moldings, light-switch plates, door-knobs, backsplashes, etc. as part of your cleaning, and also look behind appliances, like the hand mixer and blender, to clean off goop that may have splashed on the wall. Non-waterproof walls may be dusted or vacuumed. To remove spots

from nonwashable wallpaper, try a commercial putty cleaner, available at hardware stores. Follow the directions on the package, which usually suggest testing it in an inconspicuous place first.

Freshen up bedding. Start by imagining how cozy it would feel to sink into freshly washed linens. Strip your beds and launder all washables, including sheets, mattress pads, blankets and pillowcases. Pack and store your laundered heavy winter quilts in large resealable bags or storage bags. Pillows can be freshened up as well but check the label first. Some need to be dry-cleaned; others can be tossed in the dryer and tumble-dried on the air cycle. It's a good time to vacuum your mattresses and turn them if you have the type that should be turned annually.

Deep-clean carpets and rugs. Now's a great time to deep-clean carpets (do this at least once a year; more often if you suffer from allergies). Consider renting or buying a deep-cleaning machine (found at hardware or do-it-yourself stores), or hire a professional carpet cleaner. You can launder washable throw rugs (es-

pecially entryway rugs and bathroom rugs).

Prep those windows for sunshine. If your storm windows are removable, now's the time to remove them, but clean them before storing. To reduce streaking when cleaning windows, choose to tackle the job on a cloudy day or in a spot where the sun's rays aren't hitting the panes. Remember to rinse your screens and give them a good scrub before installing them. Check here for more detailed ways to clean your window panes without stressing out.

Rejuvenate draperies and blinds. Many of us used to take down my blinds to clean, but now you can save so much time by leaving them up and using multi-surface wipes, which you can just wrap around your hand. To reach the top slats, sometimes you have to stand on a secure ladder. Toss washable draperies into the washing machine or just tumble-dry on the air-dry cycle to freshen them.

Brush up on your reading. How long has it been since you actually looked at the books on your bookshelves? Surely there are plenty you don't plan on reading again. Take all the books off the shelves and fill a box to give away to a local literacy organization, school or library. And take this opportunity to give those bookshelves a good dusting and polishing.

Buff your floors. You may be cleaning your floors every week, but spring is the time to buff and shine them. Whether your floors are wood or ceramic tile, linoleum or sealed flagstone, properly cleaning your floors will extend their

durability and beauty. For specific details and to learn more about the right cleaning products for your type of floor, check out SC Johnson's Floor Care Solution Finder.


Accessorize with care. Spring cleaning isn't only about getting rid of dust and dirt. It can also mean clearing away accessory clutter. Try displaying just a few family photos rather than 10. It's a cleaner look, focusing attention on your loved ones rather than the assorted frames. When there are many of one

type of thing, the objects themselves become less important. It is recommended that we "edit" your home accessories. Don't worry—you can display everything periodically by changing what you put out from time to time. Choose light, simple objects for the spring; save pieces with a rich, heavier feel for the fall and winter. Once you free up some space, you might decide to get one fresh, new item for spring.

Source: SC Johnson Clean Home Journal <http://www.cleanhomejournal.com>

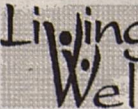


Shylo Rinehart, Borden County 4-H member, receives Champion Duroc at the San Antonio Livestock Show. Pictured with her are (back row left to right) Robert Turner, Amy Rinehart, Peyton, Keisha and Willard Hill, (front row left to right) Borden County Extension Agent Cody Hill, Jym Rinehart, Shylo and breeder, Chad Hill.



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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.

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 Agriculture News

 by Cody G. Hill

 Borden County Extension Agent -

 Agriculture

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Houston Livestock Show

Gail FFA member Heather Brooks exhibited her Yorkshire barrow at the Houston Livestock Show on Wednesday, March 18, in the second wave of barrows. Borden County 4-H member Baylee Benavidez exhibited her Champion Spotted barrow in the Grand Champion Drive that was held on Thursday, March 20.

All of the young people that represented Borden County during this 2008 Major Stock

Show season are to be commended on their hard work ethics. We want to wish our Senior 4-H and FFA members the best of luck in their endeavors after graduating from high school. Those Senior members who have exhibited animal projects are: Heather Brooks, Sharelle Gass, Chelsea Minnick, Shelby Roberts, Quentin Shafer, Miller Valentine, and Kate Wallace.



Borden County 4-H member, Baylee Benavidez, is pictured with (left to right) Borden County Extension Agent, Cody Hill and her parents, Holly and Phillip Benavidez. Baylee received Breed Champion Spot.



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Obituary

Joe Frank

Currey

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Joe Frank Currey passed to eternal life on March 23, 2008, after a lengthy illness. He fought a courageous battle he could not win. Frank was born April 1, 1928 in Borden Co. Texas. He married Wilma Dabney Currey on October 23, 1946. Frank was a farmer/rancher in Borden County. He raised purebred livestock on the land his grandfather settled in the War of Ribbons in 1902. Frank was in the Marine Corp, and was very proud of being a Veteran of WWII. He was County Commissioner of Borden County, Precinct I for twelve years. Frank was a member of the Draw Methodist Church. A wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and friend; he had four great-grandchildren whom he called the greatest!

He is survived by his loving wife, Wilma Dabney Currey, two daughters Diana Currey Mitchell of Gallatin, Tennessee, Donna Currey Barnes of Lubbock, two grandchildren, Bryan Ray Barnes and wife, Jami, of Dawson County, Danisha Dawn Barnes of Lubbock, four great-grandchildren, Whitney, Brayden, Kaitlyn, Justin Barnes, a sister, Occo Dickson of Hobbs New Mexico, numerous nieces and nephews. An honorable man, Frank will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Graveside services will be held in Gail, Texas on Wednesday, March 26, 2008, under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Thought for the Day

People may doubt what you say, but they will always believe what you do.

Source: St. Louis Inspirational Christian Connection.

Commissioners Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 11th day of March, 2008, 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; **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 constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of February 26, 2008 were read. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

COUNTY OFFICER REPORTS

After examination of the County Officer Reports Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the submitted County Officer Reports. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Norman J. Herridge, Maintenance Section Supervisor, A.M. Dill, Area Engineer, and Johnny C. Moore,

Area Office Maintenance Manager, representatives of Texas Department of Transportation met with the Commissioners' Court. Representatives gave a report concerning the State Roads in Borden County and Texas Department of Transportation Policy.

2007 RACIAL PROFILE REPORT

Sheriff Billy J. Gannaway presented the 2007 Racial Profile Report to the Court.

TAX ABATEMENT

A discussion was held concerning the Tax Abatement Agreement with Eurus Energy. No action was taken.

COMMISSIONERS COURT SPECIAL MEETING

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to set the Commissioners Court Special Meeting for Friday, March 21, 2008. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

ACCOUNT ALLOWED

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No new items were presented.

ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND AP-

School Lunch Menu

Mar. 31-Apr. 4, 2008

Monday - Breakfast: Toaster Pastry, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Beef & Bean Burrito, Potato Wedges, Salad, Peaches and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Sausage & Biscuit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Popcorn Chicken, Potatoes, Corn Hot Roll, Apple Slices and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Pancakes, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Fajitas, Salad, Pinto Beans, Jell-o w/pear and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Cereal & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Meat & Gravy, Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Cobbler and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Biscuit w/Gravy, Sausage, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Hog Dog w/Chili, Chips, Salad, Fruit, Yel-

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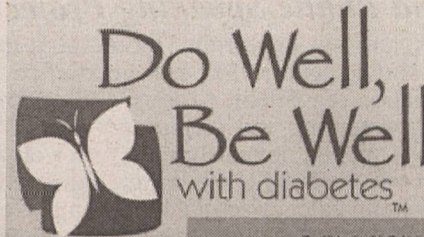


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The first class series will be held:

Monday, April 7

Monday, April 14

Monday, April 21

Monday, April 28

Monday, May 5

from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at

Trailblazers Senior Center

(205 E. 10th Street) in Post.

NOTE: Classes in Gail will be held in July.

To find out how you can do well and be well with diabetes, contact the Texas AgriLife Extension Service-Borden County office at (806)756-4536.

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NOTICE FOR DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY RUN-OFF POSITION

Tuesday, April 8

Need for one election judge and one clerk to work Precinct 1 in Borden County.
Work Schedule: 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 8.

Pay: \$7 per hour

Contact Sue Jane Mayes (806-756-4304) if interested.

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 Borden county Courthouse

April 1, Last day for early voting clerk to receive application for voting by mail

April 4, Last day to vote early by personal appearance

April 8, Election Day

STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

The Girvin Social Club

Several years ago I interviewed a man in Girvin who had a donkey that could do tricks. He could lie down, turn over, smile and nod his head.

The donkey was extremely talented. The man who owned the animal, Paul Zeitner, actually lived in Old Girvin, a nearby ghost town. He would play his harmonica and the donkey brayed in accompaniment. It was amazing.

Some years later I visited with Mildred Helmers, who owned the Girvin Social Club. It's a beer joint that serves ranchers, oil field workers and folks who erect wind turbines. Girvin is near the Pecos River between McCamey and Fort Stockton.

The Girvin Social Club is the only going business there since the post office closed some time ago. The beer joint was closed for a while. Jason Jones bought it two years ago. He says he got it primarily for his bride to be. He is in the electrical business.

You would not believe how busy that place gets. It is in a remote location, to say the least. Some people would say it is the middle of nowhere because there's not much within miles of it. But it's on US highway 385, which carries a lot of traffic.

The Girvin Social Club is rustic. If it didn't have cars and pickups around it, you would swear the place had been abandoned. Inside, patrons put their names and clever sayings on the rafters and wall studs. There is a lot of old stuff

around. The huge Satellite TV looks out of place.

This is a drinking establishment. There is no food for sale. Occasionally Jason or some of his customers will broil steaks outside on a cooker. People make donations to cover the cost. The place has a jukebox and a pool table.

When a good danceable song comes on, people get up and dance and the pool game has to wait until the song finishes. It is a small place. Some folks play dominoes or cards. You can relax there.

Nobody is stressed out at the Girvin Social Club. It's open seven days a week. Jason sometimes entertains his customers with his singing and guitar playing. Occasionally a visiting DJ will drop in and play for a dance.

Saturday night it's standing room only. A few dogs, goats and donkeys roam the premises just outside the door.

The place has lots of character. "We get all kinds of folks in here," says Jason. "The first timers always say they'll come back because they feel so comfortable here. Most of them do, if they live within a reasonable distance." Every once in awhile someone will drink too much.

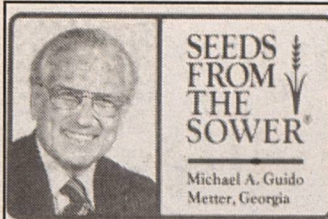
If they live in McCamey, 11 miles away, or on a nearby ranch, Jason or somebody from the club will take them home. "We're wanting to build an RV Park so people can stay overnight," says Jason. "We might even make a resort out of this place."

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A little boy was trying to button his coat. He was having an awful time, all because he got the first button wrong every time.

"Mom," he cried, "it won't come out right."

"It will," she answered, "if you get the first one right."

He did, and all was well.

Do you want to succeed in life? Start right with these two buttons.

Our Lord said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Fasten these two buttons correctly, and you'll go from victory to victory.

UIL Seeks District Championship

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Roberts and Rachel Wilson. Number Sense: Bailey Anderson, Lacey Roberts and Tony Soto.

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

Persuasive Speaking: John Hensley, Carlos Hernandez and Kate Wallace.

Poetry Interpretation: Eric Espinoza, Sharelle Gass and Taylor Richey.

Prose Interpretation: D'Nae Johnson, Brendan Tarleton and Miles Valentine.

Ready Writing: Katherine Froman, Carlos Hernandez and Hannah McConnell.

Science: Pascual Espinoza, Logan Howard, Hannah McConnell, Joseph McConnell, Kimberly Proulx and Tony Soto.

Social Studies: Jake Cooley, Carlos Hernandez, Karl Laming and Raylea Underwood.

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

USDA Authorizes Use of CRP Land...

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Coke, Comanche, Crane, Crockett, Dimmitt, Duval, Edwards, Glasscock, Hidalgo, Howard, Jim Hogg, Kent, King, Knox, Kenedy, Kinney, LaSalle, Martin, Midland, Parker, Pecos, Real, Scurry, Starr, Sterling, Terrell, Val Verde, Willacy, Winkler, and Young Counties as well as 65 adjoining counties.

Livestock may be temporarily moved to land enrolled in CRP for no more than 60 days, as approved by the county office, on a case-by-case basis. No payment reduction applies to the authorized exception and no funds are other wise authorized for water, feed, or other cost.

Authority is limited to livestock producers who lost pasture or fences, due to wildfire. To take advantage of the emergency provisions, eligible pro-

ducers may cross county boundaries from one approved emergency use county to another approved emergency use county.

The use of the CRP acreage is authorized for grazing only. CRP participants who wish to provide land to eligible producers must request approval to graze eligible acreage; obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to include grazing requirements, and leave at least 25 percent of each field or contiguous CRP field ungrazed for wildlife, or graze not more than 75 percent of the stocking rate determined by NRCS.

For more information and eligibility requirements on USDA disaster assistance, contact the Garza-Borden County FSA at 806-495-2801.

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**Benefit Luncheon for the
John Paul Harris Family
First Baptist Church
Sunday, March 31,
after the morning service.
Brisket, beans, potato salad, dessert, drink**
Take-out orders available.
**All donations will go to the
Campaign for John Paul.**

John Paul (a BHS graduate and also a graduate of West Texas A&M University) has ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease. He is currently able to work half-days as a pharmacy tech. His wife, Deidre, is a nurse.

They live in Amarillo with their two young children. Financial needs are a result of (1) John Paul's decreased work schedule, and (2) the need to provide home modifications (especially the bathroom) that will be required for handicapped accessibility.

For more information on the *Campaign for John Paul*, contact Shawn Lewis at (325)227-1258 or Sue Jane Mayes at (806)756-4304.

Get Together and Enjoy the Food, Fun and Festivities

Spring is a time for celebration and the season starts one of the Lone Star State's biggest bashes-Fiesta San Antonio.

This grand 117-year-old event offers more than 100 activities during 10 days, April 18-27, in a citywide celebration of the wide diversity and multicultural history of San Antonio. Prepare to feast on a variety of foods and enjoy the parades, pageantry, parties, and, even, pin atas. Consider picking up some cascarnes and joining in the fun.

The festivities don't end there because more than 1,400 events are scheduled this spring. There are plenty festivals, parades, birding events, rodeos, cook-offs, market days, theatrical performances, museum exhibitions and more where visitors can experience the enjoy-

ment this stat has to offer. The season also brings St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Earth Day and Cinco de Mayo. The Spring 2008 Texas Events Calendar provides a guide to what is happening in March, April and May.

This celebratory season kicks off on the first weekend of March with a salute to the state for Texas Independence Day. Travelers can learn some history, listen to fabulous music, enjoy a cook-off along with a car show and motorcycle rally, and step back in time to see what life was like in the early 1800s at respective events in Edna, Luckenbach, San Angelo and Washington. Huntsville combines its freedom celebration with General Sam Houston's Birthday.

And, the revelry continues. Visitors to Granbury can enjoy General

Granbury's 30th Annual Birthday Celebration March 29-30 with a cook-off, parade, carnival, Outrageous Outhouse Race, children's games and more. And, the fun continues on through Memorial Day and into the last weekend of May with the 77th Old Fiddlers Reunion & Contest in Athens and the 15th Annual Dog Days of Denton.

Pick up the Spring 2008 Texas Events Calendar for more information about these and other events. To obtain a free copy, call 1-800-452-9292 or write to Texas Events Calendar at P.O. Box 149249, Austin, Texas 78714-9249. The Calendar may also be picked up at any of the 12 Texas Travel Information Centers. Events also are listed on the World Wide Web at: www.traveltext.com or www.texashighways.com.

2008 Borden County Softball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Place
2-15-08 Friday	Loraine	4:30	SNYDER (Cates)
2-18-08 Monday	Aspermont	4:30	SNYDER (Cates)
2-22-08 Friday	Slaton JV1	5:00	Slaton
2-26-08 Tuesday	Trent	4:30	Trent
2-29-08 Friday	Westbrook	4:30	SNYDER (WTC)
3-3-08 Monday	Aspermont	4:30	Aspermont
3-7-08 Friday	Forsan JV	4:30	Forsan
3-17-08 Monday	Abernathy JV	5:00	Abernathy
3-21-08 Friday	Post JV	4:30	Post
3-24-08 Monday	**New Deal	4:30	SNYDER (Cates)
3-29-08 Saturday	**Seagraves	1:00 (Double Header)	SNYDER (Cates)
4-1-08 Tuesday	Lockney	5:00	SNYDER (WTC)
4-5-08 Saturday	**Ralls	1:00 (Double Header)	Ralls
4-7-08 Monday	Miles	4:30	SNYDER (Cates)
4-8-08 Tuesday	Slaton JV2	4:00	Slaton
4-12-08 Saturday	Slaton JV1	5:00	Slaton
4-15-08 Tuesday	**New Deal	4:30	New Deal

BOLD are home games
****** Denotes District Game
 All home games will be played in Snyder at either WTC or Cates fields.
 Head Coach: Peter Benavidez
 Assistant Coaches: Fernando Baeza and Sue Jane Mayes

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>MARCH 2008</h1>						
Houston Stock Show - March 10 - 21, 2008			Hamlin Baseball Tournament - February 28 - March 1, 2008			
2	3 Softball @ Aspermont 4:30 * Baseball @ Roby 4:00	4	5 TAKS Reading 3 rd , 5 th , 8 th , 9 th TAKS Writing 4 th & 7 th TAKS 10 th & Exit Level (11 th) ELA	6 JH Track @ O'Donnell SPECHEA HS Tennis Meet, Levelland	7 Baseball vs. Wilson @ Post 4:00 Softball @ Forsan JV 4:30 ACT Registration Deadline for April 12 th Administration Early Dismissal 12:30	8 HS Track @ O'Donnell
TFA State Speech & Debate Meet						
9	10 * Baseball vs. Rotan @ Snyder (WTC) 4:00	11	12	13	14 HS Track @ Jayton	15 * Baseball DH vs. Loraine @ Snyder (Moffett) 3:00
UIL State CX Debate Tournament		SPRING BREAK!				
16	17 * Baseball vs. Hermleigh @ Snyder (Moffett) 4:00 Softball @ Abernathy JV 5:00	18 4-H County Fashion Show in Community Room	19	20 OAP Community Performance 7:00	21 JH & HS Track @ Borden County PROGRESS REPORTS	22
23	24 HOLIDAY ** Softball vs. New Deal @ Snyder (Cates) 4:30 JH District Track @ Highland MEET THE PRESS 12-2 p.m. UIL Journalism lunch/practice conference room	25 Zone OAP @ Borden County District 4-H Roundup Training @ 6 p.m. in Community Room	26 * Baseball vs. Ira @ Snyder (Moffett) 6:00 Garden City Golf Tournament @ Slaton	27 District 9-A OAP @ Bronte Judging @ TTU	28 HS UIL Academic Meet @ Water Valley Judging @ WT A&M, Canyon Teacher Self-Reports II & III Due SPECHEA HS Tennis Meet, Levelland	29 ** Softball DH vs. Seagraves @ Snyder (Cates) 1:00 * Baseball vs. Roby @ Snyder (Moffett) 6:00 Judging @ Clarendon
30	31 District Golf @ Maxwell			* Denotes Baseball District Game ** Denotes Softball District Game		