

Journalism students advance to state

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News Reporter

It is a historic year for the Brownsboro High School journalism department as not one but three students prepare for the state UIL competition in May. The students placed at the April 12 regional meet.

Patsy Lewis UIL coordinator and journalism coach, said the students going to state made a phenomenal effort in preparation for the regional competition.

"They have worked really hard getting up at 5 am going to practice meets for three years. That work has paid off," Lewis said.

The three students are Eric Orange, senior yearbook editor, Haley Smith, junior school newspaper editor and Kallie Murphy, senior assistant editor. Orange placed 1st in editorial writing and 3rd in feature and headline writing. Smith placed 2nd in feature writing. Murphy placed 4th in headline writing and will be

also the first time a student will go to state in multiple events.

Orange said the competition at the state level will be fierce, but there will be plenty of time to practice before the big day.

"I'm really excited to go to state," Orange said. "One of my main goals was to go to state and be eligible for the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation scholarship."

These scholarships, worth around \$1,000, may be offered to any student participating in the state competition.

For his winning editorial article, Orange wrote about a mother protesting against anti-war shirts in school. Unlike many who wrote in favor of the mother, Orange wrote in favor of the students wearing the shirts.

Smith, who placed second in feature writing, said her story was about a track team that planned on giving its win-

nings to a leukemia organization.

The headline writing contest is where students get several miniature stories and make headlines for them.

Murphy said she thinks the team is going to do well at the state competition at the University of Texas in Austin on May 2.

"We have a lot of talented writers this year," Murphy said.



Kallie Murphy, Eric Orange and Haley Smith

★ Chandler forum

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"Once they go up we can't go back."

Gene Giger, next in line, spoke of his family and the need to continue progress.

"It's been a team effort what's been accomplished so far," Giger said. "I'm committed to continued progress."

Dick Jarrett also talked about his family and his retirement in favor of building churches in foreign countries.

"I want to see Chandler grow," Jarrett said, "and I want us to be open. If it feels like it's a concern of yours, then it should be a concern of ours."

Melissa Lehman stressed the importance of communication and transparency.

"I believe we should communicate with the people who live here and find out what they want," Lehman said.

Don Daniell said he feels

like it's his duty to get involved with the city.

"I think if there's anything the public needs and I could help with it, I would do it," Daniell said.

Ann Hall talked about her past eight years with the council and her plans for the future.

"I love the community and I've seen the changes," Hall said. "We've got to plan for the future; we can keep the small community feel as we continue to grow."

After the opening statements, candidates fielded questions from citizens. They were each given two minutes to answer a question. Some questions were aimed at a particular group or candidate, others had no specific target.

The first question asked was aimed at the four write-in candidates, and was about how

the candidates would vote on the first agenda item they raised, and what it would be.

Lankford reiterated his point on keeping growth from Tyler firmly in the city's control.

He said planning, zoning and controlling growth are important to keep trashy paths and sections out of the city.

"Once it's there you can't undo it. Some cities don't prepare until it's too late," Lankford said.

Jarrett said the most important agenda items to the citizens would be his most important agenda item.

"I've had about 82 people ask me about the burn ban," Jarrett said.

Jarrett also said it is a hassle for a property owner to clean up after a dozen or more pecan trees without resorting to burning.

Jarrett then pointed out his agreement with Lankford's statement about the city being ready for growth from Tyler in advance.

Lehman said she would communicate the items to the citizens and find out what the citizens think.

"Some people may not be able to go to the city council meetings," Lehman said.

Lehman added the city should find a way to communicate with these people.

Daniell said a big issue for him is the water supply for a growing city. He noted cities like Bullard and Whitehouse weren't ready for the growth Tyler sent their way and those cities' water supply suffered.

"If we run out of water we're in trouble," Daniell said.

A question was asked about the city budget. The write-ins said they hadn't seen the budget published and weren't familiar with the specifics.

Hall said the budget is around \$1 million, and the city watches the budget to see what is spent.

Giger said since he believed a third of the population of Chandler doesn't read newspapers, and the rest are split between two newspapers, he doesn't know of a source where the budget could be published so everyone would look at it.

However, the budget is available on the Chandler web site at www.chandler.tx.com/default.aspx?name=Budget.

A question about making decisions was fielded by each candidate. The question asked how candidates will make sure citizens' rights are equal with the rights of those who request projects or other tasks.

Lankford said the council should handle these issues the same as they would handle the issues in the home.

Citizens of Chandler,

My name is Gene Giger and I am running for re-election to the City Council of Chandler. I have proudly served Chandler on the City Council the last two years. I have served for six years on the Chandler Area Economic Development Board. I am a member of the Chandler Lions Club and have served on their board of directors. My wife, Helen and I are members of the Chandler Area Chamber of Commerce and Chandler United Methodist Church. We have three children and six grandchildren.

I am committed to continued progress in our City. As we near our 2008 City Council election, I would like to review some of the progress we have made in the last two years.

- * **City water tower** - raised to meet the State requirements which gave all of us better and more consistent water pressure.
- * **Sewer project** - allowed us to retire three older high maintenance lift stations; Sewer added to Ellis Subdivision.
- * **Street upgrades** -
 - Complete new street with curbs and gutters - Martin
 - Complete neighborhood resurfacing - Winchester, Phoenix West, Cade, Crestview, Pine Ridge
 - Streets resurfaced - Third, Cherry, Hilltop, Pine, Edger, Hamilton, Jackson, Noonday Road from FM 315 to the sewer plant, Cade's Cove Road
 - Seal coated - McFarland Addition; a portion of Susie and a portion of Cedar Lane
 - Repaired and chip sealed - Barron
 - Repaired or resurfaced in the downtown area - Davis, Jones, Dobbs, Second, Old Tyler Road to the cemetery.
- * **Drainage projects** - Cade's Cove Road, and Pine Ridge Subdivision to Northcreek.
- * **Parking lots resurfaced** - McCain Park and City Hall
- * **Many improvements in Winchester Park**
- * **Code Red alert system** - Allows us to reach all citizens in a matter of minutes if there is an emergency, giving information of what is happening and what to do to stay safe.
- * **City wide trash pickup** - will pick up anything that is legal to dump twice a week. This has also brought in enough revenue to help with the city's expenses.
- * Two new employees - Bilingual office employee; Police officer who serves as court bailiff, works the county trustees, and acts as a code enforcement officer.
- * **Beauty and safety** - I hope all of you have noticed how our community is looking better. Many junk cars have been removed, properties have been cleaned up, and we are in the process of removing six abandoned buildings in our City. This is possible because of the contract with our trash people. They tear down and haul off all debris and all we pay is the dump fee;
 - New ordinance requiring pools to be fenced;
 - New burning ordinance

All of this has been done with a **minimum tax increase. Chandler has one of the lowest property tax rates in this area.**

The Mayor, The City Administrator, City employees, City Council and many citizen volunteers have all worked very hard to make Chandler a City that we are all proud of and we plan to continue the progress in the future.

Remember, it is not a majority of the registered voters that elect your officials; it is a majority of the people that cast their vote. Don't let a few voters make your choice for you.

Early Voting 4/28/2008 to 05/06/2008, Election Day 05/10/2008.

Thank you for your support. **Please vote for Gene Giger.**

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Menu April 28-May 2
(Milk served with meals)
Orange Juice Served in Centers

MON: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat bread, peach cup

TUES: Fried catfish, pinto beans, seasoned carrots, bread, fresh fruit

WED: Chicken pot pie, seasoned zucchini, Harvard beets, wheat bread, pineapple cups

THUR: Beef mac casserole, mixed vegetables, wheat bread, mixed fruit cup

FRI: Catfish filet, baked tator tots, Cole slaw, wheat bread, orange

Brownsboro ISD MENU

April 28 - May 2
(Milk served with meals)

BREAKFAST

MON: Ready-to-eat cereal, Graham crackers, juice

TUE: Breakfast bagel, fruit

WED: Cinnamon roll, fruit

THUR: Breakfast bagel, fruit

FRI: Morning sausage roll, fruit

LUNCH

BES, CES & CIS

MON: Chicken sandwich, lettuce & tomato, potato wedges

TUES: Vegetable soup, toasted cheese sandwich, fruit

WED: Pizza, corn, fruit

THUR: (CIS) - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, blackeyed peas, roll/gravy. **(CES) -** Deli turkey sandwich, pickle spear, baked beans, fruit. **(BES) -** Soft or crisp tacos, lettuce, tomato & cheese, fruit

FRI: Hamburger w/ cheese, burger salad, tator tots, cookie

B'boro Intermediate

MON: Pizza, corn, fruit, pasta salad

TUES: Deli sandwich, lettuce, tomato & pickle, fruit

WED: Chicken sandwich, lettuce & tomato, fruit

THURS: Steak sandwich, lettuce & tomato, fruit, chips

FRI: Hamburger w/ cheese, burger salad, French fries, cookie

Junior High

MON: Chicken sandwich, lettuce & tomato, French fries

TUES: Vegetable soup, toasted cheese sandwich, fruit

WED: Chicken spaghetti, garden salad, fruit, bread sticks

THURS: Chicken sandwich, lettuce & tomato, baked beans

FRI: Hamburger w/ cheese, burger salad, savory fries, cake squares

BHS Blue Line

MON: Chicken sandwich, lettuce & tomato, French fries

TUES: Vegetable soup, toasted cheese sandwich, fruit

WED: Chicken spaghetti, garden salad, fruit, bread sticks

THUR: Deli sandwich, lettuce & tomato, apple, chips

FRI: Hamburger w/ cheese, burger salad, French fries, cookie

BHS Gold Line

MON: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes w/gravy, pinto beans, hot rolls

TUE: Chicken wrap, meatball sandwich, spicy fries, fruit

WED: BBQ rib sandwich, pizza, buffalo sticks, fruit

THUR: Service on Blue Line only - TAKS testing

FRI: Pizza, pasta salad, fruit

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