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Feral Hogs Causing Increased Damage to Cropland, Habitat

WACO--Millions of feral hogs are causing increased damage to crops, livestock and wildlife habitat in Texas, according to wildlife damage management expert with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"They're utter destruction is what they are," said Jan Loven, district supervisor of USDA Wildlife Services, formerly known as Animal Damage Control, Fort Worth District.

Feral hogs are predators. They kill goat kids and deer fawns. They destroy crops and ruin springs and ponds with their mud wallows. Hogs also will attack people.

There are an estimated 3 to 4 million feral hogs in Texas, more than in any other state. Feral hogs are simply domestic hogs gone wild. They share no distinct species characteristic. Some are gray, some black. Some have formidable tusks. Some have small tusks or none at all. Some look very much like domestic hogs while others look like nothing ever seen in any feedyard.

Loven's agency has seen a dramatic increase in feral hog complaints in this decade, resulting in more than 4,000 feral hog kills

in 1995. Currently there are no reliable statistics as to the total dollar amount of damage done by feral hogs in Texas.

"We know the damage is there, but we don't have the personnel to document the damage," Loven said.

The actions of feral hogs are no longer limited to rural areas. In one instance, a boar attacked a woman on a Fort Worth jogging trail. Two years ago, a Cherokee county deer hunter died from a feral hog attack. In addition to being aggressive, feral hogs pose a threat to human health from the 13 diseases they are known to carry, including brucellosis, pseudorabies, tuberculosis, bubonic plague, tularemia, anthrax and trichinosis.

There are very few effective control measures other than traps and hunting. Hogs root under regular fences. They learn to break down electric fencing. Traps work for a while, but hogs often become trap smart. Snares work well, but they must be well hidden or the animals will learn to recognize and avoid them.

"Next to the coyotes, the feral hog is about the

Scurry County Historical Committee Publish Book

Historical Markers in Scurry County, a new 160-page book published by the Scurry County Historical Commission, will be introduced at the Texas independence Day observance in the Scurry County Museum on March 1st.

The Commission will co-host the observance from 1-3 p.m. and will give a copy of the *Historical Markers* book as a door prize. Other door prizes will include a copy of *Bad Hand*, a recently published biography of Col. Ranald S. Mackenzie by historian Charles Robinson III. One of the markers included in the *Historical Markers* book is for the Mackenzie Trail which crossed what is now Snyder's courthouse square.

In addition to the inscriptions on the county's markers, the *Historical*

smartest wild animal there is. He's ugly and he's stinky and he doesn't look smart, but he is," Loven said.

The best control measure for feral hogs is aerial hunting, but it's hazardous and not very effective when the hogs are in heavy brush. Aerial hunting's biggest drawback,

Markers book includes the narratives required by the Texas Historical Commission to secure each marker and numerous photographs. The Scurry County Historical Commission published its first marker book in 1969 when the county had 42 markers. There are now 56, with 21 of them on

the courthouse square or within walking distance of the square. The marker book can be purchased in the museum gift shop for \$6 or ordered from the Historical Commission at 2706 28th Street, Snyder, TX. Mail orders must include an additional \$2 for postage.

TDA To Mail Ballots For March 11 Regional Boll Weevil Vote

Cotton farmers and landowners with cotton production are eligible to vote in March 11 referendum that will determine whether a boll weevil eradication program should continue in the 22-county Rolling Plains Central Boll Weevil Eradication Zone.

Eligible voters in the Rolling Plains Central Boll Weevil Eradication zone should receive an official ballot by mail the week of Feb. 18. A postage-paid return envelope will be included. Completed ballots must be postmarked before midnight, March 11 to be counted. Producers who planted cotton in 1997, but do not receive a ballot should contact the Texas

Department of Agriculture at (512)463-7593.

In addition to deciding if an eradication program should continue in the zone, voters will elect a board member from the Rolling Plains Central Zone to serve on the statewide board of directors for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Inc.

Those candidates seeking to represent the Rolling Plains Central Boll Weevil Eradication Zone on the statewide board are Woody Anderson of Mitchell County and Mike Massey of Nolan County. Both candidates are cotton producers who farm in the zone and who have grown cotton for at least seven years.

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Coyotes Clobber the Longhorns and Win District

The Borden County Coyotes finished district play, Tuesday, Feb. 10 and had a convincing 62-39 victory over the Loop Longhorns.

In this contest, the six Borden County seniors playing in their last home basketball game were given the opportunity to start and be the 1st substitutes. They wanted so much to finish the regular season on a high note that they seemed a little nervous and tight which resulted in the Longhorns being able to jump out to an early 10-0 lead. After subbing to calm the team down, the troops rallied to outscore the visitors 10-4 for the remainder of the quarter to cut the deficit to 10-14 after one period of play.

In the 2nd quarter, the Longhorns continued to play inspired basketball as they were very loose and carefree, built as much as a 7-8 point lead. But the Coyotes managed to go on a run of their own to end the half to cut the lead to 1 point at half time to 23-24.

In the second half, the Coyotes came out determined to put a close to district play on a high note. And that is just what they did as they established their inside strength when Jeff Dennis got 8 of his game high 23 points in the 3rd period. The Coyotes played very aggressive defense which resulted in allowing their opponents only 6 points in the 3 quarter and 9 points in the fourth. They came up with more points than the Longhorns in only 1 period as the Coyotes scored 18 points in the 3rd stanza.

In the 4th period, the Coyotes just continued their dominance in the second half by outscoring the Longhorns 21-9. The seniors came in to finish the contest and this time they played more freely and it resulted in being able to outscore Loop 6-14 down the stretch and gave the Coyotes a perfect 6-0 district record with a convincing 62-39 victory.

A highlight in the

second quarter happened when an alley-oop pass from Colt McCook resulted in an exciting slam dunk.

STATS:

Player	Points
Jeff Dennis	23
Colt McCook	14
Fernando Baeza	13
Oscar Baeza	5
Kevin Pinkerton	3
Lee Barkowsky	3
Clint Cowart	1

Also contributing was Bryce Dye, Trini Vasquez, Justin Lawrence and Clint Scott.

COACHES COMMENTS:

The Coyotes played very good in the second half and showed the signs of the kind of team that can make a run in the play-offs. Congratulations on the District Championship.

Thank you, seniors for the memories. Now let's go make some more. Good job, guys!!

for the Lady Coyotes with a final score of 65-41. With this win, the Lady Coyotes tied the Lady Cougars with a 5-1 district record.

STATS:

Player	Points
Julie Mayes	16
Amanda Watts	10
Lindsey Smith	8
Adrianna Baeza	8
Shaina Isaacs	7
Chrissy Armstrong	5
Staci O'Brien	3
Katie Kemp	2
Kati Merritt	2
Ky Merritt	2
Tammy Cooley	2



dressing rooms with the Lady Coyotes enjoying a 10 point lead at 30-20.

The third quarter stayed pretty even with the Lady Longhorns scoring 11. Borden County continued to outscore their opponent by adding 14 to the score board.

The final quarter saw the Lady Coyotes shoot 5-8 from the line and putting in 2 3-pointers and 5 field goals for a total of 21 points. The Lady Longhorns struggled from the free throw line as they only put in 4-11, and could muster only 10 points in the quarter.

It was a sweet victory

Lady Coyotes Lose Heartbreaker to Lady Cougars

Since the district was in a tie after the last district games were played the Lady Coyotes traveled to Lamesa to play against the Klondike Lady Cougars, Friday, Feb. 13. The winner of this game goes into the play-offs as the 1st seed and will play Jayton. The loser would be teamed opposite Guthrie.

The "bad-luck" mystique of Friday 13th seemed to go from one team to the other but finally landed on the Lady Coyotes as the ball would not go through the basket for them.

The opening quarter was a quarter of nervous feelings combined with some good defense by both teams. The Ladies matched each other

offensively by scoring 8 points apiece. Each team scored 3 field goals and 2-2 from the line.

In the 2nd quarter, the Lady Coyotes managed a 1 point margin by scoring 15 points which included a perfect 4-4 from the charity stripe. The Lady Cougars missed only one of three free shots for the game in the second quarter to put up 14 points.

Half time began with the Lady Coyotes leading by 1 point 23-22. In the 3rd period, Borden County lost a little ground by only scoring 9 points and Klondike pulled out a small lead with 13.

In the 4th quarter, the Lady Cougars added 14 more on the scoreboard. The Lady Coyotes were never out of the game, but their shots began to fall short of the basket. They connected on ten, and had the opportunity to score some 3s late in the game, but the ball would not go in for them. It was a very hard fought battle by both teams and a great game over all. The Lady Coyotes record is now 23-6 and they are the runner-up in district.

STATS:

Player	Points
Julie Mayes	12
Lindsey Smith	11
Amanda Watts	8
Adrianna Baeza	4
Ky Merritt	4
Kati Merritt	2
Shania Isaacs	1

Also contributing was Chrissy Armstrong, Katie Kemp, Staci O'Brien, Crystal Dye, Kaci Poole, and Bekah Hensley.

Lady Coyotes Rope the Lady Longhorns 65-41

The final district game for the Lady Coyotes was when they hosted the Loop Lady Longhorns at Borden County Tuesday, Feb. 10.

They took an early lead by scoring 14 points and their defense allowed the Lady Longhorns to put in only 8 points in the first period.

In the second quarter, good free throw shooting from the Lady Coyotes 6-7, added 16 more points which included 5 field goals.

The Lady Longhorns stayed in the ball game by scoring a 3-pointer, 3 field goals and they hit a perfect 3-3 from the charity stripe. The teams went into the

Lady Coyote JVs Win Their Final Game of the Season

The Lady Coyote JV team played their final game of the season when they hosted the Loop Lady Longhorn JVs, Tuesday, Feb. 10.

In the 1st quarter, the Lady Coyotes scored a total of 16 points which included 3 for 4 from the line. The Lady Longhorns were held to 10 even though they hit a big 3-pointer.

In the 2nd quarter, the Lady Coyotes added 12,

but they had trouble at the charity stripe and missed 3 free shots. Their defense allowed Loop to only 8 points. The half time score was 28-18 in favor of Borden County.

In the second half, both teams almost flip-flopped their scoring. In the 3rd quarter, the Lady Coyotes had the edge with 12 while Loop only managed to put in 4 points. In the

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Coyote JV Wrap Up Successful Season

by Coach Bobby Avery

The Borden Coyote JV boys basketball team ended their season last Tuesday, Feb. 10th with an 7-5 season record. These guys did a great job this season, they played well and learned a great deal of basketball too. If there was a district crown to be won these guys would have won it with a 4-1 record against district foes.

On January 20th, the JV boys defeated Grady on their home court by a score of 37-32. Leading scores in this game was Ryan Grant with 10 points, Colt Miller, 7, Ed Rodriguez 6, Robert Stamper 5, Cesar Mujica 5 and Preston Sharp 2.

On January 27th, the Coyotes met the Dawson Dragons in Gail and defeated them 57 - 32. Leading the Coyotes in scoring were: Ryan Grant 12, Preston Sharp 10, Ed Rodriguez 8, Cesar Mujica 8, Ramon Griffin 6, Tom Griffin 4, Nick Flanigan 3,

Win Final Game

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final quarter, the Lady Longhorns had 12 points coming from 5 field goals and 2 for 5 from the line. The Lady Coyotes held Loop at bay by scoring 6. The final score was a victory for the Lady Coyotes at 46-34. The Lady Longhorns JV closed out the season with a record 13-6.

STATS:

Player	Points
Becky Copeland	15
Bekah Hensley	12
Rebecca Garcia	6
Jana Himes	4
Holly Thomas	4
Kaci Poole	2
Shawna Kempf	2
Hailey Adcock	1

Also contributing was Krystle Lee and Noemi Galvan.

Javier Galvan 2, Lee Pepper 2 and James Bond 2.

The Coyotes suffered a temporary set back by allowing the Loop Longhorns to defeat them on their home court by a score of 33-37. The Coyotes trailed every bit of the way during this January 30 ballgame, and never really got into the swing of things. This was a good example of how not to play in the future. It worked because they never did.

Leading scorers were: Robert Stamper 9, Preston Sharp 8, Ryan Grant 7, Lee Pepper 4, Ramon Griffin 2, Ed Rodriguez 2 and Cesar Mujica 1.

The Coyotes took care of business in the Feb. 3rd game with Klondike. The Coyotes led every bit of the way and left the court ahead 47 to 32. The JV team split into two groups for this week so they would all be eligible to play in the Jayton tournament the following Saturday. Playing in this game was Ed Rodriguez with 13 points, Robert Stamper 10, Ryan Grant 8, Cesar Mujica 6, Ramon Griffin 6, Lee Pepper 2 and D.J. Smith 2. Also playing was Foston Wilson.

The Coyotes had a closer game with the Dawson Dragons on February 6th, as they won by 3 points, 35 to 32. Playing in this game was Colt Miller with 11 points; Preston Sharp 11, Nick Flanigan 8, Tom Griffin 2, Javier Galvan 2, Lee Pepper 1 and also playing was Ryan Sanders.

On Saturday, Feb 7 the Coyote JV traveled to Jayton to participate in the Jayton JV tournament and won second place.

Missy Coyotes Finish With Perfect 13-0 Record

The Borden County Missy Coyotes closed out their basketball season with an undefeated record of 13-0.

Before they could be named district champs, they traveled to Loop Monday, Feb. 9 to compete against the Missy Longhorns in the final game of the 1997-98 season.

They played well as the offense started out scoring in the 1st quarter with 5 field goals and 1 for 2 from the line for 11 points. This good play was going on because the defense was causing a lot of turnovers and allowed the Missy Longhorns 2 points in that quarter.

On February 10th, the Coyotes were able to avenge an earlier district loss to the Loop Longhorns in their final game for the season. This time the game was on home turf and the much improved Coyotes strutted their stuff to a 46-32 victory. This game finished the season with the Coyotes JV team holding the best district record.

Nick Flanigan had 12 points, all 3 pointers; Ed Rodriguez 12 points, 2 were 3 pointers, Ramon Griffin had 5, Cesar Mujica had 4, Preston Sharp had 4. Robert Stamper had 3, Ryan Sanders had 2 points Ryan Grant had 2 points and Colt Miller had 1 point.

These guys had a good time playing ball on the JV. There were as many as 15 players that had to be put in each game, which cut down on their playing time and increased bench time. But there was a lot of time for each in these 12 games and each one of these guys improved on their basketball skills. This will help them on that next level.

In the 2nd quarter, the Missy Coyotes put in 8 more points, but the Missy Longhorns outscored them 2 making the half time score 19-12 in favor of the Missy Coyotes.

In the second half, the Missy Coyotes got very stingy on defense and allowed Loop only 5 in the 3rd quarter and 4 in the 4th period. The Missy Coyotes turned up the scoring button in the second half by scoring 25 points. The final score for

the season closer was 44-21 in favor of the Missy Coyotes.

STATS:

Player	Points
Micah Hensley	13
Bobbie Kempf	10
Kylia Culp	6
Laura Stamper	4
Rika Copeland	4
Patty Rodriguez	2
Michele Bond	2
Carolina Arellanos	2
Dalene Kempf	1

Others contributing to this tremendous victory were Oralia Galicia, Tabatha Grant, Yessi Gonzales, and Jessica Ellison.

Awards Presented to Elem. Students Participating In Accelerated Reading Program



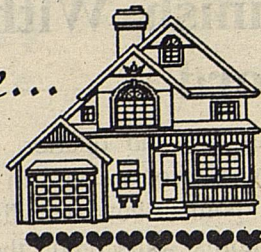
Principal Chet Dye is shown presenting Clay John Anderson and Whitney Anderson with their CD players. These awards are earned by accumulating a specific amount of points according to their grade level.



More Awards Presented: Mr. Dye is presenting Rachel Wilson and Tyler Wallace with their CD Players and Rowdy Clary (center) with his Sports jacket. The students had a choice of a CD Player or Sports Jacket for obtaining their points.

Heart and home...

By Julie D. Mumme
Borden County Extension Agent -
Family and Consumer Sciences



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Failure Of Drivers To Buckle Up Has Dangerous Impact On Children

At a national press conference held in Washington, D.C., Feb. 10, 1998, it was revealed that recently compiled data shows that failure of drivers to buckle up has dangerous influence on children's safety when riding in motor vehicles.

Look around you. How many of the drivers in your community buckle up? Are the children riding with them buckled or restrained in a child safety seat? Please take every opportunity you can to demonstrate proper safety measures in front of children, it will have a direct impact on their safety. From the data collected, we can see that adults' behavior dictates safety behavior in cars. In order to get kids buckled up and protected, we need to get drivers buckled up.

*When a driver is buckled, restraint use of infants (birth to 1) is 93%.

*When a driver is buckled, restraint use for toddlers (2 to 4) is 86%.

*When a driver is unbuckled, restraint use for infants (birth to 1) is 62%.

*When a driver is unbuckled, restraint use for toddlers (1 to 4) is 24%.

PLEASE BUCKLE UP, IT MAY BE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH!

Planning for College Program

A program on planning for college (investing, saving, and scholarships/grants/loans) will be held on Monday, February 23 at 6:00 P.M. in the extension office meeting room. If you want to start saving

for your child's/grandchild's college, or if you need some information about financial aid, this is the program for you? For more information, contact the extension office at 756-4336.

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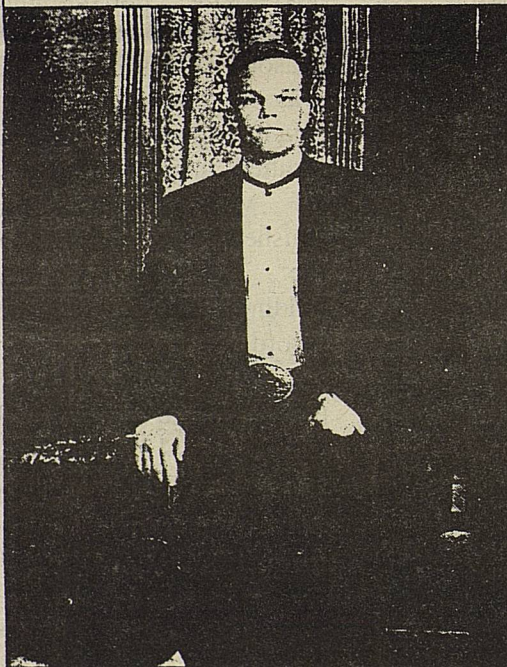
Congratulations on Such a Successful Year Good Luck in the Play-Offs!



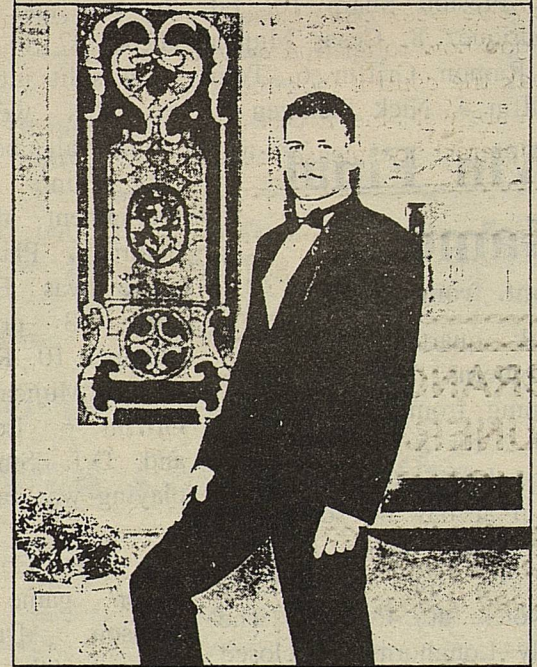
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By Dennis Poole,
Borden County CEA-Ag.

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Ultra Narrow Row Cotton Seminar

On Thursday, February 26, 1998, there will be a seminar on ultra narrow row cotton. A general overview of Ultra narrow Row cotton production practices will be presented at this seminar. Representatives of various equipment, seed and agricultural chemical companies will participate in this program. Topics will include planting equipment, selection of herbicide and insecticide programs, proper seed selection, plant growth regulators, harvest aid programs, harvesting equipment, ginning and a question/answer session of previous UNRC growers.

The seminar will take place at the Koko Palace on 50th and Avenue Q in Lubbock. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The seminar will be from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Pre-registration cost is \$7.00 if



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you pre-register by February 20. On-site registration cost will be \$10.00. Lunch will be provided. 2.0 CEU's will be awarded. For additional information call Russ Perkins at (806)892-2002 or the Borden County Extension Service at (806)756-4336.

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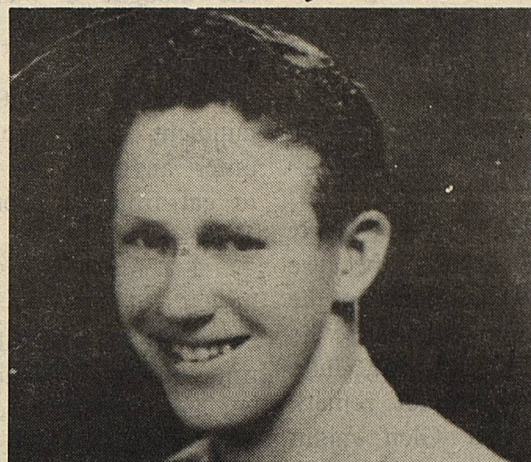
If you suspect you may be the victim of investor fraud, call the North American Securities Administration toll-free at 1-888-84-NASAA (846-2722). Information is also available on the association's Web site, www.nasaa.org.

Teachers interested in a free curriculum kit called Animate Your


World designed to increase students creativity, may call 1-800-344-6219 or visit the Turner Learning web-site at learning.turner.com.

For information on promoting gun safety for children, call the Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program at 1-800-231-0752, Dept. N. or visit the Web site at www.nra.org/eddie/eddie_main.html.

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Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to charge an additional 26 cents per month per line to recover costs for providing Expanded Local Calling service (ELC) to certain Texas Customers.

The 26 cents per month surcharge would not be billed to customers who receive ELC. However, customers who receive ELC and pay less than the maximum \$3.50 a month residential ELC charge or less than the maximum \$7 business ELC charge will have to pay the additional 26 cents per month charge.

Expanded Local Calling was created in 1993 by Texas legislation that requires telephone companies to provide toll-free calling between small towns that share a community of interest such as a school or hospital district. The legislation allows telephone companies to recover costs not paid through customer charges by applying a surcharge to all other customers in the state who do not receive the ELC service or who do not pay the maximum ELC rate. The maximum monthly ELC rate allowed under state law is \$3.50 per line for residential customers and \$7 per line for business customers.

Southwestern Bell estimates that the 26 cents per month per line charge will recover the \$27 million annual cost of providing ELC service that is not recovered from ELC rates.

If approved by the PUC, the monthly statewide surcharge of 26 cents per line per month will begin with the April, 1998 billing cycles, with an agreement to refund all or part of the charge if the PUC does not approve it.

For questions about the reasons for the charge, please call the Southwestern Bell Business Office listed in your directory.

The PUC assigned Docket Number 18513 to this proceeding. The deadline for intervention in this matter is March 31, 1998. Persons who wish to intervene or comment in these proceedings should notify the PUC by March 31, 1998. All requests to intervene should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX, 78711-3326. For information intervening, please call the PUC at 1-888-782-8477 or at 512-936-7120.

AVISO PUBLICO

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) presentó una solicitud ante la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (PUC) para cobrar 26 centavos más al mes por línea para recuperar los costos por el servicio de Llamadas Locales Ampliadas (ELC) a ciertos clientes en Texas.

El cargo de 26 centavos al mes no se cobrará a los clientes que reciben ELC. Sin embargo, los clientes que reciben ELC y pagan menos del máximo de \$3.50 al mes por el servicio ELC residencial o menos del máximo de \$7 por el servicio ELC comercial, tendrán que pagar 26 centavos adicionales a su pago mensual.

El servicio de Llamadas Locales Ampliadas (ELC) fue establecido en 1993 por la legislación del estado de Texas y requiere que las compañías prestadoras de servicios telefónicos ofrezcan llamadas de larga distancia gratuitas entre pequeñas poblaciones que comparten un interés común tales como distritos escolares y de hospitales. Esta ley permite que las compañías telefónicas recuperen los costos no pagados mediante cargos a clientes, a través de un cargo a todos los demás clientes en el estado que no reciben el servicio ELC o que no pagan la tarifa máxima del servicio ELC. La tarifa máxima mensual-permitida por la ley estatal es \$3.50 por línea para clientes con servicio residencial y \$7 por línea para clientes con servicio comercial.

Southwestern Bell calcula que los 26 centavos al mes por línea cubrirán los \$27 millones del costo anual del servicio ELC que no está cubierto por las tarifas de ELC.

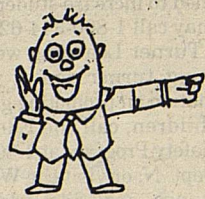
Si la PUC autoriza el cargo mensual estatal de 26 centavos al mes por línea éste comenzará a partir de los ciclos de facturación de abril 1998, con el acuerdo de reembolsar todo o parte del cargo si la PUC no lo autoriza.

Para preguntas relacionadas con este cargo, por favor llame a la Oficina Local de Southwestern Bell listada en su directorio telefónico.

La PUC asignó el número de registro de 18513 a este procedimiento. El plazo de intervención sobre este asunto terminará el 31 de marzo de 1998. Las personas que deseen intervenir o hacer comentarios sobre este procedimiento deberán notificar a la PUC antes del 31 de marzo de 1998. Todas las solicitudes de intervención deberán enviarse por correo a Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Para mayor información sobre la intervención, por favor comuníquese con la PUC al 1-888-782-8477 o al 512-936-7120.



Southwestern Bell



Out-N-About

by Area Reporters

Glen and Judy Kingston's son, Greg built a wrought iron sign with a tractor and the words "Kingston Farms." This was a 60th birthday present for his dad. Glen said it was good that Greg didn't put Glen and Judy Kingston Farms, because his new wife might not be named Judy. Of course he was just teasing, but Judy said, "One more remark like that and Glen might not be here to celebrate his 61st. We wish you a belated "Happy Birthday" and go easy, Glen, we want you to be around for many more birthdays to come.

Cookie Dyess was pleasantly surprised when her husband, Bob, drove her to Lubbock on Valentine's Day for dinner and a movie. He even sprung for flowers. He

said he didn't know why she thought it was a big deal, he took her out to Loop, Klondike and Dawson for great entertainment and she could order anything she wanted to eat from the concession stands.

The Borden County basketball fans who left the coliseum before the half time of the second game between Sweetwater and San Angelo Lake View missed a treat. A bunch (20-25) of 5th grade boys and girls from Sweetwater entertained the audience with rope jumping skills. They performed to music for about 7 minutes, jumping singularly, in pairs and with two instructors swinging two ropes in unison. They were fun to watch not only because they were skilled but because they looked like

they were having a lot of fun performing.

Mrs. Pat Porter made a one-day round-trip to Austin to attend the funeral services of her cousin, Charles Bright. He had requested a military burial at sea ceremony and his family honored his request. Pat was unable to attend that service as she had pressing business back in Big Spring.

Mrs. Bonnie Kingston is in the hospital in Lamesa suffering from the

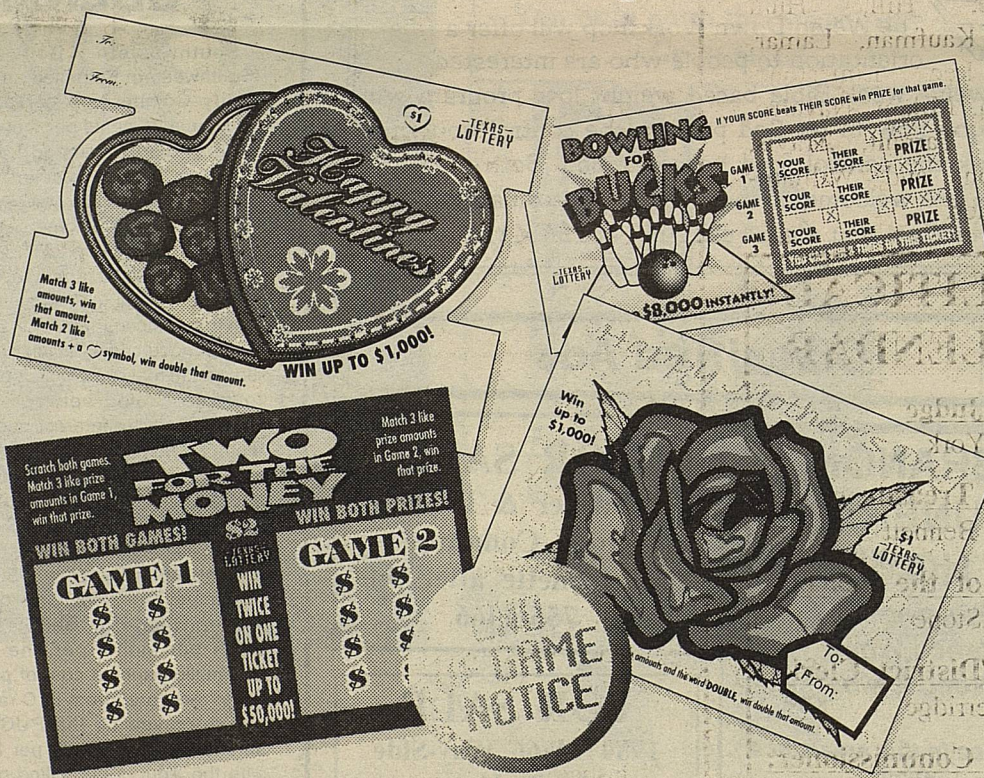
effects of pneumonia. She planned to be out and back home last week, but due to a set-back, she will be there awhile longer. She is now in a "skilled nurse's care" situation. It is like home health care in the hospital. We wish Bonnie, a former Borden County resident, a speedy recovery.

An almost new 15-passenger van has been purchased by the Gail Baptist Church to travel to the various spiritual concerts, retreats, and to go

on sight-seeing tours. Also the youth leaders at the church prepared a delightful Sweetheart Banquet. The forty attendees enjoyed a tasty dinner in the lovely decorated fellowship hall. They were entertained by a Snyder high school junior as he performed magic for everyone. These planned events are not restricted to church members, but are for the youth of our

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One For The Money, Two For The Show, Three To Get Ready And Here They All Go.



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March Primary Election Information

- February 23** First day of early voting by personal appearance for the March Primary.
- March 3** Last day to submit request for ballot by mail for March Primary.
- March 6** Last day of early voting by personal appearance for March Primary.
- MARCH 10** GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION DAY
- March 16** Last day to register to vote for runoff election.
- April 6** First day for early voting by personal appearance for runoff election.
- April 7** Last day to submit an application for ballot by mail for runoff election.
- April 10** Last day for early voting by personal appearance for runoff election.
- APRIL 14** RUNOFF ELECTION

The countdown starts now because as of March 2, 1998, these four will be no more: Two For The Money, Bowling For Bucks, Happy Valentines and Happy Mother's Day. And while this foursome is on its way out, you can still claim prizes through August 29, 1998. Win up to \$50,000 playing Two For The Money, up to \$8,000 playing Bowling For Bucks and up to \$1,000 playing Happy Valentines or Happy Mother's Day. You can claim prizes of up to \$599 at any Texas Lottery retailer. Prizes of \$600 or more are redeemable at one of the 24 regional Texas Lottery claim centers or by mail. Questions? Just call the Texas Lottery Customer Service Line at 1-800-37-LOTTO (1-800-375-6886).



Overall odds of winning Two For The Money: 1 in 4.61. Overall odds of winning Bowling For Bucks: 1 in 4.92. Overall odds of winning Happy Valentines: 1 in 4.97. Overall odds of winning Happy Mother's Day: 1 in 4.14. Must be 18 years or older to play. ©1998 Texas Lottery

Feral hogs

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however, is the expense of operating and maintaining a helicopter. No statewide control program for feral hogs exists, although the legislature this year allocated money for control of the animal in Ellis, Hill and Navarro counties.

Loven said Texas needs a state-funded program for control of feral hogs statewide, much like the current program to control beavers.

The B.I.G. conference also included sessions on cotton, beef, forage, horticulture, and horses. More than 600 people registered for the conference, with 300 more attending the associated farm equipment show.

The B.I.G. 34-county region includes Bastrop, Bell, Bosque, Bruleson, Caldwell, Collin, Coryell, Dallas, Delta, Denton, Dewitt, Ellis, Falls, Fannin, Fayette, Gonzales, Grayson, Guadalupe, Hill, Hunt Johnson, Kaufman, Lamar, Lavaca, Lee, Limestone, McLennan, Milam, Navarro, Rockwall, Tarrant, Travis, Washington, and Williamson counties.

Out and About

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community.

Fans have been wearing their Coyote basketball t-shirts while they travel to play-off and practice game to cheer for the teams'

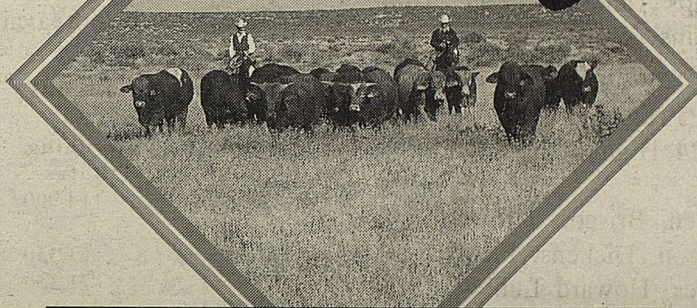
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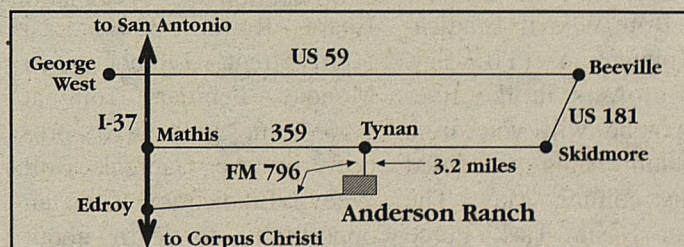
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Cotton News

From Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

**LUBBOCK,
Friday, February 13, 1998
By Shawn Wade**

Deadline for securing crop insurance for the 1998 crop year are fast approaching. High Plains cotton producers must purchase their 1998 crop insurance coverage by the March 15, 1998 sales closing date.

This sales closing date applies to most spring seeded crops, including cotton, grain sorghum, and corn. In addition to the

normal availability of hair and multi-peril policies, producers in some counties will also be able to take advantage of several Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) pilot programs.

Crop Revenue Coverage and Income Protection policies are available for designated crops in some High Plains counties. Producers can get additional information from their crop insurance provider. Below is a list of crops and eligible High Plains counties.

Crop Insurance Pilot Programs 1998

Crop Revenue Coverage	All 24 High Plains counties - Cotton
Income Protection	Borden, Briscoe, Crosby, Dawson, Dickens, Floyd
Grain Sorghum	Gaines, Howard Lubbock, Lynn, Midland, Motley

**LUBBOCK,
Friday, February 13, 1998
Roger Haldenby**

Several groups across the High Plains of Texas are edging toward action against the cotton boll weevil.

The Southern High Plains Task Force is adopting an eradication plan and budget from the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (TBWEF). cotton growers in the five-county zone will vote in a referendum being scheduled for this coming May. The Permian Basin Task Force is considering a similar plan but will likely delay a vote in that zone until later in the year.

Concerned producers in the northwest corner of the Plains are submitting a petition to the Commissioner of Agriculture. The petition asks that Deaf smith, Parmer, Castro, Bailey and Lamb Counties be declared a separate boll

weevil eradication zone under the name North-eastern Plains. A task force comprising two producer members from each of the 33 gins in the five counties is developing plans for a diapause program and an assessment to fund it.

Meantime, a meeting to be held at Plains Cotton Cooperation Association Board Room, 3301 East 50th Street, Lubbock, on Monday, February 16th at 1:30 p.m. will give producers in the Caprock Boll Weevil Eradication Zone an opportunity to learn about the TBWEF and to let the Foundation hear producers' concerns.

Another task force representing producers from Floyd and Crosby Counties is considering whether to join forces with the Caprock Zone or pursue a diapause program of their own. The task force consists of grower representaives from the 17 gins

in the two counties.

The Commissioner of Agriculture is appointing Vicki Davis Patschke, a Lubbock county cotton producer in the Acuff community, as director on the board of TBWEF to represent the Caprock

Eradication Zone. She will be sworn in at the TBWEF board meeting in Abilene February 19th along with Don Parrish and Jim Brown, recent director appointees for the Southern High Plains and Permian Basin Zones respectively.

**LUBBOCK,
Friday, February 13, 1998
By Shawn Wade**

The latest USDA Cotton Ginning report provides some interesting information regarding the outcome of the 1997 crop on the Texas High Plains.

While data is not avail-

able for several counties to avoid disclosure of individual gin operations, the data released is pretty eye-opening in regard to 1997 production. If production in the counties not included in the reports mirrors the rest of the area the High Plains could be looking at a record production year for total bales produced.

USDA February Cotton Ginnings Data

County	1997 Running Bales	1997 Prod. (converted)	1996 Prod. 480 lb Bales	% of 1996 Prod.
BAILEY	114,900	118,347	66,600	178%
BORDEN	N/A	N/A	5,900	N/A
BRISCOE	53,350	54,951	35,300	156%
CASTRO	71,350	73,491	100,500	73%
COCHRAN	N/A	N/A	70,800	N/A
CROSBY	206,750	212,953	211,500	101%
DAWSON	181,350	186,791	108,100	173%
DEAF SMITH	N/A	N/A	9,700	N/A
DICKENS	N/A	N/A	16,300	N/A
FLOYD	143,150	147,445	185,800	79%
GAINES	310,450	319,764	257,400	124%
GARZA	N/A	N/A	25,500	N/A
HALE	286,350	294,941	288,300	102%
HOCKLEY	274,250	282,478	226,300	125%
HOWARD	83,800	86,314	9,200	938%
LAMB	312,800	322,184	225,100	143%
LUBBOCK	260,400	268,212	293,000	92%
LYNN	284,050	292,572	196,700	149%
MARTIN	172,350	177,521	26,900	660%
MIDLAND	N/A	N/A	14,800	N/A
MOTLEY	N/A	N/A	18,500	N/A
PARMER	90,650	93,370	112,100	83%
SWISHER	60,000	61,800	83,600	74%
TERRY	225,650	232,420	329,800	70%
YOAKUM	152,650	157,230	159,200	99%
TOTALS /1	3,284,250	3,382,778	3,076,900	110%

/1 Totals for 1997 running bales ginned and 1997 production converted to 480 lb. bales does not include counties for which data is unavailable. 1996 data was obtained from the Texas Ag Statistics Service

School Lunch Menu

Lunch: \$1.00 K-6th.
\$1.25 7th-12th.
Breakfast: .50c

February 23rd-27th,

MONDAY: Beef & Bean Burrito, w/Salsa, Potato Wedges, Salad, Banana Pudding & Milk

Breakfast: Pancakes, Ham, Juice & Milk

TUESDAY: Steak Fingers, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Ice Cream, & Milk

Breakfast: Donuts, Fruit, Juice & Milk

WEDNESDAY: Vegetable Soup, Grilled Cheese, Pickles, Fruit & Milk

Breakfast: Egg, Sliced, Ham, Toast, Juice & Milk

THURSDAY: Chicken, Potatoes, Corn, Hot Roll, Jello & Milk

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, & Milk

FRIDAY: Steak on a Bun, French Fries, Salad Cup, Cookie & Milk

Breakfast: Oatmeal, Toast, Juice & Milk

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