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Wherever they go, campers tell the good news. In 1996, COM recorded nearly 650 professions of faith and almost 800 other spiritual decisions. The

group also distributed more than 175,000 Bibles and Scripture portions. The COM work in Baptist camps throughout Texas and other states.

The COM makes widows and widowers welcome to continue the work they started with their spouses, and to travel along to the campgrounds in their travel trailers where they are still a part of the witness program.

Since the birth of the national Campers on Mission, 25 state-level chapters have developed. These chapters also offer rallies throughout the year.

Campers worship together, swap reports of God at work, and attend a variety of seminars to better equip them for service. Members learn everything from effective witnessing to clowning techniques. For example, a recent rally offered sessions on balloon sculptures, campground worship, crafts, fairs and festivals, and marketplace evangelism.

To find out more about joining the organization or locating your state's

campers bond together for lay-led revivals, street witnessing, and state fairs. They are also involved in bible studies, VBS, and surveys. The group that is working on the parsonage also helped with the Hospitality House in Big Spring. Groups have gone to repair pioneer churches in Utah and they have also worked in Canada.

Husbands and wives from Kress, Lubbock, Odessa, Colorado City, Big Spring, and Quitque have parked their travel trailers and will donate their time and expertise where there is a need. They plan to be in Gail for at least a week working and enjoying the spiritual feeling from doing God's work. They have come from all job descriptions; an electrician, a dairyman, an air-conditioner man, cement salesman, oilfield roustabout and a couple that have not yet retired, but took a week from their job as owner of a mobile home park. They also brought along their own chaplain.

Since 1971, Campers on Mission (COM) proudly don their own version of "witness wear" as they relax their bodies and minds, relate to others, and recount their testimonies in campgrounds throughout the US. "After all, missions is our charge. Not just for Campers on Mission, but for all Christians. We are charged to spread the good news and to serve others wherever we go," said the retired workers that are in Gail to work on the First Baptist Church Parsonage.

Started as a joint effort of the then-Home Mission Board and the Sunday School Board in 1971, COM sought to utilize the talents of the thousands of Christians who enjoy camping. The Texas chapter was organized in 1977. They are affiliated more with the Baptist General Convention of Texas (BGCT) than the HMB.

No longer labeled "just" a campground program,



No, this is not a new RV park in Gail. These trailers belong to men and women of the COM who have come to work on the Baptist Church parsonage.

chapter, contact Campers North American Mission on Mission, Special Board, 4200 North Point Parkway, Alpharetta, GA Ministries Department, 30202-4174.

Local family calls cousin a Champion

Tera, Robert, John, Laura, Lindsey and Bethany Stamper of Gail are very proud of their cousin, Cheyenne Sharp. After four years of getting close, Cheyenne can finally call himself a champion.

The senior wrestler

from Vernon High School, who had been to the Texas Interscholastic Wrestling Association State Tournament three years in a row, won first place Saturday in Houston in the 189-pound

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Boys' Area Basketball Game
Borden Coyotes vs Aspermont
Friday, February 27th
7:00 p.m. Merkel Gymnasium
Merkel, Texas

No. 6 Ranked 2A Stanton Buffaloes Outlasts the Borden Coyotes

The Borden County Coyotes traveled to Big Spring Monday, Feb. 16, to play the Stanton Buffaloes the No. 6 ranked 2A basketball team. The game was one of three practice games the Coyotes would play before they meet Jayton Jaybirds in the bi-district play-offs.

They got off to a very good start behind the strong play of junior post Jeff Dennis, as he hit eight of his team high 20 points in the opening stanza. In that first period, the Coyotes outscored the state ranked Buffaloes 14-12.

In the 2nd period, junior Colt McCook poured in seven of his sixteen points to help the Coyotes build as much as an 8 point lead in the first half. They held a six point lead just before a Buffalo player hit a three with only a few seconds left in the half to cut the Coyote lead in half at 26-23.

After the intermission, the Coyotes came out with several opportunities to build on their lead. In fact, in spite of some early quarter poor shooting, the Coyotes still managed to build as much as a seven point lead, as they scored

6 of the first 8 points of the second half. But just as it appeared they might take control of the game, they witnessed themselves getting into some terrible foul trouble as brothers Oscar and Fernando Baeza picked up their 4th fouls within seconds of each other. They were forced to sit for the last 5 minutes of the 3rd period which gave the Buffaloes new life. Stanton ended the period on a 15-4 run to take a 4 point lead heading into the final period.

In the 4th quarter, the Coyotes were forced to play passive which enabled the Stanton big men to produce 18 points in the quarter alone. Meanwhile, the Coyotes could not buy a basket as they missed several easy shots from close range. They battled to the very end as the good guys got late 3-point shots from Oscar Baeza and Nick Flanigan's only points. All in all, the Coyotes inability to hit some free throws and short jumpshots or lay-ups down the stretch, plus foul trouble cost them a very impressive victory against a very good Stanton team.

Lady Coyotes Defeat the Lady Jaguars for Bi-District

The Lady Coyotes traveled to Lubbock Cooper to take on the Guthrie Lady Jaguars in the Bi-district play-off game, Tuesday, Feb. 17.

In the 1st quarter, the Lady Coyotes took the floor with a lot of enthusiasm and with great shooting scored 1 3-pointer, 1 field goal and were 3 for 4 from the line. While the offense for the

Lady Coyotes was on a roll, the defense attacked with great vengeance and held the Lady Jag's to only 2 points.

In the 2nd quarter, the three's continued to fall for the Lady Coyotes as they put in 3 of them plus 1 outside basket and 2 for 3 from the line for 13 more points. The defense stayed tough as they allowed the Lady Jag's to add only 4

Final score was 65-55 in favor of the Buffaloes.

STATS:

Player	Points
Jeff Dennis	20
Colt McCook	16
Kevin Pinkerton	6
Fernando Baeza	4
Oscar Baeza	4
Nick Flanigan	3
Justin Lawrence	2

Also contributing was Trini Vasquez, Bryce Dye, Lee Barkowsky, Clint Scott, Clint Cowart, and Robert Stamper.

COACHES COMMENTS:

I was really pleased with what I saw tonight, the guys really battled and

competed hard. I honestly feel that if we had not gotten into foul trouble, we would have had a good chance to beat the Buffaloes in the end. But you have to give the credit they deserve, on this night they did what they had to do to beat us. All in all, I was very proud of the guys, this was probably our best effort of the season. We just had two bad stretches that cost us the game. Good job, guys and better luck next time. Keep your heads up, we are getting closer to being where we need to be.

Lady Coyotes Head Toward Sub Regional with Win Over Lady Hammers

The Lady Coyotes hit the play-off trail again when they traveled to Rotan to meet the Rotan Lady Yellowhammers in the Area game, Friday, Feb. 20. Borden County showed a lot of determination as they walked out on the opponents home court and proceeded to put them away.

The Lady Coyotes started strong in the scoring column in the 1st quarter by putting up fifteen points which

more points to their first half total. The Lady Coyotes went into the dressing room up 21-6.

Borden County picked up the pace and added 19 points in the 3rd quarter which came from 2 3-pointers, 5 baskets and 3 for 6 from the line. The defense again held the Lady Jags to 2 field goals, but sent them to the line where they added five for eight from the charity stripe for 9 points.

The 4th quarter saw much of the same as the Lady Coyotes scored 6 field goals and 4 of 7 free throws for another 16 points. The Lady Jags were able to add 7 more

included a 3-pointer and 6 field goals. As the offense was accomplishing this feat, the defense showed up strong when they allowed the Lady Hammers only 7 points.

Borden County added another 15 points to the score board in the second quarter, but their opponents would not go away as they outscored the Lady Coyotes 5 and put in 20 of their own. Going into the dressing room, the Lady Coyotes held only a 3 point advantage of 30-27.

points which included 1 3-pointer, 1 field goal along with 2 of 3 from the free throw line. Final score was 56-22 in favor of the Lady Coyotes. This victory enabled them to continue toward their goal to be in the Regional Tournament as they will face Rotan in the Area play-off.

STATS:

Player	Points
Julie Mayes	15
Amanda Watts	10
Lindsey Smith	9
Adrianna Baeza	9
Katie Kemp	4
Tammy Cooley	3
Kati Merritt	2
Ky Merritt	2
Staci O'Brien	2

With an adjustment to shut down the scoring of the Lady Hammer's #50, the Lady Coyotes came onto the floor and played a great defensive 3rd quarter and held Rotan to only 6 points. The Lady Coyotes stayed on an even pace scoring 4 3-pointers and 4 of 6 from the line for 16 points.

The Lady Coyotes started the 4th quarter working hard to hold onto their 13 point lead, but were only able to put in 6 more points. The Lady Hammers made a strong

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School Lunch Menu

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

March 2nd-5th

MONDAY: Beef Stroganoff, Green Peas, Salad, Crackers, Fruit & Milk

Breakfast: Sausage, Biscuit, Juice & Milk

TUESDAY: Chicken Fried Steak, mashed Potatoes, Green beans, Hot Rolls, Jello & Milk

Breakfast: Waffles, Fruit Juice & Milk

WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti, Carrots, Okra, Garlic Toast, Juice Bars, & Milk

Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, Fruit, Juice & Milk

THURSDAY: Hamburger, Salad Cup, French Fries, Cookies & Milk

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, & Milk

FRIDAY:
NO SCHOOL!

Coyotes Upset the Shallowater Mustangs

The Borden County Coyotes traveled to Shallowater to battle the Mustangs, champions of the 2A district and a legitimate contender in Region 1-AA to vie for a trip to Austin. In this contest, the Coyotes put together two very big quarters to bring home a much needed victory in their final tune-up before the bi-district contest with the Jayton Jaybirds.

Borden County wasted little time in this contest as Jeff Dennis sent the opening tip to Colt McCook who hit Oscar Baeza who then quickly fired a strike to his brother Fernando for a quick two points and the first lead of the game. The Coyotes then got a 3-point basket from McCook to up their lead to 5-0. But the Mustangs would show why they won their district as they battled back to tie the score at five. Borden County then went on one of their best stretches of the season as they closed the period on a 12-2 run capped by a buzzer beating basket by Oscar to give the visitors the lead at 17-7.

But the middle of the game gave the Coyotes some fits as the hometown Stangs outscored the visiting Coyotes 30-20 in the second and third periods. In these two

quarters, the Coyotes had all kinds of troubles ranging from missed lay-ups, short jump shots, to turnovers, and foul trouble. Meanwhile, it seemed as though the home team capitalized on every mistake the Coyotes made. In spite of all of this, Borden County still lead 28-23 at the break.

In the 3rd quarter, the Coyotes actually trailed for a brief moment before regaining the lead only to see the score tied at 37 heading into the final stanza.

They put two good quarters together, but the most important one was the last one. Using some very hot shooting from Fernando who hit 3 of his season's high five 3-point shots in this quarter. Colt McCook threw in one more (he had 4 in the game) and the Coyotes took complete control of the contest. If not for McCook uncharacteristically missing two front end of one and ones, they would have outscored the home team by 15 points. Nevertheless, 11 was quite impressive as they came home with a 57-46 victory.

They played some extremely good defense as they mixed defenses with an aggressive man defense plus a tough 1-3-1 zone. Fernando held the class 2A South Plains scoring leader

16 points below his average of 27. They Coyotes also dominated the boards in this contest.

STATS:

Player	Points
Fernando Baeza	27
(career high)	
Colt McCook	12
Jeff Dennis	8
Justin Lawrence	6
Oscar Baeza	4

Also contributing was Kevin Pinkerton, Trini Vasquez, Bryce Dye, Lee Barkowsky, Clint Scott, Nick Flanigan, and Robert Stamper.

COACHES COMMENTS:

I was really pleased with what I saw tonight, the guys really battled and competed hard. I honestly feel that Shallowater may be a better team than the Stanton Buffaloes. This just shows you how much better we are playing. But still our inability to put in some very short jump shots and some careless passes keep us from taking control of a ball game sooner or at all.

But the Coyotes did put together two very impressive quarters in which they outscored the Mustangs 37-16. This is

Still In Play-offs

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final run and added 13 on their side of the scoreboard. The Lady Coyotes were very jubilant when the final buzzer sounded and they were victorious with a score of 52-46.

STATS:

Player	Points
Lindsey Smith	20
Julie Mayes	18
Amanda Watts	10
Adrianna Baeza	3
Ky Merritt	1

Other team members contributing to the victory were Tammy Cooley, Chrissy Armstrong, Staci O'Brien, Kati Merritt, and Katie Kemp.

very impressive. Keep up the good work, you can definitely see the improvement as the season wears on. This was a very big win for the Coyotes heading into the play-offs. It was very nice

Poem directed to 'pretty good' students

There once was a pretty good student,
 Who sat in a pretty good class
 And was taught by a pretty good teacher,
 Who always let pretty good pass.
 He wasn't terrific at reading,
 He wasn't a whiz-bang at math.
 But for him, education was leading
 Straight down a pretty good path.
 He didn't find school too exciting,
 But he wanted to do pretty well,
 And he did have some trouble with writing,
 And nobody had taught him to spell.
 When doing arithmetic problems,
 Pretty good was regarded as fine.
 Five plus 5 needn't always add up to be 10,
 A pretty good answer was 9.
 The pretty good class that he sat in
 Was part of a pretty good school.
 And the student was not an exception,
 On the contrary, he was the rule.
 The pretty good school that he went to

seeing Ferny light it up for a career high 27 points. Keep up the good work. Good Luck!!!! and remember one thing guys as we head into the play-offs,

HOLD THE ROPE!!!

Was there in a pretty good town.
 And nobody there seemed to notice
 He would not tell a verb from a noun.
 The pretty good student in fact was
 Part of a pretty good mob.
 And the first time he knew what he lacked was
 When he look for a pretty good job.
 It was then, when he sought a position,
 He discovered that life could be tough.
 And he soon had a sneaky suspicion
 Pretty good might not be good enough.
 The pretty good town in our story
 Was part of a pretty good state,
 Which had pretty good aspirations,
 And prayed for a pretty good fate.
 There once was a pretty good nation,
 Pretty proud of the greatness it had,
 Which learned much too late,
 If you want to be great,
 Pretty good is, in fact, pretty bad --

"The Osgood File,"

Champion

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division. "Cheyenne was really persistent," Vernon head coach Ken Kenner said. "He fought hard in every match. then in the finals, he just attacked his opponent the whole period and just beat him down." Sharp won all five

matches in the three-day tournament that included 106 schools from around the state.

Last season, Sharp lost to the state champion. "He worked hard all year," Kenner said. "He got third last year, but he came back this season and really dedicated himself. I know he's real excited to come in first this year."

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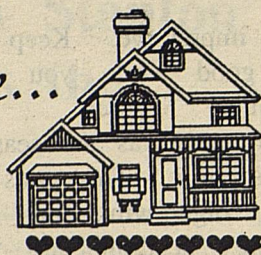
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Heart and home...

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



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February Recipe of the Month

Quick Fajitas with Pico De Gallo

1 lb. boneless beef top sirloin steak (3/4" thick)
8 8-inch flour tortillas, warmed

Marinade:

2 T fresh lime juice
2 tsp. vegetable oil
2 cloves garlic, crushed

Step 1:

Combine marinade ingredients. Place beef steak in plastic bag; add marinade, turning to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator for 20 to 30 minutes, turning once.

Step 2:

Meanwhile, prepare Pico De Gallo (see recipe below).

Step 3:

Remove steak from marinade; discard marinade. Place steak on grid over medium coals. Grill approximately 12 to 16 minutes for medium-rare to medium doneness, turning once.

(Or boil, 2 to 3 inches from heat, approximately 12 to 15 minutes.)

Step 4:

Trim fat from steak. Carve steak crosswise into slices; serve on tortillas with Pico De Gallo.

Pico De Gallo

1/2 C. diced zucchini
1/2 C. seeded, chopped tomatoes
1/4 C. chopped fresh cilantro
1/4 C. prepared picante sauce or salsa
1 T. Fresh lime juice

In medium bowl, combine all ingredients; mix well.

Yield: 4 servings (serving size = 2 filled tortillas and 1/4 C. Pico De Gallo)

This recipe came from the Beef Industry Council's Skinny Beef recipe brochure.

Arthritis: What's Your Type?

Arthritis, most often affects areas in or around the body, like the joints, skin, or internal organs. There are more than 100 different types of arthritis. It is important to know which type of arthritis you have so you can treat it properly. Some of the most common types of arthritis are osteoarthritis, fibromyalgia, rheumatoid arthritis, gout, and tendinitis and bursitis.

Osteoarthritis (OA) is the most common form of arthritis. It is sometimes

called degenerative arthritis because it involves the breaking down of cartilage and bones. OA causes pain and stiffness, and it usually affects the fingers and weight-bearing joints (knees, hips and back). It affects both men and women and usually occurs after age 45. Treatments include pain relievers or anti-inflammatory drugs, exercise, heat or cold, joint protection, pacing your efforts and sometimes surgery.

Fibromyalgia affects

muscles and the attachments to the bone. It results in widespread pain, and one often develops tender points. It may also result in fatigue, disturbed sleep, stiffness, and sometimes psychological

distress. It is often misdiagnosed. Treatments include exercise, sleep improvement and pacing your activities.

Rheumatoid arthritis (RA) is a fault in the body's defense or immune system that causes inflammation or swelling. Inflammation begins in the joint lining and then damages both cartilage and bones. RA often affects the same joints on both sides of the body (hands, wrists, knees, ankles, shoulders and elbows). It affects more women than men. Treatments include anti-inflammatory and disease modifying drugs, exercise, heat or cold, saving energy, joint protection and sometimes surgery.

Tendinitis and bursitis result from irritation caused by injuring or overusing a joint. Bursitis affects a small sac that helps muscles move easily; tendinitis affects the tendons that attach muscle to bone. Treatment include anti-inflammatory drugs, heat or cold and exercise.

There are many more types of arthritis. If you would like more information on arthritis, please contact the extension office.

Gout results from the build-up of uric acid in the body. The uric acid forms needle-like crystals in the joint that causes severe pain and swelling. Gout affects joints like the knee and wrist. Gout occurs more in men than women. Treatments include anti-inflammatory and special drugs, and sometimes a diet low in purines (organ meats, beer, wine and some types of fish have high levels of purines).



50th Wedding Anniversary

James (Henny) Gass

and

Shirley Schooler Gass

will celebrate their

50th Wedding Anniversary,

Saturday, March 7th.

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

at the Community Building

in O'Donnell,

given by their children.

Friends and Family are cordially

invited to come and celebrate this

happy event.



BORDEN COUNTY 4-H NEWS



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South Plains 4-H Leadership Camp Counselors Needed

The search is on for leadership camp counselors! If you are between 15 and 18 years-old, and have competed, or plan to compete in a 4-H contest this year, then you are eligible. South Plains 4-H Leadership Camp is for 4-Hers ages 10-12 and takes place at South Plains College in Levelland June 9-11; counselors must be

there from June 7-11. Past counselors are eligible to serve again. Borden County 4-H has the opportunity to send two counselors. If you are interested in this great opportunity, call the extension office at 756-4336. The deadline to send in applications is Thursday, March 19, and camp counselors will be determined by April 1.

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Let Me Get My Hat!

By Dennis Poole,
Borden County CEA-Ag.

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Cotton Production Meeting

There will be a Permian Basin Cotton Production Meeting held on March 19, 1998, at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the Howard County College campus. A sponsored meal will be furnished. A total of 4 CEU's will be offered if producers' attend both the morning session along with the afternoon session pending TDA approval.

Topics that will be covered include: Facts of the Cotton Boll Weevil on the Southern High Plains

(Dr. Jim Leser, Dr. Tom Fuchs, Warren Multer); Cotton Marketing Update and Risk Management (Dr. Jackie Smith); Cotton Production (Dr. Brian Unruh); Law & Regulations (Mindy Shugart); and Announcement of Ag. Producer of the Year.

For more information feel free to call the Howard County Extension office at (915)264-2236 or the Borden County Extension office at (806)756-4336.

San Antonio Stock Show Results

Borden County 4-H and FFA had several members participating in the San Antonio Stock Show last week. Placing were as follows:

- Cody Nowlain
3rd. HW OPB
 - LaShae Johnson
15th LW Med. Wool
 - John Brummett
3rd LW Santa Gertrudis
 - Kalli Poole
5th MW Simmental
- Congratulations to all of these exhibitors! Other exhibiting animals were: Caden Nowlain, Staci O'Brien, Clint O'Brien, Alexis Brooks, Megan

Brooks, J. Ryan Gicklhorn, Tanner Poole, Kaci Poole, Tyler Wallace, Chrissy Armstrong, Carey Cox and Clint Cowart.

Thanks to everyone who attended and assisted in transporting animals. A special thanks to Barry O'Brien who transported the 2nd load of barrows and to Roland Key for hauling the steers.

Barrows will leave for Brenham at 5:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 26, 1998. Good luck to those of you going to Houston!



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER®
Michael A. Guido Metter, Georgia

Little Jackie was a bad boy. He was always fighting. He'd never hit a boy when he was down - he'd kick him. But sometimes he'd get hurt. And when he'd get hurt, he'd always run to his mother.

One day she asked, "Son, why do you run to me when you get hurt doing the things I tell you not to do?"

"Mom," he answered, "to whom can I go but to you when I get hurt?"

Some other boys were hurt, the disciples. They asked, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life."

Hurt? Come to the Lord. He's the Healer of broken hearts. He'll heal your heart and turn your gloom into gladness, your trouble into triumph.

You're coming to Him now, aren't you?

MEAL PLANNED AT FBC

The youth at First Baptist Church Gail, will be hosting a Noon Meal Sunday, March 1st immediately following morning services. The community is invited to come by and eat with them or carry out.

They will be having these meals the first Sunday of each month to raise money for their mission trip in June to Arizona. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

Menu: Mexican Stack
Cobbler

Come eat with us and enjoy the fellowship with friends.

Obituary

Lester Parker 1904-1998

Services for Lester Darrell Parker, 93, of O'Donnell was held Thurs. Feb. 29th at 2 p.m. in O'Donnell Church of Christ with Ralph Gates of Midland officiating. Silas Short of Post assisted.

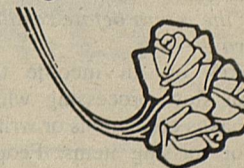
Burial was held in O'Donnell Cemetery under direction of Branon Funeral Home of Lamesa.

Parker died Monday, February 16, 1998, in Tahoka Care Center.

He was born June 23, 1904, in Hale Center. He married Lora D. Stuart on April 22, 1922, in Berry Flat community. she died February 4, 1975. He moved to Borden County in 1907. He moved to O'Donnell in 1946. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He was a retired carpenter and farmer.

Survivors include three sons, William Darrell and L.D. "Jack" both of O'Donnell and Nobel Price of Midland; two daughters, Rita May Turk of Midland and Martha Cannon of Hayden Colo.; 16 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.



POLITICAL CALENDAR

County Judge

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Kenneth Bennett

Justice of the Peace:

Carolyn Stone

County/District Clerk:

Joyce Herridge

County Commissioner:

Larry D. Smith

Precinct #2

Hurston Lemons, Jr.

Precinct #4

Ralph Price

Precinct #4

State Representative:

District 70

Scott McLaughlin

Court of Appeals:

Kollin Shadle

Robert Pelton

March Primary Election Information

- 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

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Proper placement of campaign signs on roadside stressed

With the campaign season fast approaching, candidates and their supporters are urged to observe laws regarding placing campaign signs along state highways.

Officials with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) say the laws are intended to reduce clutter along highways so that official traffic control signs are clearly visible for the safety of the traveling public.

Under Texas law, it is a class C misdemeanor to place any sign on state highway right of way, it is also illegal to place a sign, even off state right of way, along most major federal highways in the state without a license or permit. The fine for violating these laws can be as much as \$1,000 per sign per day.

According to Maribel P. Chavez, Abilene district engineer for TxDOT, it is legal to place a campaign sign on private property with the owner's permission on rural roads. However, there are restrictions regarding sign size and weight and time periods for display. The sign should be made of lightweight material and is limited to 50 square feet in size. Signs may be placed as early as 90 days before an election, but no earlier. And, signs must be removed within 10 days after the election.

A list of rural roads can be obtained from the Abilene district office at 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas.

Texas is subject to the Federal highway Beautification Act of 1965. Under the federal law, if the state fails to control signage

visible from interstate and federal-aid primary highways, Texas may be subject to sanctions of up to 10 percent of the federal apportionments. Based on fiscal year 1997 apportionments, the 10 percent penalty would have been more than \$100 million.

I want to be your
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VOTE FOR
Ralph Price

February 24, 1998

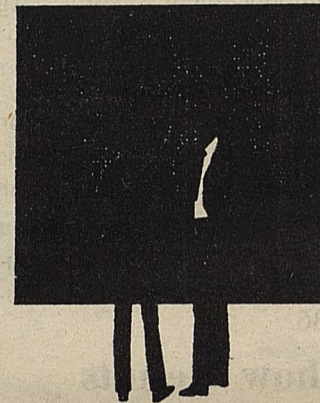
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The Full Court Press

TO KEEP YOU INFORMED...

FEBRUARY FEVER LEADS TO MARCH MADNESS

Now for those of you who do not keep up with hoop action (basketball), this is the time of year commonly referred to in the college ranks as "March Madness." The Full Court Press has simply coined a phrase that will include Texas high school playoffs—"February Fever." And, the Coyotes and Lady Coyotes, fortunately, have a really good case of it. Last night the guys took care of matters in grand style with a thrashing of Jayton in bi-district action. Tonight—



BHS BASKETBALL UPDATE

remember, it's "Remember the Game" night. Alluding to Texas history again, The Full Court Press wants fans to carry this battle cry in to the gym and knock off Whiteface; this will not make us feel any better about last year, but it surely would be a great feeling for 1997-1998. Some players who participated in **the game** are eager for the second chance. "Let me at 'em," said senior Chrissy Armstrong. "I'll tell 'em limb from limb," said BHS's Shaina Isaacs,

quoting from the lion in "The Wizard of Oz."

Meanwhile, telegrams and well-wishers from across the country are sending in messages to both Coyote teams. "Sink Whiteface," telegram from Leonardo DeCaprio. "Make it as good as it gets," was Helen Hunt's memo received this morning on fax. And, not to be left out, this phone call to Mr. Thomas from Kenneth Starr—"Keep pressing, keep pressing, keep pressing."

The Full Court Press will continue its publication until the end of the state tournament in mid-march. Give us something to write about, Coyotes and Lady C's—you can do it!

TAX SUPPLEMENT 1998

Check Returns for Common Errors

A surefire way to slow a tax refund or to get a notice from the Internal Revenue Service is to be careless when filling out a tax return. It's worth taking a few extra minutes to look over the return before sending it on its way.

Mistakes on an income tax return can slow processing while the IRS makes corrections or writes to ask for missing items. People expecting refunds will have to wait until the mistakes get ironed out. And many of the more common errors could easily be eliminated if people took the time to double check their returns.

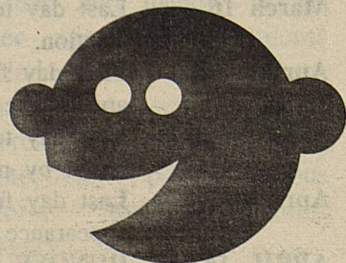
People should look at each line to be sure that the right information is on the right line. Go over the math to avoid mistakes in figuring total income, taxable income, balance due or refund amounts. Correctly write names and Social Security numbers on each form and schedule. Also check the address. Make changes directly on the label.

Many people make the mistake of using a tax amount from the wrong column in the tax table, or they forget to sign and date the return. On a joint return both husband and wife must sign and date it.

For those rushing to meet the tax deadline on April 15 at midnight, put the correct postage on the envelope before dropping it in the mail.

One last reminder. People can file electronically from a personal computer or through a tax professional. The error rate of electronic returns is less than 1 percent. This means people who use an electronic filing option are much less likely to get a notice from the IRS because of mistakes typically associated with paper filing. IRS computers automatically check for errors or missing information before accepting electronic returns. And the IRS sends an acknowledgement when it accepts the return.

So when it comes to *your* tax return, check it out, then send it on.



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Americans' Cholesterol Levels Still High

Know your cholesterol numbers!

You've probably heard of good cholesterol, bad cholesterol, and total cholesterol, but do you know how they affect your overall health?

LDL-CHOLESTEROL
is commonly referred to as "bad" cholesterol. High levels can lead to waxy buildup on your artery walls and can cause heart attacks.

HDL-CHOLESTEROL
is the "good" cholesterol. It is believed that high HDL-cholesterol may actually help clear away the bad LDL-cholesterol.

TRIGLYCERIDES
are fats in your blood that increase after you eat. High triglyceride levels in combination with high LDL-cholesterol levels can increase your risk of heart disease.

TOTAL CHOLESTEROL
is the number you often receive from your doctor. It is derived from your LDL, HDL, and triglyceride readings, but what exactly does this number mean to you? It is important to ask your doctor what each of your readings are and what your goals should be.



(NAPS)—Most Americans are not doing enough to combat cholesterol, despite better education and a wider availability of cholesterol-lowering drugs.

According to the recent Lipid Treatment Assessment Project (L-TAP) study completed in 1997, 62 percent of patients being treated for high cholesterol by primary care physicians did not reach recommended target levels.

"Physicians and patients need to be more aggressive with cholesterol-reduction treatments," said Dr. Thomas A. Pearson of the University of Rochester School of Medicine, who presented the study at the American Heart Association's annual scientific sessions in Orlando, Florida. "If the patient is not at target, the physician should consider whether the current regimen is adequate."

Treatment regimens in L-TAP included lifestyle modification, lipid-lowering medications available at the time the study was conducted or a combination of both.

Pearson and his colleagues surveyed 619 primary care physi-

cians across the U.S. over a nine-month span. They analyzed 4,888 patients who were being treated for high cholesterol, and the levels were compared to guidelines set by the National Institutes of Health's National Cholesterol Education Program (NCEP).

"Target levels are provided by NCEP to guide physicians and patients in reducing risk. Despite this knowledge, we still have an alarming gap between treatment targets and treatment success," Pearson said.

In this study, among patients with coronary heart disease, 83 percent did not reach recommended LDL cholesterol levels of 100 mg/dL or less. Among patients with two or more risk factors for cardiovascular disease, 63 percent did not reach recommended levels of less than 130 mg/dL, and among patients with one or no risk factors, 32 percent did not reach the recommended level of less than 160 mg/dL.

The cholesterol study was funded by Parke-Davis, a division of Warner-Lambert Company, and Pfizer Inc.

FDA NEWS OF HEALTH

Review Times For New Medicines Cut In Half

(NAPS)—The reformed new drug approval process is good news for consumers, physicians, and drug manufacturers. And now, there's more good news for the Food and Drug Administration.

The "FDA's Reform of the U.S. Drug Approval Process" was selected as a "Top Ten" innovation in American Government for

1997. The FDA will receive a \$100,000 grant from the Ford Foundation for its program that gets new medicine more quickly to the people who need it, while maintaining a rigorous safety standard for new drugs.

"This program is literally saving lives," said David Gergen, editor at large of *U.S. News & World Report* and chairman of the national selection committee. Indeed, the new fast-track approval process is being credited as a key factor in the nearly 20 percent decline in AIDS-related deaths in the last year.

Previously, drugs were held off the market until tests determined whether they cured a disease. Since

the FDA reforms were put into place, some drugs are introduced to the market sooner. Breakthrough drugs for serious diseases such as AIDS and cancer are given the highest priority, and are now introduced to the public at an earlier level of testing.



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Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 9th day of February, 1998, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge, Presiding; **DOUG ISAACS**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1; **LARRY D. SMITH**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; **VERNON WOLF**, Commissioner Precinct No. 3; **HURSTON LEMONS, JR.** Commissioner Precinct No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE**, 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 meeting of the 26th day of January, 1998 were read. The minutes were approved with a motion from Commissioner Smith and a second by Commissioner Lemons. Motion carried unanimously

VISITORS

Representatives from Ice Melt, Inc. met with the Court at 10:00 a.m. asking support for the development of the Plant in Borden County. Mr. C.D. Gray and Mr. Dick Crill explained the benefits of

the product on roads and other uses. No action was taken at this time.

DELINQUENT TAXES

Mr. David Ellison with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, L.L.P. met with the Court and presented a report on the Delinquent Taxes for Borden County.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

Motion carried unanimously

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

Applications for Soil Conservation Construction of Fireguards were received from Bill Phinzy and Dennis Poole in Precinct No. 2. A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Lemons to approve the applications.

Motion carried unanimously

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaacs and approved unanimously.



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PLANT EARLY FOR A BUMPER HARVEST

Several frost-tender crops, including tomato, cucumber, melons and squash, can be harvested a month earlier than normal if they are planted outdoors soon enough and protected from the cold and wind.

For this early harvest date, you will have to plant well before the average frost-free date in your area. Normally, it is recommended you plant two weeks after that date. For example, if the frost-free date in your area is April 1 and you wanted to be completely sure your plants would not be killed by a late freeze, you would plant between April 15 and 20.

But you can plant up to a month earlier if you install plant protection devices such as Hot Caps, cans, milk jugs or plastic-

covered tunnels. All of these help trap solar heat, store it in the soil and prevent it from escaping at night. Essentially, they act as miniature greenhouses. Their advantage is that you can have production a month earlier. If you set out tomatoes in mid-March and protect them, you can harvest around June 1.

A fringe benefit of these devices is wind protection. Winds often are high during March and April. And in dry climates, the wind picks up dust particles and plants them against tender plants, leaving a sandblast effect.

A good wind protection device is a coffee can with the bottom cut out and a plastic cover on top. Set your plants out when they have three to five true leaves. Set the can over the top of the plant

and push it in the ground about an inch deep to anchor it against the wind. The can will also give some frost protection.

There are several advantages to this method. First, the cans are recycled waste products so there is no expense. Also, the cans are durable, last several years, are sturdy enough to provide wind protection and avoid excessive heat build-up during the day, which occurs with plastic covers.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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.



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