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Coyotes looking for seconds in '98 season

BY DWIGHT HEINS,
Lamesa Press-Reporter

Don't blame Borden County head coach Bobby Avery for feeling a little greedy entering the 1998 season.

After all, state championships seem to have that kind of effect on a guy.

Avery's eighth season as the field boss in Gail was one for the books.

A 15-0 season capped off with a 48-16 defeat of Panther Creek in the state six-man football championship game made for an unforgettable year.

Now Avery and his troops have their sights set on seconds.

With three returning starters on each side of the line of scrimmage, the Coyotes have the ingredients for another banner season.

"Our ultimate goal would be to do it all over again. I think it's a goal which is very reachable for these guys, knowing what we've got coming back and what these guys are capable of doing," said Avery.

Avery, however, admits that a repeat could be even tougher than last year's championship.

"Everybody on our schedule will come out firing their best shots at us



Members of the 1998 Borden County Coyote football team are: (front row, left to right) Ramon Griffin, Philip Abalos, Ed Rodriguez, James Bond, Jacob Zant, David Wright and Ross Aten. (Middle row) John Harding, Cesar Mujica, T.C. Stipe, Lee Pepper, Robert Stamper, Colt Miller and Rowdy Dunlap. (Back rows) Tom Griffin, Coach Bobby Avery, Cody Nowlain, Coach Trey Richey, Payton Brown, Colt McCook, Joseph Hardman, Kevin Pinkerton, Nick Flanigan, Justin Lawrence, Dale Grant, Fernando Baeza, and Ryan Grant.

which means that we've got to get up and be at the top of our game every week," said Avery.

State championships aren't anything new to Avery.

"We've been given the chance to build something and the kids have responded real well. Our numbers have been up which goes back to these kids knowing that they are going to have a good time.

They also know that they are going to have a shot at being successful."

At the heart of the Coyotes' offense will be senior all-state quarterback Colt McCook, who passed for 1,933 yards last season.

"Colt really matured a lot in the playoffs," said Avery.

A couple of other returning starters on the Coyotes' offense are senior running back Fernando

Baeza, who rushed for 1,624 yards last year, and lineman Ryan Grant.

"Fernando does a great
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WRITE ON TRACK
By Sue Jane Mayes

Some say writing is becoming a lost art. I certainly hope not because the power of the written word is matchless—a thank-you note, a message of encouragement, a sympathy card, or just a good, old-fashioned letter.

This week *The Borden Star* will take on somewhat of a different look. In order to involve the student body more, new weekly columns will appear. These students have volunteered their time and talent to keep Borden County informed about school news. Sometimes the paper will have a guest columnist—at times, our articles will appear courtesy of a junior high or elementary-age student. The goal of involving these young people is three-fold: one, to give them the opportunity to participate in journalism as a possible career; secondly, to encourage them to write and enjoy it; and finally, to show off this school's best asset—its students.

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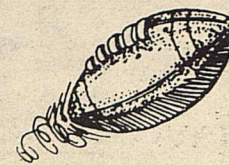
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Coyote Football



Coyotes Hosts Jayton Jaybirds for second scrimmage of the season

Friday, August 28, the Borden County Coyotes hosted the Jayton Jaybirds for their second scrimmage of the 1998 season. Each varsity team took a total of 35 snaps on both sides of the ball. The JV squads took 15 plays each to give the varsities a break. The Coyotes managed six touchdowns against the Jaybirds and gave up only one.

The Coyotes began the scrimmage on the defensive end of the ball and held the Jaybirds scoreless in their first twenty plays, giving up only a few first downs.

The Coyotes then took the ball for their twenty plays and found the end zone in just six plays. Fernando Baeza took the ball on the first two carries and averaged about 9 yards per carry. Colt McCook then took to the air and hit Ryan Grant twice for good gains to set up the first Coyote score. Baeza took the ball over from 5 yards out as he ran over a Jaybird defender.

On the next Coyote series it took just three plays to find the end zone as McCook hit Kevin Pinkerton for a first down. Colt Miller then caught a long pass to put the ball on the ten yard line, and Grant caught a McCook pass on the 4 yard line to run the ball in from there.

The Coyote varsity then began to run a lot of substitutes in and out of action in order to allow backups an opportunity to perform.

During this series, Baeza hit Miller for a pass completion and McCook hit Pinkerton for a good gain. Ed Rodriguez had a couple of good rushes as well.

The Coyote JV then took to the field. These guys are made up of the freshmen and sophomores. They took 15 plays on defense first and did a great job swarming to the football. These guys showed great promise for the future of Borden County football. They only allowed the Jaybird youngsters only one first down in 15 plays.

The Coyote JV then took their turn with the ball. Some of the highlights included Philip Abalos scampering 60 yards to pay dirt. Dale Grant caught a Lee Pepper pass for a good gain. Dale also had several other good rushes on the evening. Lee Pepper had several good gains as well. Jacob Zant hit Tom Griffin on a bootleg pass for a Coyote TD.

The Coyote varsity then took their final 15 plays of the evening. This time, the Jaybird offense put something positive together and completed a series of quick passes against the Coyote defense. Their eight play drive produced the only touchdown of the evening for the Jaybirds. The Coyote defense pulled their belts a little tighter and held the Jaybirds for the remainder of their plays. On their last pass attempt of the evening, Ed Rodriguez intercepted a



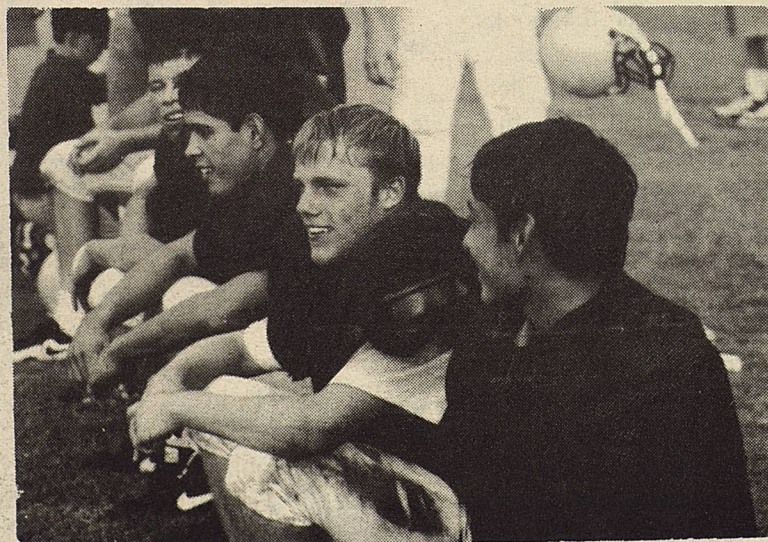
Coyote football players are ready for action: Seated (L. to R.) Tom Griffin, soph; Nick Flanigan, jr; Jacob Zant, fresh. and T.C. Stipe, freshman. Standing (L. to R.) Philip Abalos, freshman; John Harding, junior; Ed Rodriguez, soph; Joseph Hardman, junior and James Bond, soph. (Joseph Hardman, was injured in practice the first week of school and will be out for most of the season.) (Photo by LaNita)

pass and returned it from 40 yards out for a touchdown.

The Coyotes spent the rest of the evening on offense and chose to work mainly on their tight offensive set. This is the set that needs the most work right now as the Coyotes offensive line is entirely new from last year. In this series of downs, Fernando Baeza carried the ball 60 yards for a TD, and Ed Rodriguez carried the ball for 50 yards.

COACHES COMMENTS: by Coach Avery

The Coyotes got a lot of work done in this scrimmage, Jayton is a good football team and was able to show the Coyotes where they were the weakest. We still have a lot of work to do before we become a great football team but I KNOW we can get there.



TIME OUT! Ramon Griffin, Ryan Grant, Fernando Baeza and Colt Miller take time out last Friday during scrimmage against Jayton. (Photo by LaNita)

COYOTE FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 4th

Coyote JV vs Wilson JV

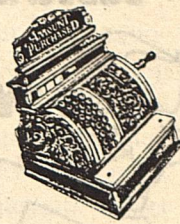
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Borden Co. Coyotes vs. Wilson Mustangs

Here - 7:30 p.m.

**TWO CENTS
WORTH . . .**

By D.J. Smith



**The Polls are Closed
and the Votes are In**

Last week, during the second week of school, grades 6 through 12 held their annual Class Officer Elections. Although 6th. grade through 10th grade elections were mostly for fun, the officers for the junior and senior classes play a vital role to their classes. These officers must handle all the classes affairs, including concession stand matters and most of the preparations for the senior trip and other big events planned throughout the year.

Here are the officers for the 1998-99 school year.

**Seniors:
15 class members**

President: Jeff Dennis
Vice President: Colt McCook
Treasurer/Reporter: Brenda Griffin

**Juniors:
26 class members**

President: Robert Stamper
Vice President: Jana Himes
Secretary: Erica Schooler
Treasurer: Hailey Adcock
Reporter: Justin Lawrence

**Sophomores:
20 class members**

President: Shawna Kempf
Vice President: D.J. Smith
Secretary: Ross Aten
Treasurer: Holly Thomas
Reporter: Abby Flanigan

**Freshmen: (a.k.a. Fish)
17 class members**

President: Cody Nowlain
Vice President: David Wright
Secretary: Andrea Lozano
Treasurer: Miriam Rodriguez
Reporter: Jacob Zant

**8th Grade:
19 class members**

President: Bobbie Kempf
Vice President: Brionne Jackson
Secretary: Yessie Gonzales
Treasurer: Talin Pepper
Reporter: Micah Henslev

Coyotes looking for seconds

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job of following his blocks until he finds daylight but if anybody gets in his way he doesn't mind running

them over with a smile on his face," said Avery.

After starting at end last season, Grant could also see playing time at fullback and center this fall.

"Ryan just plays this game with so much intensity. He's one of those Mike Singletary kind of guys. You can see that intensity in his eyes," said Avery.

"He's only 5-foot 7 but when he's out there he doesn't think there's anybody bigger than him."

Other players to watch in the Coyotes offensive attack are senior end colt Miller, and juniors Kevin Pinkerton and Ramon Griffin. Pinkerton could see playing time at either end or fullback, while Griffin play either end or center.

A newcomer to the Coyotes' football program is junior Justin Lawrence. After being on the Coyotes' basketball playoff team last season, the 6-foot-3, 200-pound Lawrence decided to give the pigskin a shot.

Defensively, the Coyotes return two all-stars in Grant at defensive end and Baeza at safety.

There's a good chance that Baeza could make the move to linebacker this fall.

"Defensively, we've got the potential to be even better than what we were last year," said Avery. "We've not only got a bunch of headhunters but we've also got a bunch of smart kinds which helps them out when it comes to reacting to the football."

Linebacker Colt Miller is the Coyotes' other returning defensive starter.

Other players to watch in the Coyotes' defense are Griffin at end, Pinkerton at cornerback and Ed Rodriguez at safety.

Rodriguez is also considered one of the top six-man special teams

players in the state after returning eight kickoffs for touchdowns last fall.

Avery is grateful for the help of defensive coordinator Trey Richey.

In addition to helping guide the Coyotes' to the 1998 state title, Richey also played on a couple of state six-man championship teams at Jayton.

HE does a great job of pulling the strings for us," said Avery.

A good schedule should help the Coyotes prepare for the District 6 six-man race.

"It looks like our schedule's going to get that much tougher every week but that's the kind of push you need to make yourself better," said Avery.

Avery is looking forward to getting the season started.

"We feel like all the ingredients are there. Now it's just a matter of putting it all together again," said Avery.

[This article was taken from the August 30th, *Fall Fever*, Special Section of the Lamesa Press-Reporter]

- 7th Grade:
12 class members**
President: Andy Lozano
Vice President: Dusty Gwinn
Secretary/Treasurer: Clay John Anderson
Reporter: Kyle Pinkerton
- 6th Grade:
16 class members**
President: Emily Mayes
Vice President: Cameron Boydston
Secretary: Cassidy Rinehart
Treasurer: Tyler Wallace
Co-Reporters: Ashley Ellison, John Wilson

Congratulations to all who were elected. Let's have a great year!

#17

is turning 18
Happy Birthday,
Love, Mom & Dad

Lunch Menu

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

Sept. 8-11, 1998

- MONDAY:** No School
LABOR DAY
TUESDAY: Fajitas, Rice, Beans, Hot Apples & Milk
Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, Juice & Milk
WEDNESDAY: Chef Salad, Corn, Crackers, Fruit & Milk
Breakfast: Waffles, Fruit, Juice & Milk
THURSDAY: Chicken, Corn, Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Ice Cream & Milk
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice & Milk
FRIDAY: BBQ on a Bun, Tator Tots, Beans, Cookies, & Milk
Breakfast: Sausage, Biscuits, Juice & Milk

THE BEAT GOES ON

By Shawna Ellison



The new, long-awaited uniforms acquired by the Borden County Marching Band will make their debut at Borden County's first game of the season. The band will perform for the first time this year on Friday, September 4, in Gail.

The band is under new direction this year, with Mr. Nathan Gutschke, and by second year drum major, senior Brenda Griffin. This year's marching band consists of the following students:

Seniors:

Becky Jo Copeland-Tuba; Ryan Grant-Drums; Brenda Griffin-Drum Major; Letty Lozano-Flute; Brande Wells-Trumpet

Juniors:

Eva Abalos-Clarinet; Hailey

Adcock - Flute-Twirler; Crystal Dye-Flute; Shawna Ellison - Clarinet; Ramon Griffin - Trombone; John Harding - Alto Saxophone; Staci O'Brien - Trumpet-Twirler; Kevin Pinkerton-Trombone; Kaci Poole-Alto Saxophone; Erica Schooler-Clarinet; Lindsey Smith-Trumpet

Sophomores:

James Bond-Trombone; Javier Galvan, Noemi Galvan Rebecca Garcia-Clarinet; Lacey Grant-Bells; Kristi Hardman-Flute; Jerry Hernandez-Baritone; Shawna Kempf-Flute; Kandace Kimmel-Flute; Krystle Lee-Clarinet; Jolene Reyes-Clarinet; D.J. Smith-Trumpet; Holly Thomas-Trumpet

Freshmen:

Phillip Abalos-Drums; Rachel Abalos-Trumpet; Payton Brown-Drums; Jose Castillo-Baritone; Rika Copeland-Clarinet; Rowdy Dunlap-Drums; Jessica Ellison-Clarinet; Judith Galvan-Flute; Dale Grant-Drums; Andrea Lozano-Flute; Cody Nowlain-Alto Saxophone; Ed Rodriguez-Baritone; Tahnee Sanchez-Clarinet; T.C. Stipe-Baritone; David Wright-Trombone; Jacob Zant-Baritone

Eighth:

Carolina Arellanos-Bells; Michelle Bond-French Horn; Kyla Culp-Flute; Kevin Ellison-Trombone; Oralia Galacia-Alto Saxophone; Caroline Gonzales-Clarinet; Yessi Gonzales-Bells; Tabitha Grant-Clarinet; Micah Hensley-Clarinet; Brionne Jackson-Baritone; Bobbie Kempf-Clarinet; Dalene Kempf-French Horn; Trevor Nuckles-Trombone; Talin Pepper-Trumpet; Tanner Poole-Trumpet; Pati Rodriguez-Bells; T.J. Sharp-Tuba; Laura Stamper-Flute; Dwain Wright-Trombone

The Coyote Band will perform during half-time at the Borden County vs Wilson game. (game time: 7:30 p.m.)

last year's state meet competing for Sabinal, is expected to play a major role for the Coyotes this season.

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Cross Country Schedule

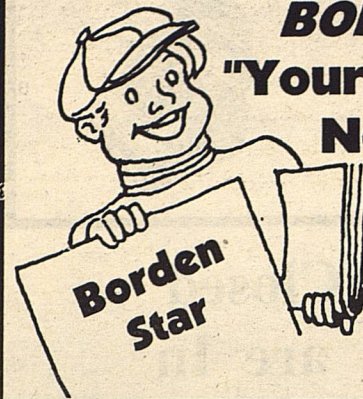
Date	Location
Sept. 5	Abilene
Sept. 12	Plainview
Sept. 19	Seminole
Sept. 26	Big Spring
Oct. 3	Lubbock
Oct. 10	Sundown
TBA	District
	TBA
Nov. 7	Regional
	Lubbock
Nov. 14	State
	Round Rock

Poole, Shaina Isaacs, and Hailey Adcock; and sophomore newcomer Valerie Wootan.

The high school boys, returning five runners from the 1997 regional qualifying team, are set to charge ahead as a definite contender for the regional title. Boys returning from last year's regional team are: seniors Colt McCook and Fernando Baeza, juniors Robert Stamper and Kevin Pinkerton, and sophomore Lee Pepper. Sophomore D.J. Smith, who was a member of the regional qualifying team last year, is unable to compete this year due to injury.

New to the squad are freshmen T.C. Stipe and Dale Grant, along with sophomore Trent Pepper. Trent, who placed fourth at

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Gail FFA begins Meat Sale

The Gail FFA Chapter has officially kicked off it's 1998 variety meat sales. The sale began on Monday, August 26th and will conclude on Wednesday, September 16th. The chapter will be using the Seitz Company based in McAllen and feels that this will be a tremendous meat product to sell. They have also added a popular hot sauce product to this year's sale items.

The Gail FFA Chapter wished to thank everyone who has supported their sales in the past and we look forward to working with you in the future. Anyone interested in purchasing products listed below, can contact an FFA member or the Ag. Science teacher, Mr. Buddy Wallace at 806/756-4478 (home) or at 806/756-4313 (school)

PRODUCTS AND PRICE LIST

ITEM	PRODUCT	PRICE
1A	Smoked Sausage Rings (3 lbs.)	\$12.50
1B	Smoked Sausage Links (3 lbs)	\$12.50
2A	Hick. Smoked Thick Sliced Bacon (3 lbs.)	\$10.00
2B	Hickory Smoked Thick Sliced Peppered Bacon (3 lbs.)	\$10.00
3	Breakfast Tacos (10 per box)-	\$ 8.50
4	Fresh Pork Patties (3 lbs)	\$ 9.50
5	Fresh pork Links (3 lbs)	\$21.00
6	Boneless Smoked Pit Ham (6-8 lbs)	\$21.00
7	Fresh Pork Sausage Roll (2 lbs)	\$ 7.00
8	Hickory Smoked Turkey (8-10 lbs)	\$16.00
9	Smoked Peppered Turkey Breast Fully Cooked (3 lbs)	\$15.00
10	Family Pack (includes patties, links, bacon 4-1/2 lbs)	\$12.50
11A	Beef Fajita Strips (2 lb. pkg) Seasoned, Marinated & Tenderized	\$10.00
11B	Chicken Fajita Strips (2 lb pkg) Seasoned, Marinated & Tenderized	\$10.00
***	Fiesta Pack Hot Salsa!!! Includes 2-16 oz. jars per pack	\$ 8.00

Cross Country Meet

The Borden County Cross Country Teams will compete in the Abilene Christian University cross country meet on Saturday, September 5th.

11:30 a.m. - 8th grade girls -1600m
 11:45 a.m. - Jr. High Boys - 1600m.

The times of the events are as follows:

9:30 a.m.
 HS Boys - 5000 m.
 10:50 a.m.
 HS Girls - 3200m
 11:15 a.m.
 7th grade girls 1600m.

The meet will be held at Pecan Ridge, located off I-20, exit 282 or Shirley Road. The park is northwest of interchange 83/277 and I-20. Pecan Ridge is located on the access road north of I-20, just follow the signs once you get off of I-20.

OFF AND RUNNING

By Trent Pepper



Fall is on the brink of arrival, and that means the Borden County cross country teams, under the direction of Coach Gailan Winegarner, are off and running. The first meet for the Coyotes will be Saturday in Abilene, at the site of last year's NCAA regional cross country meet.

The high school girls, with six runners returning from last year's state qualifying team, look to improve on their 1997 ninth place state finish. Girls returning who competed in the state meet last year include: senior Katie Kemp; juniors Julie Mayes, Lindsey Smith, and Crystal Dye; and sophomores Holly Thomas and Bekah Hensley. Other girls expected to contribute to the team's success are: juniors Staci O'Brien, Kaci

Labor Day Driving: Keeping it safe and stress-free

As summer draws to a close this Labor Day weekend, many families will take advantage of the last vacation opportunity. With more than 30 million Americans taking to the roads, remembering these simple tips will make getting there and back a lot safer for you and your loved ones.

[[Before you take off, make sure your car is in good working condition. Check the oil, tire pressure, and the brake, cooling, steering and battery fluids. This will give you peace of mind and prevent unnecessary car problems.

[[Stop every few hours for food, restroom breaks or just to stretch your legs. Eating while driving can be hazardous, as can restless children and frustrated parents.

[[Don't drive through the night. Be fully

refreshed for the continuation of your road trip by getting a good night's sleep in a hotel. If you can't pull over, bring an alternate driver with you so you can take turns driving.

[[Avoid road rage. If someone is provoking you, let them pass and then let it drop. If you find yourself yelling and getting angry, play it safe and pull over for a short break.

[[Always wear your safety belt! According to AAA, in 1996 more than 60% of the occupants killed in fatal crashes were not buckled up. And remember, air bags with safety belts provide the greatest protection.

[[If possible, take your road trip in the largest vehicle available to you. This will provide more room and comfort for passengers and provide the best protection in case of a crash.*

With these simple tips, you and your family can make getting there and back part of the vacation fun.

And remember, Labor Day weekend means school is in session. That means more children will be on the road each weekday, walking, and biking to and from school, and waiting for the exiting school buses. Toni Barcellona of the Texas Coalition for Vehicle Choice urges all drivers to be extra careful when driving in and around school zones and bus stops. "It's better to exercise special caution on the roads and be a couple of minutes late to work, than to rush there and possibly kill or injure a child."

*According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, the death rate in small passenger cars is more than double the rate in the largest.

Note from the Editor:

I will be publishing the Borden Star this year by myself and will need your help.

Any articles or notices that need to be published in the Borden Star on Wednesday will need to be in the paper office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday to insure that it will be published in that week's edition.

I only work in the paper office on Mondays and Tuesdays will need the time to get the articles typed and set before publishing time at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays.

If your article is not received in the office by this time, it will be published in the next issue of the Borden Star.

Your help in the matter will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,
Verna Adcock,
Editor, Borden Star

Pastor retires after forty-nine years in the ministry

For Clifton Igo, retire means to retread for many more miles, he hopes.

With regret, Norma and I are leaving the ministry of pastoring, but this be to all who know me, we will continue to serve in the churches that needs our help as supply preacher. My age, the much travel, and the eye sight at night is a factor in my retirement. We will miss not only the First Baptist Church family, but our Borden County friends



also. You are a people whom we have thought much of. We will be back to visit often. Thank you for being our friends. Our prayers for all and our love shall never cease.

/s/Clifton and Norma Igo

THANK YOU!

A great big "Thank You" goes out to all who helped in such a tremendous way when Joseph broke his ankle.

We'd like to say a special thank you to the Borden County EMS and the Borden County coaches. There is always worry when your child is injured, but we felt so secure knowing he was in such capable hands.

Also, thank you to Sheryl Winegarner for getting in touch with us so quickly.

Thank you for the numerous calls we received. It is so wonderful to be a part of this community.

We thank God for each of you.

Sincerely,
Randy & Debra Hardman




Midwest Electric Cooperative Schedules annual Membership Meeting

The 60th Annual Membership meeting of Midwest Electric Cooperative has been set for September 3, 1998, at the Scurry County Coliseum, in Snyder, Texas. Midwest Electric Cooperative serves a 9 county area from West of Anson, to Gail, and from Sweetwater to Hamlin, and from Roscoe to Post. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. with registration and a Bar-B-Que meal. Entertainment will be provided by Cindy Nix. A booth provided by Texas Cellular will be on hand with a special promotion during the meeting, and repre-

sentatives from the Roby and Snyder Post offices will be on hand with special commemorative postage cancellation to commemorate Midwest Electric Cooperative's 60th anniversary. Pictorial cancellations are available September 3rd at both post offices and at the annual meeting. The business meeting, including the election of three directors, will conclude the 1998 membership meeting. All members are urged to attend and participate in the business of your member owned electric cooperative.

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**LOOK!
MORE TWINS
ARE HERE!**

Bethany Claire
Weight: 4 lbs. 9 oz. - 16"
8:33 a.m.

Aaron Thomas
Weight: 2 lbs. 12 oz. - 14"
8:34 a.m.

Sunday, August 9th, 1998

Parents:
Keith & Leigh Anne Williams, Argyle, TX.

Grandparents:
James & Judy Melhorn, Trophy, Club, TX.
Kenneth & Mary Lynn Williams, Plains Community

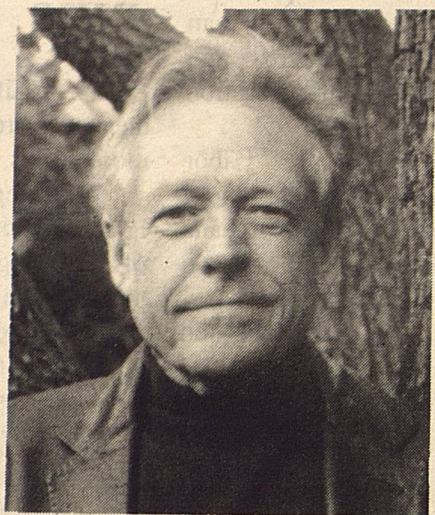
Great-Grandmother: Alta Staggs, Lamesa
Great-Grandfather: H.D. Williams, Plains Community



Texas Stories

A showcase of the Texas Spirit

Tumbleweed Smith
Part owner of Texas



A Cold Winter's Tale

Darrouzett, Texas. Mid-winter cold. Snow in sheets. A near white-out. The end of the world seem imminent. Volunteer firemen lean into the gale force winds and with their hatchets chop the near-frozen dogs loose from fire hydrants.

The small cafe, wreathed in swirling clouds of snow, gives a feeble, though welcome light. The lonely diner teeters at the top of the Texas pan-handle.

Inside a handful of snow bound rustics, joined by a few extremely tardy truckers revel in the warmth, the camaraderie, the light-hearted banter common to such places and occasions.

The coffee urn breathes a comforting gurgle and the moist air smells of hamburgers and French fries.

A character come through the front door, looks around, then relaxes, seeing that everybody in the room is wanting the same thing: a little relief from the winter wind. The newcomer is dressed in a

costume of some sort. It might be from somewhere in Eastern Europe. Cradled under one arm is what looks like a small pig with several wooden legs.

He announces to the room: "I'm Rik Paieiri, a Polish Bagpiper."

The crowd stirs in their seats, some of the heftier truckers chuckle and poke their friends in the ribs. Somebody finally asks, "What the heck are you doing out on a night like this?"

Somebody else inquires: "Whatcha got under your arm?"

Rik says: "I've just played at a school over in Booker. I was on my way to Follett when I saw the light and decided to stop in for a bite. Didn't have time to change from my costume."

The warming crowd seemed satisfied with the explanation, especially since it was discovered in such a matter of fact manner. The customers invited Rik to sit down with them and he soon was dining on a tasty burger.

When he finished, the check arrives. "It is the custom of my people,"

says Rik, "That after such a splendid meal the piper should play a song for the cook."

He raises his piggy bundle, puts his mouth to one of the legs and blows. The bundle, which happens to be a bagpipe, emits a series of unearthly sounds. The crowd watched Rik's every move. The sounds were loud and some of people covered their ears.

As the last notes faded away into silence, the cook raises the check and tears it up, throwing the pieces upward like confetti.

Rik gathers the bagpipe, tucks it under his arm and

tosses a cheery farewell. his exit creates an atmosphere charged with awe and wonder.

Today parents in Darrouzett, try to get their children to bed, threaten them with a raucous concert from the one known now as the Phantom Piper.

**Borden
County EMS
Numbers:
806/759-5111
Alternate No.
806/756-4311**

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice of Surface Production Commingling Application (Statewide Rule 26) for the Eicke Ranch No. 1 and Eicke Ranch No. 2, both located in the north half of the north east quarter of Section 24, Block 30, T-6-N, T&P RR Co. Survey, Borden County, Texas. Fasken Oil & Ranch, Ltd. has filed an Application to surface commingle the Eicke Rance No. 1 and 2 wells. This notice will run four consecutive weeks. Any protest must be filed in writing within 21 days from the date of last publication. Protests to the Surface Commingle Application should be filed with the Texas Railroad Commission of Texas, Oil and Gas Division - Permitting Services, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 (Ph. 512-463-6873).

BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 1998-99 BUDGET HEARING

The Borden County Independent School District Board of Trustees will conduct a Public Hearing for the proposed 1998-99 Borden County Independent School District Budget in the Borden County School Cafeteria of Gail, Texas, on Monday, September 21, 1998, at 7:30 P.M. in accordance with Article 6252-17 Vernon's Statutes.

Action will be taken to adopt the prepared budget by the board of trustees of the Borden County Independent School District at the conclusion of the budget hearing in a separate meeting that will begin at 8:00 P.M. in the board room of the Borden County Independent School District. The board will also take action to adopt the tax rate of the 1998-99 school year in a separate item of business during this meeting.

BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BID REQUEST

The Superintendent's office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive bids on the district's Employee Health Insurance Program for the 1998-99 school year.

Proposals shall be addressed to Jimmy Thomas; Borden County Independent School District; Box 95; Gail, Texas 79738, and shall be delivered in a sealed envelope marked "Health Insurance Bid". Proposals will be received up to but no later than 1:00 P.M. on September 17, 1998. Bid proposals will be opened and read aloud in the Board Room at that time. Bid proposals will be tabulated, researched, and presented to the Board of Trustees for their consideration at the September 21, 1998 meeting. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

The Borden County I.S.D. Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposed bids, to waive any and all technicalities, and to accept the proposal that will best serve the needs of the District.

Questions regarding bid specifications and additional information shall be directed to Jimmy Thomas by writing the above address or by calling 806/756-4313 or 806/756-4316. Transmissions by fax may be sent to (806-756-4310).

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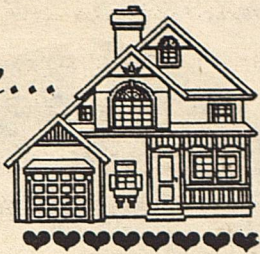
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SUMMER COOKBOOKS

The summer cookbooks are finally here and are ready for purchase in the Extension office. Come by and get yours today!!

September is food safety education month

FIGHT BAC

Part 1 of 4

Right now there may be an invisible enemy ready to strike. He's called BAC (bacteria), and he can make you and those you care about sick. In fact, even though you can't see BAC - or smell him, or feel him, he and millions more like him have already invaded the food you eat. However, you have the power to *Fight BAC*, and to keep your food safe from harmful bacteria. Over the next few weeks, we will be identifying these steps in a *Fight BAC* series.

The first step in this series is to CLEAN: WASH HANDS AND SURFACES OFTEN. Bacteria can spread through the kitchen and get onto cutting boards, utensils, sponges and counter tops. Here's how to *Fight BAC*:

^ Wash your hands with hot soapy water before handling food and after using the bathroom, changing diapers, and handling pets.

^ Wash your cutting boards, dishes, utensils, and counter tops with hot soapy water after preparing each food item and before you go on to the next

^ Use plastic or other non-

porous cutting boards. These boards should be run through the dishwasher - or washed in hot soapy water - after each use.

^ Consider using paper towels to clean up kitchen surfaces. If you use cloth towels, wash them often in the hot cycle of your washing machine.

U.S. Department of Agriculture - Food Safety and Inspection Service

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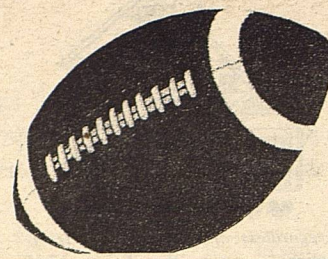
Proposals shall be addressed to Jimmy Thomas; Borden County Independent School District; Box 95; Gail, Texas 79738 and shall be delivered in a sealed envelope marked "Vehicle Insurance Bid". Proposals will be received up to but no later than 1:00 P.M. on September 17, 1998. Bid proposals will be opened and read aloud in the Board Room at that time. Bid proposals will be tabulated, researched, and presented to the Board of Trustees for their consideration at the September 21, 1998, meeting. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

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FOOTBALL FORECAST



TEAMS	Avery	Sharp	Jerry	Katie	Guest
<i>home team listed last</i>					
Wilson vs. BC	Borden Co.	Borden	Borden	Borden	Borden
Dawson vs. Jayton	Jayton	Jayton	Jayton	Jayton	Jayton
Loop vs. Ira	Ira	Loop	Loop	Loop	Ira
Highland vs. Hermleigh	Highland	Highland	Highland	Highland	Highland

UTEP vs. Texas Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech
A & M	Fl. State	Florida St.	Florida St.	Florida St.	Florida St.
Angelo St.	Angelo St.	Angelo S.	Angelo S.	Angelo S.	Angelo St.
Hardin-Simmons	Hardin-S.	Hardin S.	Hardin-S.	Hardin-S.	Hardin-S.

Arizona vs. Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona
Detroit vs. Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Detroit
Pitts. Vs. Baltimore	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Baltimore
Oakland vs. KC	K.C.	K. C.	K.C.	K.C.	Oakland
<i>percentage correct</i>					
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Quail Appreciation Days Scheduled in October

Everyone loves quail . . . one way or the other. To show how far appreciation goes for the birds, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service has planned a series of October "Quail Appreciation Days."

"Our aim is for participants to 'appreciate' the various components of quail management needed to produce bobwhite to the degree that a good bird dog can appreciate the results come this November," said Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist and the series coordinator.

"We've had appreciation days for other species in the past that have been very successful. The quail series will offer research updates, troubleshooting habitat problems and other hands-on activities."

According to Rollins, quail and quail hunting are becoming especially valuable commodities.

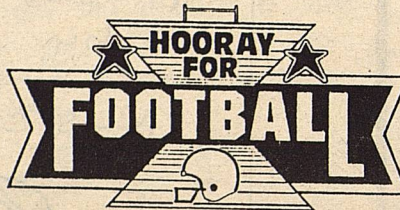
"Texas is the last stronghold for wild quail hunting, and I want to ensure that area ranchers 'appreciate' the importance of quail habitat as a potential revenue stream," he said, noting that in

some areas ranchers may glean more from a quail hunting lease than from a livestock grazing lease.

Rollins said the four sites are all on area ranches with successful, long-term quail management plans. The dates, locations and county Extension agent contacts are: Oct. 1, James Currie Ranch, Glasscock County, contact Steve Sturtz, (915)354-2381; Oct. 6, Sherman Hammond Ranch, Pecos County, contact Zan Matthies (915)336-2541; Oct. 14, Newell Ranch, Shackelford County, contact Rocky Vinson (915)762-2233; and Oct. 20, Angelo State University ranch, Tom Green County, contact Jeff Ripley (915)659-6524.

Registration for any one of the four program sites is \$10 per person if registration is made seven days prior to the event. Registration thereafter, and at the door, is \$20. The fee covers lunch, refreshments and handout materials.

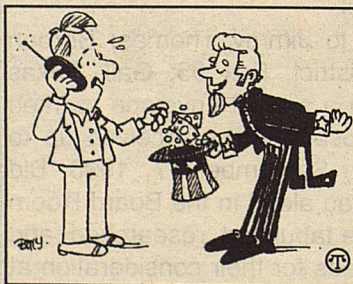
For further information on the series, contact Rollins at (915)653-4576



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Is Your Phone A Luxury?

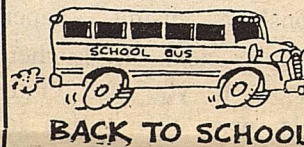
(NAPS)—Exactly 100 years ago, the U.S. government put a tax on a new "luxury"—telephone service—to pay for our country's involvement in the Spanish-American War. The charge up San Juan Hill is history, but the Tax on Talking remains alive and well. Every time you pay your phone bill—both regular land-line



and mobile phone—you pay an extra 3 percent tax. In fact, government taxes and mandates add 20 to 30 percent to every phone bill you pay.

Excise taxes are supposed to change behavior. That's why the government taxes tobacco, alcohol, fossil-fuels and ozone-depleting chemicals. But taxing telephone use doesn't make sense. The Tax on Talking is one of those out-dated taxes that never dies. Many Congressmen and Senators are working with members of the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association to save consumers money by eliminating the Tax on Talking. To receive a free action kit supporting this effort, write: Dept. TT, CTIA, 1250 Connecticut Ave., NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036.

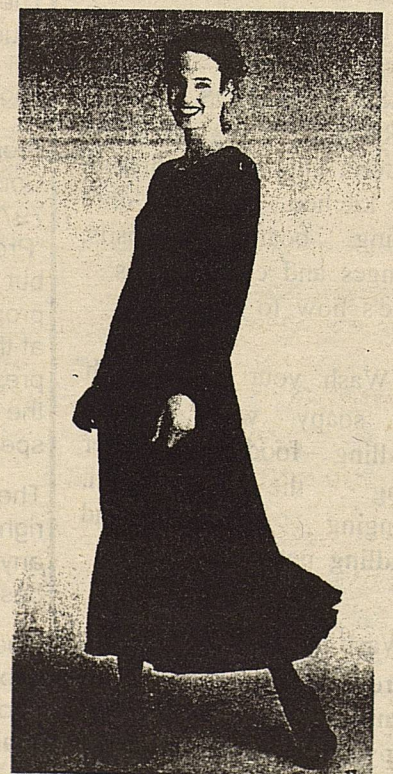
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