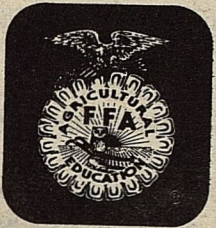


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National FFA Week

Feb. 17th - 24th

**FFA - Discover
The Power**

There is an amazing power within each and every high school student. A student's success is simply a matter of finding that power and putting it to work. The National FFA is a proactive organization that encourages and assists students in discovering the power they possess. Agricultural education, a supervised agricultural experience and FFA form a solid foundation for students to develop leadership skills, global agricultural knowledge and practical experience needed to success in their careers and everyday life.

National FFA advisor Dr. Larry D. Case says that "FFA takes classroom knowledge and brings it to life and

provides many opportunities for members to develop self-confidence, leadership skills and positive values."

Dressed in their familiar blue and gold jackets, FFA members are popularly associated with raising animals or growing crops. From this proud heritage, many people are surprised to discover there are more than 300 careers in the business, science and industry of agriculture. FFA members, from urban, suburban and rural areas, are preparing for careers in such diverse fields as genetic engineering, marketing, law and communications. The number of agriculture positions is

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Lady Coyotes Dominate Sub-Regional Play

Hop, Skip, and a Jump To Wichita Falls

By Sue Jane Mayes

Dell City, Rochelle— meet the Lady Coyotes of Borden County.

The 2001 Lady Coyote team picked up where it left off in its bi-district win over Blackwell, playing solid defense and creating turnovers en route to two decisive wins in Abilene over the weekend.

Dell City fell first, 73-33, thanks to a 9-0 surge at the end of the first quarter by the Lady Coyotes.

With less than three minutes to play in the first

quarter, the Lady Coyotes finally broke open a slim 7-4 margin and took a 16-4 lead to the bench as the first period buzzer sounded.

It was a break-out second quarter of play as BHS scored 22 points, going 10-of-12 from the field, to take control.

Dell City was never able to put more than 11 points on the scoreboard in any quarter as the Lady Coyote defense stole the ball 27 times in the game.

Not only did BHS attack, they also kept their

own turnovers to a minimum with nine in the game and had only six first-half fouls, preventing Dell City from going to the line.

In Saturday's final round of the No. 3 Sectional Tournament, the Lady Coyotes downed Rochelle, 67-45, to earn the right to advance to Wichita Falls for the first-ever Semi-State Tournament. (see box for explanation)

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Semi-State Girls Tournament Division 2 of 1-A

Midwestern State University - Wichita Falls
February 23rd - 24th

Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Whitharral vs. Nazareth

7:30 p.m. Borden Co. vs. Brookesmith

The winners of these games play at 2:00 p.m Saturday

Tickets: Adult - \$6.00 - Students \$3.00

District Passes will be honored

Tickets may be purchased in advanced at the
Borden High School Superintendents office until
NOON THURS., FEB. 22nd for \$6.00 & \$3.00

There will be NO SCHOOL on Friday, Feb. 23rd.
School will DISMISSED at 12:30 p.m. Thurs. Feb. 22nd.



The Lady Coyotes

Consider This . . .

By Sue Jane Mayes

Records can be deceiving. Coahoma down to the wire before losing.

Some 30-0 teams really are that good. Other 25-5 teams may be, too. Only Wall, Merkel, and Shallowater dominated BHS, and those were early games in the season.

But what about a 18-2 team that loses its first-round playoff game? What happened? The point? Playing tough schedules can make a team tough.

Or a 16-13 team who wins three consecutive playoff games to advance to the Semi-State Tournament? True, it could be argued that it could mentally deflate a team to play "out of their league" and get beat up.

Falls into the category of strange but true, doesn't it? Coaches must know their teams and what they can handle mentally, what they need to learn to handle, and how to help them do it.

Several theories get tossed around by sports "experts", one of which is that when playoff time comes around, throw out the records—it is a whole new ball game. A good non-district schedule will prepare a team for the district and post-season battles.

The pressure of the playoff atmosphere makes some teams bow out early, even though they may have an incredible record. Playing last year's 2A State Champion, Farwell along with Shallowater, Merkel, and Wall may put an "L" in the won-loss column, but it will also be the preventive for future "L's" at a time when it counts the most.

The above, however, is not my theory. And right now is the time that counts the most.

Playoff performance has much to do with a team's background, its established program, and its non-district schedule. The Lady Coyotes easily took care of their three opponents in this new sub-sectional division.

Let's call it the "it's for your own good" theory. True, the competition may not have been as stout as in years past, but that is not the issue.

Consider this—in 10 non-district games this year and three tournaments, the Lady Coyotes played against these opponents:

- Wall (2A)
- Shallowater (3A)
- Seagraves (2A)
- Coahoma (2A)
- Garden City (A)
- Estacado (4A)
- Idalou (2A)
- Merkel (3A)
- Farwell (A)
- Brookesmith (A)

Nine of those teams made this year's playoffs; eight of those won their bi-district games; five of those will be playing in regional or semi-state tournaments this weekend. The girls are playing like they would play against any 2A, 3A, or 4A opponent because that is what they have done all year.

The Lady Coyotes defeated Garden City twice, Seagraves once, and played Farwell, Brookesmith, Idalou, Estacado, and

Coahoma down to the wire before losing.

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Their record is now 19-13. On paper, that is not going to overwhelm anyone.

A closer look, at the schedule, however, will tell the real story.

Coach Winegarner has done his team a favor by preparing them for tough battles. He could have gone for a 29-0 record playing smaller A schools all season.

Amazingly, it's a theory for real life, too.

Making life easier for our children by fighting their battles, by shielding them from consequences, and by creating an "easy schedule" does not do them a service.

Our children deal with a full-court press everyday of their lives.

Sometimes they foul, they mess up, they lose.

But If we prepare them well by training them early, perhaps it will insure that they won't foul out.

When they are tested by bigger opponents such as peer pressure, and have to work through those challenges, it is then that they have the better chance of developing and growing.

They will not win every battle—the Lady Coyotes were 3-9 against the teams mentioned earlier—but look where they are this week. Two wins away from a trip to Austin.

When someone says "it's for your own good," it's usually true.

The 2001 Lady Coyotes are proof of it.

FFA – Discover The Power

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anticipated to expand as countries depend more on the United States for their food, fiber and natural resources requirements.

FFA members from the United States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam will organize events and activities to build awareness of agricultural education and support during national FFA Week, February 17-24, 2001. National FFA Week is held each year during the week of George Washington's birthday to recognize his leadership and commitment to American agriculture.

Financial support for National FFA Week promotional materials is provided by Case Corporation as a special project of the National FFA foundation.

This year's theme, "FFA-Discover the Power," illustrates how FFA's programs allow students the opportunity to apply classroom information to real-life

situations. Even if students decide not to pursue one of the hundreds of agricultural careers, they benefit from public speaking skills, career experience and leadership skills gained from the FFA.

FFA is a national organization of 453,902 members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture. Local, state and national programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. The organization has 7,220 local chapters located throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands. FFA's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. National FFA online, www.ffa.org. FFA's Internet website, can provide information about the National FFA.

The Gail FFA Chapter is proud to be a part of National FFA Week. The Chapter is actively involved in Local, District, Area, and State affairs. The Gail Chapter supports and promotes the development of youth leadership and career success. Anyone wishing to obtain more information about the FFA can contact Mr. Buddy Wallace.



UIL Academics Continue Preparation for District Meet

Several Borden High School students are gearing for the district UIL literary meet which will be held at Borden High School, March 27 and 29.

February 10, Carol Lewis, Darby Key, and Sue Janè Mayes and students attended the HUB of the Plains Meet at Coronado High School in Lubbock.

Two students, Ross Aten and Micah Hensley, won medals.

Aten captured another current event title with his paper, scoring 29 on his first test of the year.

Aten has qualified for state in this event the previous two years.

Hensley, competing in

her first ever journalism contest, placed third in editorial writing to bring home the bronze medal.

Micah will also be competing this year in headline writing, news writing, feature writing, and ready writing. Right, Micah?

Other participants and their events are as follows: Clay John Anderson (mathematics and current events); John Stamper (calculator); Dan Griffin (literary criticism); Andrea Lozano (literary criticism); Talin Pepper (editorial writing and literary criticism). Aten also participated in headline writing as did Micah.

Tickets for the Semi-State Tournament may be purchased in advanced at the Borden High School Superintendent's Office until NOON THURS., FEB. 22nd for \$6. & \$3.

A complete line-up of this year's UIL literary contestants will be posted in a March edition of *The Borden Star*.

Five Girls score 10 or more Lady Coyotes Sting Hornets

By Sue Jane Mayes, correspondent

"Thou shalt not steal."

The Lady Coyotes ignored one of the Ten Commandments in last week's bi-district game with Blackwell as they stole the ball 25 times en route to a 66-28 playoff win.

Both teams started with some early jitters, as turnovers kept the score low.

Blackwell even led at the 5:07 mark of the first quarter, but it would be their last lead of the game.

The Lady Coyotes were fueled by five consecutive points by Sophomore Bobbie Kempf who connected on a jump shot and three free throws.

Senior Bekah Hensley gave the girls some breathing room with her 3-pointer at 3:00 remaining in the initial period.

Blackwell would score one more time to close out the quarter trailing, 14-7.

Second-period action saw BHS take control of the game with a 14-0 run, holding the Hornets to only six points.

Kylia Culp, another sophomore, tossed in seven points in the final two minutes of the quarter to propel the Lady Coyotes to a 28-13 half-time lead.

Intermission did not

slow the girls down as they went on a 12-0 surge to start third-quarter play.

Displaying a balance that bodes well for the future, the Lady Coyotes turned to an inside attack as Junior Rika Copeland scored twice to start the run.

Senior Bekah Hensley chipped in five, including a 3-pointer as did Bobbie to take the Hornets out of the game.

Foul trouble became an issue for Blackwell as three players picked up third and fourth fouls, but BHS chose not to let up.

Beginning the final period, the Lady Coyotes led comfortably 47-19.

The largest lead of the evening would come with 3:36 remaining in the game when Dalene made her free throws, 62-21.

Highlights of the fourth quarter included 100 percent shooting from the free throw line (6-6) thanks to Bekah and Micah Hensley and Dalene Kempf who converted.

The girls also hit 50 percent from the field, going 5-of-10.

Leading scorers for the Lady Coyotes were Bobbie Kempf with 15, Kylia Culp and Bekah Hensley with 12 points each, Rika Copeland adding 11, Micah Hensley

Lady Coyotes Dominate Sub-Regional Play

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Rebounding (45 total for the game) and a balanced scoring attack were the differences in the game as BHS dominated the boards and saw three Lady Coyotes score in double figures.

Leading after one period, 19-8, BHS found themselves having to fight for this win a little more as Rochelle outscored the Lady Coyotes 15-13 in the second quarter.

The girls, however, finished strong as they ended the third quarter on a 3-pointer and added another trey early in the fourth quarter to deflate Rochelle.

The largest margin of the evening would come at the 4:20 mark of the final period as BHS led 63-40. A 3-pointer with only 45 seconds remaining in the game completed the scoring, giving BHS its 19th win of the season.

with 10, and Dalene Kempf chipping in six points.

On the evening, the girls gained momentum from their six 3-pointers and 35 rebounds.

And, not to be forgotten is the display of legal grand larceny in the form of a full-court press, which caused numerous turnovers and led to 25 steals.

SECTIONAL STATS

Vs. Dell City

B. Kempf (22 pts., 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 4 steals); M. Hensley (16 pts., 7 rebounds, 2 assists, 6 steals); B. Hensley (10 pts., 1 rebound, 5 assists, 5 steals); R. Copeland (9 pts., 7 rebounds); D. Kempf (9 pts., 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 6 steals); K. Culp (6 pts., 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals, 1 blocked shot); S. Gass (2 pts., 1 steal); P. Rodriguez (1 rebound, 1 steal); J. Ellison (1 steal); C. Arellanos (2 rebounds)

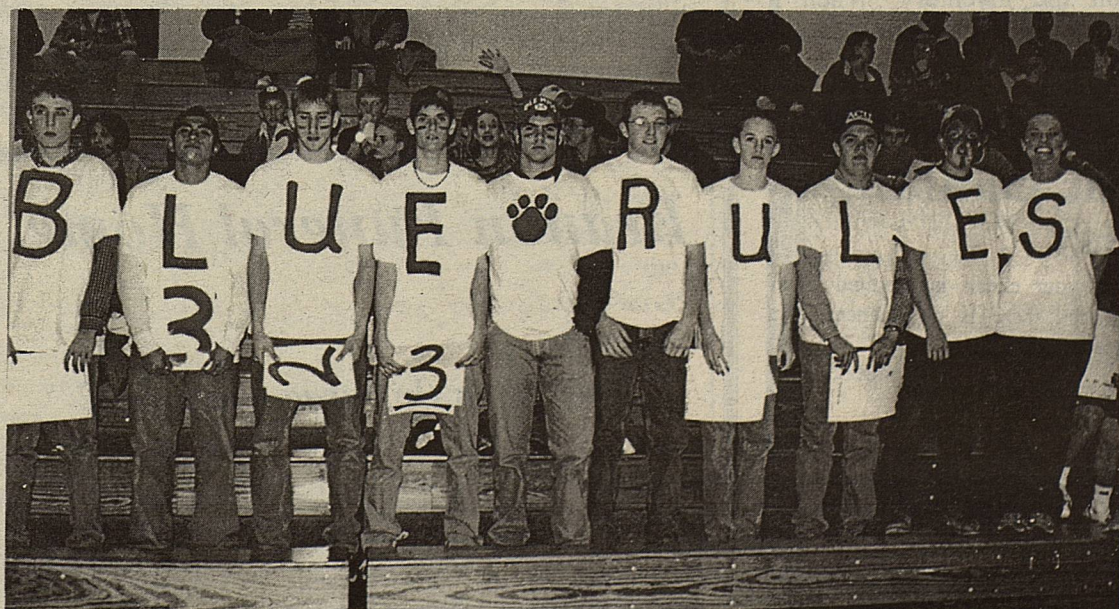
Vs. Rochelle

R. Copeland (18 pts., 12 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal); B. Kempf (14 pts., 11 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals); B. Hensley (13 pts., 2 rebounds, 6 assists, 3 steals); D. Kempf (9 pts., 7 rebounds, 1 assist, 4 steals); K. Culp (4 pts., 3 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 deflected passes); M. Hensley (3 pts., 5 rebounds, 1 steal); P. Rodriguez (2 pts., 2 assists); C. Arellanos (2 pts., 2 rebounds); J. Ellison (1 rebound); S. Gass (1 rebound)



Extra Rooms Reserved

Borden County School has eight (8) extra room reserved at the Radisson in Wichita Falls for the Semi-State Basketball Tournament. The price is \$59.00 plus FREE Breakfast. If you would be interested in reserving one of these rooms, please contact Jimmy Thomas As Soon As Possible @ 806/756-4313.



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Texas Stories
A showcase of the Texas Spirit

Tumbleweed Smith
Part owner of Texas



Spinning Tops at the Goldthwaite Dairy Queen

When I was in Goldthwaite to make a speech, Nita Frazier gave me a top. It's the old fashioned kind, made of wood. I wrapped the string around it, threw it down and it went bouncing across the floor on it side. No good, I picked it up and tried again. Same thing, after a few tries I finally got it to spin correctly. It was a good feeling.

Nita manages the Dairy Queen in Goldthwaite. On the counter are several wooden tops. They sell for five dollars and are made by Jack Clendenen.

You can't find a young person nowadays that knows what a top it," says Jack. "It's gotta be some old coot like me to even know what it's all about."

"We've sold somewhere in the neighborhood of 200 tops," says Nita. "People just love them because they haven't seen them in so long and they are handmade. Jack comes here in the morning and if I tell him we need more tops he'll gather up some new ones and bring them in that afternoon."

Sometime ago, some of Nita's regular customers were sitting around talking about tops. They told Nita they wanted some.

"I happened to have some tops in my kiddies' meals and so I gave them all a top. Well, that didn't quite work out. They didn't like those. So I went to Wal-Mart and bought them some plastic tops. That didn't workout. They wanted a wooden top. So I put the word out that we needed some wooden tops. Jack comes in every morning and afternoon for coffee and


he decided to see if he could help the. So he made some wooden tops and gave them to the boys. That just tickled them to death. They showed me how they could spin the tops on the floor of the Dairy Queen here. They were happy as a lark with those tops."

Jack Clendenen makes the tops at his home in the country. He makes them in different sizes with different types of wood, from mesquite to black walnut. A huge pile of sawdust has built up around the lathe where he shapes his tops. He uses the sawdust as fertilizer.

"I just started whittling on this lathe. I made a top and it turned out pretty, so I made another and another. I've made several hundred now."

He spins every he makes. "I just throw it about the length of my string and jerk that string about the time it hits out there and it'll just go to spinning."

He says a top won't hum unless it's spinning real fast. The best tops spin in one place and don't move around. He used to pucker up a top while it was spinning and let



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER
Michael A. Guido
Metter, Georgia

A wife said to her husband, "Our daughter's suffering for her belief."

"What belief is that?" he asked. "She believes that she can wear a size 5 shoe on a size 8 foot," she answered.

Have you ever suffered for your belief in the Lord? It's the way of the world to praise dead saints, but to persecute living saints.

Suffering for the Lord isn't when you're buffeted for doing wrong, but when you're good and godly, honest and holy.

Remember, if it's God's will, it's better to suffer for doing good than for doing wrong.

So keep on doing what's right, and trust yourself to God. He'll never fail you.

it spin in the palm of his hand.

"When I was a child every boy in school had a top or he'd be hollering at mama and daddy for a nickel so he could buy one. Sometime he'd have two or three. Just as soon as the teacher would let us out of school, we'd go outside and start spinning our tops. That was just an everyday thing. That was before we had all this concrete so we spun those tops on the ground. It was packed down real hard around the school."

Jack says busy making tops and going to the DQ twice a day to drink coffee and check on the inventory. When it runs low, he'll go make some more.

Obituary

Sarah Elizabeth Smith 1922-2001

Sarah Elizabeth Smith, age 78, of Trinchera, Colorado died February 13, 2001 at Parkview Medical Center in Pueblo, Colorado.

Elizabeth, as she was known to her many friends, was born October 15, 1922 in Snyder, Texas to R. Clyde and Bessie Miller, and grew up on the Miller Ranch Borden County, Texas. She graduated from high school in Fluvanna, Texas and attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. As a girl she was a champion cowgirl, and was one of the top 10 Rodeo Cowgirls in Texas selected to represent Texas at Madison Square Garden in New York in 1939. Her love of ranching life continued and she was nominated for the Cowgirl Hall of Fame.

Elizabeth married Excel Smith in 1942. Together they moved to Trinchera Colorado after Excel's military service in World War II. She lived on the Smith Ranch in Trinchera for the next 56 years. She continued to be known for her horsemanship skills, was a Master Farm Homemaker, active in the Branson-Trinchera Home Extension club, and was a dedicated ranch wife. Elizabeth was a very special lady and friend to all who knew her.

Elizabeth was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Richard Clinton Miller and James Richard Miller.

Surviving to cherish her memory are her beloved husband, Excell Smith, her son and daughter-in-law, Geral & Jamie Marie Smith, both of Trinchera, her daughter and son-in-law, Jo Beth and Wayne Steward, Paradise, Texas, brothers and sister-in-laws, Ralph and Dewey Fay Miller, Fluvanna, Texas and Riley and Mary Miller, Justiceburg, Texas. Also surviving are grandchildren, Mary Bess Murphy, Dalhart, Texas, David Smith, Amarillo, Texas, Jonnalea Tortorelli, Trinidad, Colo. Joel Smith and Melissa Smith, R.N. of Trinchera, Colo., Sarah Philena Steward, Paradise, Texas and four great-grandchildren, Bonnie and Gage Murphy and Jessica and Jaylynn Tortorelli.


Funeral Services for Elizabeth were at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, February 17th, at Mullare-Murphy Funeral Home in Trinidad, Colorado, with a private burial at the family plot on the Smith Ranch under the direction of Mullare-Murphy Funeral Home.

Active Pallbearers were David Smith, Joel Smith, Gary Waller, Henry Brown, Rolf Droll, Laddie Waller, Jr. Honorary pallbearers were: L.A. (Shorty) Vigil, George Strasia, Johnny Strasia, Charlie Strasia, Dr. Francis Visconti, Louie Cusimano, John A. Stavely, Don McClelland, Wayne Survant, C.T. Everett, Doug McGlaun, and Murphy Hudson.

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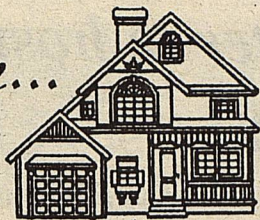
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Heart and home...

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



Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

Weight Management Group

We have begun a weight management group to help provide support and awareness for those interested in maintaining or losing weight. This program is based on the USDA's Food Guide Pyramid and the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. The focus is on eating in moderation and eating a balanced diet with a variety of foods. We are also incorporating nutrition and disease prevention, exercise, and food preparation tips into the program.

Participants in the program meet every other Monday in the Community Building in Gail. There is no cost for the program and it is open to anyone interested in learning how to make healthy lifestyle changes. If you would like

more information, please contact Julie Mumme, County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences at the Extension office at (806)756-4336. We will seek to provide all reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for any Extension programs. We request that you contact the Extension office as soon as possible to advise of any auxiliary aid that you may require.

The next meeting will be on Monday, February 26 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Building. The program will focus on adapting favorite recipes to make them lower in fat. Participants will be able to taste some of the adapted recipes.

Teach Your Child to Buckle Up!

As adults, we are the role models for young children and youth for practically everything imaginable! However, many of us do not realize that our children imitate our actions, especially when it comes to wearing our seat belts. Texas law requires that people of all ages wear a seat belt. When wearing a seat belt, one should wear it snug, with the lap belt across your hips and the shoulder belt across your chest, not your neck. Many children do not fit in their seat belts properly. There are a variety of devices available to help make your child's car ride much more enjoyable and safer. If a child is too small, they should sit in a booster seat. This will not only make their ride safer, it will allow them to see out the windows much easier.

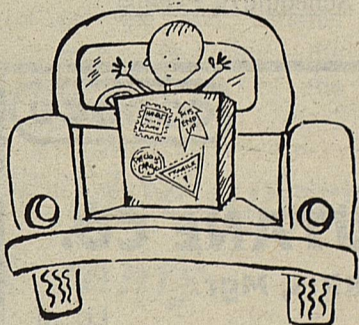
A child under the age of two must be restrained in a child safety seat. Infants and babies must ride in a rear-facing child safety seat until they reach 20 pounds, then they may be "promoted" to a front-facing child safety seat. Children ages two to four must be safely restrained in a booster seat or other safety seat device.

It is important to remember that children under the age of 12 should not sit in the front seat of a vehicle with an air bag. They are safest in the back seat. You should never place a child safety seat (front or rear-facing) in the front seat of a car with an air

bag.

You should also avoid allowing your child to ride in the bed of a pick-up truck. Texas law states that "a person commits an offense if the person, at a speed of 35 miles per hour, operates an open bed pick-up truck or an open flatbed truck or tows an open flatbed trailer on a public street or highway when a child younger than 12 years of age is occupying the bed of the truck or trailer." This is often difficult for us to adhere to, since we live in a rural community. However, if you must allow a child to ride in the bed of a pick-up, you should have them sit in the bottom of the bed closest to the cab, and you should keep your speed at a minimum. No one should ride on the tailgate or the sides of the bed.

No matter where you are going, you and your passengers should always wear a seat belt or be properly restrained. It is the law! If you would like more information about seat belt safety and child safety seats, please contact the Extension office, the Sheriff's office, or the Texas Department of Public Safety.



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Let Me Get My Hat!

By Dennis Poole,
Borden County CEA-Ag.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Court of Texas Cooperating.

San Antonio Results

Several 4-H and FFA exhibitors attended the 2001 San Antonio Livestock Exposition this past week. Results are as follows:

Lambs:

LaShae Johnson

3rd Place MH Wt. Med. Wool

Also exhibiting lambs were Kate Wallace and Miller Valentine.

Steers:

Kalli Poole

6th Place HW Simmental

Kylan Reynolds

8th Place HW Simmental

Kyria Culp

11th Place LW Charlois

Also exhibiting steers were Tyler Wallace and J. Ryan Gicklhorn.

Swine:

Chelsea Stephens

9th Place Poland

Also exhibiting swine were Garrett Thomas, Rowdy Clary, Cutter Whipple, Alexis Brooks, Megan Brooks, Heather Brooks, Miller Valentine, and Tyler Wallace.

Congratulations to all exhibitors! Thanks to everyone who helped prepare the animals for showing and transporting them to the stock show. Thanks to all the parents and exhibitors for helping in the many efforts that go along with a major stock show. Good luck to those that are preparing for the Houston trip!

Computer Classes

Borden County School will be offering computer instruction for the public.

If you would be interested in taking such a class, please help us by sending in the form below. We will use the feedback provided by you to determine the type of class to offer.

The form can be sent with your child or mailed. Please respond with this form or on another sheet of paper only. (No phone requests, please.)

Mail to:
Borden County School
Box 95
Gail, TX 79738
Attention: Kip Wallace

(name) _____

I am most interested in a computer class that would include:

<input type="checkbox"/> Basic instruction for beginners	<input type="checkbox"/> Graphics for intermediate users
<input type="checkbox"/> Internet for beginners	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

(list here)

Lady Coyote Notebook

By Sue Jane Mayes

- ◆ Sophomore Micah Hensley went down with a knee injury with 5:39 remaining in the third quarter. A visit to the doctor Monday revealed a torn ACL, ending Micah's 2001 season. She averaged 9 ppg. and 7 rebounds per game in her three-playoff appearances
- ◆ Senior Bekah Hensley, the team's only senior, averaged 11.3 ppg. And 5.3 assists per game during the three-game playoff run last week.
- ◆ Junior Rika Copeland and teammate Bobbie Kempf had double-double games (that's double figure in points

scored and in rebounds): Bobbie with 14 pts. and 11 rebounds against Rochelle and Rika with 18 pts. and 11 rebounds in the same game.

- ◆ The Lady Coyotes will face Brookesmith in the first game of the semi-sectional tournament in Wichita Falls. Brookesmith rallied in the fourth quarter to defeat the Lady Coyotes back on in a game played on a neutral site.
- ◆ Game time is set for 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, on the Midwestern State University Campus. Games will be played in D.L. Ligon Coliseum.
- ◆ Ticket prices: \$6 for adults and \$3 for students.
- ◆ Raul Rodriguez was named #1 fan by the Trent Pepper Associated Press. Raul and numerous other high school boys cheered the Lady Coyotes on to victory last weekend in Abilene.

TSTC Sweetwater to host Spring Jr/Sr. Technology Day

High school junior and seniors, parents teachers and counselors are invited to TSTC Sweetwater's semi-annual Junior/Senior Technology Day on **March 2, 2001**. Visitors will tour the campus and the various technology programs. Lunch will be served at a cost of only \$3.00 per person.

To sum previous Junior/Senior Technology Day surveys, the visiting students said "we want to see the whole campus - we want to become familiar with all aspects of program offerings, students life and student assistance programs." Junior/Senior Technology Day is the perfect time to explore the various technology programs and student life experiences offered by TSTC. See classes and labs I session, meet with instructors, and check out the new student-housing complex. Come and have some fun too! The day starts in THE CENTER, TSTC Sweetwater's premier student recreational facility.

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Registration

9 am - 9:30 am - Welcome Overview of TSTC's Technology Programs and Student Life

9:30 am - 12 noon
Campus Tours

12 noon - 1 00 pm Lunch
1:00 pm Personal tours Admission and financial Aid Assistance

Reservations are required. Please call 915/235-7300 or toll-free 1-800-592-8784 by February 23rd.

School Menu

Week of:
February 26th thru
March 2nd. 2001

MONDAY: Steak fingers, potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit & milk **Breakfast:** Muffin, fruit, juice & milk
TUESDAY: Lasagna, corn, baby carrots, bread sticke, fruit, & milk. **Breakfast:** Waffles, ham, juice & milk.
WEDNESDAY: Beef pasta, spinach, salad, corn bread, fruit & milk **Breakfast:** Sausage, biscuit, juice & milk.
THURSDAY: Steak sandwich, French fries, salad cup, cake & milk. **Breakfast:** Cereal, toast, juice & milk.
EARLY DISMISSAL
12:30 P.M.

FRIDAY:
NO SCHOOL HOLIDAY



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BORDEN COUNTY ISD BID REQUEST

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District is in the process of requesting bids for school housing.

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 "HOUSE BID". Proposals will be received up to but no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, March 2, 2001 Bids will be opened and read as they are received. Proposals will be tabulated, researched, and presented to the board of trustees for their consideration at the next scheduled 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 proposals 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; by e-mail to jthomas@esc17.net; or by calling 806/756-4313. (fax 806/756-4310)

By Order of the Board of Trustees
Borden County Independent School District
Joel Dennis, Secretary

Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 22nd day of January, 2001, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened I Special 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, Prec. No. 1; LARRY D. SMITH, Commissioner, Prec. No.2; ERNEST REYES, Commissioner, Prec. No. 3; HURSTON LEMONS, JR., Commissioner, Prec. 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 January 8, 2001 were read. Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined and Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

BORDEN COUNTY ISD BOARD MEMBERS

Borden County I.S.D. Board Members and Administration, consisting of Jimmy Thomas, School superintendent, Kenny Hensley, Mike Valentine and John Anderson, met with Commissioners Court expressing their concern of declining school enrollment and programs to encourage families to reside in Borden County. Proactive programs are needed to promote population increases. Institutions, businesses, farmers and

ranchers are encouraged to consider hiring qualified employees and personnel with families to reside in the county. Possible long-range programs are being considered by the school to add new teacherages and other housing for families as a way to increase the school population and "magnet" curriculum to encourage transfers. The I.S.D. Board members encouraged the Commissioners Court to pursue an alternate source of water for Gail, as the present source is being pumped at its capacity during the warm months.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Commissioner Smith made a motion to appoint the Historical Committee for the 2001 and 2002 Term as listed below with Doris Steadman as Chair Person. Motion

seconded by Commissioner Isaacs. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman: Doris Steadman
Members: Kenneth Bennett, Marge Toombs, Larry & Wanda Smith, Jean Taylor, Fannie Flint, Van & Barbara York, Dorothy Browne, Dewey Faye Miller, Barbara Farmer, Joe Pat Harding, Brent & Pat Murphy, Sue Smith, Dorothy Dennis; D.M. Parks, Bill & Mary John Phinizy, Doris Rudd, and Joel Dennis.

FIRE PROTECTION

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to enter into a Contract for fire fighting service I Borden County for 2001 with the City of O'Donnell for the sum of \$1,875.00, to be paid one-half from the General Fund and one-half from Precinct No. 1 Fund of Borden County. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commissioner Lemons made a motion to advertise for bids for a new car to be used by the Borden County

Spindletop Historical Series – Part Four 100th anniversary of Spindletop gushed in the celebration on 'The Bid Day' January 10, 2001 in Beaumont

"Now that we got her, how we gonna stop her?" exclaimed Captain Anthony F. Lucas when the Lucas gusher blew in at Spindletop near Beaumont, Texas, on January 19, 1901.

Organizers and volunteers found themselves responding with the same sense of bewilderment and awe as plans advance toward "The Big Day," the centennial celebration commemorating the Lucas gusher which was held January 10, 2001, at the Spindletop-Gladys City Boomtown Museum on the Lamar University campus in Beaumont, Texas.

"The Lucas gusher flowed unchecked for nine days – "The Big Day" was one day only, but it promised a wealth of fun," said Evelyn Lord, Chairman of the Spindletop 2001 Commission. "It was free and open to the public. The whole family will say they were there on that historic day."

International and national dignitaries, including the honorary chairman of the Spindletop 2001

Commission, former President George H.W. Bush, opened the ceremonies. Country Singer Tracy Byrd, performed his "Spindletop Song."

The ground rumbled when an authentic replica gusher blew 120 feet into the air like it did 100 years ago, and the re-enactment drama unfolded. The story of the Hamill Brothers, Pattillo Higgins, and Captain Anthony Lucas came to life with authentic turn-of-the-century clothing, horse-drawn buggies and period oil field equipment – all helped recreate the wildcatter spirit and ingenuity.

A collection of 16 buildings replicating the early 1900's oil boom period at the Spindletop-Gladys City Museum provided the perfect setting for "The Big Day" re-enactments with oral history, music performers, vintage crafts, memorabilia and original art exhibits.

"With a barber shop quartet singing in the barber shop, volunteers in period clothing, the post office offered

commemorative stamp cancellations and storytellers performed in the saloon; you just might have capture a glimpse of what it was like 100 years ago," said Janice Trammell, Spindletop 2001 commissioner and executive director of continuing education at Lamar University.

A Children's Boomtown featured free, hands-on activities including candle making, face painting, corn-husk doll making, handmade potpourri, macaroni necklaces, paper hats and papier-mache derricks. Rides on a real Wells Fargo stagecoach and fire truck tram ran throughout the day. A wide variety of great food was available for purchase in this area of the festival.

"We had something for everyone," said Angela Baker, executive director of the Friends of Spindletop. "Whether you liked drama, music, history, storytelling, art, memorabilia, festival food, or crafts, it truly was a 'Big Day.'"

Bridge upgrades to begin in Borden County

Art Barrow, Big Spring area engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation, has announced that upgrades will begin soon on several bridges in Borden County.

A project to upgrade bridge

Sheriff office and retain the present car to be used by the Sheriff's deputy. Bids are to be opened at 10:00 am. February 12, 2001. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

rails and metal beam guard fences on four bridges was awarded February 2, 2001, I the amount of \$68,016.00 to K-Contracting out of Roanoak, Texas.

The bridges are at Bull Creek, Little Bull Creek, Tobacco Creek and Buck Canyon Creek. Once construction begins, it will

take approximately one month to complete the work. Contractors expected to begin around the first week or so of March.

Bob Kempf, crew chief in the Borden County roadway maintenance section, will serve as TxDOT's inspector for the job.

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Wild Companion: Wheel Identifies Texas Wildflowers

There's more to Texas wildflowers than just roadside beauty: Native Americans made tea from a Texas wildflower, plains coreopsis, to strengthen their blood.

When the bluebonnet was chosen to be the Texas state flower, the runner-up were the prickly pear cactus and the open cotton boll.

These are some of the little-known facts about wildflowers featured in "Texas Wildflowers," an identification wheel produced by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The wheel was created to help people identify and learn more about the flowers they see along Texas highways each year. It features photographs of 16 of the most common wildflowers in the state: black-eyed Susan, bluebonnet, coreopsis,

Drummond phlox. Gayfeathers, Indian blanket, Indian paintbrush, lemon mint, Maximilian sunflowers, mealy cup sage. Mexican hat, pink evening primrose, verbena, bluebell, standing cypress and wine cup.

To help gardeners trying to grow wildflowers, both the blossom and the seedling are pictured for each species.

The wheel also makes a perfect companion for those spring drivers to see Texas wildflowers.

"Texas has a worldwide reputation for its wildflowers," said Doug Welsh, Extension horticulturist. "The wildflower wheel will help Texans, new and old, identify and grow these Lone Star natives."

The wheels cost \$10.95 each and can be viewed on the Web and ordered at

<http://agpublications.tamu.edu/> or, for credit card orders, by calling toll-free (888)900-2577.

The wheel also provides tips for growing wildflowers, including

- ❖ Fall is the best time to plant wildflowers.
- ❖ Select a site that drains

well and gets at least five hours of sunlight each day.

- ❖ Remove vegetation from the site.
- ❖ Rake or lightly till the soil surface to a depth of one inch.
- ❖ Thoroughly mix one part wildflower seed with four parts sand or potting soil.
- ❖ Scatter the seeds uniformly over the prepared

area.

- ❖ Press the seed into the soil by walking over the area. Do not cover seed any deeper than 1/16 inch. Some seeds will remain visible, but they must be in firm contact with the soil to germinate.
- ❖ Most wildflowers do well without regular watering, but if there is a prolonged dry spell, give your wildflowers a drink.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT (s)

District: Abilene

Contract 1981-01-013 for MISCELLENEOUS BRIDGE REPAIR in BORDEN County will be opened on March 07, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Pre-qualified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit pre-qualification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Pre-qualification materials may be requested from the state Office listed below. Plans for the above contract (s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies in Austin, Texas at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 2784

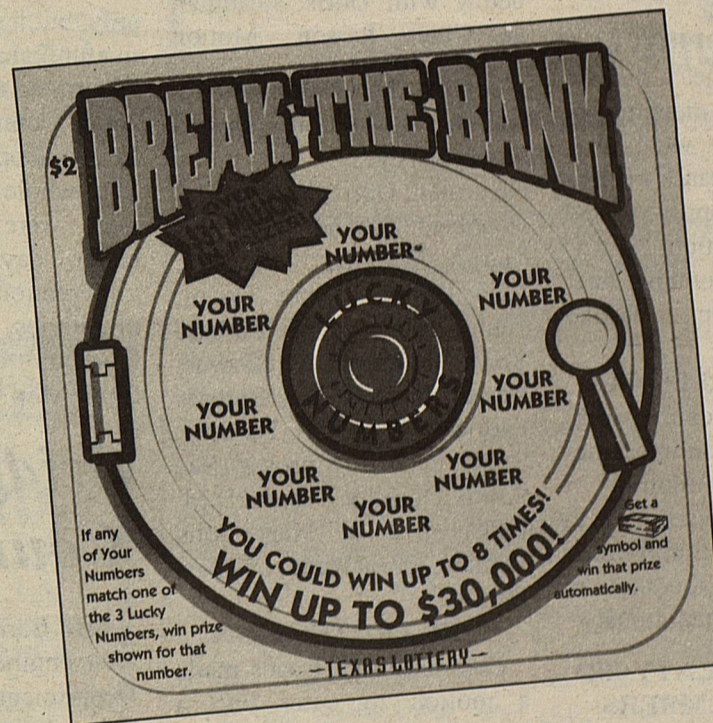
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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

END OF GAME NOTICE

Break The Bank while there's still time to cash in.



On March 2nd, 2001, a Texas Lottery instant game will close – *Break The Bank* (#174.) You have until August 29th, 2001, to redeem any winning tickets for this game. You can win up to \$30,000 playing *Break The Bank*. You can claim prizes of up to \$599 at any Texas Lottery retailer. Prizes of \$600 or more are redeemable at one of the 22 Texas Lottery claim centers or by mail. Questions? Call the Texas Lottery Customer Service Line at 1-800-37-LOTTO (1-800-375-6886).



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