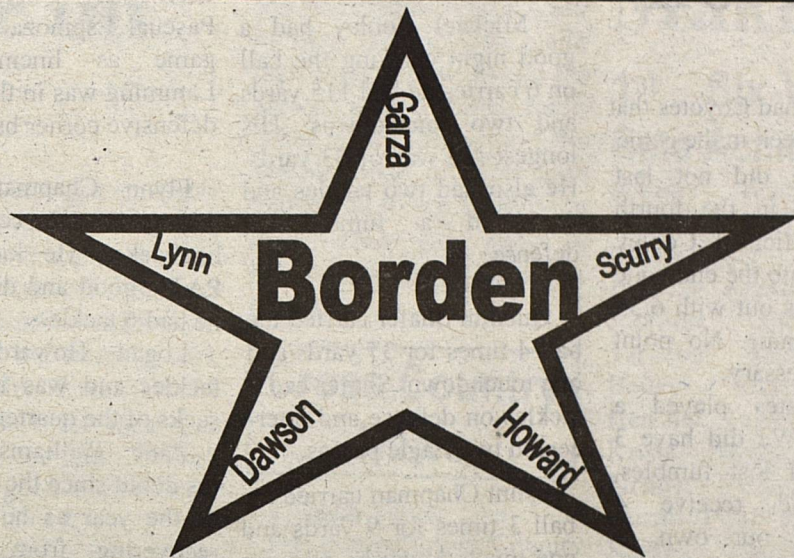


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National Breast Cancer Awareness

With the fall season now upon us, it is important to remember that October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Today, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States and the second leading cause of cancer death among North American women. Unfortunately, many women with breast cancer do not even know that they have cancer until it is in its advanced stages. It is estimated that 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime, and 1 in 30 women will die of the disease.

So what can we do to decrease our risk of dying of breast cancer? Early detection via health screenings, such as mammography, is an important step. Screening examinations can detect breast cancers early, before symptoms occur, which may make it easier to treat the

disease. Screening involves getting mammograms, clinical breast exams, and self breast exams, which are optional. There are many factors in predicting the chances of survival of a woman who is diagnosed with breast cancer, but finding the cancer as early as possible greatly improves the likelihood that treatment will be effective.

When should women starting screening for breast cancer? If you are over 40 years old, you need a mammogram every year. A mammogram is an x-ray of the breast that usually involves two views, or pictures, of each breast. Mammograms help find lumps or growths that are too small for you or your health care provider to feel when conducting an exam.

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Heart & Home

Welcome Exes!



Homecoming 2006

Friday, Oct. 20th

Bonfire: 5:00 p.m.

East side of school

Homecoming Meal: 5:30

Immediately following Bonfire

School Cafeteria

Sponsored by Class of '06

Game Time: 7:30 p.m.

Borden Co. vs. Loraine

Homecoming Dance:

County Showbarn

Sponsored by the Parent's Club

Immediately following game

Coyotes on a Roll

By Coach Avery

The Borden County Coyotes won its second game in a row last Friday night defeating the Southland Eagles by a score of 56 to 6. The game went into the fourth quarter before it was called with a 53 yard run by Michael Cooley. The win lifts the Coyotes record to 2-

3 on the season with one game left before district play begins.

The Coyotes scored first on a one yard run by Quentin Shafer, the PAT kick was not good and the Coyotes took the lead 6 to 0.

The Coyote defense stopped the Eagles on downs and the Coyotes again put

six points on the board with a 50 yard run by Michael Bullinger. The PAT kick was kicked good by Bullinger and the lead was extended to 14 to 0.

The Eagles put six of their own up as their speedy running back scored from 6 yards out, the PAT missed

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Coyote on a Roll

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and the score was 14 to 6 with one minute left in the first period.

With :55 seconds left in the period Bullinger ran into the end zone from one yard out. Bullinger then kicked the PAT good and the Coyotes went up 22 to 6.

It was all Coyote from here as the defense kept the Eagle offense for most of the night and holding one of the States highest rushing leaders to only 75 yards in 16 carries and only one touchdown. They also boast one of the top receivers in the state as well and the defense held him to only 2 catches for 47 yards. What a great job for our defense.

In the second quarter a turnover hindered the offense early in the period but the defense gave us the ball back and with 2:30 left in the period Bullinger had another great run of 54 yards to pay-dirt. This time Flynn Chapman kicked the ball through for the 2-point conversion and the score was 30 to 6.

The Coyote defense forced the Eagles to punt their next possession away and Clint Chapman fielded the ball and returned it 49 yards for a touchdown with just 1 minute left in the half. The PAT was again kicked good by Flynn Chapman and the score read 38 to 6.

In the third period freshman running back Michael Cooley scored from 20 yards out with 3:03 left. The PAT kick failed and made the score 44 to 6.

With 1:02 left in the third Clint Chapman had a rare rush and scored from 6 yards out. The PAT would have ended the game right there so a unpopular coaching decision was made to miss the PAT and let the game go

on since we had Coyotes that had not yet been in the game.

The game did not last much longer in the fourth quarter as Michael Cooley ran the ball into the end zone from 53 yards out with 6:55 left in the game. No point after was necessary.

The Coyotes played a good game. We did have 3 turnovers, all lost fumbles, but we did receive 4 turnovers of our own, 3 interceptions and one fumble recovery.

The Coyotes did not have to throw the ball at all, only one pass was thrown and it was from Bullinger to Clint Chapman for a 7 yard gain. The rushing game went well all evening amassing 340 yards on the ground from 22 carries.

Bullinger was the leading gainer with 179 yards and tackles and one interception on defense.

The big story of the night came from the defensive side of the ball as the entire defense shut down a highly touted offense. Jake Cooley would have to receive accolades for a very impressive night defensively. Probably the unsung hero of the night, he totaled 24 tackles as he was assigned the rushing duties to keep their tail back in check, and he did a great job. Twenty four total tackles, 8 were unassisted, he had 4 sacks and 3 quarter back hurries.

Asa Rutherford played at safety and had a tackle, Miller Valentine played defensive corner and also snapped the ball for the extra point team. Dore Rodriguez three touch downs on 9 carries, with long touchdown runs of 50 and 54 yards. One 50 yarder was called back because of a very questionable block. Bullinger had 12

tackles on defense.

Michael Cooley had a good night carrying the ball on 6 carries he had 115 yards and two touchdowns. His longest run was of 53 yards. He also had two tackles and recovered a fumble on defense.

Quentin Shafer carried the ball 4 times for 37 yards and one touchdown. Shafer had 5 tackles on defense and intercepted two Eagle passes.

Clint Chapman carried the ball 3 times for 9 yards and one touch down; he also ran a punt back 49 yards for a touchdown. Clint had 8 and Symeron Rinehart played on the offensive line and made several tackles

defensively. Cory Teel and Pascual Espinoza got in the game as linemen. Karl Lamming was in the game as defensive corner back.

Flynn Chapman started the game at center and linebacker. He kicked two PAT's good and defensively he had 6 tackles.

Logan Howard had 8 tackles and was in on two sacks of the quarter back.

Zane Williamson made his debut since the first game of the year as he has been recovering from a groin injury. Zane is still not 100 % but he had a good night relieving players on both sides of the ball. Zane had 7 tackles on defense and had

one sack and 2 quarter back hurries.

The Coyotes are on a roll and gaining confidence with each win. Each week we keep finding players that can help and this makes us even deeper on both sides of the ball.

Our next game is with Aspermont. They have a good team but they are not unbeatable. The Coyotes will have to have another good outing but it can be done. The Coyotes need another good game to role into an open week and then begin district play.

Everyone make the trip to Aspermont on Friday at 7:30 and watch the Coyotes grow up before your own eyes.



Cooley Family Continues Athletic Tradition Still Howlin' After All These Years

Three generations of one local family are still enjoying Borden County school activities.

That may not be so unusual for small communities like Gail, but

it is a rare thing to gather all members in one place at one time.

Such was the case, however, last Friday night as Joe and Pam Cooley cheered alongside all three

of their sons, one daughter, and two daughters-in-law.

While pulling for all the Coyotes, one can't blame them for rooting especially loud for #6 and #21: Jake and Michael Cooley.

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Pups Pounce on the Eagles

By Coach Avery

The Borden County Junior High football teams pounced on the previously unbeaten Southland Eagle junior high team last Thursday in Southland with a score of 46 to 20.

The Pups kicked the ball to the Eagles first and forced them to punt the ball away, Austin Fields went deep to return the punt and that he did, 28 yards for the first Coyote touch down. John Hensley carried the ball over for the one point PAT and the score read 7-0.

The Coyotes next took the ball over on downs and Hensley, refusing to go down, carried the ball into the end zone from 35 yards out. Fields then carried the PAT over to make the score 14 to 0.

Toni Soto then recovered a fumbled ball on the kick off, and then Soto carried the ball on the next play 21 yards into the end zone on a reverse. The PAT failed this time and the score was 20 to 0.

The Coyotes again forced the Eagles to punt as Hensley fielded the ball and returned it 34 yards for a touchdown. Fields carried the ball over for the one point PAT and the score was now 27 to 0 to end the first half.

In the third quarter David Rodriguez carried the ball into the end zone on a 24 yard run. The PAT failed and the score was now 33 to 0.

Then a big running back from Southland returned the kickoff back for their first score of the game. Their PAT was good and the score was now 33 to 7.

The Eagles again scored as they intercepted a Coyote pass and returned it for a touchdown. The PAT was ran over for one point to make the score 33 to 14.

On the next Coyote possession Miles Valentine completed a pass to Hensley for a 5 yard touchdown pass. On the extra point Valentine handed the ball off to Blake Turner on a reverse for a one point PAT. The score was now 40 to 14.

The Eagles again got on the board as the big running back ran 55 yards for a td. Their PAT failed and the score read 40 to 20.

On the kick off return Valentine ran the ball back 55 yards to the end zone for the Coyotes last score of the evening. The PAT failed and the game finished shortly there after with a score of 46 to 20.

This was a fun game to play and a game that every one received a lot of playing time in. I know we are all

getting better with each week of play. The Coyote junior high team is now 4-0 on the season and gaining confidence with each victory. We are all proud of these guys and proud to see them go to work. Their next game is here in Gail this Thursday at 6:00 pm.

Cross Country News

By Coach Turner

The Borden Cross Country teams competed in the Roby Invitational Saturday, Sept. 23rd. In the 7th grade girls division Stefanie Cooley placed 32nd with a time of 9:59. In the 8th grade girls division Taylor Richey was 24th with a 9:26 and Krista Tarleton was 32nd with a 10:10. In the junior high boys division David Rodriguez was 21st with an 8:18 and Blake Turner was 28th with an 8:58. In the JV Girls division Marla Crenshaw was 21st with a 16:11, Sharelle Gass was 29th with a 17:00, Sarah Harding was 38th with a 17:39, Lindsey Stamper was

45th with a 19:30, Crystal Hobson was 47th with a 20:54, Kate Wallace was 48th with a 20:55 and Chasiti Rutherford was 49th with a 21:01. In the high school boys division Tyrell Massingill was 30th with a 17:24, Jake Cooley was 34th with a 17:59, Quentin Shafer was 36th with an 18:13, Logan Howard was 41st with an 18:51, Michael Bullinger was 45th with a 19:23, John Cowart was 46th with a 19:25, Eric Espinoza was 47th with a 19:27 and Brenden Tarleton was 48th with a 20:11. Next up for the Coyote cross country team is the White Buffalo 5K in Snyder on October 7th. Race time is 8:30am at the square.

Making the Grade!

1st Six-Weeks Beta Achievement

Senior: Becky Dobyms;
Junior: Rachel Wilson;
Sophomore: Katherine Froman;
Freshman: D'Nae Johnson and Brendan Tarleton;
Eighth Grade: Bailey Anderson, John Hensley, Taylor Richey and Krista Tarleton;
Seventh Grade: Blake Turner and Austin Tyler;
Sixth Grade: Kayla Pepper, Tanner Richey, Teryn Soto and Mattie Turner.

1st Six-Weeks Honor Roll

Senior: Clint Chapman, Rowdy Clary, John Cowart, Lacey Newton, Taylor Peterson, and Christina Soto;
Junior: Pascual Espinoza, and Kate Wallace;
Sophomore: Carlos Hernandez and Krystal

Hobson; **Freshman:** Karl Lamming, Chellsie Pigford, Lacey Roberts, and Raylea Underwood; **Eighth Grade:** Kimberly Proulx; **Seventh Grade:** Austin Fields; **Sixth Grade:** Celina Guerrero, Matthew Roberson, Riley Smith, Kylie Voss; **Fifth Grade:** Taylor Gass, Kalyn Massingill, Mallory McMeans, Mollie McMeans, Zach McMeans, and Matthew Proulx; **Fourth Grade:** Eva Banman, Frank Banman, Tye Basquez, Blaise Freeman, Mackenzie Herring, Marlana Seyler, Ricky Torres, Sean Tucker, and Cayden Vaughn; **Third Grade:** Rheaden Bland, Kylee Dean, Zoie Key, Channing Miller, Colby Pennell, Samuel Raborn, Tatum Richey, Flint Roberts, and Merik Valentine. **Second Grade:** Mattie Benavidez, Tanner Freeman, Hayley Gray, Dylan Murphy, Avery Price, and Bryce Turner..

GAIL FFA CLOTHES/SHOE DRIVE

Categories: Jr. High/High School Age Items

Items should be clean, folded and placed in a box or trash bag. (Shoes separate)

Items can be dropped by the Ag. Building or picked up by an FFA student right from your vehicle.

Final delivery date: Friday, October 13th.

All items to be delivered by Gail FFA to a needy area organization.

Gail FFA and Lone Wolf District ask you to help "Give the shirt off your back" or...out of your closet...for a worthy cause.

Homecoming Dance

Friday, October 20, 2006

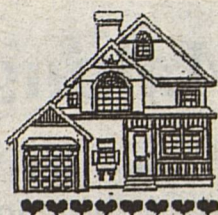
Dance till mid-night in the Show Barn after the game!

Sponsored by the Borden County Parents' Club

School Holiday
NO SCHOOL
MONDAY – October 9th

Heart and home...

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



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National Breast Cancer Awareness

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Additionally, women who are younger than 40 and have had breast cancer or breast problems or have a family history of breast cancer need a mammogram once a year.

A clinical breast examination is an examination of your breasts by a health professional, such as a doctor, nurse practitioner, nurse, or doctor's assistant. This exam is also known as a CBE. Clinical breast exams should be part of a periodic health exam, at least every three years for women in their 20s and 30s, and every year for women 40 and over. During your CBE, your health care provider may tell you how to perform a breast self-exam, or BSE. By regularly performing BSEs, you will learn how your breasts normally feel, and you will be able to report any changes in your breasts to your health professional as soon as you find them. Finding a breast change does not mean that there is a

cancer. You may choose not to do BSEs, or you can just do them occasionally.

Remember: The most important screening tools we have are mammograms and clinical breast exams. To reduce your risks of dying from breast cancer, you need to follow the guidelines on when to get them. Taking charge of your health now can lead to a healthier tomorrow. Start by getting screened this month in recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. For more information, contact your health care provider or Texas Cooperative Extension-Borden County at (806)756-4336.

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CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING 2006 GENERAL ELECTIONS

Applications for Early Voting by mail are now being accepted in the Clerks Office

October 10 th	Last day to register to vote
October 23 rd	Early Voting by personal appearance begins.
October 31 st	Last day to receive application by mail
November 3 rd	Last day to vote early by personal appearance
November 7 th	ELECTION DAY!

Senior Citizen Meeting

The next meeting will be on **Monday, October 9 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Community Room. This will be a pot luck supper (bring your favorite dish to share). We will enjoy our meal and fellowship, as well as games for those interested.

Please keep in mind that there are many possible opportunities this group can provide, including wonderful fellowship, fun games and activities, great learning experiences, a chance to have your blood pressure and blood glucose checked, and even a possibility of group outings. We invite you to participate in the second Borden County Senior Citizen Group Evening. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact Julie Smith at (806)756-4336. Also, if you need transportation to and from the Community Building, please contact us to make arrangements. We look forward to a great new opportunity for our friends in Borden County!

4-H News

"I pledge my HANDS to greater service"

Learning how to serve goes right to the heart of valuable life lessons. Whether it's teaching younger children to care for the environment, creating a wildlife habitat for the community, restoring and beautifying a city park that has succumbed to neglect, caring for a prized animal or packing food baskets for a local food bank, 4-H'ere's hands are involved in doing.

By pledging their hands to greater service, 4-H members learn marketable skills, responsibility, commitment, teamwork and leadership. They experience the satisfaction of a job well done, the self-esteem that comes from knowing they made a difference, the flush of pride in reviewing a finished project and the warm feeling

of camaraderie that comes from working as a team. These are positive experiences and lessons for life.

National 4-H week is being celebrated October 1-7, 2006 in Borden County. Community members will see various 4-H promotion efforts by the 4-Her's. Youth have made posters, book-marks, flyers, and will be wearing 4-H related items to promote 4-H throughout the week.

We are grateful for all of our members volunteers and friends of 4-H! If you are not currently involved in the 4-H program, whether as a member, volunteer leader or friend of 4-H, please contact the Extension Office at (806)756-4336 or visit our web site at <http://borden-tx-tamu.edu>.

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Come join the fun!

- WHAT:** Cool Clovers 4-H Club Meeting
- WHO:** Any youth age 8 (or enrolled in 3rd grade) through 6th grade
- WHERE:** County Show Barn
- WHEN:** Tuesday, October 10, 2006 from 3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

PROGRAM: Healthy Snacking by Shelly Robinson, ESC 17
This is our second meeting of the year. We will continue to enroll for the 2006-07 4-H year and enjoy refreshments and program provided by Shelly Robinson from the Education Service Center. We hope that you will make plans to attend and bring a friend! Hope to see YOU there!

For more information, please contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or borden-tx@tamu.edu.



Still Howlin'

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Along with their sister Stephanie, who is a junior high cheerleader, the third generation Cooley's walk the halls these days at Borden County.

Back in 1965, it was their grandfather Joe who wore the letter jacket and represented BHS.

His wife Pam did not attend school in Gail, but she has become a fixture here for many years as cafeteria director.

In the 1980s, their older son Chris ran over defenders and around the track, making his mark in athletics before graduating in 1986.

Chris and his wife Tracy (a 1990 BHS graduate and current Day Care Supervisor at Borden County Schools) live in Gail today, and it is their three

children already mentioned that often provide the motive for Uncle Cody (1990—football and track), Uncle James (1995—football, basketball, track) and his wife Tiffany, and Aunt Tammy (1998—basketball, tennis, and track) to return to Borden County.

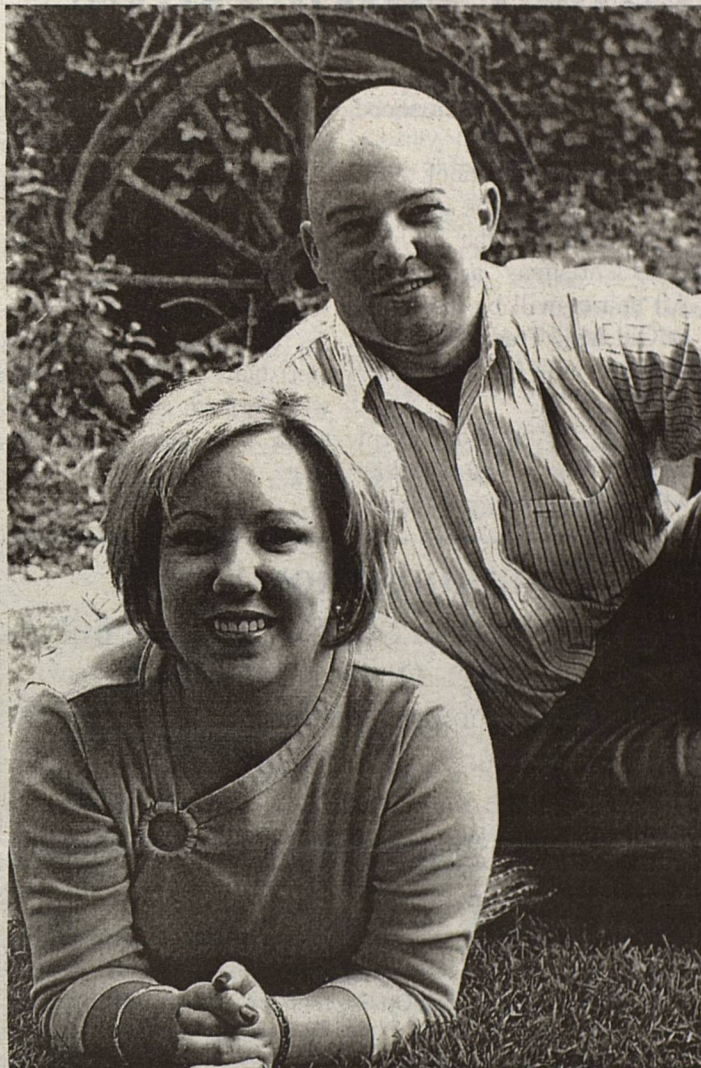
Cody has the advantage in that he lives in Gail, working for the county.

Both James and Tammy live and work in the Dallas metroplex area.

As the Coyotes finish non-district play and move into the main part of the season, look for the Cooley family to spend more time together.

Along with other Coyote fans, the Cooley's hope to make some playoff game plans, too.

Wedding Plans Announced



Hailey Adcock & C.J. White

Randy and Verna Adcock of Gail, would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Hailey Elaine to Coley Jo "C.J." White, son of Ricky and Kellie White of Lamesa.

The bride is the granddaughter of the late Vernon and Tharon Todd of Lamesa and the late Dottie Adcock of Ackerly.

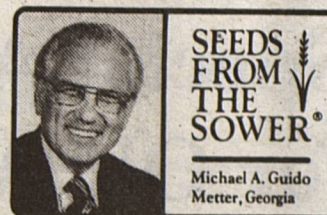
The prospective groom is the grandson of Joel and Sue Fletcher, Nelva and Ricky Koehler and the late Dennis White all of Lamesa.

Hailey is a 2000 graduate of Borden County High School. She graduated from Texas Tech in 2004 with a Multidisciplinary degree and is employed as a Special Education teacher at North Elementary in Lamesa.

C.J. is a 2001 graduate of Lamesa High School. He is currently a full time Visual Arts major at Texas Tech and will graduate in 2007.

The wedding will be held at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25th, 2006 at Second Baptist Church in Lamesa.

Following a wedding trip, the couple will reside in Lamesa.



Remember playing hide-and-seek as a child?
Remember hiding and waiting?
Remember saying to yourself, "I hope they're still seeking"?
Then to find the others were called home.

And there you were—waiting to be found. But no one was seeking.

That was an awful feeling, wasn't it?

You're older now. But you're still playing hide-and-seek. You're hiding from the Lord. But He says, "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save."

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Special Activities Planned for Old Mills Trade Days

Old Mill Trade Days at the historic Postex Mills in Post is planning a special weekend with activities for the entire family. "We're always a great place to shop and eat good food, but this event, October 6 - 8, we have extra things planned," explained Rosa Latimer, General Manager. "We'll have the pony rides and an old stage coach ride for the kids and Dish network football for sports fans of all ages. We'll also be giving away 4 tickets to the Texas Tech/University of Texas football game. You can register in the Weaving

School Lunch Menu Oct. 2nd - 6th, 2006

- MONDAY - NO SCHOOL**
- TUESDAY - Breakfast:** Sausage and Biscuit, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Corn dog, tossed salad, macaroni & cheese, fresh fruit and milk.
- WEDNESDAY - Breakfast:** Waffles, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Sausage Wrap, corn, cheese potatoes, fruit cup, and milk.
- THURSDAY - Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, potatoes, green beans, bread fruit salad, and milk.
- FRIDAY - Breakfast:** Cereal & toast, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Sub sandwich, salad cup, peaches, sugar cookie, and milk.

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Room for these tickets and winners will be announced Sunday afternoon."

Kids from preschool to 6th grade can also pick up entry information for the "Why I Love Christmas" art contest. All entries will be displayed at Old Mill Trade Days and winners will be announced December 3.

During the three-day event approximately 130 vendors will sell jewelry, antiques,

original art, collectibles, clothing, furniture, and exotic birds and animals. Food vendors provide a great choice such as funnel cake, barbeque, German popcorn, roasted corn, pizza, turkey legs and plenty of desserts. A line up of Country Christian recording artists will perform Saturday afternoon on the Rainmaker stage.

Immunization Clinic
Children's Flu Shots (Children only)
Tuesday - October 24th - \$8.00
 Call Kim Thomas at 806/-756-4313 if you want your child to receive a flu shot.
 Watch the paper for dates of the Adult Immunization Clinic Coming Soon.

Mandatory Public Notification Language Notice of Drinking Water ARSENIC Violation
 August 2006

The Texas Commission On Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the Borden County Water System that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for ARSENIC. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL ARSENIC at .01 mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for ARSENIC indicates a level of .026 mg/L in 2006.

This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing ARSENIC in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system and may have increased risk of getting cancer.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

Borden County Water System is installing equipment to lower the level of ARSENIC to below the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) standards.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For further information contact the County Judge's Office, Borden County Courthouse, 117 E. Wasson, Gail, Texas 79738, phone 806/756-4391.

Van L. York, County Judge
 Public Water System ID#0170010
 P.O. Box 156
 Gail, Texas 79738

Old Mill Trade Days is the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of each month. A special Thanksgiving event, November 24 - 26, is also planned. Event hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday & Sunday and 9 am to 5 pm Saturday. Admission on Fri-

day is \$1.00 for adults/free for Senior citizens and on Saturday and Sunday \$2.00 for adults. Children under 10 are always admitted free when accompanied by an adult and parking is free. Call 495-3529 for more information.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Commissioners' Court of Borden County will receive bids until 10:00 a.m., October 23, 2006 for the purchase of a Track-Type Bulldozer. For more information, contact Monte Smith, Commissioner, Precinct 1, phone 806/439-6379; or Randy Adcock, Commissioner, Precinct 2, phone 806/756-4378; or Ernest Reyes, Commissioner, Precinct 3, phone 432/965-3212; or Joe Belew, Commissioner, Precinct 4, phone 325/573-7718; or Van L. York, County Judge, phone 806/756-4391.

The Commissioners' Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids

By order of The Commissioners' Court
 Van L. York,
 County Judge,
 Borden County

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This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing FLOURIDE in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Fluoride in drinking water at half the MCL or more may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than nine years old. Mottling, also known as dental fluorosis, may include brown staining and/or pitting of the teeth, and occurs only in developing teeth before they erupt from the gums.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

We are working to correct the problem by investigating the possibility of connecting to another system.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

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Hauling Livestock from Wyoming to Texas? Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) Regulations Apply!

Texas Animal Health Commission
Bob Hillman, DVM Executive Director

Texas hunters or ranchers hauling horses or other livestock from Wyoming this fall should be aware of regulations affecting the animals' entry or re-entry into Texas, says Dr. Bob Hillman, head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. Vesicular stomatitis (VS), a viral disease that can affect horses, cattle, swine, deer, sheep or goats, has been confirmed in 12 horses and 10 cattle on a total of nine premises in Natrona and Converse counties in southeast Wyoming. As of late September, these are the only cases confirmed in the U.S. in 2006.

To help prevent the spread of VS, Texas livestock health regulations prohibit the entry of horses, cattle, swine, (live) deer, sheep or goats from VS-quarantined premises or areas. Animals may enter Texas from non-quarantined areas of an affected state, provided an accredited veterinarian in that state examines the animals and determines that they are not exhibiting evidence of vesicular stomatitis and writes the following statement on a current or new certificate of veterinary inspection: "the animals represented on this health certificate have not originated from a premise or area under quarantine for vesicular stomatitis."

"VS can cause susceptible livestock to develop blisters and lesions in the mouth, on the muzzle or teats, or above the hooves," said Dr. Hillman. "When the disease affects cattle or other cloven-hoofed animals, animal health officials and producers are immediately concerned, as these clinical signs mimic those of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), the world's costliest, highly contagious disease. Horses, though not susceptible to FMD, certainly can become infected with VS, and it can take several weeks for animals to heal. During this time, the painful sores may cause affected animals to become lame, or refuse to eat, drink or allow their offspring to nurse."

"There is no vaccine for VS, so prevention is the key, and that includes controlling insects such as culicoides gnats and black flies, which are the primary vectors for the disease, and keeping infected animals away from 'clean' stock, as infection also can be spread from animal to animal," explained Dr. Hillman.

"If blisters or lesions appear in livestock of any species, the owner or manager should contact their accredited veterinarian or the Texas Animal Health Commission as soon as possible, so a disease investigation can be launched," he said. "Laboratory testing to

confirm the diagnosis can be run at no charge to the livestock owner." Treatment of VS-infected animals consists of supportive care, and in some cases, antibiotics to prevent secondary infections in the open sores. Although VS is rarely fatal, production losses can be substantial, particularly in dairies. In nearly all states, VS-infected animals and their herd mates are quarantined until at least 30 days after all lesions have healed.

In addition to causing animals to suffer, VS can result in trade embargoes with Canada and European countries, where VS is not seen. Animal health authorities want to prevent introduction of a new disease that may impact the health of their livestock. Dr. Hillman said VS outbreaks in the U.S. occur randomly, mostly in the Southwest. In 2005, VS-infected livestock were confirmed on 445 premises in nine states, including one in Texas. In 2004, Texas had 15 of the 294 premises with VS-infected animals. Other affected premises were in New Mexico and Colorado. The cases in 2004 were the first confirmed since 1998.

Dr. Hillman said more information about VS is available on the TAHC web site at: <http://www.tahc.state.tx.us>. The TAHC headquarters may be reached at 1-800-550-8242.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

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Dist/Div: **Abilene**

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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 Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, 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 at the expense of the contractor.

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Dist/Div Office(s)

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Big Lake is Twin City

Debra Riggs is the official keeper of the twin registry in Big Lake, a city of some 2,800 people in Reagan County. The small town needs such a person to handle all the news about its twins, since Big Lake has a number of them. In fact, it is way out of proportion when you compare it to numbers of twins in other communities.

"People move to town and they either have twins after they get here or they bring twins with them or they let us know that they are a twin," says Debra.

Big Lake has 129 sets of twins in the registry that dates back to 1889.

"Currently there are 17 sets of adults with one or both twins living in the community and we have 15 sets of twin children in residence."

The registry is in a huge notebook filled with newspaper articles, photos, accomplishments and activities of Big Lake twins. It also contains one set of quadruplets and one set of triplets, (Debra's backdoor neighbors). She keeps the registry up to date.

"Our oldest set of twins in the registry is the Colter twins, who were born in 1889. Our oldest current residents are the Wilburn sisters who were born in 1925. They married brothers. They're both widowed now, but still active in our community."

It is not unusual to have two or three sets of twins in



each grade level in Big Lake schools, which have total enrollment of less than a thousand students. One famous Mom in Big Lake is Marilyn McReavy Nolen. She gave birth to her twins at the age of 56. Twins are born in Big Lake nearly every year.

"Our new postmaster is a twin. One of our coaches' wives came up to me at church one day and said 'I think someone told me to tell you that I'm a twin.'"

Debra started keeping the

Healthy Natural Real RECIPE CONTEST

Waxahachie, TX — October 2, 2006 — Burleson's Honey will take center stage at the Texas State Fair next week. On Wednesday, October 11, Burleson's Honey, packed by T. W. Burleson & Son, Inc., in Waxahachie, will sponsor a cooking and baking contest in the Creative Arts Department Building on the state fairgrounds in Dallas. The "Bee Healthy, Bee Natural, Bee Real" Burleson's Honey Recipe Contest begins at 9:00 a.m. when cooks from all over the state of Texas will present their best honey recipes in the following categories: appetizers and snacks; entrees; vegetable side dishes or salads; and desserts, which includes pies, cakes, bars and cookies. "We're excited to participate in various activities at the Texas State Fair this year," says Jim Phillips, marketing manager for Burleson's Honey. "Our research says that there is more and more interest in cooking and baking with honey because of the health and nutrition benefits honey provides. It will be great to see what our fabulous cooks of Texas have to show us." Recipes will be judged on taste, appearance, ease of preparation and the creative use of honey in cooking and baking. For information on how to enter the contest, visit: www.bigtex.com. Winners in each category will be awarded cash prizes and company products.

registry 18 years ago when her twins were born. Sharon Farmer Jones, who now lives in Midland, started the twin

At one time, Big Lake had two sets of twins named Hamilton who were not related. They were next-door neighbors.

"The mothers of the Moore twins, the Vetter twins, and the Rogers twins were all in pre-school together in 1971. The Ramirez twins were born on Thanksgiving Day. My twins are the only adopted set of twins in town that we know about. The Anaya twins were named Adam and Eve. The George twins were born on 7-7-77. Five students of the 1953 Future Homemakers Club of Reagan County High School had twins. I was able to track them all down and get information about them. One or two of them went on to have twins of their own."

On Friday and Saturday, October 13 and 14, Nina Swan-Kohler, culinary professional and nutritionist for Burleson's Honey and cookbook author, will demonstrate new recipes that incorporate the natural goodness of honey into a healthy diet. Swan-Kohler will be live on-stage in the Food and Fiber Pavilion from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. and again from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. both Friday and Saturday sharing recipes, tips and nutrition information about the benefits of cooking and baking with honey. One of the recipes to be demonstrated will be a new high-fiber snack mix for the upcoming holidays, called Christmas Crunch. Consumers will be encouraged to jump-start their plans for easy and healthy gift giving. In addition, four new side dishes and salads will be demonstrated.

Tasting samples and copies of all recipes will be handed out to audience participants. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the presentations.

For copies of the winning recipes from the "Bee Healthy, Bee Natural, Bee Real" recipe contest, plus the recipes demonstrated at the Texas State Fair 2006, please visit: www.burlesons-honey.com or write to Burleson's Pure Clover Honey, PO Box 578, Waxahachie, TX 75168.

registry in 1987. She has twin grandsons born in Greenwood in 2005. People in Big Lake can't

explain why there are so many twins there. Must be that rare and special Big Lake water.

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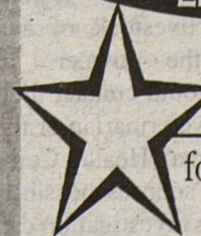
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