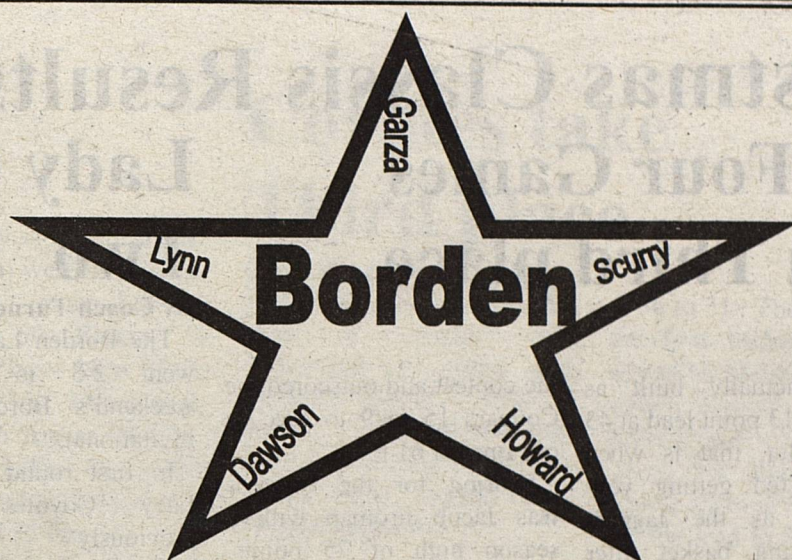


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Double Golds Borden Jr. High and Elementary Win 2006 Zone UIL Academic Meet

Academic coaches at Borden County Elementary and Junior High knew that changing districts would be good for their students.

They just didn't know how good it would be.

As the results began coming in event-by-event at last week's District 9-A, Zone 1 UIL Academic meet, though, the "good" turned to "gold" – and lots of it.

Final results saw both Borden Elementary and Borden Junior High take the crown in their respective divisions by practically doubling the point totals of the next closest schools.

In the elementary division, BC scored a total of 652 points. In a distant second, Highland scored 329. Ira followed with 203 while Westbrook came in fourth with 185 points. Hermleigh and Loraine finish-ed out the scoring with 137 and 66 points respectively.

With a larger number of events in which to compete

(and thus more points to be scored), BJH distanced themselves with a total of 1273 points. Highland once again came in second with 568 points while Ira was third with 428. Westbrook was fourth with 413, Hermleigh had 113, and Loraine finished with 53 points.

These points were totaled by awarding individual places of first through sixth place in each contest. Each finish obtains the following number of points: 1st place – 15, 2nd place – 12, 3rd place – 10, 4th place – 8, 5th place – 6, & 6th place – 4.

Some events also have a team competition as well. Schools gain 8 points for first, 6 points for second, and 4 points for third.

Needless to say, BC had plenty of first place finishes both individually and as a team. Those results will be printed in next week's *Borden Star* along with pictures of participating

BJH One-Act Play Set for Performances and Contest

The Borden County Junior High One-Act Play cast and crew of George Herman's *A Company of Wayward Saints* is primed and ready for two performances set for this weekend.

The first performance, which is set for 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15, is for the community. All parents and community members are welcome to enjoy the performance in the Borden County I.S.D. Auditorium.

The community performance is also considered to be the production's final dress rehearsal for the District 9-A Junior High OAP Contest, which will be held on Saturday, Dec. 16th, also in the B.C.I.S.D. Auditorium.

The contest starts at 1:30 with the Sands production of *Do Not Go*

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students. Congratulations to all participants, coaches, and helpers. A special thank you goes to parents who unselfishly helped their children to practice at home. You are appreciated.

Gentle. Blackwell J.H. Man." follows at 2:30 with *Greensleeves Magic.*

The BJH production of *A Company of Wayward Saints* will take the stage at 3:30 and will be followed by Loraine JH's *Sylvia* at 4:30.

Awards and production critiques will follow at approximately 5:45-6:00.

The BJH show follows a traveling group of commedia dell'arte actors who are searching for their way home. A Duke has agreed to pay their traveling fees if they will simply perform a show for him.

The troupe, led by Harlequin (John Hensley, 8th grader), then proceeds to present "The History of

Fellow troupe members act out a series of scenes, each to the troupe's demise. "Isabella" (Phyneshia Rutherford, 8th grader) and "Tristano" (Derek Tatum, 8th grader) play the roles of Biblical lovers while "Scapino" (Miles Valentine, 8th grader) interferes with their plan.

The story continues into Greek history with "Capitano" (Chance Taylor, 7th grader) and "Columbine" (Bailey Anderson, 8th grader).

Completing the mayhem is a story from Roman history with "Pantalone" (Michael Froman, 8th grader), "Ruffiana" (Krista Tarleton, present "The History of

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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24th

6:00 – 7 P.M.

First Baptist Church

Gail

Everyone is invited to come share a very Special Christmas Eve with music and prayer. Bring your family and friends And join us for this special Christmas Eve Celebration



Coyote Christmas Classis Results

Three Wins in Four Games gives Coyotes a Third place finish

finish

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes opened the tournament playing Guthrie early Thursday. The Coyotes started this contest with only 7 varsity players due to some decisions made prior to tip off. The JV suited up with the varsity players and in the end, some of them would play a very pivotal role in this victory. The Coyotes got off to a slow start and a little foul trouble, as post player Matthew Tatum picked up two early fouls in the opening quarter, and would actually pick up his third foul early in the 2nd quarter which resulted in him playing very limited time. The Jaguars jumped out to an early lead by scoring a pair of 10's in the opening half of this contest. The Coyotes managed only 8 and 9 points respectively. The Pups did however take a little momentum into the locker room as JV player, freshman Michael Cooley hit a 3-pt shot just before half to make a 20 to 14 deficit, 20 to 17. That momentum mixed with the ability of Matthew not picking up a foul until late in the contest allowed him to get involved much more and as a result, he managed a team high 13 points in the game all in the 2nd half. The Coyotes also managed a pair of 14's in the 2nd half which was enough to hold off a furious Jaguar rally. The first 14 allowed the coyotes to take the lead as they held the Jaguars to 5 points in the 3rd. Leading 31 to 25 heading into the 4th, the

Coyotes actually built as much as a 13 point lead at 43 to 30. But, that is when things started getting very interesting as the Jaguars began hitting basket after basket and the Coyotes missed 3 straight front end of one and one's. In the end, the coyotes held on for a hard fought 45 to 40 victory.

Scoring for the coyotes was Matthew with 13 points, Jacob Froman with 9 points, Zane Williamson also added 9 points, Asa Rutherford had 3 points, Quentin Shafer added 6 points, Michael Cooley had 3 points and John Cowart had a huge steal and basket for the coyotes. Also contributing to the win was Rowdy Clary, Flynn Chapman, Brendan Tarleton, Carlos Hernandez, and Karl Lamming.

The Coyotes then played the Klondike Cougars. The coyotes waisted little time in controlling this contest as they jumped out to a quick 12 to 0 lead. With this complete control, the Coyotes played all 12 of their players in each quarter, but Jacob Froman was the recipient of some good passes as he tossed 25 points in the 1st three quarters of action. The Coyotes built a 12 to 2 lead after 1 quarter. The Coyotes stretched their lead as they outscored the Cougars 19 to 7 in the 2nd quarter. Leading 31 to 9 at half, the Coyotes continued their hot shooting and stretched the lead to 46 to 14 entering the 4th period. The reserves and the JV ended

the contest and outscored the Cougars 15 to 9 to give us our final of 61 to 23.

Scoring for the Coyotes was Jacob Froman with a season high of 25 points, Matthew Tatum with 14 points, Quentin Shafer added a career high 8 points, Brendan Tarleton and John Cowart each added career highs of 4 points, Asa Rutherford and Michael Cooley had 2 points and Zane Williamson and Rowdy Clary had 1 point apiece. Also contributing to the victory was Carlos Hernandez, Flynn Chapman and Karl Lamming.

The Coyotes next played the Post Antelopes in the semi-finals. The Antelopes came out and applied very tight full court pressure man defense. This pressure gave the Coyotes fits as the visitors turned Coyote turnovers into easy lay-ups. The Coyotes hung around in the first quarter despite the many turnovers, but the sloppy play for the Coyotes continued in the 2nd quarter and as a result, the Antelopes capitalized on the many mistakes to outscore the Coyotes 21 to 9 which was capped off by a half court bank shot at the buzzer. Trailing 35 to 19 at intermission, the Coyotes hoped to cut the deficit in half heading into the fourth quarter, but the Coyotes could not get the ball to fall in the 3rd quarter. The Antelopes had trouble as well, but managed to stretch their lead to 42 to 23 heading into the 4th quarter. The 4th quarter was a growing point

Lady Coyotes Win Two

By Coach Turner

The Borden Lady Coyotes went 2-3 in this past weekend's Borden County Invitational.

In first round action, the Lacy Coyotes defeated previously undefeated Guthrie by the score of 37-36. The game was an intense defensive struggle and the Lady Coyotes came up with their biggest defensive stop of the game with 6 seconds left to preserve the victory.

Olivia Key led the Ladies scoring attack with 16 points and Sarah Harding joined her in double figures with 10. Baylee Benavidez had 7 while Christina Soto and Krystal Hobson both finished with 2.



for the young Coyotes as they mixed in Michael Cooley with Asa and Quentin to apply some very aggressive man defense of their own, and with this pressure, the Coyotes began to chip away at the 19 point lead. In fact, the Coyotes went on a 12 to 0 run to cut the lead to 7 points with under 2:00 to go. The Coyotes had the ball twice with this deficit, but back to back walking calls stalled the comeback. A missed lay-up ended the come back, but the Coyotes did grow up a lot during the final stanza as they finished outscoring the Antelopes and eventual tourney champions 16 to 6 in the final quarter to give us a final tally of 48 to 39.

Scoring for the Coyotes was Matthew Tatum with 16 points, Jacob Froman with

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In round two Thursday night the Lady Coyotes ran out of gas against Klondike and were defeated 53-25.

Klondike jumped out to a commanding 17-2 lead after one quarter and never looked back.

Olivia Key scored 11 for the Lady Coyotes. Sarah Harding had 5 points. Sharelle Gass scored 4 and both Dannelle Copeland and Christina Soto finished with 2. D'Nae Johnson wrapped up the scoring with a free throw.

In the consolation quarter-final on Friday morning the Lady Coyotes defeated Forsan 41-32. The win avenged a 36-25 loss at Forsan on December 5th. The Ladies had a 25-15 lead at halftime and made it stand up for the victory.

Olivia Key led all scorers with 17 points. Sarah Harding finished with 7 and Baylee Benavidez had 5. D'Nae Johnson, Sharelle Gass, and Christina Soto each had 4 points.

The Lady Coyotes were defeated in the consolation semi-final to 2A Anson by the score of 56-37. The game saw BC play well but in the end the athleticism of Anson was too much to overcome.

The Lady Coyotes had a balanced scoring attack as Baylee Benavidez led with 7 points. Sharelle Gass and Olivia Key each finished with 6. D'Nae Johnson had 5 points and Kate Wallace finished with 4. Sarah Harding had 3 while Rachel Wilson, Kalli Poole, and Christina Soto each had 2 points.

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Lady Coyotes

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The Lady Coyotes were defeated by New Home 51-36 in the 7th place game Saturday afternoon. The Lady Coyotes could not overcome a hot shooting first half by the Lady Leopards.

Olivia Key finished with 11 points. Rachel Wilson had seven and Dannelle Copeland finished with 6. D'Nae Johnson had 5 and Sharelle Gass, Sarah Harding, and Christina Soto had 2. Baylee Benavidez wrapped up the scoring with a free throw.

Final day scores for the BC Invitational were as follows. Guarantee game- Lubbock Christian 50 Forsan 18, Seventh Place- New Home 51 BC 36, Consolation- Guthrie 56 Anson 50, Third Place- Klondike 44 Crosbyton 33, and Championship- O'Donnell 35 Post 30.

Olivia Key was the girl's free throw champion.

Thanks to all in our community who help to make the Borden Invitational the great event that it is.

Coyotes Basketball Season Get off to Slow Start in Forsan

By Coach Richey

One day of practice was not enough time to prepare the inexperienced Coyotes for the Forsan Buffalos on Tuesday. The Buffalos came out of the gates firing on all cylinders as they knocked down four 3-pt shots in the 1st half and their pressure forced the Coyotes to take some early shots that were off the mark. The Coyotes were in the contest early as a pair of baskets by Matthew Tatum and a 3-pt basket by Jacob Froman cut the lead to 9 to 7 with only a couple of minutes remaining in the opening stanza, but the hosts ended the quarter on a 7 to 0 run to build a 16 to 7 1st quarter lead.

The 2nd quarter saw only 2 Buffalo players score, but they combined for 14 points with the solid inside outside duo. Meanwhile, the Coyotes got only a 3 point basket by Asa Rutherford and a Froman

free throw in the period and the home team had a very comfortable 30 to 11 lead at intermission.

In the 3rd quarter, the Buffalos continued their hot shooting and the Coyotes continued their cold streak to the tune of a 45 to 18 deficit heading into the final period.

In that final frame, the Coyotes upped their pressure and intensity and actually outplayed and out hustled the Buffalos. The Coyotes outscored the home team 17 to 9 in the final quarter to give us our final margin of 54 to 35.

Scoring for the Coyotes was Jacob with 14 points, Matthew with 7 points, Asa Rutherford with 6 points, Zane Williamson with 5 points, and Michael Bullinger added 1 point.

Also contributing to this contest was Quentin Shafer, John Cowart, and Rowdy Clary.

Coyotes take Third place

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14 points, Zane Williamson with 4 points, Asa Rutherford 3 points and Michael Cooley with 2 points. Also contributing was Quentin Shafer, Rowdy Clary, John Cowart, and Flynn Chapman.

In the 3rd place contest, the Coyotes would be matched up against the Crosbyton Chiefs. The Chiefs Beat the Forsan Buffalos and then lost to Lubbock Christian in overtime to get into this contest. The Coyotes used the momentum that they built from their final quarter against Post to propel them into a very hot start and the ability to handle the full court pressure applied by the Chiefs. The Coyotes came out hot as Matthew Tatum 9 of his game high 18 points in the opening period. The Coyotes jumped out to an early 16 to 5 lead after one period of play. The Coyotes actually built as much as a 19 point lead when Jacob Froman followed a missed basket with an offensive rebound and put back to give the Coyotes this comfortable lead. But, you can never get too relaxed against a good team and the Chiefs closed the half on an 8 to 2 run to cut into the Coyotes lead for a halftime score of 29 to 16. The Chiefs came out of the locker room with fire in their eyes as they forced the tempo to become more up beat and the Coyotes fell right into this trap and quickly this contest was becoming very interesting. In fact, when the 3rd quarter ended, the Coyotes who turned the ball over several times and missed some big free throws found their once 19 point lead whittled to 5 heading into the final stanza

at 36 to 31. The Coyotes got the first basket of the 4th period by Matthew, but some costly missed free throws again mixed with a couple of quick big baskets by the Chiefs allowed the visitors to cut the lead to 38 to 36 with a little over 5:00 minutes to play. Just when it looked like the Coyotes were going to fold, Zane Williamson made a tremendous rebound and put back to recharge the Coyotes energy. The Coyotes began to control the boards on the defensive end again, and then the Coyotes started making more and more free throws. But, after the chiefs had cut the lead with one more run, Quentin Shafer hit what we call a NO - YAH 3-pt shot to regain control of the contest and probably was the final nail in the coffin of the Chiefs rally. Asa Rutherford hit 6 of 8 free throws, but more importantly his final 4 to seal the victory. When all the dust had settled, the Coyotes had a very impressive victory over a very good Crosbyton Chief basketball team. The final score read 54 to 43 for the coyotes. Scoring for the Coyotes was Matthew with 18 points, Jacob Froman with 17 points, Asa with 8 points, Zane with 8 points and Quentin with 3 points. Also contributing to the 3rd place victory was Brendan Tarleton, Carlos Hernandez, Rowdy Clary, John Cowart, Karl Lamming, Michael Cooley, and Flynn Chapman.

P.S. I would just like to take this time to thank all of the people who helped make this tournament possible. The maintenance staff did an unbelievable job as usual. I

would try to name you all, but for the fear of leaving someone out I will not, but just know that we appreciate all that you did for this tournament, and all that you do for this school that goes unnoticed and unappreciated far too often, Thank you. I would also like to thank Tracy Cooley for working so hard on the decorations, I know she had some help, but what she did was make the lives of our wives much easier. We all thank you and the others that helped with the decorations. I would also like to thank all of the teachers and school employees that helped with food for the hospitality room. This has and is always a bright spot of the many coaches, administrators and officials when they come to this tournament. Thank you all for your sacrifice and dedication to making this tournament a success. Thank you all, sincerely, Trey Richey.

School

Lunch Menu

Dec. 18th - 22nd, 2006

MONDAY - Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Taco Salad, Corn, Fruit, and Milk.

TUESDAY - Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Fruit juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Corn Dog, Salad, Pork and Beans, Fruit, and Milk.

No School

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Christmas Holidays!

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Borden County I.S.D.
Regular Board Meeting
November 20, 2006

One Act Play

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The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas met in regular session at 8:00 P.M. in the Borden County I.S.D. Board Room. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole (arrived prior to vote on agenda item # 8), and Mike Valentine. Jimmy Thomas was also present.

1. The meeting was called to order by John Anderson.
2. There was no community input.
3. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2006, and October 30, 2006 board meetings. The motion carried unanimously.
4. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Mike Valentine to approve the November 2006 bills. The motion carried unanimously.
5. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to set the December 2006 Meeting for 7:00 P.M. on December 18, 2006. The motion carried unanimously.
6. A motion was made by Randy Hensley to approve the 2007-2008 School Calendar as proposed. The motion carried unanimously.
7. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to accept the bid submitted by Steel Stadiums Ltd. of Graham, Texas for a design-build project to include a horizontal beam visitor-side stadium seating system, a visitor-side press box, and a home-side press box. The motion carried unanimously.
8. The 2005-2006 Highly Qualified Compliance Report pertaining to NCLB

8th grader), and "Dottore" (Chris Teel, 7th grader).

As the group bickers with one another, the truth of their prideful interactions arises. Joining them in their troubles are "Zannis" (Teryn Soto and Kylie Voss, 6th graders). The story progresses until its ultimate end.

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9. The Borden County I.S.D. Investment Policy was reviewed. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joe Harding to modify and approve the local policy by deleting language pertaining to portfolios. The motion carried unanimously.
10. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the 2006-2007 budget amendments as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.
11. Mr. Thomas gave a year to date financial report, a report on current construction projects, a second six-week grade report, and reported that 144 students were enrolled as of November 15, 2006. It was also reported that only two other schools in the state received the same number or as many Gold Star Performance Awards from the Texas Education Agency for the 2005-2006 school year due to outstanding academic performance. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.
12. A motion was made by Joe Harding and seconded by Randy Hensley to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Serving as crew members of the BJH show are eighth grader Tony Soto (Light Technician), seventh grader Stefanie Cooley (Stage Manager), and sixth graders Celina Guerrero (Props & Costumes) and Kayla Pepper (Sound Technician).

Darrin Ard serves as director of the production.

Come out and support these young actors and actresses in their quest to repeat as District 9-A OAP Champions.

Thank you!



The Borden County Seniors would like to express their appreciation to everyone who donated to the Silent Auction and the Senior Bake Sale during the Borden County Tournament.

We also appreciate all of those who purchased items from the auction and bake sale.

Thanks again for your support !!!!!!!
Borden County Class of 2007

"The Play's the Thing" by Sue Jane Mayes

When Shakespeare wrote that line in the tragedy of *Hamlet*, I just know he envisioned future generations on stage.

Plays—whether comedic or tragic or a little of both—just do something to us.

Notice I wrote "to us."

We should not attend plays to have something done for us; they are interactive moments that urge us to watch, to listen, and to relate.

Something takes place on stage that projects to us, the audience. And when it does, it can be as powerful as any performing art.



Costumes are flying left and right out of blue tubs that stored them during off season. As there are no mirrors in the auditorium, the students query each other on appearance.

"Does this vest go with these pants?"

"This elastic itches!"

"Do I have to wear these flowers on my sleeve?"

"Cool. I look sexy."

How Mr. Ard does it, I'll never know. Why he does it is the simpler question. The guy, just like Shakespeare, has the vision of an elderly sage sitting on some Himalayan mountain. But Mr. Ard is only 30.

In only his ninth year of teaching, Mr. Ard has taken theater (not to mention the other numerous UIL events he coaches) to new heights. But it is on the stage that our students have learned the most.

Last Saturday I learned something after sitting in on the Jr. High one-act rehearsal of *A Company of Wayward Saints*.

Sixth, seventh, and eighth graders can be running crazy one minute and on stage in character the next. These adolescent pains-in-the-rear (we all know it's true) had me laughing. These teenage kids-next-door also had me in awe of their ability to convey the real lesson in this particular one-act. It's a story of life--the journey of man. Not exactly your typical Jr. High lunch room table discussion.

And that's what I commend both them and Mr. Ard for doing. Challenging themselves. They could go for the easy applause and laughter, but year after year Mr. Ard brings out the best in all of his players by asking them to look beyond the surface of a play's story.

This Saturday, this troupe will give you a reason to smile because they are funny and clever and very animated, but they will also give you a reason to be very, very proud that they can pull off a very mature theme while still so very young.

The play is the thing that has launched the confidence of many a reserved child and been the outlet for those who were born to entertain.

Thank you, parents, for supporting your sons and daughters in the arts.

Thank you, Mr. Ard, for your devotion to our students.

And thank you, students. I hope you realize that everything you do now is a "dress rehearsal" for the real thing, on stage and in your life's journey.

Go break a leg. Well, you know what I mean.

Quick Start Propels Missy Coyotes come Missy Pups to Victory away with Victory Coyotes Defeat Highland

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Pups fresh off their tourney victory played host to the team that actually had the same record as the pups during the tournament, but the Pups had a higher positive point total which allowed them to win the tournament. That team was the Loraine Bulldogs, and the coach of that team jokingly asked if we would be interested in playing for the trophy. Well, we did not put it up for grabs, but the guys definitely played like they were trying to send a message. The Pups came out on fire as Blake Turner hit 3-pt baskets on back to back trips on his way to an 8 point quarter to get the pups off to a very fast start. After that initial barrage by Blake, the bulldogs went to a box and 1 defense which allowed the other pups to find some open space, and Miles Valentine did just that as he hit for 6 of his team and career high 16 points in the opening period. Tony Soto added 2 free throws in the opening quarter and John Hensley hit a jump shot to round out the opening quarter as the Pups built a very comfortable 18 to 2 lead. The 2nd quarter saw the

visitors right their ship a little as they outscored the hosts 12 to 6 to cut the deficit to 10 points at intermission. The Bulldogs trimmed another basket off of the lead in the 3rd quarter and during the early portion of the 4th quarter looked destined to cut deeper into the lead the Pups maintained the entire contest, but a very nifty pass from Chance Taylor to Tony Soto, and a nice shot fake and shot by Chance stretched the lead back to double digits. The Pups were never threatened again from that point on, and the grudge match was complete and a solid hold on 2nd place in the district was owned by the Borden Pups as they held on for a very nice 37 to 27 victory.

Scoring for the Pups was Miles with 16 points, Blake and Tony with 8 points, Chance and John with 2 points and Austin Fields with 1 point. Also contributing to this hard fought victory was Austin Tyler, Derek Tatum, and Michael Froman. The pups now stand at 6 wins and 2 loses on the season, and will make their first district road game of the season Monday night as they travel to Highland.

The JV Five

By Coach Avery

The Borden County Junior Varsity basketball team suited up 5 players for their first game last Tuesday to make the trip to Forsan high school. There was no problem choosing the starters and the Coyotes were able to leave their best five players in the entire game. (Humor) The Coyotes started the game a little slow, having

only one practice since the football season is over, scoring only 2 points in the first period and allowing 10 points to Forsan. The Coyotes were only behind eleven points at the half scoring 7 points in the second period; the score at the half was 9 to 20. The Coyotes were only outscored by 8 points in the second half

By Coach Turner

The Borden Missy Coyotes improved to 7-1 on the season and 4-0 in district with a 42-25 victory over Loraine Monday night in Gail. After taking a 9-7 lead in the first quarter, BC blew out Loraine 13-1 in the second to take a commanding 22-8 lead at the half. BC won the third quarter 12-9 and the teams were even at 8 in the fourth.

Taylor Richey led all scorers with 18 points. Krista Tarleton joined her in double figures with 10. Mattie Turner finished with 9 points. Kylie Voss had 2 while Lexi Peterson, Bailey Anderson, and Stefanie Cooley each hit a free throw. Next up for the Missy Coyotes is a trip to Highland next Monday night. Game time is 6 pm.

4th Annual Borden County Coyotes Exes Basketball Game

The Borden County Coyote Boys Basketball Team would like to challenge and invite all ex-Coyote Boys Basketball players to the 4th Annual Borden County Coyote Exes Game.

This years contest will be conducted as a regular High School Basketball Game. There will be four 8-minute quarters but if there is a high turnout, we may split and play two separate games.

The game will begin at 3:00 p.m. on December 19th, in the Coyote Gym.

Please come and display the moves that we once loved and share old memories with ex-classmates and friends. It would also be a great opportunity to meet the 2006-2007 Coyote Basketball team as they strive to keep the Coyote tradition alive.

If you are interested in participating in this years Exes Basketball game, or need additional information, please call Trey Richey at (806)756-4417 home or 4313 ext. 225 work. Also, (806)543-0875 cell.

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By Coach Turner

The Borden Missy Coyotes traveled to Highland Monday night and handed the Hornets their first district loss.

BC is now 5-0 in district 12-A after the completion of the first half of play. The game was a nail biter from start to finish as the score was tied at both the end of the first quarter at 8 and at the half at 15.

The Missy Coyotes doubled up Highland 10-5 in the third and it proved to be the difference as the teams were even in the fourth quarter to make the final score BC 33 Highland 28.

Taylor Richey led all scorers with 24 points which included a 11-14 performance from the free throw line. Mattie Turner hit 4 of 5 free throws and finished with 6 points. Stefanie Cooley wrapped up the scoring with a huge second quarter three pointer.

The win improved the season record for BC to 8-1. The Missy Coyotes will play next at Ira on January 8th.



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Poole, May exchange vows

50th Anniversary

Kaci Poole and Slate May were united in marriage on October 21, 2006 at the Spirit Ranch in Lubbock.

Parents of the bride are Dennis and Sheri Poole of Gail. The groom's parents are Byron and Brenda May of Bells. Grandparents of the bride are Laurie Eubanks of Abilene and Vic Poole of Wylie. Grandmother of the groom is Elaine May of Lubbock. Ronnie Conyers of Callisburg performed the ceremony.

Kalli Poole, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Katie Heinrich, friend of the bride Candice Poole, sister-in-law of the bride, and Mackenzie May, sister of the groom. Junior bridesmaid was Macauley May also sister of the groom.

Tanner Poole, friend of the groom and brother of the bride, served as best man. The groomsmen were Ryan Mimms, Jared Kelley, and Laramie Doris, all friends of the groom. Kutter Poole, cousin of the bride, served as junior groomsman.

Kelsey Chrane, cousin of the bride, and Shelby Shortes, friend of the bride, greeted and registered guests. Ushers were Evan



Mr. & Mrs. Slate May

Chrane and Montana Poole, cousins of the bride and Cody King and Justin Garrett, friends of the groom.

Flower girl was Jaylee Poole, niece of the bride. Cutter Bishop, friend of the bride and groom, served as ring bearer. Music was provided by Tanya Bishop and Mark Brown, both

friends of the bride and groom.

The reception was held at Inside 4 Bar K. Guests dined on a BBQ buffet and danced to the music of the Brian Milson Band.

Following a wedding trip to Playa Del Carmen, the couple will make their home in Winters, Texas.



Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith

A 50th Wedding Anniversary Reception for Larry and Wanda Smith will be held on Sunday, December 17th, 2006 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Parlor at First Baptist Church in Lamesa. The reception will be hosted by their children, Kristy and Kurt Pierce of Lamesa and Perry and Kelly Smith of Post. Friends and family are invited to come join them for refreshments and visitation.

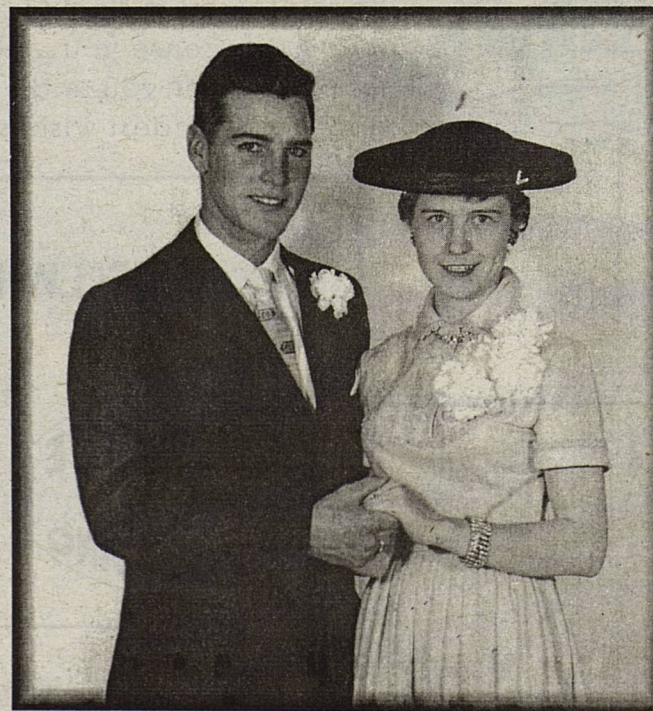
Lamesa Community Players Present Christmas Production

The Lamesa Community Players community theatre is preparing to open their final show for the 2006 season. This production will be the 80th show which the local volunteer theatre has produced. The show, "Four Tickets To Christmas" is a dramatic musical, set in the era of the early 1900's, with

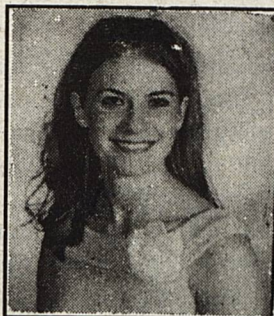
a cast of approximately 25 people. The performance dates are December 14, 15, 16, and 18 at 7:30 p.m. and there will be a matinee on Sunday, December 17, at 2:00 p.m.

The theatre is also conducting its annual membership drive. Members of the theatre enjoy discounted admission prices and advance reservation opportunities.

For box office and ticket information, or for more information on joining LCP, you may call (806) 872-2705. Lamesa Community Players is a non-profit theatre which was organized in 1981 and has produced an average of three shows per year since that time. The theatre is located one block north of the square in downtown Lamesa.



Larry and Wanda "Cunningham" Smith Lovington, New Mexico, December 20th, 1956.



Learning and Living

By Becky Dobyns

When I learn your righteous laws, I will thank you by living as I should!
-Psalms 119:7

Final Japan Journal

Part 16: On the Plane

June 21

I think I could cry if it had fully hit me. I can't believe we're now thousands of miles away from Japan. I can't believe how likely it is that there will be more than a year before I see it again. I can't believe it's already over. My heart is pretty heavy right now. I don't even want to be here, on this plane, right now. I want to stay where I was, locked in those two weeks.

This morning I went to that amazing bakery. As we met with the missionaries one last time, we learned that the Friendship Party last night was the most successful one they've ever had, with the most people in attendance - and they have multiple Friendship Parties every single summer! A group from World Changers is coming in tomorrow. There are going to be over sixty of them, and Taylor Peterson will be one of them! I will definitely keep them in my prayers.

The missionaries said we were especially motivated and determined, which was really exciting. They said there have been groups of adults that haven't been as focused as us.

I found out that at the beginning of the trip, Charity, one of our leaders, had asked people to specifically pray about all

the girls on the trip. She didn't know how well 14 high school girls would get along, living so close together for two weeks. She figured there would be crying, drama, and backstabbing by the end of the trip, but there wasn't! We all got along great! That's a God thing.

Today, with my bags packed up and ready to roll out of the room, I took one last look out at Tokyo from our huge window. It looked the foggiest, smoggiest, and, well, darkest I've ever seen it. The oppression still looms there. It kills me that I'm heading away from it, but I know at the same time that God isn't.

Well, this is the end of my journal I kept in Japan. I know it's been ridiculously long, but maybe you enjoyed parts of it, and you heard God speak to you through it. I pray that God shows you right now whether you need to donate to missions, become more involved in His church, or go on a mission trip yourself. I pray that He makes His voice clear to you and that you listen with open ears. I pray that you specifically know the extreme need for God's workers in Japan, and the severe scarcity of Christians there. Pray for the missionaries that work with so many

4-H News

South Plains Lamb Series

The Caprock Lamb Classic held on November 18 and the Texas Tech Turkey Lamb Drive held on November 19 ended a 10 show series in Lubbock. Miller Valentine won the Medium Wool Division for which he received a cash prize of \$750.

Congratulations to Miller on winning this division!

Miller, Miles and Merik (and their parents) have spent many dedicated hours caring, feeding, and exhibiting their 4-H and FFA lamb projects throughout the summer months in preparation for showing their animal projects at the major stocks shows which will begin in January 2007.

Results of the last two shows in this 10 show series are as follows:

Caprock Lamb Classic - November 18, 2006 - Show A:

Merik - 2nd Place Class 1 Southdown

4th Place Class 2 Southdown
1st Place Class 1 Medium Wool

Miller - 4th Place Class 2

lost people each day, who walk around daily with crowds of Japanese, all the while knowing they are likely the only saved person in each crowd.

If you want to know how to step in to God's ongoing work in Japan, go to <http://www.imbtokyo.org/>. I ask that you prayerfully consider becoming involved with Free Greater Tokyo, a prayer emphasis that strives to connect American and Japanese churches.

Thank you so much for all your support!

Finewool Cross

2nd Place Class 3 Finewool Cross and Reserve Breed Champion

1st Place Class 3 Medium Wool

1st Place Class 4 Medium Wool, Reserve Breed Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of Show A

1st Place Class 5 Medium Wool, Breed Champion, and Grand Champion of Show A Show B:

Merik - 2nd Place Class 1 Southdown

5th Place Class 2 Southdown
3rd Place Class 1 Medium Wool

Miller - 1st Place Class 2 Finewool Cross

1st Place Class 3 Finewool Cross and Breed Champion

1st Place Class 3 Medium Wool

1st Place Class 4 Medium Wool, Breed Champion, and Grand Champion of Show B

1st Place Class 5 Medium Wool

Texas Tech Turkey Lamb Drive - November 19 - Show A:

Merik - 1st Place Class 1 Southdown

5th Place Class 3 Southdown
4th Place Class 2 Medium Wool

Miller - 1st Place Class 1 Finewool Cross

2nd Place Class 2 Finewool Cross

1st Place Class 4 Medium Wool

1st Place Class 5 Medium Wool, Breed Champion, Grand Champion of Show A.

Miller received a Texas Tech Basketball, autographed by Coach Bobby Knight!

1st Place Class 6 Medium Wool

Show B:

Merik - 1st Place Class 1 Southdown

6th Place Class 2 Southdown
5th Place Class 2 Medium Wool

Miller - 4th Place Class 1 Finewool Cross

2nd Place Class 2 Finewool Cross

1st Place Class 4 Medium Wool

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1st Place Class 6 Medium Wool, Breed Champion, and Grand Champion of Show B

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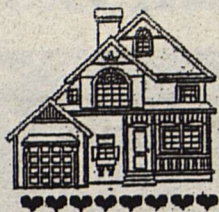
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Heart and home...

By Julie D. Smith
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A Clutter Free Kitchen

Clutter free? I wish! Would that not be something, so walk into your new, clutter FREE kitchen!?! I know that I have recently found myself hunting for a few needed items and cannot seem to find them! Our busy lives do not allow us to take the time to put things away where they belong. Naturally, with the kitchen being one of the most used rooms in the house, it makes it even easier for clutter to build up. With the weather turning colder, and days being shorter, now is a great time to set a few hours aside and take the time to analyze and reorganize to get a cleaner, more efficient kitchen.

If something has not been used in two years, it is probably unnecessary. Get rid of it or move it to another storage area (perhaps a storage tote you can keep in the garage, storage building or attic). Seasonal items, such as Christmas platters or holiday cookie cutters, or rarely used items, such as large serving platters, can also be stored someplace else. So they are not "out of sight, out of mind," list these items and their new location in a small notebook, or on an index card and place in your recipe box.

Take advantage of space-saving storage accessories, such as wall grids, under-cabinet mountings for small appliances, back-of-door racks and towel bars for placemat storage. To encourage family members to

put things back, store items near where they are used: cups and coffee canister near the coffee pot; microwave popcorn by the microwave; and so forth.

There are many ways to organize your kitchen utensils, appliances, dishes and cookware. Christmas might be a great time of year to ask for those nifty gadgets you have been wanting (they make great stocking stuffers and easy, inexpensive gifts for young ones to buy)! You can also start watching the circulars for sales - generally the end of year/first of year are great times to purchase storage/organizing items..

Also, it is a good idea to go through food stuffs, both in the cabinet and in the refrigerator, often to ensure quality, fresh food. If you do not use flour often, keep it in an airtight container in the refrigerator or freezer to keep it fresh. Place a bay leaf in flour or other dry goods to ward off weevils. Going through your food stuffs and refrigerator often will also keep you from accumulating old and expired food, and will help you maintain a neat cabinet and refrigerator.

For more information about food safety and storage, or organization, contact the Texas Cooperative Extension-Borden County office at (806)756-4336.

This life is worth living, we can say, since it is what we make it.
—William James

Ag News

Profitability Workshop Set For December 19 for Area Growers

Area producers can get a leg up on planning their management strategies for 2007 at the profitability workshop sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension.

"We will take a long, hard look at higher production expenses, and how that may affect your operating strategy," said Dr. Jackie Smith, Extension economist based at Lubbock. "We

know producers have faced higher energy costs for irrigation, fertilizer, fuel and ginning.

The workshop is slated for December 19th, from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the Tahoka Housing Authority (1400 Avenue K, Tahoka).

Jeff Pate and Jay Yates, Extension risk management specialists based at Lubbock, will provide an outlook for fuel, fertilizer, other farm

inputs, and crop prices for 2007. They will also discuss farm program payments and possible production budgets for cotton and grain.

Smith will examine crop budgets for 2007 using the latest forecasts for commodity prices and input costs. Alternative cropping strategies will be compared with input from participants. A CD with spreadsheet tools used in the workshop will be made available to all in attendance.

There is no charge to attend. For more information contact Smith at (806) 746-6101, or the Extension office in Lynn County at (806) 561-4562; Garza County at (806) 495-4400; Scurry County at (325) 573-5423; Mitchell County at (325) 728-3111; Borden County at (806) 756-4336.

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Friday, January 19th
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Ropes	

BOYS:

Pool Play

Pool A	Pool B
Borden C.	Wellman-Union
Idalou JV	Sands
Ropes	Lubbock Christian

Thursday, Dec. 28th

GIRLS:	Game 1	9:00 a.m.	Ropes vs. Idalou JV
	Game 3	12:00 p.m.	Borden Co. vs. Wellman-Union
	Game 5	3:00 p.m.	Idalou JV vs. Sands
	Game 7	6:00 p.m.	Ropes vs. Borden Co.
BOYS:	Game 2	10:30 a.m.	Ropes vs. Idalou JV
	Game 4	1:30 p.m.	Wellman-Union vs. Sand
	Game 6	4:30 p.m.	Sands vs. LCHS
	Game 8	7:30 p.m.	Ropes vs. Borden Co.

Friday, Dec. 29th

GIRLS:	Game 2	10:30 a.m.	Sands vs. Borden County
	Game 4	1:30 p.m.	Wellman-Union vs. Idalou JV
	Game 6	4:30 p.m.	Ropes vs. Sands
BOYS:	Game 1	9:00 a.m.	LCHS vs. Wellman-Union
	Game 3	12:00 p.m.	Idalou JV vs. Borden Co.
	Game 5	3:00 p.m.	Winner Pool A vs. Runner-Up Pool B
	Game 7	6:00 p.m.	Winner Pool B vs. Runner Up Pool A

Saturday, Dec. 30th

GIRLS:	Game 1	9:00 a.m.	Wellman-Union vs. Sands
	Game 3	12:00 p.m.	Idalou JV vs. Borden Co.
	Game 5	3:00 p.m.	Ropes vs. Wellman-Union
BOYS:	Game 2	10:30 a.m.	Pool A 3 rd vs. Pool B 3 rd
	Game 4	1:30 p.m.	3 rd Place "see bracket"
	Game 6	5:00 p.m.	Championship Game
	Shooting Competition: 4:30 p.m. Girls and Boys		

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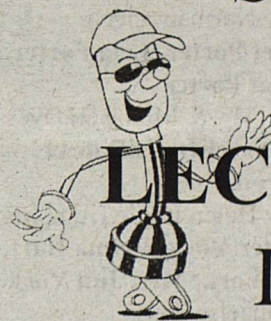
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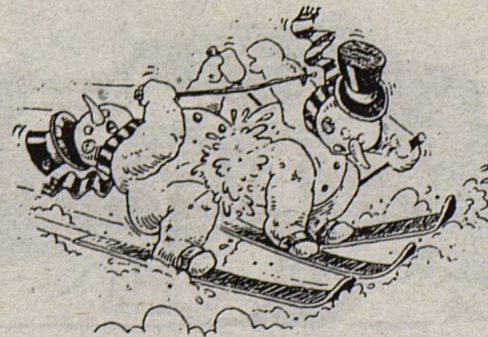
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