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Borden County TxDOT Lady Coyotes' season ends with employees earn awards at Regional loss to Meanard: safety banquet

Finish with 28-4 record

The Texas Department of Transportation's Abilene district held their annual safety Awards Banquet recently at the Wagon Wheel Ranch in Snyder. This banquet is held to recognize the district employees' outstanding efforts in the operation of TxDOT vehicles and equipment and for having no work related injuries.

The Borden County maintenance employees were recognized for com-

bined totals of 58 years as safe operators and 54 years of no injury.

Members of the Borden County maintenance section receiving awards were: Carrie Hart; John Layne, Fred Sanchez, who is not working out of the Scurry County office, Robert Kempf, Darden Stokes, Nan Sharp, maintenance section supervisor, Norman "Jibber" Herridge, Terry McCright, assistant section supervisor, and Ray Don Underwood.



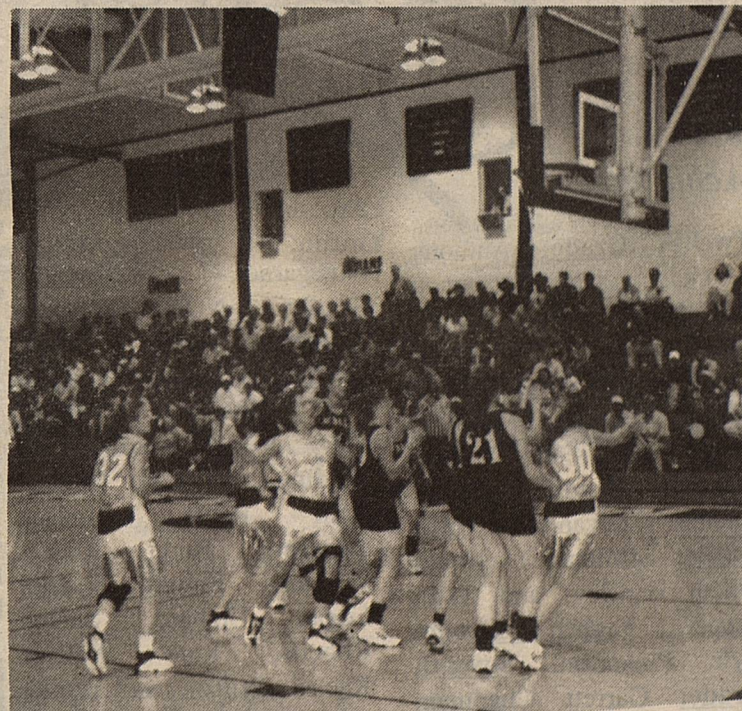
Borden County maintenance employees recognized for safety at the annual safety awards banquet were left to right, front row: Carrie Hart and John Layne; back row, Terry McCright, assistant section supervisor, Bob Kempf, Darden Stokes, and Jibber Herridge. (TxDOT photo by Mary Beth Kilgore)

It was as if Cinderella's slipper just wasn't going to fit this year. Borden High School's Lady Coyotes—the majority of whom were playing in their final season—won't be invited to the Ball this year in Austin. That honor will belong to Menard, winners of Friday's semi-final over BHS, 42-34.

Playing in their fourth consecutive season of post-season play, the experienced Lady Coyotes began the game the way they love to play—pressing and creating turnovers and scoring off of those turnovers. This worked for the first six minutes of the game, but unfortunately the conversions weren't always there.

The girls sat on a 6-2 lead for three minutes, unable to score despite some tenacious defense. The lack of offense gave Menard the chance they needed, and they came back to keep the game close to end the first quarter, 11-8.

Lindsey Smith, senior point guard, even got the Lady Coyotes started great in the second quarter when she hit a three-pointer with



7:31 remaining. At 6:08 Junior post Valerie Wootan hit a three-pointer, the last the girls would have in the game, to give BHS their last significant lead, 19-12.

Starting at 4:06 remaining in the second period, Menard went on an 8-0 run that put them ahead before halftime, 24-23.

When Senior forward Julie Mayes hit a shot to start the second half, the Lady Coyotes had no idea that this 25-24 lead would be their last lead of the game. Menard would hold BHS to only four points in the third quarter and seven in the fourth.

The effort was there, but the ball would not go

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EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE for both the Democratic and Republican Primary Election will be held in the County Clerk's Office at the Borden County Courthouse in Gail, during normal business hours, February 28, through March 10, 2000.

2000 All-School Reunion

Lettes received

Letters from the following ex-students and employees have been received for the 2000 All-School Reunion. If your name isn't listed and you plan on attending, please notify Judy Kingston at: Rt. 1 Box 118 O'Donnell, TX 79351.

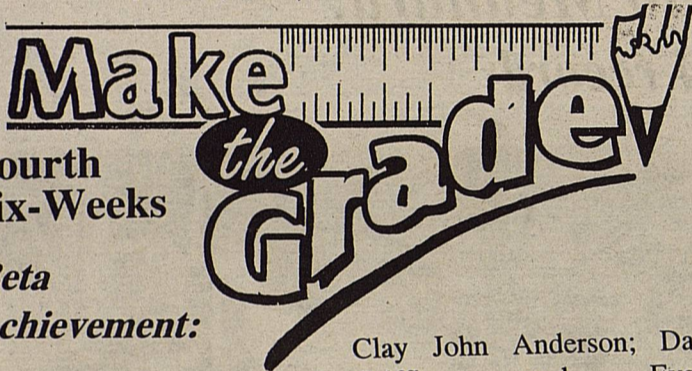
Abbott, Lisa Powell;
Adams, Gene; Anderson, Sonny; Bagley, Bob; Banks, Betty (Ware); Barefoot Ellen (Boyd); Barnes, Diana (McHenry); Beatty, Beverly (Sharp); Bell, Lucy (Fuller);

Bennett, Wayne; Biddison, Shana (Bradshaw); Biggs, D'Lyn (Lloyd); Bilbro, Jacquelyn (McPhaul); Billeck, Deda; Bledsoe, Venita (Rains); Bond, Brian; Bond, Shannon; Bond, Joe and Glenda; Brazeal, Christy (Creighton); Briggs, Dave, Joan and Billy; Brown, Judy (Harding); Brown, Talley (Griffin); Buchanan, David; Buchanan, Richard; Buchanan, Robert; Buchanan, Sam; Chapman, Carol, (Burkett); Burleson, Cindy (Lewis); Burnett, Nelda (Gilmore); Burnett,

Sue (Sanders); Bruns, Jerry Dee (Robinson); Calverfey, Anita (Murphy); Campos, Patty (Henderson); Carlisle, Marvin; Carlisle, Richard; Carpenter, Martye (Graham); Choate, Dale; Clark, Anna Lou (Bradford); Clay, Kim (Wills); Cockerham, Kim; Cockerham, Tim; Copeland, Joe & Beverly; Couch, Lennis; Cox, Bruce, Cox, Rex; Crane, Becky (Massingill); Creighton, J.O. (Bo); Creighton, Quint; Crow, Sandra; Cunningham, Ricky & Sandra (Hancock); Curry, Zane & Dana (Turner); Dennis, Steve, Dodd, Donald; Dodd, Linda; Dotson, Rita; Duddleston, Debbie (Herring); Edwards, Nancy (Telchik); Eldridge, John; Erwin, Gayla (Newton); Fleming, Steve; Fortune, Mary Anne (Morris); Yocum, Carolyn (Robinson); Freeman, Jill (Voss); Fryar, Kerry; Gass, Pam (Wilson); Gee, Donna (Cox); Graves, Sandra; Gray, Jimmy Hagins, Danny & Judy (Smith); Hagins, Pat, Hale, Deona (Jones); Hancock, Joe & Melisa (Taylor); Hancock, Tommy & Stacy (Lott); Harris, Gena (Faught); Harrison, Kristi (Adcock); Haynes, Pauline; Hedges, Suzie (Proctor); Helmer, Marquita (Menix); Hendley, Roy Don, Hensley, Rusty;

Kern, A'Lise (Lloyd); Herring; Cole, Herring, Jon; Hill, Yvonne (Hollis); Hogg, Janice (Todd); Hunt, Tina (Villarreal); Isaacs, Tony & Donna (Parks); Iund, Koen & Melba; James, Clara; Jarrett, Ben & Netta; Jenkins, Dolores (Lankford); Johnson, Barbara Gail (Rogers); Jones, Sherry (Jackson); Kelly, Wayne; Kemper, Brenda (Jackson); Kemper, Shane; Killough, Wayne; Kirkpartick, Ralynn (Key); Leavell, Eddie; Ledbetter, Norman; Lewis, Charles "Chuck"; Lewis, James; Lingo, Lisa (McLeroy); Long, Richard; Long, Scott; Long, Sid & Carolyn; Maben, Kelly Jo (Ogden); McEachem, Jimmy; Northern, Janice (Davis); McLeland, Faye (Spies); McMeans, Bart; McMeans, Ken; Menix, Robert; Metcalf, Charlene (Capps); Miller, Becky; Monroy, Ann (Zedlitz); Murphy, Bill; Nunnally, Bill; Nunnally, Don; Oliver, Vickie (Jones); O'Neal, Barton; Patterson, Tommy; Griffey, Rhonda (Patterson); Pharr, Sidney (Reeder); Pierce, Mayme (McLaury); Platt, Gail (Grose); Porter, Kate; Poston, Joe; Puckett, Lisa (Smith); Stewart, Betty (Gray); Ramsey, Rusty & Effie (Stuart); Reeder, Borden & Janice (Ernest); Reeder, Janey Sue

(Bradford); Reeder, Larry & Pam (Stephens); Reynolds, Dana (Douglas); Richards, D.L. "Dannie"; Riddle, Kenneth; Ridenour, Jim; Sadler, Wayman; Sandusky, Carla (Jones); Scott, Glynda (Burkett); Shorter, Roxie (Wolf); Smith, Dot; Smith, Jay; Sneed, Bill; Sorrells, Pat (English); Soto, Charla (Buchanan); Spies, Gene; Spies, Jerry; Spies, Ronnie; Spivey, Terry (Duncan); Steadman, Harold; Steen, Sue (Szitar); Stewart, Bobby; Brinson, Gail (Stone); Stone, Janie (Johnson); Strong, Charlotte (Toombs); Taylor, Creighton; Taylor, Doyce; Telchik, Kenneth; Tieman, Daisy (Killough); Toland, Julie (Harris); Toombs, Patrick; Tyer, Travis & Lois; Mize, Kaela (Van Vleet); Walker, Travis; Walton, Raymond; Flynn, Kelly (Langford); Willingham, W.M. "Pat"; Worley, James, "Whistle"; Wristen, Martha (Anderson); Wyrick, Patsy (Burdett); Yadon, Ted; Youngblood, Sharon (Harrison); Zedlitz, Ray; Zedlitz, Richard.



Fourth Six-Weeks

Beta Achievement:

Twelfth Grade: Anthony Aguinaga; Nick Flanigan; Jana Himes; Ryan Sanders; and Erica Schooler.
Eleventh Grade: Ross Aten; Rebekah Hensley; Trent Pepper; and Valerie Wootan.
Tenth Grade: Andrea Lozano.
Ninth Grade: Michele Bond; Mikah Hensley; and Talin Pepper.
Eighth Grade: Kyle Pinkerton.
Seventh Grade: Garrett Chapman; Billy Roper and John Wilson.
Sixth Grade: Whitney Anderson; and Shiloh Pool.

Fourth Six-Weeks Honor Roll:

Twelfth Grade: Josph Hardman; and Robert Stamper.
Eleventh Grade: Abby Flanigan; Tom Griffin; Shawna Kempf; and Krystle Lee.
Tenth Grade: Jessica Ellison.
Ninth Grade: Bronnie Jackson; Bobbie Kempf Dalene Kempf and Laura Stamper.
Eighth Grade:

Clay John Anderson; Dan Griffin; and Evan Winegarner.
Seventh Grade: NONE.
Sixth Grade: NONE.
Fifth Grade: Ana Arellanos, Clint Chapman, Rowdy Clary, John Coward, Sarah Harding, Alejandra Mujica, Kalli Poole, Lindsey Stamper and Daniel Williams.
Fourth Grade: Logan Howard, Shelby Roberts, Kate Wallace Rachel Wilson and Cutter Whipple.
Third Grade: Carlos Hernandez, and Krystle Hobson.
Second Grade: Flynn Chapman, Erica Hartley, Olivia Key, Karl Lamming, Rachael Payne, Chelsie Pigford, Shylo Rinehart, Lacey Roberts, and Chelsea Stephens.

HOLIDAYS
Friday, February 25th
Thursday, March 2nd
Friday, March 3rd
Spring Break-March 6-10
Classes will resume
Monday, March 13
Have a great vacation.



It's Spring Break!

**Remember...
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Let's enjoy our time off,
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Message brought to you
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Lady Coyotes' season ends

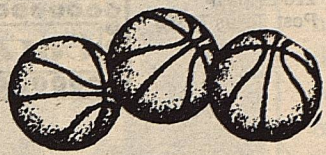
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in, and the Lady Coyotes were faced with trying to score against Menard's 6'3" post who shut down the inside. That combined with only 10% from the 3-point line and 30% from the field and foul trouble down the stretch gave Menard the edge they needed to take the victory.

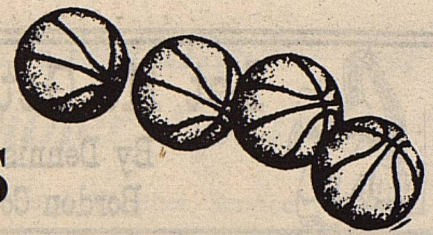
The Lady Coyotes finished the game with more turnovers than steals, another uncharacteristic trait. Still, they forced Menard into 23 turnovers and grabbed 30 rebounds—Senior Adrianna Baeza had 12 of those.

The fairy tale careers of these senior Lady Coyotes has ended, but they have left a legacy of wins and only losses combined from 7th grade-12th grade.

Their post-season record was a remarkable 12-4, and of course, they will be remembered as members of the first Final Four girls' team from Borden County.



Lady Coyotes



1999-2000 Lady Coyote Basketball Team: Back row: (L. to R.) Shawna Kempf, (manager); Shaina Isaac; Coach Gailan Winegarner; Lindsey Smith; Kaci Poole; Coach Allen Wooten and Julie Mayes. Center (L. to R.) Hailey Adcock; Rika Copeland; Valerie Wootan and Holly Thomas. Front (L. to R.) Rebekah Hensley; Adrianna Baeza and Crystal Dye. Not available for photo, Kandace Kimmell (manager)..

GAME STATISTICS

Vs. Menard, Regionals

Wootan	12 pts.	2 stls
Mayes	9 pts.	5 stls
Baeza	6 pts.	12 rebs.
Smith	5 pts.	7 rebs.
Hensley	2 pts.	2 stls
Dye		3 rebs.
Poole		2 rebs.

Lady Coyotes Down Windthrost to Win Quarterfinal Matchup

February 22 BHS met Windthorst in Merkel to earn the right to

advance to the regional tournament.

The Lady Coyotes took the gold ball for the second year in a row at the quarterfinal level by virtue of a well-played 67-54 win.

GAME STATISTICS Vs. Windthorst

Wootan	21 pts.	3 rebs.
Mayes	15 pts.	4 assts.
Smith	15 pts.	3 stls
Hensley	7 pts.	5 rebs.
Baeza	6 pts.	10 rebs
Dye	1 asst.	1 reb.
Poole	1 stl.	1 reb.

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Parents & Fans

Spring Break

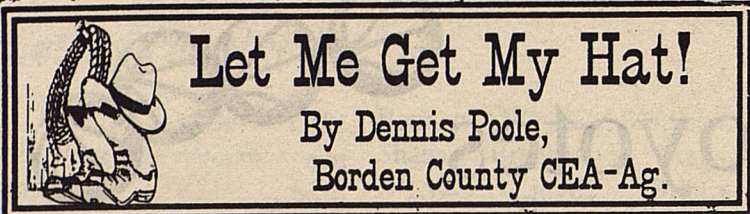
March 6th thru 10th

Classes resume on Monday

March 13th

Have A Nice Spring Break!





Let Me Get My Hat!

By Dennis Poole,
Borden County CEA-Ag.

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A Few Simple Steps Help Ensure Good Vegetable Stands

Vegetable growers can improve their odds of getting a good crop stand by following a few simple practices.

The top priorities in getting a good vegetable stand are good seedbed preparation, providing adequate soil moisture, and protecting seedlings once they are up and growing. A good seedbed should be your top priority – not just prior to planting, but throughout the growing season.

Vegetable crops need a well-pulverized seedbed. One that is free of debris. Roto-tilling is perhaps the best way to accomplish this. Rototillers are slower and more time-consuming than plowing, but they work well if you plan soil preparation well in advance and factor in the size of tiller(s) available. Plowing, especially with a disk, is less desirable because it promotes clodding and soil compaction that can inhibit root growth.

Strategically placed windbreaks are the best tool growers have to protect a crop once young plants are established, the specialist added. Windbreaks do just what their name implies – they reduce wind movement across a field. This reduces soil moisture evaporation and soil erosion, protects young plants from blowing soil or debris, and improves the micro-climate surrounding your plants.

Some of us have gotten away from windbreaks in recent years, but we

shouldn't have. Adding windbreaks requires some additional planning, and some extra cost, but you will see a direct benefit.

As further insurance for a good stand and crop, it is recommended that growers buy and use only high-quality seeds or transplants.

Know the optimum planting temperatures, or range of temperatures, for your crop and plant the best seed or transplants you can afford. Sometimes, we can get a better stand from enhanced seeds – those already germinating – especially when soil temperatures are less than ideal at planting time [Written by Tim W. McAlavy, Information was given by Frank Daniello, Texas A&M Horticulturist]

Plains Community Center News

The directors of the Plains Community Center met and discussed plans for a pot-luck dinner at the Center. "The Spring Fling" will be held Sunday, April 9th, at 12:30 p.m. More information will be in later issues of *The Borden Star*.

Mindy Briley has accepted the role of director for the PCC. She will take the place of Juanda Hancock who has moved from the community. We will miss Juanda, but know she would approve of Mindy's input into the continuing work of the PCC.

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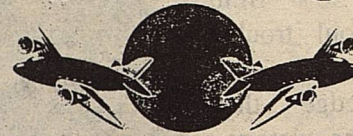


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Band Trips

I started playing trumpet when I was in the seventh grade in Fort Worth. Once I was playing a solo before the entire student body. The song was "My Happiness." Back then, school auditoriums were not air conditioned, so the windows were kept open. A stiff breeze swept across the stage and blew a page of the sheet music off the music stand. The sheet landed right at the feet of the female first chair violinist. While taking a breath during my solo, I sort of whispered to her out of the side of my mouth. "Pick it up." She just sat there. I was at the point where I needed the sheet that was on the floor, so I kept on playing, reaching down and picked it up. I managed to finish the solo and got hearty applause along with some giggles.

I loved playing the trumpet. It was one of the first skills I could call my own. I played it all through Arlington Heights High School. My girl friends told me they could hear my trumpet playing during half-time shows at football games. Made me feel real good.

One year we took a band trip to Amarillo when our high school football team went to the state playoffs. It was so cold they canceled the half-time show because band officials were afraid our mouthpieces would freeze to our lips. Band members retreated to the school buses and still froze. It was cold.

When I was in the all-city school orchestra in Fort Worth I was first chair trumpet and had to play three extremely high notes as a solo to start a difficult piece of music. And the notes were to be played on a cold lip. That means the music started after a long speech. I worried all during the speech, concentrating on playing the high notes, fingering the valves and taking my mouthpiece off the horn to keep it warm. When the conductor raised his baton, looked at me and brought it down, I performed flawlessly. It was a great moment in my music career.

Band trips were so much fun. A few of us smoked cigarettes and little cigars on the bus enroute to various events when we played. As I recall, Mr. Carson, our band director, didn't seem to mind. He never lectured us about smoking. He just wanted us to play good. And we did. We won all sorts of medals and trophies in contests.

Once we took the band bus to Waurika, Oklahoma for a contest. There were band kids there from several nearby states. We swarmed all over that small town. Some of us owned our own cars back home and were accustomed to getting around on wheels and didn't like to be without them.

We found ourselves in a residential neighborhood near town and I saw a nifty little Ford coupe sitting in a driveway. I

knocked on the door of the house and a lady came to the door. I told her we were in Waurika for a band contest and needed to borrow her car to drive around town. It sounds crazy, I know, but she got her keys and we took off in that lady's car. We went to the center of town and pulled up to a bunch of our fellow band members. They were impressed to see us in a car. We drove around for about an hour or so. We got out of the car to go in a drug store and a man came in. I just felt that he might be the husband of the lady whose car we had borrowed. Sure enough, he was. He was very nice, just asked us for the keys and said he hoped we enjoyed our ride. That's all there was to it. Life was so simple back when I made band trips.

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Dorothy Wilson

County Sheriff

Tax Assessor/Collector:

Billy Gannaway
Chuck Kimmel

County Commissioner:

Precinct #3

Ernest Reyes
Joe Harding

County Commissioner:

Precinct #1

Doug Isaacs

Training Scheduled for Severe Weather Spotters

Officials with the National Weather Service office in Midland will be conducting their annual SKYWARN Spotter Training Class in Gail on Monday, March 6th.

The basic training class, which lasts about two hours with a 10-minute break, will begin at 7 p.m. at the Community Building in Gail. The public is invited.

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Notice of Democratic Primary Election

To the registered voters of the County of Borden, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., on March 14, 2000, for voting in the Democratic Primary.

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES:

- No. 1 (Plains) at the Plains Community Center
- No. 2A (South Gail) at Gail Community Building
- No. 2B (Ackerly-Vealmoor) at Vealmoor Election Bldg.
- No. 3A (Murphy) at Murphy Election Building
- No. 3B (Fairview) at Fairview Election Building
- No. 4A (North Gail) at County Showbarn
- No. 4B (Snelling) at Hurston Lemons, Jr. residence

Absentee at County Clerk's Office, Gail Courthouse during normal office hours.

Important Voter Information!

Applications for Early Ballot by Mail for the General Primary and the Runoff Primary are being accepted in the County Clerk's Office

- February 28 **Early Voting By Personal Appearance Begins**
- March 7 **Last Day** to receive application for Ballot by Mail.
- March 10 **Last Day** to vote by personal appearance
- March 13 **Last Day** to register to vote in the April 11 runoff primary election.
- March 14 **PRIMARY ELECTION DAY!**

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

The Republican Party Polling Place for the March Primary will be located at the Community Building in Gail from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. March 14th.

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Chickenpox vaccine urged to prevent complications

Parents who skip the chickenpox vaccine because they consider the disease harmless could be jeopardizing the health of their children.

What was once considered a ritual of childhood is a much more dangerous disease today, said Dr. Armando Correa, assistant professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine.

"Without question, there's been an increase in the mortality and serious complications in chickenpox. The secondary bacterial infections are getting stronger and more resistant to antibiotics," he said.

The Center for Disease Control has reported that in the pre-vaccine era, approximately 4 million cases, with up to 9,000 hospitalizations and 100 deaths per year, was attributed to the disease in the United States.

"In most cases, chickenpox is a mild disease. But the secondary infections that result in some children can be life-threatening," Correa said.

Though the vaccine for chickenpox has been available since 1995, national statistics show that less than half of the children under age 3 have been vaccinated. Health officials recommend that all healthy

children over 12 months old receive the vaccine.

Complications from chickenpox include pneumonia, neurological problems, and secondary bacterial infections, including what is commonly referred to as "Flesh-eating bacteria," Correa said.

Chickenpox, a highly contagious disease, is a problem throughout the year, but peaks in early spring.

"We are already seeing cases that have required hospitalization," he said.

Chickenpox is characterized by a skin rash and can include coughing, fussiness, loss of appetite

and headaches.

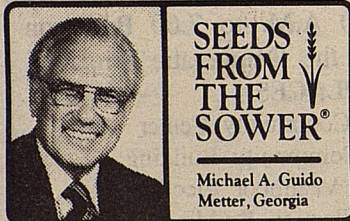
A person who has chickenpox is contagious for up to two days before the rash appears and for up to five days after. The vaccine can help prevent, or at minimum reduce the symptoms, when given within three days of exposure to the disease.

Some parents may hesitate to vaccinate their children because of the cost, but Correa pointed out, many parents can lose up to a week of work to stay home with a child who has the disease.

"The cost of the vaccine usually is less than one day" pay at minimum wage rates," he said.

The vaccine is not yet part of universally required vaccinations, but the American Academy of Pediatrics has recommended it become a requirement before daycare or school entry.

"Our children are our most important asset. We need to do anything we can to protect them from potentially deadly infections, and that includes chickenpox," Correa said.



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER
Michael A. Guido
Metter, Georgia

A young man fell in love with a girl. After going together for some time, he bought a ring to give her. He was poor, and the diamond was little.

In tears he said, "I'm sorry, dear. It's not a big stone."

"That's o. k.," she replied. "It's as big as we make it."

How true!

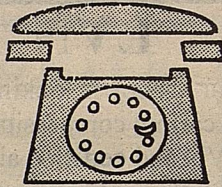
There's always the danger of substituting things for thoughtfulness, conveniences for companionship, gifts for godliness, dollars for discipline, lust for love, advantages of school for advance in the Scriptures.

Oh, put the Almighty first in your life and you'll not be bothered by alibis and alimony.



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Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit, Juice & Milk

TUESDAY: Meat & Gravy, Broccoli & Cauliflower, Sweet Potatoes, Rolls, Juice Bars, & Milk

Breakfast: Waffles, Fruit, Juice & Milk

WEDNESDAY: Pork Patty, Carrots, Macaroni & Cheese, Bread, Fruit, & Milk

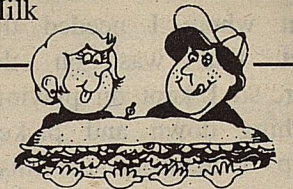
Breakfast: Sausage, Biscuits, Juice & Milk

THURSDAY: Pizza, Corn, Salad, Jello & Milk

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, & Milk

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

Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Juice, & Milk



BORDEN COUNTY ISD BID REQUEST

The Superintendent's office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive bids for repair and replacement of lighting and electrical components to the Borden County I.S.D. school auditorium.

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 "Auditorium Lighting". Proposals will be received up to but no later than 12:00 noon on Wednesday, March 15, 2000. 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 or by calling 806/756-4313. Transmissions by fax may be sent to 806/756-4310.

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

Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

PCG RENEWS EFFORTS FOR CHANGES TO CROP INS.

LUBBOCK, Feb. 25, 2000
by Shawn Wade

Plains Cotton Growers, a long-time supporter of affordable risk management solutions for producers, recently revisited the issue of crop insurance premiums and offered USDA Risk Management representatives a two-day refresher course on High Plains cotton production.

That was back in October and preliminary results from the get together are encouraging. PCG representatives met again this past week with RMA and economists from Montana State University who were contracted to provide rating recommendations to the agency using a statistical model to determine applicable rates.

The MSU model is called the Indexed Income Protection (IIP) model which was first used to derive rates for the Income Protection policies piloted by RMA over the past few years. In the case of cotton premium rating, the IIP rating process uses the same methodology but limits it to only the yield component.

Given the input form PCG, and subsequent discussions with PCG staff, early indications are that some relief may be in the offing as early as 2001 for Texas cotton producers.

RMA will now analyze the data and begin the process of determining whether or not the revised rates should be adopted for Texas. Rates derived from the same process were used to make significant

changes to rates in the Delta and Mid-South region in 2000.

Texas is seen as a critical test for the rating methodology employed by the Montana State University economists overseeing the project.

PCG and the National Cotton Council are in the process of formulating comments urging RMA to fully consider the MSU studies results and to adopt the revised structure.

HOUSING AG FINALIZES LUBBOCK HEARING LOCATION

The House Agriculture Committee has finalized the time and location for the first of ten Field Hearings to be held around the United States.

The Lubbock Hearing will be held in the Banquet Hall of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center on Monday, March 6. The hearing will begin at 9:00 p.m. The hearing is open to the public and all interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Members of the House Ag Committee, led by Chairman Larry Combest testimony from producers during the hearing. The

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CAPITOL COMMENT



U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

TEXANS ENDORSE NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE

In December and January, this column included a list of questions seeking readers' opinions about issues currently in the forefront of public debate. As has been the case in previous years, your answers were very informative, and I would like to thank this newspaper for allowing me to communicate with you this way.

Over the next several weeks this column will address the responses you provided, beginning with the column regarding our national security and foreign policy.

The first question asked about your opinion on the need to proceed with the development and construction of a missile defense system capable of shooting down enemy ballistic missiles. By a significant majority, 73 percent, Texans said it is very important that we build such a system. You also said you would not feel differently about building a missile defense system if it means withdrawing from the decades-old Anti Ballistic Missile Treaty (ABM) that restricts us from building such a system. Here are some of your comments on this issue:

From Levelland - "That China and countries such as Iran, Libya and Russia have missiles is a great threat to U.S. national security."

Magnolia - "Our security problems have worsened with the current administration's transfer of nuclear technology and missile guidance systems to avowed enemies such as China."

primary focus for the event will be the identification of possible solutions to the current ag crisis.

It appears that there will be significant level of participation from among members of the House Agriculture Committee since this will be the first hearing in the series.

Most members have indicated that they are well aware of the scope and type of problems facing agriculture and are most interested in hearing ideas for solutions instead of recitations of the problems.

Carrizo Springs - "There is no doubt in my mind that we need a missile defense system and the sooner the better. It should be at the top of the list."

Kirbyville - "A missile defense system should be a major part of a greater effort to rebuild our national defenses after Clinton leaves the White House. We have been left vulnerable and the next administration will have to fix that."

La Marque - "It seems to me we have no alternative but to take steps to defend ourselves against missile attack."

Adkins - "Communism is not dead. There are at least a half-dozen countries, maybe more, that hate America and that have or will have the bomb, and are dumb enough to use it."

Hondo - "Once we get a missile defense, we need to figure out how to defend ourselves against international terrorism, or at least a way to keep terrorists out of our country."

Dripping Springs - "It is most important for us to precede with building a missile defense system and with funding other new technology for our Army, Navy and Air Force."

Orange - "Our best missile defense system is for other countries to know that if they attack the United States, they will be destroyed by all means at hand."

Texas City - "Build a missile defense. We must not let ourselves believe that there is nothing out in the world that can harm us. Just because the Cold War is over does not mean we should let down our guard."

Lampasas - "Thumbs down on the ABM Treaty. It has outlived its purpose."

Seguin - "The ABM Treaty is out of date, and it seriously affects our national security."

Congress realizes the gravity of this situation and is pursuing the creation of a missile defense. After many years of trying, Congress has finally forced the administration to move forward with developing this technology. There will be successes and failures along the way as we test and perfect it, but a missile defense for America is no longer a question of whether but when. The answer: The sooner the better.

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF BURL J. BELEW, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **BURL J. BELEW**, were issued February 22, 2000, in Cause No. 348, pending in the County Court of Borden County, Texas to:

JOE THELL BELEW

The residence of such Independent Executor is in Borden County, Texas. The address for purposes of presenting claims is:

P.O. BOX 251

Fluvanna, Texas 79517

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED this the 22nd day of February, 2000

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Weigh the Options Before Paying Taxes with a Credit Card

"Using a credit card to pay your taxes could double your tax bill," said Debt Counselors of America Vice President Mike Kidwell. "People should do the math before charging their taxes."

"For the one-third of Americans, who have a balance due on their taxes, credit cards could turn out to be expensive options," adds Kidwell, who is co-founder of Debt Counselors, the first Internet-based credit and financial counseling organization. "It pays to figure out how much each option will cost you."

Kidwell explains that the average balance due to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is \$3,000. "Charge \$3,000 balance with a \$62. Monthly payment, a tax payer would pay a total of \$4,061, of which \$1,018 is interest." The IRS charges a \$43 set-up fee, plus 8 percent interest, plus a penalty of 0.25 percent per month if you file on time and set up an installment agreement.

"However, there may be some psychological or practical value to owing a credit card company, rather than the IRS," Kidwell notes. "When it comes to collecting a debt, the IRS has more options than your credit card company."

These including seizing your bank account, levying your wages, or taking other income or assets.

"If you can't pay a credit card bill, on the other hand, the account will normally be sent to a collection agency, which will try to collect before taking more serious action. The creditor or collection agency cannot touch assets without getting a court judgement." People should understand that they cannot discharge taxes in bank-

ruptcy if the taxes have been charged to a credit card.

Kidwell says, consider using a credit card to pay you taxes if . . .

You aren't certain you can keep up with a payment plan set up by the IRS. If you are late on your payments, or miss a payment, the IRS may immediately begin collection activity against you. Because the IRS has greater powers in collecting a debt than credit card companies, it might be smarter to owe a credit card company if you run into financial difficulties.

You will be able to pay off the debt quickly and you charge it to a card with a low introductory rate. If you know you will be able to pay the debt within a few months by selling an asset or earning extra money, for example, you may want to use a

card with a low introductory rate and pay the bills quickly as possible. In that case, the interest savings may outweigh the fee.

These tips and more are included in "How to Deal with the IRS If You Can't Pay Your Taxes," a five-page, self-help publication by Debt Counselors. To order, visit GetOutOfDebt.org.

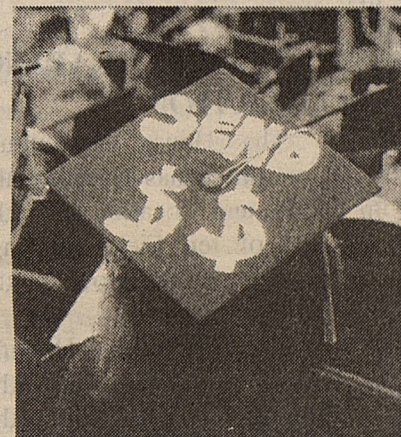
"Regardless of which payment option you choose you should immediately consult with a qualified tax advisor so you don't end up in the same bind next year," said Kidwell, who is co-author of *Get Out Of Debt: Smart Solutions To Your Money Problems*.

Official Payments Corporation, the federal government's credit card processor, accepts only American Express, Discover and MasterCard credit cards.

Debt Counselors of America is a nonprofit credit and financial

counseling organization headquartered in Rockville, Md. Founded in 1994, Debt Counselors is committed to helping people resolve past financial mistakes, manage current financial responsibilities and avoid future financial problems. Debt Counselors has helped more than four million people through its popular Web site at GetOutOfDebt.org

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2. What musical drama plays nightly in the summer at Palo Duro Canyon State Park?
3. Where is the world's richest acre?
4. Each spring, Scarborough Faire recreates 16th century England in what Texas city?
5. The Cowboy Artists of America Museum is found in what Texas community?
6. What Texas winery is credited with saving the French wine industry?
7. The Lyndon Baines Johnson library is on what college campus?
8. Where was the richest little town in the world?
9. Where is the world's most expensive listed residence?
10. What annual show features the only new folk art introduced in Texas in this century?

BONUS QUESTION (for the title of Cattle Baron): Georgetown is home to what prestigious Methodist school?

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Answers: 1. Cotuitan Air Force Museum, Midland; 2. Texas; 3. Downtown Killeen; 4. Waxahatchee; 5. Kerrville; 6. Van Vleet Winery, Del Rio; 7. The University of Texas at Austin; 8. Mass City (one time neighbor of Fort Worth); 9. In Houston; Price Range \$22,000 square foot home listed at a mere \$35 million; 10. The Product Costume Show Show.

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