

# THE BORDEN STAR

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## Let Me Get My Hat!

By Dennis Poole, Borden Co. CEA-Ag.

### Borden County Rural Water Well Screening

(Part 5 of 5)

Over the past several weeks we have submitted news articles on water sampling to include nitrates, salts, and bacteria. If you would be interested in participating in the screening, the following procedure is, how we will prepare for the screening.

From 8:30 a.m. - 4:20 p.m. Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Borden County Extension Office, residents will register for water screening, be given instructions for collecting water sampling, secure two water sample bags for each well, and pay a \$3.00 fee for each well sample.

You will need to collect the water sample on the morning of Wednesday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. Someone will be stationed at each location to receive the water samples. Gail and area residents will deliver the water sample (two per well) to the Borden County Extension Office between 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. on that day. (Wed., Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>) Plains Community residents will deliver the water sample (two per well) to the Plains Community Center from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Fluvanna Community residents will deliver the water

samples (two per well) to the main street at Fluvanna Café from 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Lake Thomas residents will deliver the water samples to voting house on north side of Lake Thomas from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

All samples will then be transported to Snyder and be tested at the Big County RC&D mobile water lab.

On Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 at the Scurry County Extension Service building located at 2605 Avenue M in Snyder. Jimmy Apel of the Big Country Resource Conservation and Development Area will distribute sample results and explain your water sample data.

If you are unable to attend the Thursday meeting, we will send your water sample results via mail to you. If at all possible, try to attend the meeting so that if there are questions about your sample, you will be able to ask an experienced water analysis person. Most importantly, we hope you will participate in this water quality opportunity by sampling your water source. Remember water is a vital nutrient. People can

## Governor Bush launches new initiative to protect children from guns

Governor George W. Bush launched "Project ChildSafe," a five-year, \$5 million program to provide free child safety locks and firearm safety information to Texas parents. The innova-

survive for weeks without food, but only about four days without water. Water is the only substance necessary to all life forms. Many organisms can live without air, but none can live without water. Only oxygen is more important to human life.

Water regulates body temperature and is necessary for the chemical reactions within the body. Water lubricates the area around joints and acts as a shock absorber, particularly inside the eyes and spinal cord. Water carries nutrients and oxygen to all parts of the body through blood and lymph. The body's demand for water usually can be taken care of by always allowing free access to plenty of clean, fresh water.

Did you know that water accounts for about 98 percent of the embryo, about 75 percent of infants, and about 50-60 percent of the body weight of adults. Help ensure that your water supply is clean and fresh - take a sample!

tive program will be funded through a grant from the Governor's Criminal Justice Division.

"Providing free child safety locks to parents is a common-sense, practical way that government can help parents improve safety in their homes," said Governor Bush. "Most trigger lock proposals focus on legislation requiring manufacturers to put safety locks on new guns, which I would sign, and this proposal goes even further by making trigger locks available to millions of people who already own guns," he said.

The Governor's Criminal Justice Division will provide materials that will be distributed through county sheriffs' and local police departments based on population data. The Governor's office will work with local law enforcement officials to distribute the kits in the most efficient way

possible. The Governor's Criminal Justice Division will notify sheriffs and police chiefs during the next few weeks about ways to participate in Project ChildSafe.

Project ChildSafe is the latest action taken by the Governor to protect children from harm by firearms. Since 1995, the Governor has signed laws making it a criminal offense for an adult to allow a child access to a loaded firearm unless the child is under adult supervision. Under Governor Bush, Texas has also increased penalties for anyone selling, renting or giving a handgun to a child and requires automatic detention for juveniles caught illegally carrying a gun or committing a crime with a gun.

The Free Safety Locks and Firearm Safety information can be obtained at The Borden County Sheriff's Office after September 15<sup>th</sup>.

## COYOTE FOOTBALL

Tues., Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>

JH vs. Ropes - There - 6:00 p.m.

JV vs. Ropes - There - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>

HS vs Ropes - Here - 7:30 p.m.



# COYOTE FOOTBALL

## Sometimes It's A Jungle Out There; Young Coyotes fall to Gorillas

Two things stand out after watching Friday night's season opener in Trent: (1) Trent deserves its state ranking and (2) the Coyotes will, despite the 58-8 loss, have the desire and determination to make a great foundation for this "rebuilding" year.

One thing Coach Bobby Avery does not have to rebuild is the raw talent; it's there.

The experience factor, though, did make a difference in the game as the Coyotes fielded only two returning starters from the 12 positions vacated (six offensive, six defensive).

Trent opened the game by scoring on the second play of its first possession. On a busted play in which an aggressive Coyote defense invaded the backfield, speedy Albert Booker switched lanes and scored on a 48-yard run. The PAT failed and Trent led

with 9:05 showing on the first quarter clock.

The Coyotes first drive answered convincingly as Rowdy Dunlap snagged a T.J. Sharp pass over the middle and rambled down to the Gorilla seven-yard line.

From there, Borden County went on to cross the goal line on a two-yard run by Sharp. Freshman Kyle Pinkerton, making his high school debut as a Coyote, kicked the extra point and BHS led with 6:44 remaining in the first quarter, 8-6.

The remainder of the evening belonged to Trent, especially their two outstanding backs in Booker and Bo Simpson. The two combined for over 300 yards rushing.

The Coyotes enjoyed most of their offensive success in the air with three different people going to the air. Senior Tom Griffin was 1 of 4, Sharp was 4 of 6, and Junior

Jake Zant hit on four completions out of ten attempts.

On the receiving end was also Griffin, who caught five passes for 36 yards, Dunlap who had the one for 49 yards, Sharp with one for eight yards, and Junior T. C. Stipe holding on with one catch for a seven yard gain.

Rushing leader for the Coyotes in their season opener was Sharp who had 37 yards on 10 carries before going out with an injury. Dunlap had one rush for seven yards.

Stipe also handled the punting chores for the Coyotes as he punted three for a total of 84 yards and a 28-yard average in his first start at punter.

Leading the way defensively was Dunlap with six unassisted tackles and three assists. He also had one deflection.

Also contributing defensively were Griffin with two unassisted and

three assists, Pinkerton with an assisted tackle, Sharp with three unassisted and one assist, Cody Nowlain with two unassisted and one assist, Zant with four unassisted and three assists,

and Stipe with two assists. Next up for the Coyotes will be their home opener this Friday evening against the Ropesville Eagles. Game time is set for 7:30 in Gail

### 2000-2001 Football Schedule High School

Sept. 15	Ropes	Here	7:30
Sept. 22	Sands	Here	7:30
Sept. 29	Wellman	There	7:30
Oct. 6	Whitharral	There	7:30
Oct. 13	**Loraine	Here	7:30
Oct. 20	*Ira	There	7:30
Oct. 27	*Hermleigh	Here	7:30
Nov. 3	*Westbrook	There	7:30
Nov. 10	*Highland	Here	7:30

\*Denotes District Games - \*\* Homecoming

Head Coach: Bobby Avery - Assistant: Rich Powers, Mike Floyd

Cheerleaders: Holly Thomas, Krystle Lee, Rika Copeland, Michele Bond, Micah Hensley and Shayal Gass

Coyote Mascot: Alexis Brook

Cheerleader Sponsor: Lori Stephens

### Junior High and Junior Varsity

Sept. 14	Ropes	There	JH & JV	6: & 7:30
Sept. 21	Sands	There	JH & JV	6: & 7:30
Sept. 28	Wellman	Here	JH & JV	6: & 7:30
Oct. 5	Highland	There	JH & JV	6: & 7:30
Oct. 12	Loraine	There	JH only	6:00
Oct. 19	Ira	Here	JH & JV	6: & 7:30
Oct. 26	Hermleigh	There	JH only	6:00
Oct. 26	Highland	@Hermleigh	JV	7:30
Nov.	Westbrook	Here	JH	6:00

Head Coach: Bobby Avery - Assistant: Rich Powers, Mike Floyd

Cheerleaders: Emily Mayes, Cassidy Rinehart, Mandy Vasquez, and Micah Peterson

Cheerleader Sponsor: Cindy Herridge

## OFF AND RUNNING

### Cross Country News

By Trent Pepper



## Success at Seminole BC Brings Home Eight Medals

Led by the gold and silver medal efforts of Cassidy Rinehart and Trent Pepper, the Borden County cross country teams put on a good showing at the Seminole Cross Country Meet on Saturday, bringing home eight individual

medals. Trent Pepper and T.C. Stipe led the high school boys team with their top-ten finishes. Trent finished second to Felix Saldana from Seminole, covering the 3 mile course in 16:18. T.C. came in ninth with a time of

17:39. Evan Winegarner, Talin Pepper, and Cody Nowlain also ran, improving on their times from last week.

Paced by individual medalists Bobbie and Dalene Kempf, the varsity girls team placed 7<sup>th</sup> overall. Bobbie finished 17<sup>th</sup> in 12:08 and Dalene finished 19<sup>th</sup> in 12:21. Micah and Bekah Hensley both finished in the top-fifty, running under thirteen minutes, and Shayla Gass and Kyla Culp both broke the fourteen minute mark.

Carolina Arellanos led the junior varsity girls with her medal-winning, 17<sup>th</sup> place finish. Carolina covered the course in 13:55. She was followed by Pati Rodriguez and Michelle

Bond, both of whom finished in under fifteen minutes.

The junior high boys were led by Casey Powers, who earned the 9<sup>th</sup> place medal with his time of 11:31. Derek Rodriguez and Adam Carter both finished in the top-thirty.

Cassidy Rinehart and Emily Mayes led the junior high girls with their 1<sup>st</sup> and

5<sup>th</sup> place finishes. Cassidy covered the 1.8 mile course in 12:14 to win the gold medal, and Emily earned the 5<sup>th</sup> place medal, finishing in 12:27. Thelma Balague and Ashley Ellison also competed in this division.

The Coyote and Lady Coyote cross country teams will have next week off.

### Cross Country Schedule

September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	New Home
September 30 <sup>th</sup>	Lubbock
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sundown
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Floydada
October 21 <sup>st</sup>	Open
October 28 <sup>th</sup>	District TBA
November 4 <sup>th</sup>	Regional - Arlington
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	State - Roundrock

## Health Tips

From Kim Thomas, School Nurse,  
and the Texas Medical Association

### Chicken pox can and should be prevented

Chicken pox. The mere mention of it can make a person's skin crawl. For generations, chicken pox has been considered a normal, if uncomfortable, part of childhood, almost a rite of passage.

Although chicken pox is a common disease, it should not be taken lightly. Chicken pox, or varicella, is a highly contagious viral disease that most often strikes children. It causes fever and those itchy skin lesions that torment about 4 million people each year. However, many people do not realize that chicken pox also can lead to serious complications or even death.

About 9,300 people - mostly children - are hospitalized each year for complications resulting from chicken pox. About 100 die. Skin infections are the most common complication, leading to scars or even more serious illnesses. Other serious problems that may result from chicken pox include swelling of the brain, pneumonia, ear infections and loss of muscle coordination. The risk of developing severe infections from chicken pox increases as people get older.

The good news is that a relatively new vaccine is available to inoculate children and adults against the disease. The Food and Drug Administration approved the varicella vaccine in 1995 for use in individuals at least 12 months of age who have not previously had chicken pox.

Effective Aug. 1, 2000, the state of Texas will require the varicella vaccine for children who have not previously been diagnosed with chicken pox. The varicella vaccine (or proof of past chicken pox infection) will be a school requirement for two age groups:

1) Children ages 12 months through five years who were born on or after Sept. 2, 1994; and 2)

2) Children 12 years old or older who were born between Sept. 2, 1988 and Sept. 2, 1994

Children ages six through 11 years (during the 2000-2001 school year) will not be affected by the requirement until they turn 12 years of age. In addition, children who were born before Sept. 2, 1988 (i.e., children 13 years of age and older during the 2000-2001 school year), will not be affected by the requirement.

If your child was born on or after September 2, 1988 but before September 2, 1994, and had chickenpox, please send a signed note with the month, day and year your child had chickenpox to the school nurse. This will exclude your child from requiring the varicella vaccine.

Even if a child is not required to receive the varicella vaccine, the physicians of the Texas Medical

Association recommend parents vaccinate their children against chicken pox if they are at least 12 months of age and have never had the disease. The vaccine provides a high level of protection against both chicken pox and shingles, a painful rash illness also caused by the varicella virus. The protection lasts about 20 years and is 80 percent effective. In the event that a child does develop chicken pox after being vaccinated, the infection will be much less severe.

The vaccine not only makes good health sense, but also good economic sense. The cost of varicella vaccine is relatively low, costing up to \$80 per dose, although many children qualify for free or reduced-cost vaccines. When compared to the high cost of missed work, doctor visits and possible hospitalization, the varicella vaccine is a bargain. A study published in 1994 estimated that routine use of the vaccine would save \$384 million per year in the United States.

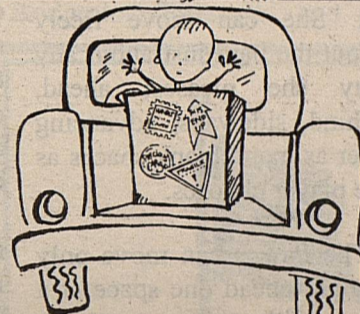
However, use of the varicella vaccine is far from routine. Fewer than half of the nation's youngsters are being vaccinated, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The physicians of the Texas Medical Association

urge parents to take chicken pox seriously and vaccinate their children against the disease.

### Parents Club Meeting

The Parents Club will meet on Friday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria before the football game.

Everyone is invited to come and help get things going. The Cookbook and the Fall Festival will be the main topics discussed.



kids aren't cargo

### School Lunch Menu

Week of:  
Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>

**MONDAY:** Tacos, beans, salad, cobbler & milk

**Breakfast:** Oatmeal, toast, juice & milk

**TUESDAY:** Vegetable Soup, grilled cheese, pickles, pudding & milk. **Breakfast:** Sausage grave, biscuit, juice & milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Baked potato, w/cheese, salad, crackers, ice cream & milk.

**Breakfast:** Breakfast burrito, hash browns, fruit, juice & milk.

**THURSDAY:** Steak fingers, potatoes, corn, hot rolls, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Pop Tarts, juice & milk.

**FRIDAY:** Sub Sandwich, salad cup, French fries, cookies & milk. **Breakfast:** Egg & cheese English muffin, fruit, juice & milk



## FFA News

### FFA Begins Meat Sale

#### FFA Sale Items and Prices

A.	Spiral Sliced Ham	\$31.00
B.	Smoked Turkey	\$18.00
C.	Beef Jerky	\$13.00
D.	Jalapeno Cheese Summer Sausage	\$ 9.00
E.	Sausage Patties	\$10.00
F.	Snack Sticks (Jerky)	\$ 7.00
G.	Smoked Bacon	\$ 9.00
H.	Peppered Smoked Bacon	\$ 9.00
I.	Brisket Kit (chopped and sliced)	\$22.00
J.	BBQ Smoked Pork Loin	\$18.00
K.	Candied Nut Assortment	\$ 9.50
L.	Pecan Halves	\$ 9.50
M.	Peppered Ham	\$22.00
N.	Marinated Beef Fajitas	\$10.00
O.	Marinated Chicken Fajitas	\$10.00
P.	Spiral Sliced Turkey Breast	\$24.00

The meat items will arrive during the first week of October. Customers are not required to pay until they receive their products.

Anyone interested in purchasing products listed

can contact a FFA member or the Ag Science Teacher, Mr. Buddy Wallace at 806/756-4478 (home) or 756-4313 (school).

Thanks again for supporting the Gail FFA

### Coyote T-shirts for Sale

Order your Coyote T-shirt now and be ready for the Coyote Football season.

#### Short Sleeves T-shirt

Adult (S, M, L, XL) \$ 9.56  
Adult: (XXL) \$11.69  
Children: \$ 9.56  
Sizes: (6-8, 10-12, 14-16)

#### Long Sleeve T-shirt

Adult: (S,M,L,XL) \$12.75  
Adult: (XXL) \$14.88  
Children: \$12.75  
Sizes: (6-8, 10-12, 14-16)

#### Sweat Shirts:

Adult (S, M, L, XL) \$14.88  
Adults: (XXL) \$18.20  
Children: \$12.81  
Sizes (6-8, 10-12, 14-16)

If you are interested in purchasing a T-shirt, contact Lori Stephens. Money needs to be paid when order is made.

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**Texas Stories**

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Part owner of Texas

**Demystifying Chess**

Chess always intimidated me. I thought it was only for extremely intelligent people. All my life, when I met someone who played chess, I immediately had respect for that person.

Other board games gave me no problem. I learned how to play Backgammon twenty-five years ago. After getting down the basics, my wife and I played nearly every single night for two years.

My grandson Jackson is spending a couple of weeks with us this summer and while looking over our stack of games and puzzles, I discovered a chess game. I asked Jackson if he knew how to play. He said he did.

We got out the chessboard and set it up for a game.

Jackson told us how the game is played. He said at the beginning, the Rooks go on either end of the row of squares closest to the player. Next to the Rooks are the Bishops. Then the Knights, in the center of the row, are the King and Queen. On the second row of squares closest to the player, a Pawn is placed on each square.

Jackson is nine years old. When we took him to see the new Pokeman movie, he asked if he could sit in my lap. Then we came home and he teaches us chess. That's what you call experiencing both ends of the spectrum.

He said the Rooks can move only straight ahead or sideways and can move as many blank spaces as the player decides. The Bishops move only diagonally and can, like the Rooks, move several spaces. The Knights can move a total of 3 spaces; 2 spaces in any direction, then one space wither right or

left of the previous direction (the direction it moved for 2 spaces).

The King can advance only one space at a time but can move in any direction. The Queen has the best deal of all. She can move freely about the board just about any way she pleases; ahead, behind, sideways, advancing over as many blank spaces as the player chooses.

The Pawns can move only straight ahead one space at a time, with two exceptions: They can advance two spaces on the opening move and can move sideways one space to capture an opponent's piece.

The object of the game is to capture your opponent's King. You do this by getting the King in a place where he cannot move without being captured.

A unique feature of the game is when one of your Pawns reaches the last row on the opposite end of the board; you can remove it and replace it with your captured Queen, Knight, Bishop or Rook. This puts your more important player back in the game.

I promise you Jackson did a much better job of teaching us how to play the game than I'm doing right now trying to write about it. He taught us chess in thirty minutes. A child of nine years old, taught us something we hand been in awe of and a little afraid of for over 50 years. We're not afraid anymore. We are pretty good players. After all, we learned from an excellent teacher who even lets us beat him occasionally.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Editor:

I knew we could count on the wonderful folks of Gail! Thank you for helping the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon raise a record \$54,610,289 in pledges and contributions.

Hundreds of celebrities and nearly a million volunteers worked Labor Day weekend to help "my kids." Yet, all our hats are off to you Gail residents for phoning in pledges to the Telethon on KLBK-TV, for supporting fire fighter "Fill-the-Boot" drives and other local MDA events. Your caring gives tremendous support to children and adults in Texas and to families across the country.

Thanks to you, MDA maintains 230 clinics, including the clinic at Covenant Health System in Lubbock. These havens of help are staffed by top medical experts dedicated to giving life-enhancing care to people challenged by muscle-wasting diseases.

Thanks to you, MDA will continue to accelerate worldwide research seeking treatments and cures for devastating neuromuscular disorders which affect people of all ages, both sexes and every nationality. You'll be interested to know that the breakthrough being pioneered by MDA investigators may also soon lead to therapies for heart disease, cancer, AIDS, Alzheimer's, Huntington's, Parkinson's, and cystic fibrosis.

For more information or to get involved, call your local MDA office at (806)793-5632, MDA national headquarters at (800)572-1717, or visit [www.mdaua.org](http://www.mdaua.org)

Sincerely,

Jerry Lewis  
MDA National Chairman

**Borden County ISD earns Propane Superstar award**

Borden County ISD is one recipient of the Texas Railroad Commission's annual Propane Superstar Awards.

The school has used propane since the early 1950's and Superintendent Jimmy Thomas says the conversion has saved the district thousands in energy costs.

The school district was nominated for the award by Gerry Smith of the Snyder Eddins-Walcher Company.

The Railroad Commission presents its Superstar Awards each year to public agencies, businesses, organizations and individuals who have found innovative ways to use propane as an environ-

mentally beneficial fuel.

"The winners truly set an energy efficient example for others to follow," said Michael L. Williams, the chairman of the commission.

"Each Superstar proves that propane is not only clean and efficient, but is also a beneficial fuel that can be used every day," said Williams.

"Texas produces, stores and utilizes more propane than any other state in the union," said Railroad Commissioner Charles R. Matthews.

The presentations were made at the Texas Propane Gas Association's annual convention in San Antonio.

A total of 22 awards were presented.

**IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES**

**General Election November 7<sup>th</sup>**

September 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>First Day</b> to apply for a ballot By mail
September 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Last Day</b> to register in person to vote in the Nov. General Election
October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>First Day</b> to vote early in person
October 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Last Day</b> for early voting clerk to Receive an application to vote by mail
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Last Day</b> to vote early in person
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>ELECTION DAY</b>

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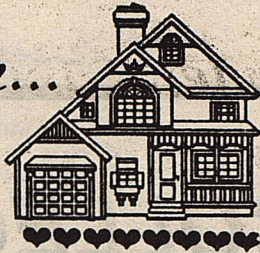
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## Heart and home...

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



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### Panhandle-South Plains Fair

As many of you know, the Panhandle-South Plains Fair is approaching quickly. It will run through Friday, September 22 and Saturday, September 30, 2000. They are looking for people to enter items in the fair exhibition, as well as for volunteers to assist with the exhibits at the fair. Many of you throughout the county have unbelievable talents as seamstresses, knitters, quilters, bakers, food preservers, artists, as well as crafters. Please consider entering some of your work in the fair. The major requirement is that it must be your work and have been completed within the past three years.

For information about the various categories under the Women's Department in which you can enter, as well as rules for entering, contact Julie at the Extension Office at (806)756-4336. Keep in mind that first, second and third place winners will

receive cash prizes.

If you choose to enter an item in the fair, we ask that you please have all items except Bread, Cake, Cookies and Candy to the Extension office by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19, so that Julie can get the items to the fairgrounds in Lubbock by noon on Wednesday. If you choose to enter Bread, Cake, cookies and Candy, we ask that you please have them to the Extension office by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20, so that Julie can get them to the fairgrounds by noon on Thursday.

We hope that you will take this opportunity to showcase your talents and represent Borden County. I apologize for the late notice of this opportunity. There are also categories for Youth, Open Crop Exhibits (which includes garden vegetables), Creative Art, and the Flower Festival.

## Consumer Alert Bridgestone/Firestone Tires

You have probably heard of the recent safety recalls of certain Bridgestone/Firestone tires. Texas Attorney General John Cornyn is monitoring this situation very closely to ensure that all Texans are treated fairly. All unsafe tires must be swiftly and properly replaced. The current recall applies to all Firestone Radial ATX and Radial ATXII tires in size P235/75/R15 produced in North America and to Wilderness AT tires in size P235/75/R15 produced at the Decatur, Illinois plant. These are light truck tires, many provided as original equipment on Ford Explorers.

Bridgestone/Firestone and Ford have announced that customers who have these tires on their vehicles may have the tires replaced at no charge at any Bridgestone/Firestone service center or Ford/Lincoln-Mercury dealer at no charge. In addition, customers may buy replace-

ment tires at any tire retailer, as long as the replacement sizes and models have been approved by Ford as suitable for the vehicle. Customers will be reimbursed by Bridgestone/Firestone up to \$100 per tire, including taxes and mounting and balancing charges. To obtain a refund, customers must keep their receipts for the replacement tires and return the recalled tires and copies of the receipts to an authorized Firestone retailer.

Bridgestone/Firestone and

Ford provide details about the recall on their websites: [www.bridgestone-firestone.com](http://www.bridgestone-firestone.com) and [www.ford.com](http://www.ford.com). Customers may also call Firestone's toll-free number, 800-465-1904, or Ford's toll free number 800-660-4719, for information about the recall.

We want to hear from you. If you have other questions about this recall effort or feel that you have been treated unfairly, please contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 800-621-0508 and 1-800-337-3928.

### Big Screen TV For Sale

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### College Student September Special

Send your college student home-town and school news for only \$10.00  
Send your students address and \$10.00 to:  
The Borden Star  
P.O. Box 137 - Gail, Texas 79738

### Mary Kay Business Debut

Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 p.m.  
Community Building, Gail,  
Product demonstrations immediately following debut  
Everyone is invited to attend!

Presented by: Tracy Cooley,  
Independent Beauty Consultant  
Refreshments

Door Prizes

### FCS Study Group Program

We will resume our monthly programs on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Building. The program will be *Water: We can't live without it*. We hope that you will be able to attend! If you would like more information, please contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336.



### Blue Grass Festival

Featuring Jimmy Martin  
Sept. 29th & 30th  
Wagon Wheel Music Park  
Snyder, TX.

915-573-2348

**See You  
at The  
Pole**

**September 20, 2000**

**a Generation Seeking God**  
Psalm 24:3-6

**Wednesday, September 20th**  
**7:30 a.m.**  
**In front of the School cafeteria**  
\*\*\*\*\*  
**Parents & Adults meet at the**  
**Courthouse Flag Pole**  
**7:30 a.m.**  
**Come join us and pray for our**  
**children and our school!**

## Southwestern University experts offer advise to parents of College Bound Students

It happens every fall. Daughters and sons across the country leave home for college. Parents from Main to Montana are thinking, "Free at last!" Or, more likely, "How can I let her go?"

Relax. Several experts at Southwestern University have pooled their pearls of wisdom about how parents can survive their teenager's first year away from home. What they can do to help and when they need to take a backseat.

James W. Hunt, acting provost and dean of the faculty; Sherri Babcock, vice president and dean of students; Lee Edwards, director of counseling services; and Teresa Williams, director of academic services and advising, offer some down-to-earth advice to parents of first-year college students.

1. Realize that things have changed enormously since you were seventeen. You may like it, you may hate it, but it's true.
2. If you did your job as a parent, your teenager was ready to leave.
3. Allow your student to experience making decisions on his or her own. Freedom is one thing - being able to set limits has to be learned.
4. Your student should establish his or her own checking account. It provides a sense of money management.
5. Regarding finances, provide your student with what is needed and a little more without allowing irresponsibility. Make surprises treats rather than bailout.
6. Send a bag of groceries back to school with a friend or surprise your student with something he or she wants or

give him or her time to develop relationships, needs that isn't part of the support your promised. Most importantly, send mail.

7. The hardest thing for parents to do is to let go. Don't meddle. Be willing to leave your student alone.
8. Don't insist on a career choice that fits your values and interests.
9. For a student trying to settle upon the choice of a course of study, the best advice is and always has been, "Do what you enjoy the most." Students pursuing areas of real interest always do the best, and doing well always opens the most doors in the long run.
10. Don't be shocked when you son or daughter questions values that you cherish. It's a natural part of developing his or her own values.
11. Parents need to find ways to take care of themselves - it is vital to the health of a son or daughter that parents don't continue to make the student the center of their lives.
12. Don't foster guilt for how much you are spending on education.
13. Ask your daughter or son about something other than grades.
14. Encourage a balanced lifestyle, paying attention to studying, relationships with new friends, work, spiritual health and physical activity.
15. Realize that their first big experience with independence will make it extremely hard to follow schedules and curfews on visits home.
16. Encourage your child to stay on campus until Thanksgiving. This will

plan weekend activities and create a new community. Well,

maybe Thanksgiving is a little too far off. At least don't let your child come home the first weekend. Or second.

17. Expect to see some changes in your daughter or son. College is - and should be - a time of growth, exploration, and questioning for a young person. It is part of growing up into an educated and self-confident adult.
18. There is no way to prepare yourself for the mood swings you'll feel as a parent, except to recognize that you'll have them.
19. Don't be offended if no one can answer your questions about your son's or daughters academic process. The law prohibits colleges from doing so.
20. Don't change your student's room into a sewing room until at least the sophomore or junior year. Make sure there is a place to come home that is familiar.
21. You've raised a child who can go out into the world and make new friends, new mistakes and new discoveries. The most positive thing parents can do is convey to their students that they trust them, love them, they are there for them, they believe in their education and they are proud of them.
22. Listen.



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## Corn Feeders – Do they attract Bucks

By Thompson Temple

Can you imagine an oak tree that drops its acorns twice a day? Let's see now. The big old oak tree is going to drop two pounds of acorns at 7:00 a.m. and two more pounds at 5:00 p.m. Wouldn't that be helpful for hunting?

Compare if you will the name acorn and corn. They are the same work except for one letter. I don not know who first invented the automatic corn feeder, but he or she did a real good job of creating a corn tree!

Well let's return to our opening question. Corn feeders – Do they attract bucks? I believe that corn feeders attract doe and does attract bucks! In dry hot years like this one the does raising little ones need all the help they can get. Even after the fawns are raised they may be skinny from feeding one or two fawns. I suggest that hunters start those feeders ASAP and turn the dial up for maximum feeding time.

The wise old buck associates the corn feeders with hunters. He avoids feeders as much as possible. The less wise buck is hanging on Uncle John's den wall. Bucks that feed after dark will usually live longer and get bigger. When a doe gets ready to breed then a big old buck becomes "less wise" and more vulnerable to hunters. A dry year like this one can cause bucks to come to corn for nourishment. This is already happening in the year 2000.

The Lord gave man dominion over the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, etc. This year demonstrates the necessity to control deer numbers. The dry weather has reduced food production for deer. A large-scale die off is possible. Use those doe tags to help balance deer numbers with food supply! Keep the wind in your face, the sun at your back and the Lord in your heart! Good hunting!



The corn feeder to the right has attracted these deer

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*Watch for our Children*

## CAPITOL COMMENT



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### GALVESTON HURRICANE REMEMBERED

*"Lend me the stone strength of the past and  
I will lend you The wings of the future..."*  
— Robinson Jeffers, 1924

On September 8, 1900, a killer hurricane struck Galveston — the deadliest storm ever experienced in the United States, and by far, the greatest natural disaster in our state's history. One hundred years later, Texans still remember those who perished in that storm, and those who survived and rebuilt their devastated community.

Galvestonians received little warning of what was about to occur that fateful day. The science of storm tracking was in its infancy. There were no weather satellites or radar systems, nor was there radio to broadcast the warning of impending danger to island residents.

That morning dawned with sunshine, a bright sky and cooler temperatures than Galveston had felt for months. It had been a summer of record high temperatures, weather that warmed Galveston Bay and had Galvestonians melting in the humidity. But the sky turned dark before the end of that Saturday. Vast waves, surging flood waters and winds of more than 120 miles an hour had overtaken the town. A tidal surge of some four feet in as many seconds inundated the city. Within a few short hours, an estimated 6,000 people in this thriving port of 37,000 died.

## Eradication making strides through Permian Basin, state

In the midst of one of the worst droughts in Texas history, cotton growers in the Permian Basin have at least one thing to celebrate — boll weevil numbers have been drastically reduced.

The reduction means that one obstacle to producing a profitable crop is well on its way to being eliminated.

The Permian Basin Eradication Zone began its effort to eradicate the No.1 cotton pest for the area with a diapause program in late summer 1999. The goal was to reduce weevil populations by 90 percent before the insects are able to overwinter.

Data from a study by Dr. Jim Leser of the Texas Agricultural Extension service the following spring showed that the effort was more than successful. Leser noted a 96 percent reduction in weevil numbers for the Permian Basin.

Spring planting for the 2000-growing season initiated the first full-season phase

of the eradication program. Foundation personnel placed traps around fields at the greater concentration than the previous fall. The increased numbers of traps allowed employees to monitor weevil activity in fields more precisely and to make treatment decisions based on the information obtained.

An added benefit of the increased number of traps is that they serve to help control weevil numbers.

This change meant fewer

acres in the zone were sprayed, as only the portions of fields that showed sufficient weevil activity were treated. As a normal part of the program, treatments were reduced further during midseason to aid in preserving beneficial insects that prey on other cotton pests. With the threat of a beet armyworm outbreak, foundation personnel took extra precautions to ensure

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## Eradication making strides

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eradication spraying would not be a major contributor to the problem.

The result was the entering into the fall the zone continues to show a marked reduction of boll weevil numbers compared with last year. During the last week of August 1999, weekly trap captures in the zone averaged 9.88. For the same week this year, the average was .22, a reduction of almost 98 percent.

Other zones in the state are enjoying similar success. Four other zones began eradication in 1999, the Western High Plains, Northwest Plains, Northern Rolling Plains and El Paso/Tran Pecos, and all have seen reductions in weevil number well in excess of 90 percent.

The Rolling Plains Central zone, to the east of the Permian Basin has seen greater than a 99.9 percent reduction in weevil counts compared with 1996, and the South Texas/Winter garden zone has seen a reduction of about 93 percent compared with 1996.

But the crowning accomplishment of the eradication effort is in the Southern Rolling Plains, the area surrounding San Angelo. This zone is scheduled to be declared functionally eradicated on Sept. 20. Texas Department of Agriculture Commission Susan Combs will make the announcement at a celebration that will take place in the Saint Ambrose Hall in Wall.

What can growers in the Permian Basin expect in the future?

First, foundation personnel will be aggressive in treating for weevils this fall. Much of the area cotton is passed cutout, and the weevils are

preparing to overwinter. Fall insecticide treatments will attempt to reduce the number of weevils that will hibernate for the winter, meaning fewer weevils will emerge to be dealt within the spring.

Next year will be much like this. Growers will again be encouraged to do all they can to cooperate with the effort, especially to allow foundation employees to have access to all sides of their fields. This will enable them to make the best decisions for treating fields, reducing the cost of the program and the amount of insecticide introduced into the environment.

Finally, with a little cooperation from the weather, growers should note less damage to their crops, lower control costs and increased yields — the goal of the eradication effort.

## Consumer Corner

### Tips On Preparing For Autumn

(NAPS)—With summer nearing an end and winter right around the corner, fall is a time to pack up warm-weather equipment and get ready for the colder months ahead. Taking care of tools and machinery now will save time when taking them out in the spring.

Boats and fishing gear benefit from a little added attention in the fall. WD-40 can be used to safely remove debris and algae build-up from a boat's surface. It also protects fishing poles and gear from rust during cold weather.

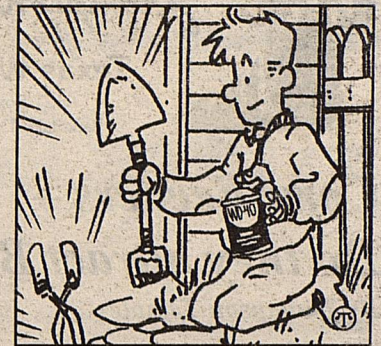
How to get those outdoor tools ready for storage? Gardening equipment such as shovels, pruning shears, hedge clippers, hoes and lawn mowers should be liberally sprayed with WD-40. Smaller items should be put in large airtight bags to keep them protected throughout the winter.

WD-40 is also helpful in removing stubborn leftovers from your barbecue grill and keeping hinges and other parts in working order. Use WD-40 only when the grill is off or coals are extinguished. After cleaning, rinse the grill with soap and water before igniting. Patio furniture gleams after being cleaned with WD-40 and a damp cloth, which will also help keep it rust-free through the winter.

Additionally, WD-40 sprayed in locks can help keep them from freezing up in the cold months ahead.

WD-40 can be used for much more than equipment maintenance. As a matter of fact, now is the last chance to enter WD-40 Company's official search to identify 2000 unique uses for the multi-purpose spray lubricant in the year 2000. The "Search for 2000 Uses" Sweepstakes carries a grand prize of \$10,000 worth of WD-40 Company stock.

The company plans to catalog the uses and share them with consumers. Entries can be submitted online at <http://www.wd40.com> through November 30, 2000, or by



Spray gardening equipment such as shovels, pruning shears and lawn mowers before winter.

mail by hand-printing name, address, phone number, age, e-mail address (if applicable) and the use for WD-40 on a piece of paper (8.5" x 11"). Entries submitted by mail must be sent to WD-40 "2000 Uses" Sweepstakes, P.O. Box 6041, Sherman Oaks, CA 91413.



## Keeping an Eye on Texas

### Texans in the 2000 Summer Olympics



Over 10,000 athletes from around the world will compete in the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia, beginning September 15. Texas will be represented by 44 talented athletes.

#### Athlete, Event, Hometown:

Amy Acuff	Track and Field	Corpus Christi
Jeff Agoos	Soccer	Dallas
Kurt Ainsworth	Baseball	Kingwood
Erin Aldrich	Track and Field	Dallas
Lance Armstrong	Cycling	Austin
Charles Austin	Track and Field	Van Vleck
Carrie Barton	Synchronized Swimming	Irving
Michele Collins	Track and Field	Garland
Mike Coolbaugh	Baseball	San Antonio
John Cotton	Baseball	Houston
Tara Cross Battle	Volleyball	Houston
Alan Culpepper	Track and Field	Fort Worth
Karol Damon	Track and Field	Austin
Josh Davis	Swimming	San Antonio
Lance Dement	Shooting	Runge
Glenn Eller	Shooting	Houston
Paul Foerster	Sailing	Garland
Chryste Gaines	Track and Field	Dallas
Chris George	Baseball	Spring
Sandra Glover	Track and Field	Palestine
Carlette Guidry	Track and Field	Austin
Jennifer Gutierrez	Triathlon	San Antonio
Floyd Heard	Track and Field	Houston
Velizar Iliev	Modern Pentathlon	San Antonio
Michael Johnson	Track and Field	Dallas
Ricardo Juarez	Boxing	Houston
Steven Lopez	Taekwondo	Sugarland
Stephen McCain	Gymnastics	Houston
Jennifer "Little Mao" McFalls	Softball	Grand Prairie
John McNally	Shooting	Rockwall/Heath
Alex O'Brien	Tennis	Amarillo
Carla Overbeck	Women's Soccer	Dallas
Nanceen Perry	Track and Field	Fairfield
Erin Phenix	Swimming	Austin
Kay Poe	Taekwondo	Houston
Jamie Rauch	Swimming	Houston
Demetria "Dee" Sance	Volleyball	San Antonio
Brandon Slay	Wrestling	Amarillo
Sheryl Swoopes	Women's Basketball	Brownfield
Stacy Sykora	Volleyball	Burleson/Garrison
Eric Thomas	Track and Field	Garrison
Sean Townsend	Gymnastics	Dallas
Laura "La-La" Wilkinson	Diving	The Woodlands
Christa "Kid" Williams	Softball	Houston

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