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Louisiana Goes Cattle Brucellosis Free; Texas Still Battling Disease

Louisiana recently earned coveted Class "Free" designation, becoming the 45th state to wipe out cattle brucellosis, a bacterial disease capable of causing cows to abort, deliver weak calves or produce less milk. This leaves only Texas, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Florida and Missouri, "cleaning up" the last vestiges of infection in this national eradication effort that spans five decades.

"We're also seeing light at the end of the tunnel, as Texas has only two herds under quarantine today. One is in Orange County, and the other is in Live Oak County," said Dr. Max Coats, head of animal health programs for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency. He predicted, however, that it could take at least a year or two to find a wipe out the last infected herds. Since January, he said, six infected herds in Texas have been found and most have been sent to slaughter (Cooked meat is safe to eat) after being "bought out" with a combination of state and federal funds. In 1999, 21 infected herds were detected in Texas, and 18 herds were "bought out."

Dr. Coats pointed out that only two states still have quarantined herds: South Dakota, which has a privately owned bison herd under quarantine, and Texas, Florida, Oklahoma and Missouri have no herds under quarantine and are fulfilling the 12-month waiting period before earning the USDA's "free" designation.

If an infected herd is detected during this period, the 12-month "clock" starts again, he said. Unless they originate in a certified brucellosis-free herd, adult cattle are tested for the disease before being sold through livestock markets, at slaughter, or prior to being moved out of state to a ranch or for sale. TAHC regulations also require cattle to be tested prior to being sold or traded by private treaty. Private practitioners may have diagnostic tests performed for brucellosis when cows abort.

"The brucellosis eradication program has not been easy for cattle producers. In the early 1950's, Texas had at least 20,000 brucellosis-infected herds, and through the years, many producers have lost valuable animals and genetics when infected animals were sent to slaughter. We are close to the finish line because of the

Southern Rolling Plains to be declared eradicated

A major milestone in the boll weevil eradication effort will be reached Sept. 20th when Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs declares the Southern Rolling Plains Eradication Zone to be functionally eradicated.

The SRP is the first zone in Texas to attain this status, which indicates there is no evidence of reproducing weevil populations within the zone.

The declaration will be part of a celebration held at the Saint Ambrose Parish Hall in Wall at 11 a.m. A barbecue lunch, provided by Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo; Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock; Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio and the Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Producers Association will follow the declaration.

"The growers in the Southern Rolling Plains put an incredible amount of effort and dedication into achieving eradication in their area and are to be congratulated on having reached their goal," said Lindy Patton, executive director of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Founda-

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Cotton producers in the SRP took a leap of faith back in 1994 by being the first in the state to initiate an eradication program. While program was proven in other states, there were still doubts whether eradication could be achieved in Texas.

Despite of brief shutdown in 1997 because of legal challenges, growers overcame the setback, and in 1998 weevil numbers had been reduced by more than 99.9 percent. The next year the area was closely monitored to confirm that it had indeed managed to

eliminate the No. 1 cotton pest.

Monitoring continues in the area, and through the middle of September, foundation traps had only caught 22 weevils, a far cry from the more than 3 million weevils caught during the program's first full year in eradication.

In the absence of weevil damage, cotton acreage has increased and pesticide use has been dramatically decreased. At a meeting with growers in Plainview, SRP grower Rodney Ripple said his fields had not been sprayed for insects, either by the foundation or by him, a single time during this growing season.

The SRP encompasses Coke, Runnels, Coleman, Irion, Tom Green, Concho, McCullough, Schleicher and Mason counties, along with a small portion of Taylor County.

COYOTE FOOTBALL

Thurs., Sept. 21st

Pep Rally 12:45 p.m. Old Gym
JH vs. Sands - There - 6:00 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 22nd

Pep Rally 3:07 p.m. HS Gym
HS vs. Sands - Here - 7:30 p.m.



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COYOTE FOOTBALL

Coyotes roped by Eagles; Look to corral Sands Mustangs this Friday night

Though doubling their offensive production from the week before, the Borden High School Coyotes' record fell to 0-2 following a 53-6 loss to Ropesville.

BHS led early, following T. J. Sharp's 63-yard run to the endzone with 5:30 remaining in the first quarter.

Ropes answered almost immediately, with a

75-yard kickoff return. The Coyotes would be unable to answer back the remainder of the evening.

Still, Sharp showed that he is one of the area's top runners. Touching the ball only eight times on rushes, he rambled for 150 yards, an impressive 18.8 average for the game. He also caught two passes for a total of ten yards.

Quarterback Jake

Zant also connected on six of 16 attempts for 57 yards and had 10 rushes for 71 yards in what was a balanced performance.

Other individual stats include the following:

Rowdy Dunlap: seven rushes for seven yards, one reception for 10 yards; Cody Nowlain, one reception for 10 yards; Raul Rodriguez, two rushes for one yard; T.C. Stipe,

one reception for 22 yards; and Talin Pepper, one reception for five yards.

Stipe's punting average for the evening—three punts total—was 27 yards.

Zant also had some special teams yardage: five kickoff returns for a 12-yard average. He also

intercepted one pass and returned it 23 yards.

Key team stats include six first downs and 286 total yards on offense.

Next up for the Coyotes are the Sands Mustangs who will visit Gail this Friday. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

Coyote Pups Display enthusiasm on and off the field; Come home with shutout victory over Ropesville, 33-0

The pep rally was just foreshadowing—the BJH Coyote Pups were indeed ready to play Thursday.

During the pep rally Thursday, the young team displayed their vocal talents by cheering with everyone on all cheers. During the game, the Coyote Pups let their playing do the talking, just as Coach Bobby Avery said they would.

Adam Carter started things off with a 43-yard touchdown run, followed by a successful PAT rush by Derek Rodriguez to give BJH a 7-0 lead in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Adam got loose again, scoring on a 26-yard run. Once again, Derek capped off the scoring with another PAT rush that left the Coyote Pups in the lead, 14-0.

With only seven seconds left before

halftime, Derek ran 58 yards for a touchdown score giving BJH a 20-0 cushion at the intermission.

It was Tyler Wallace's interception and 30-yard return that fired up the team after the halftime break. Tyler's defensive effort enabled the Coyotes to gain momentum and never give it up as they went on to score two more times in the second half.

It was from the air that BJH would score next, a nine-yard pass from Garrett Chapman to Casey Divin that put the Pups in the lead, 26-0.

Final scoring on the day was a 25-yard run, once again by Derek and the PAT run by Billy Roper that provided the final margin of victory, 33-0.

The Coyote Pups will next see action on Thursday in Ackerly where

they will take on the Mustangs at 6 p.m.

School Lunch Menu

Week of:
Sept. 25th – 29th

MONDAY: Pizza, corn, salad, fruit, juice & milk

Breakfast: Muffin, fruit, juice & milk

TUESDAY: Chicken fried steak, potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit & milk.

Breakfast: Waffles, fruit, juice & milk.

WEDNESDAY: Lettuce, carrots, salad, garlic pudding & milk.

Breakfast: Sausage, biscuit, juice & milk.

THURSDAY: Chicken nuggets, green peas, potatoes, hot rolls, fruit & milk.

Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice & milk.

FRIDAY: Cheeseburger, French fries, salad cup, cake, & milk. **Breakfast:** Pancake pup, fruit, juice & milk

OFF AND RUNNING Cross Country News By Trent Pepper



Pepper Take Bronze at Lubbock

As the lone Borden County runner competing in the Lubbock Kings Cross Country Meet on Saturday, Trent Pepper won the bronze medal, covering the three mile course in a time of 16:21. Felix Saldana of

Seminole placed first, followed by Jonathan Taylor of Lubbock Roosevelt.

All of the Borden County cross country teams will run at New Home on Saturday.

Cross Country Schedule

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

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Let Me Get My Hat!

By Dennis Poole,
Borden County CEA-Ag.

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

Quail Appreciation Day

The Borden County Quail Appreciation Day will be held Wednesday, October 11, at the county show barn in Gail. Classroom training will be offered from 8:30 – 11:45 a.m. enjoy a catered lunch from 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. and then travel to an area ranch for the afternoon session from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Topics to be discussed include nesting, nesting predators, survival of pen reared-Vs-wild bobwhites, economic impacts of quail to Texas, managing quail foods and quail cover, and troubleshooting habitat problems.

The goal of this workshop is for participants to appreciate the various components of quail management needed to produce bobwhite and scaled quail populations. Quail and quail hunting are becoming especially valuable commodities. Texas is the last strong

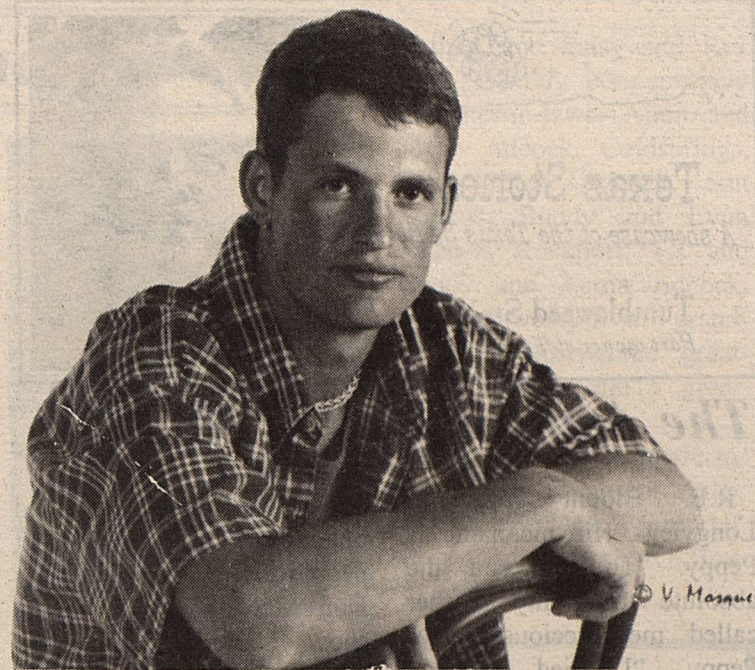
Odessa Arts & Crafts Festival September 23rd 24th

The eleventh annual Odessa Arts and Crafts Festival will be held September 23rd and 24th in the Ector County Coliseum. More than 150 exhibitors will fill the main arena and west annex with original art and hand crafted items. Hours for the show are Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. There is no admission charge.

importance of quail habitat as a potential revenue source.

Registration is \$10.00 per person if received by October 3rd and \$20.00 per person thereafter or at the door. Please send in your registration prior to October 3rd to better assist us with preparing for the noon meal and training material.

For more information please contact the Borden County Extension Office at 806/756-4335 or your local county Extension office.



Early Graduate now Attending Oregon College

Lee Kendall Pepper, son of Terry and LaRae Pepper of the Plains Community in Borden County, recently completed his high school requirements and is now attending Cascade College in Portland, Oregon. The 2000 early graduate is also competing in track at the college on a pole vaulting scholarship. Lee's plans are to get an undergraduate degree in Business Administration and then pursue a Masters in Computer Information Systems.

FFA Meat Sale

FFA Sale Items and Prices

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| 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

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| 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

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

Sweat Shirts:

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|---------------------------|---------|
| 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.

2000-2001 Football Schedule High School

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| 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

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|------------|-----------|------------|---------|-----------|
| • 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



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The Amazing Peppy Blount

R.E. Blount lives in Longview. His nickname is Peppy. "To tell you the absolute truth, my mother called me Precious," says Peppy. "I tried to say Precious and it came out Peppy. So I've been Peppy ever since."

Peppy grew up in Big Spring and was active in sports. During his years at Texas University he played on championship teams in Cotton, Orange and Sugar Bowls. He played professional football with the Chicago Bears.

"Coach George Halas paid me five hundred dollars to sign a seventy-five hundred dollars a year contract, which was more money than I had ever seen."

Peppy went into the Army right after graduation from high school in 1943 and became a pilot. He had an impressive war record before entering college. So here he was a war hero and super college football player, so someone suggested he run for the state legislature. At the age of 21, he became the youngest person ever elected to that office and represented Big Spring and San Angelo Six years.

In the 1940's he was in Chicago attending a National Council of Governments convention and managed to get on a popular nationwide morning radio show, which was in the largest building in the world at the time. I filled out a card and told about myself being from Big Spring, the youngest state representative, and how I sat in the legislature during the week and played football for Texas on weekends.

"They take all these cards

audience members have filled out and look at them to select people to be interviewed by Don McNeil. So when the show started, they were looking for Peppy Blount.

"Don asked me where Big Spring was located. I told him thank you, Don, I thought you would never ask. Big Spring, the main spring of West Texas, is a thriving little metropolis centrally located halfway between Fort Worth and El Paso, Texas with a population of eighteen thousand one hundred and six people, not counting the cattle. But to be more specific, Big Spring is located at the convergence of Mustang and Elbow Draws, which, when it rains, flows in a mighty torrent some forty miles to the east into the Colorado River, which in turn meanders and flows on down through the great state of Texas, eventually forming the gulf of Mexico.

"I'll tell you, from that moment on, he kept coming back to me during the program and everybody in West Texas heard it and it was as good as catching a pass for Texas because every time I caught a pass on the field my team mates would

Eradication making strides in Permian Basin, state

CORRECTION:

Texas Boll Weevil Foundation employees carefully monitor insect activity in cotton fields, and should the situation warrant, treatment criteria, or triggers, may be altered to protect the beneficial insect population.

Secondary pests were a concern in many areas of the State and triggers were changed for some areas near the Permian Basin Eradication Zone, but scouting reports did not indicate a need for a change in procedures in the Permian Basin.

tell me that was worth five thousand votes, Pep, you just did great there."

Peppy went to law school, got a job with an oil company and moved to Longview. In 1962, he was elected Gregg County Judge on a write-in vote. "I announced on Sunday, campaigned on Monday and was elected on Tuesday."

Peppy Blount is an impressive figure. Wherever he goes, he draws a crowd. He wrote a book about his war experiences titled "We Band of Brothers". It has just been reprinted by Eakin Press.

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BORDEN COUNTY ISD BID REQUEST

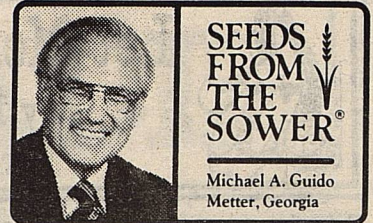
The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive bids for repair and replacement of two "post-tension" tennis courts.

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 "Tennis Court Bid". Proposals will be received up to but no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, October 13, 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; by e-mail to jthomas@esc17.net; 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



One day a fellow said to me, "I want to give my dog away."

"Why?" I asked. "He's a beautiful dog."

"Yes," he replied. "But he's not like your dog. He follows everybody, and a dog that follows everybody isn't good to anybody."

Like that man, our Lord wants loyalty. That's why He said, "Follow Me."

When you follow Him, you'll do more than exist, you'll live. You'll do more than touch, you'll feel. You'll do more than hear, you'll obey. You'll do more than take, you'll give. You'll do more than worship, you'll work.

It costs you nothing to become a friend of Christ.

But it costs you everything to be a follower. Dare you pay the price?

New physician seeking to expand local services

Remaining in Lamesa for the vast majority of health-care is now more possible than ever with the addition of Dr. Arunava Ray to the local medical community.

Dr. Ray is board certified in both internal medicine and cardiology. He has already begun working in the Medical Arts emergency room has opened a private practice here on August 14th.

"I'll be seeing all problems in adults and those over the age of 14," he said.

The services Dr. Ray brings to Lamesa and surrounding areas will allow people to receive treatment locally for a wide variety of problems, which in the past would have required a transfer to a larger hospital.

"Lamesa does not have an internist to take care of the complicated medical problems which are usually shipped to Lubbock," he said. "I'll try to see that these patients stay here so they don't have to travel a minimum of 60 miles each way to have their problems treated."

Dr. Ray said because of his specialized training in internal medicine and cardiology, he will be able to treat patients suffering from chest pains, high blood pressure, chronic obstructed pulmonary disease, heart attack, severe asthmatics, strokes, and seizure disorders, hepatitis, and cirrhosis.

"I will try to provide the best possible healthcare with cutting edge technology which will be as good as that available in Lubbock or Midland right here in Lamesa," he said.

"The incidence of heart disease is very common in Dawson County and surrounding counties. My services will be available to handle all cardiac problems."

Tests which Ray plans to make available here in the future include the ability to perform echocardiograms, a

non-invasive means that does not require surgery but which allows a doctor to look at the heart as it beats; a Holter monitor, which allows a physician to assess heart rhythm over a 24-hour period; pulmonary function tests; and continued use of electrocardiograms.

In cases where patients must be transferred, Dr. Ray said he has obtained privileges to work in Lubbock and Midland hospitals.

Dr. Ray has also received training in geriatric medicine.

"Taking care of the elderly fold is special to me," he said.

Ray completed his medical training in New York City at Brooklyn Hospital, a part of the Cornell University Presbyterian hospital system. He served as chief resident in both internal medicine and cardiology. He supervised a staff of 97 healthcare personnel and was responsible for training them as well.

Dr. Ray and his wife, Orpita, have a two-year-old daughter, Nandini.

Both the people and the potential he saw in Medical Arts Hospital attracted him to Lamesa.

"I like the community and I was attracted because of the people who are extremely nice and friendly. It's a great place for bringing up your kids," he said.

Dr. Ray added that he looks for great things in the future at Medical Arts as plans are in the works to update various medical systems.

What we'll try to do is get everything possible that is available here in Lamesa," he said. "My practice will keep on enhancing on the basis of available technology.

Dr. Ray's office will be located at 1007 N. 16th Street.

Obituary

Dottie Adcock 1913-2000

Services for Dottie Adcock, 87, of Big Spring was held Tuesday, Sept. 19th, 2000 at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Ackerly with the Rev. Clifton Igo and Rev. Derrick Looney, pastor, assisting.

Burial was held in Lamesa Memorial Park under direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Mrs. Adcock died at 5:15 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17th, 2000 at Scenic Mountain Hospital in Big Spring after a sudden illness.

She was born August 15, 1913 in Lohn, Texas to William and Mary Eller Bundick. She was the youngest of 11 children.

She married Harold Cinton Adcock in 1930 in San Marcos. He died Jan. 25, 1961.

Dottie came to Vealmoor in 1955 from San Marcos. She worked for the Vealmoor school from 1955 until 1964 in the cafeteria. When the Vealmoor school consolidated, she came to Borden County ISD and continued her work in the school cafeteria until 1967.

She moved to Big Spring where she was employed at Cowper Hospital in the food service department until her retirement.

She was a member of the Eastern Star and the Rebekah



Lodge in Big Spring where she served as "past grand matron".

She moved to Ackerly in 1978. She had been living in Big Spring the last 2 years at Marcy House, an Assisted Living Center.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Ackerly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, 10 siblings, her husband and 5 grandchildren.

She is survived by two daughters and son-in-laws, Juanita and Bill Briley,

Luther; and Patsy and Rex Zant, Ackerly. Four sons and daughter-in-laws, Alton and Joyce Adcock, Coldsprings, TX; Milton Adcock, San Marcos; Buddy and Lynn Adcock, Rockport, TX and Randy and Verna Adcock, Gail. Twenty-five grandchildren; thirty-three great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

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Drive Safely
Watch for our Children

Sept. 23rd Book Signing To Feature Peppy Blount

R.E. Peppy Blount has been a public figure in Texas since he returned from the South Pacific as a veteran of World War II. Captain Blount was highly decorated with honors including the Distinguished Flying Cross. He was a graduate of Big Spring High School and will be in Big Spring for the homecoming activities. An outstanding athlete, he played end for the University of Texas Longhorns on their 1946 Cotton Bowl, 1948 Sugar Bowl and 1949 Orange Bowl championship teams. He went on to serve as a football official for the Southwest Conference and American

Foot League. Blount was the youngest member ever elected to the Texas House of Representatives and served three terms before becoming judge of Gregg county in East Texas. Always abreast of community affairs, he has been active in the work of area Chambers of Commerce, the Salvation Army, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association and Red Cross. Peppy has emceed the East Texas Segment of the Jerry Lewis Telethon for over thirty years, helping raise six million dollars for MD research. He was awarded the DAR Medal of Honor and

inducted into the CAF Combat Airman's Hall of Fame in 1999. Peppy and his wife, Eva Jean will be a

HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM - from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23rd for the book signing.

For more information call **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM** - (915)264-1999

COLLEGE NIGHT

Thursday, September 28, 2000
7:00. - 8:30 P.M.

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Students and Parents Invited!

What will be available?

**College Representatives
College Catalogues
Scholarship Information**

Representatives from the following College will be present:

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| <i>American Commercial College</i> | <i>Stenography Institute of Texas</i> |
| <i>Angelo State University</i> | <i>Sul Ross State University</i> |
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BORDEN COUNTY ISD BID REQUEST

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive bids for stadium and tennis court lighting.

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 "Stadium and Tennis Court Lighting Bid". Proposals will be received up to but no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, October 13, 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; by e-mail to jthomas@esc17.net; or by calling 806/756-4313. Transmissions by fax may be sent to 806/756-4310.

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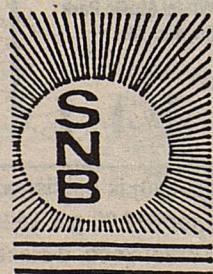
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Deer have better vision than most people have. They will spot a new deer coming far sooner than I will. After one or two deer have appeared at my stand, then I will watch those deer most of the time. Any new deer coming into view will be looked over by the deer I am watching. If I watch the existing deer, then they will spot new deer for me. Wherever they look, I look.

In fact most deer will hear or smell new deer before they see them. I certainly do not hear or smell as well as deer does. Those ears are nearly as big as the old fashioned hearing aids. Do you remember the megaphone held up to the ear to help granny hear?

I am a hunting guide, one time I guided a husband and wife for deer. It was Henry and Rose. Over a three-day period, Rose saw every deer firs. Whether we were sitting

or driving, Rose would say, "there is a buck." We would have to say "Where?" She would instruct us to look behind the tree at 100 yards. There would be a tip of an antler sticking out. She is a real helpmate. I asked Henry to let me have his wife's telephone number. Just in case something happened to Henry, then Rose could have a new home. A deer hunter like myself has to have his priorities in line - you know. I am just kidding.

Look at the far right side of the photo with this article. Do you see the buck's antler? There is one antler just barely making the photo. Did you see it before I pointed it out to you? I guarantee you that Rose would have seen it! Keep the wind in your face, the sun at your back and the Lord in your heart? Good hunting?



These two bucks have spotted a new deer coming to the stand!

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DROUGHT: THE INSTANT REPLAY

Since the days of the Republic, Texans have been toughing-out drought. We can take one year of drought, or even two. But five consecutive years of drought, such as we are experiencing now, is more than most farmers and ranchers are able to withstand.

A child born in Texas will start kindergarten this fall not knowing anything but drought. Here we go again: parched, panting, having lived through another one of the worst summers on record. Temperatures averaged up to 5 degrees above normal over large parts of our state through August. Central and West Texas received less than 25 percent of normal rainfall in July, and parts of Texas were without rain for a staggering 68 days.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports that, by the end of August, Texans had suffered \$595 million in agriculture losses — and the service is still counting.

Cotton, our *numero uno* cash crop, has been hardest hit, with economists estimating \$285 million in crop damage. Other estimated losses this year include \$125 million in wheat and \$50 million in forage crops. Hay production reached a standstill by mid-summer and producers face soaring feed, water and added irrigation costs.

At the same time, the drought has prevented many of the state's beef producers from building their herds in anticipation of stronger prices.

Aside from doing a rain dance (and I'd do that if it would help), the situation requires that we immediately bring into play all existing federal government resources that can be of assistance. Here's what's on tap for hard-pressed farmers and ranchers so far:

The House and Senate are finishing up their drought relief packages. The Senate version provides \$900 million in emergency relief for farmers and ranchers.

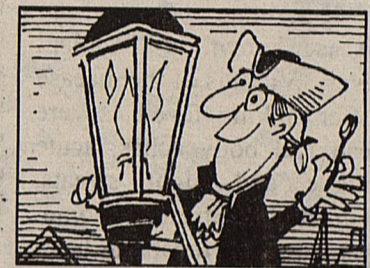
That includes \$450 million for the Livestock Assistance Program to make direct payments to eligible livestock producers who suffered grazing losses due to natural disaster, and another \$450 million for farmers who suffered crop losses due to the drought.

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The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive bids on the district's employee health insurance program for the 2000-2001 school year.

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Anticipate there will be at least that much drought relief funding in the final bill. It is probable that farmers and ranchers in most Texas counties will be eligible for the livestock and crop assistance programs. This emergency package, combined with assistance already available through the 1996 farm bill, adds up to a substantial federal response to the economic situation facing farmers and ranchers.

Currently, 180 counties in Texas have been designated for federal disaster assistance by the Secretary of Agriculture. Farmers and ranchers in those counties will now be eligible for U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) low-interest emergency loans.

In addition, to date, 36 Texas counties* have been approved by the USDA to allow their livestock to graze on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage through at least the end of September, with the possibility of extension through November 30. Under this designation, livestock grazing is allowed on cropland that has been removed from production of annual program crops, such as wheat or feed grain, and dedicated to resource-conserving cover.

There are a number of other measures Congress has adopted recently to stabilize farm income, promote savings and investment, and create a cushion for producers.

We took a major step in the right direction when Congress restored three-year income averaging for farmers, which was taken out of the tax code in 1986. That should help protect farmers from unintended tax consequences that result from the wild income fluctuations that are unique to the agricultural economy. Farmers have little control over wide swings in their income or losses caused by conditions such as the drought we're going through now.

All Texans, whether in urban areas or the country, have a stake in Texas agriculture because it plays such a prominent role in our state economy. For more information on the help being made available to farmers and ranchers at this perilous time, please contact the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency in your county, which will be listed in your local telephone directory. Or contact your member of Congress or my Washington office at (202) 224-5922.

*The 36 Texas counties released by the Secretary of Agriculture for grazing include Bailey, Baylor, Briscoe, Callahan, Castro, Childress, Cottle, Crosby, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Eastland, Fisher, Floyd, Hale, Hall, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, King, Knox, Lubbock, Martin, McCulloch, Mitchell, Motley, Nolan, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Scurry, Swisher, Taylor and Young. Dallam County has requested emergency grazing permission as well, and this request is in the works.

Louisiana Goes Cattle Brucellosis Free Texas Independence Trail Region Brochure Debuts

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The national brucellosis eradication program, headed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, was initiated in the 1950's primarily due to the disease's public health implications. Many farmers and ranchers who handled infected cows during calving, or persons who consumed unpasteurized milk or cheese from affected herds developed the human form of the disease, known as "undulant fever." Victims of the disease suffer spiking fevers, severe head and body aches, acute fatigue and night sweats. Untreated, infection sometimes led to irreparable heart damage and debilitating arthritis.

National "down-the-road" testing of cattle in the late 1950's revealed more than 100,000 brucellosis-infested herds, which were quaran-

ned to prevent cattle movement from premises. Infected cattle were shipped to slaughter, and herds were tested repeatedly until all infected animals had been removed.

"Signs of the disease, including smaller calf crops, and weak or dying calves, were fairly common when herds were heavily infected. Ranchers were anxious to rid their herds of the disease," said Dr. Coats. "But, as the amount of disease decreased, many infected herds displayed no visible signs of infection."

Furthermore, he said, routine pasteurization of milk and cheese had reduced the risks to human health. These factors diminished much of the public impetus to finish the eradication program.

"Today, cattle brucellosis

eradication is becoming a marketability issue," said Dr. Coats. "With 45 states free of infection, potential customers may not want to risk trading with entities that haven't cleaned up their herds. No one wants to import infection, and we want to enhance the marketing opportunities for our cattlemen. We feel pressure to finish cleaning up Texas herds."

The much-anticipated Texas Independent Trail Region travel guide was unveiled on September 15th during an official brochure launching at Presidio La Bahia in Goliad, Texas. The new brochure is the second in a series of trail region travel guides and is part of the Texas Historical

Commission's (THC) primary heritage tourism initiative, the Texas Travel Trails Regional Program.

Following the official launch, Texas Independence Trail Region brochures will be available at visitor centers throughout Texas. Individuals interested in obtaining the free travel guide can call 877/55-TRAIL, email the THC at thc@thc.state.tx.us or write the THC at P.O. Box 12276, Austin, Texas, 78711-2276

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES General Election November 7th

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



SEASONAL AND SENSATIONAL CARAMEL-APPLE DESSERTS



This no-fail tart is easy to make—just prepare the pastry, top with the fruit filling, and then pull the edges of the crust toward the center for a casual presentation.

When the air starts to cool and the leaves on the trees begin to change colors, fall harvest time has arrived. Whether you live in a warm or cold climate, there are foods that we all desire (maybe even crave) during certain times of the year. The culinary professionals at Pioneer Brand have developed two new recipes that focus on one of America's favorite flavor combinations at this time of year. For many, nothing tastes better during this season than apples and caramel.

Enjoy this season and spoil your family with a great-tasting caramel-apple dessert that takes advantage of

some of the convenience products so readily available. While apples are plentiful during the fall, time to peel and slice them isn't always available. Caramel-Apple Pecan Tart uses cinnamon-apple pie filling and caramel-apple dip (usually found in the produce department of your grocery store). For extra convenience, the simple-to-make crust uses biscuit and baking mix as the main ingredient. "Simply stir the pastry dough together, roll it out and place it on a baking sheet," says Marrgi Walstrom, culinary professional for Pioneer Brand. "Spoon the apple filling, caramel dip and nuts

over the top, then fold the dough toward the center to create a free-form crust." This home-style tart is casual in appearance, but very rich and "gourmet" in taste. Don't be surprised when you're asked for the recipe.

Caramel-Apple Pecan Tart

- 3 1/2 cups Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix
- 1 cup heavy (whipping) cream*
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, melted
- 1 can (21 oz.) cinnamon-apple pie filling
- 2/3 cup caramel-apple dip (usually found in the produce section)
- 1/2 cup pecan halves or pieces

In mixing bowl, stir together biscuit and baking mix, cream and butter until pastry dough forms a ball. Turn out onto surface dusted with additional biscuit and baking mix. Knead 7 to 10 times. Roll out to a 15-inch round. Fold into quarters and transfer to a 13-inch round pizza pan or baking sheet coated with cooking spray. Unfold on the pan. Spoon apple filling over pastry. Place teaspoonfuls of caramel dip over apple filling. Sprinkle pecans over top. Fold pastry dough toward center over filling (about 2 inches). Bake at 400° for 20 to 22 minutes or until golden brown. Makes 12 servings.

*Substitute 1 cup milk, if desired.

Any time, any day, everyone loves cookies—so make these Chewy Caramel-Apple Pecan Cookies to serve your family. This oatmeal cookie uses dried apples and caramel candies to create the popular autumn taste combination.

Chewy Caramel-Apple Pecan Cookies

The perfect cookie to celebrate the harvest season!

- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) margarine, softened
- 2 large eggs
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 3 1/2 cups Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix
- 2 1/2 cups old-fashioned oats
- 1 package (5 oz.) chopped dried apples (1 1/2 cups)
- 1 cup chopped pecans, toasted
- 20 caramels (1/2 of a 14-oz. package), unwrapped, each cut into 8 pieces

In large mixer bowl, beat granulated sugar, brown sugar, butter and margarine until light and fluffy. Add eggs, milk and vanilla; beat well to combine. Slowly add baking mix and oats, beating on low speed to combine. Stir in apples, pecans and caramel pieces. Cover; chill dough for at least 1 hour. Place tablespoonfuls of dough on baking sheet well coated with cooking spray. Bake at 375° for 12 to 14 minutes or until golden brown, but still slightly soft in center. Cool on baking sheet for 5 minutes. Remove to wire rack to cool completely. Makes 6 dozen cookies.

Helpful Tip: When measuring biscuit and baking mix, gently spoon mix into nested (dry) measuring cup/s. Using a metal spatula or straight-edged knife, level off the top.

For more information, visit the Pioneer Brand Web site: www.pioneerbrands.com