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West Nile Virus (WNV) Hits Hard in Texas; *Some Horses Need Vaccine 'Booster' Shots*

Cooler temperatures will bring a welcome break from mosquitoes, which this summer have transmitted West Nile Virus (WNV) to more than 800 of Texas' nearly one million horses. Few areas of the state have been spared from the spread of this disease that was introduced into the U.S. in 1999 and made its way to Texas in June 2002. Laboratory tests, most run at the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic laboratory (TVMDL) have confirmed infection horses in 149 Texas counties. WNV, a "sleeping sickness" disease, can be harbored by more than 70 species of birds, mosquitoes are responsible for spreading the disease from infected birds to a horse or human.

"For more than 14 months, we've urged owners to get their equids (horses, donkeys and mules) vaccinated against West Nile Virus," said Dr. Linda Logan, state veterinarian and executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency. Although WNV is not a regulatory disease, TAHC veterinarians and animal health inspectors have worked to increase awareness about the disease that can cause equids to

suffer swelling of the brain, develop high fever and muscle tremors, or become unable to rise. According to national statistics, WNV infection can lead to death in up to a third of infected equids, she noted.

"Now owners should talk with the private veterinarian about a 'booster' shot for equids that were vaccinated at least six months ago. This is particularly important if the animals reside in or will be traveling to areas where temperatures are warm enough to support mosquitoes through the winter," said Dr. Logan. "This booster shot can strengthen the animal's immunity, enabling it to fight off development of clinical disease."

WNV vaccine is produced by Fort Dodge Animal Health and is conditionally licensed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, explained veterinarian Terry Conger, TAHC state epidemiologist. Aside from mosquito repellents, he said the vaccine, available through veterinarians, is the only protection available against the disease that has affected nearly 12,000 horses in 38 states in 2002.

"Studies on the effectiveness of the vaccine must be completed before the vaccine gains final approval," said

veterinarian Terry Conger, TAHC's state epidemiologist. "However, preliminary reports on the vaccine's safety and effectiveness looks good. Of the 20,000 equine animals vaccinated properly in 2001, in Florida, only one was known to have developed WNV infection.

"Adequate supplies of WNV vaccine are available from the maker, but many owners have procrastinated about getting their horses immunized," said Dr. Conger. "On October 28, we talked with representatives of Fort Dodge Animal Health and were told only 750,000 doses of the vaccine have been ordered by Texas private practitioners. That's enough vaccine for only 325,000 of the state's 1 million horses, because the immunization process requires two doses of the vaccine, with the second administered three to six weeks after the first injection. Maximum disease immunity doesn't occur until three or four weeks after the second shot. To maintain disease protection, the animal needs a 'booster' shot yearly - or in warmer climates - every six months."

Dr. Logan said getting rid of mosquito breeding sites

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'Irons From The Fire Exhibit' Opens at National Ranching Heritage Center

Stories from ranches that were established as early as the mid-1800s are featured in a new National Heritage Center exhibit titled "Irons From The Fire." It utilizes more than 100 branding irons to convey the ranches' personal genealogy.

The exhibit hangs in the

DeVitt-Mallet Museum Building and can be seen at no charge from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Brands were called "the heraldry of the range" by noted author and chronicler J.

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Former BHS Track Standout Running for SPC

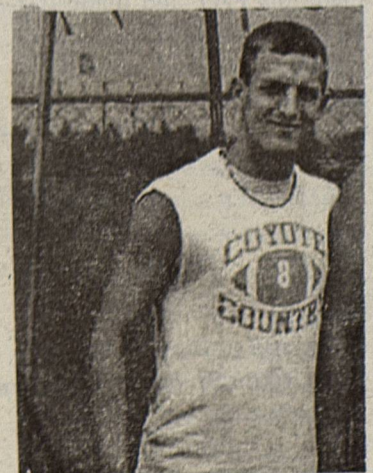
By Sue Jane Mayes

T. C. Stipe, son of Connie and Gary Stipe of Gail and a 2002 graduate of Borden High School, just can't seem to get enough of running.

In high school, Stipe ran the distance races—the 3-mile cross-country events, the 800m, and the mile.

Now he's in college and running five miles each race—but it's paying for college so he isn't complaining too much.

Stipe received a scholarship from South Plains College last spring and the former Coyote has been busy this fall on the collegiate running



T.C. Stipe

schedule.

This weekend SPC hosts the National Jr. College Cross-Country Meet, and Stipe is currently the 4th

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Jr. High Closes Season with 35-0 Win over Loop Longhorns

As told to reporter by Rowdy Clary, John Cowart, and Dore Rodriguez—*totally objective reporting*

With a little help from my friends, here is—as best as I can tell—what really happened last week at Loop at the junior high's last game of the season. Thanks, guys, for your insight.

Dore: "Of course, I had a great block when Michael scored on a 30-yard rush for a touchdown in the opening quarter."

Rowdy: "Of course, I had a great deep snap on the PAT."

John: "Of course, I had a great hold on Michael's successful PAT kick."

Dore: "Yeah, and Curtis, he like wow, ran wild, broke some tackles and almost broke for a touchdown."

Rowdy: "Precisely what I saw, too, Dore."

John: "Yeppers, and Michael finished off the drive with his 23-yard rush."

Rowdy: "Of course, I had a great snap on the PAT kick."

John: "Of course, I had a great hold on the PAT kick."

Dore: "Of course, you guys did. That's why Michael made his PAT and made it a 16-0 Coyote lead."

John: "Michael rushed for another score in the second quarter, thanks, of course, to my block and Zane's block."

Dore: "Of course, I helped, too, with a good block."

Rowdy: "Well, the blocking was good on the other side of the ball because Loop blocked our PAT this time, keeping our lead to 22-0."

Dore: "At halftime, we talked to Coach and suggested that we let me run with the ball."

John: "Of course, he listened to us, and sure enough, in the 4th quarter Dore picked up 10 yards on a running play."

Rowdy: "The Michael took over and scored for us again, this time from 20 yards out."

Dore: "Actually, before that scoring drive, we had another one I forgot to mention."

John: "You forgot something?"

Dore: "Yeah, hard to believe, isn't it? Well, Michael scored from 40 yards out when Rowdy, Zane, Taylor made key blocks."

Rowdy: "Did you mention my name?"

Dore: "No."

John: "But Rowdy, remember that you did give a great deep snap that Michael caught. He then threw to Zane for a PAT."

Rowdy: "Oh, yeah. Well, I guess we better mention some defensive highlights."

Dore: "Of course, I had at least two solo sacks and assisted with some other tackles."

John: "That's exactly what I did—Zane and I teamed up on some."

Rowdy: "I caused a fumble, but Loop recovered, but one time we did recover a fumble—Jacob Froman picked up a Loop miscue"

Rinehart Tops BHS Runners With 11th Place Cross Country Runners Finish Season at Regional Meet

The rain held off for just awhile, but soggy conditions and damp air made the 2002 Region II-A meet a challenge nonetheless.

Sophomore Cassidy Rinehart, who qualified for state as a freshman, just missed out on a return trip as she hit the finish line in 11th place—the top ten earn

which had been caused by..."

John: "Me!"

Dore: "Michael did intercept a pass, and I think I rushed on the play helping to set it up."

Rowdy: "You did, and Clint Chapman played a great game at corner, too."

John: "We should mention that the 7th grade had a goal line stand late in the game when they held Loop on downs."

Dore: "And, did you see that Quentin Shafer and Pascual Espinoza pick up some big yardage on rushing?"

Rowdy: "Yeah, and Miller Valentine did a good job at quarterback with Logan Howard and, Brice Smith on the line."

The junior high finishes with a 3-5 season record.

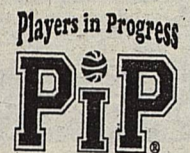
automatic berths to Round Rock.

Dalene Kempf, Micah Hensley, Emily Mayes, Shayla Gass, Menda James, and Ashley James were the other BHS representatives for this year's girls' team.

In the boys' competition, BHS runners were Shane Tarleton, Austin Tarleton, Andrew Lamming, Aaron Pigford, Ben Griffin, Garrett Thomas, and Trey Soto.

This year's cross country coach is Kevin James.

Borden County PIP Program



Don't miss out on the best way to start kids in Sports! PIP is more than just basketball!

***Skills *Discipline *Confidence *Fun**

Plans are underway for a PIPs program to be started at Borden County for kindergarten through 6th grade students. The workouts will begin the first Wednesday in November from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. The first PIP performance for the public will be presented during the Borden County Basketball tournament, and four other times during Friday night home games throughout the basketball season.

What is PIP? Performance groups specializing in basketball skills, drills, and tricks

Who Are PIPs? Kindergarten through sixth graders.

Where are PIP Groups? PIP is a national organization with groups formed through schools, churches, recreation centers, city-wide or any other designated group.

Where do PIPs Perform? At local basketball games and local events, such as parades and carnivals. We will perform at Borden County basketball games throughout the season. Approx. 5 times.

Why PIPs?

- To create an early interest in basketball and sports.
- To encourage the development of ball handling skills
- To improve agility, physical skills and general fitness.
- To stimulate individual work and self-discipline
- TO BUILD SELF-CONFIDENCE

****PIP is a program of Practice, Performances and Character Development.*****

In addition, PIP allows each child the opportunity to perform in front of a crowd and overcome that nervousness (fear) that keeps so many from trying new things.

PIP allows each child to "mess up" and keep going – a valuable lesson!

PIP allows each child to work at his/her own level and be successful.

Everyone leaves the PIP Floor a Winner!

Program Cost: **\$5.00** Registration Deadline: **Noon, Nov. 4th**
***Start-Up Camp: Each PIP season begins with a camp directed by coaches from the National PIP Organization. Every child will receive a PIP Basketball, a PIP T-shirt and PIP Shorts.**

The \$5.00 will cover the cost of the basketball. The coaches will keep the shorts and shirts and will be handed out on performance day.

Camp Date: **Thursday, Nov. 7th** Time: **4:00 – 8:00 p.m.**
Location: **Borden Co. Gym** Parents Meeting: **7:15 p.m.**
Weekly Practice: **Wednesday, 5:00 – 6:00 Starting second week of November**

Turn in forms to: **Coach Richey or Coach James**

For further information about our local group contact: Trey or Hayley Richey @ (806)75604417 hm, or 756-4313 work

Parents Club News

Meeting Planned

The Parents Club will have a meeting on Monday, November 11th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Building in Gail. Please come and support the Parents Club.

Student Directories

The Student Directories are ready to be purchased. The

cost is \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. Contact any Parent Club member to purchase yours.

COYOTE FOOTBALL

Fri, Nov. 18st.

Coyotes vs Grady

There - 7:30 p.m.

Coyotes Prep for Showdown with Grady; Playoff Berth on the Line After Win Over Loop

By Sue Jane Mayes

It's a simple formula now for the Borden Coyotes: win Friday over Grady at Grady and the playoff spot is secure.

After last week's closer than expected win over Loop, 26-25, BHS is tied with Grady for second place with 3-1 district records.

Sands, with a perfect 4-0 record, will clinch the district title if they win over this week.

The Coyotes once again faced a wet, soggy field and a dangerous opponent with one of the area's overall best athletes.

BHS managed just one first quarter score, with 5:55 on the clock, when Derek Rodriguez broke around the end for a 9-yard touchdown run.

Rodriguez's score capped off a 10-play drive that used up half of the first quarter of play.

T.J. Sharp's kick failed, but the Coyotes led 6-0.

The Coyotes held Loop on their only possession of the quarter.

Sharp sacked the Loop quarterback with help from the rushing efforts of Raul Rodriguez.

Lozano's stop on the Loop runner on 4th and two at midfield gave the ball back to the Coyotes.

Loop, however, returned the favor and showed signs that they had come to play.

Starting at midfield, the Coyotes suffered a sack, a bad snap, and a 4th and long situation, which ended with an incomplete pass.

After taking over, the Longhorns could do little against both Sharp and Rodriguez who continued to hammer away at the runners.

Loop did manage to pick up a first down on the drive, but the runner fumbled and Ben Griffin recovered at the Coyote 34-yard line.

Adam Carter took the handoff from Brionne Jackson and moved the ball

nine yards into Longhorn territory.

Derek picked up another five yards and then Sharp earned the first down on a six-yard gain made possible by Carter's great block on the line.

A facemask penalty netted 15 more yards for the Coyotes, and then Sharp took it in for a 9-yard touchdown run.

A heavy Longhorn rush once again blocked the PAT effort.

The 12-0 half-time lead was not much breathing room as the Coyotes were soon to discover.

Loop, who saw that narrow margin as a bit of a moral victory, came out and scored three times in the third quarter to take the lead.

The first score came on their opening drive after the kickoff, marching 50 yards in six plays for a touchdown.

The PAT was a pass play that went for one point, making it a 12-7 game.

Loop then attempted an onside kick and worked it to perfection, taking over on the Coyote 35-yard line.

Two plays later the Longhorns shocked the Coyotes and their fans and probably themselves with a 31-yard pass play which made it 13-12 Loop lead with 4:48 remaining in the third quarter.

Anticipating another onside kick, the BHS fell on the ball (Carter) and started their drive with good field position at the Loop 36-yard line.

Carter took the handoff and went 18 yards for a first down.

Here the drive stalled, and Loop held the Coyotes on downs inside the five-yard line.

Loop then capitalized on the momentum swing and wasted little time in taking the lead back from the Coyotes.

With only :31 remaining in the quarter, the Longhorns turned to Garza again who broke for a 56-yard touchdown run to give Loop a 19-13 lead.

Carter fell on the onside kick attempt again, setting BHS up with 1s^t and 15 from the Longhorn 32-yard line.

This time the Coyotes used the great field position and were able to get in the endzone on a Derek Rodriguez 8-yard rush.

Sharp's kick was true this time, and BHS regained the lead, 20-19.

Facing 4th and 3 on the Coyote 17, the Longhorns called timeout with right at five minutes to play in the game.

Loop picked up just enough yardage to keep the drive alive and scored on a 4-yard pass to go ahead, 25-20.

Loop's onside kick game backfired on them, as the ball did not travel the necessary yardage.

BHS only needed to go 37 yards to score, take the lead, and win; however, clock management was a factor, too, because of Loop's potent running back. If the Coyotes scored too soon, Loop would have time to return the favor.

Good blocking by Sharp helped Derek pick up 14 yards. A personal foul against Loop also aided the cause. Sharp even had some luck on his side when he picked up a fumble in the Coyote backfield.

Rodriguez finally found the endzone from six yards out with only :49 remaining in the game.

Leading 26-25, the Coyote defense did the job and shut down Loop to win the district game.

Game time for Friday's district finale is 7:30 at Tunnell Field at Grady.

Stat Highlights

Sharp: 16 rushes for 134 yards and one TD; Derek Rodriguez: 14 rushes for 92 yards, 3 TD's
Leading tacklers: Sharp with 15, Talin Pepper with 11

Borden County High School Basketball Schedule 2002-2003

Date	Opponent	Site	Teams	Time
Nov. 5	**Roby	H	G,g	6:00
Nov. 12	New Home	T	G,g - B,b	4:00
Nov. 16	Slaton	T	G - g	4:00
Nov. 19	Post	H	G - g	4:00
	Lubbock	H	B - b	5:00
Nov. 22	Shallowater	T	G,g - B,b	5:00
Nov. 25	Coahoma	H	G,g - B,b	4:00
Nov. 26	Jayton	T	G,g - B,b	4:00
Dec. 3	Coahoma	T	G,g - B,b	4:00
Dec. 5-7	Borden Co. Tourney		G - B	TBA
Dec. 9	Idalou	H	G,g - B,b	4:00
Dec. 12-14	Stanton Tourney		G - B	TBA
Dec. 16	Forsan	H	G,g - B,b	4:00
Dec. 20	Crosbyton	T	G,g - B,b	4:00
Dec. 26-28	Post Tourney		G - B	TBA
Dec. 30	Jayton	H	G,g - B,b	TBA
Jan. 3	*Sands	T	G,g - B,b	4:00
Jan. 7	*Grady	T	G,g - B,b	4:00
Jan. 10	*Dawson	H	G,g - B,b	4:00
Jan. 14	*Klondike	T	G,g - B,b	4:00
Jan. 16-18	Forsan JV Tourney		g - b	TBA
Jan. 17	*Ira	H	G,g - B,b	4:00
Jan. 21	*Sands	H	G,g - B,b	4:00
Jan. 24	*Grady	H	G,g - B,b	4:00
Jan. 28	*Dawson	T	G,g - B,b	4:00
Jan. 30	*Klondike	H	G,g - B,b	4:00
Feb. 4	*Ira	T	G,g - B,b	4:00

*District Games **Scrimmages
G - B: Varsity g - b: Junior Varsity

Girls Coach: Kevin James
Boys Coach: Trey Richey
Assistant Coach: Bobby Avery

Jr. High and JV Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Teams	Time
Nov. 11	Dawson	H	G - B	6:00
Nov. 16	Sands Tourney			TBA
Nov. 18	Ira	H	G - B	6:00
Nov. 23	O'Donnell Tourney		G - B	TBA
Nov. 25	*Sands	T	G - B	6:00
Dec. 2	*Grady	H	G - B	6:00
Dec. 9	*Klondike	T	G - B	6:00
Dec. 16	*Dawson	T	G - B	6:00
Jan. 6	*Ira	T	G - B	6:00
Jan. 13	*Sands	H	G - B	6:00
Jan. 20	*Grady	T	G - B	6:00
Jan. 27	*Klondike	H	G - B	6:00

Girls Coach: Kevin James
Boys Coach: Trey Richey & Bobby Avery

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Gaither Homecoming Artist Makes Local Appearance

Anthony Burger, a regular performer on the popular Gaither Homecoming Videos, will be appearing Sunday, November 24th, in Big Spring, TX. The location of the event will be at Trinity Baptist Church, 810 Eleventh Place in Big Spring with the concert beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The Gaither Homecoming videos have enjoyed recent broadcast success on the television network, TNN, as well as garnering Billboard Magazine's number spot for video sales surpassing artists such as Garth Brooks and Britney Spears. Anthony's career as a successful Christian Recording artist has taken him to places such as the Beacon Theater in New York City, the White House, the Kennedy Center, Billy Graham Crusades, Gather Homecoming Concerts and across international borders of Canada, Ireland, Scotland, England and the Caribbean. His amazing story of overcoming debilitating burns on his hands as a child has been an inspiration to those facing unfavorable odds and circumstances.

For more information regarding Anthony's appearance contact Trinity Baptist

Church at 915/267-5344 or for information regarding Anthony visit www.anthonymburger.com.

Anthony Burger Biography

As an eight-month-old toddler, Anthony Burger was just learning to walk with the aid of a walker. The Burger family home has an old floor furnace, and the wheels of Anthony's walker caught in the grate as he passed over it. As the walker turned over, he was thrown onto the furnace and sustained third degree burns on his legs, face and both hands. For an entire year, Anthony had to be carried on a pillow and receive three medicated baths each day. Doctors left his parents with very little hope that he would have the full use of his hands. Who could have known that not only would those hands make a full and miraculous recovery, but that their musical ability and accompanying story would prove to be an inspiration to millions.

By the age of three Anthony was already playing the piano and was on his way to becoming a renowned pianist worldwide. Recognized as the youngest

student to be accepted into the University of Tennessee's Cadek Conservatory of Music in Chattanooga, his career playing the piano has become a phenomenon that has touched hearts around the world. Among his numerous awards and achievements, Anthony has made regular appearances on the Gaither Homecoming Videos, which on numerous occasions have topped the Billboard sales charts.

Anthony continues to transcend not only the borders of countries, but beyond the boundaries of musical styles to share his talent and amazing story each year.

Veteran's Day Activities at the VA Medical Center, Big Spring

You are invited to the annual community-wide Veteran's Day Program that will be held in front of the VA Medical Center at 300 Veterans Boulevard in Big Spring, on Monday, Nov. 11, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. colonel Gary N. Sadler, Vice Commander, 17th Training Wing, Goodfellow Air Force

Base, Texas, will serve as this year's guest speaker.

In addition to Colonel Sadler, the Goodfellow Air Force Base Honor Guard, the Howard College Nighthawk Jazz Band, veterans' organizations and many school groups will be attending and participating in the program.

Branon Funeral Home

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To the Borden County Community,

I want to express my appreciation for your thoughtfulness during my recent illness. Your thoughts, prayers, and concern meant a lot to my family and me. Students, faculty, church, and community members make Gail a special place. It is a privilege to live in such a caring, close-knit community.

Thank you,
Bill Tarleton



Christmas Decorating Contest



Make your plans now to enter your home and /or yard in the Christmas Decorating Contest sponsored by Lights for Gail. Entries will be judged on originality, quality and visual impact, and will be judged by an impartial judge. Prizes will be awarded for the top three winners and will be announced in the Borden Star and at the Lighting of the Star.

Join in the fun, complete and mail the entry form below and help decorate Gail for the Holidays!

Christmas Decorating Contest

Name: _____

Physical Address: _____ Phone: _____

Directions to home: _____

Mail your entry to "Lights for Gail - Christmas Decorating Contest", P.O. Box 312, Gail, TX 79738. All entries must be received by November 25, 2002, and the location of the entry must be within a two-mile radius of Borden County Courthouse. Judging will be done on Friday, November 29, 2002, between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on outside decorating of your home and/or yard.

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Cabbage - Kale - Fall Mums

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Heart and home...

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



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Junior 4-H Club to Meet

The Borden County Junior 4-H Club will meet on Monday, October 11 from 3:45 to 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. Our program will be about community service. The community service project for

the month will be preparing the canned food boxes for distribution. Any youth ages 9 (or currently enrolled in 3rd grade) through 8th grade are invited to attend. For more information contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or borden-tx@tamu.edu.

County 4-H Food Show Results

4-H'ers have been involved in the 4-H Food and Nutrition project during the month of October. Participants have learned about nutrition, food safety and basic food preparation skills.

Food & Nutrition project members had the opportunity to compete in the Borden County 4-H Food Show. This allows the youth to select and prepare a dish in one of four categories (main dish, breads and cereals, fruits and vegetables, and nutritious snacks) and compete in one of three age divisions (junior 1, junior 2, and senior). The youth are also required to answer questions about their dish, as well as questions about nutrition (the Food Guide Pyramid and nutrients in their dish).

The Borden County 4-H Food Show was held on Thursday, October 24 in the Community Building. The following 4-H'ers competed: Lacey Roberts, Junior 1 Nutritious Snacks, Raylea Underwood, Junior 1 Fruit & Vegetable, and Shylo Rinehart, Junior 2 Main Dish. All of the participants did a very nice job exhibiting their dish and demonstrating the knowledge they gained through the project. Participants received a ribbon. All three of these young

ladies received first place and will advance to the District 2 4-H Food Show in Levelland this Saturday, November 9.

4-H CLUB NEWS

4-H Canned Food Drive

The Borden County 4-H Club will be holding the 2002 4-H Canned Food Drive from Monday, Nov. 4th through Thurs. Nov. 7th. The canned food will be picked up on Friday, Nov. 8th. The food collected goes to feed families here in Borden County.

Canned items or other non-perishable food items will be gladly accepted. Please do not donate dented, bulging or rusty cans.

You may contact the County Extension office @ 756-4336, if you have any questions or need further information. We greatly appreciate your assistance in this worthwhile project.

Kids *STILL* Say the Darndest Things



English IV Student Reporters: Sunni Shipp, April Bouressa, Brandy Shafer, Pati Rodriguez and Kyla Culp

Question: "If you got to live anywhere in the world, where would you live and why?"



Kaylin Massingill
1st Grade

"In Dallas, because George Strait is always there."



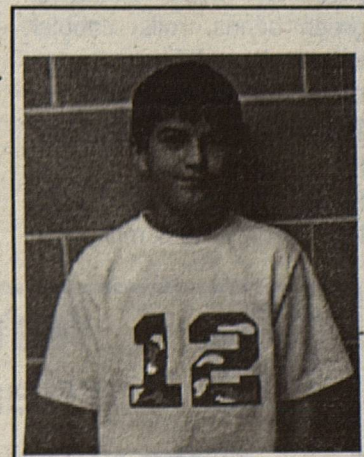
Lexi Peterson
2nd Grade

"Hawaii, because it is warn."



Chris Teel
3rd Grade

"I would like to live here, because the people are nice here."



Tony Soto
4th Grade

"Australia, so I can catch a pet kangaroo."



6th Annual Borden County Home for the Holidays "The Spirit of Christmas"

multi-county program series

Thursday, November 14, 2002

6:00 p.m. in the

County Show Barn in Gail

The favor of a reply is requested.

Please contact the Extension Office at (806)756-4336 or borden-tx@tamu.edu to RSVP.

A nominal fee of \$8 per person will be charged at the door to cover the costs of food, program and craft supplies, and the recipe book.

We hope that you will join us for a tasting of delicious recipes, fun and easy holiday crafts, food garnishing, helpful holiday hints and delightful holiday decorations.

We will have fellowship and punch from 6:00 to 6:20 p.m. to allow an opportunity for everyone to visit.

The program will begin promptly at 6:20 p.m.

We will seek to provide all reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for any Extension program. We request that you contact your Texas Cooperative Extension office as soon as possible to advise of auxiliary aid that you will require.

Former BHS Standout

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performer on a team fielding several runners—in cross country events, the top five times are scored.

Stipe has traveled to meets at Las Vegas, New Mexico, Hobbs, New Mexico, and College, Station, Texas, this fall.

His best finish as a 12th place at regionals, which qualified him for the national meet.

His best time in the five-mile race is 28:40.00.

One big difference, other than distance, that Stipe has noticed is the daily regimen. He and the team members usually run 8 or 9 miles a

day, depending on the week's competition.

Every other day they rise early—6 a.m.—for their morning run and then hit the pavement again at 3 p.m.

Stipe is a freshman on a young team, which only has two sophomores running.

Coach Lance Bingham will also use Stipe this year in track, particularly in the 800m run which is Stipe's specialty.

During his high school career at BHS, Stipe qualified for state three times in cross country, finishing in the top ten twice.

He then went to Austin three times, medaling in 2001

in the 800m run with a second-place finish.

He is a criminal justice major who hopes to transfer to the University of Texas upon graduation from South Plains College and work towards a career in the FBI.

Stipe and teammates will run this Saturday in Levelland where SPC is hosting the national meet.

Times can be accessed on the college's website at www.spc.edu.

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Gail Baptist Church
Call: 806/756-4363
Mobile No: 759-9472



From the Counselor:
By Mary Airhart

TASP Test Scheduled

Counselors from Western Texas College in Snyder will be on campus at Borden County on Wednesday, November 13, 2002, to administer the TASP (Texas Academic Skills Program) to those junior and senior students who still need to pass one or more of the three sections of the test. Testing will begin at 11:50 a.m. in the conference room. Students must have a picture ID (Driver's License) and a check or money order for \$29 to NES (National Evaluation systems).

The TASP must be taken before a student may be admitted to college classes.

The student must pass the math section before taking College Algebra, the reading and writing sections before taking English Composition, and at least the reading section before taking courses such as Government, History, etc.

A practice test may be found on the TASP Web site at: www.tasp.nesinc.com and a limited number of practice booklets are available in the counselor's office. If you have questions concerning the TASP, please contact Dan Osborne at WTC: 915/573-8511, Ext. 313 or Mary Airhart at Borden County School @ 756-4313.

Gail FFA Begins Cookie Dough Sale

The Gail FFA Chapter has officially kicked off its second fund-raiser of the year! The chapter will be selling tubs of cookie dough and frozen pie pastries. The sale items will range from \$10.00 to \$15.00 in price.

The Sale will conclude on Wednesday, November 13th. Items will arrive during the second week of December for the holidays.

The chapter is excited about this new product and looks forward to working with the community in this sale.

These items will replace the fruit items sold in the past. Anyone wishing to make a purchase is encouraged to contact a FFA member or Buddy Wallace at 806/756-4478 (home) or 806/756-4313 (work).

2002 FFA Members:

Whitney Anderson, Megan Brooks, Andrew Lamming, Brandi Hudson, J Ryan Gicklhorn, Caden Nowlain, Cassidy Ogden, Aaron Pigford, Austin Tarleton, Trey Soto, Garrett Thomas, Ben Griffin, LaShae Johnson, Cassidy Rinehart, Tyler

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West Nile Virus

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will help reduce the risk of disease transmission to both animals and humans. She urged equine owners to drain sources of stagnant water and to keep troughs cleaned and filled with fresh water.

"In all likelihood, WNV will continue to spread, but in making a diagnosis in equids, we need always to consider rabies or other diseases that can cause animals to be disoriented," explained Dr. Logan. "Although fairly rare, rabies can strike livestock, and owners who handle an animal stricken with rabies should contact their physician immediately. It's important to follow through with your veterinary practitioner to get a diagnosis confirmed when livestock become extremely sick or die, especially if they exhibit signs of neurological distress, such as inability to rise, stumbling, head swinging or disorientation. You should notify your veterinary practitioner or the TAHC at 1-800-550-8242."

ATTENTION Flu shots

The Flu Shots will be coming soon to Borden County. Watch for date, time and location in upcoming issues of the Borden Star.

**DON'T DRINK
and DRIVE!**

School Menu Week Of:

Nov. 11th - 15th

MONDAY: Pizza, corn, salad, fruit-a-roo & milk.

Breakfast: Muffin, fruit juice & milk.



TUESDAY: Chicken Fried steak, green beans, potatoes, hot rolls, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Pancake pup, fruit juice & milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken & Rice, carrot sticks, green peas, bread sticks, pudding & milk. **Breakfast:** Biscuit & Gravy, fruit juice & milk

THURSDAY: Turkey & Dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, rolls, cobbler & milk. **Breakfast:** Cereal, toast, fruit juice, & milk.

FRIDAY: Cheeseburger, French fries, salad, cookies & milk. **Breakfast:** French toast, fruit juice & milk

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Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain

The "Star" on Gail Mountain will be sponsored on the following nights:

Nov. 30 - In Honor of:

Delmo & Martha Pearce
By the Citizens of Borden County

Dec. 1 - In Memory of:

Sterling & Gladys Williams
By Warren & Betty Beaver

Dec. 5 - In Memory of:

Edward Smith
By Warren & Betty Beaver

Dec. 8 - In Memory of:

Joe & Mayola Bradshaw
By Edgar & Margaret Ray,
Steve & Dorothy Barrington

Dec. 12 - In memory of:

Mr. & Mrs. Lillo S. Munger
By Marjorie Munger
Middleton

Dec. 18 - In Honor of the:

Terry Millenbine Family
By Terry Millenbine

Dec. 18 - In Memory of the:

J. K. Mitchell Family
By Warren & Betty Beaver

Dec. 19 - In Honor of the:

Terry Millenbine Family
By Terry Millenbine

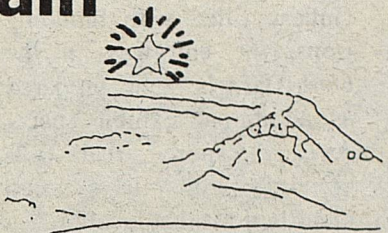
Dec. 25 - In Memory of:

Stanley Bennett
By Delmo Pearce

In Memory of:

Paul H. Logsdon
By Louise Logsdon

Light bulbs for the "Star" on Gail Mountain are being



sponsored for the following:

IN MEMORY OF:

Clay Kingston, Garland Doyle

By Eva Doyle

J. Pat Porter, Lela Porter, Skeet Porter

By Bob & Cookie Dyess

Joe Bradshaw, Mayola Bradshaw

By Edgar & Margaret Ray,

Steve & Dorothy Barrington

Thomas W. Hale Family
By Pauline Stephens

Paul H. Logsdon

By Louise Logsdon

Zada Chapman

By D. T. & Jean Chapman

IN HONOR OF:

Kyle Jennings, Dean Jennings, Madolyn McCormick, McCrae McCormick, Justin Cox, Corey Cox

By Warren & Betty Beaver

Horace Hale, Tom N. Hale

By Pauline Stephens

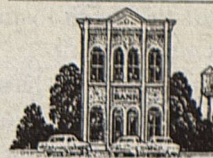
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Tips from your Community Banker

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Paying with cash is the simplest alternative. With ATMs, you can access cash 24-hours a day and you don't have to worry about fees, identification checks, machines or security numbers. Cash is accepted by all merchants and you don't run up your debt because it is money you already have. If you want to keep your transaction private, cash allows you to make your purchase anonymously. A drawback in paying with cash is the absence of a paper trail should you need to resolve a dispute that might arise over a defective product. Additionally, carrying large amounts of cash may create security concerns and make budgeting difficult.

PERSONAL CHECKS

Checks are easy to use and are routinely accepted by merchants, service providers and individuals. Using checks can keep your from overextending and allows you to build a good payment history. You can also "stop payment" on a personal check, but you have to act quickly and be prepared to defend your actions when the merchant demands payment. Remember, your financial institution will charge your account a fee to stop payment on a check.

CREDIT CARDS

With credit cards, you can buy goods or services now and pay for them later, although you may pay interest charges. Credit cards are easy to use and widely accepted by merchants. Credit cards also offer excellent consumer protections and are safer to carry than cash. The Federal Truth in Lending Act limits your losses to a maximum of \$50 if your credit card is lost or stolen. Paying by credit card offers you the best legal remedies against billing errors, damaged merchandise and other problems buyers may encounter.

DEBIT CARDS

Debit cards look like credit cards but work more like checks because the money is deducted directly from your checking or savings account. Using a debit card is easier and faster than writing a check. Remember to immediately deduct your debit card transactions and fees from your checkbook balance. Safeguard your account number and Personal Identification Number and be sure no one can see the keypad at the ATM or checkout counter when using your debit card. Be aware that you don't have the merchant dispute protection of a credit card and your

liability can be greater.

Other payment system alternatives include;

COMPUTER BANKING that allows you to pay bills, move money and perform other banking functions 24-hours a day using your computer.

DIRECT PAYMENT allows you to automatically pay bills such as your mortgage and car payment without writing or mailing checks. This is accomplished by a prearranged automatic withdrawal from your checking account or credit card.

TELEPHONE BANKING allows you to pay bills anytime using a touch-tone phone.

TELEPHONE DEBIT allows you to authorize a merchant to electronically withdraw from your checking account by providing your bank routing and checking numbers. With this option, you can avoid late fees on bills or speed delivery of goods. Be sure to give this information only to reputable merchants and not in response to unsolicited calls that may prove fraudulent.

There are many payment options available to you. Regardless of which option you choose, always keep receipts, warranties and other documentation. Without these important papers, it's your work against the merchant's in a dispute.

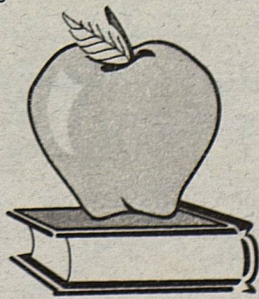
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Keeping an Eye on Texas

Teachers in Demand

Texas will need more than 82,000 new teachers by 2008. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects teaching as one of the fastest-growing occupations over the next decade, with demand continuing to increase.

In addition to signing bonuses of up to \$3,000, Texas teachers just received a \$3,000 pay increase - the highest across-the-board increase nationwide - raising the average teacher salary to \$38,857.



Sources: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and the Texas Workforce Commission.

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Irons From The Fire Exhibit

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Evetts Haley. He and others likened and rancher's brand to a coat of arms. The iron was a symbol of ownership and the ranchers' way of protecting his herd from rustlers on the long trail drives and in the vast grazing spreads in the years before barbed wire and railroad.

The idea for the exhibit began in September 2000, when the National Ranching Heritage Center announced a program to collect, document and exhibit historical and contemporary branding irons.

"As we accepted the branding irons from donors, what came with them was very interesting information," said the center's associate Director Marsha Gustafson.

"Some information was moving, some of it was right out of history books. Often, a strong sense of pride was conveyed about the owners' heritage, and some irons came with no information at all. They are the mysteries we hope to unravel as people see the exhibit."

One story from Andrew Kershen of Hereford, Texas, told about the ranch that had been a part of the Great Mounts Pasture from 1885 to 1921. The land joined the XIT on the east, about 10 miles west of what is now Hereford, Texas. In April 1919, a terrible snowstorm killed thousands of cattle, including many of those belonging to the owner.

The story goes that he never recovered the loss and died two years later. The Great Mounts Pasture was subsequently broken up and sold off.

Another account accompanied a branding iron used by Edgar J. Jones in Moore County, Texas, beginning in 1920. In 1941, his father bought a ranch in Knox County just northeast of Truscott. Edgar moved there with his wife and children to farm and ranch in partnership with his son, Vernon, raising Hereford cattle.

In 1980, the Army Corps of Engineers condemned the

core of the ranch to form the Truscott Brine Lake.

Branding irons have been donated from as far away as Indiana, California and Colorado. The CT branding irons from Bert Lloyd of Lubbock described a relative's ranch in New Mexico.

Lloyd's brother and the ranch owner, Cecil Terry, married sisters. Cecil and his wife had no children, and their ranch was described as "a high, lonesome old place and a long way from anywhere," Lloyd recalled as a young man going there to hunt prairie dogs.

The staff is documenting and preserving branding irons as symbols of the ranching industry in an effort to make the National Ranching Heritage Center a widely recognized repository for the irons, both contemporary and historical. Each branding iron is exhibited with an image of the brand on a descriptive label. Information is provided about the brand, donor and ranch on which the iron is or was used.

From Plains, the TE Connected brand is an example of the pride displayed by many ranch families for their heritage and way of life. The TE branding iron was made and given to his new baby boy by Bill Harris Powell when Ty Earl was born in 1944. The child was also given a heifer calf for a baby gift to carry the brand. Registered in Yoakum County, the brand has been in continuous use ever since.

Most of the irons show wear and use, but not all of their owners came from a ranching background. Such is the story of Fred Zimmerman Sr. as told by his grandson and namesake, Fred Zimmerman III of Lubbock, when he donated the Z iron to the Center's collection.

Zimmerman Sr. was a native of Oregon. He was from a privileged background, having graduated from Stanford in 1907, where he was president of the crew

team.

"The story goes that he was employed by a large hop merchant in San Francisco as its Oregon representative," Gustafson said. "He resigned and purchased an interest in F. Zimmerman & Co. of Portland, 'importers and jobbers of liquors.' In 1914, Oregon voted to go 'dry' effective Jan. 1, 1916, and F. Zimmerman & Co. began liquidating its assets.

"Fred left for Texas and using the money he had made as a liquor representative, he had a 38-year career accumulating land in Deaf Smith, Oldham and Floyd counties. He used the Z brand until his death in 1954, his grandson told us."

The history of the Charles Moline family's Half Circle M branding iron also came with an interesting past, he added. The ranch land in what is now Parker and Palo Pinto counties had once been a bounty paid to young man named William Malone, who later died at the Alamo.

"The irons in this exhibit are representative of the support the Center has received from people who believe that the branding iron stands out as an important emblem of ranching's long tradition, and that its story deserves to be preserved," Gustafson said.

"We appreciate everyone who donated branding irons

to this exhibit, and we encourage others to add these symbols of their own ranching heritage to this collection."

As the Pioneer Room Gallery filled with branding irons, the entryway in the 6666 Barn is being prepared as additional exhibit space. Already more than 30 branding irons have been identified for that location.

"The exhibit is a popular one with many people because of the tradition involved. Branding livestock-burning a mark on an animal's skin with a hot iron - is an ancient practice. It was brought to the Western Hemisphere by European colonizers with their herds of domestic cattle, horses and sheep," said Jim Pfluger, executive director of the National Ranching Heritage Center.

One of the earliest brands approved in Texas was recorded in San Antonio de Bexar in 1742. Richard H. Chisholm recorded the first Anglo-owned brand in Gonzales County almost a century later in 1832 - four years before Texas Independence.

In Texas, a brand must be registered with the county clerk to legally use it in that county. Brands must be re-recorded every 10 years by the current owner to retain exclusive privilege to use the

brand in that county.

The 4 brand is an example of an iron with a long and proud history. The Cluck family in Gurver, Texas, has used it on the Harper Ranch for more than 90 years. The 4 began with Quentin Cluck Harper's great-great-grandfather in 1908.

"I am proud to have this as my brand now," Harper said. "The brand is in its fifth generation, and it's a source of pride for me to be able to carry on my family's tradition," he said.

According to Gustafson, the Irons From The Fire exhibit allows the National Ranching Heritage Center to be a prominent source of information about branding irons, as well as the ranches and ranchers, they represent.

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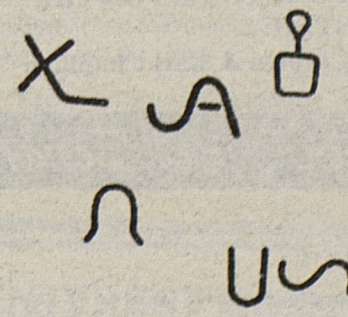
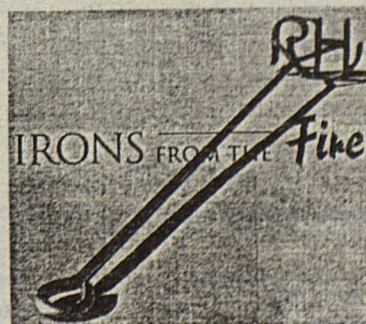
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- > Watch for students walking and riding bicycles
- > Be prepared to slow down and stop when school buses flash yellow and red lights.

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