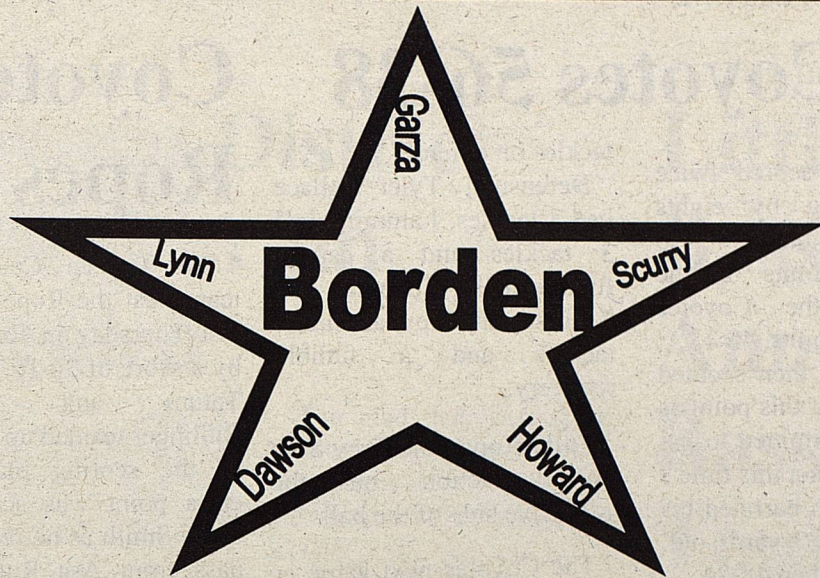


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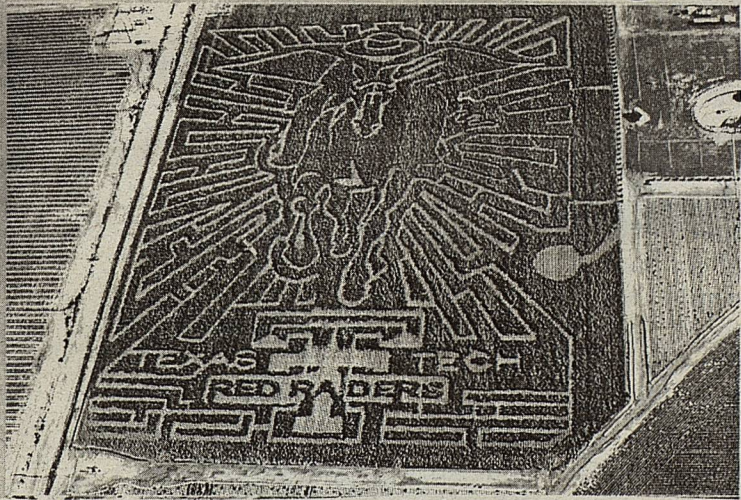


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Popular MAIZE Returns for 4th Season with a Brand New Design



LUBBOCK – With 12 acres of corn planted and their new mind-boggling design now created, the Simpson family is bringing the “MAIZE craze” back to Lubbock. The popular labyrinth that drew twenty-thousand visitors last fall, has once again gotten curious maze-goers lost when it opened to the public on September 11th.

This year’s design is in the shape of The Texas Tech Masked Rider.

The MAIZE will be open:

Sept. 11th – Nov. 27th

Mon – Fri 8 am – 3 pm (Schools by reservation)

Mon – Thurs 5 pm – 10 pm (Groups by reservation)

Friday – 10 am – 10 pm (General Public)

Saturday – 10 am – 10 pm (General Public)

Sunday – 2 pm – 10 pm (General Public)

Teens & Adults: \$6 - Ages 5-12: \$4 - Age 4 & under: Free

\$2 off with a military or college ID

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Borden County Maintenance working to preserve transportation system

Annual maintenance costs for the state highway system now exceed the money the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) receives annually from the 20-cent-a-gallon state gas tax.

State and federal gas taxes, which currently finance most highway improvements, are yielding less and less revenue because the taxes are not tied to inflation, and today’s cars use less gasoline per mile. Due to the state receiving less revenue, Russel Lenz, Abilene District Engineer, says the department must look for ways to stretch its transportation dollars.

“One way we have been able to stretch our dollars here in the Abilene District,” Lenz said, “is by relying heavily on our experienced maintenance employees throughout the 13-county Abilene District. We depend on our maintenance crews to maintain and preserve state roadways in the most safe and efficient manner possible.”

“Additionally,” Lenz says, “TxDOT maintenance supervisors, like Jibber Herridge here in Borden County, do an outstanding job of identifying, scheduling and performing roadway maintenance needs.”

The maintenance crews in Borden County have many responsibilities.

“For example, in addition to maintaining the roadways themselves by doing such things as filling potholes, repairing cracked pavement, ditch work, delineation and signing,” Herridge said, “our crews are also responsible for the inspection of jobs being performed by contract maintenance personnel. Some of these contracted jobs include mowing, litter pick up, guard rail repair, maintaining picnic areas, and

other roadway maintenance contracts.”

During Fiscal Year 2003, TxDOT spent \$615,951.40 on labor, equipment and materials in Borden County on work performed by TxDOT employees to maintain the transportation system. In addition, \$183,909.25 was spent in the county on contracted maintenance activities administered by TxDOT personnel.

“We’re perceived as a big road-building machine,” says

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Lighting of the Star Meeting Planned

Date: Monday, September 20th, 2004

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Commissioners Courtroom –
Borden County Courthouse

Everyone is invited to come and help make plans for this year's Lighting of the Star in November

COYOTE FOOTBALL

Thursday, September 16th.

JH & JV Football - Grady - H - 6:00/7:30

Friday, September 17th

HS Football - Grady - There - 7:30 p.m.

GO COYOTES!!

Join the Crowd and Back the Coyotes!



God Bless America!



Eagles Up set Coyotes 56-38

The Ropes Eagles came to Gail last Friday night and upset the two-touchdown favorite, the Coyotes. The Coyotes began the first half sluggish and allowed the Eagles 32 first half points, 24 of them came in the second quarter. At one time the Coyotes were 30 points down in the third quarter, 48-18. Then the Coyotes made a comeback, a touchdown was scored, a fumble by the eagles was recovered by a Coyote and then the Coyotes put another touchdown on the board and an on-side kick attempt was successful and the Coyotes put another score on the board. The Coyotes were now with in ten points of the eagles, each team scoring 6 touchdowns each at that point. But the come back was staged too late and too little as the Eagles sealed the Coyotes fate late in the game by putting another 8 points on the board late in the game.

The 2-1 Coyotes are so close to being 3-0 and rolling against a tough schedule. They could play "What If" games all day, but the fact of the matter is they are still 1-2. They play good football at times and then at times they play with no intensity or motivation. A good team cannot do that.

The Coyotes scored first in the game, on their first possession as Derek Rodriguez bulled into the end zone from less than one yard out. The PAT kick was blocked and the score was 6-0.

The Eagles scored twice before the Coyotes could answer. With the score 6-16 Rodriguez scored from 20 yards out. The PAT kick was blocked and the score 16-12.

The Eagles would score two more times before the half to make the score 32 to 12.

The Coyotes scored first in the second half as Rodriguez ran in from 5 yards out. The PAT kick was again no good, making the score 32 to

18.

The Eagles scored twice more counting by eights they put another 16 unanswered points on the board and the Coyotes trailed by 30 points, 48-18.

The Coyotes then seemed to come alive at this point as they were determined to get into the end zone, this time J Ryan Gicklhorn barreled his way over from 3 yards out. The score was then 48-24.

Then the Coyotes killed an Eagle drive as Gicklhorn stripped an Eagle of the ball and Caden Nowlain recovered it. Just a few plays later, Rodriguez goes over for six more closing that gap to 48-30.

The Coyote special team kicker Gicklhorn attempted an on-side kick and it worked as Andrew Lamming recovered the ball for the Coyotes. A few plays later Gicklhorn caught a pass from Adam Carter and ran over a host of Eagles to get to the end zone for a 14 yard td gain. The score was 48-36.

With 1:28 left in the game the Eagles scored again and put the game out of reach for the Coyotes.

Statistical leaders for the Coyotes were Rodriguez who carried the ball 12 times for 75 yards and 4 touchdowns. He also caught 2 passes for 20 yards, and had 14 tackles on defense.

Garrett Thomas carried the ball 18 times for 87 yards. He caught 3 passes for 28 yards.

Chase Pinkerton carried the 2 times for 36 yards. He caught one pass for 14 yards and had 5 tackles on defense.

Gicklhorn carried the ball 1 time for 3 yards and a TD, he caught 5 passes for 42 yards and a td, and he had 5 tackles and forced a fumble on defense.

John Wilson caught 3 passes for 62 yards. Wilson had 8 tackles on defense.

Adam Carter completed 14 of 20 passes for 166 yards no interceptions and one touchdown. Carter had 9

tackles on defense.

Defensively Tyler Wallace had 3 tackles, Lamming had 3 tackles and a caused fumble, Clint Chapman had 7 tackles and Nowlain had 2 tackles and a fumble recovery.

Billy Roper and Trey Soto shared action on the offensive side of the ball.

The Coyotes next game is next Friday, September 17 in Grady at 7:30.

Pups Defeather Eagles 34-26

The Borden County Coyote Junior High football team defeated the Ropes Eagles last Thursday in Ropes by a score of 34-26. The Pups scored on their first possession of the game. On 4th down Jake Cooley hit Flynn Chapman on a 4th down play that kept the ball alive and was good for an 18 yard gain. Then on 3rd down Jake hit Carl Lamming for an 8 yard gain and a first down. Then Michael Cooley carried the ball in for the touchdown from 15 yards out. Clay Harding carried the extra point over for one point to make our lead 7-0.

The Eagles scored on their next possession but missed the extra point. The Coyote Pups still kept the lead 7-6.

The Pups score next as Michael Cooley ran the kick-off back for a touchdown.

Harding again carried the point after over to make the score 14-6. The Pups were moving the ball and had a chance to push their lead to 20-6 but did not get that task accomplished as the ball went over on downs and just before the half the Eagles would score again a close

Coyote JV Wins in Ropes 34-16

The Borden County JV team beat the Ropes Eagles last Thursday in Ropesville by a score of 34-16. Bradley Tatum and Michael Bullinger teamed up on most of the scoring plays. An extra point was scored by Brice Smith as he received a pass from Asa Rutherford. Zane Williamson had a good night intercepting the ball as

he picked off four Ropes passes and returned one for a touchdown. Miller Valentine, Timothy Crenshaw, Quentin Shafer, Logan Howard, Symeron Rinehart, Pascual Espinoza and Taylor Peterson all saw time in the ball game.

The JV's next game is Thursday, September 16 here against Grady.

the deficit at the half to 14-12.

To hold the Eagles first possession of the second half Carl Lamming caused a fumble and recovered it for the Pups. But the Eagles held the Pups on downs and then run 60 yards for touchdown, kick the extra point good to take the lead for the first time in the game, 20-14.

The lead did not last long as Jake Cooley returns the kick 65 yards for a TD. Michael Cooley ran the ball over for the one point PAT and the score read 21-20 in favor of the Pups.

The Pup defense held the Eagles again and increase their lead as Michael Cooley ran the ball over from 20 yards out. The extra point failed and the score read 27-20.

The Eagles then ran the kick off back for a touchdown, missed the extra point and the score was now 27-26 in favor of the Pups.

Jake Cooley ran the ball in to the end zone from 44 yards out to seal the victory for the Pups. Michael ran the one point PAT over to make the score 34-26.

Every Pup got to play in the game and every one of them learned a lot of football. Drew Tyler, Tyrell Massingill, Skyler Dear, Eric Espinoza, Brendan Tarleton, Kegun Clement, Robert Thompson and Cory Teel, all received time on both sides of the ball.

The Pups next game is Thursday, September 16 in Gail against Grady.

School Menu Week Of:

Sept. 20th - 24th, 2004

MONDAY: Frito Pie, Salad, Pinto Beans, Fruit, & Milk. **Breakfast:** Hot Pockets, Fruit Juice & Milk.

TUESDAY: Chicken Nuggets, Potatoes, Corn, Hot Rolls, Fruit & Milk **Breakfast:** Biscuit & Gravy, Sausage, Juice & Milk

WEDNESDAY: Lasagna, Carrots, Salad, Garlic Toast, Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** French Toast Sticks, Fruit Juice & Milk

THURSDAY: Meatballs & Spaghetti, Salad, Green Peas, Bread Sticks, Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** Muffin, Fruit Juice, & Milk.

FRIDAY: BBQ Sandwich, Beans, French Fries, Fruit, Brownies & Milk. **Breakfast:** Cereal & Toast, Fruit Juice & Milk

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19th Congressional District Debate & Issues Forum Scheduled Decided

The political candidates vying for the 19th Congressional District seat have agreed on dates, format and guidelines for the debates taking place before the election on Tuesday, November 2.

"I am very pleased that we have an agreement and I'm looking forward to debating the issues with my opponents," said Charlie Stenholm. "There are big issues affecting Wet Texas that we need to discuss so voters can decide who will best represent them in Washington."

Two dates have been scheduled, one on October 5 and the other on October 12.

The debates will occur in Lubbock and Abilene, but no decision has been made yet as to which one will take place first.

"This election is about the serious challenges facing our nation, and voters need every opportunity to hear from the candidates about how they plan to face those challenges. So, I am very pleased that Congressman Stenholm, Dr. Peterson, and I have reached an agreement on debates this fall. The debates we have set up will give the voters of the 19th District a good look at each candidate's position and allow for a full and open discussion of the issues," Randy Neugebauer said.

"I'm glad that we will be able to debate issues of great importance to our nation and constituents. The debates will give me an opportunity to raise issues related to (i) national defense and resumption of a military draft, (ii) government deficits, taxes, and social security funding needs, and (iii) the erosion of our constitutional rights and personal freedoms through recent government laws and regulations. If, through the debate process, I can convince the other candidates to support appropriate policies, I will feel my campaign has been successful," said Chip Peterson, the Libertarian candidate.

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Littlefield Bassmasters Announce Plans Bass Fishing Tournament

The Littlefield Bassmasters will host a tournament at Lake Alan Henry on October 2nd, 2004. Cash Prizes for the largest bass and the second largest bass caught each hour will be awarded. Largest bass for the day and the smallest bass caught for the day will be awarded additional Cash Prizes. Each person entering will be given a goody bag and the opportunity to win raffle prizes at the end of the tournament. For more information contact Max Smithey at 806/385-6716 after 6:00 p.m. or 806-787-6716 during the day or can be e-mailed at mssmithey@nts-online.net.

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The local chamber of the city will be the host for its debate, and the League of Women Voters and the local universities will be co-sponsors.

Coyote Varsity Football Schedule for Fall 2004

Scrimmage:

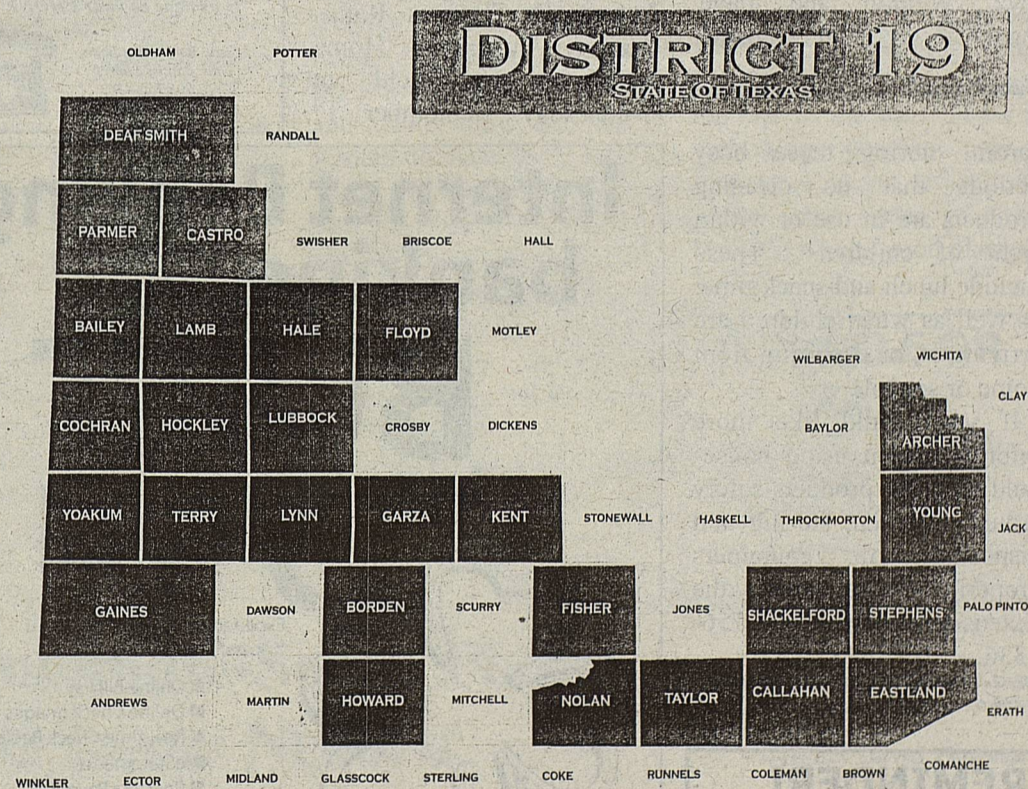
Friday, August 20th, Aspermont & Motley Co.

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 27 th	New Home	Here	7:30
Sept. 3 rd	Meadow	There	7:30
Sept. 10 th	Ropes	Here	7:30
Sept. 17 th	Grady	There	7:30
Sept. 24 th	Wellman	There	7:30
Oct. 1 st	OPEN		
Oct. 8 th	** Westbrook	Here	7:30
Oct. 15 th	* Loraine	There	7:30
Oct. 22 nd	* Ira	Here	7:30
Oct. 29 th	* Highland	There	7:30
Nov. 5 th	* Trent	Here	7:30

*District Games ** Homecoming

Junior Varsity and Junior High Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Team	Time
Aug. 26 th	New Home	There	JV	5:30
Sept. 2 nd	Meadow	Here	JH & JV	6:00
Sept. 9 th	Ropes	There	JH & JV	5:30
Sept. 16 th	Grady	Here	JH & JV	6:00
Sept. 23 rd	Wellman	Here	JH & JV	6:00
Sept. 30 th	Trent	There	JH & JV	6:00
Oct. 7 th	Westbrook	There	JH & JV	6:00
Oct. 14 th	Loraine	Here	JH	6:00
Oct. 21 st	Ira	There	JH & JV	6:00
Oct. 28 th	Highland	Here	JH & JV	6:00



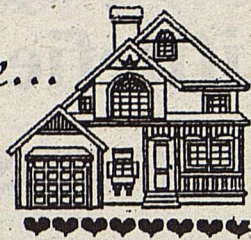
PUBLIC NOTICE – FINANCIAL INTEGRITY RATING SYSTEM OF TEXAS BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC MEETING 7:00 P.M. – SEPTEMBER 28, 2004

The Borden County Independent School District Will Conduct a public meeting as required by State Law to review the District's Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas which is referred to as the FIRST Rating. This meeting will take place in the Borden County School Cafeteria at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 28, 2004

The 2004 School First ratings were based upon an analysis of staff and student data reported for the 2002-2003 school year, and budgetary and actual financial data for the 2003 fiscal year.

Heart and home...

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



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Cook it Safely: Safe Food Tips with Microwaves

Microwaves are an invaluable aid in speeding up mealtime, but consumers need to exercise special care to ensure food safety when preparing or reheating meats and eggs in the microwave. Follow these tips, provided by USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service, to make your microwaving experiences memorable for all the right reasons.

§ Arrange food items evenly in a covered dish and add some liquid if needed. Cover the dish with a lid or plastic wrap; loosen or vent to let steam escape. The moist heat that results will destroy bacteria and ensure uniform cooking. Oven cooking bags are also good alternatives.

§ Avoid cooking large cuts of meat on high (100%) power. Cooking these large cuts at medium (50%) power for longer periods of time allows heat to conduct deeper into the meat without overcooking outer areas.

§ Stir or rotate food once or twice during microwaving to eliminate cold spots where bacteria can survive and to cook the dish more evenly.

§ Never partially cook food in the microwave and store for later use. If you plan to finish cooking a partially-cooked microwaved food on a grill or in a conventional oven, transfer the microwaved food

to the other heat source immediately. Verify the food has reached a safe temperature by using a food thermometer or the microwave oven's temperature probe (not available in some microwaves). Place the thermometer in the thickest area of the meat, away from fat or bone. Observe standing times so the cooking can complete.

§ Cut out this handy temperature guide for future use.

Information obtained from the Texas Beef Council.

SAFETY IN STORE

As we fight the ongoing battle against germs, it's important to remember that household cleaning products should be used - and stored - with care. Accidental exposure happens most often with children under age 5. The most common age for accidental exposure is age 1, followed by age 2 - as you know, these are the ages when children are actively exploring their surroundings. In about half the cases, accidents occur while the product is in use.

Typically, accidental exposure occurs during busy periods: **in the home**, this is often between 4:00 and 8:00 P.M., when there is maximum activity, confusion and distractions. **In child care settings**, where the number of children makes germ control an even greater challenge, there are several busy periods throughout the day. Parents, teachers, and staff members must be

Obituary

Sarah Estelle Hampton 1913-2004

Sarah Estelle Hampton, 91, of Ballinger went home to be with the Lord on August 29th 2004 at Regency House of San Angelo after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born April 2, 1913, in Runnels County to R.B. and Ida Dorthula Ingle. She married William Luther Hampton on May 25, 1935. She graduated from Ballinger High School in 1931 and from Shannon School of Nursing in 1962. She worked at the Ballinger Memorial Hospital until her retirement in 1985.

She is survived by two daughters and son-in-laws, Norma Joyce and Frank Herridge of Gail, Sharon and Bobby Smith of Ballinger; two sons and daughter-in-laws, Weldon and Faye Hampton of San Angelo,

careful during these busy periods that no cleaning products are in use or within sight of children. These include lunch and snack time, as well as when children are arriving at, or departing from home or school.

If you would like more information on using household cleaning products safely around children, storing and disposing of containers properly, please contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336.

Soap and Detergent Association, Clean and Safe brochure

REMINDER!

A Student Immunization Clinic will be held in the School Nurse's Office on Tues., Sept. 21st.

Adult Flu Shots will be given in October. Watch the Borden Star for more details -



Larry and Nancy Hampton Abilene. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Luther, and grandchildren, Jessica Hampton, Ricky Smith and Vicky Smith. She was a long standing member of the Seventh Street Baptist Church of Ballinger.

Family visitation was held from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 31, 2004 at Rains-Seale Funeral Home. Services were held on Wednesday, September 1st,

2004 at the Seventh Street Baptist Church in Ballinger at 1:00 PM with Rev. David Williams officiating. Burial followed in Old Runnels Cemetery.

Pallbearers were her grandsons, Maurice Herridge, Norman Joe "Jibber" Herridge, Patrick Herridge, Alan Smith, Gary Smith, Robert Hampton, Russell Hampton, and Brian Hampton.

The family requests memorials be made to Hospice of San Angelo or the American Cancer Society.

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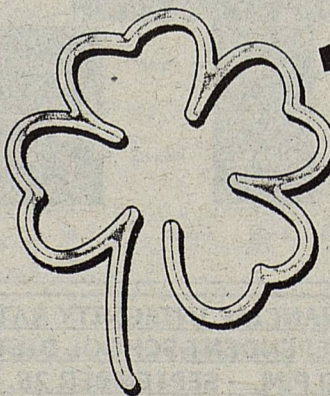


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Breathing the Fresh Air of Alaska

Alaska was the only state I hadn't visited. I didn't really think much about it until recent years when friends started going there on cruisers and came back with stories about the beauty of the place. We got something in the mail about a cruise to Alaska and I looked at it and gave it over to my wife Susan.

"I've always wanted to go to Alaska," she said. "I've wanted to go since I read my first Edna Ferber novel in grade school."

That was news to me. We've been married a long time and that was the first mention I can recall of her saying she wanted to go to Alaska.

We went the first week in August. The cruise left Vancouver, went to Ketchikan, Juneau and Skagway and then docked at Whittier, near Anchorage. The ship was comfortable. I could live on a cruise ship.

We were active on and off the ship. We took the stairs most of the time on the ship, hiked and took float trips in Juneau and Skagway.

We've been back three weeks now and I've been

trying to think of words to describe the trip to Alaska. Overall, I came back feeling cleansed and refreshed. Alaska's pristine elegance is so relaxing. The water, the mountains, the glaciers, the wildlife, the feeling like you're in a new young place are all so invigorating. There are still places in Alaska that are unexplored, so the frontier atmosphere still prevails. The excitement of the gold rush lingers.

When I came back, I wanted peace and harmony. I didn't want to hear any noisy talk shows on the radio. I didn't want to be in traffic. I wanted to hear classical music. I wanted to think about the gray skies and blue water and white snow and ice. I wanted to hear the crashing sound of glacier ice falling into the water. I wanted to see the whales, the bears, the orange starfish, the harbor seals, icebergs and sea otters. This was a voyage of discovery that gave me a new perspective.

The three towns we visited were small. Juneau, the capital of Alaska, has only 30,000 residents. Most of the commerce is from cruise

ships. The stores shut down in the winter and the workers go to the Caribbean or Hawaii. "Only about 600 people live there during the winter," someone said about Skagway.

We toured Anchorage after we got off the ship. I was surprised to see such a modern city with nearly three hundred thousand residents. The total population of Alaska is just over half a million.

I was expecting to see a lot of older people on the trip. Wrong. The thirty and under crowd was there in abundance. They were thrilled to be seeing the tranquil and majestic beauty of sea, sky and ice covered mountains. The college kids who have summer jobs as drivers or guides were extremely sharp and having a good time. Alaska will be celebrating just fifty years of statehood in 2009. It's a young place for young people.

The ocean is so intriguing. We watched the gray green foam from the sides and near the rear of the ship. There is something peaceful about looking at water. Everybody needs some water in their life. Alaska is a good place to get it.

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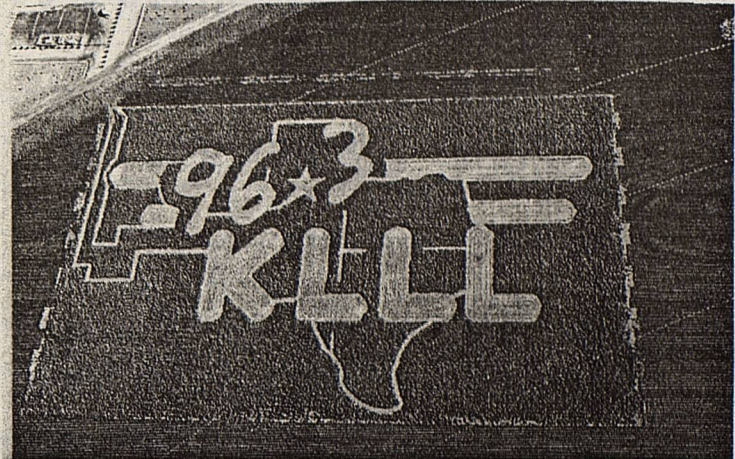
Panhandle-South Plains Fair Items Needed

Anyone that needs assistance in entering handmade items or goods in the Panhandle-South Plains Fair, please contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336. Entries must be submitted on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 21st and 22nd. For more information, visit the fair web site at

<http://www.southplainsfair.com> or contact the Extension Office.

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Popular MAIZE Returns for 4th Season with a Brand New Design



A brand new maize has been designed this year for Halloween, sponsored by KLLL, with a portion of the proceeds going to Children's Miracle Network. This maze will be open nightly from 7-10 pm from October 22 - October 31st.

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR
FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT**

ConocoPhillips 4001 Penbrook, Odessa, TX 79762 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

Applicant proposes to inject fluid into the **Sprayberry** formation, **West Jo-Mill** Unit, Well No **913**. The proposed injection well is located **16 miles SW** from **Gail, TX** in the **Jo Mill (Sprayberry)** Field in **Borden County, TX**. Fluid will be injected into the subsurface depth interval **7400 - 74500'**

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show that they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within 15 days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Drawer 12967, Austin, Texas 78711- (512)463-6780.



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**Post Lions Club Presents
Southern Gospel Music
Concert**

Lovers of Southern Gospel Music will not want to miss the "Stars of Gospel Music" concert presented by the Post Lions Club in the Post Elementary School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 18th.

"Jubil-Heirs" will be the featured group. They were organized in 1989 by Jerry and Laura McElroy and are based in the Metroplex area. Jerry and Laura have both been inducted into the "Country Gospel Music Hall of Fame" and the group was honored with the "Group of the Year" award in 1992 by the Southern Gospel Music Association.

"Patricia Patrick & Second Generation" will be adding their talents to the program. Patricia is joined by her daughter Sheree Gailey and

sister Debby Smith. Most week-ends will find them on the road with their Prison Ministry.

Rounding out the evening's entertainment are, Patty Chapman, a soloist from Brownfield and "Nikki", a Talent Contest winner from Abilene, has just been added to the list of performers.

There is now admission charge but a Love Offering will be taken to help the club support projects such as the Lions Eye-bank and Free Eyeglasses for Less Fortunate Individuals.

For more information, contact Post Lions Club President, Joe Duran at 495-2558.

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS
HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS**

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date (s) shown below, and then publicly read.

**CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES
CONTRACT(S)**

Dist/Div: **Abilene**

Contract 6121-38-001 for "ON DEMAND" MBGF in **SCURRY County**, etc. will be opened on **October 05, 2004** at **2:00 p.m.** at the District Office for an estimate of **\$52,380.00**.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Pre-qualified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit pre-qualification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Pre-qualification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 14101

State Office

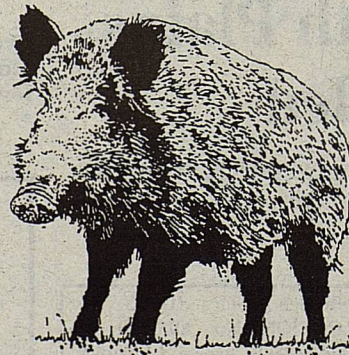
Constr./Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)

Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, TX 79601
Phone: 915-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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**SPIRIT GARMENTS !
ORDER NOW !**

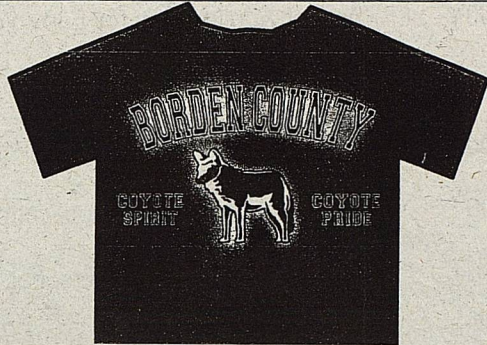
All garments will be RED with a custom design for our school and accented in school colors (see below).

Reserve your shirts today and wear them to all athletic events, to school, and around town.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR ORDER FORM BY YOUR ANNOUNCED DEADLINE.

Prices are as follows:

GARMENT	PRICE
T-SHIRT	\$ 16.00
LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRT	\$ 19.00
SWEATSHIRT	\$ 25.00



Go Coyotes!

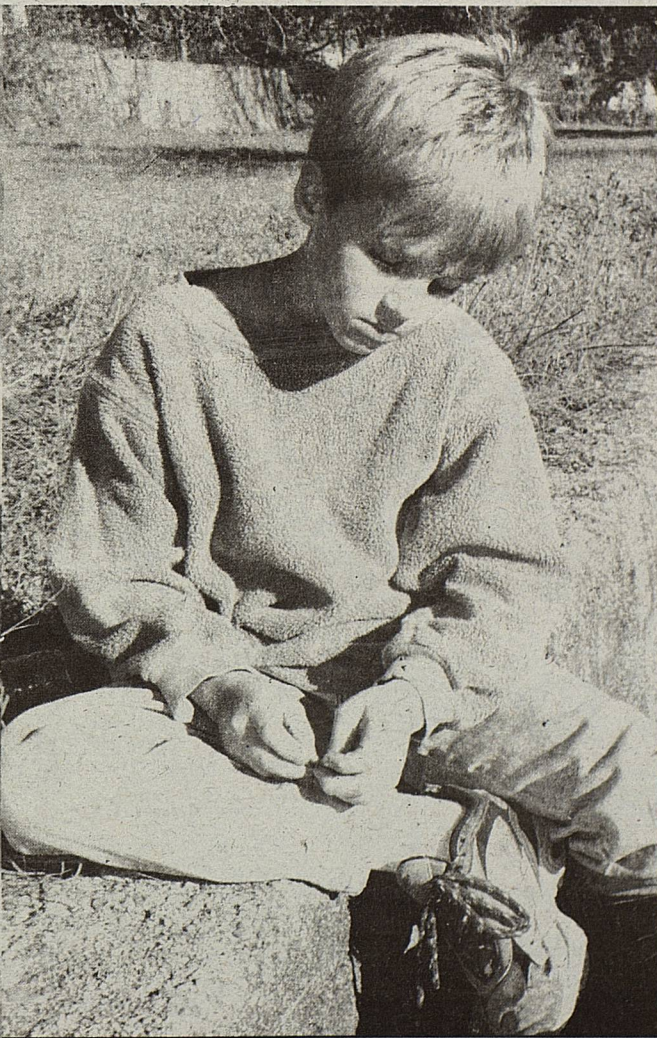
Order Your Coyote T-Shirt Today!

If you would like to purchase a Coyote T-Shirt, please fill out the form below and send it back to school, or contact a high school cheerleader and place your order. An order will be placed on October 1st. Payment in advance is preferred.

Thank you for supporting the Borden County Coyotes!

STYLE	NAME	YS	YM	YL	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL
T-SHIRT										
LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRT										
SWEAT-SHIRT										

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Borden County maintenance working to preserve transportation system

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Mike Behrens, executive director, "but the reality is that we spend more resources on making sure the roads, bridges and rest areas that we already have are kept in the best possible shape for the traveling public."

TxDOT spends close to half, or \$2.2 billion, of its total budget on maintenance, compared to one-third of its monies for highway construction. Also, almost half of TxDOT's employees are directly involved in maintaining the transportation system while about half of maintenance operations are privatized.

"In Borden County," Herridge said, "from September 2002 through August 2003, our maintenance crews and contracted forces resurfaced 36.98 miles of roadway, filled 42 potholes, mowed 3,942 acres of right of way, picked up 3,422 acres of litter, replaced 300 linear feet of guard fence and placed 732,468 linear feet of striping."

"Every day, around the clock, the public depends on transportation, whether it be getting to work or play, to transport goods to market or to get our kids to school safely," Behrens said. "The transportation system that allows all of that requires constant maintenance, repair and preservation."

The department devotes some 6,700 employees

statewide to that job. The 322 lane miles with an eight employees in Borden average daily vehicle miles County are responsible for traveled of 55,902.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NOVEMBER 2, 2004 ELECTION	
Sept. 3 rd , 2004	Accept Applications for Early Vote by Mail
Oct. 4 th , 2004	LAST DAY to Register to Vote in November 2 nd Election
Oct. 18 th , 2004	FIRST DAY to Vote Early by Personal Appearance
Oct. 26 th , 2004	LAST DAY to Receive Applications to Vote by Mail
Oct. 29 th , 2004	LAST DAY to Vote by Personal Appearance
NOVEMBER 2 ND ,	ELECTION DAY!

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT
Dinero Operating Company,
 P. O. Box 10505, Midland, TX 79702 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.
 The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the **Pennsylvanian Formation, Griffin "47" Lease, Well Number 1.** The proposed injection well is located **17 miles Southeast from Gail** in the **Hobo (Pennsylvanian) Field, in Borden County.** Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 7054 feet to 7064 feet.
LEGAL AUTHORITY:
 Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.
 Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711
 (Telephone (512) 463-6792).

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GAIL TEXAS

SATURDAY NIGHT

COYOTE

BRISKET SUPPER 5:00 P.M.

MUSIC 6:00 - 10:00
by LOCAL & AREA MUSICIANS

PENNY RAFFLES
PIE, CAKE, COBBLER AUCTION
YOUTH ART EXHIBIT

Ranch Horse Competition
9:30 a.m.
BC Arena