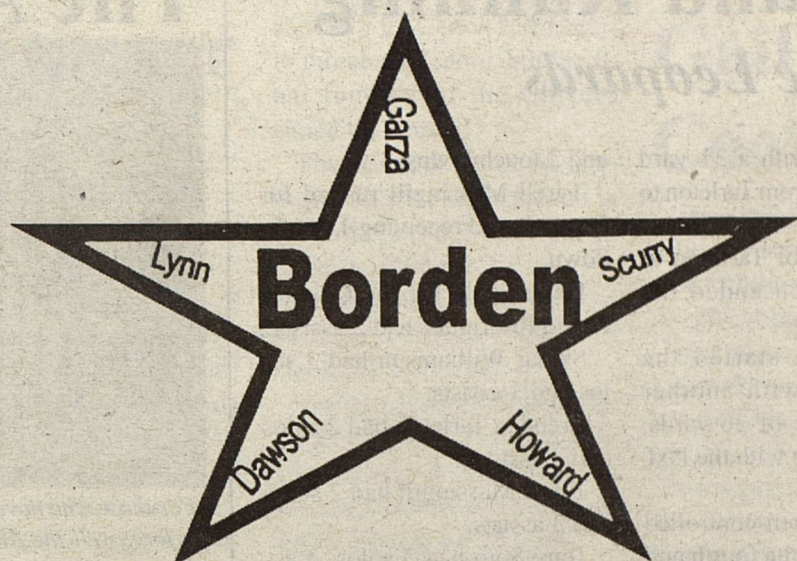


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Coyotes Drop Season Opener

The Borden County Coyotes opened the 2007 season engaging in a game that included many ups and downs for the young Coyotes.

The opening day varsity team consisted of 3 seniors; Captain Quentin Shafer, Captain Logan Howard and Pasqual Espinoza; 2 juniors: Captain Jake Cooley and first year player Carlos Hernandez; 3 sophomores: Michael Cooley, Flynn Chapman and Karl Lamming; and 2 freshmen: Miles Valentine and John Hensley.

These 10 young men combined to produce their initial touchdown of the season and a brief lead over the visiting New Home Leopards only 2:48 seconds into the 2007 season as Quentin Shafer took the Valentine hand-off and muscled his way across the goal line from 1 yard out.

This touchdown was set up by a perfectly executed bootleg pass from Miles Valentine to Flynn Chapman that covered 34 yards to the one yard line.

The Coyote defense came up with a quick 3 and out series to give the Coyotes another opportunity to score, but as would be the case for the majority of this evening; the Coyotes had a se-

ries that included at least one miscue in it that made continuing their drive very difficult.

This drive included one of the Coyotes 10 penalties in it and forced the Coyotes to punt the ball away to the Leopards. Quentin had a nice 27 yard punt that pinned the Leopards inside their 10 yard line.

It appeared as though the Coyote defense was going to force another 3 and out, but a questionable interference call kept the Leopard drive alive and in the end the visitors would tie the game with 4 seconds remaining in the opening period of play.

The Coyotes began to move the ball a little, but a missed

hand-off turned into the first of 5 fumbles that the home town Coyotes would lose.

It did not take long for the Leopards to take the lead as their tailback broke 5 tackles on his way to a 39 yard run and a 12 to 6 lead.

The Coyotes moved the ball again, but on a play that looked to give the Coyotes a first down inside the 15 yard line, a holding call wiped out the first down and on the next play the young Coyotes fumbled again.

The Leopards connected on a 25 yard pass and catch to put the lead to 20 to 6, with 6:33 left in the first half.

The Coyotes quickly an-

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Coyote Flynn Chapman catches a pass during Friday night's game against New Home.

TBWEF Encourages Growers To Take Advantage of Early Payment Discounts

By Shawn Wade

Following the recent mailing of 2007 boll weevil eradication assessment letters to cotton producers in the six eradication zones across Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.'s 41-county area, officials from the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (TBWEF) are encouraging growers to take advantage of the early payment discount option and earn a two percent discount on 2007 eradication assessments.

The assessment due date for 2007 payments is September 29. Producers who submit their payment in full by September 14 will earn the two percent discount on their 2007 assessment bill.

Boll weevil assessments are calculated using assessment rates recommended by individual zone grower committees and approved by the TBWEF Board of Directors, and using the information cotton producers provide the Farm Service Agency when certifying their crop acreage.

Growers that happen to find errors in the information

on their billing statement are advised to correct the information at their local FSA office and forward the corrected information to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

The TBWEF also has a program designed to assist growers that are unable to pay their assessment by the due date because of adverse weather or other circumstances.

To aid these growers, the TBWEF offers payment extension agreements for producers whose accounts are current. Growers interested in entering into a payment extension agreement should contact the TBWEF Assessments Department for information on arranging an extension agreement.

Producers entering into an extension agreement must make a 10 percent down payment, and they will be charged a late fee of 1 percent per month until their accounts are paid. This late fee begins on the date the signed agreement and down payment are received by the Assessments Department.

Producers with extension agreements have 150 days to

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Coyote JV Off and Running

JV Take on New Home Leopards

By Coach Baeza

The Borden Coyote JV started the season off on the right foot last Thursday with a 45-13 routing of the New Home Leopards.

The Coyotes struck first when Tony Soto returned the opening kick off 70 yards for a touchdown. After a defensive fumble recovery by Micheal Froman, Derek Tatum found the end zone on a 2 yard dive with 2:39 left in the first quarter. The PAT was no good making the first quarter score 12-6.

The Coyotes then picked the pace up by scoring fourteen unanswered points in the second quarter.

Tatum and Soto both had touchdown runs of four yards with David Rodriguez adding the PAT's by running and catching a pass from Brendan Tarleton. The Coyotes went into half time with a commanding lead of 26-6.

The Coyotes began the second half slowly by allowing an early touchdown by the Leopards, but

then answered with a 31 yard touchdown pass from Tarleton to Tyrell Massingill. The PAT was again a hookup of Tarleton to Massingill which ended the third quarter 33-13.

Tarleton then started the fourth quarter with another touchdown strike of 26 yards, this time to Tatum with the PAT no good.

The Coyotes then controlled the clock most of the fourth and add another touchdown with not time left by a 3 yard run by Soto making the final score 45-13, Coyotes.

Offensively for the Coyotes, Tony Soto rushed for 76 yards, had 14 carries and 2 touchdowns.

Derek Tatum rushed for 65 yards, had 9 carries and 2 touchdowns.

David Rodriguez rushed for 39 yards, had 7 carries and 2 PAT's.

Brendan Tarleton completed 5 of 9 passing, rushed for 99 yards,

and 2 touchdowns.

Tyrell Massingill rushed for 68 yards and receiving 1 touchdown.

Defensively for the Coyotes David Rodriguez had 2 assists.

Skylar Williamson had 3 solos and 3 assists.

Brendan Tarleton had 2 solos and 3 assists.

Tyrell Massingill had 2 solos and 3 assists.

Tony Soto had 3 solos, 3 assists and 1 CF.

Clay Harding had 1 solo, 2 assists and 1 PBU.

Derek Tatum had 5 assists and 1 fumble recovery.

Micheal Froman had 1 assist and 1 fumble recovery.

Great job guys!

School

Lunch Menu

September 10 - 14, 2007

MONDAY - Breakfast: Pancake Pup, Fruit Juice, Milk. Lunch: Frito Pie, Tossed Salad, Pinto Beans, Pears, and Milk.

TUESDAY - Breakfast: Biscuit & Gravy, Fruit Juice, and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Spaghetti, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Garlic Biscuit, Pudding, and Milk.

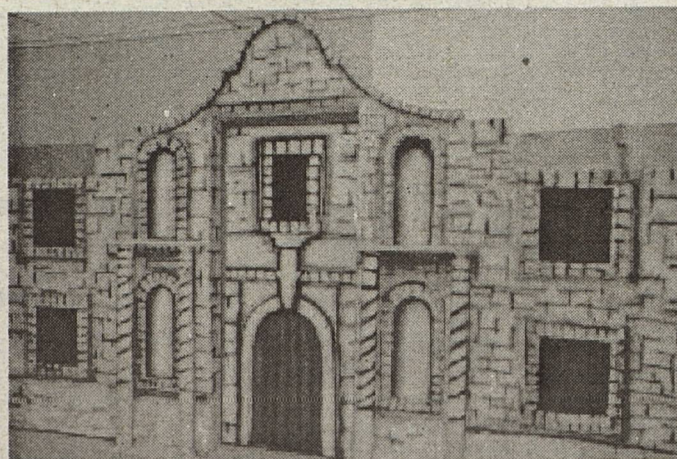
WEDNESDAY - Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, Fruit juice and Milk. Lunch: Pizza, Corn, Tossed Salad, Pineapple, and Milk.

THURSDAY - Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese, Broccoli w/ranch, Jell-o, and Milk.

FRIDAY - Breakfast: Cereal & Toast, Sausage, Fruit Juice, Milk. Lunch: BBQ Sandwich, Beans, French Fries, Surprise Cookie, Milk.

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The Alamo



For those who have never had the opportunity of coming to Texas before, well the Alamo is something to see, but here in Borden County all you have to do is walk the elementary hall and you can see a wonderful replica. Mrs. Paula Miller, first grade teacher, has done a great job transforming her doorway into the Alamo. This years' elementary hallway theme is "Texas".

FFA Blue Light Special!

The Gail FFA Chapter still has several meat items left from their 2006-2007 Sale. Prices have now been reduced in order to move items prior to school beginning. Blue light special! Anyone interested in purchasing these items can contact Buddy Wallace: 806/756-4478 (home) or 806/756-4313 (school).

Items available: Tailgate Party Pack-\$11.00; Smoked Sausage Kolaches-\$12.00; Peppered Bacon-\$10.00; Smoked Turkey Breast-\$12.00; Golden Chicken Tenders-\$15.00; Pork Tamales-\$11.00; Chicken Fajita-\$9.00; Beef Fajita-\$9.00; Cajun Meat Pies-\$10.00; Smoked Turkey-\$15.00. The Gail FFA Chapter wishes to thank everyone for their fund-raiser support!

2007 Borden County Coyotes Junior High Football Schedule

September 13	Wellman-Union	Here	5:30
September 20	Dawson	There	6:00
September 27	Southland	Here	5:00
October 4	Aspermont	There	6:00
October 11	Open		
October 18	Loraine	Here	6:00
October 25	Trent	There	6:00
November 1	Hermleigh	Here	6:00
November 8	Jayton	There	6:00

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 Special Teams Coach: Fernando Baeza
 Assistant Coach/Trainer: Bric Turner

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Coyotes Drop Opener to New Home

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swered as the combination of Valentine to Chapman resulted in a 35 yard scoring play.

The Leopards were again forced to punt, but on the 2nd play of the Coyotes series, Valentine under threw Flynn and as a result the Leopard safety was able to intercept the pass. A few plays later the visitors pushed the lead back up to 26 to 12 with 1:21 remaining in the opening half.

The Coyotes using their 2 minute offense wasted little time, in fact, as it turned out they scored much too quickly as 3 quick plays resulted in a Valentine to Shafer 23 yard scoring play with :58 seconds left to cut the lead to 26 to 18.

The Leopards answered on a play that appeared to be a sure sack by John Hensley turned into a 32 yard run by the Leopard quarterback when he escaped the Hensley grasp to push the lead to 34 to 18 at the intermission.

The Coyotes however would have to play the remainder of this game and the season without junior captain Jake Cooley who was trying to play with a brace on his injured leg, but he re-injured it late in the 2nd quarter and will now miss the remainder of the 2007 season.

Michael Cooley took the 2nd half kick-off and appeared to score the Coyotes first special team score of the season, but he was marked just short.

This did not seem like a big deal at the time, but on the next play, Valentine and Shafer did not make a good exchange and the visitors came up with the ball inside the 1 yard line. The Leopards took the ball and marched the length of the field in almost 3 minutes to push their lead to 40 to 18.

On the next offensive series for the Coyotes, another miscue

would lead to another scoring opportunity, but the Coyote defense managed to strip the ball away from a Leopard ball carrier as Flynn stripped the ball and Karl Lamming came up with the loose ball. Moments later, Michael Cooley re-injured his foot and as it turns out; he broke it and will require surgery next week. Michael had a tremendous game going before his injury.

With the injury, the Coyotes could not muster much offense the remainder of the contest and yet another miscue allowed Leopards to score their only other score of the game as a blitzing defender knocked the ball from Miles hands and another Leopard player jumped on the ball for a touchdown and a comfortable 48 to 18 lead.

The Coyotes used a fumble

recovery by Carlos Hernandez to threaten to score, but the final fumble for the Coyotes ended that threat.

The Leopards ended the scoring as they tackled Quentin in the end zone to give us our final tally of 50 to 18.

Statistic leaders for the coyotes were Michael Cooley: 14 rushes for 87 yards.

Quentin Shafer 13 rushes for 28 yards and 1 TD. Quentin also caught 2 passes for 36 yards and a touchdown and was 3 of 4 passing for 23 yards.

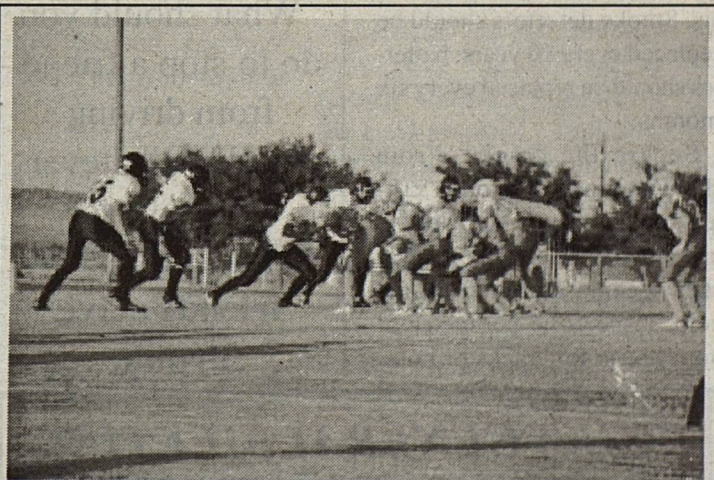
John Hensley had 2 rushes for 5 yards and 2 receptions 22 yards.

Flynn Chapman had 2 carries for 4 yards and 2 receptions for 69 yards and a touchdown.

Miles Valentine was 4 of 11 with 1 interception 105 yards and 2 touchdowns.

The Coyotes had 242 yards total offense to 401 yards of offense for the Leopards.

The Coyotes will next host the Robert Lee Steers.



Coyotes try to take control of the Leopard's Friday night only to come up short.

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Gail FFA Begins Cookie Dough Sale

The Gail FFA Chapter has officially started its' first fundraiser of the year with a cookie dough/cobbler sale.

The sale began on September 3 and will conclude on September 19th. The following items and flavors will be available: Chocolate Chunk, Oatmeal Raisin, Snicker Doodle, Peanut Butter, One Dozen Cinnamon Rolls, Pecan Cobbler-2lb., White Chocolate Macadamia, Chunky M&M Delights, Sugar Cookie and Chocolate Chunk Pecan.

All items will cost \$13.00 and customers may pay upon delivery in late September. Anyone wishing to purchase these items may contact a Gail FFA member or Buddy Wallace at 806/756-4313 ext. 7 (work).

The Gail FFA Chapter wishes to express a big "Thank You" to those who have supported their sales in the past and we look forward to working with our community in the future.

Gail FFA members for the 2007-2008 year include: Seniors-Heather Brooks, Sharelle Gass, Chelsea Minnick, Shelby Roberts, Quentin Shafer, Miller Valentine and Kate Wallace; Juniors-Clay Harding, Tyrell Massingill, Cory Teel, Jake Cooley and Baylee Benavidez; Sophomores-Eric Espinoza. Raylea Underwood, Chellsie Pigford, Shylor Rinehart, Lacey Roberts, Chasiti Rutherford. Brendan Tarleton, Annie Stribling, Jacie Eveland, Skyler Williamson, Drew Tyler and Katie Aaragos; and Freshman-Michelle Bass, Michael Froman, Kerianne Howard, Mandi Hudson, Kimerbly Proulx, Taylor Richey, David Rodriguez, Phyneshia Rutherford, Alvin Scheller, Krista Tarleton, Derek Tatum and Miles Valentine.



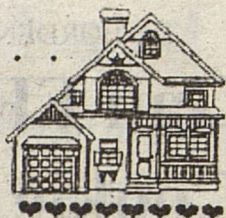
2007 Football Schedule Borden County Coyotes

Varsity			
August 24	Scrimmage	Trent	5:00
August 31	New Home	Here	7:30
September 7	Robert Lee	Here	7:30
September 14	Wellman-Union	There	7:30
September 21	Dawson	Here	7:30
September 28	Southland	There	7:30
October 5	Aspermont	Here	7:30
October 19	Open		
October 26	Trent	Here	7:30
November 2	Hermleigh	There	7:30
November 9	Jayton	Here	7:30

Head Football Coach: Trey Richey
Defensive Coordinator: Peter Benavidez
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Heart & Home . . .

By Julie Smith
Borden County Extension Agent
Family & Consumer Sciences



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Six Must-do Fall Tune-Up Around The House

Inspections that can save your home and your life

Jack Frost may not be nipping at your nose yet, but September is the perfect time to inspect your home for winter. Tackling outdoor fall maintenance now could save you thousands of dollars and hundreds of headaches later on.

When it comes to home maintenance, the cost of restoring often exceeds preventative care, according to certified home inspector Keith Swift, PhD, author of the Manual for a Happy Home. And that's because what may be only a small problem now could become a big one later. Neglecting to clear a leaf-choked gutter could result in wood rot and spread mildew. A poorly maintained heating system may eventually spew toxic fumes or stop working entirely on a cold day. And cracks in walls and windows (besides creating nasty drafts) are an open invitation to pests and water.

Annual fall maintenance is more than convenience; it's also a smart investment strategy. According to Nick Gromicko, founder of National Association of Certified Home Inspectors (NACHI), many homeowners are getting their homes professionally inspected in the fall and keeping a running record. "Everyone needs a history of their home," says Gromicko, "and when you go to sell, having one could make or break the deal. It helps prospective buyers see evidence of the repairs you've made over the years." Every time you make repairs or renovations, it's

a good idea to take a video or photo of the results and save the details in your computer. NACHI provides an online database where customers can store the results of yearly inspections.

Although you should call a specialist for certain jobs (Swift recommends getting heating systems checked annually by an expert), here are jobs you can do yourself.

Clean gutters and drainage spouts. Protect yourself first by always wearing gloves—animals or insects can hide in gutters. A gutter scoop is a convenient tool for removing leaves and other debris. Then place the garden hose in the downspout to flush it out.

Inspect your roof. Look for signs of deterioration (loose shingles, rotting wood, cracks, etc.). Carefully trim heavy branches that are hanging over your roof. (A falling branch could hurt someone, cause a blackout or damage your roof. If you're using your chimney, flying sparks could possibly ignite overhanging branches.) If the branches are near power lines, call a professional tree-trimming company to do the trimming; they may need to ask your power company to temporarily disconnect your power before they start working.

Check all windows and doors. Remove summer screens and install storm windows and doors. Inspect and repair any loose or damaged windows or door frames. Install weather stripping or caulking around windows and doors to reduce drafts too. If you discover signs

of deterioration such as moisture on surrounding walls or dry-rot damage, call a certified home inspector or restoration specialist immediately.

Clean your heating system. Replace the filters in your furnace. (Swift recommends doing it monthly if you have allergies.) Check for air leakage around the joints. And consider having an air-conditioning and heating specialist check your entire system before winter sets in. If you don't already have one, install a carbon-monoxide detector near all appliances that burn fossil fuel, but be sure you install it in an area where you'll hear the alarm if it's triggered.*

Check the smoke detector. Some people wait until they reset their clocks during Daylight Savings Time to inspect their smoke detectors, but if you missed it in the spring, don't wait another month—check them now. Press the button to make sure it beeps and replace batteries if necessary. Most smoke detectors signal with an automatic beep when the battery gets low, but it's always good to check on an annual basis. Smoke detectors should be replaced every 10 years; batteries should be replaced every six months.

Secure the cracks. From skunks to insects to other critters, your home can fall prey to unwanted invaders. Before they start seeking shelter from the cold, inspect the perimeter of your house for cracks or holes

where they could enter and then seal well. Clean and lubricate the garage-door hinges, rollers and tracks to make sure the door closes securely. If you detect evidence of animal activity, such as urine odors, unexplained gnaw marks, feces or footprints, consult an exterminator.

*Safety Tip: Experts—from fire chiefs to home inspectors—advise investing in stand-alone smoke and carbon-monoxide detectors. (That is, avoid buying them as a combo unit.) The reason? Both smoke and carbon-monoxide detectors, especially the more sensitive

units, could go off falsely and unfortunately, annoyed homeowners may disable them. In the case of combo units, disabling one detector also disables the other, thereby eliminating protection against both fires and carbon monoxide. Always investigate an alarm even if it seems false; the detector may be picking up on threats which may not be easily visible to you. On the other hand, too many false alarms from a unit may indicate a need to replace it.

Taken from SC Johnson Clean Home Journal September 2007

Booster Club Meeting

There will be a Booster Club meeting
Tuesday, September 11
at 5:30 p.m. in the
Borden County Showbarn.
All parents and Coyotes fans are
encouraged to attend as we discuss
future plans.

What should you
do to stop a friend
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BCJLA GENERAL MEETING

*The BCJLA general meeting will be held
Monday, September 10th
at 6:00 p.m. in the
Borden County Showbarn.
Those parents whose children will be
showing animals this year and parents of
children who are interested in showing are
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4-H News

4-H Re-enrollment Time

Anyone interested in being a 4-H member for the 2007-08 4-H year needs to complete a 4-H enrollment form. In order to be a member of 4-H, you must be enrolled in the 3rd grade and not be older than 19. These forms will be available at the 4-H meetings and are always available in the Extension office. *This is very important for any youth that plans to participate in a 4-H project, including a livestock project and the county stock show.* If you have not completed your enrollment form for the current 4-H year, please contact the Extension office immediately at (806)756-4336 or borden-tx@tamu.edu. We also have volunteer enrollment forms available for all volunteers that assist our youth in their projects. Please call or come by to get yours today!

Cool Clovers 4-H Meeting

The Cool Clovers 4-H Club will meet on Tuesday, September 11 from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. The program will be on "Preparing for the Unexpected." Those interested in community service are encouraged to bring a new or slightly used children's book to be donated to the Children's Home in Jayton. Any youth ages 9 (or currently enrolled in 3rd grade) through 5th grade are invited to attend. For more information contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or borden-tx@tamu.edu.

Junior High and High School 4-H Meeting

The Borden County Junior High and High School 4-H will meet on Wednesday, September 12 from 12:20 to 1:05 p.m. The program will be on "Preparing for the Unexpected." Those interested in community service are encouraged to bring a new or slightly used children's book to be donated to the Children's Home in Jayton. We will also be electing officers for the new 4-H year. Any youth 6th through 12th grade are invited to attend. For more information contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or borden-tx@tamu.edu.

Borden County EMS Offers Class

In a county the size of ours it is important that we have as many First Responders as possible. With this in mind Borden County EMS will be offering an ECA (Emergency Care Attendant) class this September. Classes will be held in Gail and there will be no charge.

As a certified ECA you will be able to perform basic first aid, CPR, help Paramedics and EMT's with their duties, and most importantly you will be able to drive an ambulance.

The strength of Borden County EMS has always been the giving spirit of our residents. Your county needs you at this time so please consider joining this class.

For more information you may

contact Mike Valentine at 806/759-5045, Philena Farmer at 806/759-5055, Buddy Wallace at 806/756-4478, Bric Turner at 806/759-5033, Carrie Hart at 806/252-4469, or any Borden County EMS member.



Agriculture News
by Cody G. Hill

Optimize Your Input Costs by Determining Soil Nutrient Levels

Wheat yields were extremely variable across the state this year. Because of this yield variability, producers need to take a hard look at their fertility programs this season. For example, in the Concho Valley where wheat yields were very low, some residual nitrogen may still be available from the previous crop. However, in the High Plains with 60+ bu/a dryland yields, the soil may have been depleted or several critical nutrients. For this reason, it is very important to quantify the amount of soil nutrients available for this growing season by soil sampling. After all, there is no use paying for fertilizer that is not needed or applying nitrogen fertilizer when phosphorous or potassium is the most limiting nutrient.

There is one concept that everyone should be reminded of before planting the 2008-09 wheat crop. The most limiting nutrient creates the ceiling on the yield potential. Typically, this is nitrogen; however, other nutrients can also limit the yield potential, if they are not readily available. This is why it is critically important to have a balanced fertility program. For example, if only enough phosphorous is available for a 20 bu/a yield, then any nitrogen fer-

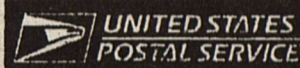
tilizer applied beyond a 20 bu/a yield is more-or-less wasted. Another example would be the Concho Valley, where yields were extremely low this year because of the late-freeze. In this situation, there may be residual nitrogen still available in the soil for this year's crop; however, without a soil test

there is no way to determine how much.

Remember: Additional nitrogen fertilizer can be applied anytime prior to the jointing growth stage; however, other nutrients should be applied prior to planting the wheat crop.

Soil sample bags and forms can be obtained the Borden County Extension Office. Additional information on sampling methods can be found at <http://soiltesting.tamu.edu>.

For more information, please contact Cody G. Hill, County Extension Agent -Agriculture, at (806) 756-4336.



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BACK TO SCHOOL

Commissioner's Court Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 14th day of August, 2007, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK COUNTY JUDGE, Presiding; **MONTE SMITH COMMISSIONER**, Precinct No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK COMMISSIONER**, Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES COMMISSIONER**, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW COMMISSIONER**, Precinct No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT** when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meetings of July 24, 2007 and July 27th were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Voting For: Commissioners Smith, Adcock, Reyes and Belew. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined and Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Voting For: Commissioners Smith, Adcock, Reyes and Belew. Motion carried.

COUNTY REPORT

The County Reports were examined. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to accept the submitted County Reports. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Voting For: Commissioners Smith, Adcock, Reyes. Motion carried.

CONSTABLE

After a discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Belew to declare the Office of Constable for Borden County dormant, pursuant to The Texas Constitution Art. 5, Sec.18 (h). This office has been vacant for a period of seven years. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Voting For: Commissioner Smith, Adcock, Reyes and Belew. Motion carried.

TAXES

Commissioner Smith made a motion to refund an overpayment of taxes to three individuals; Allen Shane Collins in the amount of \$61.29, James Lewis Collins in the amount of \$61.29, and Michael Chad Collins in the amount of \$61.29. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Voting For: Commissioner Smith, Adcock, Reyes and Belew. Motion carried.

ELECTION OFFICIALS

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to appoint Election Judges and Alternate Judges as shown on the following order. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Voting For: Commissioner Smith, Adcock, Reyes and Belew. Motion carried.

2007 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to consolidate the following County Election Precincts for the November 2007 Constitutional Amendment Election as follows:

Precinct No. 1 not consolidated; Precinct No. 2B into Precinct 2A; Precinct No. 3A into Precinct 3B; Precinct No. 4B into Precinct 4A.

Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Voting For: Commissioner Smith, Adcock, Reyes and Belew. Motion carried.

2008 BUDGET HEARING

Commissioner Belew made a motion to set the 2008 Budget Hearing for August 28, 2007 at 9:30 A.M. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Voting For: Commissioners Smith, Adcock, Reyes and Belew. Motion carried.

2008 BUDGET

A budget work session was held.

WIND POWER COMPANY

Jos Nicholas, Jonathan Butcher, Takashi Shirato, Orlando Puig, representatives of Erus Energy America Corporation met with the Court pertaining to Reinvestment Zone property. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to conduct a Public Hearing at the next Commissioners Court Meeting on August 28, 2007 at 10:00 in the Commissioners Court Room to consider the application to designate certain property located in Borden County as a Reinvestment Zone eligible for property tax abatement under Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Voting For: Commissioner Smith, Adcock, Reyes and Belew. Motion carried.

BORDEN COUNTY WATER

An update on the work at the Borden County Water Tanks was presented and a discussion held. No action was taken.

LEGAL NOTICE setting salary, expenses, and other allowances of elected county officers is hereby placed of record to-wit:

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No new items were pre-

sented to the Court.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Belew to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 28th DAY of August 2007.

Barbeque Benefit Meal

for

Eddie Boucher

To assist with expenses from his accident and surgery

Sept. 9th

From 12:00 - 1:30

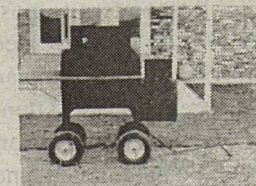
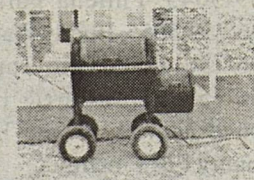
Following Morning Worship At the First Baptist Church Gail, Texas

"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus Himself said: It is more blessed to give than to receive."
Acts 20:35

Buy your chance to win a...

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**Proceeds to benefit:
Borden County Jr.
Livestock Association**

Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20

Please see any BCILA Director for tickets.

Drawing to be held at the Coyote Opry on Saturday, September 22, 2007 at the Borden County Show Barn in Gail. You do not have to be present to win!

Public Notice

Who exactly is a child with "special needs"? We know that all children have needs and that every child is special. However, the needs of some children are greater than or different from those of the typical child. The special need might be in the area of mental, social, emotional, or physical development. If you are the parent or a friend of a child that might qualify for individual services, call Becky Nix, Special Education Director of Borden County ISD, Dawson ISD, and Klondike ISD at 806-756-4313 ext. 269, or contact the Child Find Coordina-

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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

College Pranks

During my freshman year at Baylor, I learned how to play. We guarded the campus the night before homecoming, as tradition dictates. During the 3 am to 6 am shift, about 30 of us staged a huge auto wreck at the main intersection on campus. We had cars and bodies scattered everywhere. When a big truck came through and saw the obvious carnage, it took the driver about a block to stop his rig. When he finally arrived on the scene, we quickly got up and sang: "Good morning to you. We're all in our places with bright shiny faces and this is the way to start a new day."

Pretty soon the cops put a stop to that. Guarding the campus proved futile. Just after 6 am, when the guard session was over, somebody painted TCU on the stadium wall. It had to be sandblasted off and we felt responsible. We went to Fort Worth and painted a big BU in front of TCU's administration building. Some more creative ag types planted a big BU in rye grass on their playing field.

We once found a dead dog on the street, picked it up, and sneaked into a restroom in the girls' dorm. We carefully placed it into a toilet tail first, with the head and front paws showing.

We'd load up my convertible with anybody who was in Kokernot Hall and head for Lake Waco. We practically lived there during the spring. When we saw a bunch of scouts, we'd go over to their campsite, pile out of the car, form a line, stand at attention play taps on a trumpet, get back in the car and drive off.

We used to sit on Judge Baylor's statue and smoke. We had fun. We had so much fun I had to take an accounting course over in the summer. That

was OK with me. I didn't want to leave campus anyway.

During the summer we lived in Brooks Hall in a large room just above an archway. One complete wall of our room was windows. We used to hit golf balls out those windows toward downtown Waco. We had water gun fights. Sometimes we'd put ink in the guns and guys who got shot with ink would have purple or blue on their faces and then we'd go eat at a downtown restaurant. We wouldn't tell the guys who got inked how horrible they looked. They wondered why everybody stared at them. We brought back a dead shark from the coast one time and put it under our wing director's bed. It was there for a week before he figured out what was stinking up the place.

One religious guy was always bothering guys in the trying to save their souls. One night while he was asleep we sneaked into his room, sprayed a ring of lighter fluid around his bed, lighted it and chanted, "You're in Hell." We once took a guys bed and personal belongings and set them up in the shower room. When he walked in, the record player was playing one of his favorite tunes. A couple of Chinese students rebuilt a Model A in somebody's dorm room over the holidays. One inventive student got a camel from a visiting circus and put it on the third floor of the library building.

Got News?

Mail it to:
P.O. Box 137
Gail, TX 79738
806/756-4313
ext. 275
email:
kdean@bcisd.net

Growers Encouraged to Take Advantage of Payment Discounts

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pay their assessment. Producers who do not enter into extension agreements and do not pay their assessment by the due date are considered delinquent and are subject to a late fee of 1.5 percent per month.

The following is a run-down of 2007 assessment rates and failed acreage rules in each of the six High Plains zones.

Northern High Plains - Approved 2007 assessment rates for the NHP zone are \$3.50 per land acre for Non-irrigated (dryland) cotton and \$4.00 per land acre for Irrigated cotton. Acres failed at any time during the growing season will be credited for 100 percent of the assessment due.

Northwest Plains - Approved 2007 assessment rates for the NWP zone are \$2.00

per land acre for Non-irrigated (dryland) cotton and \$4.00 per land acre for Irrigated cotton. Acres failed at any time during the growing season will be credited for 100 percent of the assessment due.

Panhandle - Approved 2007 assessment rates for the PH zone is \$3.00 per land acre for Non-irrigated (dryland) cotton and \$3.00 per land acre for Irrigated cotton. Acres failed prior to the final Farm Service Agency certification date will be credited for 100 percent of the assessment due.

Southern High Plains/Caprock - Approved 2007 assessment rates for the SHP/C zone are \$3.00 per land acre for Non-irrigated (dryland) cotton and \$6.00 per land acre for Irrigated cotton. Acres failed at any time during the growing season will be credited for 100 percent of the

assessment due.

Western High Plains - Approved 2007 assessment rates for the PB zone are \$6.00 per land acre for Non-irrigated (dryland) cotton and \$12.00 per land acre for Irrigated cotton. Acres failed prior to the final Farm Service Agency certification date will be credited for 100 percent of the assessment due.

Permian Basin - Approved 2007 assessment rates for the PB zone are \$6.00 per land acre for Non-irrigated (dryland) cotton and \$12.00 per land acre for Irrigated cotton. Acres failed prior to the final Farm Service Agency certification date will be credited for 100 percent of the assessment due.

For more information contact the Foundation's Assessments Department in Abilene at (866) 672-2800.

22 - SEPTEMBER 2007

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**BORDEN COUNTY ISD
PAVING BID REQUEST**

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive bids for paving and repairs to school parking lots.

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 "PAVING BID". Proposals will be received up to but no later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, September 13, 2007. 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 ISD 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 proposal 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@bcisd.net or by calling (office 806-756-4313) (cell 806-759-5467) (fax 806-756-4310)

By Order of the Board of Trustees
Borden County Independent School District
Mike Valentine, Secretary

**BORDEN COUNTY ISD
BUS BID REQUEST**

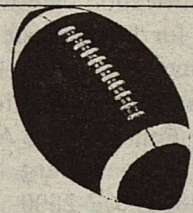
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September 2007



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 JH Cheerleading & Pep Squad Practice 4-5:30	4 Lone Wolf District FFA Leadership Camp @ Snyder 4:30	5 Class Favorite & Officer Elections during Tutorials	6 Robert Lee JV There 6:00 Literary Criticism Meeting during Tutorials	7 Robert Lee Varsity Here 7:30 PROGRESS REPORTS West Texas State Fair Permian Basin Fair	8 Wilson Cross Country 9:00 a.m. West Texas State Fair Permian Basin Fair
9	10 JH Cheerleading & Pep Squad Practice 4-5:30 SAT registration deadline for Oct 6 th Test BCJLA General Membership Meeting 6 p.m. @ Show Barn West Texas State Fair Permian Basin Fair	11 Cool Clover's 4-H Meeting 3:45-4:45-Show Barn West Texas State Fair Permian Basin Fair	12 JH & HS 4-H Meeting 12:15-1:05-Conference Rm. Photos-Seniors, K-11, JH & HS football & cheerleaders West Texas State Fair Permian Basin Fair	13 Wellman-Union JH Here 5:30 Debate Clinic @ Lubbock Coronado (5:00 p.m.) West Texas State Fair Permian Basin Fair	14 Wellman-Union Varsity There 7:30 West Texas State Fair Permian Basin Fair	15 Slaton Cross Country 9:00 a.m. ACT Test (must have registered by August 24 th) West Texas State Fair Permian Basin Fair
16	17 JH Cheerleading & Pep Squad Practice 4-5:30	18	19 English IV, English III, & Literary Criticism Team to Odessa Globe Theatre for <u>Hamlet</u>	20 Dawson JH There 6:00	21 Dawson Varsity Here 7:30 ACT registration deadline for Oct. 27 th Test South Plains Fair	22 UIL Student Activity Conference-Texas Tech Coyote Opry 6 p.m. (Meal will start at 5 p.m.) Vernon HS Speech & Debate Tournament South Plains Fair
23	24 4-H Food & Nutrition Project 3:45-5:15-Home Economics Lab JH Cheerleading/Pep squad practice 4-5:30 South Plains Fair	25 4-H Food & Nutrition Project 3:45-5:15-Home Economics Lab South Plains Fair	26 South Plains Fair	27 Southland JH Here 5:00 Photo Day-Seniors, K-11, JH & HS football & cheerleaders South Plains Fair	28 Southland Varsity There 7:30 End of 1st Six Weeks South Plains Fair	29 Lubbock Cross Country (Mae Simmons Park) 9:00 a.m. South Plains Fair