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Hornets Sting the Coyotes in Their Final Non-District Game

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes hoping to ride the momentum that the Borden County Junior High and Junior Varsity created from two solid victories on Thursday night found themselves in a familiar setting as an early deficit coupled with early mistakes resulted in a very long night.

After forcing the visiting Aspermont Hornets to methodically drive the ball the length of the field to pay dirt, the Coyotes allowed them to travel a much shorter distance less than a minute later as the Hornets quickly turned a fumbled center quarterback exchange on their own 15 yard line into a touchdown one play later and a quick 14 to 0 lead.

The Coyotes took the ensuing kick-off and managed to put together a nice drive as they moved inside of the Hor-

net 20 yard line only to have yet another miscue result in another fumble recovery for the visitors.

With 25 seconds remaining in the opening stanza, the Aspermont Hornets built a very comfortable 22 to 0 lead over the home town Coyotes.

On the next Coyote's offensive possession, they could not muster any offensive success and were forced to punt the ball back to the Hornets. The Hornets for the 4th consecutive possession managed to reach the end zone and a comfortable 30 to 0 lead. On the Coyotes next possession, they managed to eliminate any mistakes and used the tough running of sophomore Flynn Chapman along with a nice throw from sophomore quarterback Brendan Tarleton to freshman end John Hensley that covered

37 yards to setup a scoring opportunity for the Coyotes.

Flynn Chapman strolled into the end zone from 1 yard out behind nice blocks from Carlos Hernandez, Logan Howard, John Hensley and Quentin Shafer to cut the lead to 30 to 6.

The Hornets answered back as they turned what looked like a great defensive play into a successful play of their own as

Quentin Shafer and Miles Valentine covered the Hornets pre-season all-state receiver only to have the Hornet quarterback dump the ball off just as it appeared Logan Howard was going to sack him and he turned it into a 44 yard scoring play and regain their 30 point lead at 36 to 6.

The Coyotes had another drive stall, but just as it seemed that the Hornets would blow

this game completely open a nice defensive stand by the Coyotes gave them the ball back and one last chance to score before halftime.

The Coyotes managed to string a couple of first downs together and apparently moved inside of the 20 yard line only to have a penalty called and as a result the Coyote drive would

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2007-2008 Borden County Varsity Cheerleaders



Cheering for the Coyotes are (back row left to right) D'Nae Johnson, Taylor Richey, Mascot-Marla Crenshaw, Krystal Hobson, Katherine Froman, (front row left to right) Lacey Roberts and Olivia Key.

Pups Take the Sting Out of the Hornets

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Pups wasted little time in deciding the outcome of their final non-district football game in Aspermont against the home team hornets, as Tanner Richey returned the opening Kick-off 65 yards to pay dirt to set the tone for the 1st quarter fireworks.

On the ensuing kick-off, a nice hit by Richey jarred the ball loose from the Hornet return man. Blake Turner was Johnny on the spot for the recovery and two plays later Richey crossed the goal line again for the Pups and a quick 12 to 0 lead.

Behind the nice blocking of the 2nd team offense, Steven Howard added the extra-point to boost the lead to 13 to 0.

After successfully hanging on to the kick-off the Hornets were not as lucky on their first

offensive play as Richey stripped the ball from the home town runner and then managed to fall on the loose ball to give the Pups the ball once again.

It took the Pups three plays this time as Richey scored for the 3rd time on a nice 45 yard run to increase the lead to 19 to 0.

The Pups held the Hornets on downs the next series and on the very first play after stopping the home team, Austin Fields got into the scoring act as he took a screen pass from Blake Turner and turned it into a 41 yard touchdown reception and a very convincing 25 to 0 lead for the visiting Pups with 2:32 remaining in the opening period.

The Pups used their second team defense for the remainder of the game and that group of Chris Teel, Riley Smith, Troy Copeland, Luis Andrade, Luke

Burkett, Valerio Hernandez, coupled with a couple of first team players, Blake Turner, Chance Taylor and Steven Howard only gave up two touchdowns during the entire contest.

Their solid defensive play included a nice goal line stand and some very nice individual defensive plays from Riley Smith, Chance Taylor and Chris Teel.

The Pups also used their 2nd team offense for most of the game, but after surrendering a touchdown in the 2nd quarter, the 1st team of Austin Tyler, Matt Roberson, Steven Howard, Blake Turner, Tanner Richey and Austin Fields came back in to regain the 4 touchdown lead as Austin Fields scampered 25 yards after having an earlier 50 yard run called back because of a Pup penalty.

After the touchdown, Richey carried the ball into the end zone when Fields pitched the low snap to Tanner who was trying to kick the extra-point but sauntered across the goal line instead to give the visiting pups a 32 to 6 halftime lead.

The 2nd half was a defensive battle until the Hornets broke thru to cut the Pups lead to 32 to 13 late in the 3rd period, but the Pups quickly responded as Austin Fields rumbled 35 yards for his third touchdown behind a nice block by Austin Tyler and Matthew Roberson.

Another low snap on the extra-pt try resulted in Richey hitting Turner for the extra-pt and a 39 to 13 advantage. The 2nd team defense came up with one more stop to end the game and give the Borden Pups their 4th victory of the season.

The Pups will take the week off before they resume their quest for another junior high district championship and another undefeated season. The Pups will play host to the Loraine Bulldogs on October 18th and this should be a very difficult challenge.



Borden County 6th graders enjoying a visit from former student Glen Gray are (back row left to right) Matthew Proulx, Tristen Benavidez, Mollie McMeans, Zach McMeans, Kayln Massingill, Sage Wheatley, Gray, T.J. Basquez, Tyler Minyard-Sommerville, (front row left to right) Michael McClain, Matthew Ham, Mallory McMeans, Sydnie-Rebeles, Maeghan Herridge and Taylor Gass.

BHS Grad Returns to Speak to Students About the Banking Business

By Matthew Ham, Class Reporter
Mr. Glen Gray, a graduate from BHS, talked to the 6th grade about the banking business September 29. He works at the Texas Savings Bank in Snyder.

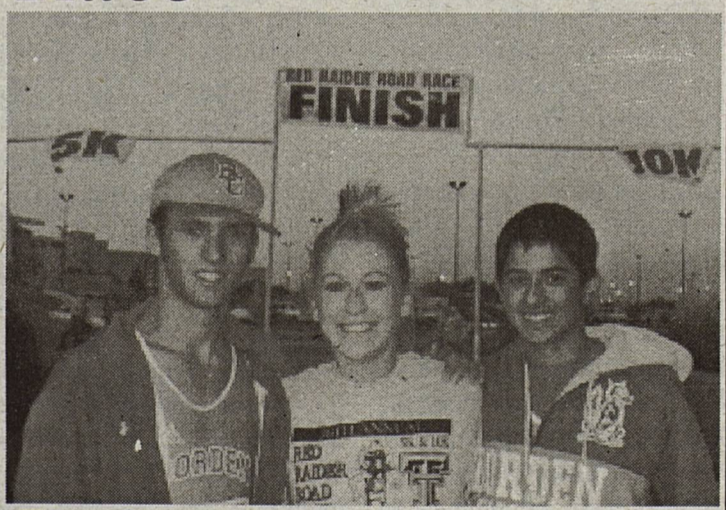
He gave the 6th grade a few pointers on deposits, savings, checking accounts, and he warned us about using credit cards. "One of the things I learned from Mr. Grey was that mortgage is hard work," said Meaghan Herridge.

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

Head Football Coach: Trey Richey
Defensive Coordinator: Peter Benavidez
Special Teams Coach: Fernando Baeza
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Red Raider Road Race



This past Saturday three members of the cross country team entered the Red Raider Road Race and completed another 5K race as they prepare for the upcoming district meet on October 17th hosted by Water Valley. Miller Valentine completed the race with a time of 21:23; Tyrell Massingill finished shortly after with a time of 22:20, and Olivia Key turned in a time of 23:57.

Coyotes Stung By Hornets...

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By Coach Richey

stall as the half would end with the Coyotes trailing 36 to 6.

The Coyotes took the opening kick-off of the half and drove inside the Hornet 30 yard line, but a nice 1st down run by John Hensley ended with a violently hit that jarred the ball loose from the freshman and another Coyote turnover. The Hornets would score moments later to extend their lead to 44 to 6.

Following the kick-off, as had been the case most of the evening, the Coyotes would mount another drive that got inside the Hornet 30 yard line again only to have a big penalty for the Coyotes to put the ball in the air and as a result the Hornets picked off an errant pass to thwart yet another promising drive.

The Coyotes refused to go away easily as they managed to stop the Hornets and forced a punt.

The Coyotes then appeared to have a chance at a touchdown as a nice play fake on 4th down had the entire Hornet defense fooled only to see the pitch hit the ground and as a result a 5th turnover for the Coyotes. This time, the Hornets managed to get into the end zone and an extra-pt run extended their lead to 45 points and brought closure to the final tune-up at 51 to 6.

Flynn Chapman had his best rushing game of the season as he had 15 carries for 78 yards and a touchdown. Flynn also had 2 receptions for 8 yards and was in on 7 tackles.

Quentin Shafer added 73 yards rushing on 18 carries and was 2 of 3 passing for 8 yards and was in on 10 tackles and a fumble recovery.

John Hensley had 1 carry for

16 yards and 1 reception for 37 yards. John also led the team with a season high 20 tackles.

Brendan Tarleton was 2 of 6 for 39 yards and an interception.

Miles was in on 4 tackles.

Carlos Hernandez was in on 1 tackle and 1 reception for 2 yards.

Logan Howard who took a violent shot in the 2nd quarter and did not return was in on 4 tackles.

Karl Lamming had 3 tackles, Pasqual Espinoza had 1 tackle and Cory Teel added some solid blocking and 1 tackle.

The Coyotes had 9 first downs and 204 yards of of-

fense while the Hornets had 16 first downs and 337 yards of offense. The biggest difference was the 5 turnovers by the Coyotes.

The Coyotes will take the week off before traveling to Loraine to begin district play on the 19th of October at 7:30.

Believe it or not, I really thought that we showed some signs of improvement on the offensive side of the ball. We blocked much better as a whole, but the turnovers were just too much to overcome.

Good job guys, but remember our record is 0-0 now. The first five games mean absolutely nothing. Good luck.



Coyote end Logan Howard (No. 12) goes in for the tackle on an Aspermont Hornet. Coyotes were disappointed in a final 51-6 game. Coyotes will next travel to Loraine in their first district game of the season.

BC Jr. High Cheerleaders



Cheering for the Pups are (left to right) Stephanie Cooley, Kylie Voss, Teryn Soto and Mattie Turner

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; Smoked Turkey Breast-\$12.00; 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!

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School Lunch Menu

October 15-19, 2007

MONDAY - Breakfast: Toaster Pastry, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Beef & Bean Burrito, Potato Wedges, Salad, Peaches and Milk.

TUESDAY - Breakfast: Sausage, Biscuit, Fruit Juice, and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Strips, Potatoes, Corn, Hot Roll, Apple Slices, and Milk.

WEDNESDAY - Breakfast: Pancakes, Fruit juice and Milk. Lunch: Fajitas, Salad, Pinto Beans, Jell-o w/pear, and Milk.

THURSDAY - Cereal & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Meat & gravy, Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Cobbler, and Milk.

FRIDAY - Breakfast: Biscuit w/gravy, Sausage, Fruit Juice, Milk. Lunch: Hot Dog w/chili, Chips, Salad, Fruit, Yellow Cake w/frosting, Milk.

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2007 Football Schedule Borden County Coyotes

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
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Heart & Home

By Julie Smith
Borden County Extension Agent
Family & Consumer Sciences



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Fall is Time to "Bob" for Apples!

Remember as a kid when you went to the carnival or harvest festival and got to bob for apples with all your friends? It is one of my fondest memories of being a child. Every year at the church's fall festival, we would get a chance to see who was the best "bobber." I'll admit, I was never the best bobber, but I sure had fun trying! Even though we don't go bobbing for apples anymore, we can still "bob" for them at the market. Watching a TV show last week I saw a group of young children bobbing for apples and it reminded me of how fall is the peak of apple season. My new personal favorite is the Honeycrisp apple, mmmm!

There are so many different apples out there these days - 28 American varieties to be exact! The apple has such versatile characteristics. Round, rosy, sometimes tart, often sweet and splash of flavor and a dose of

antioxidants. And sliced apples bring crunch and zest to almost any salad.



Apples make the perfect grab-on-the-run snack as well, with their 80 vitamin-packed and portable calories. Two-thirds of an apple's fiber and many of its beneficial antioxidants are found in the peel, making biting into a fresh apple a healthy as well as taste-gratifying experience.

Favorite Varieties

Here are some of the more popular apples and tips for how they're best enjoyed:

Red Delicious: America's favorite. Juicy, crunchy and mildly sweet, it's great for snacking.

Golden Delicious: With skin so tender it doesn't need peeling. Mellow and flavorful for baking or cooking; great for applesauce, cider, pies and desserts.

Granny Smith: Tart and tangy; good for cooking, salads, snacking.

Gala: Full, rich and sweet, with a crunchy texture. Great for snacking, cooking or adding to salads.

Fuji: Crisp and juicy, with a spicy sweet flavor; for snacks or salads.

McIntosh: A great all-purpose apple. Sweetly tart, juicy, for snacking or baking, for making applesauce, cider and baking pies.

Rome Beauty: The perfect baking apple. Mildly tart, with a flavor that grows richer when baked or sautéed.

Jonagold: Has a tangy-sweet flavor, deliciously juicy, good for snacking or cooking.

Jonathan: A small- to medium-size all-purpose apple that's a blend of tart and sweet. Good for snacking; firm enough for cooking.

Honeycrisp: A new favorite—sweet, crisp and juicy, with a distinct honey flavor. Good for snacks and salads.

Braeburn: Crisp and juicy, with a mildly sweet taste. For snacks or salads.

Empire: Sweet and tart; good for snacking, baking and making caramel apples. Empires store well too.

Winesap: Spicy, tart and winelike. For snacking or making salads or cider.

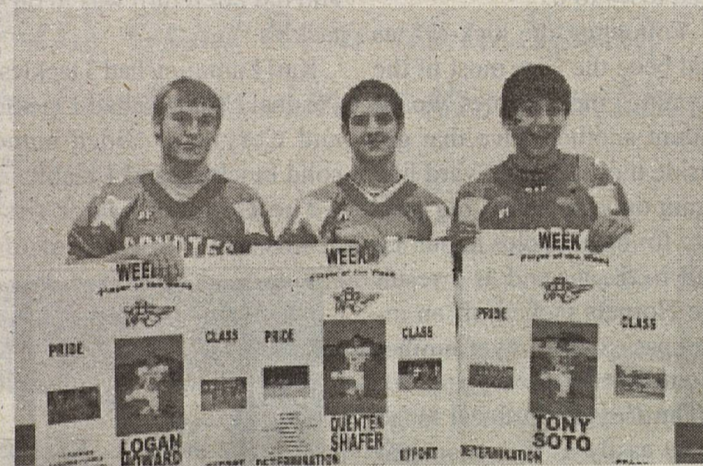
Cameo: Tangy-sweet; perfect for baking and snacking.

As you can see, there are many great apples out there! I am sure that you have a favorite variety of your own. If you would like more specific information about apples, you might check out the following web

sites: All About Apples <http://www.allaboutapples.com/index.htm>; Washington Apples <http://www.bestapples.com/index.html>; Pick Your Own <http://www.pickyourown.org/apples.htm>; and University of Illinois Extension Apples and More <http://www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/apples/intro.html>. See you at the market or at the next apple bobbing!

Source: Clean Home Journal Web Site <http://www.cleanhomejournal.com>

Players of the Week



Player of the Week for week 5 include (left to right) Logan Howard, Quentin Shafer and Tony Soto.



Coyote Gear is Here!!

Borden County Booster Club has the latest in Coyote Gear!

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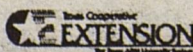
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Monday, October 15th @ 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room



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Texas 4-H Turns 100!

JACKSBORO - On an ordinary day about a century ago, Jack County Agent Tom Marks got together with 25 young farm boys to discuss how to grow corn. Marks wanted to bring the latest science-based farming techniques to the newest generation of farmers.

Because he hadn't had much luck convincing long-time farmers to try new methods, his hopes were that the boys would take these techniques to their own families farms and convince their parents to use them too.

Jacks and those first 25 members had no way of knowing how wildly successful their efforts would be.

That first corn club became the roots of today's Texas 4-H, which still teaches innovative, science-based methods of farming and much more. Because today's 4-Hers come from both rural communities and urban neighborhoods, the program offers such projects as photography, public speaking, technology and consumer decision-making in addition to its time-honored crop and animal projects.

Participation has expanded just a bit too. According to the Texas 4-H Web site (<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>), current membership in Texas 4-H clubs is more than 65,000 and another 850,000 young Texans are involved in 4-H projects through their schools, after-school programs and neighborhood or youth centers.

According to the Web site, the four Hs stand for: Head, which represents clearer thinking and decision-making; Heart, for greater loyalty, strong personal values, positive self-concept and concern for others; Hands, for larger service, workforce preparedness, useful

skills, and science and technology literacy; and health, for better living and healthy lifestyles.

No matter what the size of their neighborhoods or the diversity of their projects, all 4-Hers are guided by the pledge: I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, my health to better living for my club, my community, my country and my world.

First written by Otis Hall of Kansas, the pledge was approved in 1927 at the first National 4-H Club in Washington, D.C., according to the Web site. The only change to the pledge in the past 80 years was the addition of the phrase my world in 1973.

To officially open the 100th anniversary year of Texas 4-H - which will be celebrated from September 2007 through August 2008 - Jacksboro and Jack County hosted a celebration on Oct. 9. Festivities included a display of current 4-H projects and Share-the-Fun performances, dinner and entertainment, and a corn recipe contest in honor of the first corn club.

Children attending were given samples of corn seed to take home and plant.

Attendees could also visit the Jack County Museum, which is located in the house where Tom Marks lived. The room dedicated to 4-H exhibits is reported to be the room where the original corn club met. Museum visitors could also see the 4-H centennial quilt, which was made by volunteers from Childress County in honor of the occasion. The double-sized quilt, which has been described as part applique, part monogram, is made of blocks that form the 4-H centennial circle, a design created especially for the 100th anniversary of Texas 4-H.

Throughout its first 100 years, the goal of Texas 4-H has been reflected in its motto: To make the best better.

No matter what changes in size and project topics Texas 4-H has in the future, that goal will remain the same.

October 7-11 is National 4-H Week! Be on the lookout for 4-H'ers in Borden County providing promotional materials, wearing green, and supporting 4-H! If you would like more information on how YOU can become involved with 4-H, as a member or a volunteer, please contact the Texas Cooperative Extension-Borden County office at (806)756-4336.

Reeder, Mayes Inducted Into Snyder High School Athletic Hall of Honor

1964 Borden High School graduate Pam (Stephens) Reeder and current Sixth Grade Teacher Sue Jane Mayes were inducted October 5 into the Snyder High School Athletic Hall of Honor.

The two were members of Snyder's first athletic state championship team, having won the 1972 State 3AAA Championship by defeating Gregory-Portland in the final match, April 22, 1972, on the University of Texas campus in Austin.

Reeder, in her first head coaching job, led the Lady Tigers to a 17-7 record that year as a rookie 25-year-old coach. Mayes, a sophomore, was the starting setter for a team.

The Lady Tigers never got to defend their title as Snyder's enrollment increased that year, pushing Snyder into the state's largest class at that time (4A). The next year Snyder finished second in a district with Abilene High, Abilene Cooper, Midland High, Midland Lee, Odessa High, Odessa Permian, and Big Spring. At that time, only the first place team advanced in the playoffs.

Mrs. Reeder, now living in Fort Sumner, New Mexico, left Snyder in 1973 to begin her family. Her daughter Shayne is a 1992 BHS graduate while son Kurt graduated in 1995 from Borden County.



Pictured are members of the 1972 State Champion Volleyball Inductees. Sue Jane (Sullivan) Mayes (front row, left) now teaches 6th grade at Borden County. Pam (Stephens) Reeder is pictured front row, center.

Go Coyotes . . .

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Commissioners Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 21st day of September, 2007, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit: **VAN YORK**, County Judge, Presiding; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JOYCE HERIDGE**, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court with Precinct 2 Commissioner Randy Adcock absent, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of September 11th, 2007 were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by

Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined and Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ROAD WORK

A discussion was held concerning the County Policy and Equipment Charges for Private Road Work as Authorized by Texas Constitution, Art. 3, Section 52F. No action was taken.

ELECTION JUDGES

Due to the decline of the Precinct No. 1 Alternate Election Judge, Commissioner Belew made a motion to appoint another Alternate Election Judge. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SPECIAL BUDGET

Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve the Special Budget as required by Sec. 111.0108 Local Government Code. This is for funds not

anticipated for the Borden County Permanent Improvement Fund and is to be used for Water System Improvements. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

BORDEN COUNTY WATER

Judge York gave an update on the Borden county Water System. A discussion was held with no action taken. Representatives from Eurus Energy were unable to appear. A Settlement Agreement is Cause No. 1158 was received.

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Abatement Agreement to be considered. Cause No. 1158 Holmes vs. Borden County, Texas to be considered.

ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 9th day of October, 2007.

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BORDEN COUNTY ISD VEHICLE BID REQUEST

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive bids for school vehicles.

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 "Vehicle Bid". Proposals may also be faxed or e-mailed. Proposals will be received up to but no later than 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 11, 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

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.
CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES
CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene

Contract 6171-97-001 for HOT POUR CRACK SEAL in HOWARD County, etc. will be opened on November 13, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$202,522.26.

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. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification 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.

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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.

PUBLIC NOTICE- FINANCIAL INTEGRITY RATING SYSTEM OF TEXAS BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC MEETING 7:00 P.M.; OCTOBER 15, 2007

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 Monday, October 15, 2007.

The 2007 School First ratings were based upon an analysis of staff and student data reported for the 2005-2006 school year, and budgetary and actual financial data for the 2006 fiscal year.

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

Big Spring's Foremost Animal Lover

When Melanie Gambrell was growing up in a small town in Iowa, she spent a lot of time on her aunt and uncle's pig farm. She'd sing to the pigs and feed them apples. Her uncle raised ducks and she would get in rotten duck egg fights with neighbor kids.

"When those rotten duck eggs hit you, they explode all over you," says Melanie. "I had to ride in the back of the pickup a lot because I stunk."

She used to pick up garter snakes and put them in her pocket.

"My mother never could figure out how those snakes kept getting in the house," says Melanie, who now has as many animals as some small zoos.

"People just drop them off or they call me to take care of them."

Growing up in town, she never had all the pets she wanted.

Now she does. Her place east of Big Spring is a menagerie. "I have a pet steer named Spot that lived in the house with us for three months. I have a llama named Brock. We've got two barbado sheep named Barbie and Doe, I have a fainting goat, a meat goat, two horses, rabbits, birds, seven of my own dogs, six of my own cats, two bobcat kittens, a possum, some chickens and roosters and a husband."

She has made a business of taking care of animals. She grooms and boards them, trains them, uses them as therapy for people in nursing homes, teaches people how to be better pet owners through her weekly radio program (Pet Talk) and puts some orphaned animals up for adoption.

"I'm pretty particular about who gets my animals," she says. "I want to make sure they get good homes. When they do, I get a real satisfied feeling."

Her business is called All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. She is licensed to examine animals to see if they've been abused. People bring her injured wild animals and she helps them get better so they can return to the wild.

By the way, she says you shouldn't put feed out for stray cats.

"It'll bring colonies of feral cats, skunks and raccoons and becomes a breeding ground and a place for disease."

Melanie got a new dog the other day and named him Bob Barker. She did have a pet mule deer that rode in her car.

"We raised her from a baby. When she was about a year old she started visiting the neighbors, which were a mile away. They would call and tell me that Big Girl was on their place. I'd drive over there and she would come to the car, get in and we would drive off."

Her pet steer Spot slept on a comforter in her house and had his own blanket. "Have you ever bought Depends for a steer? That's no bull."

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Borden County ISD Regular Board Meeting

September 17, 2007

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. in the Borden County I.S.D. Board Room.

Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, and Mike Valentine. Dennis Poole was absent. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas and Principal, Bart McMeans were also present.

1. The meeting was called to order by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2007 meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the September 2007 bills. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the applications of Coyote Wind LLC and Gunsight Mountain Wind Energy LLC for a limitation on appraised value of property for school district maintenance and operations taxes. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Carol Lewis to retain Moak, Casey & Consultants Inc. to assist the Borden County ISD in the evaluation of the applications of Coyote Wind LLC and Gunsight Mountain Wind Energy LLC for a limitation on appraised

value of property for school district maintenance and operations taxes. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to purchase a 24 passenger Blue Bird Bus with a Ford 6.0 Liter engine from Blue Star Bus Sales at a price of \$51,975.00. The motion carried unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joe Harding to request that Price Construction continue studying the engineering work, dirt work, concrete work and drainage work needed prior to paving the football parking lot and for Price Construction to provide an updated cost proposal for parking lot repairs including these costs. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Mike Valentine to solicit bids for two mid-sized cars and one large vehicle such as an Expedition or Suburban. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Randy Hensley to set the next school board meeting for 7:00 P.M. on October 15, 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion was made by

Mike Valentine and seconded by Carol Lewis to add, revise, and delete local policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the instruction sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 81. The motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to adopt a resolution for a plan pertaining to new school board election requirements resulting from the action of the 80th Legislative Session. The motion carried unanimously.

13. Mr. Thomas gave a year to date financial report and reported that 165 students were enrolled as of September 17, 2007. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

14. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joel Dennis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.



After working for years on a light bulb, Thomas Edison finally made his first. Handing it to his lab boy, he said, "Take it downstairs, and we'll turn it on."

Nervous with excitement, he fell and broke the bulb.

But the way to make a come back is to go on. And Edison went on to make the second bulb. When he finished it, he trusted the same young man, saying, "Take it downstairs, and we'll turn it on."

Have you made a mess of things? The Lord won't give up on you. Look to Him. He'll erase your past and empower you for the present. He'll give you a new start and new success.

Thought for the Day

God does not
propose to judge a
man till he is dead.
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tional Christian Connection



1972 State Champion

Sue Jane (Sullivan) Mayes is pictured with her brother, Scotty, at half-time of the Snyder High School football game. Ms. Mayes, along with other members of the 1972 State Champion Volleyball team, were inducted into the Snyder High School Athletic Hall of Honor.

NOTICE OF HEARING

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL
OIL AND GAS DOCKET
NO. 8A-0253692
IN RE: CONSERVATION AND PREVENTION OF WASTE OF CRUDE PETROLEUM AND
NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

Austin, Texas

October 1, 2007

NOTICE OF HEARING

ON THE APPLICATION OF APACHE CORPORATION

TO CONSIDER UNITIZATION AND SECONDARY AUTHORITY FOR THE PROPOSED VON
ROEDER WEST UNIT

VON ROEDER, W. (CLEAR FORK) FIELD,
BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. Art. §§ 2001 et seq. (2007), the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing on November 8, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the check the bulletin board in the 1st Floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.

This hearing will be held to consider the application of Apache Corporation for unitization and secondary recovery authority pursuant to §101, Texas Natural Resources Code for the Von Roeder West Unit, Von Roeder, W. (Clear Fork) Field, Borden County, Texas. Applicant advises that the unit agreement has been approved by the owners of more than 85% of the working interest and the owners of more than 65% of the royalty interest. If you have question regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Michael McElroy, at (512)327-8111. If you have question regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad Commission, Office of General Counsel, at (512)463-6848.

IF A CONTINUATION IS NECESSARY, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, And, to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas.

PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify.

ANY REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT of this hearing must be received no later than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list. TO APPEAR IN SUPPORT OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PROCEEDING, a party other than the applicant must file with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. A copy of the notice of intent to appear should be served on the applicant and any other parties of record.

IF ANY PARTY DESIRES A WRITTEN TRANSCRIPT of the hearing, that party should notify the Docket Services at (512)463-6848, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. If a written transcript is requested, the Commission may assess the cost of the transcript to one or more parties. Unless any party requests a written transcript, the record will be made by audio tape recording.

ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY who needs auxiliary aids and services in order to have an equal opportunity to effectively communicate and participate in this hearing must request such aids or services at least two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing by notifying the Personnel office of the Railroad Commission of Texas by mail at P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas ALL EXHIBITS FILED AS A PART OF THE RECORD in this cause must be submitted in duplicate. Data in Commission records may be incorporated by reference, but the reference must be specific, and if it included exhibits filed in prior proceedings before the Commission, a copy of such exhibit properly identified shall be submitted for this record.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the registered voters of the County of
Borden, Texas:
(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Borden, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., November 6, 2007, for voting in a special election to adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendment as submitted by the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas. (Notifíquese, pr las present que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 6, 2007, de Noviembre 2007 para votar el la eleccion, para adoptar o rechazar la emniendas propuestas constitucional asi como fueron sometidas por la 80a Legislamra Sesion Regular; de la Estado de Texas.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

No. 1 AT Plains Community Center
No. 2A – 2B at Borden County Community Building
No. 3A – 2B at Fairview Election Building
No. 4A – 4B at Borden County Courthouse
Absentee at County Clerk's Office, Gail Courthouse during normal office hours.

No. 1 en Plains Community Center
No. 2A – 2B en community room de Gail
No. 3A – 3B en la sitio se votacion Fairview
No. 4A – 4B en Courthouse de Gail
Para los que se encuentran ausente, para eldie propuest pueden votar en oricina del County Clerk en Gail, Texas

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:
(La votacion adelantado en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

County Clerk's Office (oricina del Secretatio del Destrito y Condado)

Between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on October 22, 2007 (entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 22 de Octubre, 2007 and ending on 02 de Noviembre, 2007 (y terminando el 02 de November, 2007.)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para lotetas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan enviarse a:)

Joyce Herridge
P.O. Box 124
Gail, Texas 79738

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on:

October 30, 2007 (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el: Octubre 30, 2007)

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