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Miss New Mexico has ties to Borden County 9-11 Remembered - - -



**Miss New Mexico 2003
Rana Jones**

Miss New Mexico 2003, Rana Jones is already in Atlantic City, N.J., where she is preparing for next Saturday's Miss America Contest. The ABC Network will broadcast the event.

Jones was crowned Miss New Mexico 2003 in June.

According to a biographical release, she is excited about her mission. "Through my efforts as Miss New Mexico,

I plan to exhaust every effort to increase organ and tissue donor awareness, and in turn, help make the availability of life-saving transplants possible.

"By choosing to become a donor, we can make a difference and save so many lives."

To qualify for Miss New Mexico, Rana first had to win the Miss New Mexico South

Plains title. Some six years ago, she was crowned Miss Teenage New Mexico. Also Rana honed her pageant skills winning other titles such as Miss Fort Worth Stock Yards Rodeo queen.

She lived in Fluvanna for a time and attended Borden County Schools before graduating from high school in Tatum, N.M.

Jones, 22, attended Tarleton State University where she received her bachelor of science degree in speech communications.

In the fall of 2002, she enrolled in her first year of law school at Texas Tech

University. She has also been accepted into the joint degree program where students not only receive their Juris Doctorate degree, but also a master's in business administration.

Rana is the daughter of Max and Janes Jones of Borden County and Mike and Bethe Cunningham of Tatum, NM and granddaughter of Don and Nelva Jones of Borden County.



Moment of Silence: The Borden County ISD students and faculty took time to remember all the victims of 9-11 and their families last Wednesday morning as they gathered in front of the school. School Principal, Chet Dye said a few words to the students followed by the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence.

COYOTE FOOTBALL

Thursday, September 18th

JH Football - Ira - T - 5:30 p.m.

JV Football - Ira - T - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 19th

HS Football - Ira - H - 7:30 p.m.

GO COYOTES!!

Join the Crowd and Back the Coyotes!



Coyotes and Eagles: Like Reading a Good Book with a Happy Ending

By Sue Jane Mayes

The Prologue

Even for those who aren't necessarily football fans, Friday night's contest between Borden High School and Ropesville provided all the elements of a good story.

There was the setting: a beautiful, crisp autumn evening in September with a West Texas sunset.

There were the characters: a dazzling passer for the opponents and a bunch of young Coyotes led by three determined seniors not to mention their "old" coach.

And, there was the plot: the conflict between two opponents who were going to go to the air to settle the score.

The game had plenty of action, which always makes for a good story. Coyote fans even went home happily ever after--at least until the next football game.

Chapters 1 and 2

Against Ropes, the Coyote cast of characters were in need of a win. The young team fell to Meadow last week in their season opener.

From the outset when Ropes decided to onside kick the opening boot, the Coyotes hinted they were ready to play.

Kyle Pinkerton fell on the ball, and the Coyotes were in business on their own 32-yard line.

The opening possession provided two key moments for the Coyotes that foreshadowed (told you this was a literary gem of a game) their actions the remainder of the game.

Facing 4th and two, junior Adam Carter got the call and went up the middle for the needed yardage.

The drive stalled, however, after a delay of game penalty made it 4th and 24 from the Coyotes' own 39-yard line.

Carter took the pitch and then threw downfield to

Andy Lozano who took it into the end zone for six points.

Pinkerton's kick--the first of six successful PAT's of the game--put BHS up 8-0 with 5:55 in the first quarter.

On their first defensive possession, the Coyotes looked solid.

John Wilson fought off what should have been a holding penalty to force a loss while Carter deflected a pass on the series as well.

Still, Ropes' talented quarterback managed to hit his first three passes.

Pinkerton tackled an Eagle runner in the backfield for a three-yard loss, setting up a third down and 17 situation.

Ropes, however, scored on a touchdown pass on the very next play, making the score 8-6.

With time running down in the first period, BHS ran three straight rushing plays but found themselves at 4th and six on Ropes' 37-yard line.

Pinkerton got the ball on a nifty reverse call as the Eagles were keying on Garrett Thomas and Derek Rodriguez out of the backfield.

The 23-yard scamper closed out the quarter, and then quarterback Shane Tarleton found Wilson in the end zone on a 16-yard toss to open the second quarter.

Pinkerton's boot made it a 16-6 Coyote lead.

At this point in the game, plot development took a twist as Ropes' dangerous offense went to the air to score on three consecutive possessions in the quarter.

But before they did that, the Coyotes seemed to have the game in hand.

After their second score of the game, BHS held Ropes after some nice defensive work by Wilson who might as well had a hammer on one play as he nailed a Ropesville

receiver to prevent a first down.

With 6:14 left in the half, the Coyotes took over on downs and seemed to be headed for another score.

Ropes' defense returned the favor, however, and the Eagles' offense scored soon thereafter on a 41-yard pass play. Their PAT kick was true--the game now stood at 16-14 with the Coyotes ready to regroup.

A fumble on the next offensive possession for BHS thwarted the regrouping. Heck, it even stopped it.

Less than two minutes later, the host team scored again to take the lead with 1:38 left before halftime.

And they weren't through.

The Coyotes received the kickoff but immediately turned it over again on a deflected pass interception.

With :18 in the half, the Eagles found the end zone again in the air, this time a 12-yard strike. A converted PAT kick stunned the Coyotes as they now were down 28-16 in just a matter of minutes.

Remember that cast of characters? They displayed some of that on the ensuing kickoff.

Not content to take a knee and run out the half, Pinkerton scooped the onside kick and took it 17 yards before being brought down on the Eagles' 25-yard line.

Tarleton did his rendition of a Hail Mary pass to Wilson who went between two defenders to make a leaping catch at the goal line and take the ball in for his second touchdown of the half.

Though the PAT was blocked, the score gave the Coyotes a much-needed confidence boost that would carry over into the second half of play.

Chapters 3 and 4

Told you this was a good

story even if you don't like football.

How good? Well, our heroes, the Coyotes, took that momentum and stopped Ropesville throughout the third quarter.

No points. No nothing.

The leading characters were J. Ryan Gicklhorn who made a big stop on the Eagles' first possession to go along with a hurry to force an incomplete pass.

Pinkerton added a tackle; the Eagles had to punt away their opportunity to get back on the scoreboard.

BHS went on land and in the air, balancing their offensive possession in an effort to get back to the end zone.

The plan worked as Carter, Tyler Wallace, and Billy Roper opened up a big hole for Derek Rodriguez who did some moves of his own to go for a 14-yard gain.

A three-yard loss did not deter the Coyotes; on the next play, Tarleton aired it out again, this time to Pinkerton who made a bid for most versatile player of the game.

Pinkerton then kicked for two more points, and the Coyotes regained the lead, 30-28 with 6:18 in the third quarter.

It appeared Ropes would regain the lead as they moved the ball down to the Coyote eight-yard line on their next drive.

Facing 4th and 3 from that spot, Pinkerton busted through the line for a huge sack with gave the ball back to the Coyotes.

Carter picked up 12 yards to give the Coyotes some breathing room, but two incomplete passes set up a 4th and short situation.

Once again, Pinkerton got the reverse call and rushed downfield for the needed five yards and a first down to keep this drive going.

It didn't last long, though,

as the Coyotes were unable to move the ball and were forced to punt after a delay of game penalty.

Pinkerton--who by now was in contention to be named the main character of the game--got off a 56-yard punt.

Not only that, the Eagles fumbled the punt, and Tarleton fell on it inside the five-yard line.

Here's where you may think you can put the book down and figure out the ending.

Keep reading because the Coyotes were unable to punch it in from only five yards out. The third quarter--which had seen BHS take all the momentum away, also saw them give it right back to the Eagles as they could not convert on the turnover.

Oh, but don't give up on them just yet because just as Ropes thought they could get back in the game, Wilson and Carter decided to thicken the plot.

The duo combined for a hit and fumble recovery with 9:45 left in the game. This time the Coyotes would convert the turnover into points as Tarleton tossed his fourth touchdown pass of the evening to Pinkerton on a 21-yard scoring strike.

Rodriguez bulled into the end zone on the PAT to give the Coyotes a 37-28 lead with 9:22 on the clock.

Lozano got down field in a hurry, as usual, and made the solo tackle on the kickoff as Ropes took over on their own 21-yard line.

Wilson made two consecutive tackles as the Eagles faced a third and seven from their own 27-yard line.

Lozano's heavy rush led to an incomplete pass, and on the next play Lozano was credited with a sack with some help from Pinkerton's pressure.

BHS took over and put six more points on the board as Garrett Thomas went 18

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JV Battles to Take Hard-Fought Win Over Ropesville

After the first quarter, the 2-0 score was indicative of the tough game that lay ahead.

The jr. varsity Coyotes pulled off a safety with 3:28 to play in the opening quarter when Statton Keith sacked the Ropes runner.

The defensive points came after the Coyote offense had stalled on the 14-yard line on their opening drive.

The free kick gave the ball back to BHS, and it appeared the Coyotes would convert on the golden opportunity.

Quarterback Austin Tarleton teamed up with Andrew Lamming for a 22-yard gain on a pass play.

Michael Bullinger did his part on the ground, churning out 42 yards on the drive.

However, a fumble on the 2-yard line gave Ropes possession with :49 in the first quarter.

A facemask penalty gave the Eagles better field position, but Keith hammered the opponent's runner and Trey Soto picked up the loose ball on the 7-yard line.

With 7:40 remaining in the half, the Coyotes were in position again to capitalize on great field position.

Once again, however, it was not to be.

A deflected pass, a sack, and a rush for short yardage set up a 4th and goal for BHS. The Eagles held.

Ropes went to work deep in their end of the field, but it wasn't easy.

Clint Chapman stripped the ball but the Eagles were able to recover their own fumble.

Bullinger made a touchdown saving tackle on Ropes' next rushing play followed by Keith's rush and deflection.

Regrouping, the visitors then went to the air and scored on a 31-yard touchdown pass with 2:41 left in the half. The PAT made it an 8-2 game.

Keith returned the kickoff 23 yards to the Eagle 37-yard line.

Taking Tarleton's handoff, Keith then used the option to find Zane Williamson downfield for 28 yards.

Lamming moved the ball two more yards up the middle, but an incomplete pass and a sack forced the Coyotes to call a time-out with :53 to play in the half, facing 4th and goal.

After offsetting penalties gave the Coyotes a second chance on the 4th down play, Keith found Trey Soto in the end zone for six points.

The PAT run by Bullinger was good to make it a 9-8 game at halftime.

A long, sustained drive by the Eagles to open the second half kept the ball out of Coyote possession and resulted in a score for Ropes.

The score, at the 3:43 mark of the third quarter, put Ropes up 14-9.

Bullinger went to work and found holes in the Eagle defense not only on his 22-yard kickoff return but on a 43-yard scamper downfield for a touchdown.

However, a block in the back call negated the touchdown, as the Coyotes had to return to the line of scrimmage and try again.

The next effort—with rushing efforts by Bullinger and Keith—was successful as Keith scored on a 10-yard rush with 2:11 left in the quarter.

The Coyotes were back on top at this point, 15-14.

Lamming's solo shot on the kickoff return kept the Eagles at bay on their own 20-yard line.

Bullinger got through the line and forced a 5-yard sack and Keith added a solo shot to put the Eagles in a 4th down situation.

With only 30 seconds left in the third period, Ropesville was able to convert and move the ball downfield, stopped short of the goal line by Bullinger's tackle.

On the next play, the back and forth momentum continued as Chapman

sacked the Eagle runner for a seven-yard loss.

Facing 2nd and goal from their 25-yard line, Ropesville continued to be harassed by Coyote defenders as Chapman's rush forced an incomplete pass.

The Coyotes had dodged a bullet but could not capitalize on their next offensive possession.

Ropes came back to score midway through the final period and regain the lead, 20-15.

Not to be outdone, the Coyotes quickly answered with a scoring drive. Bulling made good yardage on the kickoff return and then scored on a 15-yard sweep with 1:55 left in the game. BHS led 21-20 but the game still wasn't over.

A shanked kick gave the Eagles good field position as they began their drive on their 34-yard line with less than two minutes to play.

Soto provided some stellar defensive play that included a sack and a heavy rush on 4th and 17, which led to an incomplete pass.

The Coyotes had held and with :39 to go in the game, Keith took it in for an 18-yard touchdown.

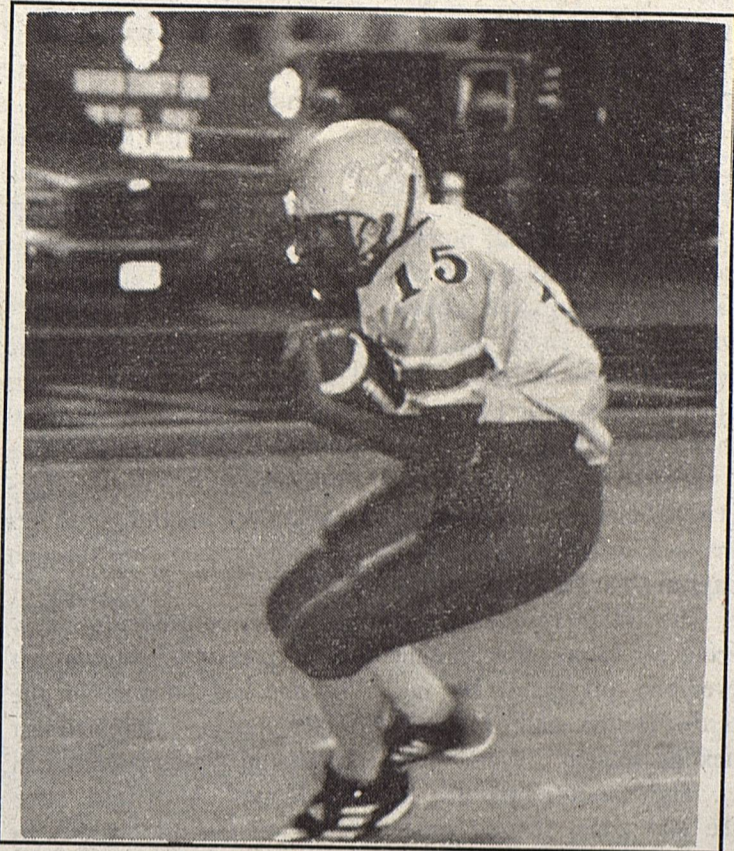
Tarleton completed a PAT pass to Dore Rodriguez to make it a 28-20 lead.

Tarleton's interception ended the Eagles' final chance to knot the score as the Coyote JV claimed their first win of the season.

Next action will be in Ira following the jr. high game Thursday.

TACKLES

Lamming (3 assists, 2 solos); Soto (1 sack, 1 hurry, 1 solo, 2 assists); Chapman (3 solos, 1 hurry, 1 sack, caused 1 fumble, 6 assists); Tarleton (3 solos, 1 assist, 1 interception, 1 deflected pass); Bullinger (1 assist, 1 sack); Keith (4 solos, 4 assists, 2 deflected passes, 2 hurries); Rodriguez (3 assists, 1 solo); Reynolds (1 assist)—also seeing action were Peterson and Rinehart



Trey Soto #15 "snag"s a pass for a touchdown.



#24 Michael Bullinger J.V. Running Back heads to the goal line.

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Coyotes and Eagles:

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yards after eluding the Eagles in the backfield with a slick change of direction.

The PAT kick gave the Coyotes a 45-28 lead with 7:32 remaining.

That lead would appear comfortable except for the fact that this story takes place in six-man land and the opposing quarterback had already thrown for 148 yards in the first half alone.

Like any good story, irony is a key element. Remember that's when something happens that isn't expected.

The unexpected led to a score for Ropes--they caught everyone off guard by not throwing the ball on their next possession.

They ran it--all the way to the end zone, scoring on a two-yard run with 7:08 left in the game.

Their two-point conversion narrowed the margin to 45-36 with plenty of time left for both teams to pull off a win.

Thomas did his part on the kickoff with a 31-yard return to the Coyotes' 35-yard line.

Thanks to key blocks by Wallace and Roper, Thomas picked up 10 yards on the first play from scrimmage, moving the ball into Eagle territory.

At this point, BHS tried to use up the clock, running the ball but facing a 4th and six on the 36.

Lozano came through with a 16-yard run to get the first down and at least four more downs for BHS.

Tarleton waited patiently in the pocket on an option play and found Pinkerton for some yardage, but another rush resulted in a loss of yardage.

Ropes called a time out with 3:05 left in the game with the ball resting on the Eagles' 18-yard line and the Coyotes looking at a 4th and 13.

In what was perhaps the final turning point in the contest, Pinkerton found Carter racing downfield and

placed the ball perfectly in stride for a 18-yard touchdown play.

Once again, Pinkerton--who was involved in all scoring possessions except one--split the uprights as the Coyotes scored their 23rd point of the quarter.

Leading 53-36, the Coyotes knew that Ropes would have to score three more times in less than three minutes to win. The Coyotes also knew that stranger things have happened in six-man football.

So they continued to apply heavy pressure, courtesy of Wallace and Lozano, on the Eagles' next-to-last possession. Their presence in the Ropes' backfield gave Pinkerton the opportunity to do one of the few things he hadn't done on the evening: intercept a pass thrown hurriedly by a frazzled Eagle quarterback.

Lozano also recovered a fumble in the final few seconds after the Coyotes fumbled the ball away one more time.

Well, that concludes the story. It was a dandy and if it were a movie, some accolades would have to go to the three seniors for stepping it up when the troops were down 28-16.

Some credit would go to the juniors who provided a solid supporting cast, and then to the two sophomores who just continue to make some big plays when needed.

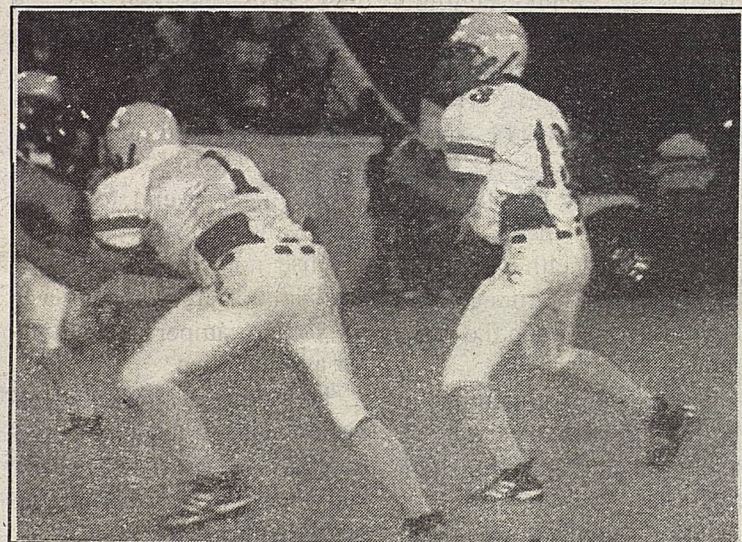
Best director? Coach Avery, of course--the old man can still call a few plays.

The next story hits the stands Friday night as the Ira Bulldogs bring their game to town--look for another bestseller as the Coyotes hope to take their record to 2-1.

THE END



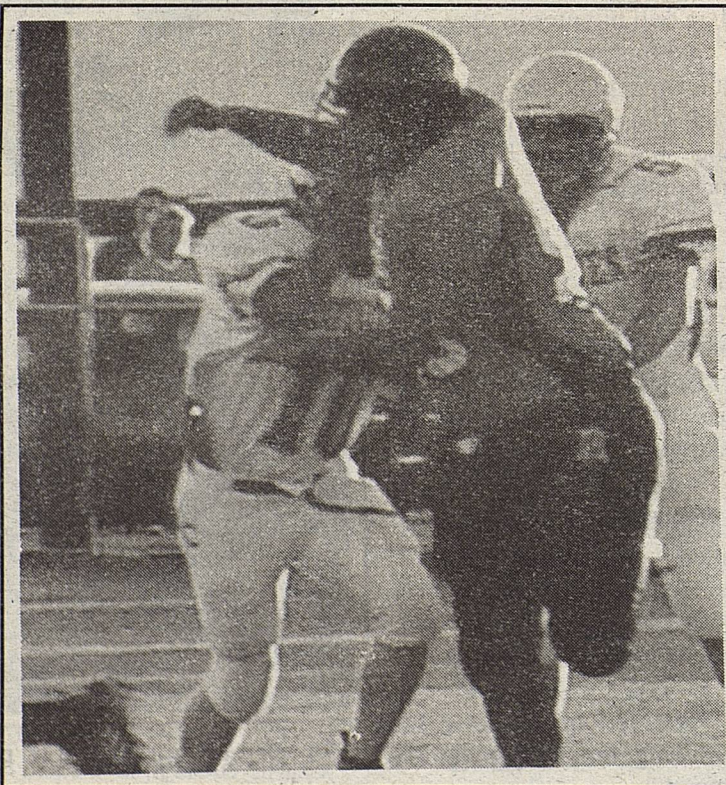
Garrett Thomas #20, pushes his way down the field against a Ropes defender.



#1 Tyler Wallace "Holding that line" for #13 Shane Tarleton in Friday nights victory over Roper 53-36.



"We got Spirit, Yes we do"! Sixth Graders Rachel Payne and Olivia Key cheering on the Coyotes.



Adam Carter #10: Making holes for the Coyotes.

Drive Safely - Watch Out for the Children

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BHS Teacher Receives Masters Degree from Sul Ross University

John Harvey (Trey) Richey was one of one hundred and forty-seven students receiving their degree from Sul Ross State University during summer commencement held on Saturday, August 9, 2003 in the Pete P. Gallego Center on the Alpine campus. Charles W. Greenawalt, Executive Director for Region 19 Education Service Center, was the commencement speaker.

Trey received his MEd - Master of Education degree in Mid-management during these ceremonies. He is a 1986 graduate of Jayton High School. He received a Bachelor Degree from McMurry University in Abilene in 1991. Trey is currently a teacher/coach at Borden County ISD, where he lives in Gail with his wife Hayley and their four children, Taylor, Tanner, Tatum and Trace.

"Care Boxes" for local service men

Two former Borden County ISD graduates are among many of the young men and women that are still in Iraq fighting for freedom. These two young men are Cesar Mujica and Foston Wilson. Cesar is a 1999 graduate and the son of Sandy Espinoza and Foston is a 2000 graduate and the son of Chief and Dorothy Wilson.

There are a few things these young men are in need of while in Iraq as well as our prayers. As a community service project "Care Boxes" have been set up in the County Courthouse to help supply some of these needed items that their mom's have been sending. Below is a list of things needed.

Snacks (peanut butter crackers, etc.) **Candy** (nothing that would melt), **Popcorn** (pre-popped), **Cookies** (nothing that will melt), **Chips** (in solid containers), **Dips** (non-refrigeration), **Drinks** (in pouches), **Toothpaste, Deodorant, Wet Wipes, Shaving Cream, Disposable razors, Chapstick and Sunblock.**

If you would like to help with a few special items you

can bring the items to the courthouse to send in the "care boxes" that will be sent to them. Please sign Cesar's or Foston's sheets that will be provided. Also, a donation of a \$1 or \$2 is welcome to help pay the postage on these boxes.

School Menu Week Of:

Sept. 22nd - 26th, 2003

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

TUESDAY: Chicken Nuggets, Potatoes, corn, Hot Rolls, Fruit & Milk.

Breakfast: Biscuit & Gravy, Ham, Fruit Juice & Milk.

WEDNESDAY: Lasagna, Carrots, Salad, Garlic Toast, Fruit & Milk.

Breakfast: Cheese Toast, Fruit Juice & Milk

THURSDAY: Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese, Pickles, Jello, & Milk.

Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit Juice, & Milk.

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

Coyotes Pups Drop Opener to Ropesville J.H. Football Season Underway

Even though the Borden Jr. High Coyotes scored first last Thursday, the visiting Ropes Eagles went home with a 36-13 win.

On their opening drive, the Pups moved the ball on the ground thanks to combined rushing efforts of Chase Pinkerton and Quentin Shafer.

Shafer scored with :42 in the quarter from three yards out to put the Pups up 6-0.

Ropes, however, stormed back to score three times in the second period and led at half-time 22-6.

Pinkerton's 70-yard kickoff return in the third quarter brought some life back to the Pups, but the Eagles answered with two second-half scores to deny the Pups a comeback.

Midway through the fourth quarter, BJH threatened to score, moving the ball down to Ropes' seven-yard line.

But the Eagles held and sealed the victory with a touchdown run of their own.

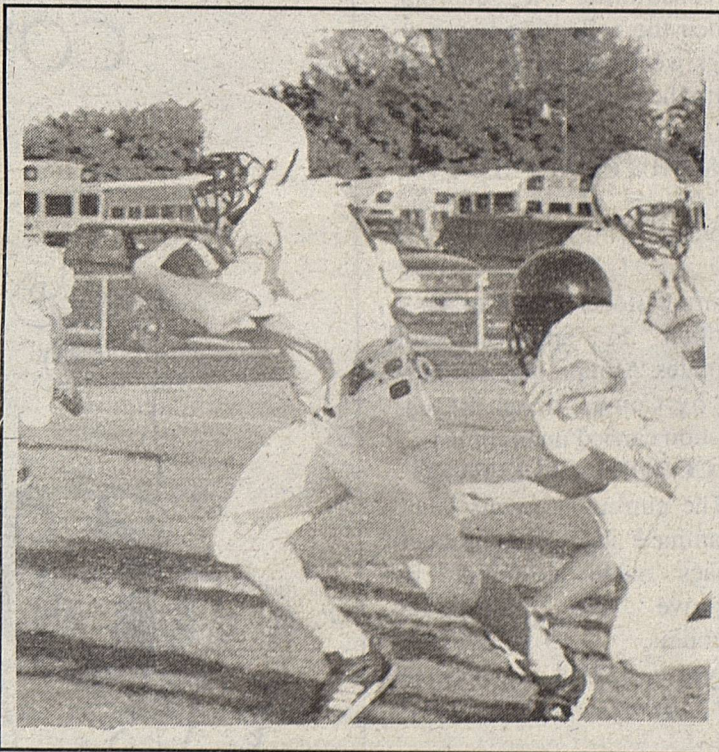
The jr. high will play in Ira Thursday.

TACKLES

Justin Stroope (2 hurries, 1 solo, 4 assists), Miller Valentine (7 assists, 1 hurry), Logan Howard (2 assists), Chase Pinkerton (3 solos, 2 sacks, 4 assists), Brice Smith (2 solos, 2 assists), Quentin Shafer (4 solos, 5 assists, 1 deflected pass), Kegun Clement (4 assists, 1 solo), Tim Crenshaw (3 solos, 1 assist), Cory Teel (2 assists)—also seeing action were Tyrell Massingill and Clay Harding—7th graders



Jr. High Coyote Quentin Shafer #10 Breaks a tackle and heads to the end zone.



Coyote Pup #5 Chase Pinkerton breaks free for a TD

LOST

Small auto focus Nikon camera in leather case and a roll of film (in a canister, ready to develop).

Lost or misplaced on Aug. 25th. . . probably on or near the Borden Co. Courthouse block.

If found, please return it to the courthouse; no question asked - Thank you for your Help Sarah Sharp

To The People of Borden County

Thank you for all the snacks and supplies that you brought in for our two service men in Iraq. Packages were mailed to the two of them on Sept. 11th and they should be receiving them in approximately 2 weeks.

We will continue to gather supplies for Foston and Cesar so we can send them both another package around Christmas.

Your help in this Community Project has been great and we are sure that these two young men will be greatly touched. Thank you for your help!

Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 25th day of August, 2003, the Commissioner's Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special 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; **DOUG ISAACS,** 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

constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting of August 11, 2003 were read. Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

ELECTION JUDGES

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to appoint election Judges and Alternate Judges as listed due to decline of previous appointments: Precinct No. 1, Judy Kingston as Judge and Mary Lynn Williams as Alternate Judge; Precinct 2A, Maria Guerrero as Judge and Dorothy Wilson as Alternate Judge; Precinct No. 4A, LaJean Shaw as Judge and Sharlot Stone as Alternate Judge. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY COMMUNITY ROOM

Julie Smith, family and Consumer and Sciences Agent, met with the Court with plans for the improvements and repairs for the Community Room.

SPECIAL COURT DAY

A motion was made by Commissioner Belew to move the Special Court Meeting from September 22, 2003 to September 19, 2003 to comply with the requirements that returns of the General Election held on September 13, 2003 be canvassed between September 17, 2003 and September 19, 2003. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaacs. Motion carried

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

Application for Soil Conservation construction of fireguards were received from Verna Ogden, Precinct No. 1; Joe Belew and Ray Herring, Precinct No. 4. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the applications at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for the motor grader and \$65.00 per hour for a dozer. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIRE BAN

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve the Borden County Emergency Order for Prohibition of Outdoor Burning in accordance with provisions of the Texas Disaster Act of 1975. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYEE MANUAL

Commissioner Belew made a motion to amend the Employee Manual for County Road Employees to have a paid 1½ hr. day sick leave effective January 1, 2004. Commissioner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2004 BUDGET

Commissioners held a 2004 Budget work session. Commissioner Belew made a motion to give a \$75.00 per month cost of living increase to the Sheriff, County & District Clerk, Treasurer and a \$15.00 per month cost of living increase to the Justice of the Peace. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion.

COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MEETING hereby placed of record to-wit:

COUNTY ELECTION

BOARD

The County Election Board convened on August 26th, 2003 at 4:30 p.m. in the County and District Clerk's Office with following members of the Board being present to-wit:

JOYCE HERRIDGE, County Clerk Presiding; **VAN L. YORK,** County Judge, **CINDY HERRIDGE,** Democratic Chairman

Constituting a quorum when the following proceedings were had to-wit:

In accordance with Election Code Sec. 15.002, the County Election Board and the presiding judge for the general election for state and county officers. The Early Voting Ballot Board is composed of a Presiding Judge and Alternate Judge. The Presiding Judges shall be

COYOTE OPRY DATE CHANGE

11 - OCTOBER - 2003

A hand-drawn poster for the Coyote Opry. At the top, it says "COYOTE OPRY DATE CHANGE" and "11 - OCTOBER - 2003". Below this, it says "GAIL TEXAS" with decorative flourishes. A large banner in the center reads "COYOTE OPRY". Underneath the banner, it lists "CONCESSION SUPPER 5:00 P.M." with a drawing of a plate of food. Below that, it says "MUSIC 6:00 - 10:00 by LOCAL & AREA MUSICIANS" with a drawing of a guitar. To the right, it says "PENNY RAFFLES AUCTION" with a drawing of a pie. At the bottom, it says "PIE, CAKE, COBBLER YOUTH ART EXHIBIT" with a drawing of a pie.

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Notice of opportunity for organizations and groups representing elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities to make comments or request a public hearing is hereby given by West Texas Opportunities, Inc. Rural Transit District on a Section 5310 grant program for the Elderly and Disabled general public of Howard County. Financial assistance is being sought from the Texas Department of Transportation - Abilene District for approximately \$5,000 to be used to alleviate operating expenses for vehicles, allowing for expansion of services to the Elderly and Disabled in Borden and Howard Counties. These efforts will improve the quality and quantity of services for the elderly and/or persons with disabilities for whom transportation services are unavailable, insufficient or inappropriate. Written comments or a written request for a public hearing can be mailed to Debra Rector, Public Transportation Coordinator - Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 150 Abilene, TX 79604-0150 until Friday, September 26th, at 3:00 p.m. For further information contact Debra Rector (325)676-6811.



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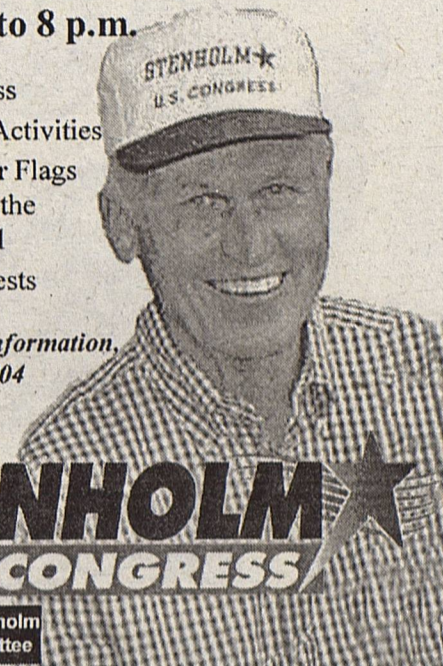
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**Date: September 27, 2003
Place: Ericksdahl Picnic Grounds
Time: 4:30 to 8 p.m.**

- ✓ Casual Dress
- ✓ Children's Activities
- ✓ Drawing for Flags
Flown over the
U.S. Capitol
- ✓ Special Guests



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**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 CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 6105-39-001 for MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY in BORDEN County, etc. will be opened on October 21, 2001 at 1:30 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$58,070.75.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the 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.

NPO: 10852

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

Dist/Div. Office (s)
Abilene Engineer
District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, TX 79604-0150
Phone: 325-676-6800

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.



School has started up
again and now our
lives are busy with
all of the fun that the
school year can
bring.

Children are precious, so
teach them about SAFETY!

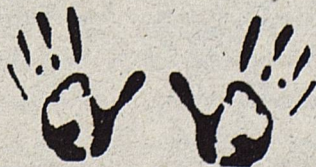
Here is something to think about that
may not have crossed your mind. That
is, having your child's Identification
cards made. Identification cards can be
helpful to the police, people in the area,
and the media incase your child should
be missing. **Child Tracker ID** cards
are to be kept in your possession. In case
your child is ever lost, or taken away
then you will have something to show.
It's a good idea to have one made for the
grandparents, relatives, or babysitter
that maybe taking care of your child
while you are away.

Child Tracker Identification Cards are:

- Plastic
- Size of a credit card/ drivers license
- Color digital photograph
- Digital fingerprint
- Physical description
- Parent information

The prices of the cards are: (per child)

- \$8.00 for one
- \$10.00 for the second
- \$12.00 for the third
- Any additional cards add \$2.00



Keep your children safe!!

If you would be interested participating in the Child Tracker
Identification Card, please notify Kim Thomas, School Nurse at
806/756-4313 by Friday, Sept. 26th.

JOB VACANCY NOTICE

JOB TITLE: Transportation Maintenance Tech I
SALARY: \$8.42-\$11.12 per hour
LOCATION: 400 East Wasson Ave, Gail, TX
JOB VACANCY NUMBER: 004515
CLOSING DATE: 09/29/03

Application and a copy of the Job Vacancy Notice may be picked up at the District Office at 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas or any other TXDOT office. Completed applications may be mailed to TXDOT, P.O. Box 150, Abilene, Texas 79604 or returned to any TXDOT Office.

"An applicant needing an accommodation in order to apply for this job may call the phone number of the Human Resources Office (915)676-6817. You may also call the telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) at (512)416-2977."

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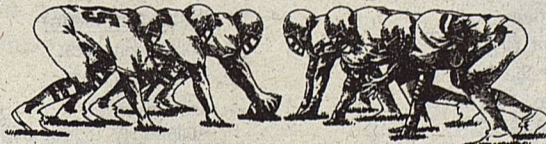
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Courthouse News

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appointed from the list provided by the political party whose nominee for governor received the most votes in the county in the most recent gubernatorial general election. (Election Code Sec. 87.001, Secs 87.002,32.031) The Republican Chairman, Brice Key,

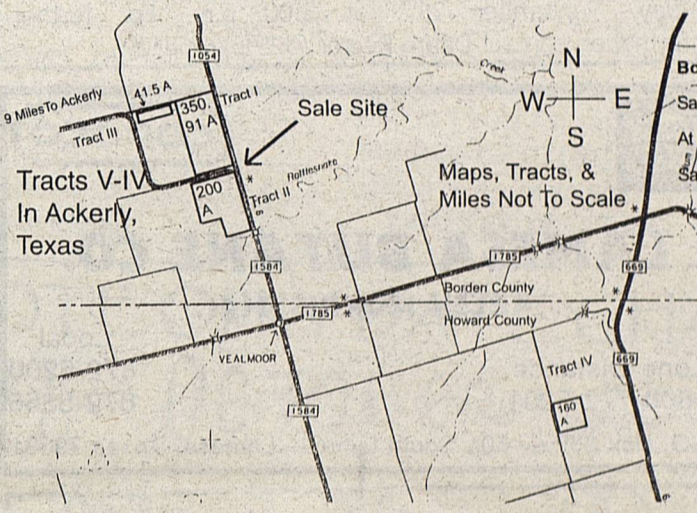
submitted his list and the Democratic Chairman, Cindy Herridge, submitted her nominee. John Anderson was appointed Presiding Judge, and Joyce Smith, Alternate Judge. Contact with Joyce Smith was unsuccessful. Therefore, Brice Key was appointed Alternate Judge. The appointments being made, the County Election Board adjourned.

DISCUSSION-ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA
 No new items presented.

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

REAL ESTATE AUCTION

Monday, September 22, 2003 ----- Sale Time 11:00 a.m.



Borden - Dawson - Howard County Real Property
 Sale Site: From Ackerly, Texas - 9 Miles East On F.R. 1584.
 At Intersection Of F.R. 1584 & F.R. 1054.
 Same Being 2 Miles North Of Vealmoor, Texas On F.R. 1584

Mrs. Lottie Crittenden
 (E.E. Crittenden Estate) ---- Owner

For More Information
 Call Ed Billingsley (432) 353-4384
 Or Cruce & Long Auctioneers
 (806) 296-5050 Or (806) 291-0825

Tract I: 350.91 Acres Borden County Texas Farm & Pasture Land. Legal Description: AB 1244, BS 33, Sec 12 E/2 T.P. 3-N, 350.91 Acres M/L. Farm Service Agency Information: Farm #137 309 Acres Cropland 83.41 Acres Pastureland Upland Cotton Base 300 Yield 364# Lint Combined With Tracts II + III - If Sold Separately, FSA Rules For Reconstitution Will Be Followed - More Accurate Information Available Upon Request, And On Sale Day

Tract II: 200 Acres Borden County, Texas Farm & Pasture Land. Legal Description: AB 00349, BLK 33, Section 13, T & P 3-N, SE/4-200 Acres M/L. Farm Service Agency Information: Farm # 137 157.3 Acres Cropland, 42.7 Acres Pastureland. Upland Cotton Base 300, Yield 364# Lint Combined With Tract I + III, If Sold Separately FSA Rules For Reconstitution Will Be Followed More Accurate Information Upon Request, And On Sale Day

Tract III: 41.5 Acres Borden County Texas Farm Land. Legal Description: 41.5 Acres Off North Part Of W/2, Section 12, T & P, 3-N, M/L. This Acreage Is Part Of Tract #I And #II As Far As FSA Information And If Sold Separately FSA Rules Of Reconstitution Will Be Followed. More Information And Accurate Data Available Upon Request And On Sale Day

Tract IV: 160 Acres Howard County Farm & Grass Land. Legal Description: SC 39, BLK 32-3N-NW/4-005. Containing 160 Acres M/L. Farm Service Agency Info: Farm #198, 92.2 Acres Cultivation, 67.8 Acres Pastureland. Upland Cotton Base Acres 59.6 Yield 322#Lint. Taxes: \$232.81 Possession: 1-1-04. Improvements-Old House-Corrals-Old Well, Rough And Wooded Terrain In Pastureland, Cropland Terraced, Isolated, Very Good Hunting Place

These 2 Tracts Below Will Be Offered At These Sites Immediately Following Sale Of Tracts I, II, III At Approximately 12:00 Noon

Tract V: Located Ackerly, Texas Across Street From Post Office. (Block 7 Lot 2 S/2 Of Lot 2 And All 3-4 & N/2 Of Lot 5 BLK 7 O T Ackerly)(Old Lottie's Cafe Building) Vacant Lots Ave A Ackerly, Texas Dawson County.

Tract VI: Located Ackerly, Texas Just South Of Post Office Same Side Of Street On Corner Lot. Wooden Frame Building Located On S-50 Ft. Lots 13 & 14 Martin County, Texas Block 8. Original Town Of Ackerly, Texas

Manner Of Auction & Sale. Tracts I-II-III Will Be Sold Separately And As A Unit, Whichever Means Brings Seller The Most Money, Will Be Manner Of Sale


Terms Of Sale: 20% In Escrow Day Of Auction - Remainder Upon Closing - Closing In 30 Days If Possible

Possession January 1, 2004, Or Sooner If Tenants Have Gathered Crops And Are Willing To Give Possession

Taxes: 2003 Taxes And All Prior Years Paid By Seller - New Owner Will Assume Taxes Starting January 1, 2004

Title: Ownership Will Past By General Or Special Warranty Deed With Seller Furnishing Title Policy.


Buyer Will Assume Ownership On An AS IS - Where Is Basis With Seller Only Guarantying Clear Title - Selling Surface Only (Some Production Located On Part Of Property). All Property Being Sold With Existing Easements And Right Of Way, Roadways, Etc. Owner Will Have 20 Minutes After Conclusion Of Sale Of All Tracts To Accept Or Reject Or Negotiate Any Or All Properties. Any Announcement Sale Day Takes Precedence Over Printed Matter Advertised. More And Exact Information By Sale Day. Any Mistakes Will Be Corrected.



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