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Can You Guess the number one crop in Texas? Corn? Potatoes? Carrots?

Senator Hutchinson's Weekly Column

You maybe surprised to learn the onion is Texas's top produce crop, with more than 15,000 acres harvested every year. But onions are just one of more than 45 types of produce grown in Texas, the nation's third largest producer of fruits and vegetables. With all these homegrown varieties to choose from, there's no excuse for not eating healthy.

For thousands of years humans have relied on plants for sustenance as well as to cure and prevent diseases. However, as our lifestyles have become increasingly busy, too often we opt for fast food rather than consuming fresh fruits and vegetables. Such habits can deprive our bodies of certain vitamins and minerals that are essential to maintaining good health. Scientific evidence suggests one-third of cancer deaths are diet-related and today medical professionals are refocusing their efforts toward preventing disease through diet and exercise rather than treating disease with drugs and surgery.

Speaking of onions, did you know that the sweet onion is our official state vegetable? The famous 1015 Sweet

Onion, developed at Texas A&M University, is so sweet and mild it was voted the sweetest tasting onion in a national competition – and it is tearless.

Potatoes are another crop abundant in Texas. More than 500 million pounds of red, white and russet potatoes are grown each year in Texas. Potatoes are high in potassium, and important mineral in helping your bones retain the calcium they need to stay strong.

Another vegetable, developed and enhanced through research with health in mind, is the 'BetaSweet' maroon carrot available in some areas. Again, it was Texas A&M's Vegetable Improvement Center which crated this carrot containing 40 percent more beta-carotene than average carrots. Of course, if this had been developed at my Alma matter, The

University of Texas, we would have left the carrots burnt orange as nature intended.

Researchers are also working to develop darker varieties of melons, such as cantaloupe, because the deeper the color, the higher the content of beta-carotene. Beta-carotene is an antioxidant that helps maintain vision and can reduce the risk of degenerative diseases including cancer. Certain peppers such as Texas' sweet jalapeno are also great sources for antioxidants.

Another nutritious crop produced in Texas is the red grapefruits, which began as a mutation on the pink grapefruit tree. Today, all red grapefruits are descendants of the ruby red first grown in Mission, Texas in the 1940's. Red grapefruit is our official

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Flu Shots

Flu Shots will be available to the public at Borden Co. ISD on Friday, October 10th. in the School Nurse's Office beginning at 9:30 a.m. For more information call Kim Thomas @756-4313



Besides sharing the same birthdays (March 13)

Coach Richey and Mrs. Mayes both share a love of baseball. And it just so happens that both of their teams have made it to the major league playoffs which get underway this week.

Coach Richey will be pulling for his beloved Chicago Cubs who are back in the playoffs while Mrs. Mayes has been a Yankee fan since birth—really. The two will root for each others' teams until the World Series at which point they hope to be on opposite sides.

COYOTE FOOTBALL

Thursday, October 2nd

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

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

Friday, October 3rd.

HS Football - Highland - T - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 4th

Cross Country @ Aspermont

2003 Homecoming - October 24th.

GO COYOTES!!

Join the Crowd and Back the Coyotes!



Coyotes give #9 Wildcats all they can handle before falling; #16 Highland next opponent

By Sue Jane Mayes

Four fourth quarter scores by state-ranked Wellman-Union prevented the Borden Coyotes from pulling off the state six-man upset of the week.

The late touchdowns came after the Coyotes had battled toe to toe with the Wildcats for three quarters, trailing only 15-8 with 10 minutes remaining in the game.

After last week's 45-point loss to the Ira Bulldogs, BHS had something to prove--to themselves and everyone else.

They did just that with a strong showing that saw the defense hold Wellman-Union on four first-half possession, forcing two punts, one turnover, and holding once on downs.

While the Coyote offense struggled to capitalize on opportunities and was without the services of starting tailback Garrett Thomas for much of the half, they managed to put together a scoring drive before the first half ended.

The drive was set up by sophomore Andrew Lamming's heads-up punt return for 13 yards to the Wildcats' 37-yard line.

After an incomplete pass play on first down and a penalty that wiped out a first-down rushing play by Adam Carter, quarterback Shane Tarleton found Derek Rodriguez for an 18-yard pickup.

Rodriguez's nifty spin move gave the Coyotes back some of the lost yardage and moved the ball to the 24 of Wellman-Union.

Tarleton then went to John Wilson who held on to the ball while being hit in the air. The catch netted six more yards and a first down at the 18.

With 1:45 to go in the half, Tarleton threw to his

third receiver of the series when he spotted Lamming out of the backfield for eight more yards.

Rodriguez's carry to the ball to the four-yard line where the Coyotes faced 4th and short.

Carter's dive play resulted in six points with 1:04 on the clock.

Kyle Pinkerton's PAT kick was true to make it an 8-8 game.

The visitors used the final minute, however, to put up seven more points. The seven points, however, came with some controversy.

The Coyotes were playing great defense on the drive as Pinkerton deflected a pass, Carter had a near interception with a clear field ahead of him, and senior Andy Lozano doing what he does best--hurrying the passer for incompletions.

With only :26 left before intermission, Wellman-Union faced 4th and 6 from the Coyote 29-yard-line.

A 19-yard rush picked up the first down and moved the ball to the 10.

The next play seemed to have been blown dead with players on both teams standing up after the snap, apparently stopping play.

When the referee did not signal to confirm the early snap, the Wildcat quarterback tossed the ball in the end zone for the score.

A PAT rush gave the visitors another point and took momentum from the Coyotes as Wellman-Union took a 15-8 lead to the break.

What was otherwise solid offensive play was thwarted in the second half by three key interceptions.

Thomas returned to help on kickoff returns, giving the Coyotes some good field position.

Rodriguez stepped up and

rushed for a total of 67 yards on the evening, but the turnovers proved costly and untimely.

The three interceptions came when the Coyotes were moving the ball to score--once on the four-yard line, another on the Wildcat 18, and the final one that allowed Wellman-Union to score on back-to-back possessions at the start of the fourth quarter.

The final game statistics reveal that the game was much closer than the score as the Coyotes picked up 11 first downs to the Wildcats' 12.

Wellman-Union had 304 yards of total offense while BHS was close behind with 286.

With one more non-district game--this Friday against #6 Highland--the Coyotes look to build on the strong showing against Wellman-Union.

District play begins October 10 at home against Sands.

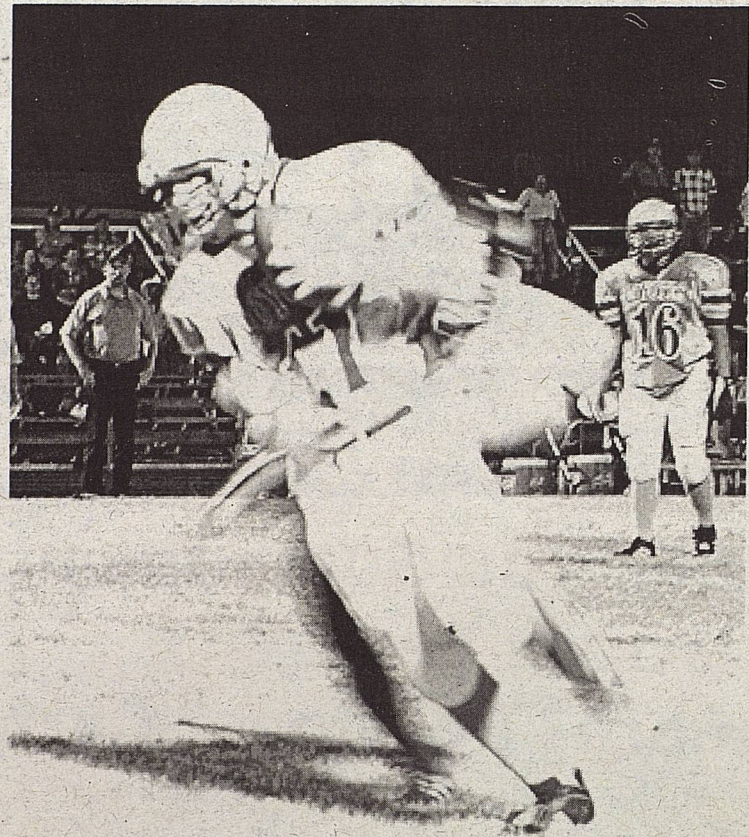
INDIVIDUAL STATS

Rodriguez (11 carries for 67 yards, 1 kickoff return for 23 yards, 2 receptions for 21 yards); Carter (8 carries for 29 yards, 3 receptions for 23 yards and 1 TD, 1-6 passing for 12 yards with 1 interception); Thomas (3 carries for 27 yards, 1 touchdown reception for 39 yards, 4 kickoff returns for 96 yards); Tarleton (1 carry for 21 yards, 13-27 passing for 130 yards with 1 TD and 2 interceptions); Lozano (3 receptions for 21 yards, 1 kickoff return for 16 yards); Wilson (3 receptions for 30 yards); Lamming (1 reception for 8 yards).

DEFENSE Pinkerton (8 unassisted tackles 2 deflected passes, 1 assist); Rodriguez (6 unassisted tackles, 4 assists, 3 sacks, 1 hurry); Lozano (6 unassisted tackles, 1 assisted, 3 hurries, 2 sacks, 1 fumble

2 assisted tackles, 1 deflected pass); Thomas (3 unassisted, 1 assisted tackle); Lamming (2 assisted tackles); Tarleton (1 unassisted tackle).

recovery); Carter (3 unassisted, 4 assisted tackles, 1 KO); Inkhorn (1 unassisted, 2 assisted tackles, 1 hit to cause fumble); Wilson (2 unassisted,



Looking for the Goal Line: #Andrew Lamming #11 heads down field looking to score.



Rounding the Corner to the End Zone: Adam Carter #10 heads to the end zone.



Taking the ball: #25 John Wilson take handoff and looks for the end zone.

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Defeat Wellman-Union 31-14 JV Takes Lone Win of Series

With losses at the jr. high and varsity level, the junior varsity Coyotes salvaged some bragging rights with an impressive win in last Thursday's game in Wellman.

Most of the scoring took place in the first quarter as the Coyotes jumped out to a 19-14 lead.

In fact, the jump came on the first play of the game as Michael Bullinger ran 70 yards downfield on a kickoff return for a quick Coyote score.

Statton Keith lead a defensive charge that included key tackles also by Clint Chapman on Wellman-Union's first attempt with the ball.

Thanks to a great rush by Trey Soto, Bullinger got his hand in and deflected a pass which gave the ball over on downs to the Coyotes.

The offense quickly went to work as Austin Tarleton went to the air and found Soto on a 31-yard touchdown strike.

Kylan Reynolds and Tarleton assisted each other to bring down the Wildcat runner on the kickoff return.

Dore Rodriguez, Keith, and Tarleton made good plays off blocks during the Wellman-Union drive, but the Wildcats were able to score with 3:14 left in the quarter on a 22-yard touchdown pass.

The hosts muffed the snap for a kick but recovered on the PAT and threw to the end zone for a one-point conversion.

Chapman threw a great block on the kickoff to give Bullinger running room down the sideline on the 26-yard return.

Keith rushed from scrimmage for six yards followed by a three-yard gain.

Bullinger's one-yard carry

forced a 4th and five at midfield, but Keith handled the pressure by launching a 40-yard spiral downfield to Tarleton in stride for the score.

Keith's PAT run made it 19-7.

BHS's special teams, however, suffered a temporary setback as Wellman-Union responded with a 74-yard kickoff return for a six points.

Leading 19-14 at the end of one quarter, the Coyotes started their next drive on their own 19-yard line.

Bullinger ground out five yards on three carries in the drive but was forced to punt on 4th and 10.

Once again, Chapman showed his spunk with some hard hits on the Wildcats.

He and Keith sandwiched an opponent on the first rush from scrimmage; Chapman then stuck a player receiving a pass on the next play.

Tarleton and Soto provided some good defensive support with Soto rushing and Tarleton breaking up a pass on this series.

The Coyotes held and took over on possessions with 6:06 in the half.

Zane Williamson and Taylor Peterson came in to give the offense another look on the offensive possession while Chapman took the snap.

The offensive versatility continued to show as Bullinger threw for a completion to Soto, a 32-yard strike which made it first and goal for the Coyotes on the three.

Keith plowed up the middle for the score, and BHS was up 25-14.

An interesting series of turnovers finished out the final five minutes of the half as Tarleton intercepted a Wildcat pass only to see the



Coyote JV on the move: #17, Clint Chapman; #24 Michael Bullinger; #54 Statton Keith #40 Dore Rodriguez and #36 Taylor Peterson.

ball go back to Wellman-Union after a fumble on the first Coyote running play.

No problem.

Tarleton stepped in front of the intended Wildcat receiver on their first play after the fumble recovery and swiped another one with 1:25 to play before halftime.

The Coyotes were unable to put it in the end zone before halftime, holding the 25-14 lead into the locker room.

The Wildcats received the opening kickoff of the second half, but Mr. Defensive Demon himself, Tarleton, had more damage to inflict.

Tarleton's big hit on the Wellman-Union back forced a fumble, and the Coyotes recovered.

Driving towards the goal thanks to Bullinger's gains of six, five, and seven yards, BHS appeared poised to put the game out of reach.

But even after two offside penalties against the Wildcats, the Coyotes could not finish off the drive and were stopped on 4th and goal.

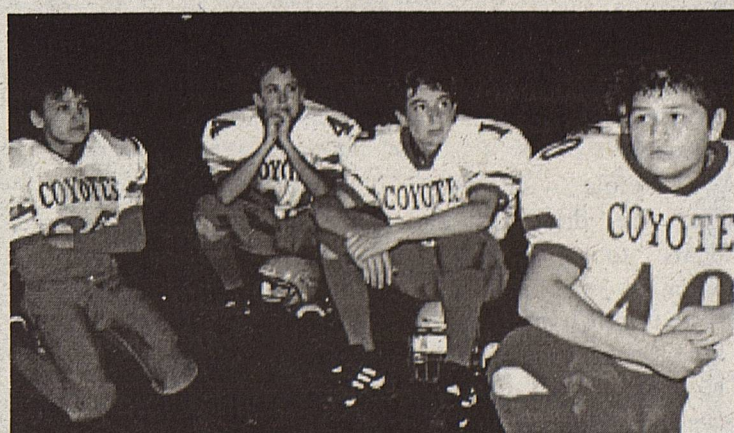
Chapman, Rodriguez, and Soto appeared to have matters in hand as they helped set up a 4th and one situation for Wellman-Union deep in their own territory.

The Wildcats found pay dirt, though, and picked up yardage for the first down on their own 31-yard line.

Soto stepped it up and got in the Wildcat backfield to hurry two consecutive pass plays. The Coyotes forced a



Taking a Break from Action: #24 Michael Bullinger; #14 Trey Soto; #55 Kylan Reynolds and #54 Statton Keith.



Waiting for Some More Action: #22 Zane Williamson; #44 Symeron Rinehart; #17 Clint Chapman and #40 Dore Rodriguez.

punting situation on fourth down, and it was Soto who got a hand on the kick leading only an 8-yard punt.

The golden opportunity was once again lost, however, as BHS failed to convert a 4th down play with 5:03 left in the game.

It obviously did not

concern the Coyote defense too much who seemed to be enjoying every chance to get out and hit someone.

Soto did just that--again. The sophomore popped the runner and recovered the fumble with 4:11 left.

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Coyote Pups Fall to Wellman-Union

The Borden Jr. High Coyote Pups gave up two quick scores within seconds at the end of the first quarter, giving the Wellman-Union Wildcats a big momentum swing that lasted the remainder of the contest.

The 55-12 loss drops the jr. high to 0-3 on the season with a district contest looming Thursday at Grady.

Even though the Pups suffered a turnover to close out the first quarter, the guys regrouped and scored on their first drive of the second period.

Quarterback Miller Valentine went to Chase Pinkerton coming out of the backfield, who caught the ball and scampered 56 yards for a touchdown.

An incomplete pass on the PAT left the score 14-6, Wellman-Union.

The Wildcats answered back with a 62-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, increasing their lead to 20-6.

Quentin Shafer took the ensuing kickoff and returned it 15 yards as the Pups began their next drive with good field position.

Pinkerton's 20-yard rush followed by a 30-yard run by Shafer gave the Pups another first down.

A fumble, however, stopped the drive as the Wildcats took over and scored with 3:03 in the half to make it a 27-6 margin.

BJH's next drive mirrored its last one: a good offensive possession stopped by a turnover.

Starting on their own 26-yard line with 2:12 to play in the half, Pinkerton threw to Brice Smith who picked up 11 yards with a great catch.

Pinkerton then ran on the option play, picking up nine yards and a first down.

Shafer pulled down a pass from Pinkerton and picked up more yardage because of some good blocking by Smith.

An untimely interception gave the ball back to Wellman-Union as Tim Crenshaw made the touchdown saving tackle--at least for the moment.

With only :08 in the half, the Wildcats punched in six more points and went up 35-6 after the successful PAT run.

Valentine made one more pass attempt downfield to Jake Cooley right before the half ended, but the incompleteness brought the half to a close.

Despite giving up a touchdown to begin second half play, the defense had some shining moments as play began the second half.

Pinkerton made a cross field tackle to prevent a kickoff touchdown return.

Crenshaw recorded a sack on the next play with a shoestring tackle in the backfield.

As Wellman-Union lined up on the one-yard line, Shafer and Justin McCann held strong and kept the Wildcat runner behind the line of scrimmage.

The Wildcats did manage to score on the next play, but McCann once again got in the backfield to stop the runner on the PAT attempt.

Another third quarter defensive highlight was the defensive stand that came as the period drew to a close.

Shafer and McCann continued to harass the hosts' backfield as Crenshaw joined the fun and made two tackles on the series.

Facing fourth a short yardage, the Wildcats were stopped as Crenshaw and Shafer managed to combine efforts for a big hit and hold the Wildcats on downs.

Pinkerton went 55 yards on the second play of the offensive series for a touchdown, picking up some good blocks from his teammates.

Trailing 41-12 with 5:30 in the game, the Coyote Pups

had to go back to work on defense.

And work they did.

BJH got key help on this defensive drive from Valentine who along with Logan Howard and Kegun Clement teamed up to hurry and rush the quarterback.

Cooley, Clay Harding, and Tyrell Massingill also played off the line to force the Wildcat passer out of the pocket.

Wellman-Union managed, however, to make it back into the end zone when a busted play ended up in six more points to make it a 48-12 game.

An interception return for a touchdown gave the Wildcats their final score of the evening as the hosts took a 55-12 win over the Coyote Pups.

JV Lone Win

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This time BHS made good on the chance to score. Bullinger and Symeron Rinehart shared duties in the backfield on the drive while Keith got the honor of taking the ball across the goal for the touchdown.

Reynolds and Tarleton stopped the Wildcat kickoff return runner to prevent a quick answer by the hosts.

In the final defensive stand, Peterson and Rinehart made big tackles and forced plays inside to hold off any Wellman-Union move downfield.

Tarleton just missed his third interception of the evening on the next to last play of the game as the Coyotes closed out the win, 31-14.

The junior varsity travels to Grady for a district game Thursday following the jr. high tilt.



Coyote Power: Senior cheerleader, Shayla Gass leads the cheers in Friday's Pep Rally.



Taking aim at the Piñata: Seth Williamson (in background); Kyle Pinkerton #5, Adam Carter #10 and Shane Tarleton #13 watch as Garrett Thomas #20 swings at the candy during the Pep Rally Fiesta.



"Way to Go Blue!" Taking in some J.V. Football: (Back row) Kurt & D'Linda Chapman, Derrick Rodriguez and Christina Soto. Cassidy Rinehart and Chase Pinkerton and Tyler Wallace and Becky Dobyns.

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Speaking a little Spanish during the Pep Rally Fiesta: Spanish Teacher, Mrs. Mayes talking with Eric Espinoza about the Coyotes and the Wildcats



Fiesta Pep Rally: Pre-schoolers John Stroope, Trace Richey, Brandon Avery and Ben Justice enjoyed dressing up in their sombreros and serapes for the pep rally.



Elementary students enjoyed yelling at the Pep rally in their Mexican Fiesta costumes.

Making The Grade!

First Six Weeks Beta

Senior: None **Junior:** None;
Sophomore: None;
Freshman: Rebecca Dobyns, Kylan Reynolds, and Christina Soto; **Eighth Grade:** Shelby Roberts, and Rachel Wilson; **Seventh Grade:** Katherine Froman, and Carols Hernandez; **Sixth Grade:** Lacey Roberts, Chelsea Stephens and Raylea Underwood.

Honor Roll

Senior: Kyle Pinkerton, **Juniors:** Garrett Chapman, Ashley James, and Billy Roper; **Sophomore:** Whitney Anderson, and Trey Soto; **Freshman:** Clint Chapman, Rowdy Clary, John Cowart, Lacey Newton, Taylor Peterson and Kalli Poole; **Eighth Grade:** Kate Wallace; **Seventh Grade:** Krystal Hobson and Tyrell Massingill; **Sixth Grade:** Aaron James, D'Nae Johnson, Chellsie Pigford and Shylo Rinehart; **Fifth Grade:** Bailey Anderson, Taylor Richey, Krista Tarleton and Miles Valentine; **Fourth Grade:** Austin Fields, Bethany Stamper, Chance Taylor and Chris Teel; **Third Grade:** Celina Guerrero, Lexi Peterson, Tanner Richey, Mathew Roberson, Riley Smith, Teryn Soto and Brittney Stroope; **Second Grade:** Taylor Gass, Maeghan Herridge and Kalyn Massingill

School Menu Week Of: Oct. 6th - 10th, 2003

MONDAY: Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Carrot & Celery Sticks, Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice and Milk.

TUESDAY: Taco Salad, Corn, Pudding, & Milk. **Breakfast:** Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Juice & Milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken Stir Fry, Crackers, Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** Pancakes, Fruit Juice & Milk

THURSDAY: Sausage Wrap, Ranch Style Beans, Potato Salad, Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** Muffin, Juice, & Milk.

FRIDAY: Rib on a Bun, French Fries, Salad, Cake, & Milk. **Breakfast:** Biscuit w/gravy, Sausage, Fruit Juice, & Milk.

From The Counselor

By Mary Airhart

PSAT reminder:

The PSAT will be administered to all Borden County sophomore and junior students on Tuesday, October 21st, beginning at 9:50 a.m. The test will take about two hours and 45 minutes, so students will miss 3rd, 4th, and 5th period classes and tutorials. They may be 5 or 10 minutes late to lunch. The students have been given practice materials and are encouraged to prepare for these important tests.



You're #1 Borden Coyotes

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With the high temperatures hopefully over, now is the time to think about **PLANTING TREES.**

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BORDEN COUNTY I.S.D. TAX ROLLBACK ELECTION PASSES

The Borden County I.S.D. Tax Rollback Election that took place on Saturday, September 27, 2003, passed by a margin of 136 for to 10 against. This election will allow the district tax rate to remain at the same rate of \$1.45 for the tenth consecutive year. Your support of the Borden County School is sincerely appreciated.

Big Country Electric Cooperative to Hold OPEN HOUSE

ROBY, TX – October is National Cooperative Month, and as cooperatives across the country celebrate their contributions to our nation's economy, America's member-owned co-ops have something new to trumpet.

A recent national survey found that two-thirds of consumers believe businesses that are owned and governed by their members (as Big Country Electric Cooperative is) and have members on their boards of directors (as Big Country Electric Cooperative does) are more

trustworthy than other types of businesses. A majority also said companies that are locally owned and controlled and allow members to democratically elect the board of directors are more trustworthy.

October is national Cooperative Month and as one of 48,000 cooperatives nationwide, Big Country Electric Cooperative will host an Open House to celebrate the event. Big Country Electric Cooperative was incorporated in 1938 and has been governed by a member elected board of directors since its incorporation. Big Country Electric Cooperative strives to provide low cost, reliable service to more than 6,000 members in a 12

county area.

Stop by your local Big Country Electric Cooperative office location for a tour and learn more about your rural electric cooperative.

OPEN HOUSE

Help us celebrate National Co-op Month.

Roby – Oct. 8th

Stamford – Oct. 9th

Snyder – Oct. 10th

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at each office location.

Stop by and enjoy punch and cookies with your local co-op employees. Be sure to pick up your free Stick-On-Calendar, take a tour of your local BCEC office and register for door prizes.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BORDEN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT 2004 BUDGET

The Borden County Appraisal District Board of Directors will conduct its annual public hearing for the Borden County Appraisal District Year 2004 Budget at 12:30 p.m., on Monday, October 13th, 2003. This meeting will be held in the Borden County Community Center at 116 E. Wilbourn St., Gail, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget is as follows:

Total amount of proposed budget:	\$64,826.00
Total amount of current budget:	\$62,700.00
Total difference between budget:	(increase of) 2,126.00

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect on the 1st day of January, 2004.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the appraisal district office.

JEANETTE KOEHLER
Chief Appraiser

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PET TALK

If it seems that everything you say to Rover goes in one ear and out the other, it's probably not just a rebellious phase. Your pooch may be suffering from an ear infection or other condition that may require ear surgery.

Dr. Phil Hobson, a veterinarian in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University, says most ear surgery in dogs is surprisingly a result of a skin or food allergy.

"Dogs with pendulous ears, or floppy ears, are the most susceptible to severe ear infection," Hobson explains. "The shape of the ears and the position of the ear canal in these breeds creates a warm, moist environment ideal for the growth of infection."

Hobson says dog ear infections are usually secondary to an underlying food or skin allergy.

"These dogs may shake their heads or scratch their ears, the ear canal can become inflamed and swollen, and their hearing dampened," he adds. "Your veterinarian can perform tests to indicate what your dog is allergic to that may be predisposing the infection."

If your veterinarian does recommend ear surgery to correct the problem, you'll be glad to know that your dog will feel better within a few days of the 75-minute surgery.

After surgery, antibiotics are administered for about five to seven days, and pain medication is usually required for two or three days.

"This type of ear surgery, called 'total ablation,' includes the removal of the ear canal down to the middle ear and cleaning out the infected tissue," Hobson says.

Pet talk is a service of Texas A&M University and its College of Veterinary Medicine. Email suggestions for future topics may be directed to kr@univrel.tamu.edu

COYOTE OPRY DATE CHANGE

11 - OCTOBER - 2003

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SATURDAY NIGHT

COYOTE OPRY

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OBITUARY

**Elizabeth Hart
1916 - 2003**


Services for Elizabeth Hart, 87 of Post were held at Tuesday, Sept. 30th, at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Post with Rev. Steve McMeans of Early, Texas officiating. Burial was held in Terrace Cemetery under direction of Hudman Funeral Home of Post.

Mrs. Hart died Sunday, September 28th at Lynnwood Manor in Tahoka. She was born May 30th, 1916 in Milner, Alabama. She married H.H. (Boy) Hart on December 17, 1938 in Snyder. He passed away on October 25, 1998.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church, the Priscilla Club and Amity Study Club. She was also preceded in death by 1

grandson; Jody Hart on January 27, 1996 and by 5 brothers and 1 sister.

She was survived by 1 daughter and son-in-law: Nancy and Johnny Kemp of Post; 4 sons and daughter in laws: Sidney and Ethel Hart of Aspermont; Royce and Marianne Hart of Post; Richard and Lillie Hart of Post and David and Marsha Hart of Lubbock; 4 sisters: Ellie Crowe of Oxford, Alabama, Nellie Parris of Dearmonville, Alabama, Sarah Byrd of Jayton and Louise Kelly of Atlanta, Ga. Grandsons served as pallbearers.



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER
Michael A. Guido
Metter, Georgia

Obituary Brief

**Charles Edward Vaughn
1937-2003**

Services for Mr. Charles "Charlie" Vaughn, 66, of O'Donnell, TX are scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, October 1, 2003 at the First Baptist Church of O'Donnell, with Reverend Jack Matlock officiating. Interment will follow in the Gail Cemetery in Borden County, TX., under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

Mr. Vaughn died Monday, September 29, 2003 in his home in O'Donnell.

"Where's the fare for your son?" asked the driver of a bus. "He's only four years old," protested the father.

"Look at him," said the driver. "He's at least six."

"Can I help it," asked the father, "if he worries?"

Worry does age. It disquiets your soul, disturbs your mind, destroys your body, and disfigures your face.

Worry defeats your faith, dissipates your energy, disrupts your work, distresses your friends, deforms your poise, and dishonors your Lord.

That's why the Living Bible says, "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs and don't forget to thank Him for His answers."

**Once Isn't Enough:
Texas Should Recycle
Every Day**

Once just isn't enough in Texas. That's the message the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and Keep Texas Beautiful are sending with this year's Texas Recycles Day theme: **Texas Recycles Every Day.**

Texas Recycles Day (TRD), the statewide, public awareness campaign to encourage Texans to start recycling is held annually on November 15th. The Texas Recycles Every Day theme encourages Texans to make recycling a part of their daily lives with one or all of the **Four Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rebuy.** Events will be held statewide from mid-October through November 17th to raise awareness about how easy and important it is to recycle.

Any individual, group, or company can participate in or

hold a Texas Recycles Day event. Last year, more than 300,000 people participated in TRD events across the

state of Texas.

To participate in reuse or recycling events, download publications, or learn more about recycling, go to www.texasrecyclesday.org.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and Keep Texas Beautiful are co-sponsoring TRD in 2003.

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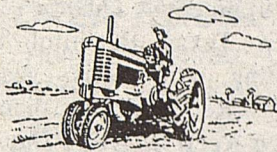
Many a childhood memory have been made biting into a juicy red wedge of watermelon. I can't think of a more refreshing treat for a hot Texas afternoon. Ranking third in the nation for watermelon production, Texas farmers grow more than 20 percent of the country's

watermelons supply each year.

We also boast a harvest of the country's earliest crop of peaches. The Lone Star State ranks in the top ten in "utilized" peach production, so watch out Georgia. Tree-ripened peaches, primarily grown in the Hill Country and in East Texas, are produced at an annual rate of more than 360,000 bushels.

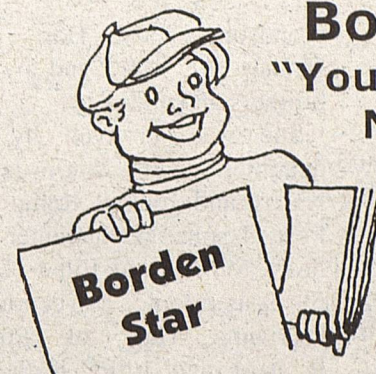
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local supermarket, you can be sure you are getting some of the freshest and best tasting produce around. And best of all, it's grown by your neighbors and friends helping to support Texas Agriculture industries and boost our state's economy.



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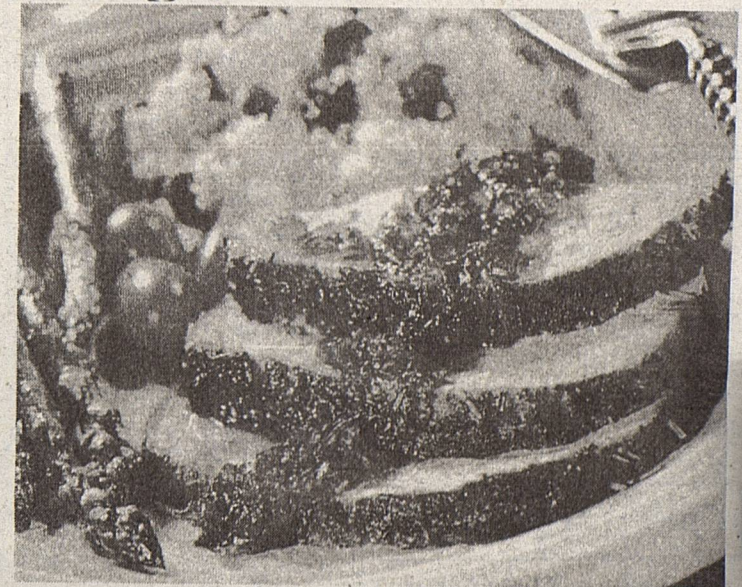
Honey, Let's Tailgate This Weekend!

If it's fall, it must be football season, and if it's a Saturday during football season, it must be game day. All week we look forward to the weekend...and the game. But it's the pregame festivity known as tailgating that makes the weekend game an event! Tailgate parties are a great way to socialize and entertain—and they can be everything from ultra-casual to elegant. Whatever your style, grab your honey and head for the game!

If your tastes lean toward gourmet flavor combinations (but the time you have available leans toward take-out), then Herb-Rubbed Pork Loin with Honey-Onion Barbecue Sauce is the recipe for you. This combination of a flavorful herb rub and a tangy sauce was developed by cookbook author Nina Swan-Kohler, the culinary professional for Burleson's Honey. This recipe, featured in Swan-Kohler's new "Tailgates to Touchdowns" cookbook, can be prepared ahead and then carried to your party—hot—in an insulated carrier. If you prefer to go early and get the best parking spot at the stadium, grill the pork loin at your tailgate party. "Before you head to the game, simply rub the herbs on the pork and place it in a resealable plastic bag, then into a cooler. Pack the barbecue sauce (made at home too) in a container with a tight-fitting lid," Swan-Kohler suggests.

This non-traditional "white" barbecue sauce gets its tangy flavor from balsamic vinegar and onion and its sweetness from pure clover honey. Take along some buns, veggies and dip and a dessert and you're set for the game. Oh—and don't forget to take along plenty of cold beverages, too.

Enjoy the game, and all the before and after festivities, with your favorite team and your favorite honey!



The mellow sweet-sour flavor of this barbecue sauce will have you coming back for more.

Herb-Rubbed Pork Loin with Honey-Onion Barbecue Sauce

Honey-Onion Barbecue Sauce:

2 tablespoons canola oil
1 1/2 cups finely chopped onion
1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
1/2 cup pure clover honey
(Burleson's Honey recommended)

Herb Rub:

2 teaspoons dried rosemary leaves, crushed
2 teaspoons dried thyme leaves, crushed
2 teaspoons ground cumin
1 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper
1 teaspoon garlic salt

1 boneless pork loin (2 to 2 1/2 lb.)

In small saucepan, heat oil over medium heat, swirling to coat pan. Add onion; cook and stir 5 minutes or until onion is translucent. Stir in vinegar and honey. Heat to boiling; reduce heat and simmer (uncovered) 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. (If not

using immediately, refrigerate in container with tight-fitting lid.) Combine Herb Rub ingredients; rub evenly onto pork. Place in resealable plastic bag. Refrigerate. (Or pack in ice-filled cooler if transporting to a game.) When ready to cook, grill pork directly over hot coals (medium-high heat) 15 minutes per side to brown slightly. Then place pork over indirect heat and grill 35 to 45 minutes longer. Check center of pork with an instant read thermometer. When internal temperature of pork reaches 160°, brush sauce on all sides of pork. Grill 10 minutes more. Serve with sauce. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

For more great tailgating recipes, order your copy of "Tailgates to Touchdowns" online, by visiting www.burlesons-honey.com. Or, write to Tailgates to Touchdowns, PO Box 11151, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52410. The cost of the book is \$18.95, plus \$3.00 for shipping and handling. Make your check payable to Tailgates to Touchdowns.

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