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Gannaway Announces plans to seek re-election

Borden County Sheriff/Tax Assessor-Collector Billy J. Gannaway announces his intentions to file for re-election in the Democratic Primary in March. Sheriff Gannaway is a graduate of the West Central Texas Law Enforcement Academy. He has an Associate Degree in Applied Science from Western Texas College. He is also an advanced peace officer through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. "I have enjoyed serving the residents of Borden County and I look forward to continuing to serve you," said Sheriff Gannaway.

Free and Fair Trade Sen. Hutchinson's Weekly Column

What do Chile and Singapore have in common? The first nation is in South America; the second is halfway around the globe in Asia. Chileans speak Spanish; the language of Singapore is Mandarin. Fifteen million people live in Chile, while Singapore has only four million. Until recently these countries shared little. But this summer they became the most recent countries to engage in free trade agreements with the United States, an exclusive group of nations destined for economic prosperity.

The agreements were the first to be signed under the Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) enacted by Congress last year. TPA gives the president the ability to negotiate trade agreements Congress can accept or reject, but not modify. Unfortunately, TPA lapsed in 1994

and was not renewed. As a result, trade negotiation has remained stagnant for nearly a decade. While other nations built partnerships, America largely sat on the sidelines as an observer. Foreign governments did not want to waste effort crafting a complex and far-reaching agreement, only to see it altered in the initial stages. Our economy - and our workers - suffered.

The Chile and Singapore agreements signaled an end to that era. This trade legislation was an important step to promote economic growth, bring lower prices to consumers and create jobs in America.

An Environment for Economic Growth

Trade is essential to our current and future prosperity. Texas exports everything from computer and electronic products to rice. The absence of favorable trade agreements imposes an invisible tax that Americans pay every time we

shop, whether we buy tennis shoes or tractors. Economists predict that reducing tariffs by one-third would boost the U.S. Economy by \$177 billion each year. That's an average savings of \$2,500 a year for a family of four.

Trade jobs are high paying jobs. One in 10 Americans work in industries that depend on the export of goods and services. Accounting for more than one quarter of all U.S. economic growth in the 1990's export jobs pay wages approximately 13 to 18 percent higher than the national average. Clearly, opening markets for American businesses creates employment here at home.

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2003 Coyote Opry

Just a reminder to all pastry participants, parents of 4-H and FFA members, and volunteers that the Coyote Opry will be Saturday, October 11th in the County Show Barn in Gail.

A meal consisting of brisket, bar-be-que chicken, beans, potato salad and corn bread will be served beginning at 5:00 p.m. with singing and pastry auction from 6:00 until 10:00. All proceeds will go to the Borden County Junior Livestock Association.

[All donations to BCJLA are Tax Deductible. BCJLA is a non-profit organization.]

COYOTE FOOTBALL

Thursday, October 9th

JH Football - Klondike - H - 6:00 p.m.

JV Football - Klondike - H - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 10th

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

Saturday, October 11th

Cross Country @ Lamesa

2003 Homecoming - October 24th.

GO COYOTES!!

Join the Crowd and Back the Coyotes!



Lights for Gail Meeting

Tues., October 14th
7:00 p.m.
Community Building

Come help make plans for the Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain

Children's Immunization's and Flu Shot Clinic

There will be a **Children's Immunization Clinic** on Thursday, October 9th beginning at 1:00 P.M. in the School Nurse's Office. Students needing to get caught-up on any immunization or would like to receive a Flu Shot can come by the office during that time at a cost of \$7.00. CHIP's and Medicare will be accepted.

(Please bring verification)

Flu Shots

Flu Shots will be available for to the public at Borden Co. ISD on Friday, October 10th in the School Nurse's Office beginning at 9:30 a.m. for Adults only. (Children will need to get their shots on Thurs. during the Children's Immunization Clinic)

For more information about either of these Clinics, contact Kim at 756-4313.



#6 Highland Lives Up to Ranking Coyotes hit Hornet's Nest

By Sue Jane Mayes

How about a short story this week?

Playing another tough non-district schedule, the Borden Coyotes took it on the chin last Friday as the Highland Hornets made their case for a possible state championship run.

The 56-6 loss for the Coyotes closes out the first part of the season. BHS can now turn its attention to the district slate which should prove much easier.

Highland's scores all came in the only half of the game as the Hornets amassed a total of 318 yards--295 of those with the ground game.

Turnovers once again plagued the Coyotes as three fumbles resulted in scoring opportunities for the hosts who took advantage of every one.

BHS's only score came with 2:16 left in the half on a three-yard pass from Shane Tarleton to Andy Lozano.

On the night, Tarleton was 12 of 19 for 185 yards, connecting with Adam Carter and John Wilson on three receptions each.

Carter's receptions went for 85 yards while Wilson averaged 14 yards per catch.

Carter also threw one pass, an 11-yard strike to Lozano.

The Coyotes were only able to rush for 8 yards on the evening as a stiff Highland defense stifled any ground game.

Kyle Pinkerton was once again the leading tackler with five on the evening followed by Derek Rodriguez with four--two assists and two solos.

Garrett Thomas had three kickoff returns for an average of 14.2 yards per touch.

The Coyotes travel to Klondike for their district-opening game Friday.

The homecoming kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in Klondike.

Lamming, Tarleton Vying for Regional Position with Strong Cross-Country Performances

With just one more practice meet this weekend, the Borden High School cross-country teams find themselves up against some stiff team competition.

Still, senior Shane Tarleton and sophomore Andrew Lamming appear to be on the right track to securing regional-qualifying berths.

Lamming has medaled in three meets this year: a top 15 finish at Seminole (13th), a top five finish at Wilson (2nd), and a top 10 finish at Aspermont last Saturday (6th).

Tarleton's 4th place finish at Wilson and 8th at Aspermont were good for medals.

To qualify as an individual, runners must finish in the top ten at district which will be held October 20 in Aspermont.

Team wise, the girls'

cross-country group has the unenviable chore of running against last year's state runner-up team, Aspermont.

Dawson girls also are running strong with two girls who have consistently been in the top 10-20 of most races this year.

With three teams eligible to make it to regionals in Arlington on November 8, it appears that BHS will fight for the third position against Grady and Sands for the final slot.

With most boys playing football on Friday nights, the predictions for team results is an unknown because many guys will come out and run at district that have not run during the cross-country season.

With Lamming and Tarleton finishing strong, however, chances are that the BHS boys will be able to finish in the top three teams.

Members of the girls'

team are seniors Shayla Gass and Menda James; juniors Ashley James, Emily Mayes, Cassidy Rinehart, Leslye Rutherford; sophomore Brandi Hudson; freshmen Sarah Harding Laci Newton, Lindsey Stamper.

Besides Lamming and Tarleton, runners for the boys' team include the following: John Cowart, Garrett Chapman, Aaron Pigford, Trey Soto, Austin Tarleton, Garrett Thomas.

Serving as manager for Coach Kevin James's teams is freshman Christina Soto.

The junior high girls have also attended meets this year.

Krystal Hobson, Shelby Roberts, and Sydney Shipp and manager Olivia Key have participated this year.

Lamesa will host this weekend's meet, beginning with the high school girls' race at 10 a.m. in the city park.

Coyote Pups, Junior Varsity defeated by Grady Wildcats

In Thursday night action, the 7th and 8th Grade Coyote Pups dropped a 53-14 game to the host Grady Wildcats.

BJH scored on the first play from scrimmage when Quentin Shafer followed a Chase Pinkerton block and found the end zone for six points.

Pinkerton scored the PAT on a run up the middle.

The only other score by the Pups came on another Shafer run and follow-up PAT conversion by Pinkerton.

Shafer also had a fumble recovery in the game.

In junior varsity action, BHS was unable to hold the Wildcats in the 38-19 loss.

Scoring for BHS was balanced: an offensive score on Michael Bullinger's touchdown run as well as Clint Chapman's rush for pay dirt.

The defensive highlight came when Trey Soto sotoed the Grady runner, knocking the ball loose, scooping it up and running in for the score.

Other defensive highlights were fumble recoveries by Taylor Peterson and Austin Tarleton.

The junior varsity does not have a scheduled game this week but will suit up with the varsity on Friday night.



#10 Quentin Shaffer looking for pay dirt in the Junior High game against Grady last Thursday night.



#41 Chase Pinkerton rushing for the end zone in the Coyote Pup game.



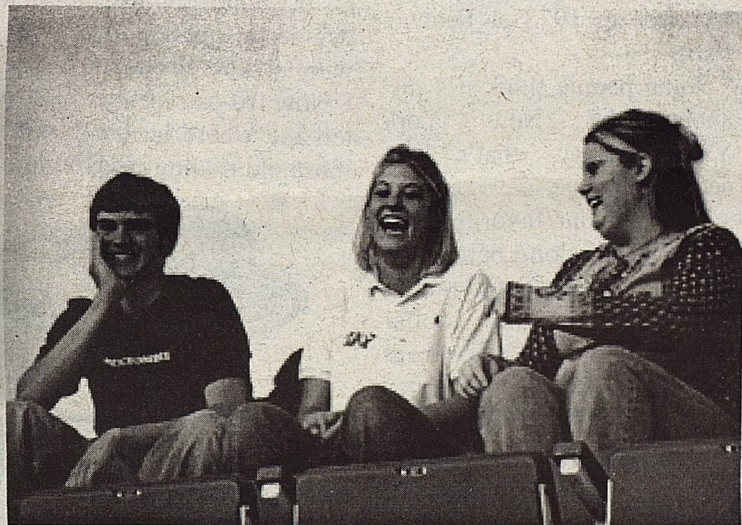
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#11 Andrew Lamming sharing some words of wisdom to the crowd and fellow Coyotes during the Pep Rally last Friday.



Enjoying the Pep Rally: Ben Griffin,, Jami Gass and Alexis Brooks.



Mrs. Murphy's second grade glass cheering on the Coyotes during the Pep Rally. Ty Pewitt, Branson Smith, Taylor Gass, Kalynn Massingill, Tresten Benevidez, and Meaghan Herridge.

School Menu

Week Of:
Oct. 13th - 17th, 2003

- MONDAY:**
NO SCHOOL
- TUESDAY:** Corn dogs, Salad, Pork & Beans, Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** Waffles, Fruit Juice & Milk.
- WEDNESDAY:** Steak Fingers, Corn, Cheese Potatoes, Fruit, Hot rolls, & Milk. **Breakfast:** Waffles, Fruit Juice & Milk
- THURSDAY:** Chicken Nuggets, Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** Egg & Bacon sandwich, Juice, & Milk.
- FRIDAY:** Sub Sandwich, Salad cup, fruit, cookies & Milk. **Breakfast:** Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice, & Milk.



#17 JV Coyote Clint Chapman sacked a Grady Wildcat for a 10 yard loss.

From the Counselor: By Mary Airhart

The Borden County ISD is updating its Gifted/Talented (G/T) program in keeping with the needs of its students as well as State mandates to include and serve a wider spectrum of our student population. Children and youth with outstanding talent perform and/or show the potential for performing at remarkably high levels of accomplishment when compared with others of their age, experience, or environment. Such outstanding talents are present in children and youth from all cultural groups. Across all economic strata, and in all areas of human endeavor. The Borden County ISD is making a concentrated effort to identify and serve these students through a cooperative effort involving parents, teachers, students, and community.

The first step in this process is the nomination of individual students who are capable of performing at high levels. These nominations may* be made by parents, teachers, and/or other students or community members. Do you know a student in this district who does things faster, more creatively, and with better understanding than other children of the same age?

The Borden County ISD needs your help to identify these students. If you know such a student and would like to nominate that student for the G/T program, contact Mary Airhart at the school at 756-4313.

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.

October 2003

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1 Coyote Opry Art Due	2 J.H & JV Football at Grady 5:30/7:00	3 Varsity Football at Highland-7:30	4 Cross Country at Aspermont
5 GHOST		7	8	9 JH Football Klondike-H-6:00 JV TBA Student Immunizations & Flu Shots	10 Adult Flu Shots Varsity Football at Klondike-7:30 Progress Reports	11 Cross Country at Lamesa Coyote Opry
12	13 -Holiday-	14 Picture Day Srs. & Class Officers	15	16 JH&JV Football Sands-Here 6:00/7:30	17 Varsity Football at Sands (Gain Eligibility at 3:33)	18 Justin Mock CX Workshop Sc. Day at Tech
19	20 HS & JH District Cross Country at Aspermont	21 PSAT	22 Lamesa College Night	23 JH & JV Football Dawson-T 5:30/7:00 5:30/7:00	24 HOMECOMING Dawson-H-7:30 Pep Rally-5:00 Supper Following	25 Caprock TFA CX at Amarillo
26	27 K-6 Meet the Author Dave Sargent	28	29 4-H Meeting Tutorial Period	30 JH Football at Loop-6:00 JV TBA	31 HS Football at Loop-7:30 2nd Six Week	

Take me out to the Ballpark . . .

And don't forget the peanuts and crackerjacks

By Sue Jane Mayes

Contrary to what some t-shirts have on them, baseball is not life.

It is just a game, but I have loved it for as long as I can remember. I have a brother to thank for that.

George Scott is 16 months older than I – he was even born in the month of baseball, October, of 1954.

And like another George – as in George Herman Ruth – my brother used another name, just like the Babe did.

All I ever needed to know about baseball I learned from Scotty.

At 2003 33rd Street in Snyder, Texas, Scotty and I played all the typical childhood games but spent most of our time playing real sports.



We dug holes in the ground for golf, putting with Dad's woods. He was Arnold Palmer and I Gary Player – I thought Player was handsome dressed all in black.

The street was our football field. Scotty practiced his punting and kicking, and I did what little sisters are supposed to do – either stay out of the way or go retrieve the ball. I finally learned to

punt it back to him.

But we both knew that the nation's pastime was our pastime. Baseball was what we loved.

The sandlot games really were just that in the early 60's, and when the guys gathered, Scotty brought me along, too. I did not walk in his shadow – I was his shadow.



He knew his sister could throw as well as most of the guys because he had taught her to. And he knew I could catch because of all the time I had been on the receiving end of his fastball.

They made only one concession for me as a girl – if I hit it over the fence, it would be a home run.

The guys had to hit it over the road on the other side of the fence for their round tripper – fair enough.

I may have played along side the guys, but I was still very much a girl. Consider the case of the runaway bull snake in right field.

I screamed, threw my glove up in the air and took off for home – not home plate, but h-o-m-e.

I later learned the boys had come to my "rescue" by beating the crud out of the

harmless snake with their Louisville Sluggers. Chivalry ruled with the Eat Elementary gang.

Unfortunately but naturally, adolescence followed those wonderful elementary years and our neighborhood baseball games. Scotty grew up, and the other boys began noticing not my slider but my curve, or rather my curves . . . it was good-bye to baseball card trading and hello to trading notes at school.

The summers still included baseball as my older brother played in Little League, Pony League, and then of course in high school.

I was there—chasing after foul balls, cheering him on, and noticing that the guys on his team were kind of cute. Funny, I really had not noticed that before.

Scotty went on to play baseball in college at ACU; I followed him to Abilene a year later to play volleyball.

Despite the different outlook on many things at that point in our lives, what remained – and does to this day – is our mutual enjoyment of this one sport.

Maybe that's why I still love baseball the way I do. The sport and my brother are synonymous with each other.



Mantle retired.

But beyond the Yankees, Scotty and I just appreciate this game, its history, and its tradition.

That's why a good, old-fashioned series between the Yanks and the Red Sox is going to be so much fun.

And if the Red Sox win, how cool would it be to see them play another team with a great legacy like the Chicago Cubs?

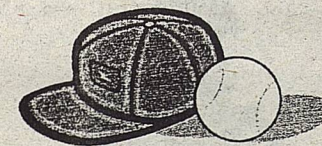


Whether the World Series ends up at Yankee Stadium or Fenway Park or Wrigley Field, I'll be watching.

Baseball is not life.

It is just the part of my history that reminds me of a wonderful childhood spent with an older brother.

Now if I can just get him to tell me where he has hidden those old trading cards . . .



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 0006-01-087 for **SEAL COAT** in **MITCHELL** County, etc. will be opened on **November 05, 2003** at **1:00 p.m.** at the State Office.

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

NPO: 11021

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Constr./Maint. Division
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Austin, Texas 78704
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Dist/Div Office(s)
Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, TX 79601
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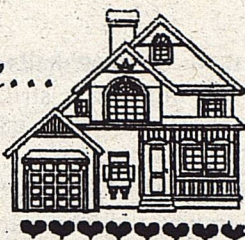
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Heart and home...

By Julie D. Mumme
Borden County Extension Agent
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Aging Gracefully Educational Program Series

Once again, Texas Cooperative Extension-Borden County will be offering an educational program series entitled *Aging Gracefully*. This program has been designed to help everyone understand and cope with the various issues that take place as a result of the aging process. You may benefit from this program whether you are aging gracefully yourself, or whether you have parents, friends or relatives that are growing older. There will be three different programs which will be held this fall. The programs and the months in which they will be offered are: Being Fit in Your Retirement Years in October, Communicating with Family Members in November and Insurance Needs in December.

OPRY TALENT SIGN UP

Our Coyote Opry is just 3 days away! We are still searching for those hidden local talent acts to perform on stage this Saturday night!

Anyone wishing to perform should contact Buddy Wallace by Friday, October 10th. Rehearsals and sound tests will be from 1:00 and 4:00 on Saturday.

*Singers performing with taped background should use only tapes with music. Remember, we want to hear your voice, not the professional artist! Due to the full schedule, we will not take drop in performers on the day of the Opry unless time permits.

4-H Food & Nutrition Project

The Food and Nutrition project meetings will be held on Thursday, October 9, Tuesday, October 14 and Thursday, October 16 from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. (after school) in the Show Barn. If you would like to learn more about basic nutrition, eating healthy, basic food preparation skills and much more, we hope that you will

join us. The County 4-H Food Show will be held on

Tuesday, October 21, at 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Extension Office at 806/75604336.

programs. We request that you contact us at the Extension Office as soon as possible to advise us of auxiliary aid that you will require. For more information on any of the topics listed above, or more information on the Aging Gracefully program series, please feel free to contact the Extension office at 806/756-4336.

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Texas Stories
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Frank Minton's Auctioneering Secret

Frank Minton of Crockett has managed a bowling alley, been a teacher, school administrator and an auctioneer. He acts as master of ceremonies for Crockett's annual World Champion Fiddlers Contest. He sells advertising for radio station

KIVY in Crockett. He was born in Snyder, grew up there and played college football in San Angelo. Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches brought him to East Texas. After graduation he coached in the area and married a girl

Free and Fair Trade

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And export opportunities are not only beneficial for large companies. Small business is the backbone of our nation's economy, creating three out of every four jobs and producing one-half of the U.S. gross domestic product. To stay at the forefront of innovation, small businesses need access to global markets and a level playing field. Free and fair trade provides that and more.

It also creates opportunities for farmers and ranchers — especially important for Texas, the nation's third largest agriculture exporting state. Texas' number one agricultural export is live animals, and red meat, totaling more than \$800 million annually. As the nation's number one cotton exporter, Texas exported 1.5 million bale sin a single year to Mexico alone. And when it comes to feed grains and products, Texas ranks seventh. One in three U.S. farmers plant for exports, and they will ship an estimated \$54.5 billion overseas in agricultural products and crops this year. That means more jobs here at home and growing markets for our products.

Western Hemisphere

Our global standing is increasingly reliant on the economy of the Western Hemisphere, and political stability is largely dependent on economic factors as well. Unfortunately, the slowdown in the U.S. has trickled down throughout Central and South America, threatening fledgling democracies. Building and establishing trade relationships with our neighbors is critical. If our Hemisphere is economically viable everybody wins. The North American Free Trade Agreement, NAFTA, opened the doors for free and fair trade in the northern part of our hemisphere. In fact, of the 233 destinations for Texas exports, more than half go to Canada and Mexico as a result of NAFTA. The

in Groveton.

For awhile he managed Bobby Layne's Bowlarama in Big Spring. It was open 24 hours a day then.

"Employees from Cosden refinery would come in at midnight after finishing their shift and bowl a few games."

Frank managed bowling alleys in Nacogdoches and Snyder. He developed skills as a bowler and made his living bowling for a while.

"on April 20, 1961, I got hot and really put on a show. I was on a team that was bowling against a team my Daddy and. And at lunch that day my Mom said that since both my Dad and I were going to be bowling, she would come down and watch. I told her if she would come down and watch I might bowl a perfect game."

agreement with Chile is our first with a South American country, but certainly not the last.

The Next Round

Free and fair trade agreements with Australia, the Dominican Republic, Bahrain, Morocco and a number of nations in Central and South America, as well as in Southern Africa, are in the works. Soon, doors will be open a little wider on all the earth's continents, helping to expand foreign markets and strengthen our nation's economy. By extending our global reach, we will share the fruits of democracy and continue to be the beacon of freedom for the world. And our country and our people will be richer for it.

The first fourteen balls he rolled that night were strikes. It was the first perfect game bowled in Snyder, Texas.

"I was so hot that night out of 36 frames in three games of bowling, I rolled 25 strikes. It was really exciting since my mom and dad and my sister got to see it."

He was invited to enter some professional tournaments, but thought the trips to them would be too expensive.

Frank had an uncle who was an auctioneer. He was fascinated by the field and thought he might like to give it a try. His uncle told him it was pretty easy, that if he could count and had a favorite aunt and uncle he could do it.

"He said his favorite aunt and uncle was Uncle Sid and Aunt Maude. And he said all you gotta do is 'Sid a bid eighty Maude a bid eighty who'd a bid ninety.'

"I told him I couldn't do that because Sid and Maude are not my favorite aunt and uncle. Uncle Bill and Aunt

Betty Bodder are my favorites. My uncle asked me to tell him about them and I said Bill Bodder makes butter. And Aunt Betty Bobber's a baker. And sometimes Aunt Betty Bodder gets some of Bill Bodder's butter to put in her batter and the batter will be bitter. So she has to get Bill Bodder's better butter, put the better butter in her bitter batter to make her bitter batter better. So from there on I decided to be an auctioneer Bill a bid eighty, Betty a bid eighty, who'd bid ninety."

Frank auctions at fund raisers for Boy Scouts and civic and charitable organizations. "I retired from school and am just having the best time."



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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 unites 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 I the appraisal district office.

JEANETTE KOEHLER
Chief Appraiser



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**Charles Edward Vaughn
1937-2003**

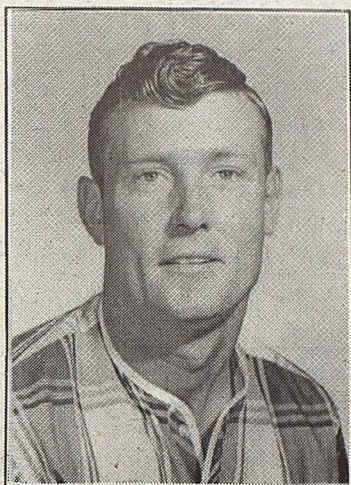
Services for Charles Vaughn, 66 of O'Donnell, were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 1, 2003 at First Baptist Church of O'Donnell, with Reverend Jack Matlock officiating. Interment followed in the Gail Cemetery in Borden County under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

Charles passed away Monday, September 29th at his home in O'Donnell after a lengthy illness.

He was born on August 20, 1937 in Zephyr, Texas to the late Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Clifford and Eula E. Bailey Vaughn. He married Melba "Cricket" Jones in Lamesa, on November 21, 1959. He was employed at O'Donnell ISD as maintenance supervisor for the past 13 years. He worked at Borden County ISD from 1967 until 1982 in the maintenance department. He also drove a school bus for both Borden County and O'Donnell for many years.

Charles served in the US Army Reserves. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in O'Donnell.

Survivors include: his wife Melba "Cricket" Vaughn of O'Donnell; three sons-Marlon Vaughn of Houston, Michael Vaughn and Chad Vaughn of O'Donnell; three daughters-Charla Vaughn of O'Donnell; Shawna Gass



and Sherry Gass of Gail; three brothers- Jim Vaughn of Pico Rivera, CA., Ruben Vaughn of Snyder; and Bill Vaughn of Andrews; one sister - Wanda Tate of Lubbock; fourteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and one sister.

Donations may be sent to *Odyssey Hospices* at 1003 E. FM 700 Big Spring, TX 79720 in Memory of Charles Vaughn.

Lamesa High School Hosting College Night

Lamesa High School is hosting a College Night on Thursday, October 23, 2003, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Area juniors and seniors and their parents are invited to attend this event. This undertaking is being organized to offer area students and parents the opportunity to talk with college representatives without having to travel to Lubbock or Midland/Odessa. We hope to continue to keep a night on the TACRAO (Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers) circuit. Students and their parents are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

This College Night will allow parents and students to visit booths and representatives from the colleges they are interested in. This night will be an ideal time for parents and students to have their personal questions answered and to receive current materials, applications, catalogs, etc.

If you have any questions, please call Julia Paske, Counselor Lamesa High school at 806/872-8385

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

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4250 N. Clack
Abilene, TX 79601
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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.

A PONY OF MY OWN

One advantage of growing up on a ranch was having my own pony. Years before I had my own bicycle—when I was five, in fact—Daddy drove up one day pulling the horse trailer and unloaded a pretty little Shetland pony.

Boy, was I excited! Daddy taught me how to mount the pony and how to control him. I happily rode all around our house and down to the barns. Before long I was riding short distances into the pastures. After several months they let me ride my pony to a nearby friend's house to play with him. Wow, that was fun.

When I was about seven, I was invited to a birthday party for a boy who lived on a nearby ranch. I asked to ride my pony to the party. To my surprise, Mother and Daddy agreed. Daddy had thought of a short-cut through the pasture, and convinced Mother that I could do it. He took me out and taught me the way to my friend's house.

I was given specific instructions, including the time I was to start back home so I would be home before dark. Mother had me take a note to my friend's mother asking her to see that I left at the right time.

The party was a great success. The other children

friend's house, and they started begging me to let them ride again. I liked being the center of attention, so I gave in and let them ride.

Later, I suddenly realized it was getting dark! I got on my pony and quickly started toward home. As I rode, the darkness came on fast, and with the darkness

came fear. I was afraid of the dark. I was also afraid of what would happen to me for my disobedience.

I hurried my pony through the darkening pasture, trying to keep my courage up. And I was trying to find my way when I heard my Daddy's voice calling my name. He was on his horse, looking for me. I was afraid

of what punishment I might get, but I was so happy to hear him and see him coming through the darkness.

"There you are!" he said, turning his horse to lead me home.

"I'm sorry, Daddy," was all I could think of to say as I followed him on my pony. Later, at home, he had stern words for me, but

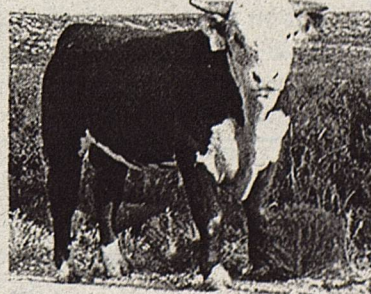
probably thought my fright had been punishment enough. After that I came back when I was told to.

The Bible has much to say about obedience. For example, Jesus said "*He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me,*" (John 14:21).

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even took turns riding my pony. I felt so important!

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