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Historic Farm and Ranch Applications Due Nov. 15th

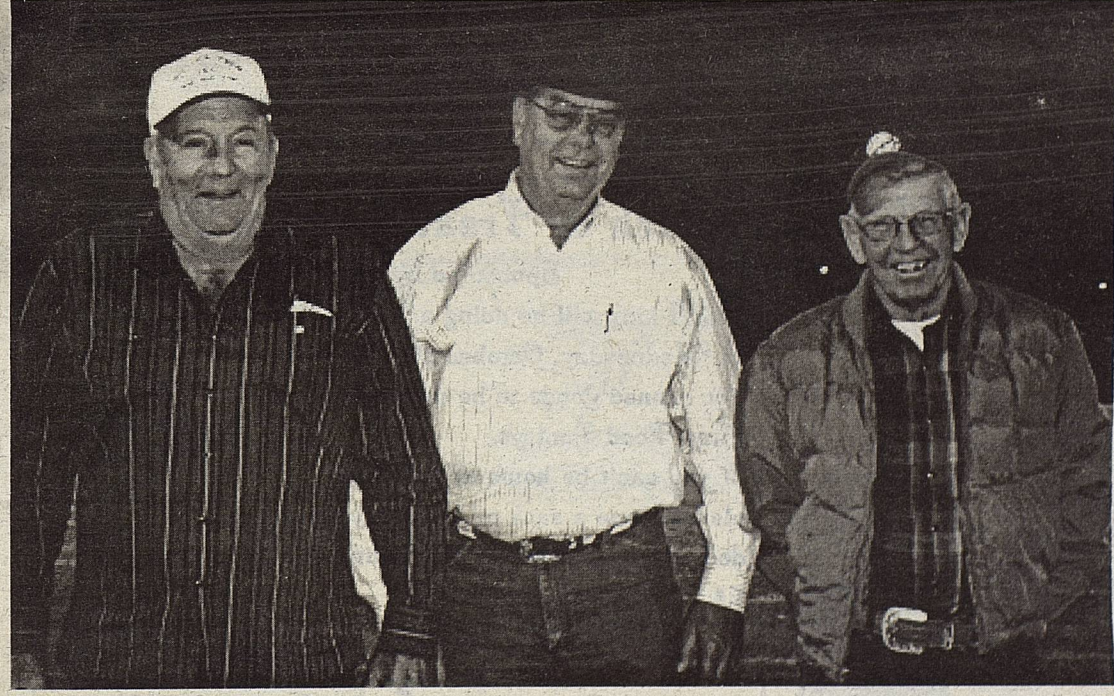
Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs reminded Texans that applications for the 2003 Family Land Heritage Program are due November 15th. The Texas Department of Agriculture Family Land Heritage Program recognizes farms and ranches that have been in continuous agricultural operation by the same family for 100 years or more. Since the program started in 1974, TDA has recognized 3,773 farms and ranches in 220 Texas counties. Combs commended past honorees and those who have submitted their applications for this year's program for their hard work in making Texas agriculture what it is today - the second largest

industry in the state. "Each family's agricultural legacy is an integral part of our state's agricultural success," Combs said. "This program recognizes each family's contribution to Texas agriculture and the county where their ancestors settled."

qualify will be honored during a ceremony in March in Austin. Each family's agricultural history also will be chronicled in a registry. Honorees can also obtain historic farm or ranch signage for their property. "I encourage landowners who have a family farm or

Farms and ranches that

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1953 BHS Graduates gather for 50 yr. reunion: Three of the four 1953 Graduates attended their 50th Year Reunion this past weekend at BHS Homecoming 2003. Pictured (L. to R.) James "Whistle" Worley, Bill Staggs and Brent Murphy.

Homecoming Reunion

We would like to thank everyone that made homecoming Friday night such a special event for the class of 1953. It was fabulous and was enjoyed by all the 'ol exes. On Saturday afternoon friends and families of the 1953 graduates gathered in Snyder at the Coliseum for more visiting. There were approximately 33 attending the reunion including 21 exes, ex-coach Eddie James, 2 parents and 9 other guest that joined the 3 graduates for lots of visiting and reminiscing. It was a good time and enjoyed all the tall tales told by everyone. We are looking forward to Homecoming next year for the class of 1954 reunion.

Car Accident Claims Life of Gail Resident

Earnest Turner, age 70, of Gail, was pronounced dead at the scene of an accident Wednesday afternoon. The car he was driving drifted into the path of an oncoming 18-wheeler, about two and a half miles west of Gail along U.S. Highway 180, according to the Department of Public Safety.

The accident occurred about 4:25 p.m. Cantu said Turner was driving a 1991 Chrysler four-door eastbound toward Gail when the car crossed into the westbound lane of traffic.

The driver of the truck, identified as Marvin Scott Mersiovasky of Electra, suffered only minor injuries, according to DPS Cpl. Hector Cantu of Lamesa, who investigated the accident.

Justice of the Peace Jane Jones of Gail pronounced Mr. Turner dead at the scene and ordered an autopsy, which was performed Thursday morning in Lubbock.

Both Turner and Mersiovasky reportedly were wearing safety belts at the time of the accident.

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COYOTE FOOTBALL

Thursday, October 30th
JH Football - Loop - H - 6:00 p.m.
JV Football - Wellman-Union-H-7:30
Friday, October 31st .
HS Football - Loop - T - 7:30 p.m.
GO COYOTES!!
Join the Crowd and Back the Coyotes!

Homecoming Win Sets Up District Showdown

With a 36-16 win Friday night over Dawson, the Borden Coyotes moved closer to a post-season playoff spot.

Going into week four of district play, the Coyotes have a 3-0 district record, the same as the Grady Wildcats.

If BHS defeats Loop this week and Grady wins over Klondike, the stage is set for the championship game a week from Friday.

Loop has not won a game this year so the Coyotes—though trying not to look ahead—realistically have the stars lined up on their side.

Against Dawson, the Homecoming crowd saw the Coyotes score first and then hold the Dragons scoreless in the second half to earn the win.

With 3:39 left in the first quarter, Shane Tarleton looked to his right and found Kyle Pinkerton on a five-yard TD pass.

The PAT failed as the Coyotes held a 6-0 advantage.

After a strong defensive stand, BHS got the ball back and scored as Adam Carter hit J. Ryan Gicklhorn for a five-yard touchdown strike.

Another bad snap led to another missed PAT—points that have been almost automatic for the Coyotes this year.

Dawson's only two scores came in the second quarter, and these kept the game close for awhile.

A one-yard rush by Canyon Brown put the Dragons on the board with 8:16 remaining before halftime.

Brown then threw for the other touchdown as time was winding down in the half. Both PAT kicks were good as Dawson found itself right back in the game.

Between their two scores in the period, the Coyotes managed to keep the lead thanks to Andy Lozano's touchdown reception from Tarleton with 6:35 to play in the half.

Leading only 20-16 at halftime, the Coyotes needed a spark to get them going.

Garrett Thomas provided just that as the sophomore went 79 yards on a kickoff return to start the second half.

Pinkerton's first PAT of the evening gave the Coyotes a more comfortable margin, 28-16.

Neither team could gain much yardage throughout the rest of the period and on into the fourth quarter.

With 6:36 left in the game, however, BHS scored once more as Tarleton went to Pinkerton on a 43-yard scoring play.

The PAT kick was good, and the Coyotes would go on to take the 36-16 win.

FINAL STATISTICS
TACKLES: (Lozano 19, Pinkerton 14, Carter 11, Gicklhorn 9, Rodriguez 5, Wilson 6, Lamming 3, Wallace 2 hurries, Thomas 2 hurries and one assist); RUSHING: Thomas (11-99), Rodriguez (11-40), Pinkerton (3-22); PASSING: Tarleton (5-11-87 yards, 3 TD's, 1 interception); Carter (4-4-24 yards) RECEIVING: Pinkerton (4 receptions for 43 yards, 2 TD's) Thomas 1-31 yards; Gicklorn (1-6 yards, 1 TD)



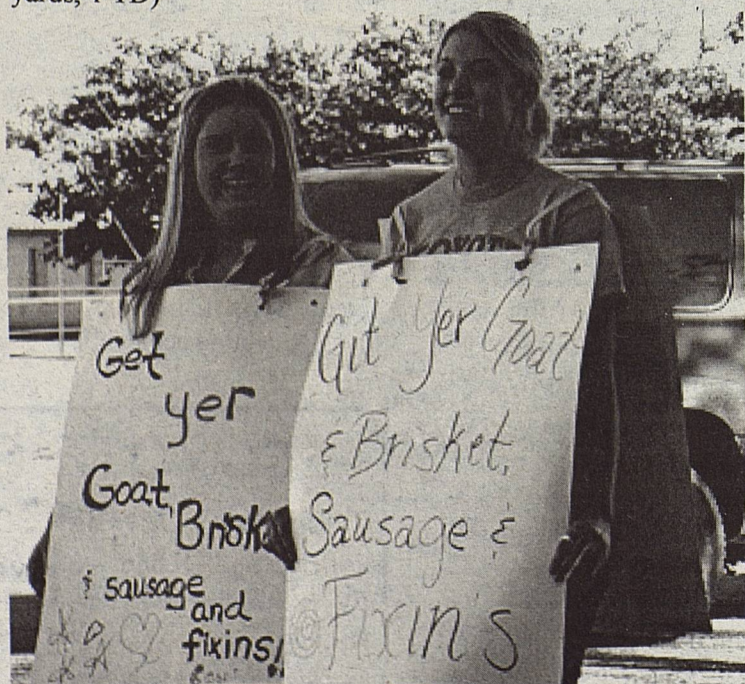
Moment of Silence: Even during celebrating their win, the Coyotes and their fans took time for a moment of silence after their Homecoming Victory last Friday.

2003-2004 School Directories FOR SALE
1 for \$3.00
2 for \$5.00
From Parents Club Members

"MEET THE LADY COYOTES"
THURS. - NOV. 6TH - 6:00 P.M.
BORDEN CO. SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
Come out and meet this year's Edition of the Borden County Lady Coyote's basketball teams. Each squad, junior high through high school will be introduced, and you will get a preview of the upcoming 2003-2004 season.

Custom Wheat Seeding 20 ft. drill
Call Barry O'Brien @806/497-6392

Trick or Treat for then Needy
Sponsored by M&M Kids
M&M kids will be doing a special "Trick or Treating" on Wednesday, October 29th. from 5 to 6 p.m. for canned goods to be donated to Area Food Pantrys.
If you can't be home at this time, please leave a sack of food on your door step, and we will pick it up.
Thanks,
M&M Kids, FBC



Drumming-Up Business: Alexis and Jami out getting folks to come in and eat before the game at the Homecoming Meal sponsored by the Class of 2004

Book Fair
November 3rd - 7th
Borden County School
Sponsored by the Class of 2004
Come by and get started on your Christmas list early!

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JV Drops Close One to League-Leading Grady; Jr. High Closes Out Season This Week at Home

The Junior Varsity Coyotes fell to 3-4 after a tough loss to Grady last Thursday, 19-18.

Symeron Rinehart caught an Austin Tarleton pass in the endzone for the Coyotes' first score while Michael Bullinger punched in two rushing touchdowns.

Bullinger also had one touchdown called back.

However, missed PAT opportunities made the difference in the score as the Coyotes fell to the Wildcats for the second time this season.

Tarleton also continued his strong defensive secondary play by picking up his 8th interception of the year.

The final junior varsity game will be held Thursday at home as Wellman-Union comes to Gail for a 7 p.m. contest.

In junior high action, Chase Pinkerton scored twice, but it was not enough as the Coyote Pups fell to Dawson 25-12 in a district game.

Now 2-5 on the season, the Pups play at home in their final game on Thursday.

Kickoff against Loop is set for 6:00 p.m.



Heading Down Field: Clay Harding #46 makes his way down field during last weeks game against Dawson.



Ready for Action: Corey Teel #50 and #32 Tyrell Massingill take the field ready for some action.

School Menu

Week Of: Nov. 3rd - 7th, 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:** Egg Omelet, Fruit Juice & Milk

THURSDAY: Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese, Pickles, Jell-o, & Milk. **Breakfast:** Muffin, Fruit Juice, & Milk.

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



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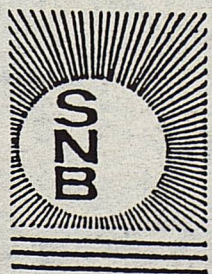
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ATTENTION Gail Residents
Watch for Little Spooks out "Trick or Treating" on Thursday Evening, October 30th.

Drive Safely - Watch Out for the Children

We're proud to be a part of the area since 1905.



Snyder National Bank

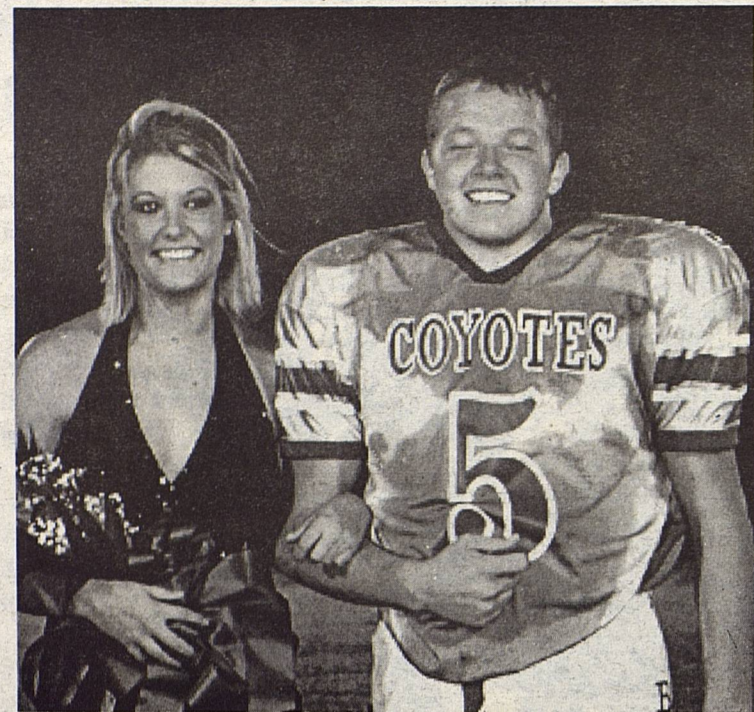
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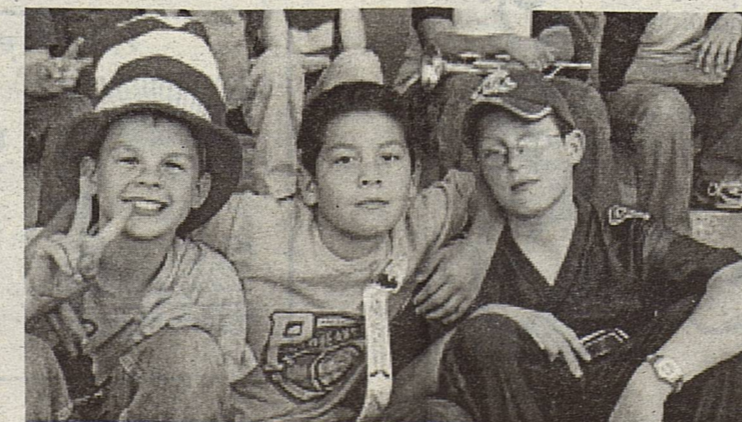
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Homecoming Queen: Jami Gass escorted by Kyle Pinkerton



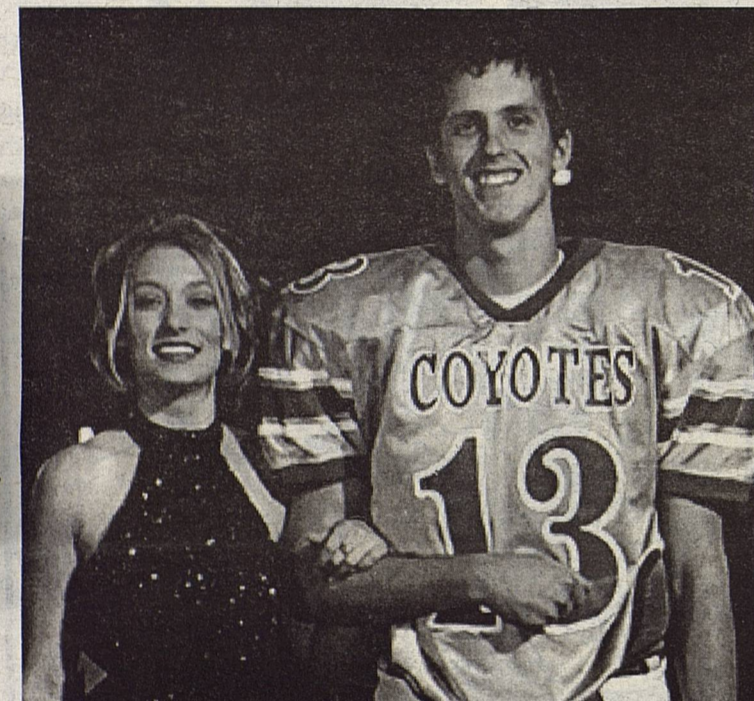
Football Sweetheart: Ashley James, escorted by Shane Tarelton



Pep Squad Beau: Kyle Pinkerton, escorted by Shayla Gass.



Band Sweetheart: Lindsey Stamper, escorted by Garrett Thomas.



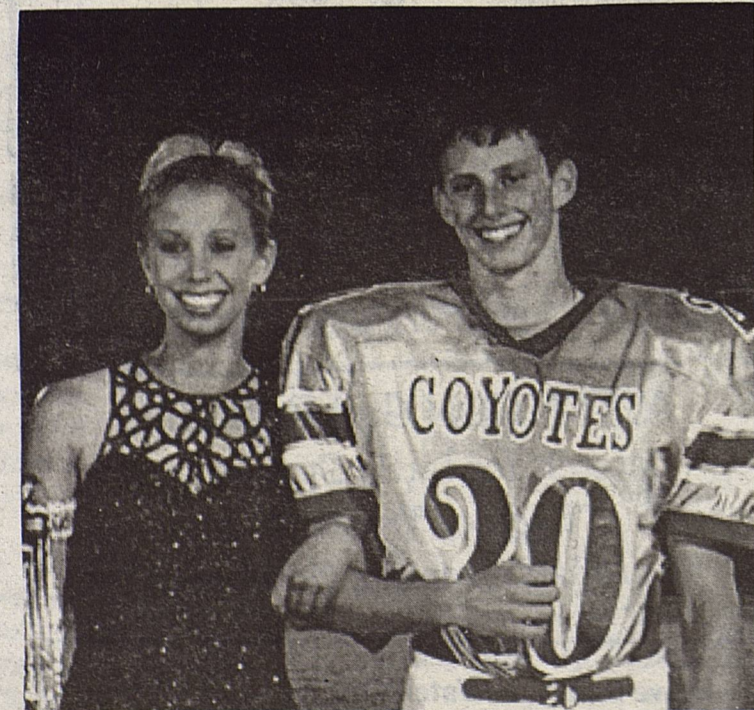
Homecoming Queen Candidate: Shayla Gass escorted by Shane Tarelton.



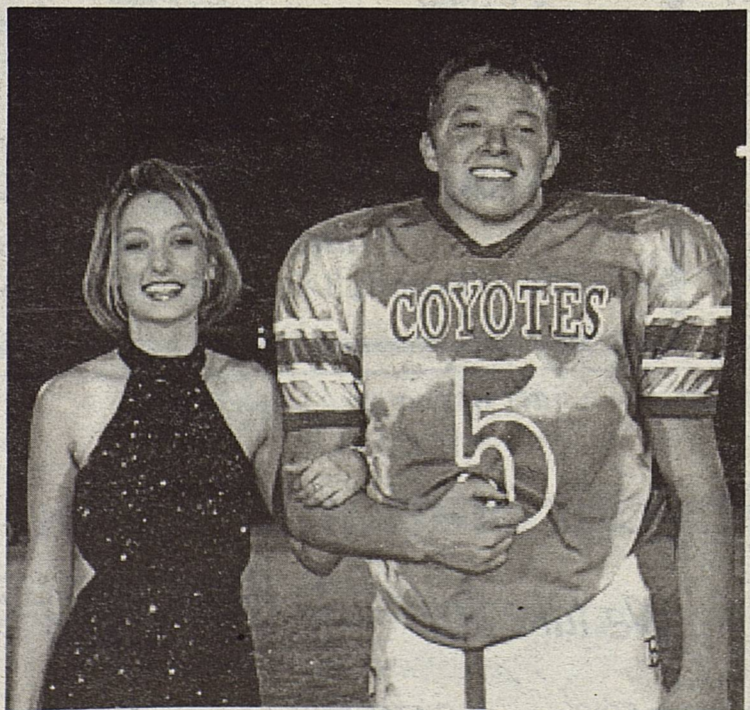
Football Sweetheart Candidate: Menda James, escorted by Garrett Thomas



Band Sweetheart candidate: Sarah Harding, escorted by Kyle Pinkerton.



Homecoming Queen Candidate: Menda James escorted by Garrett Thomas.



Football Sweetheart Candidate: Shayla Gass, escorted by Kyle Pinkerton.



Band Sweetheart Candidate: Christina Soto, escorted by Shane Tarelton.

Fall Festival 4-H Cake Walk



Borden County 4-H will again sponsor the cake walk at the 2003 Fall Festival to be held on Saturday, November 1st from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This activity serves as our sole fund-raiser to assist with 4-H awards and our annual achievement awards supper.

Each 4-H family is requested to bring (2) pastry items of your choice (cake,

pie, cookies, brownies, etc.) to assist with the success of the cake walk. If at all possible, please bring your items to the booth by 5:15 p.m. Thanks in advance for assisting with this activity in support of Borden County 4-H.

A work schedule has been mailed; however, if your name was not included on the

work schedule and you would like to work in the 4-H booth, just go by the booth that evening and offer your assistance!

See you at the Cake Walk! And thanks once again for your time and assistance in helping with the success of this annual fund-raiser.

4-H News

Junior 4-H Club Meeting

The Borden County Junior 4-H Club will meet on Monday, November 3rd from 3:45 to 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. The community service project will be a coat and sweater (gently used and/or outgrown) drive which will be donated to an area shelter. Any youth ages 9 (or currently enrolled in 3rd grade) through 8th grade are invited to attend. For more information contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or borden-tx@tamu.edu.

Applications Due

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ranch that qualifies to apply today," Combs said. "It is a great way to recognize your family's hard work and dedication and a wonderful gift to pass onto your children and grandchildren."

Applications are available through county judges, TDA's Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us or by contacting Family Land Heritage Coordinator Melissa Blair, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711 or (512)463-2631.

WANTING TO BUY!

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806/794-3442

7th Annual Borden County Home for the Holidays

"Welcome to our home . . ."

multi-county program series

Monday, November 17th, 2003

6:30 p.m. - Gail Community Room

The favor of a reply is requested.

Please contact the Extension Office at (806)756-4336 or borden-tx@tamu.edu to RSVP

A nominal fee of \$8 per person will be charged at the door to cover the costs of food, program supplies, and the recipe book.

We hope that you will join us for a tasting of delicious recipes, entertaining tips, party favors and gifts from the kitchen, games, antique Christmas decorations, helpful holiday hints, preparing you home for guests and easy, creative holiday decorations.

We will fellowship and punch from 6:15 to 6:30 p.m. to allow an opportunity for everyone to visit. The program will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.

For community service project this year, we ask that you please bring an item for our newly remodeled community room kitchen (such as kitchen utensils, bowls, pans, kitchen linens in the color of beige and/or sage green, etc.).

We will seek to provide all reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for any Extension Program. We request that you contact your Texas Cooperative Extension office as soon as possible to advise of auxiliary aid that you will require.

Happy Halloween! from LAMESA BUTANE CO.

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FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, NOV. 1ST 5:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Games - Prizes - Food and Lots of FUN!

Come out and help support the students and enjoy the evening.

Money received from the Class Booths will go to individual classes and the money received from Parent's Club Bingo will go towards the 2004 Senior Scholarship Fund.

[BINGO WILL LAST UNTIL 10:00 P.M. Stay and enjoy the fun!]

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Obituary



Earnest Lee Turner 1933-2003

Services for Earnest Lee Turner, 70, of Gail, were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, October 26th, at Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel in Snyder with Randy Hardman, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Gail officiating.

Burial followed in the Fluvanna Cemetery with arrangements under the direction of Bel-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Turner died Wednesday, October 22, in an automobile accident in Borden County.

He was born August 27, 1933, in Fluvanna. He was a licensed race horse trainer, and a member of the American Quarter Horse Association and the National Cutting Horse Association. He was also a Mason.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Guy Turner, Jr. and an infant.

Visitation was held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, at the funeral home in Snyder.

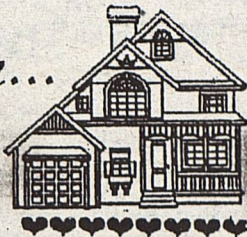
Survivors include two daughters, Tonja Stamper of Locust Grove, Okla., and Jetta Brown of Artesia, N.M.; one son, Taylor Bronk Turner of Fort Worth; four brothers Paul Turner of Fluvanna, Jack Turner of Fort Worth, Billy Turner of Midland and Carl Turner of Andrews; and three grandchildren.

Obituary Brief

Graveside services for E.T. "Sonny" Tucker will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, October 30th in the Vealmoor Cemetery.

Heart and home...

By Julie D. Smith
Borden County Extension Agent
Family and Consumer Sciences



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October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Am I at Risk for Breast Cancer?

A woman's risk of getting breast cancer increases with certain factors. Every woman has some degree of risk for developing breast cancer. However, there are some variables that seem to increase a woman's chances. These factors include:

Age: A woman's risk increases as she gets older. Women most at risk for breast cancer are aged 40 or older, but breast cancer can occur at an earlier age.

Family History: A woman's risk for breast cancer increases if female relatives have had breast cancer. Women most at risk for breast cancer have a mother, sister, daughter or two or more close relatives (like cousins) who have been diagnosed with the disease.

Personal History: A woman's risk for breast cancer increases if she has ever had cancer of the breast, ovary, colon, or endometrium (part of the womb). It is also higher if she has ever had a non-cancerous growth on her breast, or if she had her first period before age 12 or has her last period after age 50. A woman is also more at risk if she has never been pregnant or had her first pregnancy after age 30.

Other Factors: A woman's risk for breast cancer also increases if she is overweight; eats too many high-fat foods; regularly drinks alcoholic beverages; or if she has been on hormone replacement therapy for 5 years or longer.

Resources: Texas Department of Health, 1997, NBCAM Board, 1999

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. Two more programs are being held this fall. The programs and the months in which they will be offered are: Communicating with Family Members in November and Insurance Needs in December.

The next program on communicating with family members will be held on Monday, November 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gail Community Building. We hope that you will join us to learn about how we can communicate effectively with our family members of all ages.

Everyone is welcome attend our programs (you are not required to attend all three). We will seek to provide all reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for any of our 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 program series, please feel above, or more information free to contact the Extension on the Aging Gracefully office at 806/756-4336.

Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone for all the food, flowers, calls, and cards during my surgery and recovery.

Also, I want to thank my family and friends who help to keep the store going in my absence. I am so thankful for such a wonderful family and such good friends.



Thanks, again,
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Courthouse News

Whereas, On this the 19th day of September, 2003, the Commissioners' 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, Prec. No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Prec. No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Prec. 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 meetings of September 8th, 2003 were read. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaacs. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

AGREEMENT TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve a contract with Texas Tech Health Science Systems for autopsy services at the rate of \$1200.00 per basic case. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried unanimously.

HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT

Upon approval from Homeland Security, Commissioner

Belew made a motion to approve the spending of the Homeland Security Grant for Generator Unit on the Radio Tower, Supplies for E.M.S. and H2S Monitors. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRE BAN

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to discontinue the August 25, 2003, Borden County Emergency Order for Prohibition of Outdoor Burning. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaacs. Motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION CANVASSED

The result of the Constitutional Amendment Election held on September 13th, 2003, was canvassed. A motion was made by Commissioner Reyes that the returns of the election are official as recorded in volume 2, page 128, Election Records. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

SHERIFF'S FEE

After reviewing the Sheriff's Fees, Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to set the Sheriff's fees for 2004 with no changes made. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

An application for Soil Conservation Construction of fireguards was received from Tim Wilson in Precincts No. 1 & 2. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the application at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for a motorgrader and \$65.00 per hour for a dozer. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION - ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No new items were presented.

ADJOURN

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

October 13th, 2003 Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 13th day of October, 2003, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present, to-wit:

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WATER RATIONING

Commissioner Reyes made a motion giving Judge Van York permission to approve the lifting of water rationing requirements for the Borden County Water System after conferring with Water Maintenance Superintendent. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION - BIG SPRING VETERAN HOSPITAL

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to support the Resolution that there be no reduction of services provided by the Big Spring,

Texas Veteran Hospital. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, this resolution is to strongly protest the possible removing of Veteran's Healthcare Services from the Big Spring, Texas location to a point further west; and

WHEREAS, such action would add an additional 40 to 60 miles to our Borden County Veterans already travel to receive DVA Healthcare in Big Spring. Borden County's 78 Veterans would be greatly inconvenienced by the additional travel; and

WHEREAS, our neighboring Counties of Dawson, Garza, Lynn, and Scurry are homes to 2,967 Veterans. So it is most evident that any loss in health services in Big Spring would adversely affect a large percentage of the total Veteran population depending on the Big Spring VAMC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borden County Commissioners strongly recommend that there be no reduction of services provided by the Big Spring, Texas VA Medical Center.

SIGNED THIS THE 13th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2003

Van L. York, County Judge
Doug Isaacs, Prec. No. 1
Randy Adcock, Prec. No. 2
Ernest Reyes, Prec. No. 3
Joe Belew, Prec. No. 4

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An application for Soil Conservation Construction of fireguards was received from Bill Phinzy in Precinct No. 2. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the application at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for a motorgrader and \$65.00 per hour for a dozer. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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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 6106-37-001 for LITTER PICKUP ON HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY in HOWARD County, etc. will be opened on November 18, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. at the District Office for a estimate of \$60,486.75.

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: 11213

State Office

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

Dist/Div Office(s)

Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, TX 79601
Phone: 915-676-6800

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.