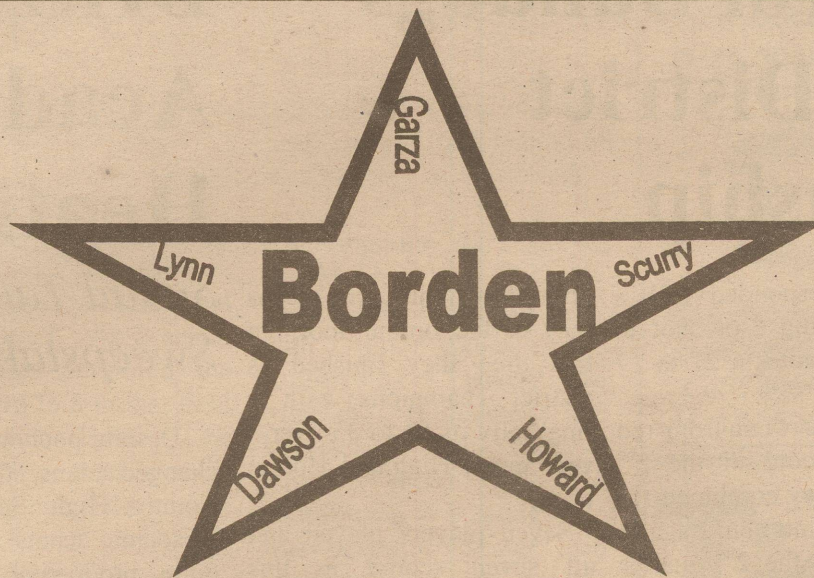


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Borden Coyotes Win First District Championship since 1999

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes behind outside shooting and complete domination in the paint garnered at least a share of the district crown with one game remaining.

The Coyotes used a 16 point 23 rebound to take complete control of the contest. The Coyotes jumped out to an early lead as Asa Rutherford and Matthew Tatum combined to score all 13 of the Coyotes 1st quarter points, as the Coyotes built a 13 to 9 lead and a lead that they would never relinquish. The Bulldogs would not go away, but they would actually never get any closer than 6 points from the midway point of the 2nd quarter for the remainder of this contest. The Coyotes

outscored the Bulldogs in every quarter on their way to building as much as a 20 point lead late in the 4th quarter before a rally by the Bulldogs gave us our final score of 47 to 32 and the eighth district victory for the Coyotes.

Scoring for the Coyotes was Matthew with 16 points, Asa with 13 points including 3 3-pt baskets, Jacob Froman with 9 points and 12 rebounds, Zane Williamson with 5 points and 8 rebounds and Michael Bullinger with 4 big free throws. Also contributing to this huge district victory was Quentin Shafer with perhaps his best defensive effort of the season, and Rowdy Clary with some very quality minutes.



District Champions: (L. to R) Rowdy Clary, Zane Williamson, Jacob Froman, Asa Rutherford, Matthew Tatum, Michael Bullinger, Flynn Chapman, Quentin Shafer and Michael Cooley.

Spelling Bee "Synopsis"

Anderson named BC Spelling Bee Champion

Take eighteen students, eight rounds, and sixty words, and one has a quick "synopsis" of this year's Borden County I.S.D. Spelling Bee.

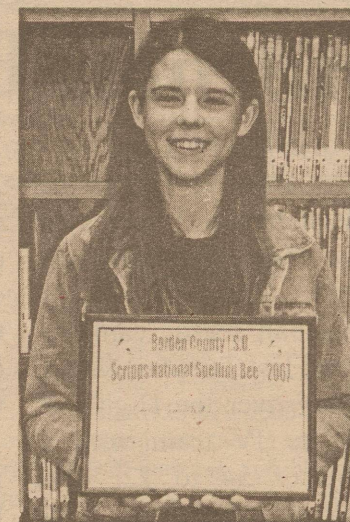
When the final word – "synopsis" – was correctly spelled, Borden County eighth grader Bailey Anderson emerged from the group as the contest's champion.

Winning the contest allows Anderson to now advance to the Lubbock

Avalanche-Journal's Regional Spelling Bee on March 3rd, 2007. The winner of that contest wins a trip to Washington, D.C., to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Anderson is the daughter of John and Kevva Anderson of Gail.

Eighteen Borden County Elementary and Junior High Students participated in the contest. Students in third



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Coyotes Control Bulldogs to Guarantee District Co-Championship

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes guaranteed themselves their first District championship since 1999 with a hard fought victory over the Highland Hornets who were hoping for a chance at garnering the final play-off spot with a victory.

The Coyotes and the Hornets both came out of the gates hotter than a pistol in this district finally, and final home game for seniors Jacob Froman, Asa Rutherford, Zane Williamson and Rowdy Clary. And these four young men did not disappoint. Matthew Tatum joined the seniors in the starting lineup and he did not disappoint the upperclassmen as he got them off to a great start by scoring all of his 13 points in that initial period. Jacob Froman tallied 5 points of his game high 15 points in the period, but made possibly the biggest play of the contest as he took a missed shot by the Hornets and sprinted quickly down the floor and made a great pass and screen for classmate

Asa who responded with a buzzer beating 3-pt shot to give the Coyotes a 21 to 17 lead.

Both teams went from red hot to ice cold in the 2nd quarter as they combined for only 10 points but, again, Jacob ended the 2nd quarter with a tremendous play as he followed a Hornet basket with a buzzer beating basket of his own to give the Coyotes a 27 to 21 halftime lead.

The Coyotes took complete control of this game in the 3rd quarter as they outscored the Hornets 16 to 4 to build a huge 43 to 25 lead. All four seniors managed to score in the period, but Quentin Shafer may have provided the biggest shots in the quarter as he connected on back to back baskets with the final one being a 3-pt shot to give the Coyotes the huge 18 point lead.

The Coyotes built as much as a 22 point lead in the 4th quarter as again, all 4 seniors got to put their names in the score books with at least a point, in the end, the seniors

got to finish this game just as they started, on the floor, but this time they finished as district champions with a final tally of 54 to 35 over a very game Highland Hornet team.

Seven players played and all seven scored in this contest, led by senior Jacob Froman's 15 points, Matthew Tatum added 13 points, Zane Williamson scored 8 points, Asa Rutherford scored 7 points, Quentin Shafer added 5 points, Rowdy Clary scored 4 points, and Michael Bullinger finished with 2 points.

Next up for the Coyotes will be the Area round of the play-offs, as the district championship gives them a first round bye and a date with the winner of the Dell City -vs- Buena Vista/Sanderson winner around February 23rd.

Congratulations guys on a very fine regular season, now let's make history and make it to the Regional tourney with two play-off victories.



Michael Cooley had 9 points, Karl Lamming had 5 points and Carlos Hernandez scored 2 points.

These Coyotes started the season with only 5 players and they ended the season with only 5 players. It is also interesting to note that in the 10 games played not one of them ever fouled out of a game.

Coyotes Stop Hornets Buzz

By Coach Avery

Just about as fast as the season began it seems to have ended with as much speed. The JV boy's basketball season came to an end last Tuesday with a victory over the Highland Hornets JV team with a score of 54 to 22. The Coyotes jumped out to a

28 to 9 half time lead and extended the lead in every quarter.

The win takes the Coyotes to 7-3 overall and 6-1 in district play sharing the district lead with Ira.

Brendan Tarleton had 23 points in game, Flynn Chapman had 15 points,

BHS UIL Academic Teams Heating Up

Squad Takes Wylie Meet 1A Sweepstakes Crown

Despite poor weather and changed plans, the Borden County High School UIL Academic teams have been quite productive in recent weeks.

Most recently, the team was named as the 1A Sweepstakes Champion at the Abilene: Wylie High School Valentine Classic UIL Meet last Saturday.

The weekend before, the team also had a strong showing at the Idalou Wildcat UIL Meet.

The individual results by meet are as follows:

IDALOU

- Becky Dobyms
- 2nd - Spelling
- 3rd - Ready Writing
- 5th - Headline Writing
- Kate Wallace
- 2nd - Persuasive
- Chasiti Rutherford
- 3rd - LD Debate
- Katherine Froman
- 3rd - Spelling
- John Cowart
- 6th - Literary Criticism
- Spelling Team - 2nd
- Becky Dobyms
- Katherine Froman
- Chellsie Pigford

Lit. Crit. Team - 3rd

- John Cowart
- D'Nae Johnson
- Chasiti Rutherford

WYLIE

- Becky Dobyms
- 1st - Headline Writing
- 2nd - Ready Writing
- 2nd - Spelling
- 5th - Editorial Writing
- Rachel Wilson
- 2nd - Informative
- 2nd - Editorial Writing
- 6th - Current Events

Kate Wallace

- 1st - Persuasive
- Christina Soto
- 3rd - Newswriting

Carlos Hernandez

- 4th - Informative
- Katherine Froman
- 8th - Spelling
- Semifinalist - Prose

Reynaldo Hernandez

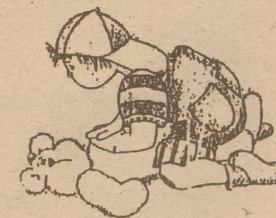
- Semifinalist - Persuasive
- Michael Porter
- Semifinalist - Persuasive
- Journalism Team - 1st

The academic squad is set for its next to the last UIL practice meet this weekend in Post.

The District 9-A UIL Academic Meet is set for March 30th, 2007, at Water Valley High School.

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FFA Celebrates National FFA Week

February 19th, through 23rd is the week chosen to celebrate 2007 National FFA Week by thousands of FFA members across the country. FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through Agricultural Education – this is the main goal of the organization. For more than 72 years, the FFA has continued to be an integral part of agricultural instruction by making classroom lessons come to life through realistic applications. From its beginning, in 1928, with 33 delegates at the first national convention, it has grown to encompass 451,997 members in all 50 states, Puerto Rico Virgin Islands,

Guam and Rota.

The Gail FFA Chapter is made up of 36 members in grades 9-12. The chapter is very active in leadership training, career development events, mechanical applications, supervised agricultural experience programs, and many other activities. The chapter officers will be doing their part to promote National FFA Week by wearing FFA attire on Wednesday as they visit with prospective junior high students on the benefits of being in FFA and Ag. Science Programs.

The Gail FFA Chapter wishes to thank the community for all of its strong support this year and the members are proud to represent Borden County in its activities.



2007 Spelling Bee Participants: (L. to R) back row: Blake Turner, Kalyn Massingill, Mattie Turner, Taylor Richey Bailey Anderson and Michale Froman. Middle row: Mollie McMeans, Frank Banman, Kylie Voss, Troy Copeland, Sean Tucker and Caden Vaughn. Front row: Taylor Gass, Kylee Dean, Blase Freeman, Channing Miller, Tatum Richey and Tye Basquez.

Spelling Bee

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through eighth grades were eligible.

Runner-up to Anderson was sixth grader Mattie Turner, daughter of Bric and Tanya Turner of Gail. The Turners were also represented by seventh grade son Blake Turner, who finished as the second runner-up.

Also participating were third graders Kylee Dean, Channing Miller, & Tatum Richey.

Participating fourth graders were Frank Banman,

Ty Basquez, Blaise Freeman, Sean Tucker and Cayden Vaughn.

Fifth graders in the contest were Taylor Gass, Kalyn Massingill, and Mollie McMeans.

Troy Copeland and Kylie Voss were additional sixth graders who participated.

Eighth grade was also represented by Michael Froman and Taylor Richey.

Congratulations, Bailey, and good luck in Lubbock!

School

Lunch Menu

Feb. 19th – Feb. 23rd, 2007

MONDAY – Breakfast: Pancake Pup, Fruit Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, Corn, Salad, Pineapple, and Milk

TUESDAY – Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Fried Steak, Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Fresh Fruit and Milk.

WEDNESDAY – Breakfast: Biscuit w/gravy, Sausage, Fruit juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Nuggets, Green Peas, Potatoes, Hot Roll, Mixed Fruit, and Milk.

THURSDAY – Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, Fruit juice, and milk. **Lunch:** Fish, Black eye Peas, Potato Salad, Hush Puppies, Rosie Applesauce, and Milk.

FRIDAY – Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, Fruit Juice, and Milk. **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, French Fries, Salad Cup, Chocolate Chip Cookies, and Milk.

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4-H News

Upcoming 4-H Projects/Activities

4-H Clothing Project

Tuesday, February 20, Thursday, February 22, Tuesday, March 6 and Thursday, March 8 from 3:45 to 5:30 p.m. in the Home Economics Lab

4-H "Sew Fun" Day

Saturday, March 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Home Economics Lab

County 4-H Fashion Show

Monday, March 26 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room

District 4-H Fashion Show

Tuesday, April 10 in Lubbock

4-H Photography Project

Visit the Extension Office for details! Entries for District are DUE to the County Extension Office by Friday, March 23.

4-H Educational Presentation (formerly Method Demonstration) Practice 4-H Record Books

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—Devan Penegar



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—Mother Teresa



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Gene & Lynn Schmidt
Great Grandparents:
Joyce Smith & Wilella Tucker
Darward Schmidt
Great Great Grandmother
Maurine Hanks

Love is always present, it is just a matter of feeling it or not.
—Kimberly Kirberg



Jaylee Poole

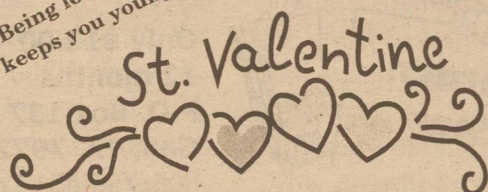
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Grandparents:
Dennis & Sheri Poole
Aunts & Uncle:
Kalli, Kaci, & Slate



Braden Hardman

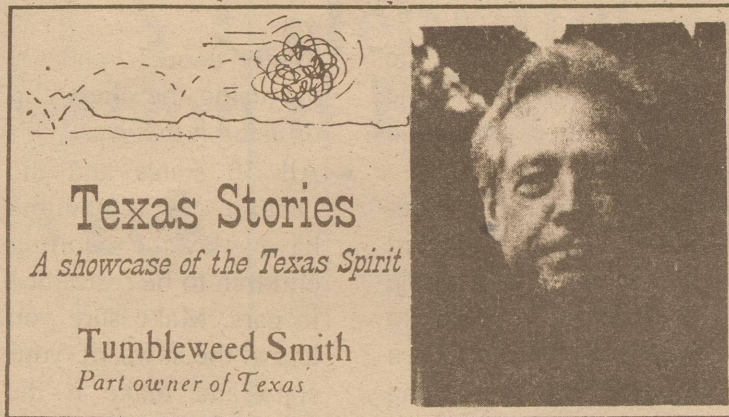
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Grandparents:
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Being loved keeps you young.



Tanner, Tatam and Thomas Harrison

Parents: Jon & Kristi Harrison
Grandparents: Randy & Verna Adcock
Perry & Suzie Harrison



A Naval Commander joins the Paint Crew

Jim Sterling of Liberty refuses to have a fifty-dollar bill in his possession because it has a picture of Ulysses S. Grant on it. He is a fan of the confederacy.

Jim spent 30 years in the funeral home business. When he was in mortuary school, he and some other students would put glue on the podium so when the teacher leaned on it, he was stuck and practically had to remove his coat to get loose. Jim would also stage a fake call to the teacher and while the teacher was gone, he would turn the lecture notes to a previous lesson, so the teacher would repeat the lesson from a week ago. I admire a man like that.

On occasion, residents of Liberty see an alligator.

"We have some fifteen-footers here," says Jim, "but we throw them back so they'll get big."

Right after Jim graduated from high school in Dayton, he boarded the Texas Clipper, A&M's school ship and went to Brazil as part of the university's Summer School At Sea program. On that cruise he saw his first water spout, crossed the equator and experienced his first glimpse at St. Elmo's fire. He watched blue static electricity dance up and down the mast.

At A&M he was in the Aggie band and as a bugler, got to wake up the campus

and put it to bed at night. He got a BS Degree in Marine Transportation.

"It's learning how to drive a ship from point A to point B, how to load it and navigate it," says Jim. "I studied seamanship and communication, all very interesting to me."

After graduation, Jim became a Merchant Marine Officer and spent 27 years as a commissioned Officer in the Naval Reserve. He's been nearly around the world on Merchant or Navy ships. On his last cruise as a Naval Reserve Commander, he took a break from all his important duties.

"I was on the USS Blue Ridge, a command and control ship. We had seven flight officers, some Admirals and a couple Generals on board. We were in an exercise off the coast of Korea and I'd been kind of running the whole show twelve hours a day for about thirty days and my mind was fried. I was going back to my room about 3 o'clock in the morning and saw two sailors doing some painting as extra duty. They were bored to death and I could tell they would rather be sleeping, so I stopped and visited with them. I said, 'you know, I haven't got to paint in long time. When you get to be an officer they don't let you do the fun things any more. Could I do that for awhile?'"



"Mail Bag"

Postal Service Issues New Love Stamp

HERSHEY, PA. – Love and the sweet smell of chocolate filled the air today during an event at the Giant center in Hershey, Pa. The U.S. Postal Service dedicated the 2007 *With Love and Kisses* stamp, which is available nationwide today.

"Americans traditionally send something sweet in their envelopes on Valentine's Day," said John E. Potter, postmaster general and chief executive officer, U.S. Postal Service, at the stamp dedication ceremony. "With the *With love and Kisses* stamp, they can now put something sweet on their envelope."

Joining Potter in the dedication was Richard H. Lenny, chairman, president and chief executive officer, The Hershey Company; Honorable Tim Holden, member of Congress, 17th district of Pennsylvania; and David E. Failor executive director, Stamp Services.

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They replied, 'are you kidding, sir?' I said no, I want to paint. I told them to take a break. So I sat down on the deck and started painting the bulkhead. A couple of Marine Officers walked by and they looked down at me and I heard one of them say, 'they certainly do things different in the Navy these days, don't they?'"



U.S. Postal Service.

"The Hershey's Kisses Brand is an enduring symbol of love, affection and sharing, recognized world over for its distinct shape, classic silver foil and unmistakable plume," said Lenny. "The *With Love and Kisses* stamp reinforces the passion and emotional connection consumers have with the iconic Hershey's Kisses Brand."

Evoking images of sweet and ardent affection, the *With Love and Kisses* stamp features a Hershey's Kisses Chocolate and a red heart that form mirror images of one another. Written on the heart is "Love," while "Kisses" appears on the plume that extends from the top of the chocolate treat.

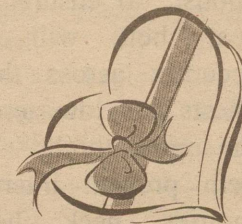
The unmistakable shape of Hershey's Kisses Chocolates has not changed since The

Company introduced this milk chocolate candy to the nation in 1907. Wrapped by hand until the process was automated in 1921, Hershey's Kisses Brand Chocolates have been available year-round for 100 years with only one exception. Production ceased from 1942 to 1949, when silver foil was rationed as a result of the war effort. Hershey's Kisses Brand Chocolates wrapped in red and silver foil were introduced in 1986 in honor of Valentine's Day.

The Postal Service began issuing its popular *Love* stamps in 1973, and the *With Love and Kisses* stamp marks the 23rd in the series. Over the years these stamps have been used on wedding correspondence, Valentine's Day sentiments and Mother's Day and Father's Day cards.

Award-winning illustrator Jose Ortega of New York City and Toronto, who designed the *With Love and Kisses* stamp, previously designed the *Salsa* stamp, one of four stamps that appeared as part of the 2005 *Let's Dance: Bailemos!* Stamp issue.

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Heart & Home . . .

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February 11-17, 2007 is National Child Passenger Safety Week

Child Safety Seats Save Lives

- According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), approximately 7,500 lives have been saved by the proper use of child restraints during the past 20 years.
- Motor vehicle crashes still remain the number one killer of children ages 4 to 14 in America.
- In 2005, an average of five children ages 14 and younger were killed and 640 were injured in motor vehicle crashes every single day.
- Children ages 4 to 8 who use booster seats are 59 percent less likely to be injured in a car crash than children who are restrained only by a seat belt, according to a study by Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP).
- While 98 percent of America's infants and 93 percent of children ages 1 to 3 are now regularly restrained, not enough children ages 4 through 7 are restrained *properly* for their size and age.
- Only 10 to 20 percent of children ages 4 through 7 who should be using booster seats to protect them are actually *in* them. This puts children at an unnecessary risk of being injured or killed in crashes because they are simply in the wrong restraint for their size and age.
- One study showed that children ages 2 to 5 who are moved to seat belts too early have 4 times the risk of a head injury in a crash.
- Children ages 4 through 7 are generally too small for adult seat belts and need a "boost" to ensure the seat belt will fit securely across their chests and low across the upper thighs—to help prevent internal injuries, neck, head and spinal injuries, and even ejection and death in the event of a crash.
- The use of booster seats compared to the use of adult seat belts alone lowers the risk of injury to children in crashes by 59 percent.

If They're Under 4'9", They NEED a Booster Seat

As children grow, how they need to be secured in a car, truck, van or SUV changes. For maximum child passenger safety, parents and caregivers simply need to remember and follow the *4 Steps for Kids*:

- 1) For the best possible protection keep infants in the back seat, in rear-facing child safety seats, as long as possible up to the height or weight limit of the particular seat. At a minimum, keep infants rear-facing until a minimum of age 1 and at least 20 pounds;
- 2) When children outgrow their rear-facing seats (at a minimum age 1 and at least 20 pounds) they should ride in forward-facing child safety seats, in the back seat, until they reach the upper weight or height limit of the particular seat (usually around age 4 and 40 pounds);
- 3) Once children outgrow their forward-facing seat (usually around age 4 and 40 pounds), they should ride in booster seats, in the back seat, until the vehicle seat belts fit properly. Seat belts fit properly when the lap belt lays across the upper thighs and the shoulder belt fits across the chest (usually at age 8 or when they are 4'9" tall);
- 4) When children outgrow their booster seats,

(lap belt lays across the upper thighs and the shoulder belt across the chest).

- Some parents or caregivers may regard booster seats as a hassle to use or a pain to convince their children to use. But protecting the ones we love means getting past the temporary complaints and perceived hassles because the lives of children really are at risk. Do it because you love them. Do it because it could save their lives. Make it the law of your car.
- This year at Valentine's, during Child Passenger Safety Week (Feb. 11-17), remind all parents, grandparents, and caregivers to raise their children right. If they're under 4'9", put them in a booster seat.
- The three most common mistakes in installing a child safety seat are (1) not attaching the seat correctly and tightly to the car or truck, (2) not fastening the harness

tightly enough, and (3) not using the chest clip or using it incorrectly.

- All 50 states and the District of Columbia have laws requiring children to be restrained in cars. Make sure you know the laws of your state and make it the law of your car.
- For more information about Child Passenger (usually at age 8 or when they are 4'9" tall) they can use the adult seat belt in the back seat, if it fits properly Safety Week and the proper use of booster seats, please visit www.BoosterSeat.gov, www.SaferCar.gov and www.SeatCheck.org. You may also contact Texas Cooperative Extension-Borden County or the Borden County Sheriff's Office for information about any passenger safety question.

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Patience Pays Off For Coyotes

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes clinched a play-off spot Tuesday, as they used a very patient attack to rally from as much as a 12 point 2nd half deficit to beat the Westbrook Wildcats on their home floor.

The Coyotes got off to their usual slow start in district play, and as a result found themselves in a 20 to 11 hole early in this contest.

The Coyotes got possibly the best game of the season from teammates Matthew Tatum and Zane Williamson, which enabled the Coyotes to stay close in this contest.

The Coyotes actually outscored the Wildcats in the 2nd quarter to cut the lead to 32 to 27 at halftime, but an early surge in the 3rd quarter allowed the home team Wildcats build as much as a 12 point lead late in the quarter. Thanks to some big baskets by Williams and Tatum. The biggest of the quarter arguably was the buzzer beater that Matthew hit to trim the deficit to 48 to 42 heading into the 4th quarter. The Coyotes got the ball to start the quarter and a set play netted Jacob Froman his first basket of the contest. This got Jacob going as he managed to score 8 of his eleven total points in the final stanza. The Coyotes however still trailed until Mr. Clutch, Asa Rutherford, ye of many big baskets this district season hit another huge 3-pt shot with only 2:33 left on the clock to give the Coyotes a 52 to 50 lead. This was the Coyotes first lead since the opening tip of the game.

The Coyotes behind the solid defense of Quentin Shafer and Michael

Bullinger sparked the 4th quarter rally as well by shutting down the Wildcats leading scorer in the final frame as well. As a result, the Coyotes outscored the Wildcats 16 to 5 in that final period while holding the Wildcats three leading scorers to only one field goal in the process.

In the end, the Coyotes

Pups End Season With a Victory

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Pups played host to the Highland Hornets on Monday night playing their final basketball game of the 2006-2007 season. With a victory, the Pups would finish the season 2nd to the Ira Bulldogs in the district standings.

The Pups wasted little time in seizing control of the final home game, as they jumped out to a quick 11 to 0 first quarter lead. Most of the damage was done by seventh grader Blake Turner as he scored 7 of his game high 12 points in the first stanza.

The 2nd quarter was a little more of the same, but this time the visitors managed a couple of baskets of their own, but it was not enough to keep the home town Pups from extending their lead to 19 to 5 going into the locker rooms.

In the 3rd quarter, it was an all 8th grade quarter as Miles Valentine scored 8 of his 11 points in the quarter and Michael Froman added 3 free throws and fellow classmate Tony Soto two of

wrapped up a play-off birth with a come from behind 58 to 53 victory in Westbrook.

Scoring for the Coyotes was Matthew with 22 points, Zane with 16 points, Jacob with 11 points, Asa Rutherford 5 points and Michael Bullinger and Michael Cooley with 2 points each. Also contributing to this huge win was Quentin Shafer and senior Rowdy Clary.

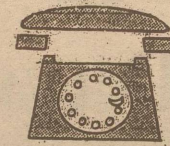
his own toward a 10 point performance.

In the final quarter, the 8th graders, made up of 5 young men tonight since classmate, John Hensley was out of town, began and ended the quarter. The threesome of Tony, Miles, and Michael were joined by David Rodriquez and Derek Tatum, to play the majority of the 4th quarter, their final quarter as a junior high student. These five young men extended to the 31 to 10 lead to our final tally of 37 to 12 and a very happy finally for these young men. The Pups also got a chance to take a quick glimpse into the future as 7th graders, Chance Taylor, Austin Fields and Austin Tyler joined Blake in a couple of moments of play themselves.

In the end, these young men came together to complete one of the more successful Junior High seasons as the victory gave these young men an 8 and 3 record on the season.

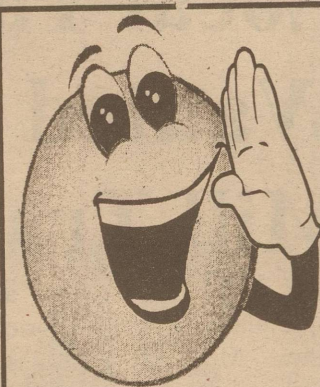
Congratulations on a great season guys, best of luck in the future.

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CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: **Abilene**

Contract 6157-31-001 for the "ON DEMAND" RAISED PAVEMENT MARKERS in TAYLOR County, etc. will be opened on **March 13, 2007** at **2:00 p.m.** at the District Office for an estimate of **\$229,000.00.**

Contracts 6158-49-001 for **SHOULDER TEXTURING** in **SCURRY COUNTY**, etc. will be opened on **March 13, 2007** at **2:30 p.m.** at the District Office for an estimate of **\$272,188.60.**

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Pre-qualified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit 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: 22689

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.

Local Talent Wanted at Old Mill Trade Days

Old Mill Trade Days, a marketplace in the historic Postex Mill in Post, is searching for talent to perform at monthly events.

"The wonderful response to our Post City Idol contest last year helped us realize the great talent available in this area. We've decided to secure a wide variety of regional talent to use throughout the year," explained Rosa Latimer,

General Manager of Old Mill Trade Days. "We want to book jugglers, clowns, musicians, vocalists, dancers, balloon artists and others to use in several areas of our event location. These entertainers will not be part of a competition. We simply want to provide an opportunity to perform. We hope to book 3-4 performers and/or groups for each event."

The general manager added that the remodel and reorganization of the shopping areas at Trade Days should be complete by March and this addition of entertainment throughout each event will add to the "marketplace" atmosphere.

Anyone interested in performing should email information to tradedays@oldmilltradedays.com or call 806-495-3529. "We will consider any type of entertainment that would be appropriate in a family atmosphere. Performers must provide their own equipment." Latimer con-

cluded. This "first Friday" Trade Days in Post takes place the first Friday, Saturday and

Sunday of each month. Event hours are 11 am to 5 pm Friday & Sunday; 9 am to 5 pm Saturday.

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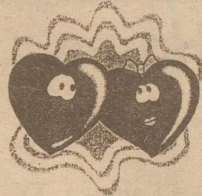
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February 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Loraine BB There GbB 5:00 HOLIDAY SAT Registration Deadline for March 10 th Test	3 Idalou UIL Invitational meet-all events except CX
4	5 Highland JH BB Here 6:00 District 9-A CX Debate Tournament @ Highland	6 Highland BB Here GbB 5:00	7 Local Spelling Bee 10:30 a.m. (Grades 3 rd - 8 th)	8	9 San Antonio Stock Show TFA Speech & Debate Meet @ Midland Lee	10 Abilene Wylie Valentine Classic UIL Meet-all events ACT Test (Must have pre-registered) San Antonio Stock Show TFA Speech & Debate Meet @ Midland Lee
11	12	13	14	15	16 End of 4 th Six Weeks Softball @ Hamlin 5:00 San Antonio Stock Show San Angelo Stock Show	17 Post HS UIL Invitational Meet-all events, possible CX National FFA Week San Angelo Stock Show
18	19 Beginning of 5 th Six Weeks Baseball - Morton @ WTC Snyder 4:00 Softball @ Post (JV) 4:30 National FFA Week San Angelo Stock Show	20 TAKS 3,5,9 Reading, 4,7 Writing; 10,11 ELA; Exit ELA Retest 4-H Clothing Project 3:45-5:30 @ Home Economics National FFA Week San Angelo Stock Show	21 National FFA Week San Angelo Stock Show	22 TAKS Exit Science Retest, Make-up 10 th ELA JH Track @ Klondike Snyder Baseball Tourney 4-H Clothing Project 3:45-5:30 @ Home Economics JH Track @ Klondike National FFA Week San Angelo Stock Show	23 Snyder Baseball Tourney Midland College Journalism Meet SPECHEA Tennis - SPC, Levelland National FFA Week San Angelo Stock Show	24 Snyder Baseball Tourney CDE San Angelo National FFA Week San Angelo Stock Show
25	26 OAP Festival @ WTC, Snyder	27 Cool Clovers Meeting @ Show Barn 3:45-4:45 JV Baseball @ Greenwood	28 JH/HS 4-H Meeting @ Conference Room 12:35-1:05 Leave after school for TFA State CX Debate, Carrollton, Texas			