

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION
TO HAVE GENERAL MEETING
The Borden County Junior Livestock Association will meet on September 14, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. in the Borden County Courthouse - District Courtroom for a General Meeting.

The agenda for the meeting includes the following:

1. Review the new association rules
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Election of three directors

Two positions on the Board of Directors will be vacated, as Van York and Joe Belew have declined to run. The other position expiring is that of director, Kenny Hensley.

All interested persans are urged to attend.


## "CLASS OF 2002"

Proudly displaying their First Day Certificates are: (L. to R. kneeling)Rika Copeland, Jessica Ellison, Anderia Lozano, and Brittney Dyess. (Standing L. to R.) Jeff Story, Jacob Zant, Rudy Portales, Mark Sanders, Ky May, and Jade Harris. (not pictured: Laura Murphy)

## FmHA MEETING TO BE HELD

Dawson and Borden County farmers with loans from the Farmers Home Administration are invited to a meeting on September 27, 1989 on how FmHA's computer program is used in considering loan servicing options such as rescheduling and write-downs, FmHA County Supervisor Rickey Grogan, said today.
The meeting will be at 2:00 P.M. at the Parkway Holiday Inn in Odessa, Texas.
Mr. Grogan said the meeting is particularly important for FmHA borrowers behind in their payments and those having difficulty with their loans.
"We will go over all the options available to those borrowers and explain how to go about finding one that will keep them in operation," Grogin said. "We will be putting emphasis on the Debt and Loan Restructuring (DALR\$) computer program that was developed just for this purpose."

Grogan said DALR\$ does many mathematical calculations quickly and in a number of combinations in helping
the analysis of farm minimize the cost financial plans. of debt restructur-
"If a restructuring plan exists that will keep the borrower on the farm, DALR\$ will find that plan, and that plan will ing,"he said.

DALR\$ was developed as a tool to help debt restructuring authorized by the cont. to pg. 6

## LOCAL ANGLERS qUALIFY FOR CLASSIC



Blane Dyess of Borden County and James White of Howard County have qualified for the Anglers Choice Classic to be held the first week in October.

The two Anglers have fished in the Angler's Choice circuit since February. 240. qualified teams throughout 4 states will fish this event at Toledo Bend Resivoir. Blane and James finished this fishing season 11th place of over 75 teams in their division.

Prizes being any Anglers dream are 1st; 2 fully rigged Skeeter Bass Boats and trailers, 2nd; 1 fully rigged Skeeter Bass Boat and 3rd; a new pick-up.

## TEACHERS ATTEND READING WORKSHOP

Anita Wheeler of Burbank, California, conducted a reading workshop at Borden County I.S.D. on August 28, 29 and 30. Mrs. Wheeler gave a detailed illustration on the Herman Method for Reversing Reading Failure. The workshop was attended by over thirty teachers from around the state. Teachers from Plano, Abernathy, New Deal, Spur, Lamesa, and


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TO: PARENTS
FROM: BOROEN COUNTY I.S.D.
SUBJECT: BORDEN COUNTY I.S.D. 1989-90 CHAPTER 2 PROGRAM
DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 1989

During the 1989-90 school year, Borden County I.S.D. will receive Federal Funds through the Education Consolidation and Improvement Act, Chapter 2 .

Upon reviewing guidelines for expenditure of these funds and consulation among the administrators and librarian, it has been determined that Chapter 2 funds will be used to provide a curriculum consultant. Sandra Erwin of the ESC will be that person.

These funds are received through special application, must be used far designated purposes, and are to be supplemental to existing programs.

If you desire further information or wish to give input concerning these Chapter 2 funds, feel free to contact the Barden Caunty Independent Schaol District's Superintendent's office.

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September 11-15, 1989

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Wednesday Spaghetti with
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Milk
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Thursday Cowboy Biscuits Pinto Beans
Vegetable Salad
Fruit
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Salad Bar
Friday Hamburgers
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Lettuce/Pickles
Tomatoes
Bun
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## BORDEN COYOTES

GAIL, TEXAS


BORDEN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
1989 Football Schedule
DATE OPPONENT PLACE TIME
Aug. 24 Klondike (scrimmage) T 6:00
Sept. 1 Highland (scrimmage) H 6:00
Sept. 8 New Home ....... T $7: 30$
Sept. 15 Wellman .......... H $7: 30$
Sept. 22 Jayton ............. H 7:30
Sept. 29 Wilson ............ T 7:30
Oct. 6 Ira ................... H 7:30
Oct. 13 Loop ................. T 7:30
Oct. 20 Klondike......... H $7: 30$
Oct. 27 Dawson (Homecoming).. H 7:30
Nov. 3 Grady ............. T T:30
Nov. 10 Sands ............. H 7:30
Head Coach: Joe Bond Assistant Coaches: Duke Frisbie \& Bill May
Superintendent: James McLeroy Principal: Mickey McMeans
Band Director: John Harris Sponsor: Sue Jane Mayes
Cheerleaders: Julie Harris, Rachel Romero, Charlotte Ball,
Shara Dee Woodward, Kristen Monger, Leslie Fryar
MASCOT: COYOTE COLORS: RED, WHITE, and COLUMBIA BLUE
BORDEN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
1989 Football Schedule

| DATE |  | OPPONENT | PLACE | TIME |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Oct. | 5 | Sands | T | 6:00 |
| Oct. | 12 | Loop | H | 6:00 |
| Oct. | 19 | Klondike | T | 6:00 |
| Oct. | 26 | Dawson | T | 6:00 |
| Nov. | 2 | Grady |  | 6:00 |

## COYOTE FOOTBALL

## COYOTES OUTRUN HORNETS

The Borden County for another 60 yard Coyotes met the Highland score. Marc Latimer Hornets in their second capped off the scoring and final scrimmage with a 44 yard pass in preparation for from Brian Bond. the 1989 season. The The defense was Coyotes were tested really tested, and in all areas of the they did a good job. game, and the scrimmage Three Coyotes came provided some needed up with interceptions experiences for them. Jimmy Rios, Shane The Coyotes outscored Kemper, and Brian the Hornets 5 touchdowns Bond made interceptions to 3. We also had that ended drives one touchdown called for the Hornets. Other back on a penality. The first score came on a 60 yard pass to Marc Latimer from Brian Bond. Jimmy Rios scored next on a 6 yard run. Jimmy The Coyotes open also scored the next touchdown on a 60 Home. The junior varsity yard pass from Brian team will play Grady Bond . On the next in Gail, Thursday, play Brian connected Sept. 7, to open their with Shane Kemper season.

## BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

The Borden County on 2 desserts per Booster Club met Sept. family. Membership 1, 1989, immediately fees will remain at following the football scrimmage. There were 20 boosters in attendance. The Treasures report was given by Ross Sharp.

Elections were held for new club officers the results were, Craig Woodward, President, Richard Laverty, VicePresident and Terri Buchanan, SecretaryTreasurer.

Homecoming supper was discussed deciding
especially among teens. Tobacco advertising continually promotes products with images of independence, glamour, success and maturity. The fact is, cancer and other oral conditions related to the use of smokeless tobacco, are dangerous, ugly, and can be seriously disfiguring.

The Booster Club supports all extra curricular activities at Borden County I.S.D. Please come and join with us at the next meeting to be held
September 15 , 1989 , meeting to be held
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GROUCHY FACES may be worn alone or accompainied by a matching GROUCHY PERSONALITY.
next model, WORRIED FACE. Wrinkled forehead, giving that layered FACE tends to hang Frog's hand-me-downs, its head - the sad but the shoulders part is - not only might be a little is it causing itself snug. By the way, PAIN in the NECK but the only fashion most likely its become accessories to go a pain in the neck with a JEALOUR FACE to those it's around.

Here comes MAD FACE. Sneers are in and everyones rushing to get one. The only problem is - it takes lots of facial muscles to make a MAD FACE. In fact it takes alot more than it does to make a smile.

Another popular look is "THE POUT".. The POUT is usually worn with the bottom lip protruding over the upper lip. Sometimes lip twitches may be added for that "right look". It may be worn to all major and minor disappointments, or saved for those special occasions when you want to have your own way. So, if this is the look you want, remember THE POUT - Don't throw a tantrum without Our next model is sporting the JEALOUS FACE. note the "green with envy" facial
could get Kermit the of the JEALOUS FACE is finding clothes to match. Sure, you might be a little are misery and unhappiness.
Our final model is wearing the HAPPY FACE. This is by far the most popular face, however, we do get a lot of returns. People just can't seem to get it on. They return it for a MAD FACE, a GROUCHY FACE, a WORRIED FACE, or THE POUT. Frankly I don't know why they'd rather wear one of those faces. Our HAPPY FACE is the easiest face of all to wear. It doesn't take a whole lot of effort, it looks good on you, and one size fits all.

And so, this concludes our FACIAL FASHION SHOW. Thank you for joining us. We hope you've learned that a smile is ALWAYS in Style.

In His Love,

| September 1989 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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WHAT!ANOTHER FISH STORY...


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I was cold, and really didn't care.
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## Roughage Selection

 and Use For Feeding HorsesHorses have a physiological and psychological requirement for adequate bulk in the daily diet. This is important to maintain the integrity of the digestive tract and to facilitate normal rate of feed passage through the system. Furthermore, roughage serves to minimize certain vices such as wood chewing and mane or tail chewing, problems often observed in stalled or confined horses.
The quality of the roughage to be fed is of great importance. Hay should be selected for apparent leafiness, with emphasis being placed on a high leaf: stem ration. Color, cleanliness and aroma are also key factors in selecting hay on visual characteristics. Horses are rather sensitive to mold, and hay that looks or smells the least bit moldy should never be fed to horses. In situations where large quantities of hay are being considered, it may be wise to obtain core samples for testing of nutrient content prior to purchase.
State Extension Horse Specialist, Dr. Pete Gibbs, points out that mature, idle horses and non-milking mares in early pregnancy can normally be maintained solely on good quality pasture of hay. These horses will consume from $2 \%$ to $3 \%$ of body seight
in roughage daily, which will satisfy the majority of nutrient requirements. For other horses being fed traditional blended concentrates or individual cereal grains as primary energy and protein sources, hay or grazing is required on a daily basis. Gibbs suggests that a good thumb rule to use for hay intake is $1 \%$ of body weight per day. This means that a 1000 pound performance horse should receive approximately 10 pounds of hay every day. Horsemen feeding large amounts of grain to young halter or race prospects should keep a close eye on roughage consumption to insure that such horses actually eat enough roughage on a regular basis.
From an economics standpoint, the type of hay purchased for horses may be an important consideration. Legumes such as alfalfa may contribute to excessive amounts of protein intake for mature performance horses. However, if purchased relative to cost per pound of protein, legumes

Many Americans are very con cerned about an issue that strikes close to home: their ability to afford a home of their own.

## Horse Program at Texas A\&M Announces 1989-90 Horse Breeders' School

Four Texas A\&M Horse Breeders' Schools have been announced for 1989-90. The 3 -day schools are designed for people who own broodmares and desire to learn the most effective way of managing them and for stud managers and breeding farm managers who want an intense treatment of breeding procedures. "Hands-on" skills will be emphasized so that participants will have the opportunity to develop skills for all aspects of breeding management

## including

collection evaluation, sem evaluation, and insemination and natural breeding. Lectures will include latest information on equine reproduction. These courses will be offered December 1-3, and 14-16 1989 and January 12-14 and 25-27, 1990.
Enrollment is limited for each school to enhance personalized instruction. The schools are coordinated by Dr. J. Warren Evans and Dr. Gary Webb. For further information and application forms, please contact Dr. J. Warren Evans, Equine Sciences Program, Animal Science Department, Texas A\&M University, College Station, TX 77843 or call 409-845-7731.
Cost for the 3 -day school is $\$ 500.00$.
can make good sense as the roughage source for milking mares and young, growing horses. Horse owners can have a very effective feeding


Home owners-and prospective home owners-are writing to the Home Owners of America for a brochure on the mortgage interest deduction.
It's been suggested that the government eliminate or greatly reduce a home owner's right to deduct the interest paid on a home mortgage from his or her taxes. This, gage from his or her taxes. This,
point out the experts at the Na point out the experts at the Na-
tional Association of Home Builders, will hurt the middle class the most. And it will make it even more difficult to afford a home at a time when the nation's homeownership rate is already slipping.
It can also, economists say, hurt the nation as a whole. In 1988 alone, housing and related industries contributed more than $\$ 229$ billion to the nontributed more than $\$ 229$ Building just 1,000 single-family homes generates a minimum $\$ 16.1$ homes generates a minimum $\$ 16.1$
million in federal, state and local tax revenues and another $\$ 1.6 \mathrm{mil}$ lion in property taxes each year. To receive a free brochure on this issue, write the Home Owners of America, Box NAPS, 15 th and M Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.
 program with either grasses or legumes. The type of hay will dictate the nutrient content needed in a grain or concentrate mix for mares and young horses.

In summary, roughage often serves as the foundation for a good feeding program designed to provide horses with adequate bulkiness in the total diet. Horsemen may choose from grasses or legumes, but two very important considerations quality and consistancy in selecting and feeding roughage to horses.

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NOTES FROM HOME
By Debra Pollard
Home Demonstration/CEA

## Fat in Children's Diet

Did you know that children watching one of every five TV are stationary American children and therefore not aged 6-17 is obese? burning many calories.

This statistic is Furthermore, snacking of concern to all is a prevalent behavior parents, educators associated with watching and health professionals TV. And children's alike who are asking the question, "Why are children fatter today?"
There isn't a simple answer, but many experts believe that a sedentary lifestyle is partially to blame.

Fitness educatin should start at home. Less than a third of the parents of elementary school children exercise regularly; thus, they do not set a fitness example. Additionally, most American high schools no longer have a four-year physical education requirement. Enrollment in physical education classes decreases to only 50 percent of the students by grades 11 and 12.
Surveys show that the amount of time spent viewing television is an indicator of physical activity: as one goes up, the other goes down. TV is fattening because restriction has been programming
with
an abundance of ads for high-calorie foods--reinforcing
the urge to eat.
However, TV alone can not be blamed for the fattening of America's younger citizens. Another cause is poor food habits. Families today rely heavily on school lunches, fast food and frequent dining out to meet their nutrition needs.

Traditionally, dietary

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many pediatric health professionals who are uncomfortable
in suggesting that young children alter their diets. Children are growing rapidly and need adequate calories, vitamins, minerals and protein to lay the foundation for brain, bone and muscle.

Health
unanimously
experts that children younger than two years old should have no dietary children or adolescents restrictions. But from attending adultolder children can oriented weight-loss easily thrive on diets programs. Weight-loss with moderate fat programs for children intake. Children must and adolescents should continue to get enough be youth-oriented, calories, but an address the causes adequate diet of 30 of being overweight, percent calories from incorporate exercise. fat is not difficult and involve family to achieve.

Here are some Parents may become suggestions for lowering concerned about a fat in children's few extra pounds, diets: so the first step is to consult a ped-
-- Change from whole iatrician and find milk to lowfat or out if the child is skim milk.
-- Use lowfat or nonfat yogurt mixed with fresh fruits.
-- Use lowfat cheese choices such as soft-cure farmer's cheese and
-- Trim all visible fat from meats.
-- Avoid highly processed meats such as hot dogs and bologna.
-- Home pack lunches for school-age children.

Experts discourage
a touchy subject for


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truly overweight.

## FmHA MEETING

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Agricultural Credit act of 1987. FmHA farm borrowers who are behind in their payments should, by
all means, try to attend this meeting, Grogan said.

Midwest Electric Coop. Schedules Annual

Meeting.
The Annual Membership meeting of Midwest Electric Coopertive has been set for Sept. 7, 1989 at the Scurry County Coliseum, in Snyder, Texas. Midwest Electric, our area's Rural Electric Cooperative will be celebrating it 51st year of service, since being formed in 1938, and serving a 9 county area from East of Anson to the edge of Gail, from Sweetwater to Post, with Headquarters in Roby, and its District office at 2100 College Ave. Snyder, Texas. The schedule of activities for the evening will began with registration at 6:00 p.m., Prairie Fire, a local pure country swing band will be entertaining prior to and during a Bar-B-Que meal to be served at 7:00 p.m., followed by the business meeting, with reports from cooperative officials, and the election of three directors to the board. All members are urged to attend, and enjoy participating as a "Member Owner" of their ElecrTric Cooperative.


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# T <br> by T. Lindsay Baker for TEXAS 

## " 14 Mellow Yellows"

The other day I remained about the had another visit 14 mellow yellows with Tom Christian, that had disappeared. my rancher friend "No one ever knew from Claude, Texas. until my cousin went He was on his way over to the western to a meeting, but part of the Panhandle he was ahead of where there might schedule, so he had be some rustling going time on his hands. on some of the time," We decided to chew Tom related. "He the fat for a while. As he sat on the davenport, he told me another of his Armstrong

County stories.
"A number of years ago," he began, "we had a kind of a scroundrel in our town. I'd better not tell you his name. Anyway, he was made the executor of a big estate, wound up with most of it and then squandered the money. He was always up to no good."

After
this introduction, Tom continued, "Another man over there had 14 home-grown hereford cattle. We used to call them mellow yellows. They were real pretty. Well, these 14 head turned up missing, and no one ever knew what happened to them."

Twenty years passed and still the mystery before about the missing cattle.
When the cousin returned home to Claude, he looked up the man with the reputation for being a rapscallion and asked him about the incident. By this time the statute of

## Performance Improves from Prior Year

Composite Passing Rates Have Improved Slightly Since Last Year, but Over a Quarter of Texas Students Tested Still Do Not Pass All Tests Taken

Statewide results of the 1988-89 Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skils (TEAMS) program indicate that, on average. 72 percent of students passed all tests taken. A composite assessment for each district and campus has been calculated by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to faclilitate analyses of this year's tests.

Performance results in this report were calculated using the results of all non-special education students tested in grade 3 (English version), and grades 5.7 9. and 11. Grade 1 and grade 3 (Spanish version) results were not Included.

Three tests, reading, mathematics. and witing. are administered in grades 3 5.7. and 9. The grade 11 exit level exam does not test witing skills through a separate test. although that component
will be added in the $1990-91$ administrawill be added in the 1990-91 administra tion. To pass a test, a student must correctiy answer a minimum number of
questions. Passing standards are set by the State Board of Education.

## ANALYZE Results

Analyzing the composite percent passing scores against a variety of district characteristics reveals trends in performance. Distict wealth appears to be an Imporant correlate of pertornance on the TEAMS tests. A direct relationship betwernwealit and the group passing rare exiblent the lowe the propery value per stuann, in the poorest ten percent passing tricts. only 60.7 percent of students ticts, only 60.7 percent of students passed percent. 82.3 percent passed.
limitations had passed,
so he was willing
to talk about it.
The scoundrel declared, "That old wreck of a truck that the fellow sent over wouldn't hold 14 cattle, so I took the last one home for beef."

This finally solved the mystery.

Tom concluded his account with the observation, "I guess even in Claude there's not any honor among thieves."

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District size and district type, with the exception of the very largest urban ance. The percent to relate to performlow income better correlates with the passing rate; in this instance an inverse relationship exists - the lower the percent low income students, the higher the group composite passing rate.

The ethnic composition of a district's student population appears to affect group performance only when the percent minority exceeds 50 percent. As other research has shown. percent minority and the percent low income are highly corre-
lated. so this effect is more likely a related lated. so this effect is more likely a related tor that ethnicity in and of itself is a strong determiner.

Regional results reveal significant variation among the geographic regions the state. Averages for counties around the Rio Grande border and in East Texas fall below 60 percent, while the highest rates occur in the Panhandle. north Texas, high concentration of country There is a high concentration of couny averages near the state average: 68 counties have percent passing rates plus or minus two points of that figure.

Historical Perspective
Statewide, passing rates have improved by 2.3 percentage points over the 1987-88 test results. Approximately two-thirds of the districts, or 695 , improved their percent passing rates, while in 364 districts rates declined.

Districts with low passing rates in 1988 Composite TEAMS Analysis tended to show the greatest gains In percentage points: however, the low. Of the 50 districts where the 1988 composite passing rate was less than 50 percent, 43 of those improved their passing rates at an average of 9.1 percentage points. The 50 districts as a group improved by 7.8 percentage points. raising the percentage passing all test taken to 53 percent.
Grade Results
Percent passing rates by grade generally exhibit the same trends as doe the composite percent passing rate. All


Additional Calculations
At the request of the legistature. TEA percent passing rates where the scores students served in bilingual education or English as a second language (ESL) program are excluded. On average, passing rates do ncrease by excluaing these scores. State wide, the percent passing rate for all tests was 74 percent when the scores of bllingua and ESL students were removed an increas of two percentage points.

As the percentage of a district's students served in bilingual / ESL prostudents served in blingual / ESL pro-
grams varies greatly. particularly by geographic area of the state. exclusion of these students' scores does signiffcantly impact the percent passing rates of some districts and campuses. On some campuses, well over 75 percent students tested are served In these programs. while on others, there are none. \% grades are directly related to wealth and inversely related to percent minority. In each grade, the percent passing all tests taken has elther improved or remained stable since the previous year.

A comprehensive review of scores and passing rates by grade is published each year by the TEA Division of Student Assessment. Materials are available at this time from that division.

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The new law, which becomes effective September 1, prohibits the sale of tobacco products such as cigarettes and tobacco, to persons under the age of 18. It changes Texas. "Making them a law that for ninety less accessible protects years allowed the our children from purchase of tobacco taking up an addictive (1)

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