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Plains Cotton Growers, Inc Announces 51st Annual Meeting Speaker Line-up

By Shawn Wade

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., is pleased to announce it will conduct the organization's 51st Annual Meeting on Friday, April 4, 2008. PCG's meeting will be held in the Banquet Hall of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center in conjunction with the Texas Cotton Ginners Association Convention and Trade Show April 3-4, 2008 in Lubbock.

PCG's Annual Meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration, and the program will start promptly at 9 a.m. Primary topics of discussion at

the PCG meeting will include an overview of the current political climate and the potential impact this year's presidential election will have on agriculture and trade policy; a farm bill issues update; and a 2008 commodity price and energy outlook.

Keynote speaker for this year's PCG meeting is Washington, DC-based political and agricultural analyst Jerry Hagstrom. Hagstrom, who is a Special Correspondent for the National Journal's Congress Daily, has been asked to present his thoughts on the po-

litical landscape heading into the 2008 presidential election, what direction agriculture and trade policy might take under a new president and how these changes might impact implementation of a new farm bill.

"We are extremely pleased to have secured the participation of Jerry Hagstrom for this year's annual meeting," notes PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett. "Having been involved in the reporting of agriculture and legislative issues in Washington, DC for over two decades, we are looking forward to hearing his thoughts about the upcoming presidential election and how a changing political landscape could impact agricultural issues in the future."

Joining Hagstrom on the program will be John Miller, founder of Southwest Agribusiness Consulting of College Station, Texas. Miller will present his thoughts on the outlook for commodity and energy prices and the market forces that will shape the 2008 production season. Rounding out the meat of the PCG annual meeting program will be an update on the farm bill.

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Pictured are Mr. & Mrs. John Keeton of El Dorado Springs, Missouri with their grandchildren. They found one of many balloons released by Borden County elementary students on the 100th Day of School. The Keeton's found the balloon on their family farm. The balloon traveled approximately 660 miles. See map on Page 8.

Missouri Family Finds Balloon Set Off On 100th Day of School

Borden County kindergarten, first, and second grade students got a wonderful surprise this week. They received a letter and CD of pictures from John & Bonnie Keeton of El Dorado Springs, MO. Mr. and Mrs. Keeton found one of the balloons the students released on February 4, 2008 – the 100th day of school. They found the balloon on their daily walk at their farm on February 19, 2008. The CD contained pictures of the Keeton farm, house, and family. According to Mapquest, the balloon traveled 658.8 miles.

ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Borden County that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081, and other applicable statutes. This Order does prohibit outdoor burning activities including trash and outdoor grilling. Welding activities will be permitted when additional personnel are on site with firefighting equipment. In accordance with Local Government Code 352.081 (h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

ADOPTED this 12th day of February, 2008 by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Van L. York
County Judge

BC Baseball Starts Season With Success

By Coach Richey

The Borden County 2008 baseball season got started this past week and by all accounts was a very successful start to the season.

The Coyotes hosted the Wilson Mustangs on Monday and proved to not be very gracious hosts as they beat the visiting Mustangs 26 to 1. The Coyotes then traveled to Snyder to play in the Snyder JV tournament. The Coyotes managed to finish the tourney with a 2 win and 1 loss record as the Coyotes beat the Sweetwater Mustang JV 12 to 4 then lost to the Abilene High JV 13 to 1 before closing the tourney with a 14 to 6 beating of the host team Snyder JV.

As a result, the opening week of baseball for the Coyotes produced a nice 3 win and 1 loss beginning.

On Monday the Coyotes and senior Quentin Shafer got the easy victory as they quickly turned a 1 to 0 deficit into a 11 to 1 lead after one inning of play. The Coyotes got 6 more runs in the 2nd inning before closing the contest with 9 runs in the 3rd. The game was called after the top of the 4th because of the run rule after four innings of play. Getting the win was Quentin Shafer as he pitched 2 innings of 1 hit baseball that produced 1 unearned run as he struck out 6 batters. Carlos Hernandez pitched one inning and he struck out 2. Miller Valentine pitched the final inning and he got one strike out to finish the contest.

Batting for the Coyotes was Michael Cooley as he was walked 3 times and scored 3 runs. Karl Lamming was 5 for 5 from the plate scoring 5 runs and knocking in 4. Miles Valentine was 4 of 5 with 3 runs and 2 runs batted in. Flynn Chapman was 5 for 5 scoring 4 runs and knocking in 6 runs. Miller Valentine was 3 for 4 with 2 triples, 2 runs and 4 RBI's. Clay Harding was 1 for 2 with 3 walks, 3 runs and an RBI. Tyrell Massingill was 1 for 2 with 2 runs. Quentin

Shafer had a plate appearance with a walk and a run. Carlos Hernandez walked once and scored 2 runs. Skyler Williamson was 1 for 1 with 2 RBI's. Brendan Tarleton was walked and had an RBI. Tony Soto was 1 of 2 with a double and 1 RBI. Michael Froman had an at bat.

In the first round of the Snyder JV tournament, Quentin Shafer again received the victory as he pitched 4 innings gave up one hit while striking out 2 and no earned runs. Carlos Hernandez pitched an inning giving up 2 hits and 2 earned runs and Miles Valentine made his mound debut pitching an inning giving up 2 hits and 1 earned run while striking out 2.

From the plate Michael was 1 for 4 with a run, Karl was 3 for 3 with 3 runs and an RBI with a double. Miles was 2 for 4 with a triple a run and 2 RBI's. Flynn was 4 for 4 with 3 doubles, 3 runs and 3 RBI's. Miller was 4 for 4 with a double a run and 1 RBI. Quentin was 1 for 2 with a run. Clay had a walk and a run, while Tyrell was 1 of 2 with a run and 3 RBI's on his triple. Tony Soto was 1 of 3 with an RBI.

On Friday, the Coyotes had their first loss of the season as the Abilene High JV used their patience to produce 13 runs as starter Flynn Chapman had a difficult time finding the umpires small strike zone. Flynn took the loss pitching 2 2/3 innings walking 7 striking out 4 and giving up 5 earned runs. Miller Valentine pitched 1/3 of an inning giving up no earned runs with 2 walks. Tyrell Massingill finished the contest and provided the only goose egg inning for the Eagles as he had 1 strike out and no runs allowed.

The only hits for the game for the Coyotes came from Flynn Chapman as he was 1 of 2 with the RBI. Karl Lamming scored the lone run for the coy-

otes. Miles Valentine was 1 of 2 and Clay Harding was 1 of 1 with a walk. No other coyote got a hit or reached base in this contest.

In the final game of the tournament, the Coyotes faced host Snyder JV. The Coyotes were set to have Miles Valentine start this contest, but he got sick Saturday morning and was a scratch from the game. Senior Quentin Shafer on short rest stepped and pitched masterfully. The first 3 innings, Quentin completely dominated the Tigers, but in the 4th inning, the strike zone became hard to find. In that 4th inning, Quentin gave up 4 runs to the Tigers as he was forced from the mound one out into the inning as his workhorse week closed with a 8 strikeout performance, 6 walk and 4 earned runs to come away with his 4th win of the season. Tyrell Massingill came in and after throwing a wild pitch, calmed down and made a diving catch in foul territory for the first out and then closed the inning and the game with a strikeout for his first save of his career.

Hitting for the Coyotes was Michael 1 of 3 with 2 runs. Karl was 3 of 3 with 4 runs. Miller was 4 of 4 with a double, 2 runs and 3 RBI's. Flynn was 3 of 3 with 3 runs and 3 RBI's. Quentin was 2 of 4 with 1 run and an RBI. Clay was 2 of 2 with 1 run and 3 RBI's. Tyrell was 1 of 2 with 1 run and 2 RBI's. Tony Soto was 0 of 3. Carlos Hernandez was 1 of 2 with a double and 3 RBI's.

The Coyotes will next host New Home at 4:00 p.m. at WTC in Snyder on Tuesday before traveling to Hamlin to play in their final tourney of the season. The Coyotes will play Winters on Thursday and then immediately after that contest will play state ranked Albany. Depending on the results of those two contests the Coyotes will play Friday or Saturday.

Drive Safely Watch Out for Our Playing Children

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Borden County Track and Field Schedule 2008

Day	Date	Location	Teams
Thursday	Feb. 21	Klondike Jr. High Track Meet	boys/girls
Friday	Feb. 22	TBA	Boys/Girls
Friday	Feb. 29	Hamlin Pied Piper Relays	Boys
Saturday	March 1	Loop Jr. High Track Meet	boys/girls
Saturday	March 1	Loop Invitational	Boys/Girls
Thursday	March 6	O'Donnell	boys/girls
Saturday	March 8	O'Donnell Invitational	Boys/Girls
Thursday	March 13	Jayton Jr. High Meet	boys/girls
Friday	March 14	Jayton Rolling Plains Relays	Boys/Girls
Friday	March 21	Borden County Jr. High	boys/girls
Friday	March 21	Borden County Invitational	Boys/Girls
Monday	March 24	Junior High Zone @ Highland	boys/girls
Saturday	March 29	TBA	Boys/Girls
Wednesday	April 2	District Track @ Water Valley	Boys/Girls
Tuesday	April 8	Area Track @ Bronte	Boys/Girls
Thursday	April 17	???: Regional Qualifier Meet	Boys/Girls
Fri. - Sat.	April 25-26	Abilene: Regional Track Meet	Boys/Girls
Fri. - Sat.	May 9-10	Austin: State Track Meet	Boys/Girls

2008 Borden County Baseball Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Location	Possible Conflicts
Feb. 14 th	Thursday	Scrimmage: Albany	5:00	Snyder (Moffett)	
Feb. 18 th	Monday	Wilson	4:00	WTC	
Feb. 21-23	Thur.-Sat	Snyder JV Tournament (our Vars.)	TBA	Snyder (Moffett)	
Feb. 26 th	Tuesday	New Home	4:00	Snyder (WTC or Moffett)	
Feb. 28 th - Mar. 1 st	Thurs. - Sat.	Tourney @ Hamlin	TBA	Hamlin	
*March 3 rd	Monday	Roby	4:00	Roby	
March 7 th	Friday	Wilson	4:00	Post	
*March 10 th	Monday	Rotan	4:00	WTC	Spring Break Cross X State
*March 15 th	Saturday	Loraine (Double Header)	3:00	Snyder (Moffett)	Spring Break
*March 17 th	Monday	Hermleigh	4:00	Snyder (Moffett)	
*March 26 th	Wednesday	Ira	6:00	Snyder (Moffett)	
*March 29 th	Saturday	Roby	6:00	Snyder (Moffett)	
*?? April 1 st	Tuesday	Hamlin	4:00	Snyder (Moffett)	Area One-Act
*April 5 th	Saturday	Rotan	1:00	Rotan	
*April 7 th	Monday	Hamlin	6:00	Hamlin	District Golf
*April 12 th	Saturday	Hermleigh	6:00	Snyder (Moffett)	UIL coming Home & FFA
*April 15 th	Tuesday	Aspermont (Double Header)	4:00	Snyder (Moffett or WTC)	
*April 18 th	Friday	Ira	5:00	Ira	
*?? April 21 st	Tuesday	Hamlin	6:00	Hamlin	
April 20-21	Mon.-Tues.	Rain out dates			
April 24-26	Thurs.-Sat.	Tie Breaker Date			Regional Track

* - District Game
?? - Possible Date Change: May have to move Hamlin game here if Play advances.

2008 Annual Rock Field Tournament Hamlin, TX

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
Hamlin	Haskell	Albany	Anson
Stamford	Ira	Borden Co.	ACHS
Aspermont	Hermleigh	Winters	Rotan

Thurs. Feb. 28th

1. Haskell vs. Ira 9:30 am
2. Anson vs. Rotan 11:15 am
3. Hermleigh vs. Haskell 1:00 pm
4. Borden Co. vs. Winters 2:45 pm
5. Albany vs. Borden Co. 4:30 pm
6. Stamford vs. Aspermont 6:15
7. Hamlin vs. Aspermont 8:00

Fri. Feb. 29th

8. Anson vs Abilene Christian 9:30 am
9. Abilene Christian vs Rotan 11:15 am
10. Hamlin vs. Stamford 1:00 pm
11. Albany vs. Winters 2:45 pm
12. Ira vs. Hermleigh 4:30 pm
13. 1st Place of Pool C vs 1st Place of Pool D 6:15 pm
14. 1st Place of Pool A vs 1st Place of Pool B 8:00 pm

Sat. March 1st

15. 3rd Place of Pool C vs 3rd Place of Pool D 9:30 am
16. 3rd Place of Pool A vs 3rd Place of Pool B 11:15 am
17. 2nd Place of Pool C vs 2nd Place of Pool D 1:00 pm
18. 2nd Place of Pool A vs 2nd Place of Pool B 2:45 pm
19. Winner of Game 15 vs. Winner of Game 16 Cons. Final 4:30
20. Winner of Game 17 vs. Winner of Game 18 5th Place 6:15
21. Winner of Game 13 vs Winner of Game 14 Champ. 8:00

Tournament Notes:

1. Home team and Dugouts will be determined by coin flip (exception Hamlin will use 1st base dugout)
2. Ties in Pool play will be broke by run differential up to 8 runs per game. If a tie still exists we'll use total bases.
3. All games will be 7 innings unless shortened by run rule or time limit (1hr 30min)
4. Tournament entry fee will be \$125 and 1 dozen game balls.

Borden County Lady Coyotes Included in All-District Honors

The 2007-2008 District 12-All All District Basketball Team was recently chosen and to no surprise included five Borden County athletes.

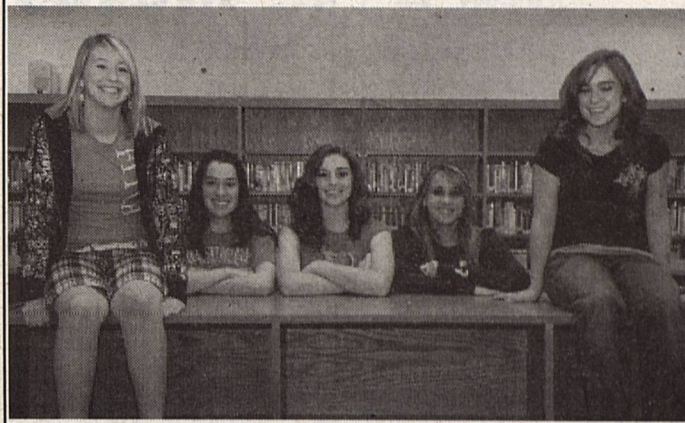
District 12-All players and their honors are as follows:

MVP-Kelci Owens, Sr., Highland; Offensive MVP-Taylor Richey, Fr., Borden County; Defensive MVP-Jade Womack, Sr., Highland; New-comer of the Year-Callie Sandusky, Fr., Highland and Sky Morris, Fr., Hermleigh; Honorable Mention-Rachel

Wilson, Sr., Borden County. All District Selections included (no particular order: Kristin Hyde, Jr., Highland; Brianne Wilburn, Jr., Highland; Kassie Holbrook, Sr., Westbrook; Becca Juarez, Sr., Ira; Cassie Bass, Jr., Westbrook; D'Nae Johnson, So., Borden County; Keesha Krapf, Sr., Westbrook; Krystal Hobson, Jr., Borden County and Janell Ruth, Sr., Loraine.

Congratulations to all Borden County athletes.

All-District Honors



Borden County Lady Coyotes receiving All-District basketball honors are (left to right) Olivia Key, Rachel Wilson, Taylor Richey, Krystal Hobson and D'Nae Johnson.

Jr. High Girls Place 1st at Klondike Relays



Members of the Jr. High Girls Sprint and Mile Relay team are (left to right) Lexi Peterson, Mattie Turner, Stefanie Cooley and Teryn Soto.

Future Engineers?



The 5th grade science class has been studying simple and complex machines. They constructed their own machines using Kinnex pieces. Some of the machines were an axe, scissors, ramps, levers, seesaws, and a drill. Students pictured are (left to right) Blaise Freeman, Nathan Ham, Cayden Vaughn, Frank Banman, Ricky Torres, Eva Banman, Marlena Seyler, McKenna Campbell, Tye Basquez and Sean Tucker.

Scholarships Available From Poka Lambro Telephone Coop

Poka Lambro is now accepting applications for three \$2500.00 scholarships to be awarded to graduating high school seniors whose parents are members of Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

To be eligible, applicants must be the son or daughter of a Cooperative member and be graduating from an area high school. Recipients are selected based on academic achievement, involvement in extracurricular activities, and financial need.

Applications are at area high schools and may also be obtained by contacting Poka Lambro representative Amy Preston at 1-800-422-2387.

Along with their completed scholarship application, applicants should submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher, principal or counselor; their high school transcript of grades; and a copy of either ACT or SAT scores.

Entry deadline is March 10, 2008.

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School Lunch Menu

March 3 - 7, 2008

Monday - Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: BBQ Sausage, Ranch Style Beans, Potato Salad, read, Apricots and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Waffles, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pizza, Corn, Salad, Pudding and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Sausage, Biscuit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Quesadillas, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Fresh Fruit and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Toast, Cereal, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Green Peas, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit Cobbler and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Steak Sandwich, chips, Salad Cup, Cookie and Milk.

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Jr. High Boys Track



Pictured are members of the Borden County Jr. High track team at the Klondike Relays. They are (left to right) Troy Copeland, Steven Howard, Austin Tyler, Chris Teel, Tanner Richey, Austin Fields, Blake Turner and Matthew Roberson. The boys mile relay team placed 1st.

Heart & Home . . .

By Julie Smith
Borden County Extension Agent
Family & Consumer Sciences



Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Court of Texas Cooperating.

How Your Credit Score Affects You

Most of us never even think about our credit or our credit score, at least not until it is time to make a large purchase or we have something go wrong with our credit. The media has been full of a variety of advertisements and information about identity theft and credit reports. It is vital to keep your information private, as well as to make sure that your identity is not being stolen. Here are a few things to think about how your credit score affects you.

* Your score can determine the terms of any loan you may need, including auto, mortgage and small business loans.

* Insurance companies can use your credit score in determining rates and premiums.

* Landlords can use your score to evaluate you as a possible tenant.

* Your score can prevent credit limit increases and mean high interest rates on existing or new credit cards.

* Your employer can check your score in conjunction with seeking employment.

* Your score may determine deposits for telephone, electricity, or natural gas service.

* Incorrect information on any of your three major credit

reports can cost you points in your score - and, in turn, cost you money.

As you can see, your credit score makes a big impact on your daily life. You should check your credit report and score at least once a year. You can easily obtain your credit report from a variety of places. The easiest is from two web sites - Free Credit Report (<http://www.freecreditreport.com>) and Annual Credit Report (<http://www.annualcreditreport.com>).

You can also obtain your credit report and information from the individual credit reporting agencies like Experian (800-525-6285), Equifax (888-397-3742) and TransUnion (800-680-7289).

Think Texas

Agriculture Commissioner
TODD STAPLES

It's a simple formula: education = employment. But right now many Texans are failing to take the first step. In fact, almost half of all Texas high school graduates are not moving on to a college or university. This is troubling because the fastest-growing occupations require an associate or bachelor's degree.

If we want to preserve Texas' prosperous economy, we must first get more students going to college and earning degrees. Not only do the Texas economy and educated Texans benefit from a degree beyond high school, all Texans benefit from an educated society.

Unfortunately, most high school students will not obtain a four-year degree. While some students may not be academically prepared, many students are not enrolling in higher education due to family and financial needs.

So how can we help educate those Texans? Creating a pathway for students that parallels that of their university-attending peers is a start. It's imperative to create parallel pathways for these students to be able to access the education and training necessary to compete with their peers for the jobs of tomorrow.

These pathways can be created with the help of our state's community colleges, which currently enroll more than 50 percent of all students entering higher education.

Many Texas community colleges have developed innovative programs to give students a seamless transition from high school to college. It's outreach programs like these that create parallel pathways to success for students across the state - in both rural and urban communities.

Together - Texans helping Texans - we can ensure that our state remains a top competitor in the global market by increasing education levels and securing a qualified workforce.

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended my 80th birthday party. It was truly a wonderful surprise. I really enjoyed visiting with everyone. I want to especially thank my kids for everything they did.

*Sincerely,
Frank "Fiddler" Herridge*

It's a Girl!

Jordan Crosby Banks Miller
October 29, 2007

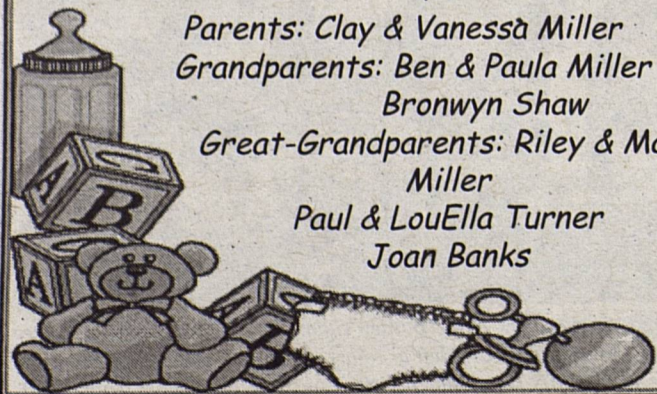
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Grandparents: Ben & Paula Miller
Bronwyn Shaw

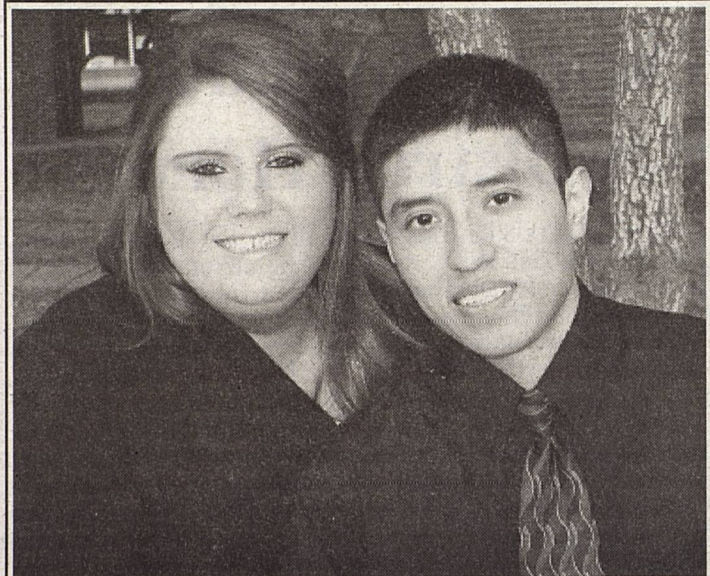
Great-Grandparents: Riley & Mary Miller

Paul & LouElla Turner

Joan Banks



Engagement Announced



Brooks - Rodriguez

Alexis Brooks and Greg Rodriguez have announced their engagement and upcoming marriage.

Alexis is the daughter of Scott and Brandi Brooks of Borden County.

Greg is the son of Matt and Maria Rodriguez of Lubbock. The bride elect is a 2004 graduate of Borden County High School and is manager of All-tel Wireless in Lamesa.

The future bridegroom is a 2004 graduate of Frenship High School and is employed by the Preston E Smith Unit in Lamesa.

The couple will exchange wedding vows on April 19 at the Lighthouse Center in Lamesa.

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4-H News

4-H Clothing Project

Youth interested in learning about fashion design, clothing selection, care, and basic construction techniques are invited to participate in the Clothing Project and sew day. We will be meeting Monday, February 11, Tuesday, February 12, Monday, February 25, and Tuesday, February 26 from 3:45 to 5:30 p.m. in the Home Economics Lab. You must attend 3 of the 4 project meetings to be eligible to compete in the County Fashion Show which will be on Tuesday, March 18 at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Room (information about the show will be given during project meetings). The 4-H "Sew Fun" Day will be held on Saturday, March 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Home Economics Lab (call to register and for information on project materials; please bring a sack lunch)

Fashion Design Project

The Fashion Design Project provides 4-H'ers an opportunity to test their creativity. Categories include: garment design, accessory design and textile design. For the competition, 4-H'ers submit a "portfolio" of their design. Information and forms which are required for the "portfolio" may be picked up from the Extension Office. **Entry materials and the "portfolio's" are due on April 1 to the County Extension office.** All entries at the county level will be able to advance to the District 4-H Fashion Design Contest. Please let us know if you are interested in this project. We will have a session on Fashion Design during the Clothing Project.

County Educational Presentation Contest, Share-the-fun and Public Speaking Project

4-H'ers and parents interested in learning more about the Public Speaking Project should contact the Extension Office as soon as possible. Information is available to assist 4-H'ers and their parents in writing, presenting and preparing visuals for educational presentations (method demonstrations); as well as covering information about the public speaking contest and share-the-fun's. Share-the-fun categories include: drama, Celebrate 4-H, choreographed routines, poet, comedian, vocal and musical. This project provides youth an excellent opportunity to develop public speaking skills, even if they hate to talk in front of others. 4-H'ers will present their prepared presentations at County 4-H Roundup. Participants will advance to District 4-H Roundup, which will be held on May 3rd at Levelland Middle School in Levelland.

The deadline for entering a Public Speaking Contest is Wednesday, April 2.

Shooting Sports to Begin Soon

The shooting sports project is family oriented and allows the entire family to work together for a common goal. Youth learn about handling the guns, ammunition, proper shooting techniques, identifying targets, as well as leadership, character, and dedication. Shooting sport events that are focused on in Borden County include trap and skeet and other shotgun events. Practices will begin around the first of April. Youth interested in learning about shooting safety and the sport of shooting should contact volunteer leaders Dean Roberson at (432)399-4485 or RayDon and Jana Underwood at (806)756-4412.

Call for Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers to assist with any of our 4-H projects! If you or someone you know, has a special interest in one of the project areas or would even like to learn more about one of the projects, we invite you to become involved as a volunteer. We also need judges for various competitive events, such as Fashion Show, Food Show, or Public Speaking at Roundup. We would greatly appreciate anyone that would like to volunteer! Volunteers are the back-bone of our 4-H program! If you have any questions, would like further information or wish to volunteer, please contact the Extension office.

Youth Encouraged to Attend Texas 4-H Congress in Austin

Texas 4-H Congress is a four-day mock legislative experience for 4-H members ages 15 (at the time of the event) to 18. During this time, the 4-H members assume the roles of senators, representatives, lobbyists, press corp, and special interest groups to gain a first-hand understanding of how the legislative process works. Bills that are written and sponsored by 4-H members focus on issues concerning Texas and Texas youth. These bills are assigned to the appropriate committee and then debated in committee meetings and then on the floor of the House or Senate. If a bill is successful in negotiation and the legislative debate in all three stages, it is delivered to the Governor of the Texas 4-H Congress for his or her signature or veto. Copies of all the bills that are signed into law during Texas 4-H Congress are provided to the Office of Governor Rick Perry for his review.

Texas 4-H Congress will be held in Austin, Texas July 13-16, 2008. The host hotel for the event will be the Sheraton Hotel near the Texas Capital. Youth will actually be allowed to participate in committee meetings in the same rooms where our state legislators do and debate bills on the floor of the House and Senate Chambers. Each person at-

tending Texas 4-H Congress will be required to write and submit a bill when they register on 4-H Connect.

Youth who have attended Congress in 2004 or 2006 are encouraged to apply for a position as a lobbyist or press corp member. Applications will be submitted on 4-H Connect April 1-May 7, 2008. Youth involved with the Texas 4-H Technology team will also have an opportunity apply to be one of four Tech Team members selected to cover the event. Youth not selected for one of these positions may still

attend Congress as a member of the House or Senate.

Thanks to the assistance of more than \$85,000.00 from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, the R.S.M.I.S. Foundation, Ed Rachel Foundation, and Blue Bell Creameries, the cost of Texas 4-H Congress will only be \$200 per person. Without these gracious donors, the registration cost would exceed \$450.00 per person.

If you are interested in attending Texas 4-H Congress, please contact the Borden County Extension Office by April 15, 2008.



Reagan Lee Beaver



Born December 27, 2007, 8:52 pm at Lakeside Covenant, Lubbock
weight 7lbs.

Paternal Grandparents:

Steve & Becky Beaver of Fluvanna

Maternal Grandparents:

Leah Daves of Ira &

Tom Daves of Mertzon

Paternal Great Grandparents:

James & Ozane Beaver of Sweetwater and

Paternal Great Great Grandmother:

Connie Key of Snyder

Maternal Great Grandparents:

Delbert & Willie Sumner of Lubbock

Bill & Annie Daves of Ira

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Commissioners Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 12th day of February, 2008, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JOYCE HERIDGE**, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court with Judge Van L. York absent, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of January 22, 2008 were read. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

COUNTY MONTHLY REPORTS

After examination of the monthly County Reports, Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the submitted County Monthly Reports. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIRE PROTECTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to enter into a Contract with the City of O'Donnell for Fire Fighting Service in Borden County for 2008 for \$1975.00, one-half to be paid from the General Fund and one-half to be paid from Precinct No. 1

Fund of Borden County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the Right-Of-Way Easement form Mirl G. Springfield for the purpose of opening, constructing and maintaining a permanent County Road on the east side of Section 69, Block 20, Lavaca Nav. Survey. The Easement is recorded in the Deed Records, Vol. 303, Page 469. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OUTDOOR BURN BAN

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to place Borden County under a total Outdoor Burn Ban. This Order prohibits outdoor burning including trash and outdoor grilling. Welding activities will be permitted when additional personnel are on site with firefighting equipment. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

An Application for Soil Conservation Constriction of fireguards was received from John Anderson in Precinct 4. No action was taken.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

Annual Meeting...

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Current PCG president Mike Hughes, of Lamesa, will preside over the meeting and PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett will report on the status of PCG operations and activities. Plains Cotton Improvement Committee Chairman Dale Swinburn will review the activities of the Plains Cotton Improvement Program.

Additional information about the PCG Annual Meeting and a final program will be available to attendees prior to the meeting.

Vote for Scott Brooks, County Commissioner, Precinct 1. Your support and your vote will be greatly appreciated, in the Democratic Primary. I will do my best to serve the residents of Borden County.

Political Ad paid for by Scott Brooks, 800 CR 144, O'Donnell, Tx 79351

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No new items were presented. **ADJOURN**
A motion was made by Commissioner Adcock to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew and approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 26th day of February, 2008.

Important Notice

There are approximately 16 counties in the state that do not have a Republican or Democratic chair. Borden County does not have a Republican chair, therefore will not have a Republican Primary ballot for the March 4th primary election.

The Secrets of Achievement

By Bryan Golden

You can achieve whatever you want by incorporating the following components into your daily schedule. Consistency is key. To enjoy positive results, you need to make these secrets a way of life. All of the secrets are equally important. You can't pick and choose. These secrets are not sequential steps. They all have to be utilized simultaneously.

If you're not used to integrating these concepts into your life, you may feel awkward at first. Your comfort level will grow as you repeatedly apply them. Eventually, they will become second nature and you will wonder why everyone doesn't use them. Go ahead and indulge yourself. You can't overdose and there are no negative side effects. Only good things will result.

S: Sense of purpose. You need goals, a clear vision of what you want, and an understanding of your destination. Live with intention. A sense of purpose is your treasure map. Without it, you are like a cork floating on the ocean; the wind, waves, currents, and tides determine your direction. It's normal for distractions to arise. A sense of purpose keeps you on track.

E: Excellence. Be the best you can be at everything you do. If you don't commit to, and

demand excellence, you broadcast that you accept mediocrity. Acceptance of mediocrity demonstrates you don't care. If you don't care, how can you expect anyone else to? First rate attracts first rate. Excellence stands far ahead from the crowd.

C: Contribution. Doing for others, service and giving. You can have anything in life that you want if you help enough other people get what they want. Rewards are a result, not a goal. They are proportional to how much you are willing to give. But only if you give without the expectation of receiving. All of your actions will come full circle, but there's no way to know when, where or how.

R: Responsibility. Take 100% responsibility for your life. Don't blame others. Doing so dooms you to a life of frustration and disappointment. Success or failure, everyone is self-made. You are responsible for where you are today. If you don't like your situation, change it.

E: Effort. There is no shortcut or substitute for focus and hard work. Work smart and hard. Anything worthwhile takes effort. Exceed what is expected. When an airplane

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Incumbent, Monte Smith, is seeking a second term as Precinct 1 Commissioner. I appreciate your support in the Democratic Primary. I look forward to serving the constituents of Borden County for another four years.

Political Ad paid by Monte Smith, Commissioner, Precinct 1

NOTICE TESTING OF VOTING EQUIPMENT FOR DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY PARTY ELECTION

Borden County will be using the M100 counting machine in the March 4, 2008 Primary Election. This is the machine that counts the votes. The testing of the machine will be February 28, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. The public is invited to view the counting and testing of the M100.

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

The Smell of Snow

Jerry Thomason of Pecos has an unusual ability. "I have been known to smell snow before it gets here," he says with a chuckle. "To me, snow has a particular odor. A lot of times it'll be snowing at Orla or Carlsbad north of us and if there's a strong wind coming off of it I can detect the smell of snow."

He found out about his talent when he was ten or twelve years old.

"I remember going in one night and telling my mama that it was gonna snow that night. She asked me how I knew. I told her I could smell it. Next morning we got up and there was about two inches of snow on the ground."

He was living in El Paso then and could smell snow on Mount Franklin.

"Of course in El Paso it doesn't snow that often, but usually Mount Franklin gets snow on top of it. I lived about twenty miles away."

He can smell snow a hundred miles away.

"I don't know why. I just seem to pick it up on the wind. All at once it has this dusty, musky odor to it. Someone told me one time that each snowflake is built around a particle of dust."

Occasionally he'll give a weather forecast to Bill Cole, manager of KIUN Radio in Pecos.

"I remember going in there the first time and telling him it was going to snow. He asked me how I knew. I told him I smelled it. He said, 'what.' I

said I can smell it. And in about 30 or 45 minutes it started snowing. Every once in awhile he'll call me and ask if I smell snow. If I do, I'll tell him." Jerry doesn't know of anyone else who can smell snow. "I don't know what it's good for. People look at me like I'm crazy when I tell them I can smell snow coming. Then in a little while it starts snowing on them."

He can fine tune his smeller. "Nearly everybody can smell rain. It has a distinct odor to it. If the rain changes to snow, I can detect a different odor. If it starts out raining, just barely sprinkling and it changes to snow I'll sniff a couple of times and realize it smells like snow. Sure enough, it'll go to snowing."

Jerry is a very normal person with an extremely discriminating sense of smell. His talented nose came in handy when he was a milkman delivering milk to the homes of Pecos residents.

"If I smelled snow, I'd put chains on the tires of my delivery van. I've delivered milk in all kinds of weather. But I was never surprised by a snow storm."

The Secrets of Achievement...

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takes off, all engines are set to full throttle. Once airborne, the engines are throttled back for level flight. Power has to be increased in response to turbulence or to gain more altitude. Life works the same way. All endeavors require 110% effort to get them off the ground. Once things get going, you can

throttle back and enjoy the results of your efforts.

T: Time management. Set priorities. Each day has only 24 hours. Use discretion in how you spend your time. Say no to those activities that distract you from your objectives. Reserve your time for those actions that get you closer to your

goals. Use time, don't waste it.

S: Stay with it. Persist and persevere. Never, ever give up. You can't accomplish anything without resolve. No matter how hopeless or impossible a situation may seem, only through persistence will you have the ability to triumph. There is nothing more powerful than pure, dogged tenacity. Determination can even compensate for other areas that may be lacking such as education, experience or finances.

These secrets of achievement can be utilized by anyone, at anytime. It doesn't matter what has happened in the past. Start applying all of these secrets today.

Bryan is a self-development expert, syndicated columnist, author of "Dare to Live Without Limits", and professor. E-mail Bryan at info@BryanGolden.com.

Former Student Explores Australia

For three weeks, twenty-eight Austin College students could be found exploring Australia and the relationships between science and society in a region where people's connection to the Earth is deeply ingrained in their culture.

Borden County graduate Tyler Wallace was among the twenty-eight.

In their class *Australia: Nature and Culture*, students had the opportunity to navigate remote canyon systems by canoe safari, interact with experts at the Crocodile Hunter's

Zoo, explore the Australian outback on horseback, act as caretakers of baby kangaroos, visit pristine rainforests, and snorkel at the Great Barrier Reef.

A feature, including photos of the trip, will be in a March issue of The Borden Star.

Wallace, a junior political science major, is the son of Kip and Buddy Wallace of Gail.

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Eat Smarter, Be Smarter

Maximize Children's Brain Power With The Right Foods

by Shalene McNeill, PhD, RD

(NAPS)—With the new school year in full swing and millions of Texas children settled into the classroom, now is the time to focus on the connection between what they eat and how they perform there. Think of it as "food for thought"—by consuming the right amount of nutrients children not only improve their mental power, but also their chance for a healthy body now and in the future.



Numerous scientific studies have, in fact, confirmed that how we eat affects how we learn and process information. Students who eat a well-balanced breakfast, for instance, are able to pay closer attention in the classroom and perform better on standardized tests.

In some cases, lack of even a specific nutrient, such as iron, can affect academic success. Iron deficiency anemia (IDA) has been shown to affect the motor and mental development of children and teens, as well as reduce work capacity in adults. This is especially unfortunate because according to the American Academy of Family Physicians, IDA is the most common nutrition deficiency in the world. In a study that looked at the relationship between iron status and math scores for adolescent girls, those with low iron levels were twice as likely to struggle in math as girls with normal iron level tests. Additional research has shown that iron deficiency can have permanent effects on cognitive development in children.

Closing The Iron Gap With Lean Beef

It doesn't take an iron will to improve iron intake, though—one of the best sources and easiest to consume is lean beef. A 3-ounce serving provides 14 percent of the

Daily Value (DV) for iron. Better yet, the iron in beef is more easily absorbed than plant sources of iron. In fact, the National Academy of Sciences recommends that vegetarians consume twice as much iron to meet their daily requirement since iron is so poorly absorbed from plant foods.

Lean beef is also a supersource of several other nutrients that have been linked to healthy brain function in both children and older people, including zinc, B12, B6, niacin and riboflavin.

Lean Beef Helps Build Strong Bodies, Too

Nutrient-rich foods—such as lean meats, fruits, vegetables, whole grains and low-fat dairy products—also help promote healthy weight throughout life. The new Texas Fitness Now grants for middle schools have once again focused attention on the rapidly increasing rates of childhood obesity and type 2 diabetes among the state's young people. After all, a meal with protein-rich lean beef as the entrée helps young and old alike maintain "smart" brains and feel satisfied longer.

Visit www.txbeef.org for great beef recipe ideas to include in your next family meal and ensure your kids are getting the nutrients their brains and bodies need.

Shalene McNeill is a registered dietitian for the Texas Beef Council.



The poinsettia is named for Joel Roberts Poinsett, an American diplomat.



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PRECINCT I

(Condado de) Borden County, Texas
March 4, 2008 (4 de marzo, 2008)

INSTRUCTION NOTE:
Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by darkening in the oval provided to the left of the name of that candidate.
(NOTA DE INSTRUCCIÓN):
(Vote por el candidato de su preferencia en cada carrera llenando completamente el espacio ovalado a la izquierda del nombre del candidato.)

"I am a Democrat and understand that I am ineligible to vote or participate in another political party's primary election or convention during this voting year."
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(Preferencia para un candidato nombrado para presidente)
You may vote for one presidential candidate whose name appears on the ballot by darkening in the oval provided to the left of the name of the candidate.
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FEDERAL (FEDERAL)	STATE (ESTADO)	COUNTY (CONDADO)
President (Presidente)	Chief Justice, Supreme Court (Jefe Presidente, Corte Suprema)	County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1 (Comisionado del Condado, Precincto Núm. 1)
<input type="radio"/> John Edwards	<input type="radio"/> Jim Iman	<input type="radio"/> Scott Brown
<input type="radio"/> Bill Richardson	Justice, Supreme Court, Place 7 (Jefe, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 7)	<input type="radio"/> Monte Smith
<input type="radio"/> Hillary Clinton	<input type="radio"/> Baltasar D. Cruz	County Chairman (Presidente del Condado)
<input type="radio"/> Joe Biden	<input type="radio"/> Sam Houston	<input type="radio"/> Sue Jane Mayes
<input type="radio"/> Christopher J. Dodd	Justice, Supreme Court, Place 8 (Jefe, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 8)	
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<input type="radio"/> Barack Obama	<input type="radio"/> Susan Strawn	
<input type="radio"/> Barack Obama	United States Representative, District 19 (Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito Núm. 19)	Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 4 (Jefe, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 4)
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NOTICE OF GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION, DEMOCRATIC PARTY (AVISO DE ELECCION PRIMARIA GENERAL, PARTIDO DEMOCRATICO)

To the Registered Voters of the County of Borden, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados del Condado De Borden, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., March 4, 2008, for voting in a general primary election for the Democratic party to nominate members of congress, members of the Legislature, and state, district, county and precinct officers; and for the purpose of electing county and precinct chairs.

(Por lo presente se da aviso que los sitios de votacion designados abajo estaran abiertos de las 7 de la mañana a las 7 de la noche el dia 4 de marzo de 2008, para poder votar en una eleccion primaria general del partido Democratico para nombrar a los miembros del congreso, los miembros de la Legislatura, y los oficiales del estado, distrito, condado y del precinto; y con el proposito de elegir al presidente del condado y del precinto.)

LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES (UBICACIONES (ES) DE LOS SITIOS DE VOTACION)

PRECINCT NO.(S) (Num.de Precinto(s))	LOCATION (Ubicacion)	ADDRESS
1	PLAINS COMMUNITY CENTER	2300 FM 1054
2A	GAIL COMMUNITY ROOM	116 E. WILBOURN
2B	VEALMOOR ELECTION BLDG	651 CR 236
3A	MURPHY ELECTION BLDG	650 CR 383
3B	FAIRVIEW ELECTION BLDG	100 CR 338
4A	BORDEN CO. COURTHOUSE	117 E. WASSON
4B	DON JONES RESIDENCE	4601 FM 612

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at: County Clerk's Office
Borden County Courthouse, Gail, Texas

(La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a vienes en:)

Issued this the 25th day of March, 2008
Emitida este dia 25th de marza, 2008

Sue Jane Mayes
Signature of County Chair
(Firma del Presidente del Condado)