

Borden County's Richey Named Coach of the Year

Courtesy of Lamesa Press Reporter By Dwight Hines

Going from 3-6 one season to a state championship the following year made the 2008 high school football season a time that Borden County players, as well as their fans, will never forget.

Post-season honors continue to flow the direction of Gail, including their head coach Trey Richey who led the Coyotes' 14-0 march to that crown as the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's All-South Plains Six-Man Football Team.

Richey's Coyotes averaged 60 points per game, winning their 14 straight this fall by an average of over 40 points per game.

Borden County junior Flynn Chapman is the AJ's Defensive Player of the Year after finishing the season with over 200 tackles for the Coyotes who allowed fewer than 19 points per game.

In addition to being tabbed as the Defensive Player of the Year, Chapman was also tabbed as the first-team kicker after converting on 69 of 92 two-point kicks. He finished this season by making 23 straight.

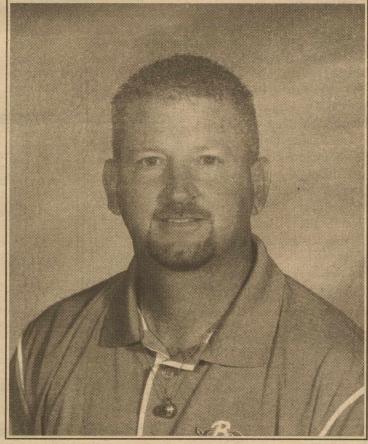
Borden County dominated the AJ's Six-Man Dream Team as three other Coyotes made this first team unit, including the Cooley brothers.

Coyote junior Michael Cooley earned first-team accolades at running back after running for 2,480 yards and 47 scores, while also hauling in five other TD passes.

Borden County senior Jake sive end. Cooley was tabbed as a first-team offensive end after hauling in nine catches for 280 yards and seven touchdowns, while also a being a key blocker for his younger brother, Michael.

Jake also earned second-team All-South Plains honors at defen-

Coyote sophomore John Hensley tackled first-team honors at defensive end after coming up with 154 tackles and 27 pressures. Hensley recovered one of his four fumbles for the final TD in their state championship victory over



STATE OF TEXAS

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;

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 13th day of January, 2009 by a vote of _5 _ ayes and _0 _ nays.

Crop Disaster Program Sign-Up **Ends February 27**

(POST, TX), January 27, 2009 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Administrator announced that the sign-up period for the 2005-2007 Crop Disaster Program (CDP) will end on February 27, 2009.

The ending date of February 27 applies to the receipt of

ary 27 applies to the receipt of a signed and completed FSA-840 application along with all supporting documentation and required forms available at your County FSA Office. No late-filed applications will be

approved after the February 27 deadline deadline.

All application determinations will be made by March 27, 2009. For further questions about CDP and the signup deadline, please visit the FSA Office at 208 West Main in Post, 806-495-2801, or visit FSA's website at http:// www.fsa.usda.gov.



BC JV Girls Claim Last Second Victory Against Klondike

took on the Klondike JV Lady Cougars and started out with a

The Lady Coyotes took an 8-2 lead in the first quarter. The second quarter saw the Lady Cougars make a comeback. The score at halftime was 16 to 14 in favor of the

Lady Coyotes.

The girls continue to improve and have made large strides in controlling the ball strides as well. Shylo Rinehart, Reagan Belongia, Shaylie Boles and Machelle Barr have been learning some post moves in practice and are making use of them in the games. This was evident in this game as the post position was responsible for the major-

vance the ball down the court. Phyneshia Rutherford, Chelsea Sapp and Seleste Herridge were able to feed the post effectively as well as play great defense. All of these things combined have given the Lady Coyotes some confidence as the season progresses.

In the second half of the Klondike game, the Lady Coyotes came out a little sluggish and lost the lead. The Lady on offense. The defensive side of the ball also made great strides as well. Shylo ginning of the fourth quarter, ginning of the fourth quarter, saw the Lady Coyotes trailing by 8 points with a score of 25-17. Reagan and Shylo took control of the game in the fourth as the wings and point guards made great passes to

With 40 seconds to go the ity of the points. Our point Lady Coyotes trailed by 4. A guards, Brittany Day and Lacey Roberts had success against the press that the Lady Coyotes trailed by 4. A great post move by Reagan pulled us to within 2. Brittany Day stole the ball and was fouled. She sank 1 of her 2 free

The Borden County JV girls they were easily able to ad-throws. The Lady Coyotes were down by 1. Again the Lady Coyotes pressed and were able to once more steal the ball on a great defensive play by Phyneshia Rutherford where she was fouled as well. Phyneshia went to the line and sank both free throws with very little time on the clock. The Lady Coyotes escaped the game with a 1 point victory.

This was truly a game to be proud of. The girls faced adversity and were able to put it behind them and go on to win the game.

School Lunch Menu

Feb. 2 - 6, 2009

Monday - Breakfast: Pancake Pup, Fruit Juice and Milk Lunch: Pizza, Corn, Salad Pineapple and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Fried Steak. Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Fresh Fruit and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Biscuit & Sausage, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken, Green Peas, Potatoes, Roll, Mixed Fruit and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Waffles, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Fish, Black-Eyed 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 Cookie and

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BC Lady Coyotes Defeat the Cougars

By Coach McCook

The Lady Coyotes faced off proved their season record to with Klondike last Tuesday in another crucial district battle. While the Coyotes did not necessary play their best game, turning the ball over more in this game than any other, they did what it took to get the much needed win. Afthem to pull to within 2 points at the end of three, and then held them off down the stretch for a 52-48 victory. With this win, the Lady Coyotes im-

19-7 and their district record to

Taylor Richey led all scorers with 20 points, 10 rebounds, 3 assists, and 5 steals. Olivia Key had 10 points and 3 steals. Bailey Anderson had 6 points and 4 rebounds. Stefanie ter leading by eight points at Cooley had 6 points, 5 rethe half, the girls gave bounds, 2 assists, and 3 steals. Klondike new life, allowing D'Nae Johnson had 5 points and 2 steals. Krystal Hobson had 3 points, 8 rebounds, and 6 steals. And Krista Tarleton had 2 points.

Coyotes Drop Close One to Sands

By Coach Baeza

to Sands on Jan. 23 and lost a down by five going into the hard fought game 48-52. The Coyotes started the game slowly falling behind by seven . left had a three point shot rim points in the first quarter. The out which put us into a fouling Coyotes battled back in the second quarter and played better but with less than two minutes in second quarter they made some critical mistakes to allow the Mustangs to go up by nine in the first half. The Coyotes knew that they would have to pick up the offense in the second half if they wanted a chance to win, which they did also contributing was Carlos by outscoring Sands 16-12 in Hernandez.

The Coyote varsity traveled the third quarter. Being only fourth the Coyotes cut the lead to two and with five seconds situation. The Mustangs hit two free throws with two seconds left in the game to put the final score to 48-52. Good Job Coyotes!

. Scoring for the Coyotes: Brendan Tarleton 16, Karl Lamming 11, Michael Cooley

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Missy Coyotes Fall Short **Against Grady**

By Coach McCook

The Missy Coyotes had a chance to move into a tie for second place in the district last Monday. Problem is they needed to knock off Grady, a team who had already defeated the Coyotes twice, to do it. The Coyotes defense stifled the Wildcats in the first quarter, holding them to only six points. Unfortunately, the girls did not produce much offense themselves and trailed at the quarter 6-1. The story was much the same in the second

quarter, and by the end of the half, the Coyotes were down 16-2. In the second half the Coyotes fought back and outscored the Wildcats 10-9, but could not overcome their halftime deficit. The final score was Grady 26, Borden

County 12.

Kalyn Massingill led
Borden County scorers with 3
points. Kylie Voss, Maeghan
Herridge, and Mindy Tyrrell
each scored 2. And Lexi
Peterson, Syndie Day, and

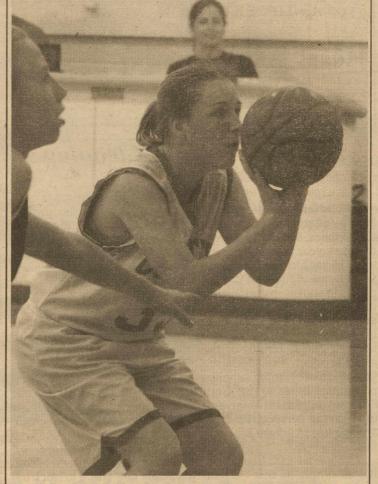
Kayla Pepper scored one point apiece. Taylor Gass, Teryn Soto, Shea Burkett, Mollie McMeans, Mallory McMeans, Sage Wheatley, Kaylyn Dean, and Kassie Gaines each made significant contributions to the team effort as well. The Missy Coyotes season record is now 5-5, and their district record 4-

Ladies Win Another Nail Biter

By Coach McCook

that. After trailing 26-19 at the break, the Coyotes dominated the third quarter and the early fourth and gained a ten-point lead. While the Mustangs made a last-minute run to try and make a game of it, the girls held on to win 48-44 and secure sole possession of first place with half of district play behind them. With this win, the Lady Coyotes are now 20-7 on the season and 4-1 in dis-

Taylor Richey led all scorers with 27 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals, and 2 blocks. Olivia Key poured in 18 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists, and 2 steals. Bailey Anderson had 2 points, 2 rebounds, 3 assists, and 2 steals. had 2 points, 2 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals, and 3 blocks. Stefanie Cooley had 1 point, 6 rebounds, and 3 assists. D'Nae Johnson had 5 rebounds and 4 assists. Krystal Hobson had 4 rebounds and 3 steals. And Krista Tarleton had 3 rebounds, and 3 steals.



Missy Coyote, Mindy Tyrrell, shoots a free throw for 2 points against the

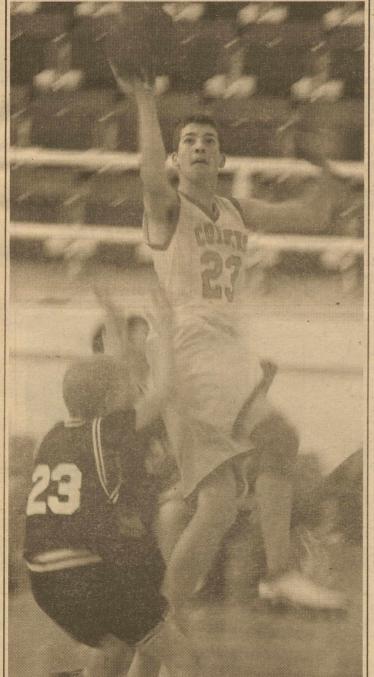
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By Coach Baeza

by Klondike 74-25. The Coyotes jumped out early on the Cougars taking a 22-8 first quarter lead. Karl Lamming had a big first quarter as he poured in 10 points. Flynn Chapman and Brendan Tarleton followed with 4 points each. In the second quarter the each. In the second quarter the half with a 42-18 lead. The Coyotes! Coyotes started the second half

The Coyote varsity im- slowly as they only managed 13 proved their district record to points but were playing very

Tarleton 13, Michael Cooley Coyotes again put up twenty 12, Flynn Chapman 10, Zach points while only allowing the Telchik 7, Carlos Hernandez 6, Klondike 10 to finish out the and Tony Soto 5. Good Job



Borden Coyote Pup, Tanner Richey, gets enough for 2 points against the Grady Wildcats.





A Fresh Start For Cleaning Cabinets

Start by organizing your cleaning supplies. It's the beginning of a new year and thus a great time to tackle the clutter in your home. One of the best places to start is in your cleaning cabinet. Like most of us, you probably have a stockpile of cleaning products—including half-empty bottles of the same product. Consolidating your stash of cleaning supplies is a smart thing to do, from both an organizational and time-saving perspective. Here are five tips to get the job done

It's as simple as that—if you have under the cabinet cleaners whose labels have fallen off or been scratched off, get rid of them. Even if you think you know what the unlabeled item is, without being able to read the proper usage directions on the proper usage directions on the label, you could end up damaging a surface by using the cleaner improperly. Also, unmarked cleaners can be a danger because they lack poison-control instructions to consult in case of accidental ingestion by a child or pet. Be sure to dispose of any unused products in compliance with local regulations.

2. Rotate, rotate, rotate. Haphazardly throwing cleaning products under the sink is messy and makes it hard to find what you're looking for when you're ready to clean. One solution is a large lazy susan, or revolving tray. These come in a variety of sizes, styles and prices, allowing you to easily see what you have on hand and what you need to replenish.

Group like items together. One of the fundamental rules of organization is grouping like

Decluttering your home? items together. Cluster similar art by organizing your cleanitems—bathroom cleaners, kitchen cleaners, oven cleaners, sponges—in their own easy-to-remember location for easy access. Doing this will also help you see what you have and if there are multiples of a particular product. If you have more than two bottles of the same all-purpose cleaner, pare down to just two. Then move duplicates to another cleaning location, like your bathroom, where they will be handy when you need to clean that space.

4. Take advantage of multisurface cleaners. You probably don't need to stock up on 10 different cleaning products, especially if you have the right all-purpose cleaner handy. An all-in-one cleaner like this saves both precious cabinet space, as well as time spent trying to figure out which product is best for each job

product is best for each job.

5. Banish old sponges. Even the most meticulously rinsed-out sponges can harbor bacteria and should be replaced every three months. This will help stop contamination of surfaces you clean and will keep unpleasant odors at bay. At their best, all sponges and cleaning rags have a three-month shelf life. If you have a bunch of old cleaning sponges or rags lying around, get rid of them. And to keep rags in their best working condition be-tween uses, hang them to dry on a hook or rack rather than stuffing them into a container or in a corner. This way they get a chance to properly air out and will be much easier to find!

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This is how you do it! Borden 3rd grader, Thomas Nix, demonstrates how to spread shavings in an effort to ready the showbarn for the sale Saturday moring during the Borden County Livestock Show. Looking on is his brother, J.W. (left) and Garren Magby.



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Borden County 4-H News



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4-H Photography Project

Youth interested in participating in the 4-H Photography project should plan to attend the project meeting on Monday, February 9th from 3:45 to 5:00 p.m. in the Community Room in Gail.

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 2nd at Levelland Middle School in Levelland.

The deadline for entering a Public Speaking Contest is Wednesday, April 1.

If you have any questions, would like further information on any of the above projects, please contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or e-mail at borden-tx@tamu.edu.

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.

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. We will be constructing 2 project this year. Please bring \$5 for supplies (all materials will be provided). We will be meeting Tuesday, February 3, Thursday, February 5, Tuesday, February 10, and Wednesday, February 11 from 3:45 to 5:30 p.m. in the Home Economics Lab.

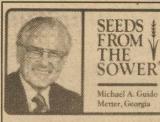




Becky Dobyns

Former Graduate Makes Dean's List

As a result of her scholastic performance during the fall 2008 semester, Rebecca Jane Dobyns has earned the designation of Ampla cum Laude on the dean's honor list at the University of Texas in Austin. Dobyns is currently a junior in the honors program of the college of Liberal Arts and a public relations major in the College of Communication at UT. She has a double-major in English and Public Relations with two minors in Business and Government. A Borden County Class of 2007 graduate, Becky is the daughter of Kevin and Nancy Dobyns of Jacksonville, Florida and the niece of Jym and Amy Rinehart of Gail.



The difference between gossip and news is whether you hear it or ell it.

There's a woman who has a keen sense of rumor. She's on spiking terms with everyone. One day she was heard to.say, "I won't go into all the details. In fact, I've already told you more than I heard myself."

Gossips – they can change an earful into a mouthful, and they set on fire every building they enter.

There are three types of gossips:

The vest-button type – always popping off.

The vacuum cleaner type - always picking up dirt.

The liniment type – always rubbing it in.

But the Living Bible says, "Don't gossip."

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Thank You

Thank you does not seem to express the extent of our gratitude for all that was done for our Husband, Father and Grandfather at the time of his passing.

We would like to thank Borden Co. EMS, Doctor Clayton Roberts, the staff at Medical Arts Hospital, and Compass Hospice. A special thank you to Medical Arts Home Health for their years of caring support and

friendship.

Thank you to all our friends for their support through prayers, cards, flowers, food and donations. You were a blessing.

The Joe Canon family

Commissioners Meeting

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, Commis**sioner Precinct No. 3; JOE BELEW, Commissioner, Prect. No. 4; JANA UNDERWOOD, Deputy Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court with Joyce Herridge, Clerk of Court absent due to schooling, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the

SETTING SALARIES FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS AND **EMPLOYEES FOR 2009**

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve salaries and wages for Borden County as budgeted in the 2009 budget and as previously advertised. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

EQUIPMENT FOR
GAME WARDEN

Brent Tucker, Borden and Dawson County Game Warden met with the court providing information on night vision binoculars for use with his job.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to purchase night vision binoculars from Aurora Tactical, LLC in the amount of \$3145.00. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE RACIAL PROFILE REPORT

Deputy Sheriff, Benny Allison met with the court to present Racial Profile report for the County.
PURCHASE PICKUP

FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff, Billy Gannaway met with the court providing information on a pickup for use by his office.

WHEREAS, On this the 13th day of January, 2009, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioner Session in the Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED Minutes of Commissioners Court Meeting of December 23, 2008 were read. Commis-

sioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
COUNTY OFFICES

MONTHLY REPORTS

After examining the monthly reports, Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the said reports. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion car-

> **COUNTY OFFICER BONDS**

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve bonds for Sheriff Billy Gannaway and bonds for Billy Gannaway-Tax Assessor Collector. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Official Bond and Oath for Sheriff is recorded in the Bond Record Vol. 6 Page 4, Bond Of Tax Assessor and Collector is recorded in the Bond Record Vol 6 Page 6 and Official Bond and Oath of Tax Assessor Collector is recorded in the Bond Record Vol 6 Page

9. Motion carried.
BORDEN COUNTY **EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK**

After review and discussion Commissioner Belew made a motion to make no revisions to the employee handbook. Commissioner Smith seconded the

BORDEN COUNTY INVESTMENT POLICY

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to make no revision to the current invest-ment policy Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

TRAFFIC

REGULATIONS ON COUNTY ROADS

Commissioner Belew made a motion to have a public hearing on January 27, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Court Room to consider traffic regulations on certain county roads. Commissioner Commissioner Reyes made Reyes seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

BURN BAN Judge York made a motion to set a 90 day burn ban for the county effective immediately. Commissioner Reyes sec-

onded the motion. Motion car-

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve soil conservation work for application filed by Borden Gray Jr. in Precinct 4 at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for a motor grader and \$65.00 per hour for a dozer. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion car-

> **ACCOUNTS** ALLOWED

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

the motion. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS FRO FUTURE AGENDA No items were presented.

ADJOURN Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion and was approved unanimously

THE FOREGOING MIN-UTES READ AND AP-PROVED THIS THE 27th day of January, 2009.

Legal Notices

TION WELL PERMIT

Primexx Operating Corporation, 4849 Greenville Ave., Ste. 1600, Dallas, Texas 75206 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid in the <u>Upper Spraberry</u> Formation, <u>Nan Martin "B" Lease</u>, Well Number <u>2717</u>. The proposes injection well is located <u>9</u> miles <u>NNW</u> of <u>Gail</u>, Texas in the <u>Clayton Ranch</u>, N. (Spraberry) Field, in <u>Borden County</u>, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface

On the 16th day of January, 2009, I impounded the following estray;

Kind of animal: Cattle Breed: Angus

Color: Black

Sex: Steer

Age: Less than 1 year old

Brands, ear marks: No readable brand. Under bit right ear

And, on the 16th day of January, 2009, I impounded the following estray; into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5600 to

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from the persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further auction at Big Spring, Texas. information concerning any Witness my hand this 16th aspect of the application day of January, 2009 should be submitted in writing, (S) Billy J. Gannaway within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Ser-

NOTICE OF APPLICA- vices Section, Oil and Gas Di-TION FOR FLUID INJEC- vision, Railroad Commission vision, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Drawer 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 Telephone (512)463-6792.

> NOTICE OF IMPOUND-MENT OF ESTRAY

On the 16th day of January,

ary, 2009, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Borden County, Texas.
I have made a diligent search

of the register of the recorded brands in Borden County, Texas, for the owner of said estray but the search didn't not reveal the owner.

Notice is hearby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 30th day of January, 2009, said astrony will be said at public estray will be sold at public

Sheriff of Borden County,

PUBLIC NOTICE BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

A public hearing will be conducted in the School Cafeteria of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 29, 2009, to review the 2008-2009 Academic Excellence Indicator System as required by State Law. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit **Tumbleweed Smith**

Some T & P Railroad Trivia

During the past year, I've known as The Alps. been working on a video documentary about the Texas and Pacific Railway. The Heritage Museum in Big Spring will have a T & P exhibit in March and the video will be shown as part of that. I've run across some fun stuff: Gene Autry was a telegraph operator at Tioga, Texas for one of the small lines running into the T & P. The town of Allamoore in far west Texas is named for a T & P telegraph operator, Alla Moore. Some say the T &

P stood for Time and Patience.
Jay Gould, the owner of the
T & P in the 1880's, instructed his cook, Aunt Kate, to make some French -fried potatoes. He kept sending them back, telling her they were not up to his standards. So Aunt Kate took a straight razor and shaved a potato into tissue-thin slices and put them in a kettle of boiling grease. The result was the first potato chip. Jay Gould once gave his manager in Dallas a car. But the thing caused so much consternation among horses and people he seldom drove it.

A runaway train at Baird caused a three-locomotive col-

lision in 1947 A group of Chinese men working on the railroad died in a train accident near Odessa and were buried in a mass grave. The spot is known as Chinamen's Grave.

The railroad agent at Gordon wore a pistol in the early days of the railroad because train robberies were so com-

Between Marshall and Hallsville there is an area of small hills. In the early days of the railroad the area was

Low-powered trains sometimes lost cars that would roll down the hills

The engineer was known to sing "Nearer My God to Thee."

East of Colorado City a huge buffalo was blocking the tracks. It bowed its head like it was going to attack the steam engine. The engineer didn't want to get his locomotive scratched, so he let loose with a loud hiss of steam and the buffalo sauntered off the tracks

In Pecos, cowboys made a roadmaster dance by shooting bullets at his feet. All along the railroad in its early years cowboys shot out lights in train stations. Later the lights were turned off at night.

One paymaster was scared because he had heard that a Texan had to kill a man before breakfast in order to enjoy his

In early days railroad ties were not secured in the dirt and someone said you could grow a crop of corn in the floor of the coach.

One little place ten miles west of Kent is known as Boracho, probably a misspelling of the word borracho, which means drunk in Spanish. It got its name during the construction of the railroad. The crew of the T & P, building west, was beating the competing Southern Pacific, building east. It was a race to see who could reach El Paso first. The SP crew donated several wagonloads of whiskey to their rivals and took the lead while the T & P crew was sleeping off the effects of the three-day

-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer

January 26, 2009 The \$825 Billion Dollar **Economic Stimulus Plan**

This week, Speaker Pelosi and the Democratic leaders are finalizing a plan to spend \$825 billion dollars of taxpayer money on an "economic stimulus" bill that will neither create jobs nor stimulate our economy. Rather than allowing all hardworking families and businesses to keep more of what they earn, create new jobs or revitalize our economy, peaker Pelosi is changing the federal government's spending priorities and moving forward with an ineffective spending package and targeted tax relief that picks winners and losers.

In my opinion, \$825 billion of your tax dollars is a lot of money to waste on programs and projects like more digital TV coupons, new cars for the federal government and repairs to the National Mall. In fact, the proposed total cost of this one piece of legislation will amount to as much as the annual discretionary budget for the entire federal government. Not only would this bill spend more on programs that already have unspent money in the bank, but \$137 billion would be used to create 32 new federal programs.

I continue to believe the hardworking folks of the 19th District know far better how to spend their money than the federal government does. Excessive borrowing, spending and debt resulted in many of the problems the government, individuals and businesses now face. More of the same is not the solution for improving our economy.

The constituents of the 19th Congressional district deserve a better plan from the federal government than more spending on top of a deficit already projected to be more than \$1 trillion this year. Congress must draw the line somewhere. We can not keep writing blank checks, expanding our national debt and leveraging our children and grandchildren's fu-

Congress needs to have a full debate on the many ideas being proposed and consider all alternatives prior to voting for this massive spending program. H.R. 301, the Economic

Growth Through Tax Stimulus Act, that I introduced is just one idea that should be considered as an alternative to this "stimulus" package. The American people expect that all voices will be heard in this debate about the best use for their money

Troubled Assets Relief

Fund (TARP)
Last week, the House voted on stricter rules for the \$700 billion Troubled Assets Relief Program (TARP) as well as to block the release of the second half of the \$700 billion TARP funds. However, the Senate did not vote to block the second half of the bailout funds. The new Administration is cur-

rently making plans for spending these funds.

As I have said before, I continue to oppose these massive government interventions. Before the federal government starts handing out money, Congress must work together on an effective strategy to extricate both the federal government and the American taxpayers from these commitments. I cannot support the release of more taxpaver resources until Treasury presents a clear plan for why these funds are needed and how they will be used.

As always, when events unfold in Washington, I will be sure to update you. In the meantime, do not hesitate to visit my website or call my office toll free district wide at (888) 763-1611 or my Washington, DC office at 202-225-4005.

MONEY MATTERS

Weathering Tough Financial Times: Nine Tips For 2009

(NAPS)-The financial crisis of 2008 battered the wallets of many Americans, leaving them unable to make ends meet. While saving and investing may be difficult, it's critical to weathering tough financial times. These nine tips from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) can help:

1. Pay down credit card debt. Banks are increasing interest rates and late fees, leading to higher borrowing costs. They're also reducing limits on credit cards, which can lead to lower credit scores if you don't pay down

2. Check your credit report. With credit becoming harder to get, make sure your credit history is accurate—and correct problems that may hurt your credit score For your free credit report, call (877) 322-8228 or visit www. annualcreditreport.com

3. Create a rainy-day fund. One in three Americans has no emergency savings. Aim to save at least one month (preferably three to six months) of your current salary in a federally insured sav-

4. Open account statements. Although you may be tempted to avoid the trauma of seeing losses in your portfolio, ignoring your 401(k), IRA or brokerage accounts can blind you to problems in your accounts other than performance.

5. Avoid raiding your 401(k). One in five workers over age 45 stopped saving for retirement in 2008 because of economic conditions. Before cutting contributions or borrowing against your 401(k), reduce spending wherever

6. Diversify. If your portfolio declined more than broad market indices, make sure you are well diversified. Spread your risk by distributing your investments both among different asset classes-stocks, bonds and cashand within each class.

7. Know that fees matter. Find out what each investment costs. The higher the fees and expenses, the less real return you make. Compare mutual fund costs using FINRA's Fund Analyzer at ww.finra.org/fundanalyz

8. Protect yourself from identity theft. Phisking attacks surged in October 2008 by 103 percent following stock market drops To avoid taking the bait, visit FINRA's Identity Theft resource at ww.finra.org/identitytheft.

9. Invest for the long term. Investors with a short-term out look often jump ship just as a bear market bottoms out or jump in as a bull market peaks. Investing incrementally, in good times and in bad, is a tried-and-true way of earing up in a bear market.

As you start the New Year, take time to set fresh financial goals and stick with your long-term plan. For more resources and tools, visit www.finra.org.





One of the warmest temperatures ever recorded in the United States was 134°F, at Greenland Ranch, Calif., July 10, 1913.



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The Great Meteor Crater of Arizona lies between the towns of Flagstaff and Winslow. Scientists believe that a meteorite struck the earth about 50,000 years ago and dug a hole about 4,150 feet across and 570 feet deep.



Gary and Connie Stipe take time to enjoy the chuck wagon breakfast on Saturday of the Borden County Jr. Livestock Show. The breakfast was prepared by Jerry Slaton of Afton, Tx.



February 2009



* Denotes District HS Basketball Games
January 25th – February 2nd – Fort Worth Stock Show
February 9th – February 21st – San Antonio Livestock Show
February 19th – February 28th – San Angelo Livestock Show

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 JH BB @ Sands 6:00	3 * BB vs. Grady Here 5:00 GbB	4 District CX Debate Meet @ Borden County	5	6 * BB @ Klondike 5:00 gGB	7 Idalou UIL Meet (no CX Debate) ACT Test (must have pre-registered)
8	9 HOLIDAY	10 Cool Clovers Meeting in Conference Room 11:30-12 JH (6**-8**) 4-H Meeting in Conference Room 12:30-1 *BB vs. Sands Here 4:00 gGbB SAT Registration Deadline for March 14** Test	11 Local Spelling Bee 8:30 a.m. (Grades 3 rd – 8 th) HS (9 th -12 th) 4-H Meeting in Conference Room 12:35-1:05	12	13	14 Abilene: Wylle UIL Meet (all events)
15	16	17	18	19 TAKS Training	20 End of 4 th Six Weeks	21 Post UIL Meet (no CX Debate)
22	23 Beginning of 5 th Six Weeks OAP Festival – WTC, Snyder @ 6:00 p.m.	24	25	26	27 Track @ Hamlin ACT Registration Deadline for April 4 th Test	28 Odessa: Permian UIL Meet (No Speech & Debate) FFA San Angelo Stock Show CDE Baseball vs. Hermleigh @ Mottett Field, Snyder 4:00