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BHS UIL Academic Teams Warm Up for District Meet

The Borden County High School UIL Academic teams have performed well in recent weeks as they prepare to fight for a district championship in their new District 4-A with several high-quality programs.

Numerous students have spent several Saturdays since Christmas at various invitational meets across West Texas, all in hopes that the extra practice will give them the

edge at the district meet later in the spring.

The UIL Academic season started off on January 10th as several students attended the annual Stampede Classic hosted by Andrews High School. At that meet, Brendan Tarleton was the top point winner as he placed 2nd in Prose Interpretation and 5th in Spell-

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USDA Extends Comment Period for Regulation on Payment Limitations and Payment Eligibility

(POST, TX), Feb. 6, 2009 – Victor Ashley, Executive Director for the USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Garza-Borden County announced today that following Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack's announcement that the comment period for the regulation defining actively engaged participation in a farming operation has been extended for an additional 60 days, FSA is seeking a diverse range of comments from different areas of the United States and farming communities.

With this extension, the public may continue to submit comments until April 6, 2009. The extension document is available at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/federalNotices?are=home&subject=lare&topic=frd-ii>.

The regulation, published Dec. 29, 2008, invited comments on the interim rule for implementation of key eligibility requirements for many FSA and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) programs. The regulations were

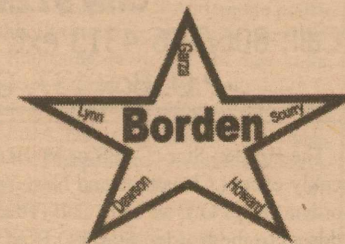
revised as mandated by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill) to make changes in payment eligibility, payment attribution, maximum income limits and maximum dollar benefit amounts for participants in CCC-funded programs. In addition, certain provisions were incorporated that are discretionary.

The actively engaged provision requires that individuals and entities must be "actively engaged in farming" with respect to a farming operation in order to be eligible for specified payments and benefits. To be "actively engaged in farming," the individual or entity must make significant contributions to the farming operation of (1) capital, equipment, land, or a combination; and (2) personal labor or active personal management, or a combination.

Under rules in effect since 1988, not every member of an entity is required to contribute active personal labor or management. The interim rule requires each partner, stockholder, or member with an ownership

interest to make a contribution of active personal labor or active personal management. The contribution must be regular and substantial, and documented as well as separate and distinct from any other member's contribution. The rule limits the ability of passive stockholders to continue to realize benefits from the entity.

The substantive rule changes make the requirement for adding new persons to a farming operation more restrictive. The addition of a person to an existing farming operation can be met through an increase of 20 percent of base acres to the operation; previously the requirement was an increase of 20 percent in cropland.



Borden County JV Lady Coyotes Finish Year Strong

By Coach Benavidez

The Borden County Lady Coyotes traveled to Klondike to face the Lady Cougars JV squad and came up with a big win. The girls again showed the improvement that they have achieved all year long. The focus for the game was to improve our blocking out and rebounding as well as getting the ball to our posts. We did a great job of both as the Lady Coyotes dominated in this game from start to finish.

The Lady Coyotes started out the first two minutes of the game a little sluggish as we missed three block shots but did a great job defensively as they did not give up a point either. The last three minutes of the first quarter saw the Lady Coyotes get on track and come away with a 6 to 0 lead.

A huge second quarter on the backs of Machel Barr, Shaylie Boles, and Raegan Belongia, offensively, put the Lady Coyotes ahead by 19 points.

On the other hand, a huge second quarter, defensively, on the backs of Chelsea Sapp, Shylo Rinehart, Seleste Herridge, and Phyneshia Rutherford kept the Lady Cougars to 4 points.

Starting the 3rd quarter, the Lady Coyotes came out and kept control of the game as they outscored the Lady Cougars by a score of 7 to 3.

The last quarter saw the Lady Coyotes continue to have success shooting the ball while at the same time playing suffocating defense. The Lady Coyotes won this quarter with a score of 9 to 2. This brought the final score to 39 to 9.

While the offensive side of the ball was on fire all night long for the Coyotes, the defensive side of the ball did an excellent job of shutting down the Cougars. All of the girls played aggressively and flew around the court. They put everything together and played to their potential.

The scoring is as follows: Raegan Belongia 18, Shylo Rinehart 7, Machel Barr and Shaylie Boles 6, and P. J. Rutherford 2.

The Lady Coyote JV then took on the Sands Mustangs for the fourth time this season.

The previous three times the Lady Mustangs were able to control the game and come out with a win. The fourth time around the Mustangs would not enjoy an easy victory as the Lady Coyotes took it to them and pushed the Mustangs all the way into overtime. The girls played hard and came out firing on all cylinders and took the early lead.

The girls out hustled the Lady Mustangs for the majority of the game however the Lady Mustangs refused to give up and caught up at the end of the game and even took a two point lead.

A great play by Brittany Day put her on the free-throw line as she was fouled while trying to shoot a 3 point shot. Brittany sank 2 of the 3 to send the game into overtime.

The Lady Mustangs put together a strong 3 minutes and took the lead and kept it as time expired. The great accomplishment is that the Lady Coyotes came out and gave their best effort possible in order to give

the Lady Mustangs everything that they could handle.

These girls did an awesome job all season. They played bigger schools with very talented teams and won some incredible games.

The season record was 9-10. The big wins came against Meadow, New Home, Whitharral, Ira, Crosbyton, Wink, Coahoma, and Klondike. The girls also took a Consolation trophy from the Forsan JV tournament. They overcame adversity and did a lot of maturing throughout the entire season.

We discovered that we have some future leaders and, more importantly, that the future of the Lady Coyote Basketball program is headed for success. I would like to thank the girls for all of their hard work and a job well done.



JV Lady Coyote, Lacey Roberts, takes a shot at the Coyote goal against the Sands Mustangs last Tuesday.

Coyote JV Basketball Season Comes to a Close

By Coach Richey

The Borden County boys' basketball team showed marked improvement in their last two basketball games, but unfortunately the results were all too familiar.

The Coyote junior varsity team finished their season by hosting the two district leaders in Grady and Sands. After losing both of these contests earlier in the year by 30 plus, the Coyotes were hoping to see some improvement the second time around.

In their game against the Grady Wildcats, a team that beat them 41 to 11 the first time, the Coyotes found themselves in a familiar hole at half-time trailing 20 to 6, but in the 2nd half, the Coyotes played the visitors to a 21 to 20 game and the visitors did not pull off or change anything, the Coyotes youngsters just started relaxing and playing much better and as a result the Coyotes improved dramatically as they cut their

early season deficit in half at 41 to 26.

Leading the way for the improved Coyotes was Chance Taylor with 7 points, followed by a 6 point effort by both of the Tyler boys, Drew and Austin. Collin Telchik added 4 points while Austin Fields added 2 points and David Rodriguez made a free throw. Luke Burkett also added to the improved effort.

The last game of the season saw the Coyotes host the JV district leading Sands Mustangs, which beat the Coyotes 59 to 23 the first time around but again, the Coyote JV showed much improvement and if not for some poor free throw shooting the Coyotes would have made even more improvement than they did.

The Coyotes trailed at the half 27 to 10, but only lost the 2nd half 19 to 18 and missed 12 free throws in the process.

The Coyotes handled the pressure much better and were able to finish a few times while breaking the press, in the end they had the same result as before, but showed marked improvement. Final score of the final game of the season was 46 to 28.

Leading the way for the JV was Chance Taylor with 8 points, David Rodriguez with 7 points, Collin Telchik with 5 points, Austin Tyler and Luke Burkett with 4 points each and Austin Fields and Drew Tyler playing some solid defense.

The Coyotes ended the season 2 and 8 but very much improved from the beginning of the season. Good job guys, we appreciate your hard work and dedication. Thank you all for your support this season.

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BHS UIL Team Warms Up for Meet

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ing & Vocabulary. His sister Krista Tarleton placed 4th in News Writing, while D'Nae Johnson was 6th in Literary Criticism and a finalist in Prose Interpretation. Also named as a finalist was Eric Espinoza in Informative Speaking. Closing out the Andrews Meet were partners John Hensley and Karl Lamming who were Quarterfinalists in CX Debate.

The following weekend, Hensley and Lamming traveled to a meet at Brownwood High School, where they advanced to the quarterfinals in CX Debate for their second consecutive time.

On January 24th, a large contingent of BHS students traveled to the Powwow UIL Classic held at Haskell High School. BHS was named as the 3rd place 1A school in attendance. The Journalism Team won 1st place overall, and both the Speech & Debate Team and the Spelling & Vocabulary Team placed 2nd.

Individually results at Haskell were as follows: Kobie Benham, Finalist—Persuasive Speaking; Eric Espinoza, 1st—Poetry Interpretation & 6th—Informative Speaking; Katherine Froman, 2nd—Spelling & Vocabulary; John Hensley, 2nd—Persuasive Speaking; Chellsie Pigford, 1st—News Writing & 4th—Editorial Writing; Michael Porter, 3rd—LD Debate; Lacey Roberts, 1st—Feature Writing; Chasiti Rutherford, 2nd—LD Debate & 4th—Persuasive Speaking; Brendan Tarleton, 2nd—Prose Interpretation & 3rd—Spelling & Vocabulary; and Krista Tarleton, 2nd—News Writing.

After a week off, another large group of BHS students went to the Wildcat UIL Classic at Idalou High School on February 7th. Another successful showing by the students resulted in a 1st place championship for the Speech & Debate Team, a 3rd place finish for the Spelling & Vocabulary Team, and a 3rd place finish for the Social Studies Team.

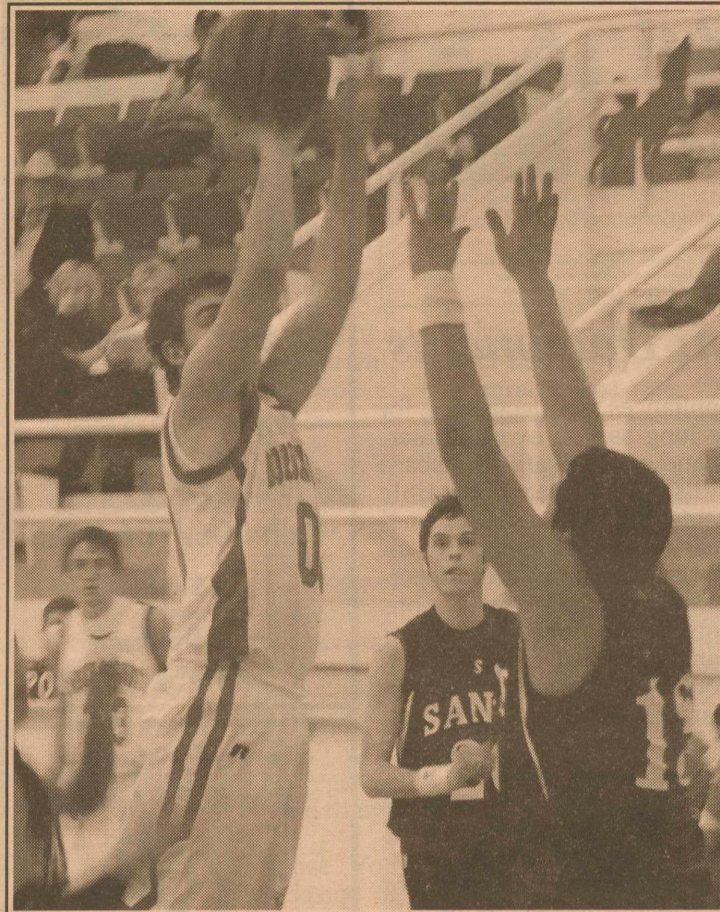
Individuals placing at the Idalou meet were as follows: Eric Espinoza, 1st—Poetry Interpretation & 6th—Informa-

tive Speaking; Katherine Froman, 2nd—Spelling & Vocabulary & 3rd—Ready Writing; Michael Porter, 2nd—LD Debate; Carlos Hernandez, 2nd—Social Studies; Chellsie Pigford, 3rd—News Writing & 6th—Calculator Applications (11th grade); Karl Lamming, 3rd—Informative Speaking; Taylor Richey, 3rd—Poetry Interpretation; Chasiti Rutherford, 3rd—LD Debate & Semifinalist—Persuasive Speaking; John Hensley

4th—Persuasive Speaking & 4th—Current Issues & Events; D'Nae Johnson, 4th—Prose Interpretation; Brendan Tarleton, 5th—Prose Interpretation; and Phyneshia Rutherford, Semifinalist—Prose Interpretation.

Closing out the UIL Academic meets thus far was a small group of BHS students who traveled to the Abilene: Wylie High School Valentine's Classic this past weekend. Bringing home 1st place golds were Brendan Tarleton in Prose Interpretation, Karl Lamming in Informative Speaking, and Chasiti Rutherford in Persuasive Speaking. Lamming also placed 2nd in Social Studies and 5th in Current Issues & Events. In his first high school UIL Meet, Austin Fields placed 5th in Informative Speaking. Eric Espinoza rounded out the results by finishing 6th in Poetry Interpretation.

This weekend, a full squad of BHS students will participate in the Bold Gold Classic at Post High School. Best of luck to everyone involved.



Borden County Coyote, Flynn Chapman (#00) jumps for 2 points in last Tuesdays game against Sands.

Sands Mustangs Disappoint Coyotes

By Coach Baeza

The Borden Coyotes played their last district game Feb. 10 and were disappointed by the Mustangs 60-45. This was a game to determine seating in the playoffs as the Coyotes and Mustangs had already qualified for post season play.

The first quarter began with the Coyotes playing well and not letting the Mustangs have any easy scoring opportunities by taking away fast break opportunities. The Coyotes were however not able to go on any big offensive runs either so they found themselves trailing 15-13 at the end of the first quarter.

A quick offensive run by the Mustangs at the end of the second quarter and a cold shooting streak by the Coyotes al-

lowed the Mustangs to go on into half time leading 30-19.

A slow start to the third quarter by the Coyotes allowed the Mustangs to extend their lead to 19 going into the fourth quarter. The Coyotes continued to play hard and won the fourth quarter by four points but fell short of a big comeback to lose the game 60-45.

This loss put the Coyotes in the third place spot out of our district and playing Sterling City in the first round of the playoffs.

Good Job Coyotes!
Scoring for the Coyotes: Brendan Tarleton 15, Michael Cooley 10, Flynn Chapman 6, Karl Lamming 5, Zach Telchik 4, Carlos Hernandez 3, and Tony Soto 2.

Thought for the Day

When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away the ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer.

Source: ThisDaysThought.org

School Lunch Menu

Feb. 23 - 27, 2009

Monday - Breakfast: Biscuit & Ham, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: BBQ Sausage, Ranch Style Beans, Potato Salad, Bread, Apricots and Milk.

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

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

Thursday - Breakfast: Biscuit, Gravy, Sausage, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit Cobbler and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Waffles, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: STrak Sandwich, french Gries, Salad Cup, Brownie and Milk.


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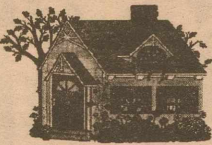
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Heart and Home ...
 by Julie Smith
 Borden County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences



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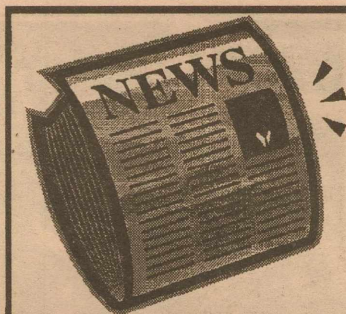
Saving Important Documents

Do you know how long you should keep financial records and other important documents? It's not secret that receipts, financial records or other important documents have a habit of accumulating, and it's tempting to toss out some of the mess. However, since you never know when you may want to refer to an old receipt or statement, it's really best to hold onto them. A file box or accordion-folder or two can easily accommodate a whole year's worth or such records. You'll want to keep tax returns and their supporting documentation for at least three years in case of an audit by the IRS. However, it's really best to keep those records for at least seven year, if not permanently. These documents, which include statements from financial institutions and annual credit card statements, can come in very handy if you're ever applying for a mortgage or major loan.

Hold onto receipts or canceled checks for home-improvement projects. Keep the receipts and product warranties for big-ticket items, like

appliances and electronics, for as long as you own the merchandise. It's safe to discard bulls for non-tax-deductible items and utilities after one-year's time. Hold onto day-to-day receipts for credit card purchases and ATM transactions until the monthly credit card or bank statement arrives. When you're certain all is in order, tear them up or shred them, just to be safe.

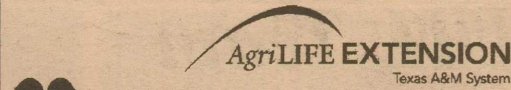
Be sure to organize your important documents in accordion files, file boxes or a filing cabinet. You may want to organize them by month, year or by creditor/lender. Extremely important documents (ones that are irreplaceable) should be stored in a fire-safe box (which are relatively inexpensive and can be purchased at an office supply store), safe, or in a safe deposit box at the bank. You should also let someone else know where these documents are in case something ever happened to you. You might even make a list for yourself of the various documents and their locations. This should be kept in a safe place that you will remember.





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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.

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Black History Month Activity



Frank Banham

Six Grade Practice Like Satchel Paige

By class reporter Sean Tucher

After reading a biography about Satchel Paige, the Borden County Sixth Grade class had a rock throwing contest. Satchel used to practice by throwing rocks at cans.

On Friday, February 13, the class found their own "Satchel" when Frank Banham hit the cans twice from about 15 yards away. Each person had five rocks to throw. The results of the contest are as follows: Frank Banham-two strikes, Eva Banham-one strike. No other student hit the cans.

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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 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.



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Class To Be Held

The Borden County Sheriff's Office will host a SKYWARN weather spotting training class on February 26, 2009, from 7 PM - 9 PM in the Community Building. A meteorologist from the National Weather Service in Midland will cover topics such as tornadoes, cloud forma-

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BC Eighth Grader Named Top Speller

Sanders Wins Local Spelling Bee

Take twenty-eight students, nine rounds, sixty words, and one champion and you have this year's Borden County I.S.D. Spelling Bee wrapped up in a nutshell.

When the final word – "feldspar" – was correctly spelled, Borden County eighth grader Steelie Sanders emerged from the group as the contest's champion. (By the way, "feldspar" is a type of multicolored crystals found in certain types of rocks.)

Winning the contest allows Sanders to now advance to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's Regional Spelling Bee on March 7th, 2009. The winner of that contest wins a trip to Washington, D.C., to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Sanders is the daughter of Martin & LaWanda Sanders of Lamesa.

Twenty-eight Borden County Elementary and Junior High Students participated in the contest. Students in third through eighth grades were eli-

gible.

Runner-up to Sanders was BJH seventh grader Mollie McMeans, daughter of Bart & Vivian McMeans of Gail.

Also participating were third graders Blane Culver, Daniel Gomez, Harley Merrill, Kaitlyn Perry, Trace Richey, Brian Torres, Brittan Webb, & Brian Wilborn

Participating fourth graders were Cheyenne Dowds, Dylan Murphy, & Kale Yarbro.

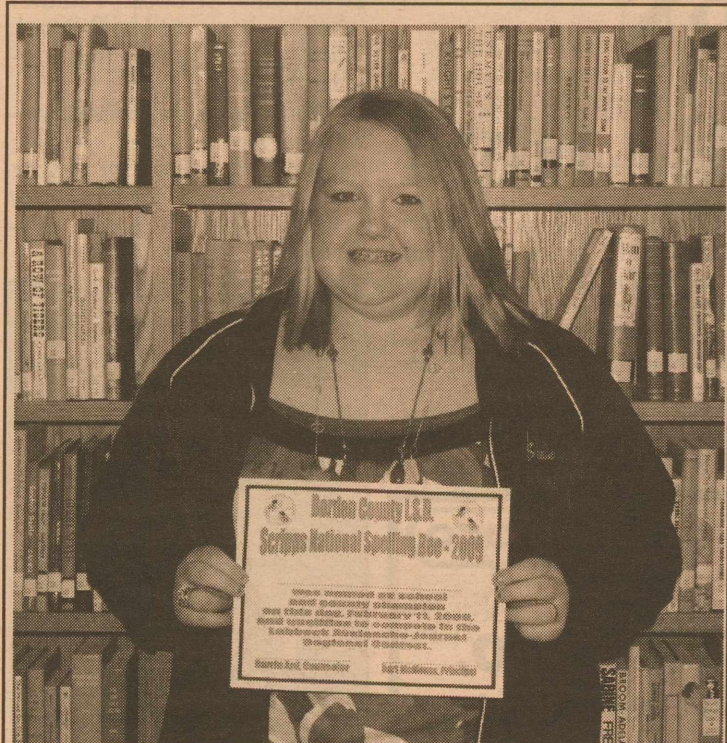
Fifth graders in the contest were Rhaedan Bland, Channing Miller, Colby Pennell, Flint Roberts, & Samuel Raborn.

Frank Banman, Tye Basquez, Sean Tucker, & Cayden Vaughn were sixth graders who participated.

Additional seventh graders participating were Brady Dowds, Taylor Gass, Matthew Ham, & Michael McClain.

Eighth grade was also represented by Shea Burkett & Kylie Voss.

Congratulations, Steelie, and good luck in Lubbock!



Pictured above is Steelie Sanders, winner of the Borden County Spelling Bee. The final word was "feldspar". Steelie is an eighth grader and is the daughter of Martin and LaWanda Sanders of Lamesa.

Spelling Bee Contestants



Coyotes Pluck the J-Birds

By Coach Baeza

The Borden County Coyotes hosted the Jayton Jaybirds on Feb. 13 for a practice game in which the Coyotes did an excellent job of holding off a good Jaybird team 45-33.

This was a low scoring game in the first half as the Jaybirds ran a zone defense that the Coyotes struggled with.

Cold shooting from the outside and with the Coyotes struggling to establish an inside game lead to the Jaybirds have success in the second quarter and to a tie ball game going into half.

The Coyotes however responded in the third quarter with good defense which led to them having a two point lead going into the third quarter.

The Coyotes continued playing excellent defense in the fourth quarter which frustrated the Jaybirds who only scored four points in the fourth. The Coyotes however had four of the five starters contribute

offensively in the fourth which put the Coyotes over the Jaybirds 45-33. Good Job Coyotes!

Scoring for the Coyotes!

Flynn Chapman 13, Brendan Tarleton 9, Michael Cooley 9, Zach Telchik 5, Tony Soto 4, Carlos Hernandez 3, and Karl Lamming 2.

Ladies Advance to Playoffs

By Coach McCook

The Lady Coyotes hosted Sands last Tuesday to see which team would be crowned district champions. The game was tight throughout the first quarter as both teams struggled to settle their nerves, but the remainder of the game belonged to the Coyotes. The girls outscored Sands 23-17 in the second quarter to take a 33-27 halftime lead. And in the third quarter they pulled away to a comfortable sixteen-point lead before coasting to a 62-48 victory and their first district championship in five years. (Due to an infraction, the Lady Coyotes will enter the playoffs as the second place team in District 9)

Taylor Richey led all scorers with 29 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists, 3 steals, and

1 block. Olivia Key had 14 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, and 1 steal. Stefanie Cooley had 9 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals, and 2 blocks. D'Nae Johnson had 5 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals. Bailey Anderson had 3 points, 4 rebounds, 1 steal, and 2 blocks. Krystal Hobson had 2 points, 8 rebounds, 1 assist, and 2 steals. And Krista Tarleton had 1 assist to go with her much needed contribution on the defensive side. With this win the Lady Coyotes improve their season record to 24-8 and 8-2 in district play.

We are very proud of you, girls. Your hard work and dedication inspire us all to be better human beings. Good luck in the playoffs!

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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

A Visit To Granny's Nut House

I met Hesta Faye Bobbitt in Crockett some years ago when I interviewed her about her collection of elephants. When the movie *Dumbo* came out, she bought a small replica of the mammal at a variety store. That was the first of many hundreds of decorative elephants spread on shelves and tabletops throughout her house. She is still collecting them.

Through her son Charlie I made contact with Hesta Faye again to visit with her about her pecan business. It's called Granny's Nut House. "I'm the chief nut," she says.

Hurricane Ike took all her pecans she had planned to sell this season, but some kinfolks brought her a big batch of pecans from Alabama. She has had her business for more than twenty years.

"During the first couple of years we had this place the trees were loaded with pecans and we didn't even bother to pick them up. We didn't realize what we had. A good friend had this cracker which is old as Methuselah. He said why don't you take this machine and make you some extra money. I used it for a long time, then bought another one even older than that first one. It's older than I am. Charlie knows how to work on them and keeps them in good shape."

Hesta Faye's customers come from all over East Texas and sometimes they bring her their own pecans for her to

shell.

First, you pick the pecans up and put them on racks and let 'em dry," she says. "You can't crack a wet pecan. Then you pour them into the cracker and turn the machine on. They fall into a container, then they're ready for you to get the meat out of the shell. If you let them set for about a day, then it's twice as easy to pick the nut out of that shell. But your pecans have to be dry and free of leaves and limbs and what have you. Every once in awhile I come up with a rock that somebody has dropped in by accident. They pick them up with picker-uppers and they pick up trash along with the pecans." Hesta Faye does some shelling herself and sells pecans by the pound.

"I shell the pecans at night. I listen to the TV and shell pecans. Sometime I have a lot, sometimes not many. It depends on the weather as to how many you get. They fall to the ground and are picked up by hand. I bought a sweeper and thought I was going to get smart and pick them up with that sweeper. It didn't work. It picked up too much trash." She has a sure way of keeping crows out of her pecan trees.

"My neighbor kills crows for me and I put a string on them and hang them in my trees where the other crows can see them. They don't bother my trees, but they'll strip the ones across the street."

Non Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program Requirements

Producers May Apply for Crops Not Covered by Federal Crop Insurance

(POST, TX) - Feb. 12, 2009 - Victor Ashley, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Garza-Borden County reminds agricultural producers of the need for insurance coverage for crops in order to be eligible for the agency's Disaster Assistance Programs. Application closing date for coverage on forage sorghum, peas, sunflowers, millet, and pecans is March 16, 2009.

Producers must purchase at least catastrophic (CAT) level of insurance for all insurable crops and/or FSA's Noninsured Crop Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for non-insurable crops to be eligible for the USDA Farm Service Agency Disaster Assis-

tance Programs.

"Crop insurance is an important risk management tool for farmers, but it's not available for all crops. That's why NAP is so important," said Ashley.

NAP is a federally funded program that provides coverage to producers for non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occurs due to natural disasters.

Crops eligible for NAP coverage are those for which crop insurance is not available, including but not limited to fruits and vegetables, aquaculture, pecans, turf grass and forage crops.

However, crops that FCIC deems as ineligible due to practice or yield are not covered by NAP.

"Producers must apply for coverage before a disaster strikes," said Ashley. "Like regular crop insurance, once an application period closes, the opportunity to obtain coverage is gone."

NAP applications for coverage must be filed using Form CCC-471 and service fees must be paid by the sales closing date. Application sales closing dates vary by crop.

For county and crop-specific information, please contact the Garza-Borden County FSA office at 806-495-2801.



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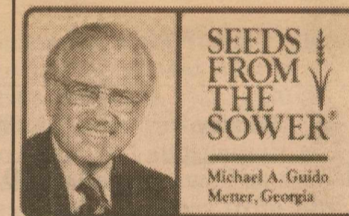
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An American doctor was making a visit to a hospital in London. As the staff was showing him around, he became interested in their system of abbreviation.

S.F. stood for scarlet fever. T.B. stood for tuberculosis. But he was puzzled by the letters GOK.

"What do they mean?" he asked.

"When we don't know what's wrong with a patient," they said, "we write GOK. That means God Only Knows."

So many things puzzle us. We don't know what to do. There's an epidemic of GOK.

But the Bible says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, and it will be given to him."

STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF BORDEN)

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 13th day of January, 2009 by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

County Judge
Van L. York

ATTEST:

County Clerk

-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer

If American families are tightening their belts, their government should as well

Last week, I voted against the so-called stimulus bill because I questioned much of the spending in this legislation. I believe a stimulus package should be about spurring growth and preserving long-term job creation, not increasing the national debt and placing more burdens on hard-working families. So do hundreds of you who called and emailed me to express your opposition to this massive spending bill.

We all agree that Americans are hurting. I understand many people in the 19th District are anxious about their jobs, the cost of their mortgage and put-

ting food on the table. Now more than ever, families and employers need their leaders in Washington to work together to create a plan that will help support long-term job creation and strengthen our economy. I believe a plan that included broad tax relief for families and employers would do far more to support than the economy than this spending package, and many economists agree.

Instead, the Majority decided to once again pull out the Congressional credit card, expand our national debt and further leverage our children and grandchildren's future. I believe the people of the West Texas and the Big Country deserved a better plan from the federal government than more

borrowing, spending and debt.

Since this \$787 billion bill is set to become law with President Obama's signature expected tomorrow, Congress must take renewed responsibility for ensuring money is not wasted. Billions of dollars will be allocated to states and through federal programs for roads, water infrastructure and other projects. As agencies and states decide how to use this money, they must be fully accountable to the taxpayers. While I did not support this new spending we can't afford, I will do all I can to make sure it is not used irresponsibly.

Celebrating Black History Month

In February, we recognize the many contributions and influences of the African Americans. We remember such brave men and women as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Frederick Douglass, Harriet

Tubman and Rosa Parks. Their contributions to society have played an integral part in our country's history. This Black History Month, we also recognize the historic inauguration of Barack Obama, the first African American president.

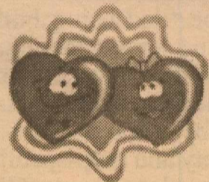
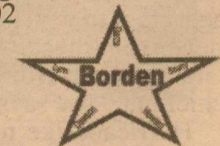
Black History Week, the precursor to Black History Month, was originally started in 1926 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson. The "Father of Black History" helped lay the foundation for the way Americans' view the positive contributions of African Americans to our society.

In honor of Black History Month, I have donated copies of Black Americans in Congress to schools in Lubbock and Abilene. My hope is that these books remind children to recognize the great sacrifices those before them made so that we may all pursue the American dream.

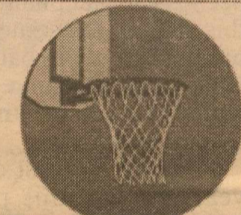
YouTube and Facebook

In an effort to update the constituents of the 19th Congressional District and keep them informed of my actions in Washington, I have created my own YouTube and Facebook pages. Please visit both sites as a way to learn more about what I am doing in Washington on your behalf. For example, you can watch a video I recorded last Friday following the House vote on the economic package here.

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 4005.



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

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 th -8 th) 4-H Meeting in Conference Room 12:30-1 * BB vs. Sands Here 4:00 gGB SAT Registration Deadline for March 14 th 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: Wylie 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 & Debats) FFA San Angelo Stock Show CDE Baseball vs. Hermleigh @ Moffett Field, Snyder 4:00