

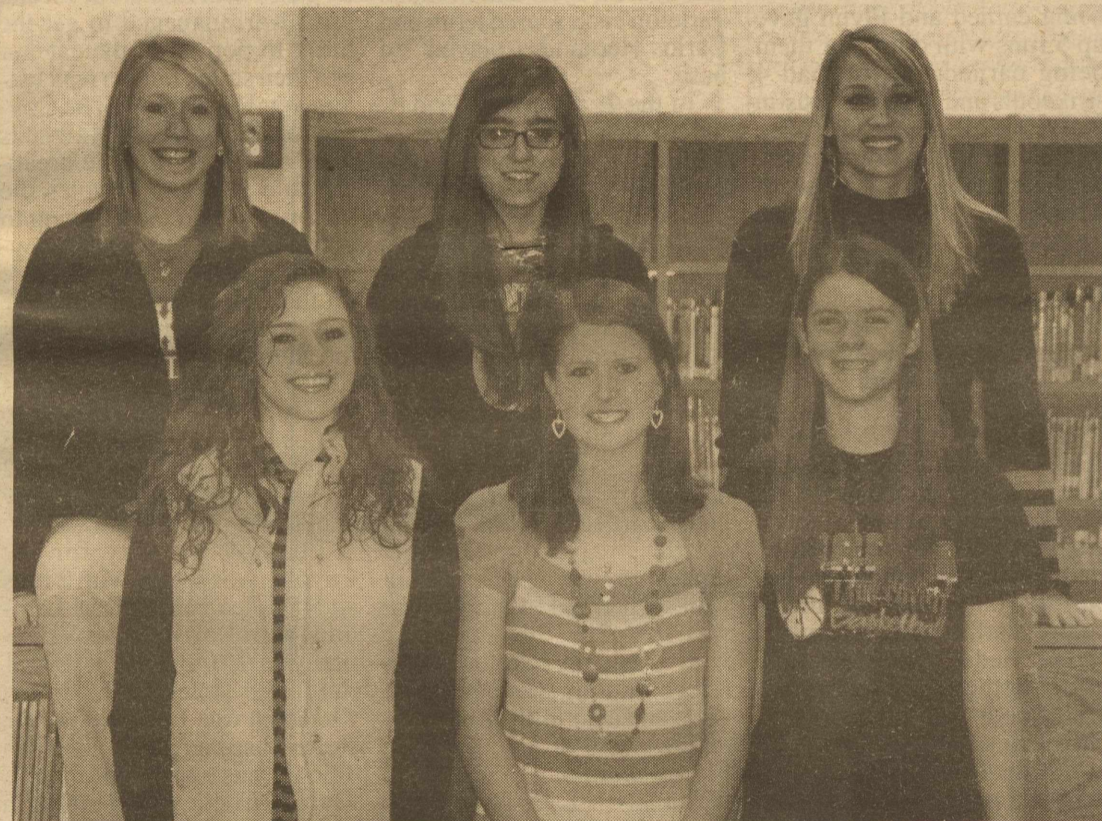
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All-District Honors



Lady Coyotes receiving All-District Honors are (top left to right) Olivia Key, D'Nae Johnson, Krystal Hobson, (bottom left to right) Taylor Richey, Stefanie Cooley and Bailey Anderson.

Borden County Lady Coyotes Receive All-District Honors

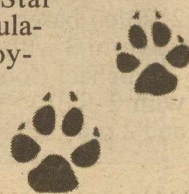
Several Lady Coyote basketball players were named to the Class 1A, Division II, District 9 All-District list.

Sophomore, Taylor Richey was named as MVP while Stefanie Cooley, a freshman, received Newcomer of the Year.

Making the All-District list was Krystal Hobson, a senior at Borden County as well as junior, Olivia Key.

Honorable Mention went to, sophomore, Bailey Anderson and D'Nae Johnson, a junior. Krystal Hobson also was

named as an alternate to the District All-Star team. Congratulations Lady Coyotes!



Upland Cotton Average Price Received by Growers

By Shawn Wade



Cumulative Upland cotton marketings for the first half of the 2008-marketing year totaled 5.425 million bales according to information released February 27, 2009 by the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

That figure is 2.505 million bales below the 7.93 million bales marketed through the same period for the 2007-crop. The January sales numbers reflect a significant uptick in market activity and may eventually help reduce the lag in total marketings.

Based on recent export sales reports the increase in January sales activity will carry forward at least another month and boost the February numbers once they are released.

The big question surrounding the recent jump in sales is whether or not the increased sales activity is a result of increased demand or simply a reaction to recent price declines. Conventional wisdom says the surge in sales is a response to the lower prices to fill immediate needs and not

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SPRING BREAK
MARCH 16 - 20
CLASSES WILL RESUME
MONDAY MARCH 23RD


2009 Coyote Baseball Season Underway

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Baseball season got underway as the Coyotes played host to the Hermleigh Cardinals at Moffett field in Snyder on Saturday, February 28th.

The Coyotes blasted the Cardinals in both games outscoring the visitors 12 to 1 in game one and then following that with a 19 to 4 convincing win in game two.

New comer Zach Telchik pitched two strong innings in game one to come away with the victory. Zach had 4 strikeouts and only 1 walk while giving up no runs.

Flynn Chapman pitched an inning as well giving up an unearned run while striking out the side and allowing one walk. Miles Valentine also pitched in the game giving no runs while striking out 3 cardinals. Karl Lamming was 2 for 2 with a triple 3 stolen bases and 2 runs. Austin Fields had 1 run, and 2 stolen bases. Miles Valentine was 1 of 3 with a run and 2 RBI's. Flynn Chapman was 2 for 2 with 3 RBI's and 2 runs. Zach Telchik was 2 of 3 with 2 runs, 2 RBI's and 2 stolen bases, Michael Cooley was 2 for 2 with 2 RBI's 3 stolen bases and 3 runs. Collin Telchik was 2 for 2 with 2 RBI's and 1 run.

Brendan Tarleton was 0 for 1, Kobie Benham was 0 for 2 and Austin Tyler was 0 for 1.

In Game two, Karl Lamming got the win with two solid innings, striking out 2 and walking none and allowing no runs. Kobie Benham pitched one inning with 1 strikeout. Collin Telchik pitched an inning with 2 strikeouts and Austin Fields and Austin Tyler each combined for 2 innings, with Fields getting a strikeout and 2 unearned runs and Tyler getting a strikeout and 2 earned runs.

Hitting for the Coyotes was Fields going 2 for 3 with 2 runs, 2 stolen bases and 2 RBI's. Karl Lamming was 2

for 3 with 2 RBI's and 2 runs. Miles Valentine was 2 for 2 with an inside the park homerun and 2 RBI's. Flynn Chapman was 2 for 2 with 3 RBI's, 3 runs. Michael Cooley was 4 for 4 with 2 RBI's, 4 stolen Bases and 2 runs. Collin Telchik was 2 for 4 with 4 RBI's.

Brendan was 0 for 2, Kobie was 0 for 4 and Austin Tyler was 1 for 3 with a run.

The following Monday, these two teams met again at WTC in Snyder with Hermleigh representing the home team, but the results did not change as the Coyotes behind two strong innings from Flynn Chapman outscored the Cardinals 22 to 4.

Flynn had 4 strikeouts and a walk. Also Pitching was Zach with a strikeout while allowing 2 runs. Miles also gave up 2 runs before Karl got the final 4 outs of the game on only 7 pitches. Austin Fields was 1 of 2 with 4 runs and 2 RBI's and 3 stolen bases. Karl Lamming was 2 of 3 with 3 runs, 2 RBI's a triple and 2 stolen bases. Miles Valentine was 2 of 3 with 3 runs, 3 RBI's, 2 stolen bases. Flynn Chapman was 2 for 3 with 4 RBI's and 2 stolen bases. Zach Telchik was 2 of 3 with 2 RBI's 2 stolen bases and 2 doubles. Michael Cooley was 3 of 4 with 3 stolen bases, 2 RBI's and 3 runs. Collin Telchik was 1 of 2 with 2 RBI's and Clay Harding was 3 of 4 with 2 RBI's and 2 stolen bases and 3 runs. Austin Tyler was 0 of 1 with a run and Carlos Hernandez played 2nd and 3rd base.

The Coyotes traveled to Hamlin to take part in the Hamlin Rockfield Classic.

The Coyote finished 3 and 2 with a forfeit victory over Roby, but the Coyotes got off to a disappointing start as they let a 4 to 1 lead slip away only to fall behind 8 to 4 before tying the contest and an unfortunate passed ball resulted in a

run for the Rotan Yellowhammers to give them a 9 to 8 victory over the Coyotes. Flynn Chapman took over for Kobie Benham who pitched 1 2/3 strong innings. It looked as if Flynn was going to get out of a bases loaded jam in the 2nd inning that would keep the Coyotes ahead 4 to 2, but a dropped fly ball in the outfield resulted in two unearned runs scoring to tie the game.

Flynn pitched the final two innings which the game only reached the 4th inning due to the time limit. Kobie gave up 4 runs with only one of them being earned and Flynn gave up 5 runs with only 2 of them being earned. Flynn had 4 strikeouts and 2 walks. Austin Fields was 2 of 2 at the plate with 2 runs and 2 stolen bases. Karl Lamming was 2 of 3 with 2 runs. Miles Valentine was 1 of 3 with 2 RBI's. Flynn Chapman was 2 of 3 with 2 RBI's and his first ever over the fence home run. Zach was 1 of 3 and Michael Cooley was 1 of 2 with a run and 2 stolen bases.

In game two of the tourney, the Coyotes played Menard. The Coyotes jumped out to a 5 to 0 lead only to see Menard answer with 2 runs off of starter Miles Valentine who got only two outs in the first inning before Karl Lamming came in and pitched 2 1/3 scoreless innings for the victory. Karl had 4 strikeouts while giving up only 2 hits. Miles came back in the final inning the 4th inning and pitched great getting two strikeouts in the inning to close out the 14 to 2 victory for the Coyotes.

Leading the way at the plate was Austin Fields going 3 of 4 with 4 stolen bases and 3 runs. Karl Lamming 2 of 4 with 2 stolen bases and a run. Miles Valentine 1 of 4 with an RBI and a run. Flynn Chapman was 2 of 2 with his second homerun of the tourney and his career, 3 RBI's and 2 runs and 2 stolen bases. Zach Telchik was 1 of 3 with an RBI.

Michael Cooley was 1 of 2 with 2 RBI's, 3 stolen bases and 2 runs. Clay Harding was

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Location	Scores
Feb. 16 th	Monday	Scrimmage:	TBA		
Feb. 19 th	Thursday	Scrimmage: Rotan	TBA	Rotan	
Feb. 24 th	Tuesday	Open	TBA		
Feb. 28 th	Saturday	Hermleigh	12:00	Snyder (Moffett)	
March 2 nd	Monday	Hermleigh	3:33	Snyder (WTC)	
March 5 th - 7 th	Thurs. - Sat.	Tourney @ Hamlin	TBA	Hamlin	
				Hamlin	
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				Hamlin	
March 10 th	Tuesday	Anson	6:00	Anson	
March 13 th - 15 th	Thurs. - Sat.	Possible Tourney @ Plains	TBA	TBA	
March 16 th	Monday	Open	TBA	TBA	
March 20 th	Friday	Albany	TBA	Snyder (Moffett)	
*March 23 rd	Monday	Ralls	5:00	Ralls	
*March 28 th	Saturday	O'Donnell	12:00	Snyder (Moffett)	
March 31 st	Tuesday	Forsan JV	5:00	Snyder (Moffett)	
April 3 rd	Friday	Nazereth	6:30	Shallowater	
*April 6 th	Monday	Crosbyton	5:00	Snyder (Moffett)	
*April 10 th	Friday	Ralls	5:00	Snyder (Moffett)	
*April 14 th	Tuesday	O'Donnell	5:00	O'Donnell	
*April 18 th	Saturday	Tahoka (double Header)	12:00	Tahoka (DH)	
April 21 st	Tuesday	Lockney Varsity (tentative)	5:00	Lockney	
*April 25 th	Saturday	Crosbyton	4:30	Crosbyton	
April 27 th - 28 th	Mon-Tues.	Rain out dates			
Apr. 30-May 1 st	Thurs-Sat.	Tie Breaker Date			

* - District Game

2 of 2 with 2 RBI's 2 runs and a stolen base. Collin Telchik was 2 of 2 with 1 RBI and a run. Austin Tyler and Brendan Tarleton each scored a run and Carlos Hernandez played 3rd base.

In the 2nd game of Friday, the coyotes had a tough time with Albany as the Coyotes could not find the strike zone. Miles Valentine took the loss as he pitched 1 plus innings give up 7 walks with 1 strikeout, 10 runs with 7 of those being unearned. Karl Lamming pitched 2 innings giving up 2 runs with 1 strikeout and 1 more walk. Zach Telchik pitched a 1/3 of an inning giving up 5 runs on 4 walks, with 3 of those runs being earned. Collin Telchik got the final two outs of the contest giving up 2 runs on a walk. The final in this contest was 18 to 2. Fields was 2 of 2 with a run and 2 stolen bases. Karl Lamming was 1 of 2 with a run and a double. Miles Valentine was 0 of 1 with a RBI. Flynn Chapman was 1 of 2 with an RBI. Zach Telchik was 1 of 2, Clay Harding was 1 of 2.

The Coyotes got a forfeited victory over Roby, who had to pull out of the tourney to follow their girls to the state basketball tourney. But the coyotes got a victory on the field on Saturday as well behind 3 strong innings from Flynn Chapman. Flynn gave up 1 earned run and 2 total runs on 5 strikeouts and 3 walks. Collin Telchik pitched well trying to hold the 5 to 2 lead the Coyotes while pitching 1 1/3 strong innings before a couple of errors put the Coy-

otes in a tough spot, in fact Karl Lamming was forced to enter the game with a 2-0 count in a tie game with runners at 1st and 3rd. Karl managed to get the hitter to pop up to the catcher and then struck out the next batter to end the inning. The Coyotes and Winters Blizzards were tied at 5, but a tie breaking rule gave the Coyotes the victory without even having to take their final at bat. The Coyotes did however try to score on their own but did not have any success, so the Coyotes got the victory on the tie breaker rule based on the number of base runners the Coyotes got to 3rd base, so they got a 6 to 5 victory in the end and a 3 and 2 finish in the Hamlin tourney and a fifth place finish.

Leading the way for the Coyotes was Fields with 2 runs and 4 stolen bases. Karl Lamming was 1 of 3. Miles Valentine was 1 of 3 with 1 RBI, 1 run and a stolen base. Flynn Chapman was 1 of 3 with a run, stolen base and a double. Zach Telchik was 0 of 2 with an RBI. Michael Cooley was 1 of 3 with 1 RBI, 2 stolen bases and a double. Clay Harding was 2 of 2 with 1 RBI, and a double. Collin Telchik was 1 of 2.

The Coyotes are now 6 wins and 2 losses on a season that is just a little over a week old.

The Coyotes will next travel to Anson to take on the Tigers on Tuesday and then play host to Lubbock High JV at Moffett field on Saturday at 12:00 noon. Good job guys and a great start to the 2009 baseball season.



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FFA This Week

By Jacie Eveland

Four years ago, Mr. Wallace bought a banana tree as a house plant to give the Gail FFA greenhouse a little character. After the tree was brought back to its new home in the greenhouse, the students in the horticulture class at this time transplanted it into a fifty gallon trashcan. Several years have passed and last year was the very first year the tree put on bananas. The original banana tree became root bound and died off. In its place the two new trees grew. In the pro-

cess of growing, it pollinated the two new trees in the same soil.

This past week in the horticulture class the juniors had the privilege of transplanting our famous banana trees to keep them growing. The class put sand in the bottom of the new aluminum tank then leaded it full of fresh soil. The tree should begin to grow more and more every year. We are the only greenhouse in the area with a fresh banana crop.

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Way to go Coyotes!

Are You Smarter Than a Russian Fifth Grader?



Borden High School's World Geography class held a "Are You Smarter Than a Russian Fifth Grader?" classroom contest to introduce the upcoming unit of study over Russia. The guys defeated the girls by a score of 10-8. Pictured (left to right) are juniors Karl Lamming, Eric Espinoza, Skyler Williamson, Brendan Tarleton, Drew Tyler, Michael Cooley, Flynn Chapman and Michael Porter.



Coyote JH Run Wild in Grady!

By Coach Baeza

The Coyote JH boys traveled to Grady on March 5 and dominated the field as they took first place in the team standings. The Coyotes also set five meet records which is a great accomplishment. Here are the results of the meet.

2400 Meter Run: Zach McMeans-10:32.37 (6th), Jared Smith-11:27.34.

400 Meter Relay: 56.10-Matthew Ham, Brady Bybee, Kurt Shafer, T.J. Basquez.

110 Meter Hurdles: (Meet Record) Tanner Richey-17.52 (1st), Kurt Shafer-21.12.

100 Meter Dash: T.J. Basquez-13.09, Matthew Ham-14.57.

800 Meter Relay: (Meet Record) 1:45.26 (1st) Steven Howard, Austin Cope, T.J. Basquez, Tanner Richey.

400 Meter Dash: Brady Bybee-67.81, Matthew Proulx-75.93.

300 Meter Hurdles: (Meet Record) Austin Cope-46.87 (1st), Kurt Shafer-57.20.

200 Meter Dash: Steven Howard-26.24, Matthew Ham-31.92, Tristin Benavidez-

33.76.

1600 Meter Run: Zach McMeans-7:55.26 (5th), Jared Smith-8:19.76.

1600 Meter Relay: (Meet Record) (1st) 4:01.68 Steven Howard, Austin Cope, Riley Smith, Tanner Richey.

Shot: T.J. Basquez-37'10" (1st), Matthew Roberson-36'2" (3rd), Tristin Benavidez-no mark.

Discus: Matthew Roberson-115' (2nd), Tristin Benavidez-no mark.

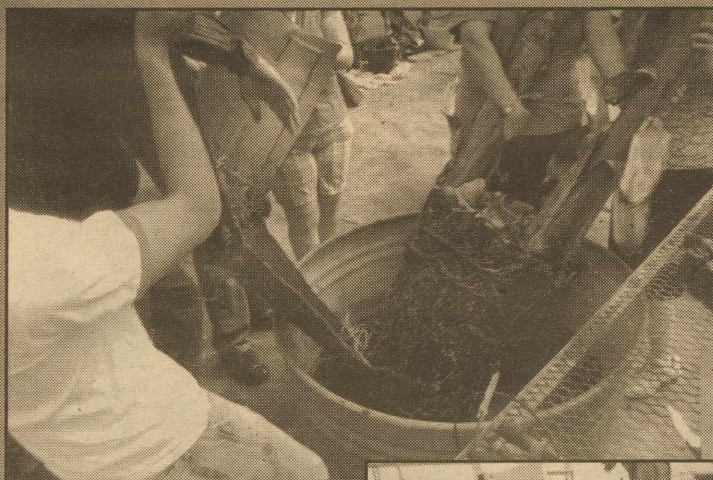
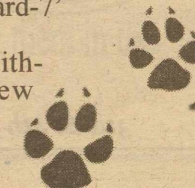
Long Jump: Austin Cope-16'9.5" (2nd), T.J. Basquez-15'8", Matthew Ham-13'7.75".

Triple Jump: Steven Howard-31'4" (2nd), Jared Smith-27'8".

High Jump: Tanner Richey-5'8" (1st), Austin Cope-5'2" (2nd), Riley Smith-4'10".

Pole Vault: (Meet Record) Tanner Richey-10' (1st), Steven Howard-7'

(5th), Jared Smith-7', Matthew Proulx-6'5".



(Left) Gail FFA students remove a root bound banana tree from its original container in order to transplant it to its new home.

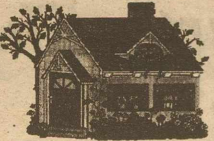


(Right) Horticulture student, Michael Porter, pours soil into a large container that will be the new home of the greenhouses' banana tree.

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Heart and Home ...

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



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Tips on Budgeting

You may not get your budget right the first time, but keep at it. Here are some helpful tips for making a budget.

* *Pay yourself first.* Make your savings a regular bill. Pay it first and then plan to meet your other expenses with what is left.

* *Making budgeting a family affair.* Making your budget work will take the help of everyone in your family. Explain what you are doing and how each member can help.

* *Plan for big expenses.* For example, set aside a small amount for holiday gift giving each month. That way, you will avoid overspending - or overcharging - when the holi-

days arrive.

* *Be flexible.* Be prepared to change your budget when needed. For example, plan what to do if you have to pay for a sudden car repair.

* *Use unexpected money wisely.* Use raises, extra money, etc. to get ahead on your financial plan or invest in a necessary purchase. For example, put the extra income from a raise into savings - you have lived without it before.

* *Do not forget to budget "fun" money.* You do not have to deny yourself every pleasure to manage your money well. Just be sure the spending is part of your plan.

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Booster Club Meeting

**The Borden County Booster Club
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Borden County ISD Board Meeting February 16, 2009

Regular Board Meeting February 16, 2009

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. in the Borden County I.S.D. Board Room. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, and Dennis Poole. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas, James Hicks, John Abbott and Richard Constancio were also present. Mike Valentine was absent.

1. The meeting was called to order by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. Representatives from Shiver Megert Associates and Wiley Hicks Jr. Inc presented several options pertaining to a potential building project.

4. Possibilities pertaining to potential land purchases and/or acquisitions were discussed.

5. A motion was made Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2009, January 29, 2009, and February 5, 2009 meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Joe Harding and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the February 2009 bills. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to set the regular meeting for 7:00 P.M. on March 9, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Dennis Poole to extend the contract of Principal, Bart McMeans through June 30, 2011, and to increase his salary by a total amount of \$2,640. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Dennis Poole to Approve the 2009-2010 school calendar as recommended and to make modifications pertaining to activities allowed during the Christmas Holidays as follows: (the option to play a home basketball game with Wink on

December 18, 2009, no practices or games from December 19, 2009 until December 31, 2009, practices will be allowed on December 31 as long as they conclude prior to 5:00 P.M., a total of one game will be allowed on January 1 or January 2, 2009, or one tournament will be allowed on January 1, and January 2 of 2009 as long as the scheduled games do not exceed U.I.L. allowable contests) The motion carried unanimously.

10. Mr. Thomas gave a year to date financial report, gave a personnel report, reported that 203 students were enrolled as of February 12, 2009, gave a construction report on the three school houses that are being built, and reported a violation of Section 29 of the U.I.L. Constitution and the Penalty Assessment. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joel Dennis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Special Board Meeting March 3, 2009

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas met in special session at 6:00 P.M. in the Borden County I.S.D. Board Room. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole, and Mike Valentine. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas, Principal Bart McMeans, Ross Sharp, John Abbott, Richard Constancio, James Hicks, and Jason Alstead were also present.

1. The meeting was called to order by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve a senior trip for the class of 2009 to travel to New York. The motion carried unanimously.

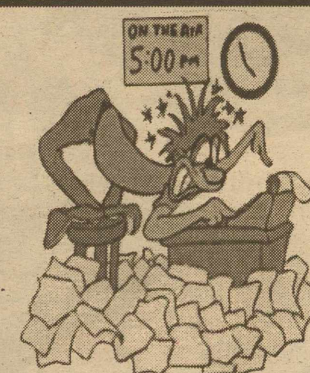
4. A discussion pertaining to

the acquisition, purchase and/or exchange of real property was conducted. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the purchase of 158.8 acres of land according to legal survey documentation from Kayla Moreland at a price of \$500 per acre. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Representatives from Shiver Megert And Associates and Wiley Hicks Inc. presented a slide-show of previous school projects and current school projects, discussed a potential building project, and discussed possible costs of the project to be associated with a potential bond election.

6. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joel Dennis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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USDA Celebrates National Ag Day

(POST, TX) – March 6, 2009- American agriculture is responsible for providing the necessities of everyday life ... food, fiber, and even fuel. That's the message of National Ag Day, which is celebrated March 20, 2009. According to Victor Ashley, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Garza-Borden County, producers, agricultural associations, corporations, universities, government agencies and countless others across America will gather to celebrate the abundance provided by agriculture on this first day of spring.

"The National Ag Day program is committed to increasing public awareness about American agriculture," said Ashley. "As the world population soars, there is even greater demand for the food, fiber and renewable resources that the United States produces."

The Agriculture Council of America, organizers of National Ag Day, says that every American should understand how food, fiber and renewable resource products are produced and should value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy. Con-

sumers should appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products. National Ag Day will focus on educating Americans about the industry, so they may also acknowledge and consider career opportunities in the agriculture, food, fiber and renewable resource industry.

"Today's farmer feeds more than 130 people in the United States and abroad," said Ashley. "In 1960, that number was 25. Today, more than 15 percent of the U.S. population is employed in farm or farm-related jobs."

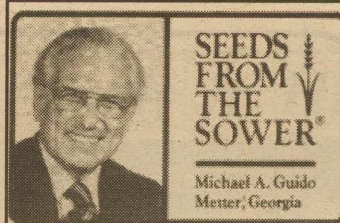
Each year, the National Ag Day program gathers members of the agricultural industry in an effort to promote American agriculture. Focused on sharing how agriculture provides almost everything we eat, use and wear on a daily basis, the National Ag Day program helps educate millions of consumers each year. Join this effort to promote American agriculture to everyone during National Ag Week, March 15-21, 2009. For more information contact your local USDA Service Center or the Agriculture Council of America.

Garza-Borden County FSA Committee



Ronnie Graves (second from right) receives a certificate of election to the Garza-Borden County FSA Committee. Also shown with Mr. Graves are the current members of the committee: (left to right) Jerry Thuett, Chairman; Brian Briley, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Graves; and Marsha Norman, Advisor.

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SEEDS FROM THE SOWER

Michael A. Guido
Metter, Georgia

A little girl broke a treasured vase and cried, "Oh, mom, I'm sorry. Please forgive me."

"I know you're sorry," said the mother. "I forgive you. Don't cry anymore."

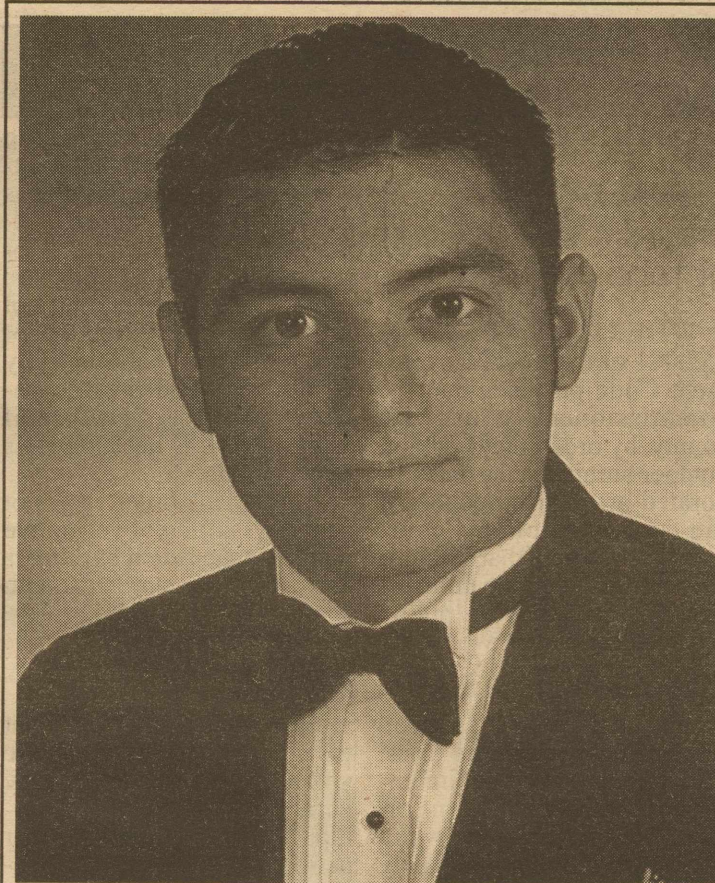
Sweeping up the pieces, the mother threw them into the waste basket.

But the little girl picked them up and came sobbing, "Mom, I'm so very, very sorry!"

"Destroy those pieces," said the mother. "I forgive you. Don't cry anymore."

As with the mother, so with our heavenly Father. Guilt is removed with confession and cleansing.

The Bible says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."



Derek Rodriguez

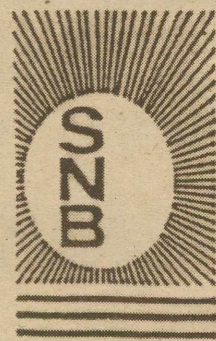
UTPB Announces Dean's List

The University of Texas at the Permian Basin takes pleasure in announcing that Derek Rodriguez has been named to the Dean's List as a result of scholastic achievement. This recognition is accorded to those students who have attained a grade point average of

at least 3.5 during the Fall 2008 semester.

Derek is currently a Junior with a major in Accounting. Derek is a 2005 Borden County High School graduate and is the son of Delfino and Mary Ann Rodriguez

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COUNTY OF DAWSON

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ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, Section 352.081 of the Local Government Code provides that the commissioner's court of a county, by order, may prohibit outdoor burning in the unincorporated area of the county if the commissioner's court makes a finding that circumstances present in the unincorporated area create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and,

WHEREAS, the Dawson County Commissioners Court does hereby find that circumstances presenting the unincorporated areas of Dawson County create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by certain outdoor burning; and,

BE IT THEREFORE ORDERED that the following emergency regulations are hereby established for portions of the unincorporated areas of Dawson County, Texas that are not subject to public ownership or control for the duration of the above mentioned declaration:

(1) Actions Prohibited:

Except as described hereinafter, a person violates this order if he ignites, or causes

ignites, or causes ignition of any combustible or vegetative material outside of an enclosure which serves to contain all flames and/or sparks, or orders such burning or ignition by others.

(2) Enforcement:

(a) Under notification of suspected outdoor burning, the fire department shall respond to the scene and take immediate measures to contain and to extinguish the fire.

(b) If requested by a fire official, a duly-commissioned peace officer, when available, shall be sent to the scene to investigate the nature of the fire.

(c) In accordance with Section 352.081 of the Local Government Code, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine up to \$500.00.

(3) If the responding peace officer finds that the person responsible for the fire is in violation of (1) above, a citation shall be issued for: Violation of Burn Ban Order.

(4) This order shall not apply to the outdoor burning of vegetative material caused by welding or by other causes relating to the act of welding, if such burning is not malicious or intentional.

(5) This order shall not apply to burning of vegetative material when such burning is performed in accordance with appropriate safety and protective measures, and is submitted and approved by the City of Lamesa Fire Department.

Be it also ORDERED that the purpose of this order is the mitigation of the public safety hazard posed by wildfires during the current dry weather period by curtailing the practice of outdoor burning, which purpose is to be taken into account in any enforcement action based upon this order.

This order prohibiting outdoor burning shall remain in effect until April 30, 2009 at 12 o'clock noon, and shall expire at that time or upon the date the Dawson County Commissioner's Court, by order, determines that the circumstances present in the Dawson unincorporated areas of Dawson County no longer create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning, whichever occurs earlier.

ORDERED THIS 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2009.

DAWSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT

Sam Selah, County Judge
Ricky Minjarez, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Gilbert Tejada, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Nicky Goode, Commissioner, Pct. 3

Foy O'Brien, Commissioner, Pct. 4

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Texas Stories

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Hunting Wild Hogs With a Knife

I went to the high school in Rochelle to interview a fifteen-year-old student named Ty Shackelford. Someone told me he goes hog hunting at night with only a flashlight and a knife. I had a super visit with him. He says he's been hunting since he was wearing diapers and boots.

"I'd stand by the tank in my diapers and boots and shoot birds with a twenty-two. I'd take one bullet and come back with four birds. My parents would ask me how I took them and I told them I didn't know. I just knew I had four birds and I was happy."

He was three years old then. He killed his first deer when he was four. Now about those hog hunts:

"I just get my dogs, put them in the truck. When they see something, I let them out and they run after a hog. Then I go up there with my flashlight and my knife, jump on the hog's back and stab it."

I told him that most people hunt hogs with a gun. "My daddy told me to stop using a gun. Too much lead in the hog when I bring it home." Ty stabs the hog behind the shoulder with an eight-inch knife.

"His head is too hard. I had one run off with my knife one time, so I stopped stabbing them in the head."

Once a hog ran away with

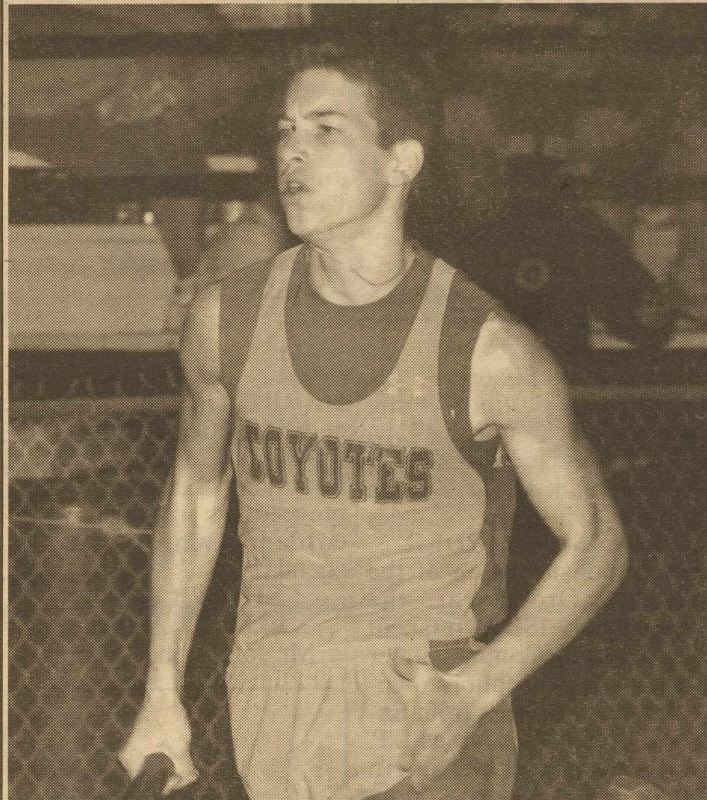
Ty on its back. He bumped his head on a low limb. Most of the time Ty hunts by himself. He has never lost a dog and has never been hit by a hog's tusk. He has killed more than 400 hogs. Only three of them got away. He's been hunting hogs for years.

"I started taking up my dogs and stabbing hogs when I was nine. The first one I got was around a hundred pounds. I stabbed it with a knife no bigger than your hand. The ones that are under a hundred pounds I either take them home or give them to some of my friends. The ones that get up around 400 pounds I just drag them off. They taste too wild and nasty. I don't eat them."

Ty lives with his family on a 200-acre tract of land. There are no hogs on it because Ty and his dogs cleared them out. "I started calling people and asked them if they had any hogs. When they said yes, I asked them if they'd mind my hunting them. They say 'come on.' I go out there and take care of them. I call those hogs big rats. They tear up fields and fences and eat newborn calves. They got some of ours."

Ty goes hunting every weekend and sometimes during the week. He loves it. When he grows up, he said he wants to get a job that has something to do with wildlife.

Grady Jr. High Track



Tanner Richey (above) along with Borden County teammates Austin Cope, Steven Howard and Riley Smith set a meet record in the 1600 meter relay at the Grady track meet last week.

BC EMS Classes Begin Soon

By Buddy Wallace



Would you like to join in a valuable community service? Do you want the opportunity to obtain medical skills to help your family and community? If so, think about taking the first step to become a Borden County EMS member.

An ECA/EMT-Basic Course will begin March 23. Classes will meet at the Borden County School on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Classes will conclude on June 24.

To get more information about ways you can be a part of Borden County EMS, contact any of the following: Philena Farmer, 806/759-5055; Mike Valentine, 806/759-5045; Buddy Wallace, 806/543-2119 or any EMS member.

The first class will be for anyone interested in joining a rewarding effort.

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Upland Cotton Average Price Received by Growers Through January...

(Continued from Page 1)

indication that a significant increase in cotton demand has occurred.

According to the USDA report, estimated January 2009 marketings totaled 1.849 million bales. The average selling price reported for the month was 46.10 cents per pound. Coincidentally, the January 2009 marketing figure is the exact same bale total reported for January 2008 after final revisions were released by the NASS.

Based on these figures,

the 2008 Upland Cotton Weighted Average Price calculated through January 2009 is 51.65 cents per pound. With the first six months of the marketing year now past, the calculated 2008-crop Weighted Average Price has dipped below the 52-cent Upland cotton Base Loan rate.

The following table shows the average price received each month by farmers and the associated weighted average price based on prices and cumulative marketings

from August 1, 2008 through January 31, 2009.

The 2008 Counter-cyclical payment rate authorized under the 2008 Farm Bill will be based on the 12-month Weighted Average Price Received by growers. For cotton the 12-month Weighted Average Price will reflect price and marketings for the 2008 marketing year. The 2008 cotton marketing year began August 1, 2008 and ends July 31, 2009.

Commissioners Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 24th day of February, 2009, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special 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 HERRIDGE**, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

COUNTY LAND AND FACILITIES

Mr. Jimmy Thomas, Borden County ISD Superintendent, met with the Court. A proposal was made by Borden County ISD for the possible relocation of Borden County Show Barn, Rodeo Arena, Fire Station, and the Trap Range.

BORDEN COUNTY WATER SYSTEM

Mr. Rick Oller, representing Oller Engineering, met with the Court discussing the repairs on the water system. Bids for repairs and painting of the exterior and interior of tank No. 1 as required by TEXQ standards will be opened March 17, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

ROADS

Paul Chevelier and Bobby Pilkington, representatives of Price Construction, met with the Court expressing an interest in Borden County Sealcoat Program.

COURT MINUTES

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of February 10, 2009 were read. A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve said minutes. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SPECIAL COURT SESSION

A Special Meeting of the Commissioners Court will be held March 2, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. for the consideration of the possible relocation of Borden County Show Barn and Rodeo Arena as proposed by the Borden County ISD. Also

for consideration is the transfer of Permanent School Fund to Borden County ISD for proposed building project.

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE

An application for Indigent Health Care was received. After consideration, Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the Application Case No. 1-09. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Voting For: Commissioners Belew, Reyes and Judge York. Voting against: Commissioners Smith and Adcock.

DIVISION ORDER

After consideration of the Division Order for the Borden County ISD Permanent School Fund, Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve Division Order from Endeavor Energy Resources L.P. Estep #1 Lease in Martin County for the Borden County ISD Permanent School Fund and authorize Judge York to sign Order. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

An application for Soil Conservation Construction of fireguards was received from Frank Beaver in Precinct No. 2. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the application at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for a motor grader and \$65.00 per hour for a dozer. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.

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 FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No new items were presented.

ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 10th day of March, 2009.

WHEREAS, On this the 2nd day of March, 2009, the Commissioners' Court of

Borden County, Texas, convened in Special 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 HERRIDGE**, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

SHOWBARN AND RODEO ARENA

Mr. John Abbott, represen-

tative of Shiver and Megert and Associates, and James P. Hicks, representative of Wiley Hicks, Inc., met with the Court to answer questions concerning the relocation of the Borden County Show Barn and the Rodeo Arena as proposed by Borden County ISD. Commissioner Belew made a motion for the relocation of the Show Barn and Rodeo Arena subject to the passage of the School Bond Election and other considerations such as land availability. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

After consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Adcock to NOT transfer the Permanent School fund to Borden County ISD for the building of the proposed

school. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Voting for: Commissioner Smith, Adcock, Reyes and Judge York. Voting against: Commissioner Belew.

VISITORS

Those attending the Meeting were: Eva Doyle, Judy Kingston, Bill Phinizy, Mary John Phinizy, Jimmy Thomas, John Abbott, James P. Hicks, Verna Ogden, Willie Burrus, Sadie Ludecke, and R.D. Lewis.

ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 10th day of March, 2009.

BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2008

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 7,938,780	\$ 116,438	\$ 8,055,218
State Program Revenues	1,744,625	29,632	1,774,257
Federal Program Revenues	39,935	144,938	184,873
Total Revenues	9,723,340	291,008	10,014,348
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
Instruction	1,440,129	157,820	1,597,949
Instructional Resources and Media Services	25,669	-	25,669
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	6,443	1,300	7,743
Instructional Leadership	-	120,015	120,015
School Leadership	144,296	-	144,296
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	16,047	5,055	21,102
Health Services	61,685	-	61,685
Student (Pupil) Transportation	369,787	-	369,787
Food Services	193,697	-	193,697
Extracurricular Activities	293,523	2,364	295,887
General Administration	481,887	2,077	483,964
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	913,365	2,076	915,441
Security and Monitoring Services	3,324	301	3,625
Data Processing Services	82,779	-	82,779
Community Services	55,499	-	55,499
Capital Outlay:			
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	642,249	-	642,249
Intergovernmental:			
Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	3,289,247	-	3,289,247
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	40,764	-	40,764
Other Intergovernmental Charges	59,463	-	59,463
Total Expenditures	8,119,853	291,008	8,410,861
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,603,487	-	1,603,487
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Sale of Real and Personal Property	9,540	-	9,540
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	9,540	-	9,540
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,613,027	-	1,613,027
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	11,723,143	-	11,723,143
Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 13,336,170	\$ -	\$ 13,336,170