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Coyotes Pull Together to Beat Buena Vista After Scare

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes found themselves in uncharted waters Friday as they not only found themselves behind early, but because of their inability to get the Buena Vista Longhorns off of the field offensively, found themselves behind at half for the first time in 2 years.

The Coyotes looked as if the long bus ride to Imperial gave them a little bus lag, as they gave up a touchdown to the Longhorns on their kick-off return to fall behind early 6 to 0. To combat that, the Coyotes showed the same signs of lack of focus on offense as they fumbled on back to back plays, the 2nd resulting in a turnover. The home town Longhorns wasted little time converting as they covered 25 yards in 2 plays to push their lead to 14 to 0. This marked the largest deficit in two years.

The Coyote offense finally managed a score on their next possession, but a failed extra-point attempt kept the Coyotes behind by 8 at 14 to 6. The Longhorns then put together a nice drive down the field using up most of the quarter to push their lead to 21 to 6.

The Coyotes again wasted very little time answering as Cooley busted loose on a long run for the score, Chapman's extra point cut the deficit to 21 to 14. The Coyotes finally began to stiffen defensively, but

not before the home town Longhorns would take time off of the clock.

The Coyotes got the ball back after a nice 3 and out, but were forced to punt after a bad snap and a penalty forced the Coyotes into a 4th and 20 at their own 10 yard line. After forcing a punt, the Coyotes took over in great field position and a nice Valentine to Chapman pass closed the gap to 21 to 20 with 1:35 left in the half. The Coyotes were hoping for force a 3 and out and get the offense on the field again, but a big 3rd down play for the Longhorns turned the momentum back in their favor and forced the Coyotes to come up with a goal line stand to end the half, but the Coyotes trailed for the first time in two years.

Cooley returned the opening kick-off of the 2nd half for a score and the Coyotes finally had their first lead of the game, a lead they would not give up. The defense got a nice stop and a blocked punt by Quinton Shafer allowed the Coyotes to extend their lead to 32 to 21. After allowing the Longhorns to drive deep into Coyote territory, the defense finally stiffened as Lamming intercepted a pass in the end zone to stop the threat, two play later a 55 yard scamper by Cooley and a Chapman extra-point gave the Coyotes a 40 to 21 lead.

In the 4th quarter, the Coyotes continued their defensive dominance as they intercepted another pass and on the first play, Valentine hit a wide open Fields for the score and another Chapman kick made the score 48 to 21. The Longhorns fumbled the ensuing kick-off and Telchik recovered it to give the Coyotes great field position.

On the first play, Valentine hit Quint Shafer for the score and another Chapman kick made the score 56 to 21. The Coyotes got another defensive stop moments later and again wasted very little time scoring as Cooley again answered and the Coyotes now had a very comfortable 62 to 21 lead. The defense forced another punt with 6:30 left on the clock, but yet another miscue by the Coyotes resulted in a fumble and the Longhorns retained possession.

On a 3rd down play, what appeared to be an easy interception and touchdown return that would have ended the game was bobbled and on the next play the Longhorns finally found the endzone for the first time since that opening quarter explosion to cut the lead to 62 to 29. The Longhorns recovered the onside kick, but Lamming forced a fumble and recov-

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Cotton  News
from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

FSA Announces Start of 2010 DCP and ACRE Sign-up

by Shawn Wade

On October 7 Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack opened enrollment for both the 2010 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) and the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program. The sign-up period will remain open through June 1, 2010.

In order to streamline the process and ease workload on county office personnel, Vilsack urged producers to make use of the USDA eDCP automated website to sign up. Producers wanting to sign-up for the 2010 DCP or ACRE programs in person can visit any USDA Service Center to complete their 2010 DCP or ACRE contract.

2010 DCP Details

USDA computes DCP Program payments using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. Counter-cyclical payment rates vary depending on market prices.

Counter-cyclical payments are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is below its target price. The ef-

fective price is the higher of the national average market price received during the 12-month marketing year for each covered commodity and the national average loan rate for a marketing assistance loan for the covered commodity.

For 2010, DCP program payments will be calculated using applicable direct and counter-cyclical program payment yields multiplied by 83.5 percent of the growers applicable, enrolled base acres.

Eligible producers may request to receive advance direct payments equal to 22 percent of the 2010 direct payment at program sign-up and USDA will issue advance direct payments beginning December 1, 2009.

Producers participating in the 2010 DCP program will also have the option to request advance counter-cyclical program payments equal to 40 percent of the projected counter-cyclical program payment rate. Advance 2010 counter-cyclical program payments, if available, will be announced at the mid-point of the applicable marketing year for

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Pups Enjoy Success on New Turf

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Pups already had a forfeit victory in the books over the Buena Vista Longhorns had they not played a game at all, but with this being the first opportunity to play a game at home, the Pups found a game against the Olfen Mustangs. Olfen traveled 3 hours to play the Pups and put their undefeated season on the line against the Pups.

Olfen won the toss and elected to receive the kick-off and they managed to take almost all of the time off the clock in the first quarter moving from their own 20 yard line to the Pups 20 yard line as they converted 2 fourth down plays along the way. The 3rd fourth down opportunity did not go so well for the visitors and the Pups behind the unit of TJ Basquez, Tristen Benavidez, Zach McMeans, Brady Dowds, Kurt Shafer, Matthew Proulx, Matthew Ham and Ricky Torres finally put a stop

to the Mustang drive.

The Pups got their first opportunity of the game and after two misfires on the first 3 plays the Pups opened the 2nd quarter with a 4th down opportunity of their own. Proulx found Benavidez wide open on a bootleg pass play to convert the first down and continue their drive, which was capped by a Matt Ham 4 yard touchdown run, the unit responsible for the Ham drive included Basquez, Benavidez, Proulx, Shafer, Dowds, McMeans and Torres. The 2nd unit tried for the point after, as Nathan Ham, Caden Vaughn, Michael McLain, Torres, Frank Banman, Sean Tucker, Jaden Huse and Hurricane Van Kirk were unsuccessful in their first of what would be 6 opportunities as the game wore on.

The Defense continued where they left off holding the visitors and forcing a punt. The Pups drove the ball down

field and with 1:42 left in the first half, Shafer found Benavidez for a nice throw and catch that covered 28 yards and a 12 to 0 lead. The Pups defense did not allow the Mustangs to answer before half.

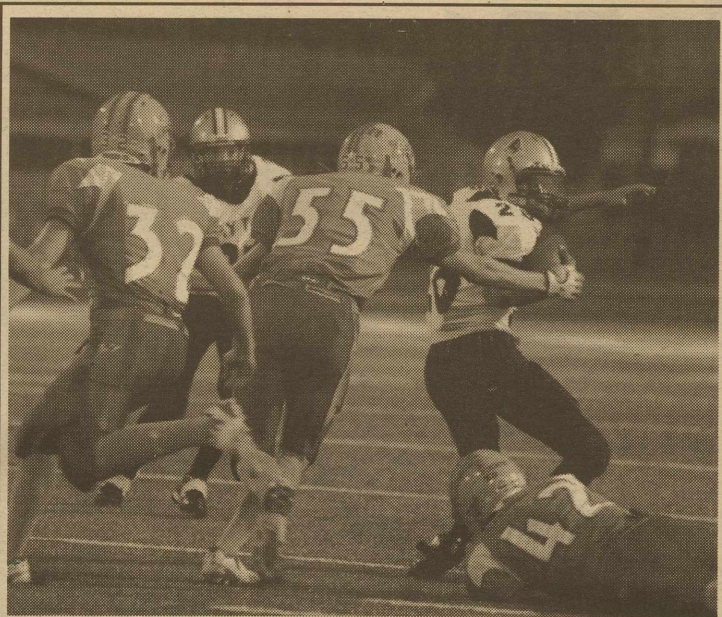
The Pups got the ball to start the 2nd half and behind some nice blocks, Basquez rumbled around the corner and past the defense for a nice 43 yard touchdown run to push the lead to 18 to 0. Moments later, after a nice interception by Shafer, the Pups busted out in the jaybird for the first time on the day and on the first play Matthew Ham following a huge block by Basquez and Proulx he found himself in the endzone from 24 yards out and gave the home team a convincing 24 to 0 lead.

In the 4th quarter, the Pups let the 2nd defense get into the action and they held the Mustangs on a 4th down play. Moments later, Sean Tucker found Ricky Torres on a well executed screen play for a 36 yard touchdown pass for the 2nd team offense and a comfortable 30 to 0 lead.

The Mustangs got a little revenge against the 2nd team defense and managed to get on the board to cut the lead to 30 to 6, but on the ensuing kick-off, Torres followed some nice blocks including a bone crushing block by Basquez to get Torres around the corner and moments later crossed the goal line for a 58 yard kick-off return. On the point after, Tucker hooked up with Vaughn and the Pups had a nice 37 to 6 lead. The Mustangs got another touchdown just before the end of the game to give us our final tally of 37 to 12 and the streak continues.

Defensively, Basquez had 11 tackles, Shafer had 3 tackles, Ham had 4 tackles, McMeans added 3 tackles, Torres had 45 tackles, Dowds added 4 tackles, Benavidez had 3 tackles, Proulx had 2 tackles, Vaughn had 2 tackles, Banman had 1 tackle and Tucker had 2 tackles.

The Pups will next take on another undefeated team as they travel to Grandfalls to take on the Grandfalls-Royalty Cowboys. Thank you for your support. We will need any and all of you that can support the Pups on Thursday at 5:30.



JV Coyote, Michael Froman (#55) stretches for the tackle of a Jayton opponent.

Coyote JV Dominates Jayton

By Coach Baeza

The Coyote J.V. took on the Jaybirds on Oct. 8 and dominated for three quarter with a 54-7 victory.

The Coyotes wasted little time getting on the board as Steven Howard took the ball 34 yards for a touchdown following some good blocking. Helio Rosales was good on the PAT making the score 8-0 early in the first quarter.

The Coyotes played excellent defense as they forced the Jaybirds to punt and took their next offensive possession down to the 10 yard line. Kobie Benham then powered his way into the end zone to close out the quarter with an 18-0 lead on the Jaybirds.

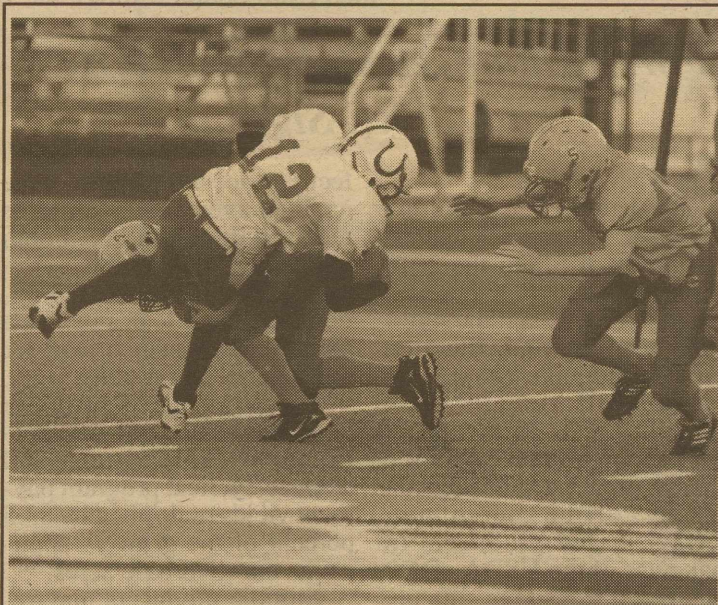
The second quarter found the Coyotes spreading the ball around offensively as three other Coyotes found their way into the end zone. Austin Cope on a 26 yard run, Michael Froman on a 52 yard run, and Luke Burdett on a 10 yard run with Helio kicking one of the three PAT though. The Coyotes did allow a single touchdown by the Jaybirds with a

PAT making the score 36-7 going into half.

The Coyotes began the second half playing excellent defense as they only allowed the Jaybirds one first down and continued to roll offensively.

Early in the third Steven Howard put the Coyotes on the board with a 21 yard touchdown run and then Austin Cope took the ball making two long touchdown runs of 39 and 52 to finish the game with a 54-7 victory.

The Coyotes did an excellent job moving the ball offensively due to the blocking of Matt Roberson, Luis Andrade, Jared Smith, Kobie Benham, Brady Bybee, Helio Rosales, and Michael Froman. Passing for the Coyotes was Austin Tyler who was 1 of 2 for 25yds and Collin Telchik who was 1 of 3 for 4yds. Leading receiver for the Coyotes was Luke Burkett with two catches for 29yds. Leading tackler for the Coyotes was Helio Rosales with eight followed by Michael Froman with 4. Good Job Coyotes!



Borden County Pup, Ricky Torres (#4) tackles a Olfen Mustang in their first home game of the season. The Pups defeated the Mustangs 37 to 12.

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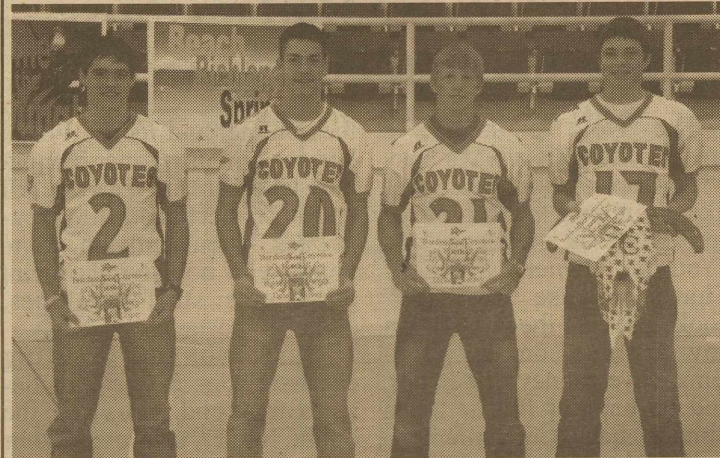


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Players of the Week



Players of the Week for week 7 are (left to right) Austin Cope (JV-fullback/cornerback), Tanner Richey (running back/safety), Michael Cooley (running back/safety) and Austin Tyler (quarterback/cornerback). Great job!

Coyotes Defeat the Longhorns...

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ered it to stop the threat, but the mistakes continued as the Coyotes were intercepted in the endzone. The Longhorns could not convert and the game mercifully came to an end with the Coyotes coming away with a tough 62 to 29 victory.

Valentine had 3 touchdown passes and 6 tackles.

Quint had 7 tackles, 6 pressures a blocked punt and a touchdown reception.

Telchik had 13 tackles and a fumble recovery. RT had 7 tackles, 2 pressures, a tackle for loss and a sack.

Brendan had a tackle, Hensley had 10 tackles and a sack and 3 pressures.

Tanner had 2 tackles before leaving with an injury.

Michael Cooley had 6

touchdown's and was in on 13 tackles and an interception.

Tony had 10 tackles.

Austin Fields had 4 tackles and a touchdown reception.

Karl Lamming had 9 tackles, an interception, a caused fumble and recovery, and a blocked extra-point.

Flynn Chapman had 18 tackles a caused fumble, a tackle for loss, and a touchdown reception.

The Coyotes will next play host to the Grandfalls Cowboys in district game number 2. Thank you all for your support and making the long drive to Buena Vista, district is heating up and we can use all of your continued support. Thank you!

Borden County Football 2009 Schedule

Week #	Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
Scrimmage	Aug. 15	Saturday	Ropes/Loop	Ropes	TBA
Scrimmage	Aug. 21	Friday	Klondike	Gail	TBA
#0	Aug. 28	Friday	New Home	There	7:30
#1 (tentative)	Sept. 5 (tentative)	Saturday	Richland Springs	Trent	6:30
#2	Sept. 11	Friday	Wellman-Union	Here	7:30
#3	Sept. 18	Friday	Rule	There	7:30
#4	Sept. 25	Friday	Klondike	There	7:30
#5	Oct. 2	Friday	Sterling City	Here	7:30
*#6	Oct. 9	Friday	Buena Vista	There	7:30
*#7	Oct. 16	Friday	Grandfalls-Royalty	Here	7:30
*#8	Oct. 23	Friday	Sands	There	7:30
*#9	Oct. 30	Friday	Westbrook	Here	7:30
*#10	Nov. 6	Friday	Open		

** District Opponents for 2008 - 2009: Sands, Grandfalls-Royalty, Buena Vista & Westbrook.

Head Coach: Trey Richey
Assistant Coaches: Peter Benavidez, Fernando Baeza, Colt McCook

Making the Grade!

1st Six-Weeks Beta Achievement

Senior: Kagan Benham, Brittany Day, Laura Ocanas, R.T. Shafer and Brendan Tarleton; **Junior:** Bailey Anderson, Taylor Richey, Krista Tarleton and Miles Valentine; **Sophomore:** Kobie Benham, Shaylie Boles, Austin Fields, Collin Telchik and Austin Tyler; **Freshman:** Shea Burkett, Brent Davis, Jordan Day, Hanna Forbes, Tanner Richey, Matthew Roberson, Steeli Sanders, Jared Smith and Riley Smith; **Eighth Grade:** Brady Dowds, Taylor Gass, Matthew Ham, Maeghan Herridge, Kalyn Massingill, Mallory McMeans, Mollie McMeans, Sydnie Rebeles; **Seventh Grade:** Frank Banman, Tye Basquez, McKenna Campbell, Bessie Rhodes and Sean Tucker; **Sixth Grade:** Channing Miller and Tatum Richey.

1st Six-Weeks Honor Roll

Senior: Karl Lamming, Flynn Chapman, Eric Espinoza, D'Nae Johnson and Lacey Roberts; **Junior:** Kimberly Proulx, and Phyneshia Rutherford; **Sophomore:** Luke Burkett and Chance Taylor; **Freshman:** Brady ByBee,

Austin Cope, Celina Guerrero, Steven Howard, Lexi Peterson Teryn Soto and Kyliee Voss; **Eighth Grade:** Zach McMeans, and Matthew Proulx; **Seventh Grade:** Jaden Huse and Cayden Vaughn.

Sixth Grade: Taylor Roberts, Cheyenne Tucker and Tate Wheatley; **Fifth Grade:** Maddie Benavidez, Cheyenne Dowds, Hayley Gray, Hunter Huse, Hunter Jones, Jayton Lewis, Kace Lott, Maria Neufeld, Avery Price and Kale Yarbrow; **Fourth Grade:** Thadd Basquez, Blane Culver, Daniel Gomez, Preslea Hall, Kable Kleck, Madison Matlock, Harley Merrill, Thomas Nix, Nicholas Proulx, Trace Richey, Ashlyn Tucker, Brittan Webb and Morgan Wilson; **Third Grade:** Madison Cole, Kenley Dean, Jacob Dimas, Katie Gray, Tanner Harrison, Emma Key, Kelby Kleck, Riley Lewis, J.W. Nix, Brooke Swaffer, Russell Wilks, Haylee Wilborn; **Second Grade:** Nicolas Benavidez, Kodie Dowds, Dymon Gomez, Kaitlyn Hamm, Anthony Lopez, Zeke Lott, Kenzie Parks, O'Livia Reyes, Jason Robinson and Tatum Treadwell.

Cross Country News

Lamesa Meet

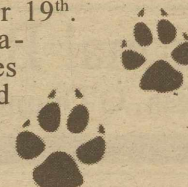
The Borden County cross-country teams traveled to Lamesa Saturday to compete in their last meet of the season before district. In the Junior High Girls' Division, Kalyn Massingill (16:12), Mallory McMeans (16:22), Sydnie Day (17:11), and Rebecca Taylor (22:03) represented the Missy Coyotes and each ran a personal best. Zach McMeans (14:08), Matthew Ham (14:56), and Tristen Benavidez (16:04) ran in the Junior High Boys' Division and also finished in personal record time.

Among Junior Varsity Girls, Aubree Lester (14:56), Stefanie Cooley (16:38), and Lexi Peterson (17:03) competed well, once more running their best times of the year, as did Olivia Key (14:20), Marla Crenshaw (14:49), Kylie Voss (15:00), Brittany Day (16:03), Shea Burkett (16:38), and

Teryn Soto (17:35) in the Varsity Division.

Quinton Shafer (21:22), Zach Telchik (22:38), Brendan Tarleton (23:41), Collin Telchik (23:57), Joseph McConnell (26:12), and Skyler Dear (26:24) ran for the Coyotes in the Junior Varsity Boys' Division. And David Rodriguez (19:16), Karl Lamming (19:43), Michael Froman (20:05), Eric Espinosa (20:34), and Luke Burkett (21:27) ran in the Varsity Division. Again, nearly every single runner exceeded their personal bests for the year.

What a great way to head into the district meet Monday, October 19th. Congratulations Coyotes on some good running!



School Lunch Menu

October 19-23, 2009

Monday - Breakfast: Pancake Pup, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Frito Pie, Tossed Salad, Pinto Beans, Pears and Milk.

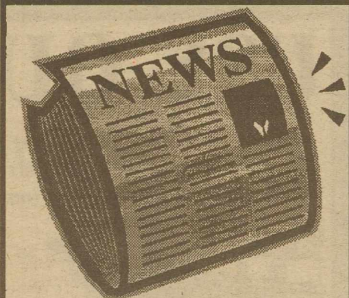
Tuesday - Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Spaghetti, Corn Tossed Salad, Garlic Biscuit, Pudding and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Cereal & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Steak Fingers, Green Beans, Potatoes, Applesauce, Hot Roll and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Pancakes, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Smoked Sausage, Grilled Cheese, Peas & Carrots, Fruit Crisp and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Omelet & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Hamburger, Salad, French Fries, Surprise Cookie and Milk.

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Heart and Home ...

by Julie Smith
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A lot of hot air. Dry your loads back to back so the dryer doesn't have to cool down be-

tween cycles. And make sure to clean your lint filter between loads to keep your dryer working as efficiently as possible.

Less is more. Some people swear by using half to three-quarters of the recommended amount of detergent. And to save more money, you can cut dryer sheets in half, as member Lisa O. suggests.

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Thought for the Day

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning to dance in the rain.



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER

Michael A. Guido
Metter, Georgia

It was a cold, rainy, dark day. A poorly clad newsboy stood shivering in a doorway shouting, "Morning newspapers!"

A warmly-dressed man bought a paper and said, "This is bad weather for you, isn't it?"

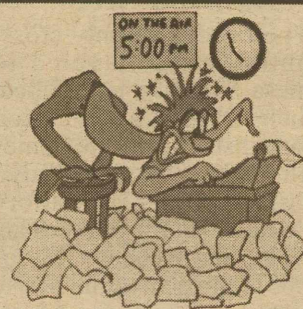
"I don't mind it much," he replied. "The sun will shine again."

Whatever happens, don't lose hope and faith.

Life without hope is like a bird without song. Life without faith is like a night without day.

When the Psalmist said, "Hope thou in God," he gave the world the only ground for hope.

Life with the Lord is an endless hope. Life without Him is a hopeless end.



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Gail FFA/Lone Wolf District Clothing Drive Successful

By Buddy Wallace

The Gail FFA Chapter has recently completed its' community service clothing drive for the 2009 school year. This event, which has been named "Give The Shirt Off Your Back" campaign started with Gail FFA members collecting clothing and shoes for the needy. Gail FFA partnered with schools in their Lone Wolf District as they collected their items.

The final delivery steps began with Gail FFA sponsoring a social event in Snyder this past Tuesday at the Snyder Lanes Bowling Alley, and hosted the schools who delivered their collected clothing. Each respective schools collected items were weighed, and Gail FFA furnished prizes for the schools that weighed in the most collected goods.

Due to the efforts of this event, the Gail FFA Chapter

delivered 3,553 pounds of apparel and shoes to Noah's Attic in Snyder. These items will be dispersed to needy families in the area through the services of Noah's Attic and Gateway of Snyder.

The Gail FFA Chapter wishes to express their thanks to the Borden County community members, teachers, and students who supported this worthwhile community service event.

They would also like to thank Gateway and Noah's Attic for their support and for their continued mission of helping those in need.

Lone Wolf District Schools Participating:

Gail FFA-2,282 lbs. collected, Snyder FFA-1,008 lbs. collected, Colorado City FFA-233 lbs. collected and Hermleigh FFA-30 lbs. collected.

Gail FFA Clothes Drive



The Gail FFA joined together with several other FFA organizations to donate clothing and shoes to the "Give the shirt off your back" campaign which will benefit needy families through Noah's Attic and Gateway in Snyder.

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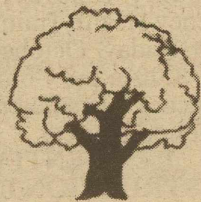
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A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer

Washington's Devastating Economic Policy

As the unemployment rate continues to climb to almost double digits and the federal deficit balloons, Speaker Pelosi is scrambling to find new ways to increase spending and raise taxes. She is desperate to defend the trillion-dollar stimulus that isn't working. With a costly government takeover of health care and a national energy tax in the works, Speaker Pelosi and the liberal Congress show absolutely no sign of slowing down. Just last week the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office released data showing that the federal budget deficit for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2009 reached \$1.4 trillion, which is three times the deficit from the previous year! On top of that, there is even talk in Washington of yet another stimulus package. In the hopes of reigning in these out-of-control policies and changing the direction our country is heading, I offered a series of five amendments to the annual government spending bills. My amendments would have saved the taxpayers \$28.6 billion by preventing "double-dipping" from adding even more money to programs that haven't spent the billions allocated by the Reid-Pelosi stimulus package. Most recently, I submitted another amendment that would hold all domestic spending at current levels for another year rather than increasing this spending by \$43 billion in 2010, essentially implementing a spending freeze.

Unfortunately, four of my amendments were blocked from coming up for a vote, and the two amendments voted on by the full House did not pass. While my amendments would not solve all of our spending problems, Congress has to start somewhere. If we simply continue to increase spending when it is clear we can not afford to do so, we only add more deficits and more debt. The solution is clear: Congress cannot continue borrowing money and living beyond our means. It's time Speaker Pelosi and the liberal Congress recognize their failed economic policies are not stimulating our economy but rather digging us into a deeper hole. Their entitlement agenda is failing miserably. It's time we put this country back on track with common-sense solutions that reward productivity and create positive incentives. Moving forward, I will continue to search for ways to offer amendments and find opportunities to cut this out-of-control wasteful spending whenever I can.

Spending Survey

As your representative in Washington, I am always interested in hearing your opinions on important legislative issues impacting the 19th Congressional District. I want to hear from you about your views on government spending. Please take a minute to visit my website and submit your opinions through a brief survey. **Update on Afghanistan** Last week, I attended a classified briefing on Afghanistan to better understand our next

steps in this ongoing fight. Now more than ever, I believe General McChrystal should testify before Congress – and the American people – and personally deliver his assessment on how to effectively implement the counterinsurgency strategy President Obama announced in March. His testimony will help Congress make an informed decision about our mission in Afghanistan. It is imperative we get our next steps right. Everyday we watch the situation in this region worsen. The enemy is continuing to gain momentum and becoming more effective. It is obvious that the current level of troops in Afghanistan is not great enough to patrol these areas, much less make sound progress against the growing enemy forces. We have come to a critical juncture. The President must put aside the political pandering, commit to Afghanistan and effectively implement the counter-insurgency strategy being requested by General McChrystal — or present to the American people just what his strategy is to confront this enemy. We owe it to the men and women fighting on the ground to provide them with the resources they need to succeed.

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.

Commissioners Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 22nd day of September, 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.

BORDEN COUNTY WATER SYSTEM

Rich Oller and Keeton Walden with Oller Engineering met with the Commissioners' Court addressing the problems of the Water System. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the Media Replacement Services with AdEdge Water Treatment System for the Borden County Water System. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY HEALTH TRAINING

Commissioner Reyes made a motion to set the two hour County Employees Emergency Health Training Course for Friday, October 23, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION PROGRAM

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Order to continue the Present Residential Construction Inspection Program as required by HB 233, Local Government Code, in the unincorporated areas of this county. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of September 8, 2009 were read. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ROAD CONSTRUC-

TION/MAINTENANCE

An application for road construction was received from D.M. Parks for road construction in Precinct No. 4. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the application. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

Three applications for Soil Conservation Construction of Fireguards were received from Kenneth Bennett, Precinct No. 2; Ricky A. Daiz, Precinct No. 2; Glen Gray, Precinct No. 3. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve the applications at the rate of \$35.00 for a motor grader and \$65.00 per hour for a dozer. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

BORDEN COUNTY EVENTS CENTER

Mr. Craig Ray and Albert Moffitt with Grimes and Associates met with the Court and interested citizens concerning the plans for the Borden County Events Center. Julie Smith, Texas Agri Life Extension, Norman J. Herridge, Freddy Roberts, Cody G. Hill with BCJLA, and Tammy Simmons representing Booster Club were present. Commissioner Belew made a motion to hire Grimes and Associates as Construction Manager. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

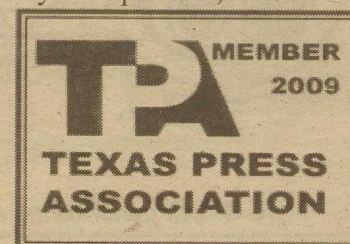
DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No new items presented.

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 13th day of September, 2009.



CALENDER FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2009 ELECTIONS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION

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| September 4, | First day to submit application for early voting by mail. |
| October 5 | Last day to register to vote |
| October 19 | Early voting by personal appearance begins
Early voting located in Clerks Office in Courthouse |
| October 27 | Last day to receive application by mail |
| October 30 | Last day to vote early by personal appearance |
| November 3 | ELECTION DAY |

Contact Joyce Herridge, County Clerk if you have a question

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

The Texas Navy

The Texas Navy was founded in 1836 when the new republic was faced with invasion on land and sea by overwhelming forces from Mexico. The modest fleet was composed of four sailing vessels headquartered at Galveston. They protected the Texas Coast and prevented the Mexican government from landing an army of troops there. Had it landed, it would have trapped General Sam Houston and his small command. Historians agree that one of the most important elements in the victory at San Jacinto was the maritime activity of the Texas Navy. After the Battle of San Jacinto, Mexican General Santa Anna was held prisoner on one of the Texas Navy ships. The Navy was disbanded soon after that battle.

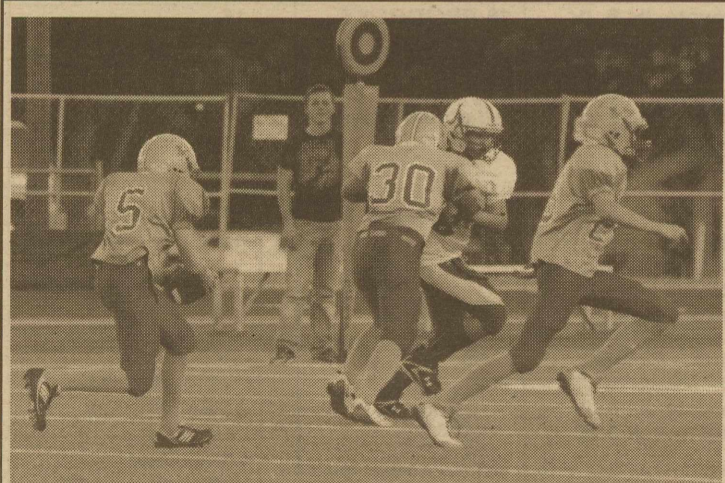
But the battle for Texas independence didn't stop at San Jacinto. Mexico refused to acknowledge the upstart nation and in 1839 began to organize a new and much larger expedition against the Texas Republic. A second Texas Navy was sent to sea with eight ships under the command of young Commodore Edwin Moore. The fleet harassed the Mexican Navy from the Rio Grande to Yucatan for three years, finally claiming victory over Mexico at the Battle of Campeche. The Mexican government then abandoned invasion plans. The Texas Navy provided protection of its one thousand miles of shoreline until Texas

joined the United States in 1845. The US Navy absorbed the modest little ships of the Texas Navy.

The story of those small fleets was largely forgotten until Governor Price Daniel established a third Texas Navy as a commemorative organization in 1958 to preserve the history of those early Texas sailors. Today, Texans are honored with Commissions as Texas Navy Admirals for noteworthy service to the State of Texas. Jim Sterling of Liberty is on the organization's board of directors. "Our organization has about 400 members," says Jim. "We have an active board that meets four or five times a year. Eventually we hope to have occasional regattas in the Gulf of Mexico."

Membership in the organization is mostly honorary, but anyone can join for \$40. The official uniform is a blue blazer with a Texas Navy patch and a Texas Navy tie.

"We have an annual meeting every December down in Galveston at the Artillery Club," says Jim. "It's a Christmas party and is usually a packed house. Members come from all over the state. Everybody there is an Admiral." One obvious thing is missing from the Texas Navy. "We don't have a ship," says Jim. "And right now I'm boatless. But I do have the blazer, the patch and the tie. I even have an official Texas Navy flag."



Coyote Pups, Tristan Benavidez (#30) and Matt Proulx (far right) block for teammate Matt Ham (#5) as he runs for the endzone.

Pups Continue Winning Ways Against Sterling City

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Pups continued their winning ways as they again took to the road to take on the Sterling City Eagles.

The Pups wasted little time as the first team offense of Tristen Benavidez, Zach McMeans, Brady Dowds, rotating quarterbacks Matthew Proulx and Kurt Shafer and Matthew Ham opened up a huge hole for TJ Basquez to run through as he reached pay dirt on a nice 60 yard touchdown run. The 2nd team of QB - Sean Tucker, RB's Ricky Torres and Frank Banman and 1st and 2nd line groups of Michael Taylor, Michael McLain, Caden Vaughn, 1st group and Hurrican Van Kirk, Nathan Ham and Jaden Huse were unable to convert the point after try.

The Pups defense, running a 2-3 defense instead of the usual 4-2 we have used in junior high seemed to be feeling more and more comfortable with this scheme as the game wore did not allow much for the home town Eagles. After a nice defensive stop, the Pups suffered their second turnover of the game, this time following a fumble on the first offensive play of the game, the Pups through an interception. But, the defense got the ball right back and on first down, the

Pups got into the Jaybird formation for the first time this year and ran a nice reverse to Ricky Torres for a 30 yard touchdown and a 12 to 0 lead in the first quarter.

The Pups added another score in the 2nd quarter as Matthew Ham got into the action on a nice 35 yard run to push the lead to 18 to 0. After allowing the 2nd team defense to take part in the fun and managing to come up with an interception by Caden Vaughn deep in their territory, Sean Tucker connected with Torres on a nicely executed screen pass that covered 70 yards and a convincing 24 to 0 lead. Tristen running out of the full-back position of the Jaybird formation added the PAT to push the lead to 25 to 0 with 1:22 left in the half.

The home town Eagles were able to score against the 2nd team defense to cut the lead to 25 to 6, but on the ensuing kick-off, TJ rumbled 65 yards to regain the lead and with a

nice block by the 2nd team offense, Torres was able to make the halftime score 32 for the Pups and 6 for the Eagles.

On the 1st series of the 2nd half, Benavidez and Torres combined to sack the Eagles quarterback in the endzone for a safety and a 34 to 6 lead. The Pups 1st team got one more series and Basquez wasted no time as he rumbled 50 yards to pay dirt and a very comfortable 40 to 6 cushion.

The Eagles managed another score on the 2nd unit to make it 40 to 13, but the 2nd team offense got another nice scoring drive of their own capped by the first ever score by Frank Banman from 35 yards out. Tucker hit Nathan Ham on the conversion to make the final tally of the game at 47 to 13.

Thank you all for your support and making yet another road trip to support these young men. The Pups will next play at home for the first time against the Olfen Mustangs, here at 5:30.

Fuzzy Ninny's

*will be at the Rock Station
in Gail*

*Saturday, October 24th
from 11 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.*

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Cotton News...

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eligible commodities.

ACRE Option Still Available

In lieu of the 2010 DCP program producers will also have the option to sign-up for the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program. Unlike the DCP program that uses a price-based safety net of counter-cyclical payments, ACRE provides a safety net based on state revenue losses and acts under DCP.

It is important to remember that the decision to enroll a farm in the ACRE Program is irrevocable. The owner of the farm and all producers on the farm must agree to enroll in ACRE. Once enrolled, the farm shall be enrolled for that initial crop year and will remain in ACRE through the 2012 crop year.

A farm's payment is based on a revenue guarantee calcu-

lated using a 5-year average state yield and the most recent 2-year national price for each eligible commodity. For the 2010 crop, the 2-year price average will be based on the 2008 and 2009 crop years.

An ACRE payment is issued when both the state and the farm have incurred a revenue loss. ACRE payments are based on 83.3 percent (85 percent in 2012) of the farm's planted acres times the difference between the State ACRE guarantee and the state revenue times the ratio of the farm's yield divided by the state expected yield.

The total number of planted acres for which a producer may receive ACRE payments may not exceed the total base on the farm. In exchange for participating in ACRE, in addition to not receiving counter-cyclical payments, a farm's direct pay-

ment is reduced by 20 percent, and marketing assistance loan rates are reduced by 30 percent.

The electronic service saves producers' time, reduces paperwork and speeds up contract processing at USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices. It is available to all producers who are eligible to participate in the DCP and ACRE Programs and can be accessed at www.fsa.usda.gov/dcp.

To access the service, producers must have an active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account, which requires filling out an online registration form at www.eauth.egov.usda.gov followed by a visit to the local USDA Service Center for identity verification.

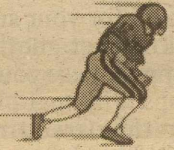

The June 1, 2010, deadline is mandatory for all participants. USDA will not accept any late-filed applications. For more information on DCP or ACRE, please visit your FSA county office or <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Future Coyote Cheerleaders



Helping to cheer on the Coyotes at the recent Homecoming game are (front row left to right) Riley Roberts, Brinlee Webb, Macy Matlock, Ashlyn Lott, Haddie Flanagan, Fallon Forbes, (middle row) Harley Merrill, Madison Cole, Katie Gray, Preslea Hall, Brittan Webb, (back row left to right) Kenley Dean, Maddie Matlock and Brooke Swaffer.

Drive Safely. Watch for Children

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* Denotes District Game October 4 th - 10 th National 4-H Week September 25 th - October 18 th Dallas State Fair						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Coyote JH & JV @ Sterling City 5:30 HS cheer practice 4-6 SAT Registration Deadline for Nov. 7 th Test	2 HOMECOMING-TENTATIVE Bonfire 5:00 Sr. Supper after Bonfire Coyotes vs. Sterling City Here 7:30	3 Cross Country @ Sundown 9:00 a.m. Panhandle South Plains Fair Lubbock
4	5 4-H Food & Nutrition Project 3:45-5 in Home Economics Room	6 Cool Clovers 4-H Meeting in Conf. Room 11:30-12 JH/HS (6 th -12 th) 4-H Meet in Conference Room 12:30-1 JH cheer practice 3:45-5 HS cheer practice 4-6 FFA Clothing Drive Delivery @ Snyder Bowling Alley 5:00-8:30	7 Marines Presentation during Tutorials	8 Coyote JH & JV vs. Buena Vista Here 5:30 HS cheer practice 4-6	9 Coyotes @ Buena Vista 7:30*	10 Cross Country @ Lamesa 9:00 a.m. SAT Test (must have pre-registered)
11	12 HOLIDAY	13 JH cheer practice 3:45-5 HS cheer practice 4-6	14 PSAT Test (10 th & 11 th)	15 Coyote JH & JV @ Grandfalls Royalty 5:30 HS cheer practice 4-6	16 PROGRESS REPORTS Coyotes vs. Grandfalls Royalty Here 7:30*	17
18	19 District Cross Country @ Lamesa TBA	20 JH cheer practice 3:45-5 HS cheer practice 4-6 Borden County 4-H Food Show at 6 p.m. in Community Room	21 TAKS Exit Level Math Retest	22 Coyote JH & JV vs. Sands Here 5:30 HS cheer practice 4-6 TAKS Exit Level Science Retest	23 Coyotes @ Sands 7:30*	24 ACT Test (must have pre-registered) JH OAP Rehearsal 9-4
National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana - October 19 th - 25 th						
25	26 "Fun with 4-H After School" @ Show Barn 3:45-5	27 JH cheer practice 3:45-5 HS cheer practice 4-6	28	29 Coyote JH & JV @ Westbrook 5:30	30 Coyotes vs. Westbrook Here 7:30* SAT Registration Deadline for Dec 5 th Test	31 Fall Festival Lamb/Goat Validation Deadline
Senior Scholastic Book Fair - October 26 th - 30 th						