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Borden County J.H. One-Act Play Takes Another District Crown

Borden County I.S.D. claimed yet another championship this past Saturday, but this time it was not on the field or on the court—it was on the stage.

The Borden County Junior High's production of Celeste Raspanti's classic *I Never Saw Another Butterfly* was named as the District 4-A Champion at the district contest held on Dec. 5th in the B.C.I.S.D. au-

ditorium. This achievement marks the 10th time in 11 years that BJH has won their OAP district crown.

Productions from O'Donnell J.H. (*Zink: The Myth, the Legend, the Zebra*) and Sands J.H. (*The Rocking Horse Winner*) were named as the 2nd and 3rd place plays respectively.

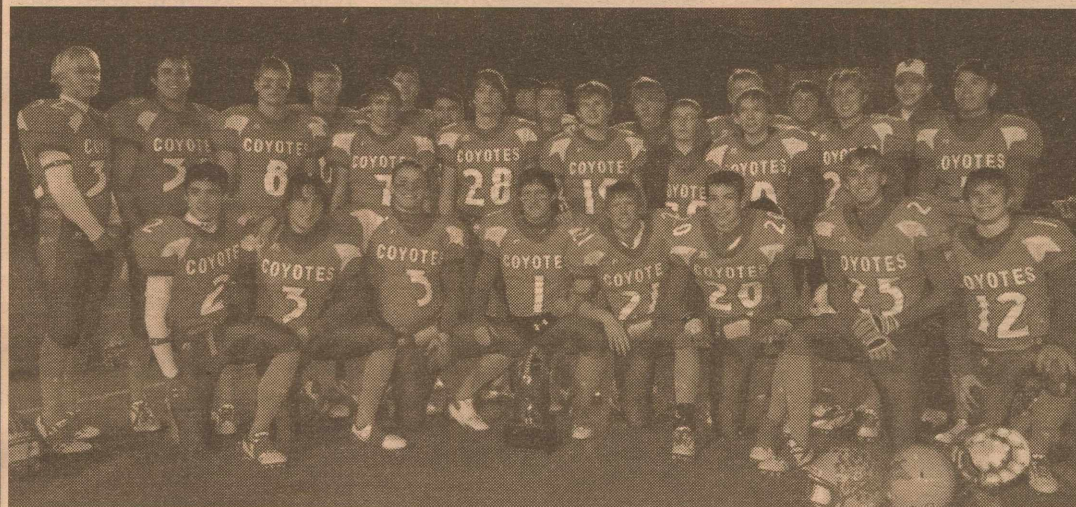
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BCJH One-Act District Champs



The Borden County Jr. High one-act play cast and crew captured the District championship title this past Saturday with their production of *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*.

Coyotes State Bound!



The Coyotes are the Division II Semi-Final Champions! The Coyotes defeated the Motley County Matadors this past Saturday at Lowery Field in Lubbock with a final score of 50-0. The Coyotes will travel to Abilene this Saturday to take on the Highland Hornets for the Division II state title. The game will be played at 2:00 p.m. at Shotwell Stadium. Pictured are (back row left to right) Kobie Benham, Flynn Chapman, R.T. Shafer, Quint Shafer, Zach Telchik, Brendan Tarleton, Luis Andrade, Derek Tatum, Tony Soto, Helio Rosales, John Hensley, Michael Froman, Jared Smith, Matthew Roberson, Collin Telchik, Austin Fields, Luke Burkett, Austin Tyler, David Rodriguez, (front row left to right) Austin Cope, Brent Davis, Skyler Williamson, Miles, Valentine, Michael Cooley, Ranner Richey, Karl Lamming and Steven Howard.

Coyotes Defeat the Matadors for a Return Trip to State Championship Game

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes accomplished another 2009 football goal Saturday as they easily dismantled the Motley County Matadors in the State Semi-Final championship game at Lowrey Field in Lubbock.

The Coyotes completely

dominated this game on both sides of the ball in taking control of the game in the early stages of this semi-final contest. As the Coyotes took the field Saturday, they knew that another one of the team goals was only 40 minutes away from being a reality. What

they did not realize was that achieving that goal would actually only take 20 minutes and 13 seconds as they scored on the first play of the 2nd half to end the game by way of the 45 point mercy rule at 50 to 0.

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BJH One-Act Play...

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Leading the way for the BJH production of the Holocaust-era play were a brother-sister duo who won both the Best Actor and Best Actress individual honors.

Starring in the leading role of "Raja Englanderova," BJH 8th grader Mollie McMeans won Best Actress honors and the hearts of the audience as a young survivor of Terezin, a Jewish ghetto/concentration camp during World War II. Her brother and fellow 8th grader Zach McMeans won Best Actor kudos as "Honza Kosek," a young man who befriends Raja when she needs him the most.

Named to the All-Star Cast from BC was 8th grader Taylor Gass, who portrayed "Irena Synkova," Raja's teacher while in Terezin. Joining her on the Honorable Mention All-Star Cast were 8th grader Brady Dowds ("Papa"), 7th graders Tye Basquez ("Mama") & Cayden Vaughn ("Pavel Englanderova"), and 6th grader

Zoie Key ("Ira").

Sound technician for the BJH production, 8th grader Kalyn Massingill, was also recognized as an outstanding technical crew member.

Completing the cast of 15 from BJH were 8th graders: Maeghan Herridge ("Child I") and Kassandra Gaines ("Renka"); 7th grader: Bessie Rhodes ("Child II"); and 6th graders: Channing Miller ("Aunt Vera"), Tatum Richey ("Child III"), Samuel Raborn ("Child IV"), Taylor Roberts ("Erika"), & Thomas Harrison ("Rabbi").

Joining Massingill on the BJH technical crew were 8th graders Mallory McMeans ("Stage Manager") & Matthew Ham ("Light Technician"); 7th grader Clair Shafer ("Stagehand"); and 6th Lexi Cheatham ("Props & Costumes Coordinator").

Congratulations on a fine production and yet another district championship!

Missy Coyotes Improve to 5-0

By Coach McCook

The Missy Coyotes hosted Grady Monday in their third district game of the season.

The Coyotes played Grady once before in the Sands Tournament, a game which they won, and were hoping for similar results. Grady, however, was thinking revenge, and after the first quarter, their chances looked good.

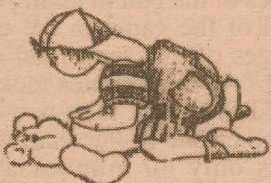
The Wildcats led 9-6 at the quarter. But the Missy Coyotes were just getting started. They outscored Grady 18-4 in the next two quarters of play and put the game out of reach. The final score was Borden

County 25, Grady 19. The win brings the team's record to 5-0 on the season and 3-0 in district play.

Kalyn Massingill led all scorers with 12 points. Taylor Gass, Tye Basquez, and Sage Wheatley scored 3 points each. Molly and Mallory McMeans added 2 apiece. Clair Shafer, Bailey Robinson, Eva Banman, Jessica Orosco, Syndie Day, Kassie Gaines, Maeghan Herridge, McKenna Campbell, and Bessie Rhodes also contributed to the team effort.

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Lady Coyotes Lose to Canyon

By Coach McCook

The Lady Coyotes met Canyon last Tuesday at Estacado High School in Lubbock on Tuesday for their final game before the Thanksgiving break. Facing such a formidable opponent, the girls struggled to overcome their intimidation from the very beginning. However, the game was not without highlights. The best possession of the entire game (for both teams) occurred im-

mediately after the tip. Canyon won the tip, brought the ball up the court, and proceeded to make 14 passes before they took a shot, which they missed. After playing such stellar defense, the Lady Coyotes pushed the ball down the court and scored to take a 2-0 lead. It would be the last lead of the game for Borden County. The final score was Canyon 85, Borden County 23.

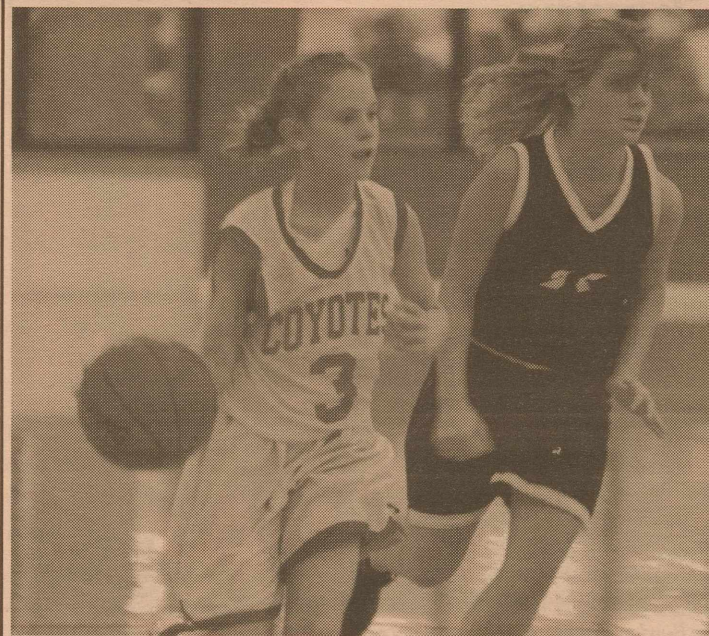
DIVISION II SIX-MAN STATE PLAY-OFF GAME

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Missy Coyotes Defeat Grady



Missy Coyote, Claire Shafer, heads to the Borden County goal. Borden County defeated Grady 25-19.

Borden County Has High Hopes for State Championship Title...

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The defense got this semi-final championship started as Karl Lamming, a young man that is playing at an unbelievable level intercepted his 4th pass of the play-offs and for the 4th time he turned this misfortune for the Matadors into instant offense for the Coyotes as he returned the interception 15 yards for the Coyote score. After the Flynn Chapman kick the Coyotes had a quick 8 to 0 lead and the offense had yet to take the field.

On the Coyotes next defensive possession, the Matadors again had no luck and after 3 quick running plays were stuffed, the Matadors dared to take to the air again on 4th down. On this particular play, Michael Cooley could have intercepted the pass, but knowing that the Coyotes would have better field position if he just batted the ball to the ground, that is what he did and the Coyotes took over at the 21 yard line. The offense getting its first opportunity to play, wasted no time as Cooley followed the blocks by his offensive line of Derek Tatum, RT Shafer and Quint Shafer, his fullback Flynn Chapman and a nice cut-block by his quarterback Miles Valentine and covered those 21 yards untouched for another Borden County touchdown. Chapman again kicked the ball through the uprights out of the hold of Tanner Richey whom received the snap from Lamming to push the lead to 16 to 0 less than 4 minutes gone in the game.

The Coyote defense again stuffed the run and this time the Matadors decided to punt on 4th down. Valentine almost blocked the punt, but did manage to force an errant punt which netted negative 1 yard and set the Coyotes up at the 21 yard line again.

The Coyotes again wasted no time as Cooley again scored untouched until he crossed the goal line for his second score and the Coyotes third score of the quarter and a 22 to 0 lead.

On the Matadors next offensive possession, they finally managed a nice gain and their initial first down of the game

as they gained 40 yards on a sweep to the Coyote 16 yard line, but the next 4 plays garnered netted negative 3 yards and Borden County regained possession of the ball at their own 19 yard line.

Keeping with the offensive theme of the day, Cooley took the pitch had an opportunity to throw, but realized that with the wind and cold his best option might be the sideline that was wide open and he took to the ground and again scampered 61 yards untouched for another touchdown, 3 plays, 3 touchdowns. The Chapman kick pushed the lead to 30 to 0 in the first quarter.

On the 2nd play of the 2nd quarter, the Coyote defense again got into the scoring column as the Matadors dared to throw the ball again and again had no luck as RT Shafer sacked the quarterback and forced a fumble, John Hensley scooped the ball up and rumbled 32 yards to the endzone and a comfortable 36 to 0 lead in the 2nd quarter.

After another Coyote defensive stand they used some of their back-up running backs hoping to give them some opportunities, but the Coyotes did try to throw a couple of plays and the cold weather did not allow for much success as a couple of passes were off the mark. The Coyotes did manage a first down, but a penalty would stop an opportunity to score before what looked like a possible touchdown run was thwarted as the ball was stripped from a Coyote runner and recovered by the Matadors. But, the defense again forced a 4 and out and on the very first play, for the fourth time on the evening with the 2nd team offense in the game, Austin Fields took the hand-off from Karl Lamming and followed nice blocks by Skyler Dear and Brendan Tarleton on the dive play to sprint 29 yards to pay dirt and a 44 to 0 lead after another Chapman kick. The Matadors would not challenge the Coyotes for the final 2 minutes of the half, they just ran dive plays to get to the half.

The Matadors kicked to the Coyotes to start the 2nd half and

after Lamming recovered the onside kick, Flynn Chapman got his opportunity to run the ball and for the 5th offensive possession, it took only one snap to score as he set sail on another untouched score from 46 yards out to put a final blow to the Matadors as the Coyotes managed a 50 to 0 victory and a return trip to the State Championship game in Abilene on Saturday, December 12 at 2:00 p.m. against the Highland Hornets.

What an awesome display by the Coyotes, they had 5 one play scoring drives and one drive that accounted for 6 plays that resulted in a fumble, but in fact if not for a mistake here and there could have possibly scored on 4 of the 6 plays. But, just goes to show that they are human. Great team effort. We will need that kind of defensive effort as the Coyotes prepare to defend their title and accomplish their last Goal of the 2009 football Season, congrats guys and good luck this weekend. Meet the Challenge, Hold the Rope, Be committed and Live the Dream.

Leading the way for the Coyotes was Cooley with 3 carries for 106 yards and 3 scores, he also was in 6 tackles and had a two 4th down passes batted down. Flynn Chapman had 1 carry 46 yards and a score and was in on 16 tackles a big hit, and 3 tackles for loss and was 4 of 6 on extra-points. Miles Valentine had 2 tackles, Austin Cope had two kick-off team and Brent Davis and Kobie Benham had one appearance with Kobie getting in on a tackle. Skyler played center and was in on extra points, Quint had 4 tackles, Zach had 10 tackles, RT had 11 tackles a sack, caused fumble and 3 tackles for loss. Brendan had a nice block on a touchdown and was on the extra-point team and kicked off a few times. John Hensley was in on 17 tackles, a fumble recovery for a score and 3 pressures and 3 tackles for loss. Tanner had a couple of defensive plays and held for the extra point coming back from his injury. Tony Soto had 2 car-

ries for 16 yards and was in on 5 tackles including a tackle for loss. Austin Fields was in on 2 tackles with a pressure and had one carry for 29 yards and a score. Helio Rosales had a nice touchback on a kick-off, Derek Tatum had a tackle and blocked well.

I would again like to thank everyone involved with our send-off, I would also like to give a special thanks to the moms that have prepared the nice goodies and decorated for the guys, you know who you are and we appreciate all that you do. I would also like to give a special thank you to Tommy Basquez and all of the Post supporters for everything,

it has been awesome driving through Post the last two weeks, thank you for everything. What an exciting opportunity these young men have to do something that has never been done in Gail, America, back to back championships.

We thank you all for coming out and braving the cold, whether you are family, friends, or just followers of these fine young men, we truly appreciate all of your support and encourage you all to come in full force as we try to defend our title against a very good football team, we need any and all of your support. Thank you and God bless, TR

Borden Co. vs. Grady



Borden County Pup, Matthew Proulx, successfully shoots for 2 points against the Grady Wildcats. Proulx scored a total of 4 points during the game.

Borden J.H. Gets By Tough Wildcat Team

By Coach Baeza

The Coyote Pups took on the Grady Wildcats on Nov. 30 and came away with a tough 33-27 victory.

The Coyotes started the game well as they were leading in the first quarter 13-5. A slow second quarter however allowed the Wildcats to make an offensive run and cut the Coyote lead to three at half.

The Coyotes responded defensively in the second half and only allowed the Wildcats 15 second half points while

putting in 18 of our own to take the win and improve to 5-0 on the season.

Scoring for the Coyotes: T.J. Basquez 23, Matthew Proulx 4, Kurt Shafer 4, and Ricky Torres 2. Also contributing to the victory were Riley Herridge, Matthew Ham, Michael McClain, Sean Tucker, Zach McMeans, Cayden Vaughn, Nathan Ham, Hurricane Vankirk, Fran Banman, Brady Dowds, Jayden Huse, and Michael Taylor. Good Job Coyotes!

Borden County ISD Board Meeting November 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, Dennis Poole, and Mike Valentine. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas was present. Joan Marshall, James Hicks, and John Abbott were also present.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. Notary Joan Marshall took action to swear Joe Harding, Carol Lewis, Joel Dennis, and Mike Valentine into office.

4. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to terminate the agreement to purchase land for a site to build the new school building from Borden County that was previously approved on August 17, 2009 and obtain a refund of the funds previously paid. The motion carried unanimously.

5. The deliberation of the location, purchase, and value of school property to build a school site as part of the Borden County Independent School District Bond Program was discussed. No action was taken.

6. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Randy Hensley to adopt a resolution to purchase property to build a school site as part of the Borden County Independent School District Bond Program and to authorize the school superintendent to execute any and all documents relating to the purchase of the property. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to cast the 14 ballots allotted to the Borden County Independent School District to Dale Humphreys for the Howard County Appraisal District Board of Directors. The motion carried unani-

mously.

8. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Mike Valentine to approve Dawson Geophysical Company to conduct a 3-D geophysical survey on Borden County Independent School District Property and to give the school superintendent authority to deal with the company relating to the areas that would be allowed to be disturbed with heavy equipment.

9. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve minutes of the October 19, 2009 and October 26, 2009 Board Meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the November 2009 bills. The motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Dennis Poole to amend the 2009-2010 Borden County ISD Budget as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joe Harding to elect John Anderson as Board President by acclamation. The motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Randy Hensley to elect Joe Harding as Board Vice-President by acclamation. The motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joe Harding to elect Mike Valentine as the Board Secretary by acclamation. The motion carried unanimously.

13. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to set the regular December meeting for December 14, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

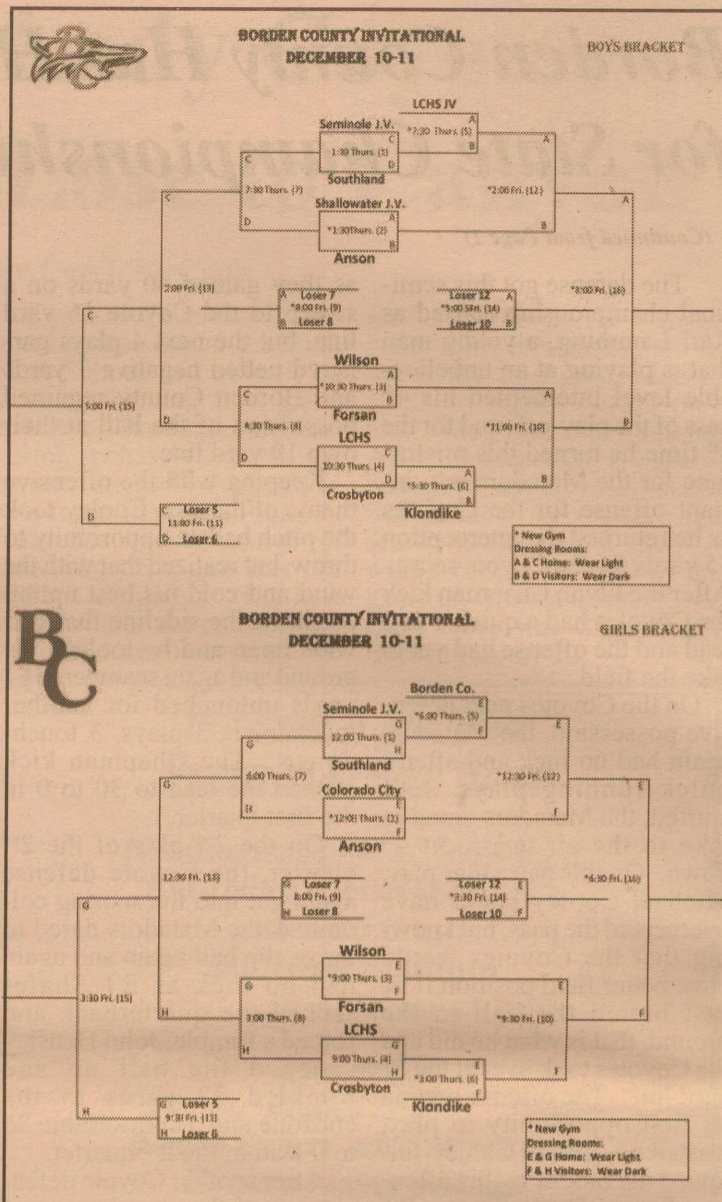
14. Mr. Thomas gave a year to date financial report, reported that 222 students were enrolled as of November 10, 2009, and gave a construction report. A second six-week failure and honor roll report was also given. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the Superintendent's Report. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Borden County Basketball 2008 - 2009

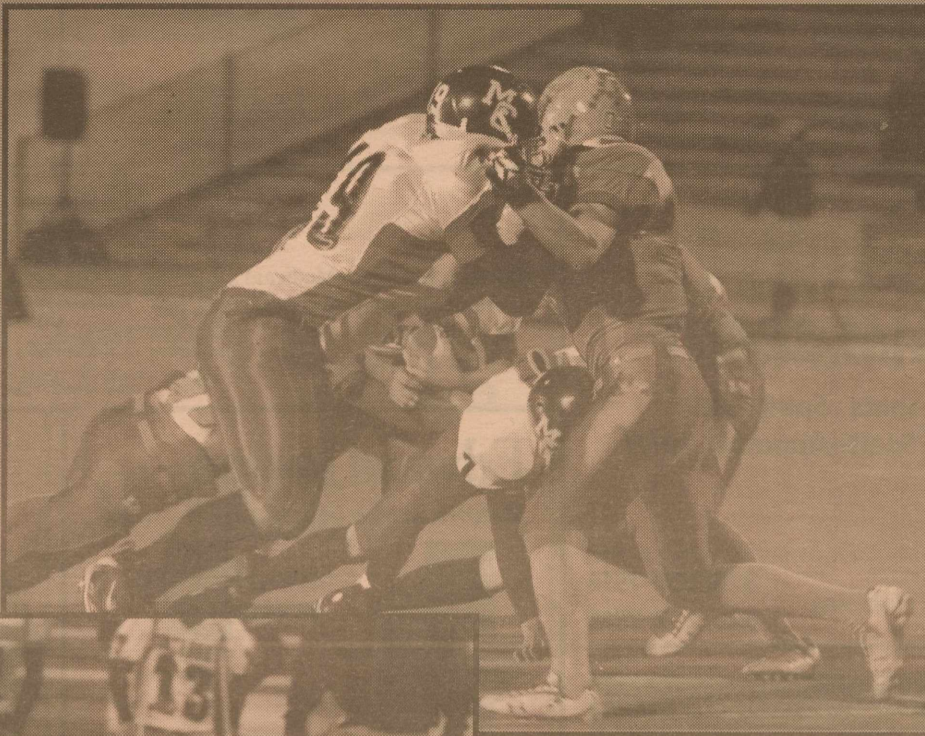
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Nov. 1	Sat.	O'Donnell	3:00	O'Donnell	gG
Nov. 4	Tues.	Roscoe & Loraine	4:00	Gail	gG
Nov. 11	Tues.	Meadow	6:00	Meadow	gG
Nov. 13	Fri.	Westbrook	5:00	Westbrook	gG
Nov. 18	Tues.	New Home	4:00	Gail	gGbB
Nov. 21	Fri.	O'Donnell	4:00	O'Donnell	gGbB
Nov. 24	Mon.	Whitharral	4:00	Gail	gGbB
Nov. 25	Tues.	Ira	4:00	Ira	gGbB
Dec. 2	Tues.	Crosbyton	4:00	Crosbyton	gGbB
Dec. 4-6		Coahoma Tourney	TBA	Coahoma	GB
Dec. 9	Tues.	Forsan	4:00	Forsan	gGbB
Dec. 11 - 13		Borden Co. Tourney	TBA	Gail	GB
Dec. 15	Mon.	Stanton	5:00	Gail	GB
Dec. 19	Fri.	Wink	5:00	Wink	gGbB
Dec. 29 - 30		Robert Lee Tourney	TBA	Robert Lee	GB
Jan. 2	Fri.	Sundown	1:00	Gail	gG
Jan. 6	Tues.	Loraine	5:00	Loraine	GbB
Jan 8 & 10	Th, S	Forsan JV Tourney	TBA	Forsan	gb
* Jan. 9	Fri.	Dawson	4:00	Welch	gGbB
* Jan. 13	Tues.	Loop	4:00	Gail	gGbB
* Jan. 16	Fri.	Grady	4:00	Lenorah	gGbB
* Jan. 20	Tues.	Klondike	4:00	Gail	gGbB
* Jan. 23	Fri.	Sands	4:00	Ackerly	gGbB
* Jan. 27	Tues.	Dawson	4:00	Gail	gGbB
* Jan. 30	Fri.	Loop	4:00	Loop	gGbB
* Feb. 3	Tues.	Grady	4:00	Gail	gGbB
* Feb. 6	Fri.	Klondike	4:00	Klondike	gGbB
* Feb. 10	Tues.	Sands	4:00	Gail	gGbB

*District Games
Girls' Coaches: Colt McCook & Peter Benavidez
Boys' Coaches: Fernando Baeza & Trey Richey
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Thursday, December 17,
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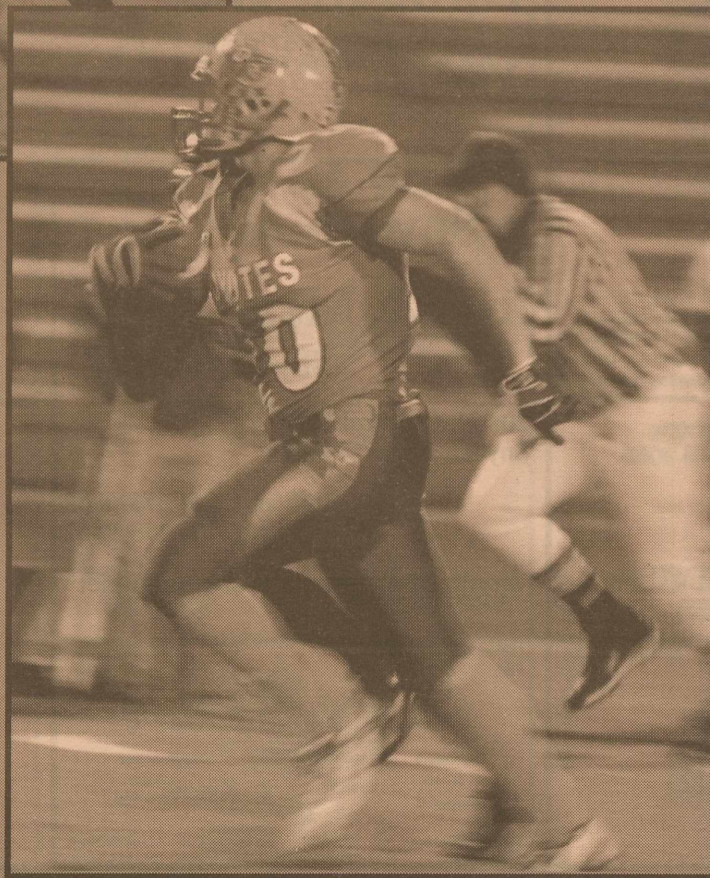
**BORDEN COUNTY
COYOTES
VS.
MOTLEY COUNTY
MATADORS**



(above) R.T. Shafer and teammates prove the Coyote defense against the Matadors.

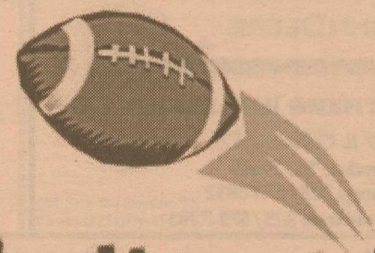


(left) Borden County Coyotes, John Hensley (#19) and Zach Telchik (#7) shatter a Matador's hopes of reaching the endzone.



*(above) Coyote, Austin Fields stops a Matador from gaining yards.
(right) No stopping Flynn Chapman as he sails 46 yards into the endzone.*

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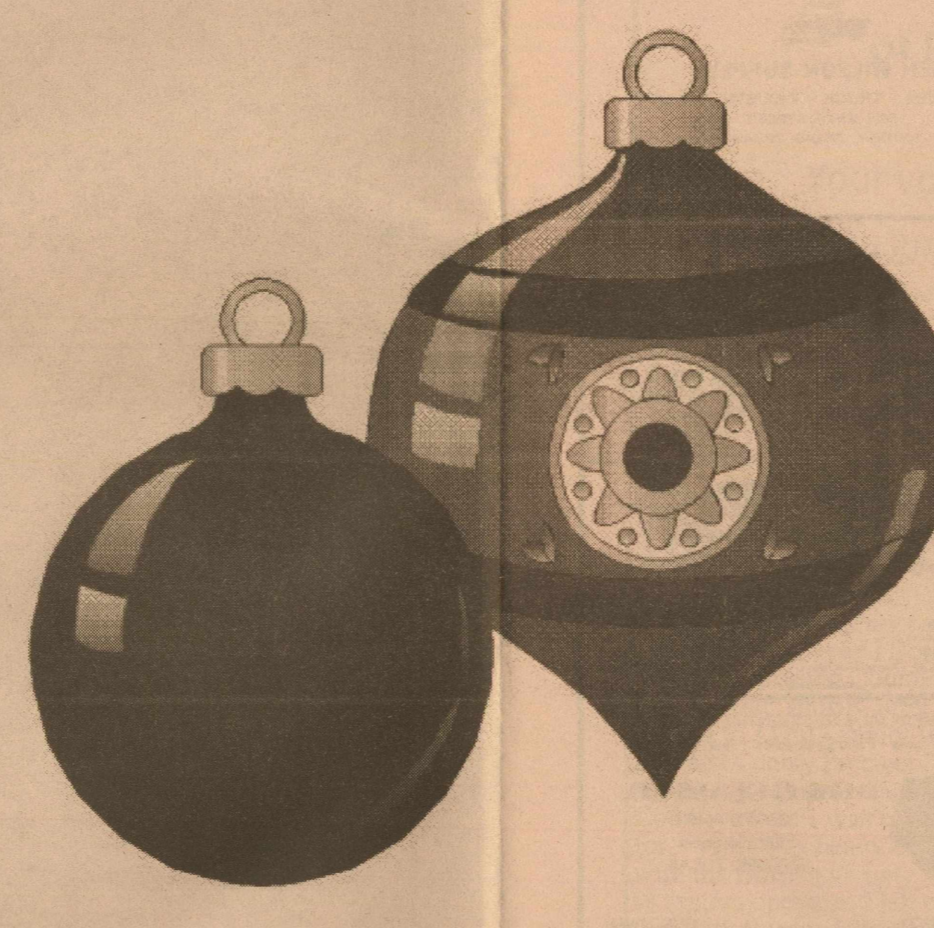
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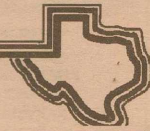
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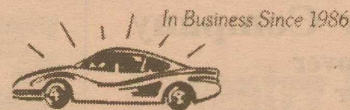
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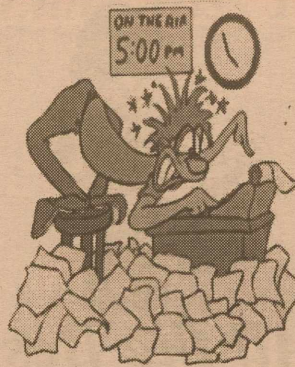
I am announcing my candidacy for County Judge of Borden County. I have lived in Borden County most of my life. I graduated from Borden County ISD in 1972.

I married shortly after high school and started a family. I moved to Lynn County where I began my employment with Dawson County Precinct 2. I spent 4 years with Dawson County as a heavy equipment operator. We then moved back to Borden County where I was employed by Borden County Precinct 1 for 3 years as a heavy equipment operator. I became involved with the Borden County water system at this time and served as system operator. I left county employment and took a position with Borden County ISD. I spent 29 years as a member of the school maintenance department where I continued to serve the water system for 16 of those years. I retired from the school in July 2008. I was then hired as Chief Appraiser for the Borden County Appraisal District and Deputy Tax Assessor/Collector for Borden County. While serving in this capacity I am pursuing the training required to gain certification as Chief Appraiser and Tax Assessor/Collector.

I have served the citizens of Borden County and Borden County ISD for many years. I have experience in many areas that I can bring to this office. I would be honored to serve as your County Judge.

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Sharlot Stone Announces Candidacy for County Treasurer

I, Sharlot Stone, am announcing my candidacy for County Treasurer for Borden County. I will be a candidate in the Democratic primary to be held in March 2010.

I have resided in Borden County for the past 20 years. For the past 14 years, I have been employed by the Borden County Extension Office as Office Manager. My husband, Jess Stone, has been employed by Borden County Precinct #4 for nearly 10 years. My two sons, Kevin and Kyle Pinkerton, both graduated from Borden County ISD.

I am a graduate of Midland Commercial College. Prior to moving to Borden County, I lived and worked in Lamesa. I was employed by McCormick Oil Company of Lamesa as their head bookkeeper for 13 years.

I currently work closely with the Borden County Jr. Livestock Association, assisting them in all of their fund-raisers for the youth of Borden County. I am very involved in organizing the county stock show and work closely with the BCJLA Treasurer.

I have enjoyed working for Borden County and would consider it a privilege and an honor to continue working for the county as your County Treasurer. Your vote and support will be greatly appreciated.

I, Jane Jones, am seeking re-
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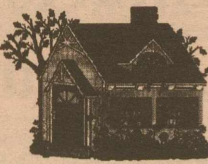
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New Gift Card Rules Keep on Giving

Gift cards, the plastic cards offered by many stores and used for general use by some credit card issuers, are very popular. The National Retail Federation found that more than half of people in surveyed last holiday season would like to receive a gift card. But many consumers do not recognize drawbacks of the

cards, such as expiration dates or added fees—especially if you do not use the cards right away.

In new credit card protections passed this year, Congress saw fit to include some consumer protections for gift card buyers and recipients. The rules apply to retail cards and general gift cards (bearing Visa, Mastercard, American Express and Discover logos) but not to paper certificates, phone or rewards/loyalty cards.

After February 22, 2010, gift cards are subject to these rules:

* Expiration: Cards can not expire in less than five years

(from date purchases or last time money was added to the card).

* Fees: A monthly fee may be imposed only if the card is unused after 12 months.

* Disclosure of costs: Fee information will be on the card or packaging.

Many states already have gift card consumer protections in place. Consumers Union (www.consumersunion.org) has a fact sheet titled "State Gift Card Consumer Protection Laws" that details the state laws.

If you have old gift cards that were not used and were registered in your name, you may be able to get some of the money back through your state's unclaimed property agency. The National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators web site (www.missingmoney.com) has a search engine to help you discover if your names is on any state unclaimed money lists.

Source: *Consumer Action News, Summer 2009*



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District 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest

Two Borden County 4-H'ers competed in the District 2 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest in Tahoka on Saturday, December 5. The Consumer Decision Making Contest is a competitive event which enables 4-H'ers to practice making decisions based on information about a situation and some possible marketplace options available. It provides these youth with an opportunity to practice marketplace skills and compare decisions with a panel of judges who are knowledgeable about today's marketplace and the goods and services available.


The Junior Individuals competing were Kable Kleck and Kelby Kleck. They competed against 18 youth from across the District. We congratulate these youth for exhibiting their outstanding knowledge and consumer skills at this competition, and are proud of them for representing Borden County 4-H.



Kable (left) and Kelby (right) Kleck recently competed in the 4-H District Consumer Decision Making competition.

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Matlock Named Little Miss of Texas

Maddie Matlock, ten year old daughter of Keith and Melissa Matlock of Lamesa, Texas, was named Little Miss of Texas at the 2010 Distinguished Youth of Texas Program held

November 25-27 at the Marriot Rivercenter Hotel in San Antonio. She was chosen as Little Miss of Texas from a field of 106 girls from across the state selected to participate in the event. More than 1000 girls applied for the Little Miss (grades 2-4) competition. Applicants are nominated by their schools, teachers or community organizations.

The Distinguished Youth of Texas Program recognizes the outstanding achievements of girls in grades 2-7. Each candidate is scored in the areas of scholastic record, school activities, community service, judges' interviews, talent and

personality projection.

Maddie was presented with a medal and banner to be worn this year as she represents

the Distinguished Youth Program all over the state of Texas. She also received a \$1,000 educational savings bond.

Maddie is a 4th grade student at Borden County Elementary where she is a straight "A" student. She is active in UIL activities and enjoys singing in her spare time. She is the granddaughter of Mark and Kelli Matlock of Lamesa and Keith and Anne Horn of Coppell, Texas. Her Great-Grandparents are Charles and Duronell Warren of Lamesa and Bob and Pat Boulter of Fort Gibson, Oklahoma. Maddie's Great-Great-Grandmother is Oma Dee Phillips of Lamesa.

Little Miss Texas



Borden County 4th grader, Maddie Matlock, was recently named Little Miss Texas at the River Center in San Antonio. She is the daughter of Keith and Melissa Matlock of Lamesa.

Photos Now Available

The photos taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus, on the night of the "Star Lighting", can be picked up at the Borden County Courthouse. They will be available during the regular business hours of 8-12 and 1-5.

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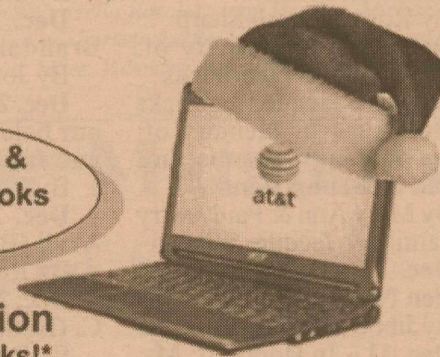
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Nov. 30 - In Memory of: **Wayne Key**

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Dec. 2 - In Memory of: **Mr. & Mrs. Mardes Clayton and Mr. & Mrs. Newton Wilson**

By Carol & Tim Wilson

Dec. 3 - In Honor of: **Our Kids & Grandkids**

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Dec. 5 - In Memory of: **Binie & Nell White**

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Sincerely,

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