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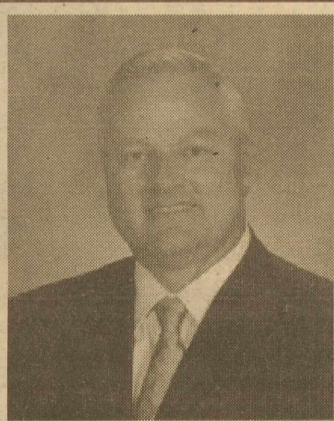
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2010 - 2011 School Year to Begin on August 23rd *Dear Students, Parents and Borden County Community:*



Jimmy Thomas
Superintendent

The 2010-2011 school year will begin on Monday, August 23rd. The official school day will begin at 8:05 a.m. and conclude at 3:33 p.m. each day.

New employees for the 2010-2011 school year are as follows:

Mrs. Denice Bradbury-Teacher; Mrs. Sandy Espinoza-Foodservice; Mrs. Becky Herridge-Instructional Aide; Mrs. Amy Lindt-Custodial; Mrs. Nicole Milhauser-Instructional Aide; Mrs. LaWanda Sanders-Instructional Aide and Mrs. Margie

Torres-Foodservice.

High School students in the eleventh and twelfth grades will continue to have the opportunity to earn college courses according to state guidelines and testing criteria. Many of our students will graduate from high school with a year of earned college credit due to this outstanding opportunity.

Construction on phase two of the new school facilities is currently in full-swing, and phase three of this project will begin soon. We anticipate that the Borden County School Students and School Community will be well served and extremely proud of the new facilities when they are completed in the next few years. Nevertheless, the construction process will require us to make adjustments on the use of some of our facilities and will require that some facilities not be available during this process. Please be assured that adjustments are currently being addressed as we make the necessary modifications, and hopefully the inconvenience of these adjustments will be minimal.

The Borden County I.S.D. recently received notification that our school received a ranking of Exemplary for the 2009-2010 school year. We commend our students and faculty for this accomplishment. We will continue to make academic excellence a top priority for the Borden County Independent School District during the 2010-2011 school year.

All Borden County students will receive free meals during the 2010-2011 school year. A safe environment that is conducive to learning will be provided to our students as well as a nurturing environment that emphasizes success for all students. Our desire for the upcoming school year is for every child of the Borden County School to have a successful educational and social experience. Your support and involvement are needed and appreciated. We would like to commend our community and staff for their dedication and support in providing an outstanding educational opportunity for our stu-

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Cotton  News
from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

CRP Adding Environmental Benefits; CRP Sign-Up 39 Ends August 27, 2010

Friday, Lubbock, Texas

The USDA Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is a voluntary program that helps agricultural producers protect millions of acres of American topsoil from erosion and is designed to safeguard the Nation's natural resources.

Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to control soil erosion, improve water and air quality, and enhance wildlife habitat.

The program is administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) providing technical assistance through conservation planning.

CRP land in the High Plains and South Plains regions accounts for eighty percent of the total enrolled acres in the state.

With the recent announcement for a new program enrollment from the FSA, producers with expired contract acres and additional marginal cropland acres will have the opportunity to apply for the program during the scheduled sign-up pe-

riod for August 2 through August 27.

The NRCS will provide the technical assistance to landowners who are approved for CRP general sign-up 39. Producers enrolling in the CRP program will work with NRCS representatives in their respective counties to develop a conservation plan to establish permanent grass cover for new land offers and for enhancement of existing permanent grass stands to meet program requirements.

Program participants voluntarily remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production by entering into long-term contracts for 10 to 15 years. In exchange, participants receive annual rental payments and a payment of up to 50 percent of the cost of establishing conservation practices from FSA.

Conservation priority areas for the new CRP program sign-up have been set up by FSA to increase environmental benefits for air quality, water quality and wildlife habitat

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2010 Football Season Off and Running

By Coach Richey

The 2010 version of the Borden County Coyotes got underway as the Coyotes hosted the Loop Longhorns and the Ropes Eagles in the first of two scrimmages on the season. This may be a new coyote team, but they have the same dream. Things got off to a fast start as the coyotes first ran offense for 10 plays against the Longhorns. The coyotes had senior Miles Valentine connect with Junior Quint Shafer on the very first play for a 60 yard touchdown pass and catch. On the very next play, senior Tony Soto rumbled 60 yards for another score. After a fumble loss for 6 yards and a dropped touchdown pass Tanner Richey got into the act as he scampered 66 yards to paydirt and a third score for the coyotes. The next 5 plays would see the coyotes on a drive, but 10 plays is all Loop wanted to go so this session was done with the Longhorns.

The Coyote defense got into the act as they battled the Ropes Eagles. The Defense got off to a slow start as they gave up a big pass play on the first play, but then stiffened a bit, but some early tackling al-

lowed the Eagles to push the ball across the goal line for what would end up being their only score of the day against the Coyotes. The coyote defense in fact would only give up two touchdowns on the day as the Longhorns would convert a 4th down pass play for their only score of the day against the coyotes. During the remainder of the defensive portion of the scrimmage the coyotes saw some big plays put an end to several drives. Big pressure by linebacker Quint Shafer forced an errant throw and Tanner Richey made a nice interception to thwart the Eagle drive. Tony Soto punched the ball loose near the coyote endzone and Miles Valentine came up with one of his three fumble recoveries on the day to stop another Eagle drive inside the 20. Zach Telchik made several nice stops and John Hensley continued his aggressive pressure rushing the quarterback. Derek Tatum also made several nice plays and Quint Shafer made a nice debut at middle linebacker making several tackles and a sack. Back-ups, Steven Howard and Austin Cope at Corners did a

nice job as did Helio Rosales at the defensive end and David Rodriguez at Safety.

On the Coyotes first offensive possession against the Ropes Eagles, the Coyotes used 3 plays to get their first score as Valentine hooked up with fellow senior Zach Telchik on a 47 yard strike. The coyotes used a nice 7 play drive to convert their 2nd touchdown as Tony Soto powered in from the 3 yard line for a score. The Coyotes used only 2 plays to score for the third time and this concluded the coyotes 2nd possession even though they only took 12 snaps instead of 15. On the coyotes 3rd and final offensive possession, the coyotes traveled 60 yards on a nice run by Soto rumbling the distance untouched thanks to some awesome blocks. Valentine got his opportunity and he scampered 60 yards on the next play untouched for another coyote score. On the next play, Richey carried 57 yards to the 3 yard line, but a couple of misfires and a stop at the 2 yard line saw the coyotes stop for the first and only time of the day. The 2nd team coyotes got into the action and after a methodical drive, backup quarterback Austin Cope connected with classmate Steven Howard on a nice 22 yard pass play. Five plays later following some nifty running by senior David Rodriguez, and a nice pass and catch from Cope to McLayne Hall, Cope then took to the ground for a 23 yard score for the final score of the day and a 7 to 1 final over the Eagles.

This second unit consisted of 5 sophomores, center Matt Roberson, guard Helio Rosales, end McLayne Hall, fullback Steven Howard and quarterback Austin Cope, Senior David Rodriguez was the tailback.

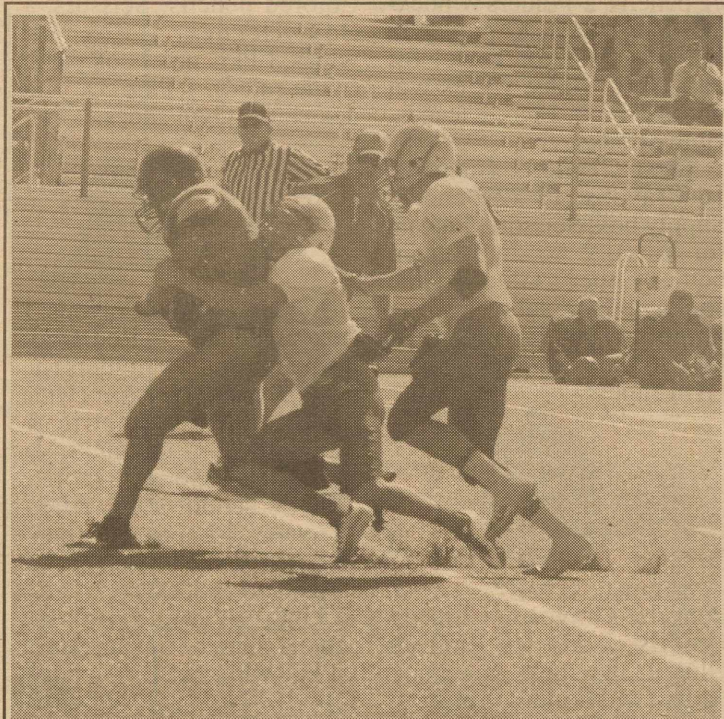
The first group was very successful itself as Derek Tatum returned at center, John Hensley at the Guard, Quint Shafer at end and Zach also at End when the coyotes go to a different formation. Miles Valentine at Quarterback, Tanner Richey at Fullback and Tony Soto at Tailback.

During the JV portion of the

scrimmage, the young coyotes had a very successful day of their own as they gave up two early scores to the Eagles, but came back to score 5 of their own. Solid defensive play came from Hall, and Roberson, playing with both groups at defensive ends and Tristen Benavidez at Middle linebacker. Corners Jared Smith and Luke Burkett also performed well as did safeties Collin Telchik and Matt Hamm. Subs, Brady Dowds at end, Michael Taylor at end and Zach McMeans at linebacker along with corners Matt Proulx and Kurt Shafer also played well and got some great experience. On the offensive side, Tristen had two nice runs for scores. Collin Telchik played well at Quarterback for the younger group as he scampered 40 yards for a coyote score and then connected with Zach McMeans on a nice 30 yard pass play and a 58 yard score to Jared Smith. Telchik also connected with Matt Proulx for a nice 25 yard touchdown toss as the young coyotes came away victorious in the season opening scrimmage.

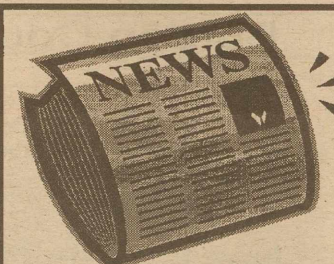
Good job guys, continue the hard work. Remember, NEW TEAM - SAME DREAM!!!!

Thank you to everyone for your support, and a special thanks for everyone that helped with the 2010 meet the Coyotes.



Borden County Coyote, David Rodriguez, takes down a Ropes Eagle in last Saturday's scrimmage in Gail.

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School Lunch Menu

August 23 - 27, 2010

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

Tuesday - Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Fried Steak, Potatoes, Geen Beans, Roll, Pears and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage & Gravy, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Spaghetti, Geen Peas Carrots, Texas Toast, Ice Cream and Milk.

Thursday -Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Fish, Blackeyed Peas, Potato Salad, Hush Puppies, Rosie Applesauce and Milk.

Friday -Breakfast: Omelet & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Cheeseburger, French Fries, Salad Cup, Chocolate Chip Cookies and Milk.

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Borden County Independent School District 2010-2011 SECONDARY SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

*Please realize that teachers may add to their list on the first day of school...
College classes will receive instructions that day as well.*

Mr. Baeza – Social Studies (8th), World History (10th)

- Notebook paper
- Pens
- Red pens

Mr. Benavidez – Spanish I, Spanish II, & Spanish III

- 1½" Notebook
- Dividers
- Notebook Paper
- Red pens
- Plenty of 3"x 5" note cards

Elementary P.E.

- Gym Shoes (if your child cannot tie his/her shoes, please provide Velcro snaps)

Mrs. Bradbury-Science (7th & 8th) Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics

- 1½" 3 Ring Binder
- Set of Tab Dividers (5)
- Map Colors
- Pens/pencils
- **Physics**-Box of Gallon sized zip baggies
- **7th & 8th**-Box of quart sized zippered baggies
- **Freshmen (Biology) & Sophomores (Chemistry)**-Container of Clorox Wipes

Mrs. Herridge – English I, English II, English III, English IV, Science (6th)

- English Classes**
- 1½" 3-Ring Notebook
 - Dividers (At least 10)
 - 5-Subject Spiral
 - Blue or Black Pens
 - RED pens
 - Loose-leaf notebook paper
 - 3X5 Index Cards
- Science Class (6th)**
- Spiral notebook (5 Subject)
 - Homework Folder
 - 1½" inch 3 ring notebook
 - Dividers (At least 10)

Mrs. Key – Math (6th, 7th, & 8th), Algebra I, Geometry, Technology Applications (7th)

- Notebook paper
- Spiral notebook (5-Subject)
- Folder
- Plenty of pencils
- Red pens

Mr. Marshall – Band (6th-12th)

- Good attitude and a willingness to work

Ms. Mayes – Reading (6th), Social Studies (6th) English (6th) English (7th)

- Two Inch 3-Ring Notebook (No zippers or flaps) Notebook Paper
- Dividers
- Map pencils
- Blue or black ink pens
- Pencils
- Red pens

Mr. McCook – Social Studies (7th), World Geography (9th) (11th), Government/Economics (12th)

- 1 Inch 3 Ring Notebook
- Pens-Blue or Black
- World Geography: Map pencils
- Dividers
- Red Pens

Mrs. Phillips – Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Math Models

- Notebook paper
- 3 Ring Binder
- Dividers
- Plenty of pencils

Mrs. Poole – Good Attitude

Mr. Richey – Math (6th & 8th), Geometry, Algebra I

- Notebook paper
- Spiral notebook
- Dividers (5 or 6)
- Pencils
- Red pens (No other colors needed)
- Highlighter
- Dry erase marker (2 or 3)
- Compass-optional
- Protractor-optional
- 7th & 8th Grades: inexpensive calculator

Mrs. Soto – Reading (7th & 8th) English (8th)

- 1.5 – 2 inch hard cover 3 ring notebook
- 6 dividers
- notebook paper
- Black or blue pens
- Red pens
- 3 holed pen pouch (dedicated to reading only)
- composition book-like the black and white covered ones
- NO SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS
- Smiling Face-Good Attitude!

Mr. Wallace – Agriculture Science (8th-12th)

- 8th Grade:**
- 3-Ring Notebook
 - 9 Dividers with labels
 - Pens
 - Pencils
 - Notebook Paper
- 9th-12th Grades:**
- 9 Dividers with labels
 - Pens
 - Pencils
 - Notebook Paper

Looking for a Coyote



Borden County quarter back, Miles Valentine, looks for a chance to get the ball into the endzone. The Coyote football season begins Saturday, August 28th against Rankin at McCamey.

Borden County Elementary Supply Lists 2010-2011

Kindergarten: Elmer's school glue (not past), 2-glue sticks, 2-boxes of 16 Crayons, Scissors (Fiskars for kids), 4-#2 pencils, 2-Folders w/pockets, Big eraser, Supply box (cigar box size), Towel for nap time, Baby wipes/wet wipes (1 box), 1 box-Kleenex, Gym Shoes.

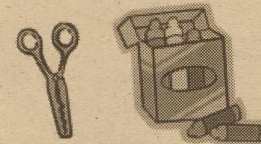
First Grade: 2-Boxes of 16 Crayons, 12-#2 Pencils, Supply box, Scissors (Fiskars for kids), 2 Medium sized bottles Elmer's Glue, 2-Glue sticks, 1-One subject spiral notebook (wide ruled), 2-Boxes Kleenex, Pink eraser, Gym shoes.



Second Grade: 12-#2 Pencils, Crayons, Colored Pencils, 2 Bottles Elmer's Glue, 4 Glue sticks, Notebook paper (wide ruled), Scissors, Eraser, Ruler, Small supply box, 1-Red pocket folder (no brads), 3-pocket folders of choice (no brads), 2 Boxes Kleenex, Gym shoes.


Third Grade: 1-Wide ruled spiral notebook, 1-Ruler (metric & standard), 4-Red

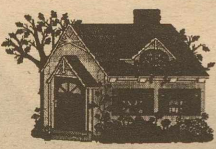
pens, 1 Bottle school glue, 2-Glue sticks, 3-Pocket folders (no brads), 24-#2 Pencils, Large supply box, Crayons, Colored pencils, Scissors, 1 Box Kleenex, 1 Box wet wipes, 1 Pkg. notebook paper (wide ruled), 1 Pkg. 3X5 index cards, Gym shoes.



Fourth Grade: Crayons, 1 Box #2 Pencils, 3-Red grading pens, 3-pocket folders (no brads), Notebook paper (wide ruled), 1-Ruler (metric & standard), 2-Glue sticks, 1-Eraser, Scissors, 1-Bottle Elmer's school glue, 1-Box Kleenex, 1-Large, inexpensive box-baby wipes, Index cards, Gym shoes.

Fifth Grade: 1-Box #2 pencils (may be mechanical), 1-Pkg. wide ruled notebook paper, 1-Pkg. colored copy paper, 4-Red grading pens, 1-Black sharpie, 2-Large glue sticks, 1-Bottle Elmer's school glue, 1-Box 24 Crayons, Colored pencils, 2-Highlighters, 2-Boxes of Kleenex, 1-Box of baby wipes, Gym shoes.



Heart and Home ...
 

 by Julie Smith

 Borden County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences

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Fast, Fun Food for School Days

On the one hand, the start of school means no more long afternoons of listening to the 'Mom, I'm bored!' chorus. On the other hand, it means life's about to get a little more hectic as, once again, everyone has a more rigid schedule to keep to. It means having to make quick breakfasts and pack well-balanced bag lunches that will actually get eaten. Here are some ideas to help you and the kids ease into the school year deliciously!

Quick breakfasts. It can be hard to make time for a nutritious breakfast on weekday mornings, but it's vitally important that children start the school day with a little something under their belts. Once every couple of weeks, let the kids help you bake a big batch of muffins or quick bread loaves. When they've cooled, wrap them in individual portions and freeze them. Each morning, you can toss as many servings as you need into the microwave, and voila! — fresh, warm bread! Other ideas: a sandwich of toast spread with peanut butter, honey and banana slices; hard-cooked eggs (made in advance) chopped and rolled up in a tortilla with a sprinkle of cheese and a dollop of salsa; or, give your blender a workout by zipping up colorful smoothies of yogurt and frozen fruit.


Fun lunches. It's a

struggle as old as time itself: you want your children to eat nutritious lunches, they want lunches full of little store-bought packages of sweet and salty things. Aiming for a compromise? Remember that small is fun. A sandwich cut into pieces (especially if you take a cookie cutter to them) is more likely to get eaten than a whole sandwich. Chunks of melon, orange wedges or grapes go over better than a whole apple. Two or three teeny-tiny cookies or brownies are more satisfying than one big one. For a refreshing break from sandwiches, whip up a pasta salad with fun pasta shapes and a few cubes of meat, cheese and veggies. Take a trip to the party supply store before school starts and surprise your kids by slipping fun napkins into their lunches, and every once in awhile, some small party favor toys.


Satisfying after-school snacks. Besides expending a great deal of energy during the day, kids have smaller tummies and therefore need to eat more often than adults do. Make sure to have some healthy and tasty snacks readily available when they come home. Keep a batch of ranch dip in the refrigerator with crackers or veggies to dip in it. Also keep on hand a snack mixture of your kids' favorite nuts, dried fruits and mini pretzels or crackers and let them dip into it as they like.

It's School Time Again!

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A man, depressed and discouraged, was sitting on a corner, glaring misty-eyed at a torn piece of paper.

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The next day, as she passed the corner, the man cried, "Stop, lady, stop!" Running to her, he said, "Here's ten dollars. Chin Up won the race."

Too many go around with their chins on their chests. They look within, and they never win. They look about, and they always doubt.

So the Bible says, "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus."

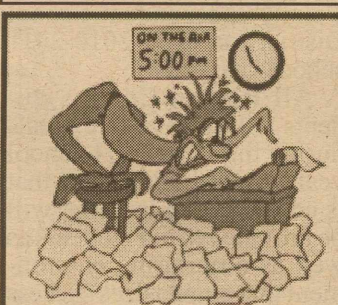
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Thought for the Day

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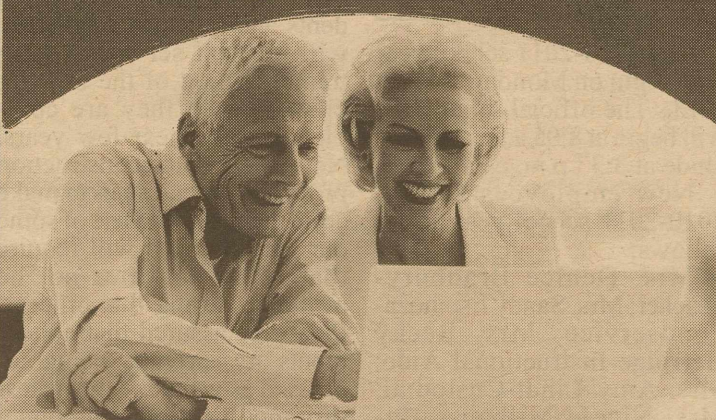


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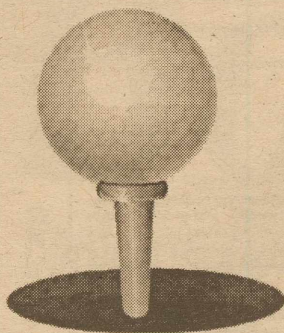
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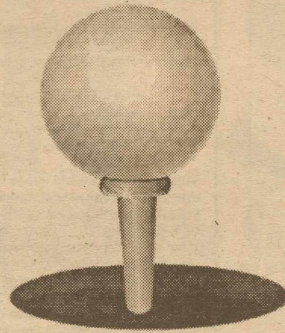


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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

Leon Helm, Sharpshooter

Leon Helm is one of those rare characters I meet occasionally who not only loves life but embraces it and considers it a most precious asset.

He has a garage in Roby where people bring in their lawn mowers, 4-wheelers, cars, trucks and just about anything that has an engine to get repaired. A table in the place serves as the community meeting room where Leon's friends gather for coffee every morning. It's sort of a memorial table. Names of former coffee drinkers who have passed away are written on the table-top.

Leon has done a variety of things in his life. Besides the garage, he has a wild hog station where people take the wild hogs they've trapped.

Leon pays them for the hogs then after he has a pen full of pigs, a place in the hill country picks them up and sells the meat overseas

where it's considered a delicacy. Leon has been a farmer and oil

field pumper and enjoyed his work as much as his play.

He took me out to his place just south of Roby and showed me the gazebo in his back yard. It is made of wood. He built a similar gazebo in downtown Roby made of metal. Antiques are everywhere around his property. As we drove in, a line of antique farm equipment lined the driveway. He often cooks outdoors and lately has barbecued lots of pork.

When Leon was just a little tyke, his daddy bought him a BB gun and some BB's. This was quite special because Leon says he grew up poor during the depression of the 30's. "We raised everything we ate," says Leon. "I treasured that BB gun because I know how hard my daddy worked to get it for me. I wanted to show him how much I appreciated it."

Leon got to be a good shot with a BB gun. "I learned to shoot by watching red ants crawl and I'd shoot the red ants as they moved around. I got pretty good at hitting a moving target. I learned to shoot a bird in the air. I've shot dove and quail by the thousands."

Leon's daddy was impressed enough with his son's shooting ability that he bought Leon a 410 single shot rifle and they went hunting together.

"That's where I improved my skills. I seemed to know where the animals or birds were going and I would shoot in that direction. I bet I've shot a hundred rabbits on a dead run."

Leon became so accurate with a twenty-two he could shoot the hole in a washer if someone tossed it into the air. To prove it, he put white adhesive tape over the hole. "When it fell to earth after I shot it, the washer had a hole through that tape."

He started entering trap-shooting competition and could hit a clay pigeon with a twenty-two. In 1966 at the state finals in Amarillo, he became the state champion. He and the former state champion both shot

199 targets out of 200 shots. "We had a shoot-off and I won. I shot a perfect 25 and he shot a 24." About his son winning the tournament, Leon's dad said, "He should have. I've bought him a carload of shells."

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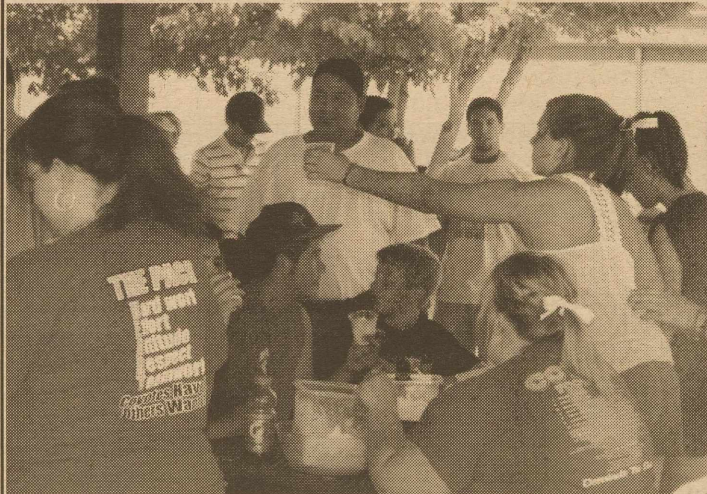
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Meet the Coyotes



The Borden County Booster Club hosted 'Meet the Coyotes' this past Saturday. Ice cream and brownies were served by the cheerleaders to the players, parents and community. Everyone enjoyed a time of visiting and supporting the Coyotes.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

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

The application proposes to inject fluid into the Upper Spraberry formation, Nan Martin "A" Lease, Well Number 2706A. The proposed injection well is located 9 miles NNW of Gail in the Clayton Ranch, North (Spraberry) Field, in Borden County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5730 to 5750 feet.

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

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capital Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TXDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 6120-42-001 for RETROREFLECTIVITY DATA COLLECTION in HOWARD County, etc will be opened on September 22, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$50,304.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available form TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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Constr./Maint. Division

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Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540
Dist/Div Office(s)

Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150
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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

ELECT

LONNIE A. DOYLE

FOR

Borden County Treasurer

Your consideration, vote and support will be greatly appreciated.

Subject to action of Republican Part

Pol. Adv. Pd by Jon C. Herring, Treasurer

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Borden County Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 pm on August 31, 2010 in the School Cafeteria Gail, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.04	/ \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$.28	/ \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	% increase	or	12.71	% (decrease)
Debt service	% increase	or	11.24	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	% increase	or	12.49	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 1,124,591,731	\$ 1,117,568,369
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 12,922,920	\$ 9,464,950
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 948,201,084	\$ 722,128,743
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 12,896,178	\$ 9,460,920

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 23,190,000.00

* Outstanding principal.

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.28000*	\$ 1.32000	\$ 33,764	\$ 4,646
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	1.17000	0.26335	1.43335	27,655	10,315
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.28000*	\$ 1.32000	\$ 23,260	\$ 10,315

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 27,912	\$ 27,579
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 14,098	\$ 14,065
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.32	\$ 1.32
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 186.09	\$ 185.66
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (0.43)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.3201. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.3201.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,537,487
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0

Upper Colorado SWCD Informs Landowners of Election Eligibility

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District would like to make it known to eligible landowners on Zone 1 and 2 that they are able to run for election to serve as a director of the District.

Legal qualifications state that a candidate for the office of a soil and water conservation district must own land in the subdivision he or she represents, be 18 years of age or older and be actively engaged in farming and ranching. The candidate must also live in a county all or part of which is in the district. Soil and water conservation district directors serve four-year terms of office.

Zone 1 includes all of Scurry County lying south of U.S. Highway 84 and east of State Highway 208.

Zone 2 includes all of Scurry County lying west of State Highway 208 and south of U.S. Highway 84 to the Colorado River.

Qualified individuals can pick up a form for candidacy between August 1st-31st, 2010 at the Upper Colorado SWCD office at 5309 Big Spring Highway between the hours of 8:00am-4:30pm, Monday-Friday.

Current members of the Board of Directors of the Up-

per Colorado SWCD are Jimmy McMillan, Chairman; Ted Crenwelge, Vice-Chairman; Myron Calley, Secretary; Max Jones, Member; John Anderson, Member.

The purpose of the Upper Colorado SWCD, with headquarters in Snyder, is to promote sound soil and water conservation programs on agricultural lands within the district and to serve as a voice for farmers, ranchers and local community entities on conservation matters.

The District Board of Directors coordinates the conservation efforts of various local, state and federal agencies and other organizations. The District has the authority to enter into working agreements with these governmental agencies and private concerns to carry out its purposes.

All conservation programs managed by the district are of a voluntary nature to the landowner or operator or other potential users of the SWCD's programs.

For additional information, contact the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District at 5309 Big Spring Highway or by calling (325) 573-6317 ext.3.

School Year Begins...

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dents. We encourage your continued involvement in your child's educational experience. Please contact your child's teachers or the school administration if your child is having problems in classes or extracurricular activities. Your involvement and intervention is the best way to prevent problems relating to your child's

educational success and positive school experience. Please feel free to call the following numbers as needed: central office 806-756-4313, principal's office 806-756-4315.

We anticipate a wonderful school year!

Sincerely,
Jimmy Thomas

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Mike Cope (right), Agency Manager, congratulates Coach Trey Richey (left) of Borden County High School on the 2009 6-Man - Division II State Football Championship at the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame induction banquet.

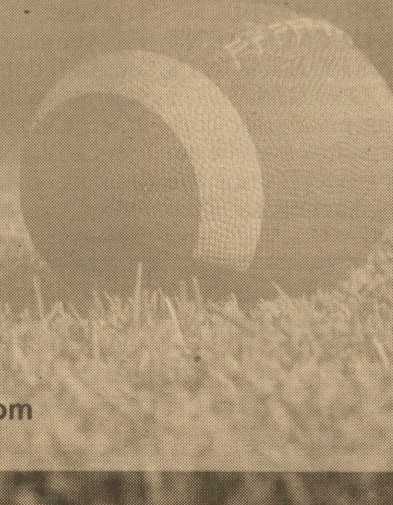
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Cotton News...

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to target specific areas in the High Plains and South Plains regions.

Brandt Underwood, NRCS agronomist in Lubbock says, "CRP established grass cover provides producers the opportunity to improve air quality by reducing wind erosion from highly erodible soils on the farm. The reduction in wind erosion reduces particulate emissions, which results in cleaner air.

"CRP also helps to improve both water quality and water quantity," Underwood continues. "The establishment of permanent grasses reduces runoff which helps to decrease non-point source pollution. Water savings can be achieved on acres that were irrigated prior to grass establishment. Farmland acres enrolled in the program are no longer irrigated and can provide results in water savings for the Ogallala Aquifer."

By reducing water runoff and sedimentation, CRP also protects groundwater and

helps improve the condition of lakes, rivers, ponds and streams. Acreage enrolled in the CRP is planted to resource-conserving vegetative covers, making the program a major contributor to wildlife population increases in many parts of the country. As a result, CRP has provided significant opportunities for hunting on private lands.

Manuel DeLeon, NRCS wildlife biologist for the High Plains region says, "The wildlife resource in our area stands to gain from all approved CRP offers. The permanent establishment of grasses and forbs provide food and cover for wildlife such as bob white quail, lesser-prairie chicken, deer and other wildlife."

For more information about conservation and environmental benefits from CRP contact the local USDA Service Center in your county, listed under USDA in the Yellow Pages, or access the information on the Texas-NRCS Web site at <http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov>.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The BORDEN COUNTY will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 2.93 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on Aug. 24, 2010 : 8:00 a.m. at Borden County Courthouse

The second public hearing will be held on Aug. 31, 2010 : 8:00 a.m. at Borden County Courthouse

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Commissioners Smith, Adcock, Reyes, Belew, and County Judge Van York

AGAINST: none

PRESENT and not voting: none

ABSENT: none

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Borden County last year was \$ 21,239 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). Based on last year's tax rate of \$.25863 (preceding year's adopted tax rate) per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$ 54.93 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Borden County this year is \$ 22,685 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$.24844 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$ 56.36 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$.268 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$ 58.80 (tax on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.



Special Provisions if Applicable Not Applicable

Criminal Justice Mandate (use for counties, if applicable):

The County Auditor certifies that County has spent \$ _____ in the previous 12 months beginning _____ for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Enhanced indigent Health Care Expenditures (use if applicable):

The _____ spent \$ _____ from _____ to _____ on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<h1>AUGUST 20 10</h1>					
1	2 Registration: JH High 9:00-5:00 Two-A-Days start @ 4:30	3 Registration: High School 9:00-5:00	4 Registration: Late Registration 9:00-5:00	5	6 Deadline for ACT Registration (September 11 th Test)	7
8	9 Bus School- 20 hrs 8:30 - 5:00	10 CSCAPE Workshop @ BC 9:00 - 4:00 Bus School - 20 hrs 8:30 - 5:00	11 Bus School- 20 hrs 8:30 - 12:00 Bus School - 8 hrs 1:00 - 5:00	12 Bus School- 8 hrs 8:00 - 12:00	13 CPR/First Aid Workshop- 9:00- 1:00	14 Varsity Football Scrimmage vs. Ropes/Loop @ Gail - 10:00 JV Scrimmage vs. Ropes/Loop @ Gail - 10:00
15	16 Staff Development	17 Staff Development	18 Staff Development	19 Staff Development	20 Work Day Varsity Football Scrimmage vs. Dawson @ Dawson-6:00 JV Scrimmage vs. Dawson @ Dawson-6:00	21
22	23 First Day of School Issue Books No schedule changes	24 Teacher request for Textbooks due to Principal	25	26 JV Football vs. Grady @ Gail 6:30	27 Staff return paperwork to Superintendent's office	28 Varsity Football vs. Rankin @ McCamey-5:30
29	30	31				