

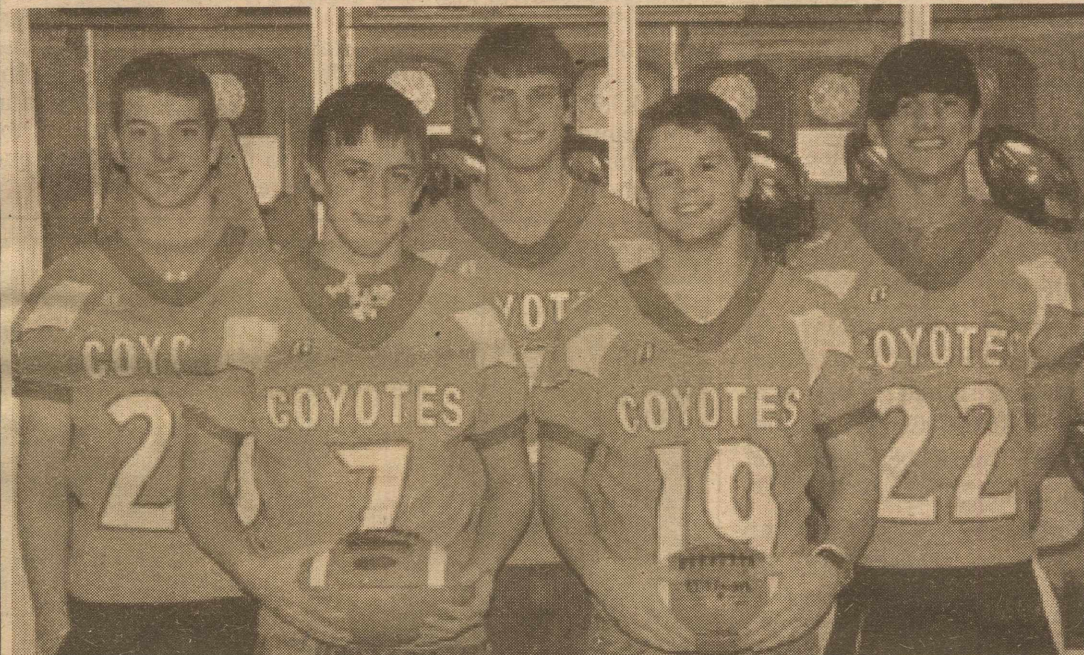
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All-State Honors



Borden County was well represented in this years' Six-Man Division I All-state Football. Those Coyotes making the list are (left to right) Tanner Richey, Zach Telchik, Qunit Shafer, John Hensley and Tony Soto.

Three-peat's Still on at Gail Richey Six-Man's Coach of the Year Again; Coyotes All-State

Courtesy of Lamesa Press Reporter
By Dwight Hines

Following his Hall-of-Fame career at Jayton where he helped power the Jaybirds to back-to-back state six-man championships, Trey Richey still is considered as one of that game's all-time bests.

It was right at a year ago when Richey made that game's all-Century Team.

Today, he still is making quite a name for himself on the sidelines as one of that game's hottest young coaches.

In each of his first three seasons as a head coach, Richey has been named as that game's coach of the year. After guiding Borden County to back-to-back state crowns is his first

two seasons as the head man at Gail, Richey was named as that game's Division II Coach of the Year. After coaching Borden County back to the post-season in its first year in Division I, Richey once again was named as Coach of the

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Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

A Kite Flies Against the Wind

Given a steady wind and a properly balanced kite, the kite will soar to great heights. But if the nose of the kite is pointed downward, the same wind will send it crashing into the ground.

Just as wind can either lift a kite or destroy it, criticism can either motivate you to reach lofty goals or dissipate your drive. Those who criticize far outnumber those who achieve. Yet no statue was ever erected to a critic. Rather than seeking to appease and mollify critics, utilize their admonition to stay on track.

Criticism is human nature. Instead of creating or innovating, people find it easier to criticize. If you want to accomplish something, critics will have an endless number of reasons why you won't or shouldn't succeed.

To use criticism to reach great heights, understand that if you are being criticized you are in the company of all great doers. By reaching out and extending yourself you rise above the horizon and become a target.

What kind of criticism do you think the following person would receive? He dropped out of grade school. He ran a country store. He went broke. It took him 15 years to pay off

his bills. He married, but had an unhappy marriage.

He ran for congress and lost twice. He then campaigned for the senate but also lost twice. He delivered a short speech and the audience was indifferent. He was attacked daily by the press and despised by half the country.

How many would label this man a loser who would never make it? Who was this man? Abraham Lincoln. What was the short speech? The Gettysburg Address.

Put yourself in this situation. After only three months of schooling your teacher informs your parents that you don't have the intellectual capacity to pursue an education. So you are taken out of school.

But you have an insatiable curiosity and want to make a living discovering and inventing. Would your dreams be condemned? Might you be laughed at? Probably. However, Thomas Edison did reasonably well with only three months of schooling and an "inferior" mind.

Ponder the plight of this poor fellow. He had a radical new concept for transmitting information. His ideas were so preposterous that his friends

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Lady Coyotes Sneak by Wellman-Union

By Coach McCook

The Lady Coyotes started slow Friday night against Wellman-Union, falling behind 11-8 at the end of the first quarter. In fact, they did not really get rolling until the beginning of the fourth quarter when they hit three consecutive shots from beyond the arc to take a seven-point lead. Still, the Lady Wildcats came roaring back and were down only two points with ball before the Lady Coyotes defense made its last stand to claim a

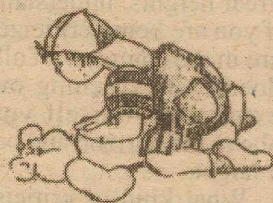
41-39 win. Taylor Richey led the Lady Coyotes with 14 points, 7 rebounds, and 4 assists. Raegan Belongia had 10 points and 9 rebounds. Stefanie Cooley had 8 points, 4 rebounds, and 2 assists. Bailey Anderson had 3 points, 2 rebounds, and 2 steals. Aubree Lester had 2 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals, and 7 assists. Kylie Voss had 2 points. Taylor Gass had 2 points. Mabelle Barr had 2 steals.



Taylor Richey reaches out to score for the Lady Coyotes in Fridays game against the Lady Wildcats.

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Jan. 31 - Feb. 4, 2011
Menu subject to change

Monday - Breakfast: Cinnamon Pastry, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Hot Roll, Frozen Cherry Bar and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Burrito, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad, Apricots and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Biscuit & Sausage, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Cheeseburger Mac, Green Beans, Carrots, Corn Bread, Mixed Fruit and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Omelet & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Fajitas, Beans, Corn, Orange Smiles, Chocolate Pudding Cup and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Cereal & Graham Cracker, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: BBQ on a Bun, Baked Chips, Pickle Spears, Corn Cobett, Pineapple Slices and Milk.

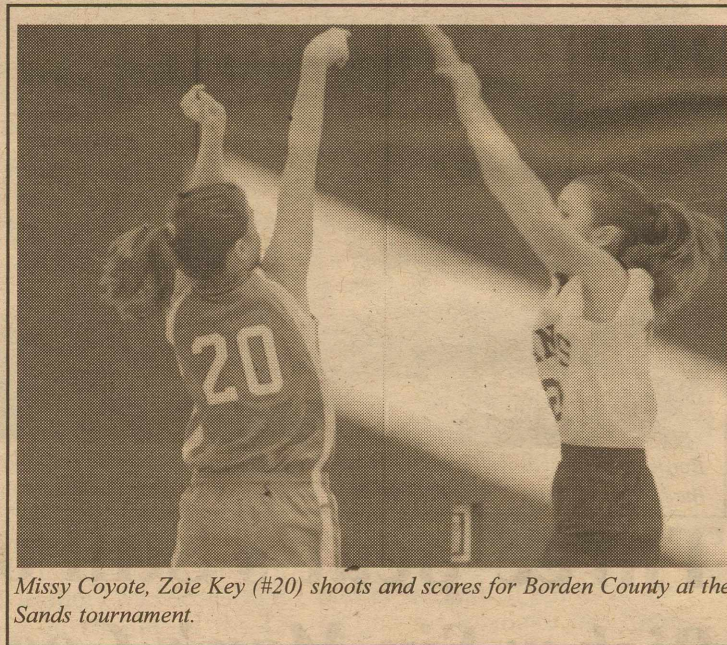
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Missy Coyotes Take Third at Sands Tourney

By Coach McCook

The JH Lady Coyotes traveled to Ackerly Thursday and Saturday for a weekend full of basketball. The first game between the Lady Coyotes and the Lady Mustangs was a district game. It was a hard fought battle, but in the end the Lady Mustangs were the victors 38-33. The two teams faced each other again on Saturday in tournament play, and the Lady Mustangs came away with another hard fought win 25-24. The Lady Coyotes played Klondike in the Consolation game and won 38-16, taking third place in the Sands Tournament.

Tye Basquez had 10, 4, and 6 points in the three games. McKenna Campbell had 9, 10, and 4. Eva Banman had 6, 2, and 10. Tatum Richey had 2, 4, and 5. Clair Shafer had 5 points in the Klondike game. Rebecca Taylor had 4, 2, and 4. Kylie Dean had 2 points in the first Sands game. Zoie Key had 2 points in each of the tournament games. Holly Bradbury had 2 points in the final tournament game. Cheyenne Tucker, Karen Rojero, Taylor Roberts, Bessie Rhodes, and Channing Miller also contributed to the team effort in one or more of these games.



Missy Coyote, Zoie Key (#20) shoots and scores for Borden County at the Sands tournament.

BHS UIL Practice Meet Results

Borden County's academic teams are continuing their push to prepare for March 24 district meet. Results from O'Donnell Invitation Meet and the Holliday Speech Tournament are as follows: **Ready Writing:** (Mollie McMeans, 2nd; Kerianne Howard, 4th; Joseph McConnell, 5th)—**Spelling/Vocabulary:** (Shea Burkett, 1st; Steelie Sanders, 2nd; Brady Dowds, 3rd; Mat-

thew Ham, 4th)—**Number Sense:** (Shea Burkett, 6th)—**Feature Writing:** (Krista Tarleton, 1st; Kurt Shafer, 3rd; Mallory McMeans, 4th)—**Science:** (Joseph, 2nd and high individual in Physics)—**Literary Criticism:** (Kassie Gaines, 1st; Michael Taylor, 5th)—**News Writing:** (Mallory McMeans, 1st; Krista Tarleton, 2nd; Brady ByBee, 4th)—**Calculator:** (Taylor Richey, 1st;

Shea Burkett, 3rd; 2nd Place Team)—**Social Studies:** (Matthew Ham, 2nd)—**Editorial Writing:** (Brady Dowds, 2nd; Shaylie Boles, 6th)—**Headlines:** (Kurt Shafer, 1st; Brady ByBee, 4th; Shaylie Boles, 6th)—**Mathematics:** (Taylor Richey, 2nd)—**CX Debate:** (Zach McMeans/John Hensley defeated Lindsey, lost to Muenster and Aubrey.

Coyotes Make All-State List...

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Stefanie Cooley puts the ball into the basket to score for the Lady Coyotes in their game against Loop for a personal total of 6 points.

Lady Coyotes Lasso the Lady Longhorns

By Coach McCook

The Lady Coyotes defeated Loop to begin the second half of district play Tuesday. The Lady Coyotes started the game clicking on all cylinders, outscoring the Lady Longhorns 23-14 and 24-14 in the first two quarters. They made one more surge to begin the third quarter, outscoring Loop 15-6, before gearing down to a 72-42 win. The win brings the team's season record to 15-6, 7-1 in district.

Taylor Richey led the team

with 32 points, 11 rebounds, 5 steals, and 2 assists. Raegan Belongia had 11 points and 12 rebounds. Stefanie Cooley had 7 points, 6 rebounds, 2 steals, and 6 assists. Bailey Anderson had 6 points, 4 rebounds, and 4 assists. Taylor Gass had 5 points and 3 rebounds. Aubree Lester had 4 points, 2 rebounds, 4 steals, and 8 assists. Kylie Voss had 4 points and 3 rebounds. Mabelle Barr had 3 points and 2 rebounds.



Coyote Pup, Sean Tueker, scrambles around a Sands opponent last Thursday in their upset match against the Mustangs.



Coach Trey Richey

Year by the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association.

"This is all very humbling. It goes back to the body of water we've got going out here," Richey said. "We truly believe (Garden City's) Vance Jones should have gotten it. I guarantee it's a difficult task to repeat."

Richey, who has coached his Coyotes to the win column in 39 times in his first 41 games as their head coach, quickly continues to attribute his success to his staff and players.

"A lot of people realize what we did, overcoming the injuries that we did (including all-state QB Miles Valentine) to still be only a play away from a third state championship this time at the Division I level," Richey said. "We're just flattered the vote turned out like it did, since it does recognize what our kids accom-

plished. I'm just the guy they call the head coach."

Richey's players did not go overlooked when it came to this list, as well especially on the defensive side of the ball where four of his starters tackled first-team honors in senior cornerbacks Zach Telchik and Tony Soto, senior defensive lineman John Hensley and his son, safety Tanner Richey.

Borden County junior Qunit Shafer got first team offense at tight end.

Four other area players who got all-state honors are Klondike junior Zach Barkowsky at first team punter, Sands senior Michael Gomez at second-team defensive line, Dawson senior J.J. Vera in Division II at second team defensive lineman and honorable mention tight end and Dawson senior quarterback Michael Morrison.

Borden County's John Hensley has been a three-time all-stater for the Coyote gridders. After getting second-team all-state as a sophomore, Hensley was a first-team all-stater now each of the past two seasons.

"He's just been another one of those kids who's just been amazing. He's not real big, but sacks, which is an unbelievable stat. He's relentless. He's one of those kids who just keeps coming at you no matter what we put him up against—either the spread or tight (formation).

A good example of Borden

County's defensive dominance is the fact that they had two first-team all-staters at the same cornerback position in Soto and Telchik.

"Part of that's because not many people play a true corner on defense, but that's still pretty rare to see two kids from the same school get something like this at the same spot. Both were unanimous, too," coach said.

Soto has earned first-team all-state at that spot each of the past two years after also earning second-team as a sophomore.

"Tony's been making plays back there for us the last three years," Coach Richey said. "We upped his role this season on the offensive side to where he also carried the ball a lot and, even then, his play still didn't drop off any."

"He's the kind of kid who'd tackle a tree stump."

Zack Telchik is no stranger to post-season awards. It was just this past spring when he also got first-team all-state honors on the baseball diamond.

"He's the kind of kid who'd tackle a tree stump."

"He's another good, hard worker who always gets good position," Coach Richey said of that three-year starter.

"He's a kid who's played hurt. He's battled injuries. He's another one of those kids who's a joy to coach, as well."

It is nearly ironic that more than 20 years after his dad got all-state at safety, Tanner also tackled that honor at that same position. Back in 1984, Trey was also an all-state safety on Jayton's first of two state championship teams.

"He was in on a lot of plays. He loves contact, which is a lot different than his old man was—I always did what I could to avoid contact," said Trey, also an all-state running back on Jayton's 1985 state team.

Coach Richey calls Shafer the complete package at tight end.

"He's a big ol' kid (6-foot-3) and strong. He's also got pretty good hands. He had 22 catches, which is pretty good, especially for somebody who doesn't throw the ball very much," Coach Richey said. "He also had the ability to make something happen after the catch. He also blocks hard."

Coyote Pups Drop to Mustangs

The Borden County Pups took on the Sands Mustangs in Ackerly on Jan. 20 and were beaten 52-36.

The Coyotes started the game strong as they almost matched the Mustangs basket for basket but fell behind 9-12. The second quarter proved disastrous for the Coyotes as they only managed two points while the Mustangs picked up the pace scoring fourteen points. With a bad second quarter the Coyotes found themselves down 26-11 at half.

In the second half the Coy-


otes were determined to play better as they played excellent defense and had their biggest quarter of the game with thirteen points. However, the Coyotes were not able to overcome the deficit in the fourth from the poor second quarter and even though they do improve and play better they finish the game behind 36-52.

Scoring for the Coyotes: Frank Banman 9, Ricky Torres 7, Riley Herridge 6, Sean Tucker 6, Joel Andrade 6, and Thomas Harrison 2. Good Job Coyotes!

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Heart and Home ...

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



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Family Eating

Sure, you want to help your family to eat healthy. So what's stopping you? If you think it takes too much time to shop and prepare nutritious meals, you have plenty of company. Many people aren't doing more to eat healthy because they think it takes too much time, according to a survey conducted by the American Dietetic Association.

But there's good news ... the road to healthy eating is paved with shortcuts. Try these timesaving tactics to help you feed your family well—and with great taste, too: **Make simple switches at the supermarket.** It doesn't take extra time to buy products such as whole grain cereal, fat-free milk, lean ground beef, baked chips, whole wheat bread or reduced-fat cheese. Ditto for high-nutrition snacks such as yogurt, raisins, frozen fruit juice bars and whole-wheat pita bread.

Poke the produce. There's a washed, cut and ready-to-eat fruit and veggie ready for every taste bud. Think about bagged lettuce and spinach, baby carrots, cut-up broccoli and cauliflower, cubed cantaloupe and pineapple. Of course, favorites such as apples, pears, oranges, bananas and grapes are fast fruit, too. For a switch, try new varieties—you often can try a sample right in the produce department.

Swing by the salad bar. Sure you can use it to quickly assemble a salad. But think outside the bar! Save prep steps by picking up ready-to-go ingredients for tonight's recipe. Try sliced onions, celery and carrots to start a soup or stew, or chopped lettuce, tomato and shredded cheese for taco-toppers. While you're at it, pick up some fruit salad for dessert.

Pad your pantry. Don't get

caught short, especially out here where we are not able to "drop by" the store. Stock up on often-used quick meal fixings such as canned beans and tuna, various pasta shapes, jars of spaghetti sauce and quick-cooking brown rice. Stash away some canned or frozen fruits and veggies, too. They're always there when you need them and just as nutritious as fresh ones because they're packed at the peak of freshness.

Make it big on the weekend. Block out a few hours to make a big batch of chili, a hearty soup, a pasta dish or a casserole. When schedules heat up during the week, you and your family can just zap-and-eat.

Use time-saving cooking techniques. Bake chicken instead of frying, or let a pot of bean soup bubble away on the back burner. Meanwhile, you can prepare the rest of the meal, get caught up on some household chores or just kick back and relax for a few minutes.

Slip good nutrition into fast favorites. Make instant oatmeal with milk instead of water. Load sandwiches up with lettuce and tomato. Toss frozen mixed vegetables into canned soup. Top your favorite frozen cheese pizza with a rainbow of veggies like broccoli florets, chopped red peppers or sliced zucchini. (Tip: Toss veggies in a little vegetable oil first so they don't dry out.)

Demand double duty from big restaurant portions. Bring some home to make a quick start on tomorrow's meal. For instance, slice up steak from your doggie bag to star in tonight's beef and broccoli stir-fry.

Source: <http://www.kidnetic.com/BrightPapers>

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Obituary

Hennie Gass

1929 - 2011

Services for James Henry (Hennie) Gass, 81, a lifelong resident of O'Donnell, were held at 2 p.m. on Monday at First Baptist Church in O'Donnell.

Burial followed at Gail Cemetery under the direction of Combest Funeral Homes in O'Donnell.

The family received friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Combest funeral home.

Mr. Gass died on Thursday, January 20, 2011.

He was born on April 24, 1929 in Grassland to W.G. and Rosa Belle (Hill) Gass. He attended school in Draw and Tahoka. He married Shirley Schooler on March 11, 1948 in O'Donnell. They were members of First Baptist Church in O'Donnell.

Until retirement, he worked for Paymaster Gin and also was a farmer and rancher in the Lynn County community.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley; daughters, Sharon Mensch of Nowata, Okla and Linda Ballard of O'Donnell; three sons, Johnnie Gass of El Paso, Richy Gass of Fluvanna and Butch Gass of Gail; eight brothers, Gordon Gass, Buddy Gass, Ronnie Gass, Charles Gass, Don Gass, Jerry Gass, Jackie Gass and Joyle Gass of O'Donnell; sister, Shirley Ann Clark and Blande Seale of Comfort, Texas; 15 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Thought for the Day


*God is the God of
promise. He keeps His
word, even when that
seems impossible; even
when the circumstances
seem to point to the
opposite.*

-Colin Urquhart

The Covenant Mobile Mammography Unit, sponsored by the Arrington Comprehensive Breast Center will be offering mammography screening for the Gail community. The mobile unit will be at the Borden County School parking lot in April. Insurance, Medicare and Medicaid are accepted. Financial assistance is available for those in need.

If you are interested or have any questions please contact Kim Thomas

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FSA Disaster Program Sign Up Begins

(POST, Texas), Jan. 10, 2011 —Garza-Borden County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Victor Ashley, announced that the 2009 crop year Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program sign-up begins on Jan. 10, 2011. SURE is a disaster program that provides assistance to farmers and ranchers who have experienced losses caused by natural disasters.

"Natural disasters can turn

what would be a profitable crop year into a year of hardship and financial loss," said Ashley. "The SURE program is part of the 'safety net' that provides assistance to farmers and ranchers when disaster strikes," he said.

For information on the 2009 SURE program eligibility requirements visit your local FSA office by calling 806-495-2801 X 2 or <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/sure>.

Dare to Live...

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and family tried to have him locked up in a psychiatric institution. Undeterred, in the 1890's, Guglielmo Marconi proceeded to successfully develop the radio.

Are you routinely chided or ridiculed for your dreams, desires plans or goals? If so, take a look at the people offering their negative opinions. Are they experts in the areas that you are striving for? Have they already accomplished what you are trying to do? Are they presenting their "advice" because they want you to succeed? If the answers are no, why would you ever allow their criticisms to deter you?

How do you fly against criticism? Believe in yourself and your goals. You don't need approval. You aren't obligated to convince anyone that your ideas are worthwhile. Often it's prudent to keep your aspi-

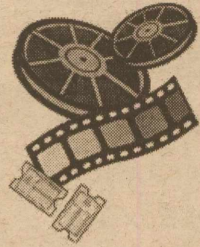
rations mostly to yourself. Seek out others who are also working towards their dreams and form a motivational group to help each other.

When you succeed, some people will tell you they knew you could do it. Others will insist you must have been lucky or were in the right place at the right time. These will be the very same people who were convinced you'd never make it.

Use criticism to feed your determination and strengthen your resolve. Make it the wind that will propel you to new and exciting achievements.

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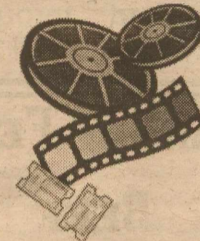
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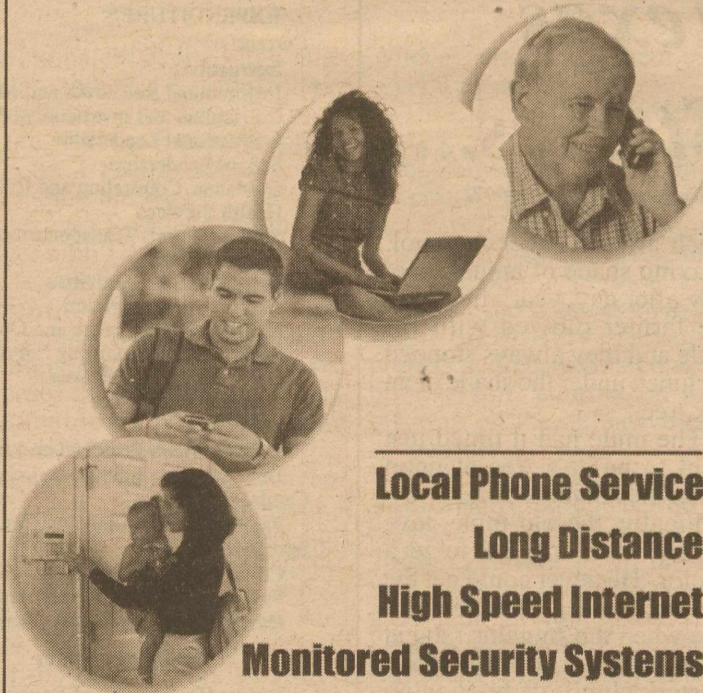
Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls, and words of appreciation upon my retirement from the office of County Judge of Borden County. As we all know, the success of any office is garnered from those citizens who allow one to draw from their wisdom. I thank those many citizens who helped me in this manner. I am very proud of the progress that was made during my years in office and my hope, prayers and my gut feeling tells me that Borden County will continue to prosper for ourselves, our children and our grandchildren.

Thanks also to the 120 friends who attended the New Years Eve dinner and dance in the new event center. Donations totaled \$628.00 for the Borden County Junior Livestock Show and Sale. Thanks to Tyler Wallace's Band, The Union Pacific; Jibber, Fuzz, and Cindy Herridge, who catered; my daughter Cathy and her husband Marc, who organized and financed. Thank you, Thank You.

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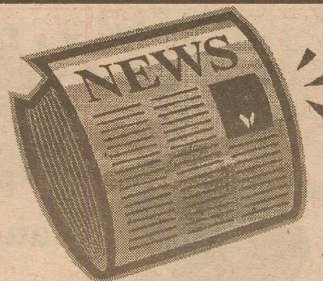
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Texas Stories...

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lunch always under the cool, relaxing shade of an oak tree. Day after day, year after year, the farmer plowed with his mule and they always stopped for lunch under the shade of an oak tree.

The mule had it timed just right to be at a tree at noon when the Angelus rang."

Finally, the old mule gave out and the farmer had to get a tractor. He never could get the knack of being at or under a tree when the Angelus rang at noon. He said he would have to stop, climb off his tractor, pray and eat lunch under the hot sun. He ended up clearing the field, cutting down all the trees. John said the farmer telling the story got real pensive and looked out over the field. "You could see he was looking not just over the field, but over time, thinking of the way it used to be. Hearing the bell again made him remember his special time with the mule."

BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2010

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:					
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 9,988,466	\$ 2,646,601	\$ 346,958	\$ 140,125	\$ 13,122,150
State Program Revenues	1,142,859	-	-	11,517	1,154,376
Federal Program Revenues	61,729	-	-	258,477	320,206
Total Revenues	11,193,054	2,646,601	346,958	410,119	14,596,732
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
Instruction	1,597,420	-	-	277,810	1,875,230
Instructional Resources and Media Services	37,519	-	-	-	37,519
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	5,151	-	-	5,420	10,571
Instructional Leadership	6,672	-	-	119,471	126,143
School Leadership	123,054	-	-	-	123,054
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	22,851	-	-	4,593	27,444
Health Services	68,167	-	-	233	68,400
Student (Pupil) Transportation	250,537	-	-	-	250,537
Food Services	254,586	-	-	-	254,586
Extracurricular Activities	371,187	-	-	210	371,397
General Administration	352,549	-	-	2,000	354,549
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	931,159	-	-	382	931,541
Security and Monitoring Services	4,050	-	-	-	4,050
Data Processing Services	107,741	-	-	-	107,741
Community Services	57,408	-	-	-	57,408
Debt Service:					
Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	-	1,810,000	-	-	1,810,000
Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	-	1,050,838	-	-	1,050,838
Capital Outlay:					
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	43,705	-	5,743,359	-	5,787,064
Intergovernmental:					
Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	5,138,541	-	-	-	5,138,541
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	34,590	-	-	-	34,590
Other Intergovernmental Charges	70,342	-	-	-	70,342
Total Expenditures	9,477,229	2,860,838	5,743,359	410,119	18,491,545
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,715,825	(214,237)	(5,396,401)	-	(3,894,813)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Sale of Real and Personal Property	23,152	-	-	-	23,152
Transfers In	-	168,961	12,660,303	-	12,829,264
Transfers Out (Use)	(12,829,264)	-	-	-	(12,829,264)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(12,806,112)	168,961	12,660,303	-	23,152
Net Change in Fund Balances	(11,090,287)	(45,276)	7,263,902	-	(3,871,661)
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	13,880,100	49,018	26,134,303	-	40,063,421
Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 2,789,813	\$ 3,742	\$ 33,398,205	\$ -	\$ 36,191,760

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

The Story of a Religious Mule

The twin spires of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Corn Hill form a dramatic silhouette on the Central Texas prairie surrounding it. The church has served the German and Czech residents who live nearby for decades. It is located on FM 1105 near Jarrell, Texas. John Hart Bandas of Temple has had an interest in the church for years. He is an engineer and offered his assistance in repairing the church bell, which has been out of service for a long time because the mechanism to ring the bell is broken.

The church bell used to ring three times a day: at six AM, noon and six PM to remind congregants it was time to pray the Angelus, a Catholic prayer traditionally recited three times a day. The peal of the bell in years past indicated it was not only time to pray, but time to go to work, to eat lunch and to quit work for the day.

One day while visiting the church, John climbed to the bell tower and manually rang the bell. It produced a loud, clear signal. John made some notes about how to fix it. When he descended from the tower, he noticed a man wear-

ing overalls standing nearby. The man told John that the farmer who owned land across from the church offered to sell him his farm. The only stipulation was that he had to keep the mule that had farmed the land for years and to continue using it until the mule got old and was no longer fit to work.

John says the man told him that tractors were becoming pretty popular at that time and mules were going out of style, but the man said that the only way he could buy the farm was to take the mule with it. The man agreed to the deal. He told John that back in those days there were lots of oak trees dotting the fields and when the Angelus bell rang at six in the morning he went outside to find the mule already standing by the harness, ready to go to work. So he would harness the mule and go to the field.

"As the sun climbed higher in the sky, they plowed row after row until the noon Angelus bell rang," says John. "Every day at lunch when the Angelus rang, the mule would be under a tree. So the farmer prayed, fed his mule and had

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Mission Operation Hope



Mrs. Richey's third graders had a special visitor on Friday. Anthony Lopez's mom, Yvonne Lopez, recently traveled to Montrouis, Haiti on a mission trip. Yvonne is a nurse and student at Texas Tech University. She traveled to Haiti with a group called Operation Hope. Texas Tech's Baron Batch was also one of the members that traveled with this group. The students looked at pictures and heard stories about how Haitians live and work in very difficult conditions. If you would like to visit the website to learn more about Operation Hope, you may visit their website at www.operationhopeusa.org.

Coyote JV Earns Fourth Straight Victory

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Junior Varsity Boys basketball team improved to 6 and 5 on the season as they had two solid victories this week extending their winning streak to 4 games.

The week got started on Tuesday as they played host to a familiar football opponent, the Garden City Bearkats. The Coyote JV put together possibly their best performance of the season as they came out of the gates early and built an early 15 to 8 lead behind their inside play of Helio Rosales and Matthew Roberson. In the end, these two would combine for 28 of the Coyotes 45 points on the evening as the supporting cast did a great job of recognizing the Borden County advantage and they used it to the tune of a very impressive 45 to 25 victory. The Coyotes won all 4 quarters as they just built on success each quarter. Defensively, the Coyotes continue to improve on their ¾ court press that has been used on makes and misses and as a result, the Coyotes have been able to control the tempo of the game. The Coyotes use two different groups, rotating in ap-

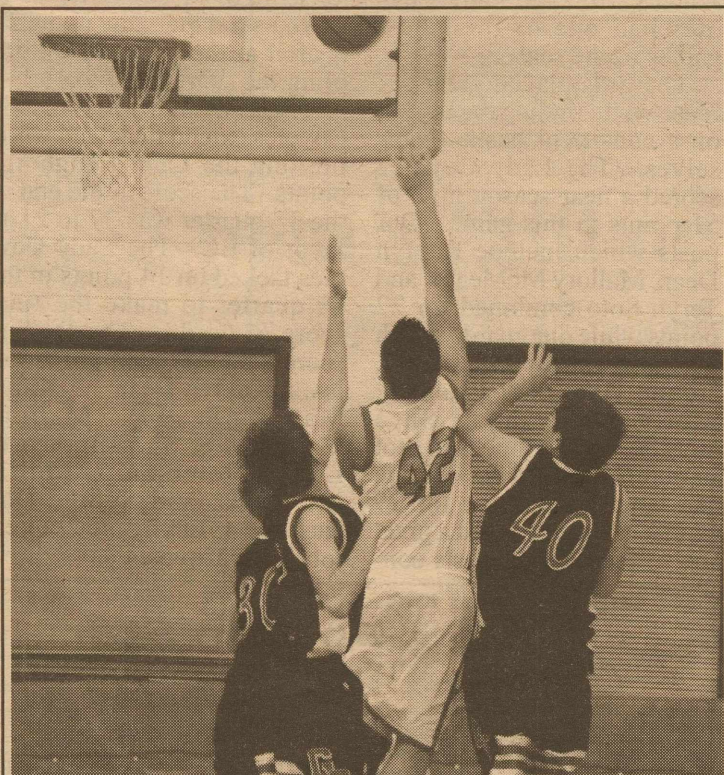
proximately every 3 to 4 minutes and this has definitely combined with the added pressure with the presses to prove to be a recipe for success. Leading the way for the Coyotes was Rosales with his career high 18 points. Roberson was right behind with 10 points. Vastly improving freshman Kurt Shafer added 7 points, but his presence on the top of the press has been very valuable as has been Luke Burkett on the top of the other group and he added a basket of his own. Jared Smith added 4 points, and Brady Bybee and Matt Proulx also contributed 2 points. Also making an impact defensively and making sure the ball got into the hot hands of the post players was Matt Ham, Zach McMeans, Steven Howard, and Austin Fields.

On Friday, the Coyotes traveled to Wellman to take on the Wellman-Union Wildcats, a team they lost to earlier in the season in Gail, 29 to 28. This time, the Coyotes would not be denied as they again incorporated the pressing defense on all makes and misses that continued to put pressure on the home team

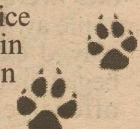
Wildcats and forced them into several turnovers.

The Coyotes again used their inside presence as Matt Roberson scored a career high 17 points while going a perfect 5 for 5 from the free throw line. The Coyotes put together 4 double digit quarters to easily handle the Wildcats 48 to 27. Eight of 10 Borden County players scored in this contest, but everyone contributed in a big way on the defensive end of the floor.

The Coyotes built an early 11 to 2 lead after one period of play and never looked back. A 26 to 13 advantage in the 2nd half allowed the Coyotes to gain their revenge on the earlier loss and improve them to 6 and 5 and extend the winning streak. Leading the way for Borden County was Roberson with 17 and they Rosales, Proulx, Burkett, and Shafer all added 6 points each. McMeans and Smith added 2 points and Brady Bybee added a 3 pointer. Also contributing with some great defense and nice passing was Austin Fields and Steven Howard.



Helio Rosales (#42) scores another basket for the Coyote JV and scores his own personal best during a game with 18 points.



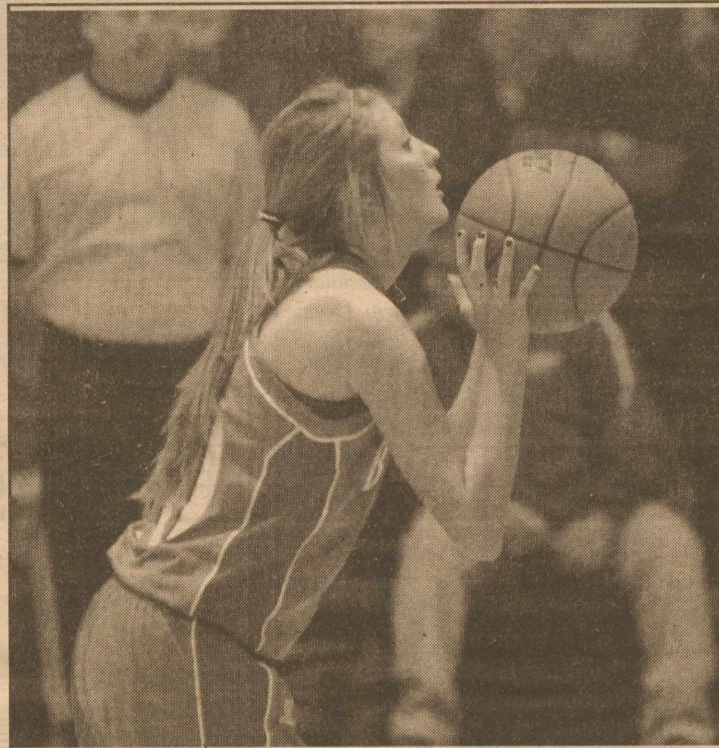
JV Girls Lose Tough One to Wellman-Union

By Coach Benavidez

The Borden County Lady Coyotes travelled to Wellman-Union to take on the Lady Wildcats on January 21. The game proved to be a rough outing for the Lady Coyotes. We did not have a great shooting night but almost pulled out a victory by playing good defense.

The first quarter was an ugly one as the Lady Wildcats jumped out to a 11-1 lead. In the second quarter the Lady Coyotes played much better defense and closed the gap to 8 to 15. The Lady Coyotes ended the third quarter with a score of 11-18. Despite the good defense by the Lady Coyotes, the Lady Wildcats were able to score and increase the score to 26 while limiting the Coyotes to 18. The girls battled all game but just were not able to narrow the gap enough for the win. The scoring for this game are as follows; Kalyn Massingill 9,

Teryn Soto 4, Kalyn Dean, each 2. Great effort, Lady Lexi Peterson and Sydnie Day Coyotes!



Lady Coyote, Teryn Soto, steadies her aim at the basket before adding another point for Borden County.

Jr. High Boys Take Home Hardware in Sands Tourney

By Coach Baeza

The JH boys participated in the Sands Tournament on Jan. 22 and place third when all the dust had settled. The Coyotes first drew the Mustangs who had just recently disappointed the Coyotes 52-36.

The Coyotes were eager for some revenge as they played an excellent first half jumping out to an early 15-9 lead. Leading the Coyotes offensively in the first half was Frank Banman with 8, Ricky Torres with 5, and Cayden Vaughn with 2.

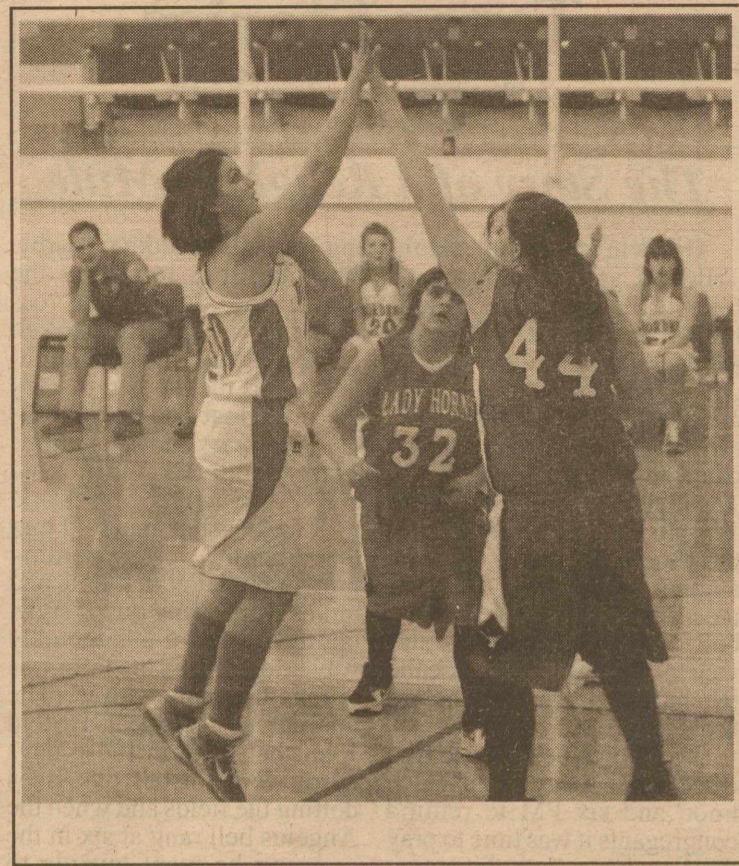
In the second half the Coyotes were still determined to come away with a win as they played excellent defense but began to struggle from the field offensively. The Mustangs however finished the game with their two best quarters

scoring 10 and 11 points. The Coyotes when into a slump in the fourth quarter scoring only two points which gave the Mustangs a 30-24 victory. The Coyotes did an excellent job improving from the first meeting.

The Coyotes next met the Klondike Cougars who had been beaten by Grady the game before. The Cougars had also beaten the Coyotes a few weeks earlier by a score of 23-18. The Coyotes were not going to be denied this time as they jumped out to an early 22-12 first half lead. The Coyotes were playing excellent defense and being patient on offense which lead to some easy baskets.

In the second half the Coyotes continued to play aggress-

sive defense and unselfish basketball. They extended the lead in the second half to put the final score at 41-27 in favor of the Coyotes. Good Job Coyotes! Scoring for the Coyotes, BC vs. Sands: Frank Banman, Ricky Torres 5, Cayden Vaughn 3, and Jayden Huse 2. BC vs. Klondike: Frank Banman 12, Sean Tucker 11, Ricky Torres 8, Cayden Vaughn 4, Riley Herridge 3, Hurricane Richter 2, and Thomas Harrison 1. Also playing and contributing were Merik valentine, Rhaeden Bland, Flint Roberts, Nathan Ham, Samuel Raborn, Kelby Miller, Robert Jordan, Nathan Souder, Colby Pennell, and Joel Andrade.



Lady Coyote JV Handle Loop

By Coach Benavidez

The Borden County Lady Coyote JV team hosted the Loop Lady Longhorns on January 18. The Lady Coyotes had one of their best games of the season.

The girls played great defense while finding the bucket on a consistent basis, themselves. The Lady Coyotes scored a near season high of 51 points in this game. Our posts which include Kaylyn Dean, Mallory McMeans, and Teryn Soto combined for 22 points while our guards which include, Kalyn Massingill, Jordan Day, Lexi Peterson, Mollie McMeans, Shea Burkett, and Sydnie Day shot extremely well from outside the lane to combine for 29 points. These girls did a great job of feeding our posts con-

sistently with great passes from the outside. The girls jumped to an early lead with a 1st quarter score of 11 to 6. The Lady Coyotes did the same in the 2nd quarter as they added points to bring the score to 23 to 16.

The 3rd quarter saw the Lady Coyotes extend their lead while limiting the Lady Longhorns points. The score at the end of the 3rd quarter was 37 to 21 in favor of BC. The Lady Coyotes tacked on 14 points in the 4th quarter to make the final score 51 to 33. The leading scorers for this game are as follows; Kaylyn Dean 12, Kalyn Massingill 11, Mallory McMeans 8, Shea Burkett 6, Lexi Peterson, Mollie McMeans, and Sydnie Day each had 4, Teryn Soto 2. Great job, Lady Coyotes.

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