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Making Memories!

The Texas Rangers' long-awaited visit proved well worth the wait as over three hundred Borden County students, residents, and many visitors discovered February 15.

With pitching legend and now Rangers' CEO/President Nolan Ryan leading the way, the event was both memorable and inspiring.

Ryan was joined by outfielder David Murphy and pitching Coach Mike Maddux both at the new baseball field for dedication ceremonies and in the school auditorium for a

general assembly.

Fox Sports Southwest news reporter Emily Jones emceed the assembly on behalf of the Rangers. Ryan, Murphy, and Maddux all answered Jones's questions regarding new players for 2012, questions about their own education experiences, and then offered their thoughts on winning the American League Championship the past two seasons and playing in the 2010 and 2011 World Series.

The Rangers begin the 2012 season February 22 as spring

training gets underway in Surprise, Arizona. The signing of Japanese pitcher Yu Darvish, as mentioned several times in the assembly, is the biggest news for the Rangers heading into camp.

The regular season begins April 6 with a season opener versus the Chicago White Sox, who will be in town Easter weekend for a three-game series. Tickets can be purchased online at www.texas.rangers.mlb.com



Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Enthusiasm

Among the many choices you have is the degree of enthusiasm you inject into your life. At one end of the spectrum are those who drag themselves through each day as if it were a prison sentence. When you greet this type of person and ask how they are doing, a likely response is, "I'm alive." At the other end

of the scale are those who reply, "Great."

Your level of enthusiasm is much more important than you might realize. Is enthusiasm a cause or a result? Is a person enthusiastic when and because circumstances are good or do circumstances become good as a result of one's enthusiasm? Too often, people believe enthusiasm is a result. Actually, enthusiasm is much more often a cause.

Good things can and do happen without your influence. But if you are only enthusiastic in response to these chance occurrences, then you are cheating yourself by not harnessing the power of enthusiasm to improve life. Enthusiasm will never do any harm but it will do a lot of good. Enthusiasm generates a force that will impact everything you do.

One of the hardest things to do is be enthusiastic when a situation is not ideal. When you are disappointed by life's twists, turns, and, surprises it's easy to feel dejected. How can you summon up enthusiasm when there is seemingly no reason to feel enthusiastic?

How we feel has much more of an impact on what happens to us than we realize. The key to changing any habit is con-

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Pictured along with the visiting Texas Ranger delegation are (back row left to right) Borden County Coach Trey Richey, Texas Ranger pitching coach Mike Maddux, Borden County Assist. Coach Peter Benavidez, Superintendent Jimmy Thomas, Fox News reporter Emily Jones, Texas Rangers former pitcher and now CEO/President Nolan Ryan, Tristen Benavidez, Texas Ranger outfielder David Murphy, Collin Telchik, Tanner Richey, T.J. Basquez, Helio Rosales, Austin Tyler, Michael Taylor, Kurt Shafer, (front row left to right) Cayden Vaughn, Hurricane Richter, Jaden Huse, Ricky Torres, Frank Banman, Mason Coor and Jared Smith.

Lady Coyotes Win Bi-District Defeating Ropes

By Coach Skelton

The Lady Coyotes got a special Valentine present Tuesday night in the form of a Bi-District trophy. The Lady Coyotes played in the first round against the Lady Eagles of Ropes.

The game started off with both sides having some nerves on the offensive side of the ball, but both teams were playing extremely well on the defensive side. "We knew that Ropes was going to be physical and would play man to man, but I didn't think it was going to be such a low scoring first half." The Lady Coyotes took a first quarter lead of 3-1 to start the game, and finished the half up 10-6. "Credit has to be given to Ropes on the defensive end for taking us out of rhythm, but credit also has to be given to our girls for not getting frustrated, and we only gave up 6 points so our defense showed up to play like it has for most of the year."

Senior Aubree Lester led

the scoring in the first half with 4 points, while fellow seniors Stefanie Cooley and Raegan Belongia chipped in 6 steals and 6 rebounds. "I was also really happy with our bench tonight." Coach Skelton stated. "I thought there were several times players came off the bench and kind of sparked us." Taylor Gass who was applying so much pressure on the ball picked up her 3rd foul early forced Kalyn Massingill into the spotlight. "I thought Kalyn came in at a critical time and played great defense and scored once to help get things going." Deano (Kaylyn Dean) came in got 2 big rebounds as well as Teryn Soto who also added 2 steals. Lexi Peterson also got into the fray picking up 1 steal and 1 rebound.

When asked when he thought the game started to turn to the Lady Coyotes favor Coach Skelton pointed to the 3rd quarter. "I told the girls at half time in games like this

whoever gets to 20 points first is more than likely going to win." "The third we scored 10 points which matched our entire first half out, and it really came from the defense turning things into offensive production." Tye Basquez came up with a steal which led to transition bucket for her, and the next trip Kylie Voss gets one of her eight rebounds and passes the ball to Tye who then feeds Raegan underneath the basket for two of her six points of that quarter. "I knew we had a great shot at winning when Taylor Gass picked off a pass in our press early in the 4th for an easy 2 points which put us up six and then we took the air out of the ball"

The Lady Coyotes finished the ball game winning 29-19.

Leading Scorers:
Lester and Belongia 8, Voss 4, Cooley 3, Gass, Massingill, and Basquez 2



Lady Coyotes, Stefanie Cooley (#23) and Raegan Belongia (#44) work to keep a Ropes player from scoring during the Bi-District play-off game last Tuesday.

Borden County Coyotes Defeat Idalou After Late Game Double, 9-4

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes outlasted Idalou on Thursday after five lead changes, squeaking out a 9-4 win at Gail.

They pulled out the win thanks to a strong third inning. The Coyotes went up for good on an RBI double by Kurt Shafer off Ybarra, bringing home TJ Basquez.

Tanner Richey boosted his batting average thanks to a perfect 3-3 day at the plate, to pace the Coyotes. Richey singled in the third and fourth innings and doubled in the sixth inning.

Austin Tyler looked sharp on the rubber. Idalou managed just one hit off of the Borden County pitcher, who allowed no earned runs, walked none and struck out four during his 2 1/3 innings of work.

Richey got the win for the Coyotes. He allowed no runs in an inning. The Coyote pitcher struck out two, and allowed no base runners in the inning of work following the Coyotes regaining the lead in

the bottom of the 3rd inning.

Aggressive baserunning led to eight steals for Borden County. Jared Smith and Ricky Torres each had one stolen base and Collin Telchik, Tanner Richey, and Kurt Shafer each had two stolen bases.

Telchik threw two innings of scoreless ball for the Coyotes.

They jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first.

A key third-inning rally gave them lead for good. The Coyotes tacked on a total of four on a two-run double by T.J. Basquez and an RBI single by Richey.

The Coyotes built upon its lead with three runs in the sixth. Frank Banman kicked things off with a double, plating Richey.

That was followed up by a score from Smith.

2012 Bi-District Champs!



The Borden County Lady Coyotes were named the 2012 Bi-District Champions after defeating the Ropes Lady Eagles last Tuesday in Roosevelt. Pictured are (back row left to right) Head Coach Michael Skelton and Assist. Coach Peter Benavidez, (front row left to right) manager Gabriella Skelton, Kalyn Massingill, Lexi Peterson, Kylie Voss, Aubree Lester, Stefanie Cooley, Raegan Belongia, Kaylyn Dean, Teryn Soto, Tye Basquez and Taylor Gass. Congratulations on a great season!

Lady Coyotes Tangle With Last Years' State Qualifier Whitharral

By Coach Skelton

The Lady Coyotes advanced to the Area round to face last year's State Qualifier Whitharral Lady Panthers. When asked before the game about this match up Coach Skelton simply said. "To be the best you have to be the best." "This team is returning 4 out of 5 starters from last year team, and they have another chance this year to get back to Austin." However Coach Skelton and Lady Coyotes weren't quite ready to just throw in the towel. "I agree they are the tallest team in our classification, but like the saying goes it's not the size of the dog in the fight but the size of the fight in the dog that counts."

That statement couldn't have been more accurate to describe the effort the Lady Coyotes hit the floor with tonight. The Panthers came out firing red out for beyond the 3pt line hitting four of their team's seven 3 pt shoots. "We knew that we would have to give something up trying to take away from their big post girl, and they responded by hitting a lot of threes early, but our girls answered backed with everything they had." The Lady Coyotes led by Senior Stefanie Cooley's five points scored 12 points to only trail the Panthers by two at the end of the first. "We had a game plan, and it was working at the time, and Senior Raegan Belongia was doing a fantastic job on their 6'2 post. The second quarter found both teams locked in a chess match of counters and re-counters as senior Aubree Lester was the only Lady Coyote to score in the quarter. Her 4 points was just 1 point shy of the 5 the Lady Panthers where able to score on the Lady Coyotes blis-

tering defense.

When you are only down three points to this caliber of a team it really shows the people what these young ladies are truly capable of, and that's all I can ask for. We talk about effort every single practice and game, and tonight was nothing short of the best effort I have ever been associated with in my career. That effort Coach Skelton alleged to sparked the Lady Coyotes to come out and outscore the Panthers by 5 in the third quarter to take a 2 point lead going into the fourth.

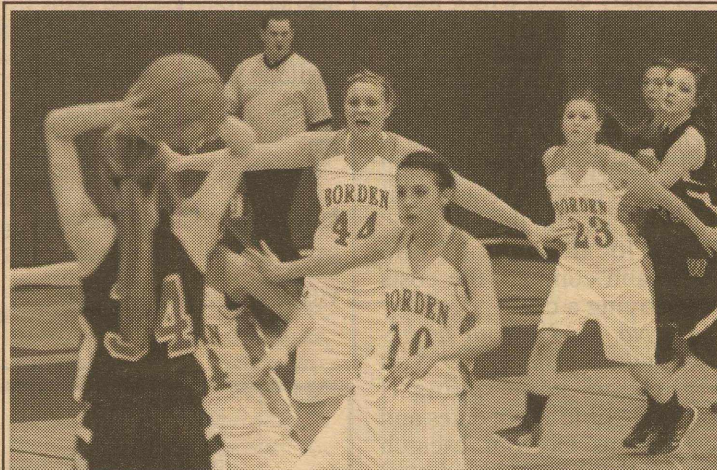
"I have told the kids several times that this game is a game or runs, and every team is going to make one it's just a matter of time, and unfortunately for us in the fourth that's what happened." "What really hurts me is if you weren't at the game you really can't appreciate the effort that was expended by these young ladies tonight." The run Coach Skelton is talking about is the 23-3 run the Whitharral Lady Panthers had to finish off the game. The Lady Coyotes would fall 44-27 in the Area Round finishing their year at 26-6.

"I go into the locker room and as a coach you know how they are going to be, but as a coach I couldn't have been more proud of the intensity and effort and since of pride these girls showed in this game." "I hate it that it's the last game I get to coach Stef, Aubree, and Raegan all three of these girls really did a lot for me my first year here, and I truly enjoyed being around them."

"I told the girls how proud I was to be their coach, and to take the time to reflect back on

this season because they did accomplish a lot of good things." "I also put a challenge out there for next year's seniors. Kylie Voss, Kaylyn Dean, Teryn Soto, and Lexi Peterson you girls now get to add your chapter to this story next season, and just like this season you will have girls that will be here to help you just like you helped these seniors."

Leading scores Lester 9, Belongia 7, Cooley 5, Gass 5, Voss 1



Lady Coyotes play tough defense against Whitharral for the Area title last Friday night only to suffer a disappointing loss to the Lady Panthers with a final score of 44-27.

Gail FFA Celebrates National FFA Week

By Buddy Wallace

February 18-25th is the week chosen to celebrate 2012 National FFA Week by thousands of FFA members across the country. FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through Agricultural Education—this is the main goal of the organization. For more than 73 years, the FFA has continued to be an integral part of agricultural instruction by making classroom lessons come to life through realistic

applications. From its beginning, in 1928, with 33 delegates at the first national convention, it has grown to encompass 500,000 plus members in all 50 states, Puerto Rico Virgin Islands, Guam and Rota. Texas currently leads the Nation with 80,000 members!

The Gail FFA Chapter is made up of 42 members in grades 9-12. The chapter is very active in community service, leadership training, career development events, mechanical applications, supervised agricultural experience

programs, and many other activities. The chapter officers will be doing their part to promote National FA Week by wearing FFA attire as they visit with prospective junior high students on the benefits of being in the GGA and Ag. Science Programs.

The Gail FFA Chapter wishes to thank the community for all of its, strong support this year and the members are proud to represent Borden County in its' FFA activities.

School Lunch Menu

Feb. 27 - Mar. 2, 2012

Monday - Breakfast: Omolet & Toast, Fruit Juice & Milk. Lunch: Corndog, Western Beans, Salad, Pudding Cup and Milk.

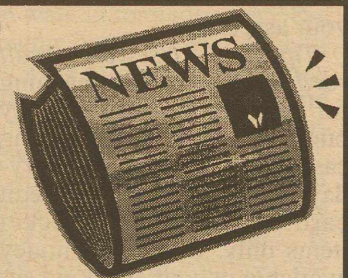
Tuesday - Breakfast: Poptart, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Got Roll, Cookie and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Nacho Grande, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Orange Slices and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Sausage & Biscuit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Spaghetti, Garden Salad, Green Beans, French Bread Stick, Apple Crisp and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Manager's Choice, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pizza, Salad, Corn, Pineapple and Milk.

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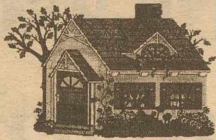
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Heart and Home ...


by Julie Smith
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Choose to Save: Practical Savings Tips for Every Day Saving

February 19-26 is America Saves Week

Tip No. 1: Hide it before you can spend it Out of sight is out of mind. When it comes to money, out of sight means in the bank; in sight generally means in your wallet. Sign up for an automatic savings plan so that your money is automatically moved from your paycheck to a savings account.

Tip No. 2: Entertain yourself on a frugal budget Remember that having a good time doesn't mean spending a lot of money. Go to restaurants that offer buffets or try a BYOB (bring your own bottle) where entrees are usually less. Ethnic dining also tends to offer better bargains. And if you are going to the movies, skip the concession stand.

Tip No. 3: Pay debts forever, but become the payee Many of us have monthly loan payments, whether for a car loan, credit card debt, a mortgage, or all of the above. When you've finally paid off a debt, try to keep it up. But instead of sending a check to the lender, deposit the money into a savings account. You've increased your net worth by paying off the debt; now keep up the good work by building up your assets.

Tip No. 4: Use your credit card wisely Are you reaching for your credit card for every purchase you make? Try using cash or a debit card for everyday items, and limiting credit card usage for large ticket items only. Using the money available in your checking account will help you learn to live within your means.

Tip No. 5: Pay your bills as soon as they come Don't cast your bills to the side. Pay off bills as soon as you get them, and if you can't pay the entire balance, pay more than the minimum amount due when possible.

Tip No. 6: Sign up for frequent-shopper club cards If

you shop at a store frequently, why not sign up for its frequent shopper club cards? Many entitled cardholders to special discounts and offers.

Tip No. 7: Keep track of all your spending Try writing down all your purchases for a week and see where you're putting your money. Note every dollar you spend - whether it's a candy bar or a new purse - and see if there are areas where you can spend less and save more.

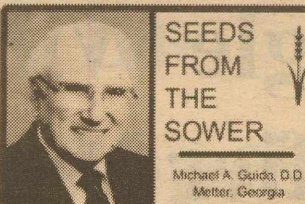
Tip No. 8: Use public transportation If you have access to public transportation, try using it. It's less expensive and usually less stressful than driving. Check local bus and train routes and compare the costs with driving a car.

Tip No. 9: Do your homework when you travel You might save some coins if you're flexible about dates and destinations. Do your research and look for off-peak travel dates and destinations. Take advantage of weekend or mid-week deals.

Tip No. 10: Watch out for impulse shopping Sometimes it's hard to say "no" to that great new outfit or music CD. But if you want to save, you probably are better off without it. Many times, we purchase items because they "catch our eye" - this can lead to wasteful spending. The next time you see something that you want but didn't plan on purchasing, ask yourself if you really need it and stick to your savings goals.

Some good ideas from this website: <http://www.personal-budget-planning-saving-money.com/moneysavingtips.html>

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Sammy Jones wrote on the blackboard, "Sammy Jones is the best kisser in school."

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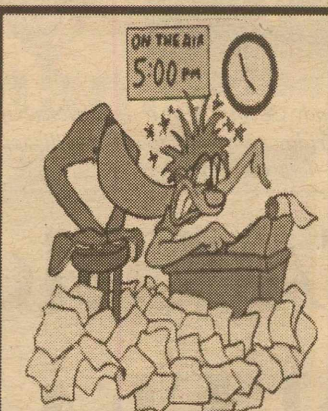
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Borden County 4-H News



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4-H Photography Project

4-H Photography project will begin meeting on Thursday, February 16th from 3:45 to 5:00 p.m. in the Home Economics Lab. We will also meet on Tuesday, March 6 and Tuesday, March 20 from 3:45 to 5:00 p.m. For more information contact Julie Smith at the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or e-mail at julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu

4-H Fashion Design

Youth interested in learning about Fashion Design and how to enter the Fashion Storyboard competition should make plans to attend our meeting on Thursday, February 23rd after school until 5:30 in the Home Ec Lab. More details will be given at this meeting about the project and competition. If you are unable to attend because of a conflict, we will make plans to meet another time. For more information contact Julie Smith at the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or e-mail at julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu

County Educational Presentation Contest, Share-the-fun and Public Speaking Project

4-H'ers and parents interested in learning more about the Public Speaking Project should contact the Extension Office as soon as possible. Information is available to assist 4-H'ers and their parents in writing, presenting and preparing visuals for educational presentations (method demonstrations); as well as covering information about the public speaking contest and share-the-fun's. Share-the-fun categories include: Celebrate 4-H, choreographed routines, poet, vocal, band and musical. This project provides youth an excellent opportunity to develop public speaking skills, even if they hate to talk in front of others. 4-H'ers will present their prepared presentations at County 4-H Roundup. Participants will advance to District 4-H Roundup, which will be held on May 5th at Levelland Middle School in Levelland. **The deadline for entering a Public Speaking Contest is Wednesday, April 11.** For more information contact Julie Smith at the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or e-mail at julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu



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Our Garden Still Grows

By Sue Jane Mayes

The daily joys/exasperations of working in a school are inherent to the position. And, the blessings/headaches often extend way beyond the bus, the classroom, or the cafeteria. The perfect metaphor for the school setting is a garden—watching, and helping, kids grow is what we do.

The Galvan Family came to Borden County in 1992, living near the Vealmoor Community. Aida, the oldest, enrolled first as an 18-year-old and would soon be followed by Juan, Karina, Javier, Noemi, and Judith. Aida went on to finish school, getting her GED. Juan and Karina graduated from Borden County in 1995 before the family moved to Humble, Texas, near Houston where the youngest would graduate. Only Aida spoke English before coming.

The Galvans came—as people are prone to do—to find something better. The only difference in their journey and mine is history. History's events put this land that used to be theirs in my hands. Here this family from San Luis Potosi came, almost 150 years after the Mexican-American War, wanting to return to their native land but not knowing the English language. I've often wondered why we couldn't have found a way to peacefully co-exist, sharing land and languages. Had we done so, we could all be bi-lingual now as

is much of the world.

Reality being what it is, though, we tended these children's language garden with our special version of ESL: daily conversations, photo vocabulary books, athletics, relying on friends such as Miguel, Cande, and Jerry Hernandez along with Eva and Rachel Abalos and Brenda Griffin. Mrs. Lydia Baeza, Coach Baeza's mom, was also working with the Borden County ISD at that time and played a major role in nurturing the Galvans. Sisters Connie Hart and Kathy Underwood provided encouragement along the way as the kids worked in the schools during the summer months. Teacher Karan Key, as Noemi mentioned, was "an angel to me" after basketball practices that left Noemi quite bewildered since Noemi had never seen or played basketball. Karan wasn't versed in Spanish, but kindness transcends any language barrier. Karan listened with bi-lingual ears and loved with a bi-lingual heart.

Aida, Juan, Karina, Javier, Noemi, and Judith are always quick to remind me of these people's influences in their lives when I get the chance to visit with them. Each time we gather, their growth from kids to young adults reminds me of the power of embracing every child who walks through our

doors.

Today, all six of them are married with beautiful little ones of their own. Judith, the youngest at 28, had a baby while I was there just this past weekend. Aida, the oldest at 38, will deliver her second child this week. Their marriages have given them healthy children who are going to be bi-lingual, educated, and confident.

Borden County alone did not "grow" the Galvans. They came with willing hearts, sweet spirits, and fierce determination to accomplish a goal while at the same time maintaining their own heritage. We simply provided the soil for that growth at a particular time in their lives when they were ripe for learning. In return, the fruit they have put forth is as sweet as any I have ever enjoyed as a teacher: phone calls on Mother's Day, texts at midnight to wish me Feliz Año Nuevo, photos of those whom they allow me to call "nietos" (grandchildren): *Kiara, Raulito, Giselle, Xavier, Juanito, Getsemani, Ricardito, Allyson, Ali, Christian, Kamila*, and soon-to-be *Rocio*.

Some gardens are grown for show; some for sustenance.

Knowing the Galvans has fed my spirit not padded a resumé. They are the precious reminders of why those who work with children have "heaven in our hands."



Pictured are the Galvan's (left to right) Javier, Noemi, Karina, Juan and Aida. Not pictured is Judith who was in the hospital with her new baby.

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Dare to Live...

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sistent practice and repetition. Enthusiasm isn't guaranteed to improve every situation so you can't just try it once and then dismiss its effect if you don't get instant results.

In your interpersonal communications, enthusiasm influences your perceived credibility. If you attempt to convey thoughts and ideas with a lackluster delivery, few people will be moved. But someone whose enthusiasm is bubbling over has an extraordinary impact on others. If you have any doubts, think about the type of people who make the biggest impression on you.

Suppose you are looking for a new job. You have had several interviews with no job offers. Now you're on your way to yet another interview. As much as you would like to secure this job, your hopes are not high. With a low level of enthusiasm, you sit down for the interview. There's no smile on your face and you have a troubled expression on your face.

What kind of impression will you make on the interviewer? Granted, your past interview results weren't that exciting, but what are your chances for this job if you are devoid of enthusiasm?

Put yourself in the shoes of the interviewer. Your company wants to hire the best possible person for the position. You have to make a decision be-

tween two candidates. The one who is a little more qualified, showed no spark, enthusiasm, or drive. The other applicant could barely sit still. His desire for the job and intent to excel was unmistakable. Who would you hire?

The interviewer doesn't care why one person was enthusiastic and the other wasn't. The significant factor is that an enthusiastic worker typically is more reliable, is more conscientious, and interacts better with coworkers. This is a perfect example of enthusiasm being a cause rather than a result.

To summon enthusiasm, visualize how you would feel if your life were perfect. Before you walk in for a job interview, imagine how you would feel if you were offered the job. Then maintain that same feeling and excitement during the interview.

Act enthusiastic to feel enthusiastic. Think about how you come across to others. Is there a sparkle in your eye, excitement in your voice, and a nice smile and pleasant look on your face? The more enthusiastic you are, the more life will go in your favor.

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"Mail Bag"

Cards, Letters Can Make Grandpa's Day!

He's the quiet type. He reads his newspaper each day, over his morning bowl of cereal and his one cup of coffee. He takes a walk mid-morning with his pet dog Oliver. He watches ESPN and quietly pulls for the New York Yankees to play up to their payroll.

Unless you know him, or catch the sparkle in his eyes when they first burst through the door, you might not realize how much he enjoys having the grandkids come to visit. How he secretly looks forward to the hugs. To the news about school and the bruised knee and the missing tooth in front. To giving another guided tour of the backyard, in search of bugs and rocks and alien space creatures yet to be discovered.

To the shrieks and the wails and the thump, thump, thump of young feet racing through the house in a perpetual mad dash to go nowhere in particular, but to get there in a hurry.

Ask any grandparent. The next best thing to seeing the car drive up with the kids waving wildly in the backseat is receiving a letter from the grandchildren. Letters connect. They fill the void with permanence, regaling ball games and recitals, delivering spectacular ("Wonder what THAT is?") drawings for the refrigerator, and even grade cards to be passed around and celebrated within their circle of proud seniors.

One of the best things about cards and letters is that they come with instant replay at no extra charge. They can be read, and reread, and reread again, conjuring up images of that first home run, the tears over a lost pet, and the joy of summer-vacation visits long after they've morphed into semesters at distant colleges and new lives taking root great distances away.

This weekend, sit down with your child and write a letter to Grandpa. Share the adventures of this past week. The

kids can practice their spelling and penmanship skills, and in the process, you'll make Grandpa's day. Besides, if you teach your child to write letters now, maybe one day they'll write a letter or two to you, too.

One more thing: Don't forget Grandma. She wants to hear from the grandchildren, too!

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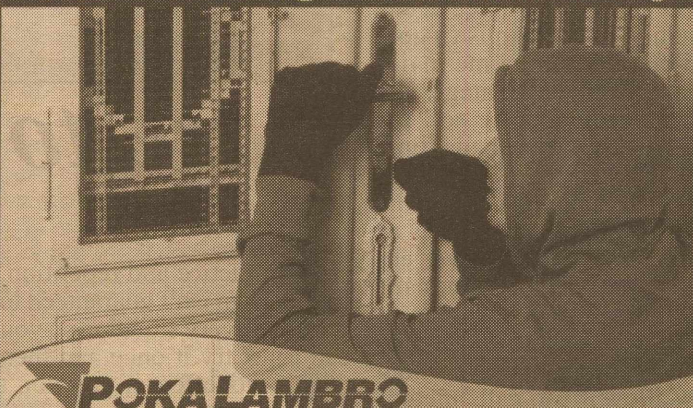
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Borden County Burn Ban Lifted

The Burn ban for Borden County has been lifted for 14 days, effective February 14th thru February 27th

Approved by the Borden County Commissioner's Court

Legal Notices

Notice of Availability of Electronic Communications

(Gail)—Under a new law, chief appraisers of county appraisal districts, appraisal districts, and appraisal review boards may communicate electronically through email or other methods with property owners or their designated representatives. Written agreements are required for notices and other documents to be delivered electronically in place of mailing.

How does it work? Certain guidelines must be followed for this local option communication:

Written agreements with the county appraisal district must be entered first, ensuring what electronic means of delivery are acceptable. If you are interested in receiving communications in electronic format, you should contact your local appraisal district.

Public notice regarding the availability of agreement forms authorizing electronic communications may be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the district on or before Feb. 1 each year, or agreement forms may be delivered on or before Feb. 1 each year to property owners shown on the certified appraisal roll for the preceding tax year.

The chief appraiser may determine the medium, format, content and method to be used for electronic communications other than notices required by Section 25.19 of the Tax Code, which are prescribed by Comptroller rule.

A decision by the chief appraiser not to enter into agreements may not be the subject of an appraisal review board protest, a lawsuit or a complaint to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regu-

lation.

For more information, contact us at:

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., #15 SMITH ROAD, MIDLAND, TEXAS 79705, 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 applicant proposes to inject fluid in the Spraberry Formation, in the following section and lease.

Jo-Mill (Spraberry) Field, Jo-Mill Unit Lease (60465), Well No. 27144W, 18 miles SW of Gail. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from approximately 6960 to 7600 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources 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 the 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, P.O. Drawer 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 Telephone (512) 463 6792.



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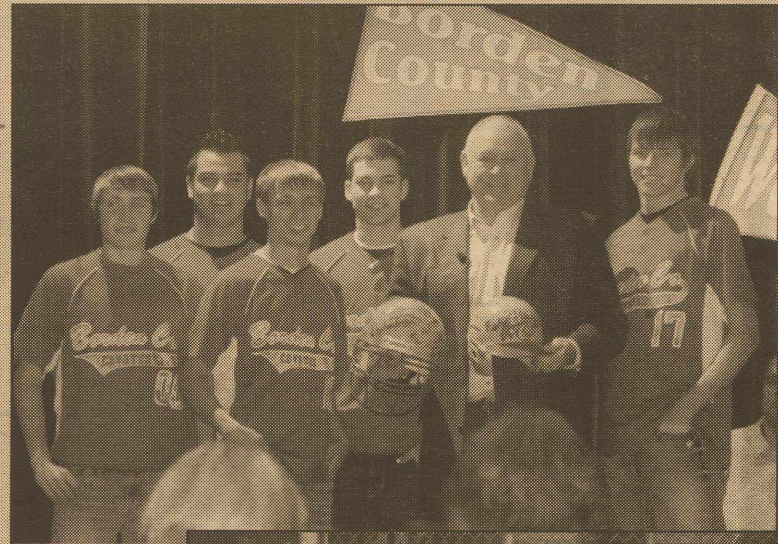
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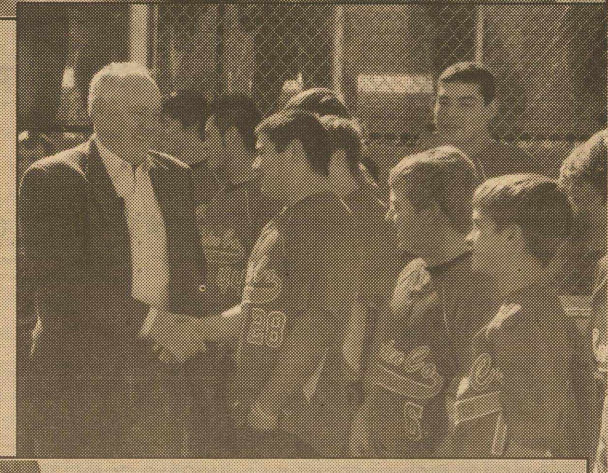
Borden County Welcomes the TEXAS RANGERS

(Below) Ethan Stephens, Brooklyn Gray and Keigan Benavidez ask the Texas Rangers questions.

Members of the Coyote baseball team present the Texas Rangers and Coyote football and baseball helmet.



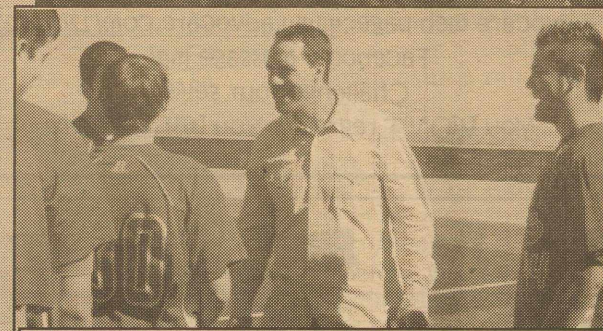
(Right) Nolan Ryan, Former pitcher and CEO/Owner of the Rangers visits and shakes the hand of Coyote baseball player Tristen Benavidez while entering the Coyote field.



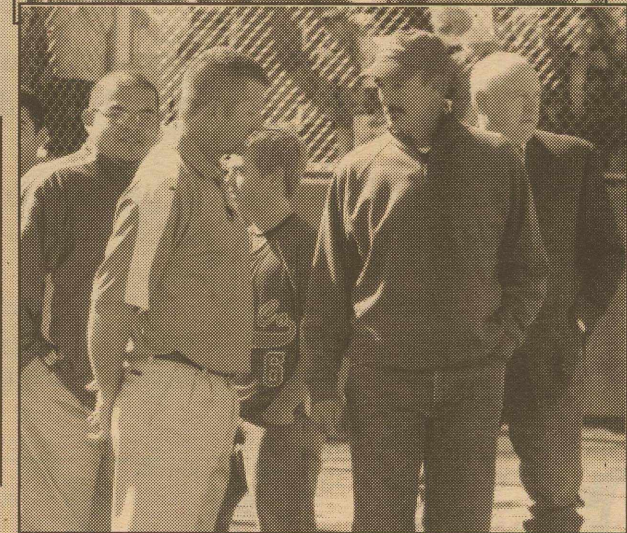
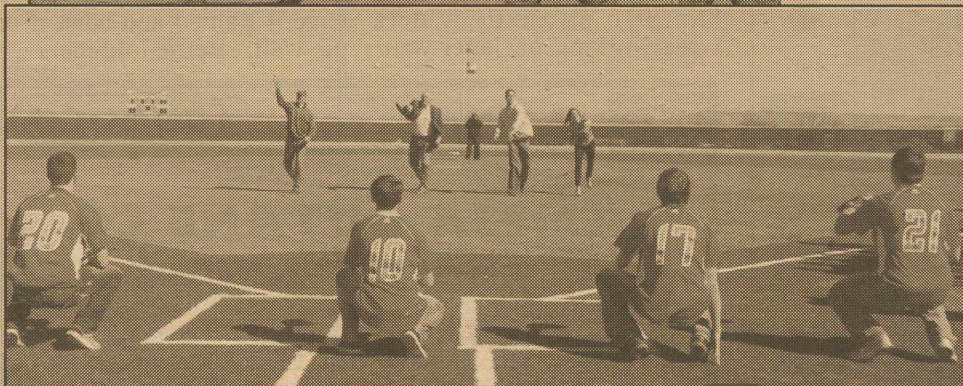
(Left) Texas Ranger pitching coach, Mike Maddux, is introduced to the Coyote baseball team.



(Left top: (left to right) Mike Maddux, Nolan Ryan and David Murphy throw out the first pitch on the Coyote Baseball field. Left bottom: Coyote players Tanner Richey (#20), Collin Telchik (#10), Austin Tyler (#17) and T.J. Basquez (#21) catch the first pitch. (Right) Ranger Outfielder, David Murphy jokes around with the Coyotes.



Right-Coach Richey discusses the Coyote baseball program with Ranger pitching coach, Mike Maddux. Also pictured is Coach Benavidez (far left) and Nolan Ryan (far right).



Thought for the Day

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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

A Big Day in Borden County

When I got to Gail, the county seat of Borden County, I saw a fleet of law enforcement vehicles and a cadre of uniformed lawmen, all gathered in the small town to provide security for the arrival of some important guests. I stopped at the courthouse to visit with County Judge Ross Sharp and he was as excited as the other residents of the county (population 641). He told me that Nolan Ryan was coming to Gail to throw out the first pitch to dedicate the school district's brand new baseball field. Just building the field was a big deal in itself, since Borden County High School had previously had to play its baseball games out of town. The mascot of the school is a Coyote, pronounced kai-oat, not kai-oatey. If you pronounce it the wrong way, Borden County people are going to think less of you.

As students and others filled the bleachers in the new stadium, a pickup drove up and out stepped Nolan Ryan, Rangers left outfielder David Murphy and Rangers pitching coach Mike Maddox. They were greeted by school officials, then entered the playing field to an enthusiastic chorus of screams and applause. Nolan walked to the pitcher's mound and joined some pitchers on the Coyote baseball team. They all threw baseballs toward home plate simultaneously. I asked Nolan Ryan how it felt to pitch a baseball and he replied, "Strange." During his 27 year playing career he threw nearly 6,000 strikeouts.

An elementary school teacher, Sue Jane Mayes told me how the event came about. "In 2010 my sixth graders were working on letter-writ-

ing. It's a lost art, you know. We wrote letters to Nolan Ryan and the Texas Rangers to congratulate them on being in the World Series. We wanted to say thank you for a great season. We sent along a photo of the class all wearing Ranger t-shirts and caps. I think he was very touched and said he would come to Gail. And here we are two years later and he's here. We could say all this began with a letter. I really want the kids to make a memory today. But this just isn't for the school. It's for the whole county."

The Rangers have a pre-season public relations program called a Caravan in which members of the team visit towns to get fans excited about the upcoming games. Not many get Nolan Ryan, the owner, president and CEO of the Rangers. "It's always good to come out and be in an environment like this and say thank you to the people who make the effort to come to our ball games," he said. "Dedicating the new field was real special. That shows a big commitment on the part of the students, coaches and school administrators." Coyote baseball coach Trey Richey said, "to be able to stand next to Nolan Ryan is a genuine honor."

From the baseball field everyone adjourned to the school auditorium where the trio of Rangers was presented with proclamations and the key to the county. Then Nolan Ryan made a presentation of his own to Bertie Copeland, owner of The Coyote Country Store, the only place in Gail where you can buy a meal. She had told someone she wanted a picture of Nolan Ryan. Nolan gave her a Rangers jersey. "We're gonna have it framed and hang it on the wall," Bertie told me.

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