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Serving the Counties of Borden, Dawson, Garza, Howard, Lynn & Scurry

BHS Cross Country Teams Head for Arlington

Conditioning drills continue for both boys and girls cross country teams as they prepare for their two and three-mile races at Vandergriff Park in Arlington November 2.

Tentative race times are 10 a.m. for the Class A girls followed by the three-mile run for the boys.

Coach Kevin James' teams qualified by virtue of their top three finishes last week in district competition held in the Lamesa park.

The runners have had an active fall schedule, with results of previous weeks' races listed below:

Big Spring

Cassidy Rinehart—9th (14:58);
Emily Mayes—17th (15:35);
Shayla Gass—28th (16:25);
Menda James—38th (17:07);
Ashley Ellison—63rd (19:47);
Ashley James—65th (20:16);
Shane Tarleton—42nd (21:04);
Aaron Pigford—46th (21:41);
Austin Tarleton 53rd (22:32)

Sundown

Cassidy Rinehart—14:42; Dalene Kempf—39th (15:42); Emily Mayes—44th (15:50); Menda James—62nd (16:27); Ashley James—66th (16:33); Garrett Thomas—8th (22:44); Austin Tarleton—12th (23:56); Andrew Lamming—13th (24:03); Aaron Pigford—14th (24:18); Trey Soto—15th (24:37); J Ryan Gicklhorn—18th (27:57); Lindsey Stamper—65th (17:25); Zane Williamson—50th (17:28)

Dawson Meet at Lamesa

Dalene Kempf—22nd (14:22);



Girl's CC Teams Advances: (Back row) Coach James, Ashley James, Shayla Gass, Menda James, Emily Mayes and Micah Hensley. (Bottom row) Manager, Bobbie Kempf, Cassidy Rinehart, Dalene Kempf and Manager, Sunni Shipp.



Boy's CC Team: Coach James, Shane Tarleton, Andrew Lamming, Adam Carter, Garrett Thomas and Ben Griffin.

Micah Hensley—54th (15:16); Shayla Gass—61st (15:26); Menda James—70th (15:49); Carol Arellanos (15:58); Ashley James (16:28); Pati Rodriguez (16:57); Emily Mayes (18:49); Shane Tarleton—39th (20:47); Kyle Pinkerton—80th (23:15); Trey Soto—81st (23:20); Austin Tarleton—84th (23:51); Garrett Thomas—88th (24:26); J Ryan Gicklhorn—24th in jr. boys (28:57); Lacey Newton—67th in jr. high girls (16:44); Rachel Wilson—95th (17:32); Sharelle Gass—103rd (17:47); Becky Dobyms—121st (19:16); Shelby Roberts—125th (20:56); Christina Soto—143rd

Placement of campaign signs regulated by laws

With the election only a couple of weeks away, the only thing proliferating faster than campaign rhetoric is the number of campaign signs popping up like wildflowers on Texas rights of way.

Political supporters should choose their candidate's sign locations as wisely as they choose their candidates as Election Day approaches say Texas Department of Transportation officials.

"Under Texas law, it is a class C misdemeanor to place any sign on state highway right of way," Norman "Jibber" Herridge, Borden County maintenance section assistant supervisor, said. "Violators can face fines of up to \$500 per sign. However, it is legal to place a campaign sign on private property adjacent to state highways with landowners' permission," Herridge added.

Restrictions require that signs be constructed of lightweight material and limited to 50 square feet in size. Signs *must* be removed within 10 days after an election.

Officials with TxDOT say the laws are intended for the safety of the traveling public.

"These laws increase safety on Texas roads," said Mike Behrens, TxDOT executive director. "They help save lives by limiting the number of potential distractions and

obstacles along state roads."

Borden County maintenance personnel may immediately and without prior notice remove a sign placed on state highway right of way, if the sign is not authorized by state law or approved by the department. Signs found to be potential safety hazards will be removed immediately. Violators may also be charged for removal of illegally placed signs.

Texas is subject to the Federal Highway Beautification Act of 1965. Under federal law, if the state fails to control signs visible from interstate and other federally funded highways, Texas may be subject to loss of up to 10 percent of its federal transportation construction funds.

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Sunday, Oct. 27th!

Don't forget to move your clocks BACK 1 hour!



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JV'stangs take one away from Coyote JV

By Sue Jane Mayes

Borden's junior varsity jumped out to an early lead against the host Sands Mustangs last Thursday, but an unfortunate break before halftime gave the Mustangs the momentum that carried them to a 34-12 win.

Trailing 19-12, the Coyotes had a chance to tie the score in their last drive before the intermission.

Aided by a good kickoff return by Garrett Thomas and a face mask penalty, BHS moved to the Sands 24 yard line, but a sack of 9 yards on 4th and 3 gave the ball back to the Mustangs with less than two minutes remaining in the half.

A Tyler Wallace sack on the Mustangs runner moved them back to the 31-yard line.

Next, Andrew Lamming, Wallace, and Derek Gwinn teamed for a heavy rush that led to an incomplete pass as

Caden Nowlain covered downfield.

The Mustangs were able to rush for a first down to keep the drive alive, but the Coyote defense bowed up on the next three downs.

Sands faced 4th and 11 from the Borden County 25 with :17 on the clock.

Thomas and Gwinn made stops inside the five-yard line, and Sands then called a timeout with six seconds remaining.

The horn sounded as Sands completed a pass to the one-yard-line, but officials ruled that one second remained on the clock.

Sands scored and took a 26-12 lead into halftime.

There was no scoring in the third period, and Sands punched in six more points in the final period on a 4th and 8 play with 5:42 left in the game.

The PAT kick was good,

and the score would stand.

BHS scores came on the opening drive of the game after Billy Roper returned an onside kick 34 yards to the Sands 10.

Aaron Pigford found John Wilson for a six-yard gain through the air, and Thomas then took it in for the first points of the game at 7:17 in the opening quarter.

The Coyotes looked strong defensively in Sands' first possession as Roper recorded a sack resulting in a loss of 10 yards.

Thomas and Lamming stopped the Mustangs on a 3rd and 15 play, and good pass rush by Wallace led to an incomplete pass, which turned the ball over to the Coyotes.

Things got even better as Borden County then drove to the six-yard line of the Mustangs when Pigford again hit Wilson, this time for a 20-

yard pickup.

However, a fumble on the one-yard-line was scooped up by the Mustangs who went the length of the field for the 79-yard score.

Another turnover in the next Coyote series--this time an interception at the 4:01 mark--quickly gave the ball back to Sands.

Still, the defense refused to back down as Thomas was in on three tackles in the series to halt the forward progress of the Mustangs.

The Coyotes took over on their own 33-yard line and went immediately to their running game.

Thomas carried for rushes of 4, 7, 4, 31, and 3 yards in the drive which produced a touchdown with :51 in the quarter.

The 12-6 lead and play on both sides of the ball gave Coyotes fans every reason to be confident.

But as with any rivalry, the effort had to be maintained, and Sands was up to the task a little bit more on this evening.

Sands scored on three consecutive possessions to take the 26-12 halftime lead they never relinquished.

Thomas finished with 99 yards and two touchdown rushes and was in on over 10 tackles.

Pigford completed the two passes to Wilson for 26 yards and had the one interception.

Nowlain, Wallace, Wilson, Gwinn, Lamming, and Roper (3 sacks) made some big defensive stops while Austin Tarleton and Trey Soto also provided solid coverage on special teams, recording tackles on kickoff returns.

J. Ryan Gicklhorn also recovered a fumble for the Coyotes in the fourth quarter. Gicklhorn also handled the kicking chores for the Coyotes as he has done all year.

Borden County held Sands four times on 4th down in the contest.

The JV Coyotes will travel to Ira on Thursday, October 24th to play the Ira JV Bulldogs at 7:00 p.m.

game stood at 26-6.

The last few minutes of play got a little too exciting as Sands rallied to score twice, both on long runs from scrimmage.

Leading 26-19 with only :54 in the game, the Coyotes were faced with a punting situation deep in their own territory.

Bullinger's punt was blocked, and the table was set for an exciting conclusion.

Sands lined up on the Coyote Pup 4-yard line as a result of the blocked punt and appeared ready to move

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V-I-C-T-O-R-Y for the Coyote Pups

By Sue Jane Mayes

Thursday afternoon action in Ackerly resulted in a big win for the Borden Jr. High Coyote Pups as the young men claimed a win over district opponent Sands.

The Pups overcame turnovers and created some of their own.

The biggest defensive play of the game came early, when the Pups forced a Sands' fumble and recovered in the endzone for a touchback.

BJH took advantage of the miscue and went to business with Michael Bullinger churning out 44 yards on five

John Cowart held for Bullinger's PAT kick, which was good for the 8-0 lead.

Another solid show, on defense gave the Coyotes the ball back as Chapman and newcomer Curtis Gaston bulldogged some Sands' runners to stop their drive. Williamson also had a solo tackle on the series.

The momentum was short-lived, however, as BJH fumbled on their next play,

giving the ball back to the Mustangs on the Coyote 28-yard line.

carries as the Pups advanced to the Sands' 16-yard line.

However, a Coyote Pup fumble gave the ball back to the Mustangs, ending the drive with 2:16 left in the first quarter.

Clint Chapman's defensive efforts on the next drive helped contain Sands. Chapman led a heavy rush which led to an incomplete pass and made a solo tackled that resulted in no yardage.

On 4th and 16, the Mustangs punted. Zane Williamson blocked the punt and recovered the ball in the Sands' endzone for six points.

Gaston, Williamson, and Cowart combined to stop Sands on four consecutive rushing plays, and Bullinger recorded solo shots on two of those.

With less than three minutes remaining before halftime, Borden County turned to Bullinger out of the

backfield.

Michael used some great blocking from Gaston to rush for gains of 8, 29, and 29 in the drive. The last rush resulted in a touchdown which put the Coyote Pups ahead, 14-0, at the 2:04 mark.

Sands put the ball in the endzone just before halftime when a 4-yard pass was good for six points.

As play resumed in the second half, Chapman returned the kickoff 21 yards to give the Coyote Pups good field position at the 37-yard line.

Bullinger and his front line--consisting of Dore Rodriguez, Rowdy Clary, Williamson, Chapman, and Cowart--took over from there and rushed twice for 43 yards. His 39-yard rush boosted the Coyote Pup lead to 20-6.

The Mustangs were able to move the ball downfield on their next possession, but Gaston's hit behind the line of scrimmage with some help

from Williamson gave the ball back to the Coyotes on downs.

Sands' defense picked up its game and recovered a BJH fumble to get the ball back with 2:26 left in the third period.

BJH held as Bullinger and Taylor Peterson wreaked some havoc on the Mustangs' backfield.

Peterson's rush in the backfield hurried the Mustangs' quarterback who threw an errant pass, giving the ball to BJH on downs.

Three plays later the Coyote Pups were back on the board as Bullinger broke loose on a 27-yard run. The score with 5:18 left in the

COYOTE FOOTBALL	
Thurs, Oct. 24 th	Pups vs Dawson - Here - 6:00 p.m.
	Coyote JV vs. Ira - There - 7:00 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 25 th	Coyotes vs Dawson - There - 7:30 p.m.

Sands Holds off Determined Coyote Effort

BHS 1-1 in District Play

By Sue Jane Mayes

156 yards total rushing. Ronald Reagan was probably in office the last time Sands was held to that few rushing yards in a game.

But Borden High School's defensive effort was not enough to stop the Mustangs, who won the hard-fought 27-6 district game Friday night in Gail.

Not one Mustang runner had over a 100 yards rushing. All-district back Nate Looney was held to just 50 and teammate Heath Webb managed only 72.

The Coyotes even overcame two turnovers--an interception and a fumble--on back-to-back possessions in the third quarter.

After both miscues, the BHS defense held Sands on downs.

But a wet, soggy night hampered both the passing and rushing efforts of the Coyotes, who only managed 147 total yards of offense.

First quarter play was scoreless as the Coyotes forced Sands to punt in their first possession on a fourth and sixth.

BHS came out passing (before the rains came) as Brionne Jackson went to Talin Pepper for an 11-yard gain.

Derek Rodriguez rushed up the middle for eight yards, giving the Coyotes a first down early in the game.

The drive continued to the Sands' 34-yard line, but on 4th and four Rodriguez's rush was one yard shy of the first down.

Sands' second drive was aided by an interference call, but the Coyotes negated that with two huge sacks on subsequent downs.

Brother Derek and Raul Rodriguez teamed up for the first one, which resulted in a six-yard loss.

Then, on 3rd and long, Andy Lozano pushed the Mustangs back six more yards to force a punt on 4th

down.

The Coyotes could not move the ball either, however; Jackson punted the ball away--a 35-yarder--as the second quarter got underway.

The visitors got in the endzone with 7:56 left in the half on a 15-yard pass play. The PAT kick made it an 8-0 Sands lead.

Senior T.J. Sharp rushed for a Coyote first down in the BHS series that followed, and moved the ball into Sands' territory to the 37 with 6:22 remaining in first-half play.

Jackson went long on the next play, but coverage on Raul was tight and the pass fell incomplete.

Jackson's second punt of the game put the Mustangs to work on their own 17.

Pepper's solo open-field tackle prevented another Sands' score, and Raul's quick hands led to a tackle which stopped a Sands runner after only a 1-yard gain.

On 4th down, the Mustangs lined up to punt, but their fake was carried out to perfection, leading to a first down at the Coyote 37-yard line.

From there, Sands stayed on the ground and found the endzone with only 1:22 left before halftime.

The 14-0 score at half would last awhile as a rain/lightning delay kept both teams off the field for over an hour.

Neither the rain nor the score dampened Coyote spirits as Coach Avery's team came out and scored to open up second-half action.

Sharp had returned the kickoff 29 yards, setting up great field position.

He then found a hole and went ten more yards on the first play from scrimmage.

Derek's 41-yard burst made it a 14-6 score at 9:33 in the third period.

Rodriguez would finish the game with 12 carries and 109 yards to lead the Coyote

offense.

Sands responded quickly, connecting on a 3rd and 12 pass play that resulted in a touchdown two minutes later.

Borden County's next two drives were the ones mentioned earlier that involved the fumble and interception, but as noted, the defense prevented Sands from capitalizing, and the score remained 20-6 entering the fourth quarter.

As the final period started, the Coyotes were moved back nine yards on a rushing play, setting up 2nd and long from their own 9-yard line.

Jackson found Sharp on a pass that moved the ball to the original line of scrimmage, but BHS would have to punt again.

The Coyotes continued to contain Sands' normally potent outside run. Sharp, Pepper, Carter, Lozano, the Rodriguez boys, and Kyle Pinkerton did well all night long, forcing Sands to run up the middle.

But the Mustangs made the most of the clock in their final possession of the game--using up five minutes--making key first downs when they had to.

On 4th and goal from the 3, the Mustangs added their final six points of the game

Coyote Pups

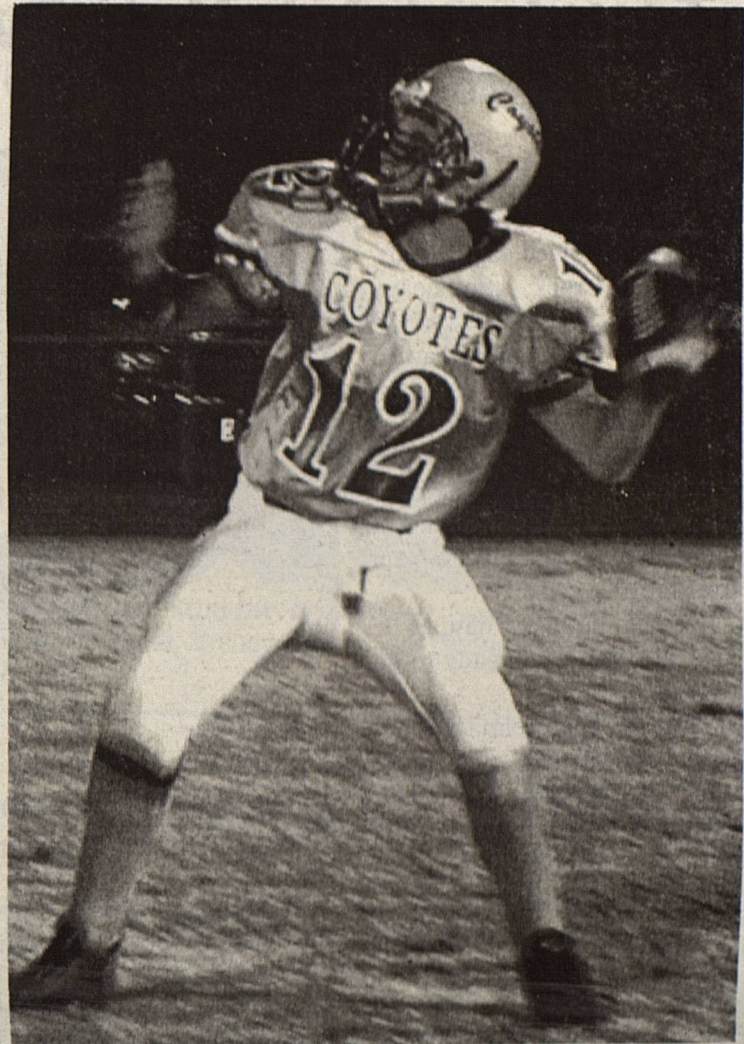
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within one point. BJH's defensive line--Quentin Shafer and Justin Stroope leading the way--had other ideas, holding the Mustangs out on their two opportunities.

The game ended on the exciting goal line stand, with the Pups pulling out a 26-19 district win.

During the halftime game, the following stats were recorded:

Tackles: Logan Howard (2), Shafer (1), Froman (2), Brice Smith (1)...Froman had two sacks while Shafer was credited with one. Froman



HEADS UP: Senior Quarterback, Brionne Jackson, looks for an open man during Friday night's game against the Sands Mustangs.

with only two minutes remaining.

Time expired as the Coyotes advanced to Sands' 27-yard line in their last possession.

Borden County will travel to Dawson for another key district game against the Dragons, who defeated Klondike last week.

The Coyotes will host Loop on November 1 and close district play in Grady November 8.

Wins in all three games will assure the Coyotes a playoff berth.

also rushed the quarterback which resulted in an incomplete pass.

Offense: Shafer (3 rushes for 29 yards and one touchdown); Smith (1 rush for four yards); Pascual Espinoza (1 rush for 17 yards and one touchdown)--Shafer, Smith, and Espinoza picked up blocks from Froman, Stroope, and Howard.

School Menu Week Of:

Oct. 28th – Nov. 1st

MONDAY: Frito Pie, salad, pinto beans, fruit crisp & milk. **Breakfast:** Hot Pocket, fruit juice & milk.

TUESDAY: Chicken Patty, potatoes, corn, hot rolls fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Sausage, biscuit, fruit juice & milk.

WEDNESDAY: Lasagna, carrots, green peas, garlic toast, fruit & milk.

THURSDAY: BBQ Saus-age, Mixed veggies, potato salad, bread, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Cheese, toast, fruit juice, & milk.

FRIDAY: Steak sandwich, tater tots, salad cup, brownie & milk. **Breakfast:** Biscuit w/gravy, fruit juice & milk

Toughest Job He's Even Had

Together, Local Couple Deal With Illness

By Sue Jane Mayes

He's picked cotton, run a combine, plowed some fields, driven a truck, run heavy machinery, roughnecked in the oil field, and battled cancer.

Don Massingill would say that the last one might be the toughest job he's ever had.

But just as he approached all the other jobs, he's been one tough worker.

He gets up every day, as he has all of his life, ready to go to work.

He and wife Velma are not lying down and letting life pass them by even though it's obvious to the human eye that his physical body isn't what it used to be.

They work around the house, tending to the chickens that he is raising. They might even drive to Plainview or Plains to get watermelons or pumpkins to sell.

Up until last spring, Don was still doing his leatherwork--a hobby that he taught himself.

He's made hatbands, key chains, belts, and decorative western wreaths.

And Velma watches over all of this with the support of a wife that knows her man has a disease that may have robbed his physical body of its strength but not his heart of its soul.

That's the beauty of their story--one of those old-fashioned ones that a person comes across every now and then and wants to write about.

Don and Velma Massingill have been residents of Borden County since 1978, but their love story began on a dusty road in Mitchell County in 1956.

Don's sister was in school with Velma in Buford, and Don was off down in the Corpus Christi area doing some combine work.

He was homesick and lonely and wanted someone to write.

His sister, Boogie (Edna Ruth), asked Velma to write a



Don and Velma Massingill have spent many years working hard and raising their family, together.

boy she had never met, and Velma did.

For six months the two sent letters--usually one a week--to each other, and finally in July of 1956 they met. It wasn't the most romantic of meetings.

Don had been in the field plowing and decided to drive over--dirty clothes, dusty face and all--to meet this 17-year old that had been kind enough to correspond with him.

Velma wasn't impressed at all, and said so, so Don had to get home and clean up before Velma would take another look.

He did, and Velma once again proved that playing a little hard to get is a pretty good strategy.

Their first date was in Don's '49 yellow Chevrolet Impala--with black interior--and the two went to the Lone Wolf Drive-In in Colorado City.

Neither can remember the movie that was showing, but chances are it was a western because that's all Don liked.

Their four-week courtship ended abruptly--in marriage. Don and Velma did the unconventional by rounding up a preacher at midnight, August 13, 1956.

Don's sister had wanted to have a big party, and since neither Don nor Velma

wanted all the fuss, they just decided to make it a quiet little affair in the Plainview Baptist Church in Loraine with Bro. Bill Hamilton officiating.

The 46-year union has survived the typical difficult times and the not-so-typical.

Velma suffered crippling arthritis for seven years that incapacitated her when she had not only six of her children but four of her nieces and nephews living with them--small children at that.

Don's work fed the family and provided all the needs, but it sometimes was work that took him away to places like Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Montana to run combines.

His first operation for skin

cancer came during one of those difficult periods--in the late 1960's when the family was living in Carter Valley down close to Del Rio.

Don--the second oldest of seven--was one of several in his family to be diagnosed with the disease. All had done work most of their lives outside in the sun.

After coming to Borden County in 1978, Don and Velma and family enjoyed what would be the most stable times of their family life.

Don worked for the county, for Buddy Drum, for Ralph Miller, and for himself.

Velma babysat children for years--Carrie Hart, Julie and Emily Mayes, LaShae Johnson, and Symeron Rinehart to name just a few.

And five of their own seven children attended school at Borden County.

Anita graduated in 1981, Roscoe in 1983, Jeannette as salutatorian in 1985, Donna in 1988, and Barbara, who got her GED and later LVN certification.

The other two sons--Carl Don and Terry Dale--attended school elsewhere. Terry Dale died in 1996 after being electrocuted.

The last few years have been ones of "retirement" for Don and Velma--no babysitting other than grandkids and no more driving heavy machinery for Don.

But their labors continue--labors of love for each other as they spend these days getting up, going about their

daily chores, and "piddling" with things around the house.

Cancer has been the plague of the 20th Century and beyond--not many families have been spared its presence.

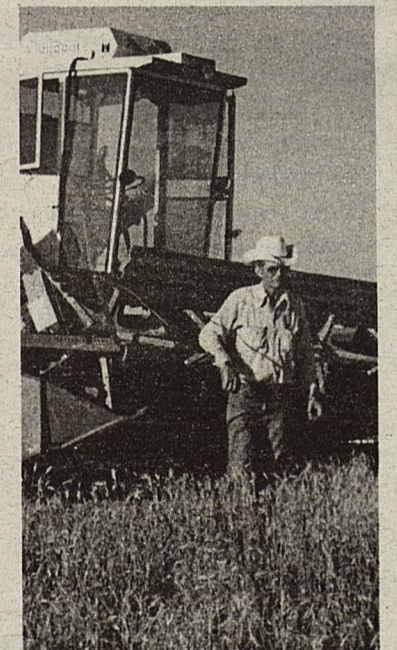
And though this disease has taken its toll on Don's external appearance, he has made sure that it never touched his heart.

He's a fighter and a survivor, and a man fortunate to have a woman who goes to work with him everyday.

The letters they wrote to each other in the 1950's would make for a great book, but sadly, the letters were lost in one of the many moves the family made.

What never got lost along the way, though, was the story of how two people worked hard to provide for and raise their family--together.

That's the job of which Don is most proud.



Time to go to the house: Don climbs down off the combine after a long day of hard work.

NOTICE

To Former Members of Cap Rock Electric Cooperative or Formerly McCulloch, Lone Wolf, or Hunt-Collin Electric Cooperative Members Since 1968

As a result of a conversion of Cap Rock Electric Cooperative, Inc. to a public stock company you could own stock in Cap Rock Energy if you have not already received monetary consideration for your capital credits (equity) interest in one of the above electric cooperatives.

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Red Ribbon Week Proclaimed

Borden County students and personnel will be wearing red as Superintendent Jimmy Thomas has officially proclaimed the week of October 23rd through October 31st, as Red Ribbon Week for Borden County ISD. The purpose of the Texas Red Ribbon Campaign is to present a unified and visible commitment toward a drug-free Texas. Along with other states, Texas will join the nation in promoting a drug-

free America. Historically, the Red Ribbon Campaign is in memory of officers who have died in the line of duty and originated when Drug Enforcement Agent Enrique Camerena was murdered by drug traffickers in 1985. Just as the yellow ribbon

symbolizes the wish for safe return of hostages and service men and women, the red ribbon has become the symbol behind the nation's war against drugs. Community members are invited to join this commitment by attaching red ribbons to vehicles and clothing.

IMPORTANT GENERAL ELECTION DATES

Sept. 6, 2002	First Day to Accept Application to Vote Early by Mail
Oct. 6, 2002	Last Day or a Voter to make a change of address
Oct. 7, 2002	Last Day to Register to Vote for General Election.
Oct. 21, 2002	First Day to Early Vote in person
Oct. 29, 2002	Last Day for Clerk to Receive an Application for a Ballot by Mail
Nov. 1, 2002	Last Day to Vote Early in Person
Nov. 5, 2002	ELECTION DAY

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the County Clerk Office, during regular office hours, between 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. beginning on October 21, 2002 and ending on November 1, 2002

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date (s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

District: Abilene

Contract 6089-28-001 for "ON DEMAND" THERMO-PLASTIC STRIPING in TAYLOR County, etc. will be opened on November 19, 2002 at 1:30 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$252,205.11.

Contract 6091-65-001 for LITTER PICKUP AND DISPOSAL in Howard County, etc. will be opened on November 19, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$60,486.75.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Pre-qualified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit pre-qualification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Pre-qualification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 7730

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District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, TX 79601
Phone: 915-676-6800

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.

Kids *STILL* Say the Darndest Things



English IV Student Reporters: Sunni Shipp, April Bouressa, Brandy Shafer, Pati Rodriguez and Kyliia Culp

Question: "What do you want to be when you grow up and why?"



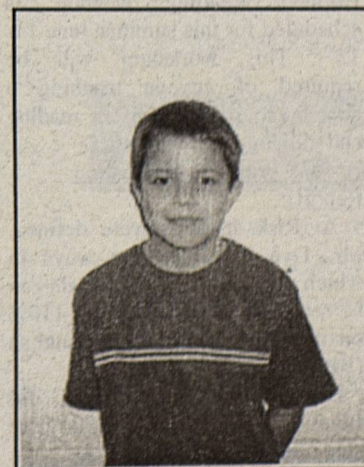
Tristen Benavidez
1st Grade

"A fireman, because I like the big red fire engines and I want to slide down the pole."



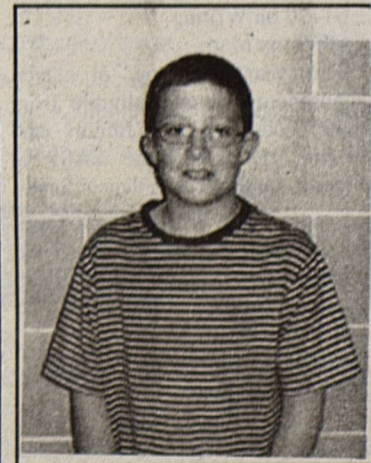
Riley Smith
2nd Grade

"A coach, because I can holler at people."



Austin Tyler
3rd Grade

"A policeman so I can shoot bad people."



Miles Valentine
4th Grade

"A rancher because I want to work cattle and because my family lives there."



LAMB & GOAT VALIDATION

BCJLA will be validating all Lambs and Goats at the AG Farm on Monday, October 28th, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone that baked pies, cakes, brownies, etc., worked a shift, or participated in the Cake Walk. This serves as a major 4-H fundraiser for the year and all your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Borden County 4-H



College Night planned

Lamesa High School is hosting a College Night on Thursday, October 24, 2002, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Area high school junior and senior students and their parents are invited to attend this event

BORDEN COUNTY SIGHT BASED COMMITTEE MEETING

The Borden County Site Based Decision Making Committee met at 8:00 P.M. Tuesday, May 28, 2002, in the Borden County ISD Conference Room.

Attending were Charla Soto, Julie Mumme, Buddy Wallace, Pat Murphy, Mary Airhart, Amy Rinehart, Chet Dye and Jimmy Thomas.

Minutes: The minutes of the April 12, 2002, meeting were read.

Welcome: The members of the SBDM Committee were welcomed by Mr. Dye. The mission of the SBDM Committee was read.

District Effectiveness & Compliance Visit (DEC):

An overview was given of the upcoming District Effectiveness & Compliance Visit (DEC) that will take place May 12-16, 2003. The DEC visit will cover everything that takes place in the special program area from May 12, 2002 through May 12, 2003. Mr. Dye explained that all programs will be examined. The TEA will be interviewing teachers and SBDM Committee members. Mr. Dye defined all of the programs that would be discussed - Special Education, English as a Second Language, Career & Technology, Dyslexia, Title I, Migrant, At Risk, and Gifted/Talented.

WTC Concurrent Course Work for 2002-2003:

An arrangement has been made for WTC Concurrent Course Work to be offered for qualifying juniors and seniors during the school year 2002-2003. There will be two college professors from WTC who will come to teach the courses every morning. The courses will consist of College English for juniors and seniors, government and economics for seniors, and U.S. History and Psychology for juniors. In order to qualify, students must score high on the TAAS:

- 89% on Reading
- 1770 on Writing
- 86% on Math

This year, eight out of eleven sophomores became eligible from their TAAS scores. Juniors and seniors are taking the TASP in order to qualify for college courses. A student who will be a junior in the fall who has qualified has the potential of graduating from Borden County ISD with 24 college hours.

Staff Development for the 2002-2003 School Year:

Herman Method - June 11-13, 2002 - Mr. Dye explained that teachers would focus more carefully on Dyslexia in the upcoming year. He announced that on June 11-13, 2002 there would be a workshop covering the Herman Method. This workshop will be required of anyone teaching a course requiring extensive reading and all language arts staff. Other Dyslexic programs are being researched for possible implementation.

CPR Training - June 18th or July 30th, 2002 - Mr. Dye explained that coaches and cheerleader sponsors will be required to take this CPR training, and it is open and available to all other staff.

A program provided by a new grant will involve health classes and CPR instruction.

ESL Integrated Language Approach-Dr. Gonzales-August 12, 2002-This workshop will teach good classroom strategies which will affect ESL students as well as all others.

G/T Nature, Needs & Assessments Curriculum - August 12, 2002 - On August 13th, we will be assessing our own G/T program. Mr. Dye explained that we have been serving G/T students through the AP English and Biology courses and UIL contests. We will begin doing more specialization using cross-grade level projects. We have previously grouped students across grade levels on exemplary days with much success because of the strong family-oriented attitude of our students.

Program Reports and Coordination:

Special Education Program (Transition ARD, CAP/AIM)

Mr. Dye defined CAP - Comprehensive Analysis Process, and AIM - Analyze, Improve, and Measure. He explained that in the past we were found to be lacking in staff development on pre-referrals and tracking. The Transition ARD is a graduation plan that takes place at age 14. Mrs. Airhart discusses the plan with the students.

Gifted/Talented Program:

It was reported that 16 students were identified as G/T this past fall, and seven students are presently being screened and tested.

ESL Program:

Six students are being served in the ESL program. These students are working with certified teachers on a daily basis.

Dyslexia Program:

A three-day workshop on the Herman Reading Method is scheduled for this summer June 11-13th. This workshop will be required of anyone teaching a course requiring extensive reading and all language arts staff.

At Risk Program (Evaluation Report):

At Risk students were defined. Mr. Dye explained the ways in which a student's At Risk code can be removed - i.e. by scoring 110% on the TAAS, mastery of English (RPTE), etc.

He explained that Comp. Ed funds must be used to help these students.

Title I Program (Compacts) (Scheduled Parent Meeting) (Parent Survey):

Compacts will be sent out this fall. Title I parent meetings were discussed. TAAS scores were given to Title I parents during our last meeting. The Targeted Assistance

Program was defined. Title I qualifications were discussed for the 02-03 school year. Discussion on REAPing Title II & V money was also discussed. Title IV Drug Free money will be used to continue a co-op with the Education Service Center.

Career & Technology Program (Evaluation Report (Advisory Council):

CATE - Career & Technology Ag. Science, Home Ec., Business Education, Vocational Courses, Advisory Council. May combine - Executive Extension Program Council.

DAEP Report:

DAEP was defined - District Alternative Education Placement. We currently work with Lamesa for a DAEP. We have had to use it on a very few occasions. In most circumstances, we have been able to develop our own AEP.

School Health Advisory Committee:

Mrs. Kim Thomas, and Ms. Beth Stamper attended a meeting concerning the School Health Advisory Committee last year. Our school policies in this area need to be developed and documented. We

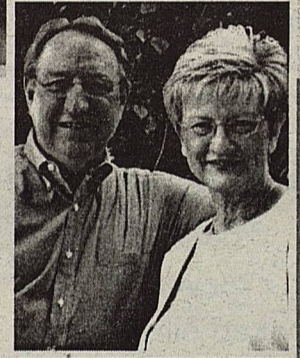
have participated in many areas.

- Drug Dog visits regularly
- Dental Van
- Immunization Clinics
- EMS CPR Instruction
- Character Counts workshop
- Snyder Area Council on Alcohol & Drug abuse visits to 2nd & 3rd grade throughout the year
- EMS availability
- Pregnancy Prevention Program with computerized babies (Think It Over) in Home Ec. Classes.

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BORDEN COUNTY SIGHT BASED COMMITTEE MEETING

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- Various Health Screenings
- 4-H Safety Programs
- 4-H Health Programs

PAS/DAS Report:

Mr. Dye defined:

PAS – Program Analysis

System-all programs except Sp. Ed.

DAS – Special Ed Program

He explained that the district should evaluate any indicator with a 3 or more. He explained that Borden County ISD is efficient on PAS/DAS.

Parent Involvement Report

(Evaluation Report):

Parent surveys were sent in six weeks report card envelopes with very few being returned. However, strong sense of community evidenced by parental support in attendance to banquets, concerts, and most school activities.

Pre-Kindergarten Notification & ESL Summer School Notification

A Pre-K Notification and ESL Summer School Notification was sent home in the 5th six weeks report card, as well as posted at the Coyote Country Store, courthouse and post office. In order to qualify for the Pre-K program we must have at least 15 students. In order to qualify for the ESL Summer School, we must have at least 10 students.

Summer ARI Program:

Accelerated Reading Initiative Program was started by Governor Bush in the year 2000. The program qualifying kindergarten, 1st graders, and 2nd graders, focuses on listening, fluency, words per minute and comprehension. Local standards were developed to qualify students for this program. The TPRI test was given at the beginning and the end of the school year. Attendance is required for students who qualified, but all are welcome. The program money was used to purchase laptop computers, books, and software. The students will meet four times in the summer to maintain reading skills.

The TAKS test will have to be passed by 3rd graders in order to be promoted. It is first taken in February, but there will be more opportunities to take the test.

District Improvement Plan

The District Improvement Plan is in the process of being simplified.

TAAS Results (Parent conference with all elementary students and all junior high and high school students who fail). New TAKS tests will be explained to all students and parents.

Test Results:

Exit Level Results for Spring 2002

Confidentialized copies of Exit Level results for spring of 2002 were distributed to and discussed with the SBDM Committee.

IOWA Basic Skills test scores were reviewed. Mr. Dye explained the basis of the reports.

TAAS scores were reviewed. The abbreviations on TAAS tests were explained to the committee.

Students in programs must be tracked from year to year per program, including Career & Technology students. The comparisons of results at current and higher standards for all students were reviewed. Mr. Dye announced there would be many workshops from service centers to prepare for the TAKS.

SBDM training evaluation every two years

The SBDM Committee received training in the fall of 2001. There will be ESC training on August 15, 2002, concerning the DEC visit. Some of the things covered will include documentation in grade books, lesson plans, and the coordination of programs. The ESC will also return in April to do the mock DEC visit.

Review Student Handbook and Student Code of Conduct

Drafts of the student Handbook and Student Code of Conduct were distributed to the committee members. They were instructed to take the drafts home and study them and report back to Mr. Dye with any suggestions or changes. The handbook and code of conduct will be distributed in the fall during the first week of registration. Contacts from the ESC-17 will also be checking the handbook and code of conduct for compliance.

Needs Assessments

PSAT, ACT/SAT Test Scores
TAAS Scores

EOC Scores (Biology, English II, U.S. History, and Algebra I)

Survey from students, staff, and parents May 2001

Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS Report from TEA) SBDM committee reviews needs concerning students, staff, organizational structure, educational materials, equipment, and program.

Mr. Dye stated that the committee had previously studied the surveys from students, staff, and parents that were conducted in May of 2001.

AEIS – social studies now counts in addition to reading, math and writing to determine standards.

The new TAKS assessment, which will be conducted in 2002-2003 was discussed. This new test covers English II, Algebra I & II, U.S. History, World History, World Geography, and Government. Mr. Dye explained that at 10th grade a remediation test would now be taken. This test will not count for graduation purposes. At 11th grade the students must take the test again in order to graduate. The 2001-2002 freshmen will be the first class to take the new test.

Superintendent Thomas projected an enrollment of about 160 students for the school year 2002-2003.

A Texas Education grant pamphlet was distributed to the committee with information on helping students who intend to go to college.

The vocational tests that were

taken during the 2001-2002 school year were discussed.

The U.S. Army conducted the ASVAB for sophomores and juniors.

Bill Tarleton conducted the OASIS for 8th and 9th graders.

The floor was then opened to the committee:

Mr. Thomas informed the committee about the technology grant that has been provided to the school. A discussion was held concerning the possibility of a community computer lab and feasible locations for placement.

A new day-care program for school employees was discussed. This program will be implemented for children 18 months to school age for children of school employees. The purpose of this program is to attract and retain employees that would normally be unable to work for the district due to limited child-care availability in Borden County.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The next Borden County ISD SBDM Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, October 29, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. in the School Conference Room.

Agenda:

Review and give feedback on draft of the Borden County School Improvement Plan

A. Needs Assessments

B. State Testing

C. AEIS Report Card 2002-03

Program Coordination

ESL Program

Gifted/Talented Program

Dyslexia Program

Updates:

WTC Concurrent Course work and

SPC ITV Course

Student Handbook

Student Code of Discipline

Technology Report

Other Business



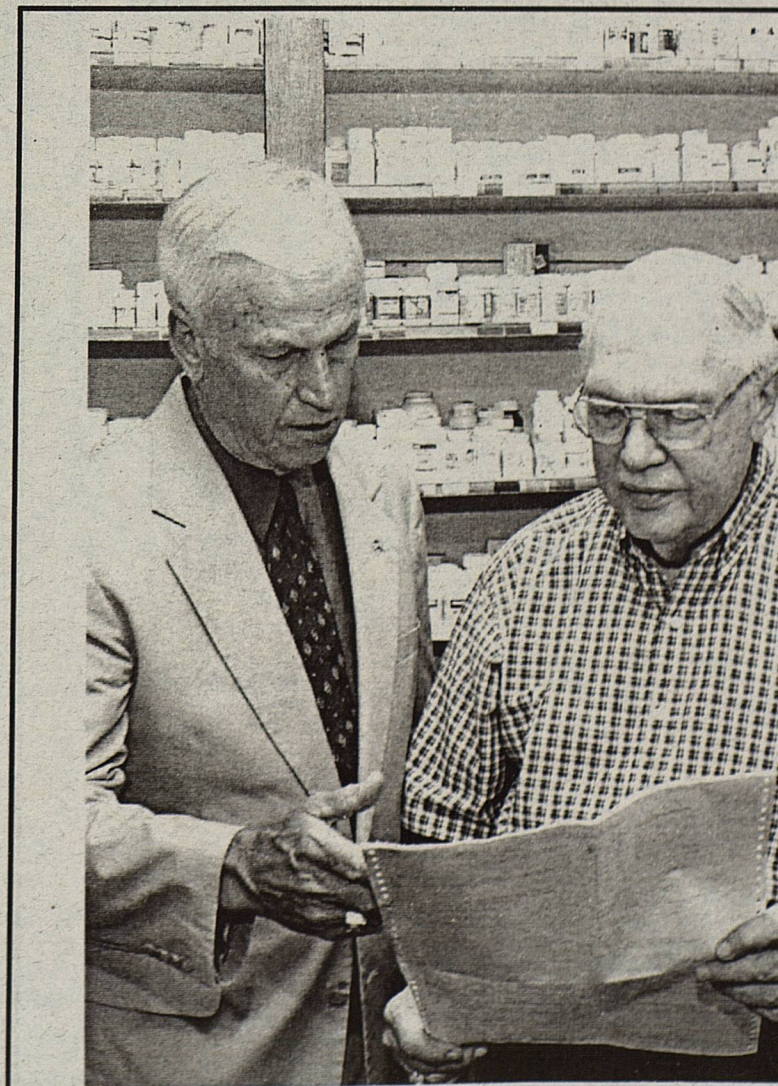
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Cross Country Teams Advance

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(21:48), Kate Wallace (22:56), and Sydney Shipp (23:00, Zane Williamson in jr. high boys—39th (16:22)

HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Cassidy Rinehart—3rd (13:43), Dalene Kempf—12th (14:19), Emily Mayes—22nd (15:00), Shayla Gass—23rd (15:04), Micah Hensley—26th (15:19), Menda James—27th (15:21), Ashley James—33rd (15:58), Shane Tarleton—6th (19:47), Adam Carter—14th (21:34), Ben Griffin—18th (22:17), Andrew Lamming—19th (22:55), Garrett Thomas—22nd (26:16), jv girls: Carol Arellanos—1st (15:53), Cassidy Ogden—2nd (16:00), Pati Rodriguez—4th (16:57), Ashley Ellison—5th (17:14), Whitney Anderson—9th (17:39), Jami Gass—13th (19:42); jv boys: Austin Tarleton—1st (21:27), Aaron Pigford—4th

(22:06), Kyle Pinkerton (22:28), Trey Soto (23:06), J Ryan Gicklhorn (28:19)

TEAM STANDINGS


Varsity girls 7th place team at Sundown, 8th place team at Dawon meet, 3rd place team at district

Varsity Boys

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JV Girls
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JV Boys
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**November 5, 2002
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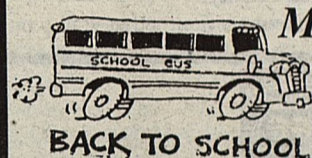
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