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Borden County basketball taking cue from football team

By David Jimenez
Staff writer Lubbock A-J
(This article was in last week's Lubbock Avalanche-Journal and I thought you might enjoy reading it.)

Ninety-nine percent of all Texans probably couldn't tell you Gail, was a town in Texas.

That same number of West Texans probably couldn't locate it on a map.

In case you were wondering, Gail (Pop. 202) is 83 miles southeast of Lubbock on FM 669 and

is the seat of Borden County.

The fine citizens of Gail had their day in the sun in December of 1997 when Borden County High School won the school's first state championship by capturing the six-man football crown.

The school's 15 minutes of fame may not be over.

That's because of the success of its basketball teams this winter. Both the boys and girls basketball

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Let the Play-offs begin . . . Lady Coyotes dominate Lady Cougars in Bi-district game

The Lady Coyotes finished the regular season and the district season now they are looking forward to the playoffs. The Lady Coyotes first playoff game took place in the Seagraves gym on February 16, 1999. The Lady Coyotes met the Lady Cougars of Klondike for a Bi-district game. The Lady Cougars were no strangers to the Lady Coyotes because they were in the same district as the Lady Cougars last year. The Lady Coyotes were pumped up at the thought of a rematch with their old district rivals.

The Lady Coyotes didn't receive the opening tip allowing the Lady Cougars the first opportunity to score. The Lady Cougars turned the ball over to the Lady Coyotes but they also failed to score. The Lady Cougars scored the first points of the ballgame with one of their two three-point shots. The Lady Cougars went on to score 12 first quarter points. The Lady Coyotes had to answer with some of their offensive power and scored 14 first quarter points. At the end of the first quarter the Lady

Coyotes had a two-point lead on the Lady Cougars. The Lady Coyotes knew they needed to start with a better offensive run and a lot of hard work on defense to start the next quarter.

The Lady Coyotes did a great job with their defense stepping up and shutting down the Lady Cougars offensive threats by allowing the Lady Cougars 1 three pointer, 1 field goal and 3 of 4 free throws for 8 total points. As the defense for the Lady Coyotes picked up the pace the Lady Coyotes offense started with some big defensive turnovers and a lot of fast breaks. The Lady Coyotes made 10

field goals, 1 three pointer, and 1 of 3 free throws for 24 points in the second quarter. The Lady Coyotes had the momentum going into the locker room at half time with a 38 to 20 point lead. The Lady Coyotes knew they needed to keep the Lady Cougars running and try and keep that momentum going in the second half.

At the end of the first half the Lady Coyotes had seven team fouls and the Lady Cougars had six. The Lady Cougars had missed only one out of eight free throws in the first half.

The second half started with the Lady Coyotes

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CATCH THE PLAYOFF SPIRIT...Seniors Brenda Griffin and Letty Lozano display spirit items that remain on sale (benefiting the Sr. Class of 1999). T-shirts, \$12.00; seat cushions, \$15; and car magnets, \$20. Contact a senior, Mrs. Avery, or Mrs. Mayes to make your purchase.

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Lady Coyotes dominate Lady Cougars

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having the ball in their possession and an opportunity to start off where they had left off. The Lady Coyotes offense took off again making 2 three pointers, 7 field goals for 20 total points in the third quarter. The only place that the Lady Coyotes didn't score from was the free throw line missing two free throws. The Lady Coyotes didn't allow the Lady Cougars many looks at the basket with another strong showing of defensive power. The Lady Coyotes had the Lady Cougars turning the ball over and getting great fast breaks off them. They also held the Lady Cougars to two field goals in the third quarter. Along with the two field goals the Lady Cougars stayed sharp at the free throw line making 5 of 6 to add to the field goals for 9 third quarter points. With the score at the end of three quarters of play the Lady Coyotes 58 and the Lady Cougars 29. The Lady Coyote's offense and defense had done what they had set out to do.

The start of the fourth quarter the Lady Coyotes again had the ball in their possession ready to finish the job and go home with their third consecutive Bi-District victory. The Lady Coyotes played great defensively again allowing the Lady Cougars only three field goals in the fourth quarter. The Lady Cougars did stay true to form from the free throw line making 7 of 8 for a total of 13 fourth quarter points. As the defense for the Lady Coyotes caused more turnovers from the Lady Cougars the offense for the Lady Coyotes got rolling again. The Lady Coyotes took every opportunity from those

turnovers and made each turnover count for points. The Lady Coyotes made 6 field goals; 1 three and 5 of 11 free throws for 20 fourth quarter points.

The final score for the ballgame the Lady Coyotes with 78 points to the Lady Cougars 42 points.

The Lady Coyotes came away with a great victory over the Lady Cougars for another trip to the area game. The Lady Coyotes record went to 26 and 4 for the year. The Lady Coyotes are looking forward to the rest of the season to achieve the goal that they set for themselves at the beginning of the year. The Lady Coyotes are determined to advance further into the play-offs this season.

Individual scoring:

Crystal Dye made 1 field goal for 2 total points.

Staci O'Brien made 3 field goals, missed 1 free throw for 6 points. **Shaina Isaacs** made 2 field goals, 1 three pointer and 1 of 2 free throws for 8 total points. **Julie Mayes** made 10 field goals, 1 three pointer and missed 1 free throw for a total of 23 points. **Lindsey Smith** made 2 field goals, 1 three pointer and one of 3 free throws for 8 total points.

Amanda Watts made 5 field goals and 3 of 8 free throws for 13 total points. **Valerie Wootan** made 5 field goals and 3 of 6 free throws for 13 total points.

Ky Merritt made 1 field goal and 1 three pointer for 5 total points. **Team Totals:** The Lady Coyotes made 29 field goals, 4 three pointers and 8 of 21 free throws for 78 total points.

Go Blue!

Lady Coyotes take Area title after defeating Robert Lee

The Area game for the Lady Coyotes pitted the Lady Coyotes against the Lady Steers of Robert Lee on February 19, 1999 at Forsan. The Lady Coyotes faced a big challenge from the Lady Steers and they were ready to meet that challenge. The Lady Steers had a 20-4 record of their own so the Lady Coyotes had to come ready to prove they were real.

The Lady Coyotes were ready both offensively and defensively to face the Lady Steers. The Lady Coyotes scored 16 first quarter points with the Lady Steers scoring 12 points making the score Lady Coyotes 16, Lady Steers 12. The Lady Coyotes were ready with a four-point lead to get started with the second quarter.

The second quarter started with the Lady Coyotes in possession of the ball. This started the offensive scoring with the Lady Coyotes scoring 13-second period points. The Lady Coyotes then turned on the defensive pressure and allowed the Lady Steers only 4 total points in the second quarter.

With the first half score the Lady Coyotes 29 and the Lady Steers 16 the Lady Coyotes went to the locker room with a 13-point lead and plenty of momentum.

The Lady Coyotes and the Lady Steers ended the first half with seven total team fouls.

The third period of play began with the Lady Steers with the ball. The Lady Steers again found a tough defense to face from the Lady Coyotes and made one 3 pointer and one field goal. The Lady Steers did however make 4 of 6 free throws to add to the 5 points from the field to have 9 total points in the third quarter. The

Lady Steers also found that the Lady Coyotes offense was not yet finished. The Lady Coyotes scored four field goals and 5 of 9 free throws for another 13 point quarter. With the score at the end of three quarters the Lady Coyotes 42 and the Lady Steers 25 the Lady Coyotes felt very confident.

The fourth quarter started with the Lady Steers in possession of the ball and they knew if they were going to make a run at the Lady Coyotes they had to start right now.

The Lady Steers started the fourth quarter with a field goal and added four more field goals, two 3 pointers and 2 of 3 free throws to that field goal for 18 fourth quarter points. The Lady Coyotes knew that the Lady Steers run meant they needed some great offense, too. The Lady Coyotes offense had to come from the making of free throws. While the Lady Steers were making a run to stay in the ballgame they had to foul to get possession of the ball. The Lady Coyotes made them pay by making 9 of 18 free throws. The Lady Coyotes added three field goals to those 9 points for a total of 17 fourth quarter points. At the end of the fourth quarter the score was the Lady Coyotes 59 and the Lady Steers 43.

With the Lady Coyotes hitting from the free throw

line it clenched the second step for the Lady Coyotes. The Area game turned into another Lady Coyote victory. That victory sent the Lady Coyotes record to 27 and 4 for the year. The Lady Coyotes are looking forward to the stopping point of last season the quarter-final game. The Lady Coyotes will travel to Clyde to play the Lady Trojanettes of Windthorst on February 23, 1999.

Individual Scoring:

Crystal Dye made two free throws for 2 total points. **Shaina Isaacs**

made three of four free throws for 3 total points.

Katie Kemp made one field goal and missed two free throws for 2 total points. **Julie Mayes** made two field goals and three of seven free throws for 7 total points. **Lindsey Smith** made two field

goals, two three pointers and four of seven free throws for 14 total points.

Amanda Watts made six field goals and four of eight free throws for 16 total points. **Valerie Wootan** made six field

goals and one of two free throws for 13 total points.

Ky Merritt made one field goal and missed one free throw for 2 total points.

Team Scoring: The Lady Coyotes made 18 field goals, 2 three pointers and 17 of 33 free throws for 59 total points.

Next Basketball Games

Boys Area Game Thurs. Feb. 25th

Borden County vs. Miles

6:30 p.m. - @ Merkel

Girls' Regional Tournament

Fri. Feb. 26th - 8:00 p.m.

Borden County vs. Alvord

The winner plays at 2:00 p.m. Sat. - Feb. 27th

J.W. Hunt Physical Education Center

McMurry University Campus - Abilene, TX

Admission: Adults \$8.00 - Students: \$5.00

Coyotes Outlast the Cowboys

In a practice game between the Borden County Coyotes and the Happy Cowboys, it took a little more than four quarters to decide the outcome, as both teams were deadlocked at 69 all after regulation play. In that extra period, the Coyotes dominated on both ends, as they limited the Cowboys to only 7 points while countering with 16 of their own.

The Coyotes had to battle back in this game, as the Cowboys built as much as a 10-point lead during the contest. The Coyotes started this contest without the early use of regular starters Kevin Pinkerton and Fernando Baeza. Despite a solid effort by subs, Trent Pepper, Ryan Grant, Ed Rodriguez and Nick Flanigan, the Cowboys jumped out to an early lead. A Flanigan 3-point shot just before the buzzer did however enable the Coyotes to cut the lead to 20 to 15 after one period.

In the second quarter the Coyotes gave up yet another 20 spot while scoring 18 of their own. This gave the Coyotes a 6-point deficit at intermission.

The Coyotes started the third quarter very slow as the Cowboys built as much as a 10-point lead. Just when it looked as though the Coyotes were through, they started busting some big 3-pointers and Jeff Dennis took over on the inside. Colt McCook and Fernando Baeza combined for 4 of a school record 10 3-point baskets on the game in that period. Jeff Dennis poured 8 of his high 27 points in that period as well. The Coyotes outscored the Cowboys 24 to 17 to take a 58 to 57 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

In the fourth quarter it looked as though the Coyotes would take over as they held an early 4-point lead. Just then a Coyote set up a play for a three-point shot. The shot went in and out and left the door open for the Cowboys. A missed lay-up and a turn over gave the Cowboys more life and they took advantage and took a 2-point lead with 16 seconds left. Jeff was fouled at this time and he calmly hit two free throws to tie the score. The Cowboys missed two shots at the buzzer to make an over time game.

In overtime, the Coyotes took over as they hit 7 of 12 free throws to ice the contest and Fernando Baeza hit a big 3 to kick-start the Coyotes in the extra frame. Final score Coyotes 85 Cowboys 76.

Individual Scoring:

Jeff Dennis 27 points; **Colt McCook** 21 points; **Justin Lawrence** 18 points; **Fernando Baeza** 14 points; **Nick Flanigan** 3 points; **Ed Rodriguez** 2 points. Also contributing to the win but not scoring was **Kevin Pinkerton**, **Trent Pepper** and **Ryan Grant**.

COACHES COMMENTS: By Trey Richey

This was a good win for us, as we had to battle a little adversity to overcome a very tough Happy team.

They are a very difficult team for us to match up with, and I thought we adjusted well. You need to win games like this, when you play a less than perfect game, and you have to make adjustments during the contest. Good job guys!

Coyotes Outlast the Cowboys

The Borden County Coyotes started slowly in their quest for a third consecutive Bi-district victory, as they were battling a very scrappy Wellman-Union basketball club. In fact, the Wildcats lead for much of the first half using a very suffocating zone defense that collapsed around the interior of the Coyotes offense trying to force the Coyotes to use their outside game. Early on this philosophy worked, as the Coyotes seemed to be frustrated by these tactics that also forced the Coyotes to play a slow lethargic half of basketball.

In the first quarter the Wildcats scored the first 7 points of the contest, before Colt McCook hit a 3-point basket to break the ice for the Coyotes more than 3 minutes in the game. Fernando Baeza poured in 8 of his game high, a career high 29 points in the first period. The scrappy Wildcats maintained their lead as they held tightly to a 14-13 advantage.

In the second quarter the two teams traded baskets as the lead changed hands four different times before the Coyotes finally extended their lead to 6 as Jeff Dennis connected for 9 of his 11 points in the contest. When the dust finally settled in the quarter the Coyotes held a slim 29 to 23 lead.

The Coyotes came out in the second half and played with a lot more fire and intensity, and took the ball right at the Wildcats. With this newfound energy, and a change in defensive strategy for the Coyotes, the game took a big turn in the direction of the Borden Coyotes. The coyotes did however still have some shooting difficulties, but with their intensity level up a notch, they were able to extend

their lead to 16 as Fernando Baeza closed a 18 to 8 advantage in the quarter for the Coyotes by hitting a 3 point shot at the buzzer.

In the fourth quarter, the Coyotes applied the knock out blow. As they continued their aggressive play on both ends of the court limiting the Wildcats to only 1 offensive rebound in the second half. With the Coyotes dominating the boards the Wildcats could only muster 5 points. The Coyotes put up another 15 before they pulled off and allowed the bench the opportunity to gain some very valuable experience in a play-off game. Trent Pepper put on the final touches in a 65 to 36 Bi-district victory. This marked the third consecutive Bi-district win for the Coyotes after a 32-year drought from being in the play-offs at all.

Individual Stats:

Fernando Baeza 29 points, 8 rebounds, 3 assists, and 4 steals; **Jeff Dennis** 11 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals and 1 block; **Colt McCook** 10 points, 3 rebounds, 6 assists, and 1 steal; **Justin Lawrence** 8 points, 7 rebounds and 1 steal; **Kevin Pinkerton** 4 points; 10 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 steals and 1 block; **Trent Pepper** 2 points, and 2 rebounds; **Ed Rodriguez** 2 rebounds; **Ryan Grant** 2 rebounds; **Nick Flanigan** 2 rebounds; **Preston Sharp**, 1 rebound, **Tom Griffin** 1 rebound; **Dale Grant** 1 rebound and **Cody**

Nowlain 1 rebound.

COACHES COMMENTS: By Trey Richey

What a victory! The guys showed tremendous composure as Wellman put together a fantastic game plan, but the Coyotes showed what it takes to be a champion as they never got overly frustrated and stayed within themselves. The guys really came out in the second half and played with a lot of determination and heart to take complete control of this contest on both ends of the floor. Fernando really had a tremendous night shooting as he lit up for a career high of 29 points. The Coyotes also over came a very poor shooting night to take the victory. Good job guys, and congratulations on the Bi-District victory.

Menu

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Breakfast: Pancake Pups, Fruit, Juice & Milk

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Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Juice & Milk

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Breakfast: Cereal & Toast, Juice & Milk

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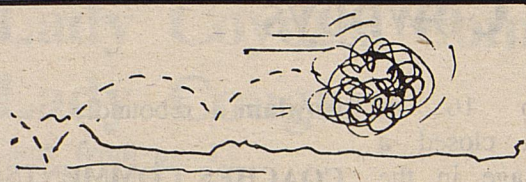
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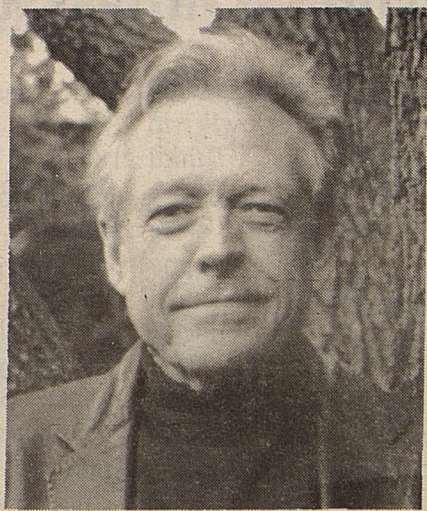


Texas Stories

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Meeting a Legend

I recently interviewed a genuine legend in Rotan. Sammy Baugh. *Slingin'* Sammy Baugh, the man who practically introduced the pass to football. He's 84 years old, slim and trim, plays golf four or five times a week and loves to chew tobacco.

We had no set appointment. I just drive to Rotan, went to the newspaper office and told publisher Rosemary Donham I'd like to visit with Sammy sometimes. She got him on the phone and told him I was there and wanted to tape record a conversation with him. He told her he would be right down.

He showed up a couple of hours later. He apologized for being late and told me a woman had brought her son to meet him and get his autograph. His signature is still a treasured item and people ask him for it regularly.

I had met Sam before at various events. He and I sat at a few head tables together, but I had never interviewed him. I thought it was time.

Sam graduated from Sweetwater High School, went to TCU and later played for the Washington Redskins. When Washington hired him, he was the highest paid quarterback in professional football. His starting salary was \$8,000 a year. Most players at the time were making \$2,750 annually. Somebody told

Sam the other day one of today's high priced quarterbacks make more money in one game than Sammy made in his entire career.

In 1937, his first year with the Redskins, he led the team to a national championship. His salary was increased to \$12,000 a year.

During his sixteen years of professional football, Sammy was quarterback, punter and defensive back. He set records that still stand and will probably never be broken: season punting average (51.4 yards) and career punting average (45.1 yards).

He told me he practiced punting by putting a towel on the three-yard line in the corner of the playing field. He would try to kick the football between the towel and the edge of the field. He practiced a lot. During a game, he would imagine the towel being there and aim for the corner.

He developed his amazing passing accuracy in his back yard in Sweetwater. He hung a tire from a tree and threw a football through it from all angles while running.

How good was Sammy? In 1969, during the celebration of the first 100 years of the college game, Sports Illustrated selected Baugh as the quarterback

on its All-Time College Football Team. In 1991, ESPN TV selected the all-time top player in the entire history of college football where Sammy was named the quarterback. In 1995, the NFL honored Baugh when it selected him as one of three quarterbacks on its 75th Anniversary All-Time Team.

Sammy coached for sixteen years after his outstanding career as a player. These days he's content to stay on his Double Mountain Ranch near Rotan, play golf in Snyder and talk to old friends.

It was a genuine thrill for me to interview the greatest passer and punter that football has ever known.



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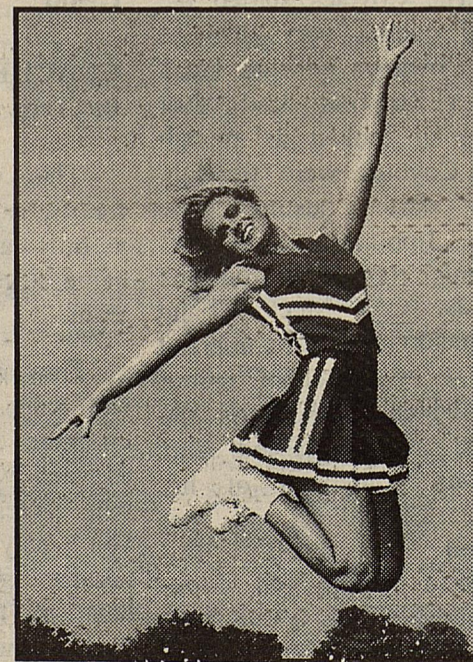
Cut chicken into 1-inch square pieces. Blend cornstarch and soy sauce; stir in chicken and let stand 15 minutes. Meanwhile, toast walnuts in wok or large skillet over medium heat, 5 to 6 minutes until fragrant and golden brown, stirring frequently. Combine sweet & sour sauce, honey and ginger; set aside. Heat 1 Tbsp. oil in same wok or large skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken and stir-fry 3 minutes; remove. Heat remaining 1 Tbsp. oil in same pan. Add bell pepper, carrots and celery; stir-fry 3 minutes. Add chicken and sweet & sour sauce mixture; cook, stirring, until chicken and vegetables are coated with sauce. Just before serving, sprinkle in walnuts. Makes 4 servings.

Each serving: 374 calories, 18g fat, 52mg choles., 521mg sodium, 30g carb., 23g protein.

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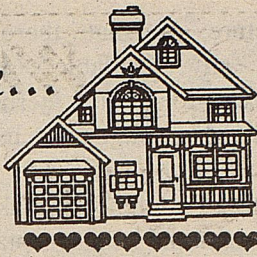
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Follow cleaning instructions to the letter

More and more labels on garments are indicating that dry cleaning is the method of choice for garment care. Consumers should be aware of the risks and responsibilities associated with dry clean only clothing.

Silk is one fiber that often challenges consumers. Due to the cost of silk, many consumers are asking if it can be washed safely. Unless the care label states that the item can be hand washed, silk garments should be dry-cleaned. Dry cleaning solvents do not affect the silk fiber, which normally has a natural sheen. Water, on the other hand, can damage silk. Most commonly, watermarks are left on the fabric. Water also weakens silk fibers by 20%. Other items such as hair spray, perfume and cosmetics cause most of the problems for owners of garments made of silk.

In a recent test, Good Housekeeping compared silk shirts by washing two and dry cleaning two shirts. The shirts that were

washed in water lost color, faded and did not return to the same lustrous appearance as the dry cleaned shirts. One of the washed shirts shrank.

Although the cost of dry cleaning is considerably greater, the dry-cleaned garments performed better, retained their color, appeared better pressed and did not shrink. Care labels are placed in garments by manufacturers to provide the best method of care for the fabric(s) used in construction. It is very important that you follow the recommended care for each garment in order for it to maintain durability, quality and the same appearance. Consumers should also remember that the cost of care should be considered in the lifetime cost of the garment.

If you would like more information on garment care, or a copy of the new garment care symbols, please contact the Extension office.
Good Housekeeping Institute Report

Our daughter is now one year old,
She is still so sweet to hug and hold,
And she has learned so much since she
has been here,
The busy ways that she explores,
Cut things she does and so much more
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Because of this year's mild Texas winter, statewide conditions are ripe for an exceptionally active termite season. And while the insatiable insects cost Texans \$300 million annually in damage and associated expenses, Texas Agricultural Extension entomologists say there is something you can do to protect your investments and prevent costly damage.

Every year in early February to early March, termites go through a swarming behavior. This is when the king and queen termites leave the colony to establish new colonies. Extension entomologist Dr. Roger Gold said prime conditions for termite swarming activity include 70-degree temperatures and spring rains.

"When we see these kind of conditions, the termites will actually start to build mud tubes on and around the structure and they will swarm from that," he said. "This is when the insects become very apparent and easy to spot for most people."

Gold said termites look a lot like ants," he said. "They don't have the 'wasp-type' waist that ants do, and they are whitish to grey in color. There can be thousands of these insects in a colony or in a section of a wall."

The mud tubes are slightly smaller than a regular number two pencil and the insects move up and down in their own environment within the tube," he said. "This offers them protection."

Gold said these mud tubes found going up a foundation, in a weep well or dropping down from a ceiling are a sure sign that you are dealing with termites, and a thorough inspection of the structure should be conducted.

"Many people discover these tubes when doing spring cleaning duties or as they are doing maintenance," he said. "When the wood is destroyed and it crumbles when you touch it, you may need an inspection."

Gold said plumbing penetrations of a structure are an area that need direct attention. These areas, like penetrations underneath the bathtub and shower stalls where the plumbing comes through from the slab, are a popular entry point for termites.

"We recommend that people have this area inspected on a regular basis or that they do it themselves by installing trap doors so they can be easily accessed," he said. "That's also a good way to tell if you are getting a good professional inspection. We feel strongly that pest control operators should be doing a bathroom bathtrap inspection at a minimum."

If you do have termites, Gold says an integrated pest management approach is best to remedy the problem. A combination of termite baits and termiticide sprays can help suppress the immediate damage and continue to protect the structure from future attacks.


"With the baits, we establish monitoring stations or bait stations around the structure with the idea that the termites will find the bait, consume enough of the toxic material and take it back to the colony where it can reduce the populations to below levels where they cause damage," he said.

Gold said that pest control operators use many different approved products, but there is an over-the-counter product on the market sold in a number of lumberyards and discounts stores for the "do-it-yourself" customers.

"We feel that this technology, even in the hands of the do it yourself person, probably will work on occasion, but we really don't have an conclusive data to prove that," he said. "The goal here is not to obliterate the termite from our world, but to protect our structures that we want to invest in from the termites."

There are some quick and easy steps to prevent a structure from attracting the destructive insects. First, make sure all firewood is stored away from the

structure so that there is not an available food source for the termite. Gold said it has been predicted in Texas that by the time a house is 40 years old, it has a 95 percent chance of being infested with one of several species of termites that exist statewide.



Let Me Get My Hat!
By Dennis Poole,
Borden County CEA-Ag.

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San Antonio Results



Several Borden County 4-H and FFA exhibitors attended the 1999 San Antonio Livestock Exposition this past week. Results are as follows:

Lambs:

LaShae Johnson
4th place LW Med. Wool

Swine:

Kevin Ellison
7th place LW Cross

Steers:

Tanner Poole
2nd place MW Simmental
Kalli Poole
6th place MW Brangus

Kaci Poole
11th place LW Charlois

Other exhibiting animals were Tyler Wallace, Kate Wallace, Tahnee Caldwell, T.C. Stipe, and Jessica Ellison. Thanks to everyone who assisted in transporting animals.

Good luck to those of you preparing for the Houston Livestock Show.

BORDEN COUNTY ISD BID REQUEST

The Superintendent's office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive bids for Interior Decorating for the School Resource Center.

Proposals shall be addressed to Jimmy Thomas; Borden County Independent School District; Box 95; Gail, Texas 79738, and shall be delivered in a sealed envelope marked "Interior Decoration's". Proposals will be received up to but no later than 1:00 P.M. February 18, 1999. Bids will be opened and read as they are received. Proposals will be tabulated, researched, and presented to the Board of Trustees for their consideration at the next scheduled meeting. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

The Borden County I.S.D. Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposed bids, to waive any and all technicalities, and to accept the proposals that will best serve the needs of the District.

Questions regarding bid specifications and additional information shall be directed to Jimmy Thomas by writing the above address or by calling 806/756-4313. Transmissions by fax may be sent to 806/756-4310.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

WHEREAS, On this the 8th day of February, 1999, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Court-house in Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present, to-wit:

Van L. York, County Judge, Presiding; Doug Isaac's, Commissioner, Prec. #1; Larry D. Smith, Commissioner, Prec. #2; Vernon Wolf, Commissioner, Prec. #3; Hurston Lemons, Jr. Commissioner, Prec. #4; Joyce Herridge, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commis-

sioners Court.

constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda:

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting of January 25, 1999 were read. Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve said minutes and motion was seconded by Commissioner Lemons. Motion carried.

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

An application for Soil Conservation Construction of Fireguards was received from Bill Phinizy in Pre-

cinct No. 2. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the application at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for the Motor Grader and \$65.00 per hour for a dozer. Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GAIL LOTS

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to accept the Donated Property (Lots in

Gail, Texas) to Borden County from the W.A. Clark, Est. The property consists of Lot 9, Block 90; Lot 5, Block 19; Lot 21, Block 24; and Lots 17 & 19, block 39 in Gail Townsite, Gail, Texas. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

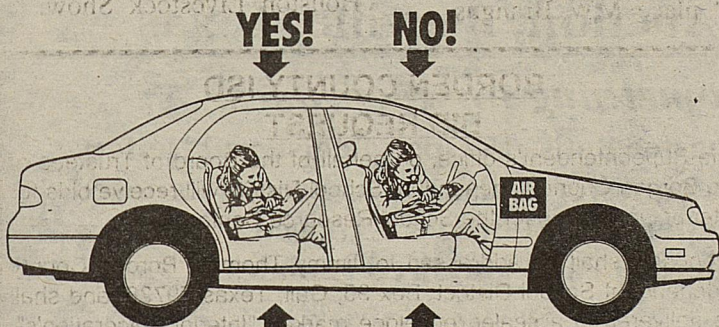
The current accounts

were examined and Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lemons and approved unanimously.

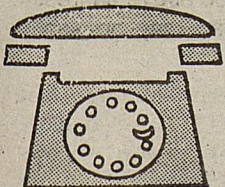
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Borden Co. Basketball

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teams are poised for long runs in the postseason.

The Lady Coyotes are ranked seventh in the most recent Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Class 1A poll, and the boys are eighth.

Only one other 1A program in state (Moulton) is ranked in both polls.

But what makes Borden County's success unique is that it is the second smallest school (74 high school students at the last realignment) of those ranked.

Coyote coaches don't think the size of the school has even come into the equation of building solid programs.

"The big thing is when kids see the same face everyday, they know what you want to do," Borden County boys coach Trey



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Richey said. "Every day I'm going to be here and I know they're going to be here. That familiarity keeps building on each other and that creates a better

"We've been lucky to have a good group of girls," girls coach Gailan Winegarner said. "Everybody here loves the game of basketball. I just kind of guide them and they

take off from there. It's just a wonderful thing to have the kids we've had."

On of the next stops for Borden County may be Austin for the state tournament.

The Lady Coyotes and

Coyotes are considered a favorite in Region II-A.

(Lubbock Avalanche-Journal Staff writer David Jimenez covers area high school basketball. His column will appear each Thursday in the Lubbock A-J.)

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