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UIL Realignment Day

Monday was a day of reckoning for area high school coaches and athletic directors.

The University Interscholastic League's biennial realignment and reclassification for high school athletics were released as several area teams were reclassified.

Here, from the University Interscholastic League, is the tentative UIL district alignments for the 1998-99 and 1999-2000 athletic seasons.

FOOTBALL DISTRICT ALIGNMENT
Conference 1A 6-Man

REGION 2

District 5
Klondike
Loop
Meadow
New Home
Southland
Welch Dawson
Wellman-Union
Wilson

District 6
Ackerly Sands
Borden County
Hermleigh
Ira
Lenorah Grady
Westbrook

District 7
Balmorhea
Dell City
Grandfalls-Royalty
Imperial Buena Vista
Marathon
Sanderson
Sierra Blanca

BASKETBALL DISTRICT ALIGNMENT
Conference 1A

REGION 1

District 16
Jayton
New Home
Southland
Wilson

REGION 2

District 17
Klondike
Loop
Welch Dawson
Wellman-Union

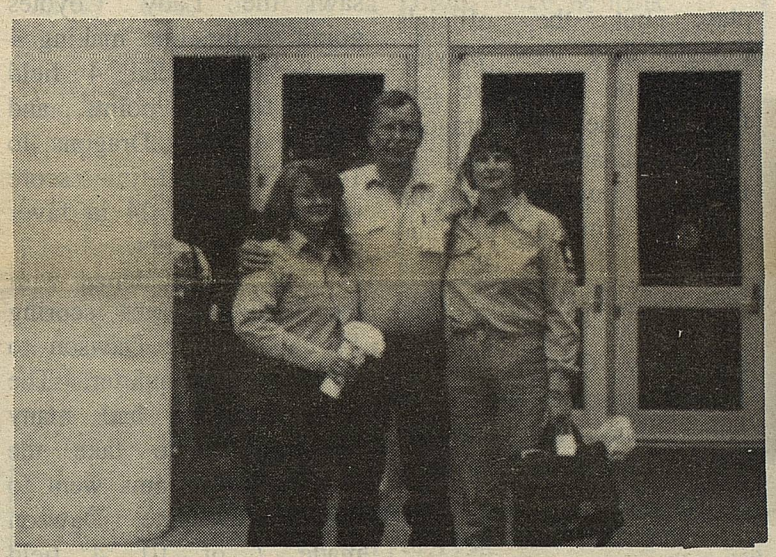
District 18
Ackerly Sands
Borden County
Ira
Lenorah Grady
Westbrook

District 19
Blackwell
Hermleigh
Loraine
Roscoe Highland
Trent

District 20
Bronte
Miles
Robert Lee
Roby
Roscoe

Borden County EMS Members attend State Convention

Three members of the Borden County EMS, Kent Holmes, Danita Roe and Shirley Bennett traveled to Austin in November to attend the State EMS Convention. Dr. Red Duke served as the main speaker during the convention along with several othe very informative speakers.



Borden County EMS was nominated for Volunteer Service of the year, but did not receive the honor.

Throughout the convention classes were offered during the day to help EMS members with their continuing education hours. These classes were very informative and helpful to the ones attending. Also booths were set up with new items and equipment on display for both observing and ordering.

Also attending the convention was Ollie Holmes.

Coyote Band Members Perform in All-Region Band Clinic

Several Coyote Band Members have been very busy the past two weekends. The weekend of January 23 & 24, three students attended the ATSSB All-Region Band Clinic and Concert. Rika Copeland and Jessica Ellison played in the A-AA Jr. High Band under the direction of Gabe Musella from Lubbock. their program included "Rio Colorado", "The Hunt With Belle Meade", "Fanfare and Gavotte", and "Invicta". Becky Copeland played in the ATSSB All-Region Honor Band under the direction of Dr. Charles Traylor of Dumas, Texas. Their program included; "The Glory of the Yankee Navy", "A Jubilant Overture", "On an American Spiritual", and "The Wizard of Oz". The concerts were excellent and these girls should be proud.

This past weekend, was the TMEA All-Region Band, Krystle Lee, Eva Abalos, and Shawna Ellison all made the clarinet section of this band. Becky Copeland was the alternate to the tuba section. The program they played included; "The World Turned Upside Down", "The Pyramids", and "At a Dixieland Jazz Funeral". This band was under the direction of Barry Hurt of Plainview, Texas.

During the Dixieland pieces the band broke into Mardi Gras Festival and threw confetti and streamers all over the stage

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Lady Coyote Varsity and Junior Varsity Victorious

The Lady Coyote varsity and junior varsity hosted the Lady Dragons from Dawson when they came to play basketball, Tuesday, Jan. 27.

The Lady Coyotes varsity team got off to a fast start and never looked back by scoring 7 field goals and 2 for 4 from the free throw line for a total of 16 point in the 1st quarter. Their aggressive defense created several turnovers and allowed only 3 points for their opponents.

The second quarter was more of the same defensive play, but the officials thought they were playing a little too aggressive and they sent the Lady Dragons to the charity stripe 14 times. Luckily, Dawson was cold from the line and only put in 5. With a field goal, they put 7 more on the score board while the Lady Coyotes scored 13. The score was 29-10 going into the dressing rooms with Borden County in the lead.

The 2nd half of play continued as much of the 1st with the Lady Coyotes adding 17 points to their score and allowing the Lady Dragons only 8 points from 4 field goals.

The defense held tough in the fourth period as they had all through the game. Dawson was only able to add 6 points while the Lady Coyotes put the finishing touch on the game by scoring 12. The final score was 58-24 and another victory for Borden County junior varsity.

STATS:

Player	Points
Becky Copeland	16
Bekah Hensley	16
Rebecca Garcia	8
Kaci Poole	6
Shawna Kempf	4
Holly Thomas	3
Hailey Adcock	2

Also contributing to the victory was Krystle Lee and Noemi Galvan.

Varsity Girls Defeat Dawson 64-53

The second district ball game turned out to be a very aggressive defensive ballgame with several fouls called against each team. The Lady Coyotes took advantage of this in the 1st quarter by scoring 5 for 11 from the free throw line and added 4 field goals for 15 points while the Lady Dragons put in 10.

The 2nd quarter again saw the Lady Coyotes going to the line making 4 of 8 and added 4 field goals for 12 points, and held the Lady Dragons to 14. The half-time score was a close 27-24 in favor of Borden County.

The lead widened with the Lady Coyotes scoring 17 and holding Dawson to 11 in the 3rd quarter. The Lady Dragons had many opportunities to take the lead as both teams went to the charity line. Dawson made 7 of 10, 4 field goals, and 1 3-pointer for a total of 18 points in the 4th period. But the Lady Coyotes added 5 field goals to their 10 of 14 free throws for a total of 20 points. Borden County maintained the lead and finished victorious with a score of 64-53. Their district record is now 2-0 and they are 20-4 overall.

STATS:

Player	Points
Amanda Watts	20
Julie Mayes	16
Adrianna Baeza	10
Lindsey Smith	6
Katie Kemp	4
Shaina Isaacs	4
Ky Merritt	2
Kati Merritt	2

Chrissy Armstrong, Tammy Cooley, Crystal Dye, and Staci O'Brien contributed to this victory.

Both Lady Coyote Teams Victorious Over the Lady Longhorns

The final district game in the 1st round saw the Lady Longhorns from Loop hosting the Lady Coyotes varsity and junior varsity teams, Friday, Jan. 30.

The Lady Coyotes held the Lady Longhorns to only 5 points in the first quarter. They also did a great job of shooting the ball as they connected for 15 points which included 2 3-pointers.

The 2nd quarter saw more of the same offensive shooting as the Lady Coyotes added 13 more points on the score board and allowed the Lady Longhorns only 9 points. Five of those points were from the charity stripe. The half-time score read 28-14 in favor of Borden County.

The Lady Coyotes struggled with cold shooting in the 3rd quarter as they managed only 5 points. Loop was able to close the gap with 12 points of their own.

In the 4th quarter, the Lady Longhorns scored 14 points which included a 3-pointer and 5 for 10 from the free throw line. The Lady Coyotes successfully held off Loop by scoring 17 of 25 free throws and 3 field goals for a great 23 point quarter. Borden County finished the first round of district play with a victory over Loop by the score of 56-40. With this win the Lady Coyotes are 3-0 in district play and have an overall record of 21-4.

STATS:

Player	Points
Julie Mayes	20
Amanda Watts	15
Adrianna Baeza	6
Ky Merritt	5
Lindsey Smith	4
Shaina Isaacs	2
Katie Kemp	2
Kati Merritt	2

Also contributing to this victory was Chrissy Armstrong, Tammy Cooley, Staci O'Brien, and Crystal Dye.

The Junior Varsity Defeat Loop 38-27

In the first quarter, the scoring for both teams stayed pretty even with 4 for Borden County and 5 for Loop.

Things began to heat up in the second quarter as the Lady Coyotes JV scored 15 and held the Lady Longhorns to their lone field goal. This opened a big half-time lead for Borden County with a score of 19-7.

The second half saw a flip-flop situation as the scoring lead was going for the Lady Longhorns with 12 and they held the Lady Coyotes to only 6 in the 3rd quarter. But in the final stanza, Borden County turned the tables and with hot shooting scored 13 points and allowed Loop only 4 points. The game was a victory for the Lady Coyotes with a final score of 38-27. The JV season record is now 10-6.

STATS:

Player	Points
Bekah Hensley	17
Kaci Poole	12
Hailey Adcock	2
Holly Thomas	2
Jana Himes	2
Shawna Kempf	2
Rebecca Garcia	1

Also contributing to the victory was Noemi Galvan.

Coyotes Demolish the Dragons 70-39

The Borden County Coyotes played host to the Dawson Dragons Tuesday, Jan. 27, in hopes of moving their district record to 2-0. They wasted little time in establishing control of this game as they came out hotter than a pistol. In fact, the Coyotes took the opening tip and converted it into a lay-up and then never looked back from there. Fernando Baeza hit 10 of his game high 20 points in the opening period, and Colt McCook added 8 points of his own. The Coyotes played without Jeff Dennis and only saw partial play from Oscar Baeza. This situation put two sophmores in the starting lineup. Kevin Pinkerton scored 4 of his 11 points in the first stanza. Fellow classmate, Justin Lawrence added 6 of his 12 in this period. Bryce Dye's 3 points capped off the season high quarter for the Coyotes at 31 total points while holding the visitors to only 12. This gave the Coyotes a very comfortable lead that was never threatened.

In the second quarter, the Coyotes slowed down a little, but they still continued to dominate as they padded their lead by outscoring the Dragons 16-10 in the period. With a comfortable lead the Coyotes had the opportunity to clear the benches and give everyone ample playing time to strut their stuff.

In the second half, the Dragons slowed things down, but the Coyotes continued to pad their lead with a 10-4 quarter. The reserves played much of the 4th quarter and managed to gain some valuable game experience which will play off down the road. A buzzer beating shot by Clint Scott allowed the Coyotes to tie the Dragons in the 4th quarter at 13 apiece and

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Coyotes Dehorn the Longhorns 68-46

The Borden County Coyotes took to the road, Friday, Jan. 30, for their first road trip of the 1998 district season. They traveled to Loop in an attempt to take firm control of first place. In fact with events that would occur on this same night, a win would give the Coyotes a two game lead in the district race. However, the young Loop Longhorns team proved to be no push over. The Coyotes played without the services of their leading scorer, Jeff Dennis for the second game in a row. This gave Kevin Pinkerton his second start of the season, and he responded with 13 points. Fellow sophomore, Justin Lawrence added a career high and a game high 17 points. The Coyotes also received help from Bryce Dye who added a career high 11 points that came in handy as the Coyotes faced even more problems when Colt McCook and Oscar Baeza got into foul trouble. Fernando Baeza was forced to go from his usual forward position to play the point for much of the 1st half with McCook on the bench. Baeza did a very commendable job running the ball club.

With all of this information, the Coyotes were very fortunate to come out of Loop with a victory, but the aforementioned young men played a very big part of insuring the Coyotes a 3-0 record in the first half of the district race an a two game lead.

The Coyotes jumped out to an early 15-9 lead, but a Longhorn 3-pointer cut the lead to 15-12 after 1 period of play. In the second quarter, the Coyotes outscored the hosts 20-11 to take a 35-23 lead into the locker room. Justin Lawrence added 6 of 6 free throws in the period. This was a vast improvement through hard work as he had been 4 of 24 on the season.

The Longhorns got their lone victory of the night as they outscored the Coyotes 15-14 when they scored the last 6 points of the period. In the 4th quarter, the Coyotes finally managed to hold off the stubborn Longhorns and build an insurmountable lead by outscoring the host 19-8. This produced the final tally of 68-46 for the visiting Coyotes.

STATS:

Player	**Points**
Justin Lawrence	17
Kevin Pinkerton	13
Fernando Baeza	13
Bryce Dye	11
Colt McCook	8
Oscar Baeza	5
Clint Scott	1
Rebounds:	
Fernando Baeza	14
Oscar Baeza	10
Justin Lawrence	4
Assists:	
Colt McCook	5
Oscar Baeza	3
Fernando Baeza	3
Kevin Pinkerton	3
Steals:	
Justin Lawrence	4
Kevin Pinkerton	3
Fernando Baeza	3
Bryce Dye	3
Colt McCook	3

COACHES COMMENTS:

This was a very good win to get under our belts. When you play against a young team like the Longhorns, it can be a very difficult contest if things go well for them like they did on this night. Factor in our inability to make the short shots as we hit only 25 of 65 shots on the evening. We really could have made this a very one-sided contest if we could have capitalized early. There were several times when we had the lead built to 16 points only to see the Longhorns fight back to within 10 points on several occasions throughout the evening. You have to give the young Longhorns credit for sticking in and battling to the very end. Overall I thought that this was a very good victory. Most importantly, with a Klondike loss to Dawson the Coyotes can clinch a play-off and district championship on Tuesday if we defeat Klondike in Klondike. Good job, guys!!

Missy Coyotes Clip the Missy Cougars 39-25

The Junior High Missy Coyotes hosted Klondike on Thursday, Jan. 29.

The first half was an even match between the two teams.

The Missy Coyotes scored 8 points and the Missy Cougars scored only 2 less at 6 points in the 1st quarter. In the second quarter they managed 1 field goal but added 3 of 4 from the charity line to score 5 and held Klondike to 5 total points making the half-time score 12-11 in favor of the Missy Coyotes.

The second half started more aggressive play by both teams as several fouls were called.

The Missy Coyotes had a big 3rd quarter when they scored 15 points and their aggressive defensive play allowed Klondike to put 4 points on the scoreboard.

The final quarter stayed even with the Missy Coyotes scoring 12 points and the Missy Cougars added 10 points to their score. They had chances for seven more points from the charity line, but came up empty. The final score at the buzzer was 39-25 in favor of the Missy Coyotes. Their record going into the last 2 games is 11-0.

STATS:

Player	**Points**
Patty Rodriquez	11
Bobbie Kempf	10
Rika Copeland	7
Laura Stamper	6
Kylia Culp	5

Carolina Arellanos, Michele Bond, Oralia Galicia, Yessi Gonzales, Tabitha Grant, Dalene Kempf, and Jessica Ellison contributed to this victory. Micah Hensley was unable to compete due to an illness.

ASU Dean's List for Fall Semester

Erica Renee Dye, daughter of Chet and Shirley Dye, of Gail a student attending Angelo State University in San Angelo, is listed on the Dean's List for the Fall semester.

Ms. Dye, is an Early Childhood major at ASU.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled as a full time student and have at least a 3.25 grade point average.

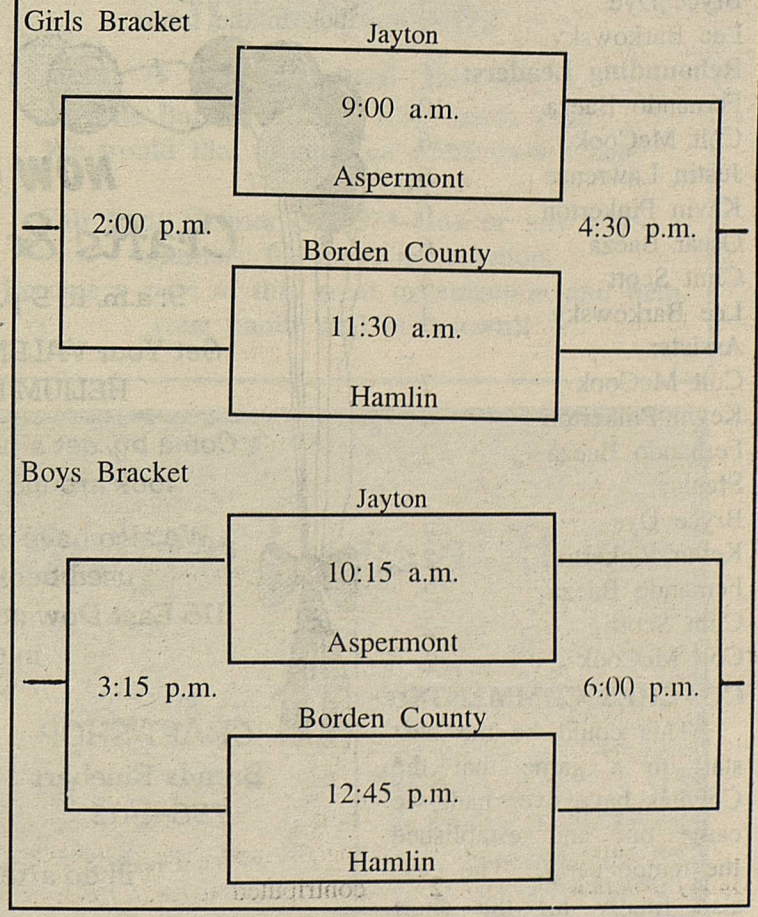
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Breakfast: - .50c

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TUESDAY: Fish, Peas & Carrots, Salad, Hush Puppies, Cake, & Milk
Breakfast: Sausage Gravy, Biscuit, Juice & Milk
WEDNESDAY: Meat & Gravy, Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Fruit & Milk
Breakfast: French Toast, Fruit, Juice & Milk
THURSDAY: Chicken, Potatoes, Salad, Hot Roll, Jello & Milk
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, & Milk
FRIDAY: Sub Sandwich, Salad Cup, Tator Tots, Cookies, & Milk
Breakfast: Donuts, Fruit, Juice & Milk

Jayton Junior Varsity Tournament
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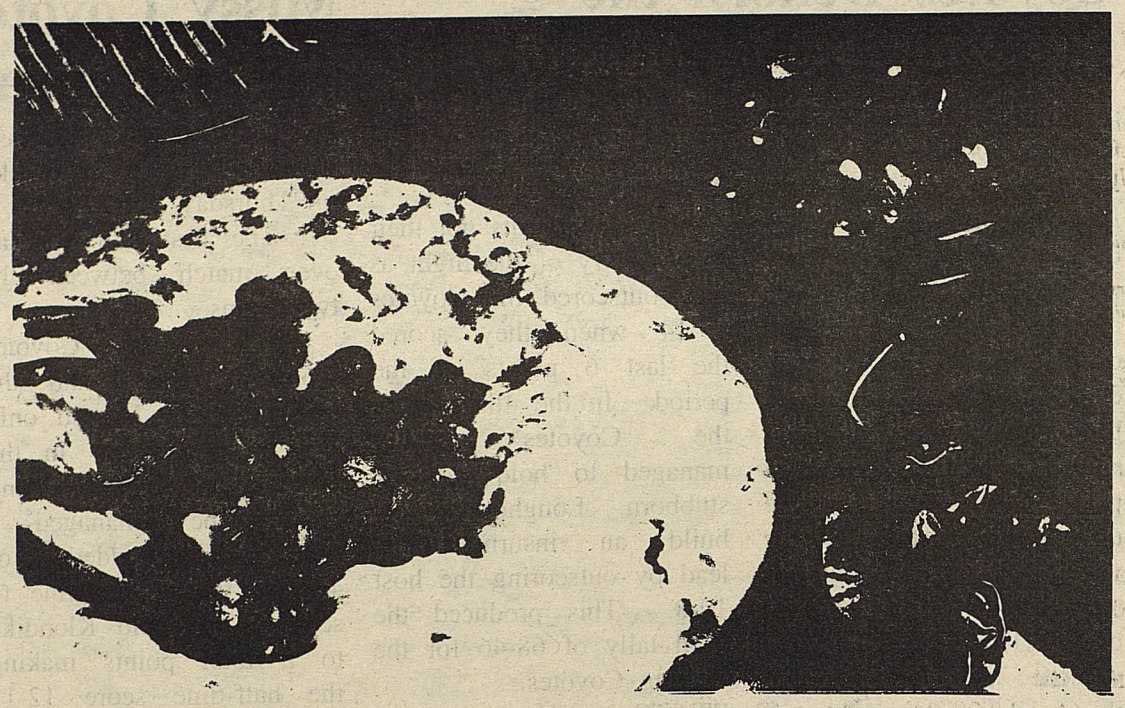


Chili Bean and Cornbread Bake

1 c. chopped onion
1 c. chopped green pepper
2 TB. vegetable oil
2 (16-oz.) c. hot chili beans, drained
1 (14.5-oz.) can diced tomatoes
1 egg
2/3 c. milk
1 (6-oz.) package Martha White Buttermilk or Cotton Pickin' Cornbread Mix
1 c. shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
Sour cream, black olives, shredded lettuce, shopped tomato, green onion slices and salsa (optional).

Heat oven to 400 F. In 12-inch cast iron skillet, cook onions and green pepper in oil just until soft. Add beans and tomatoes. Cook over medium heat until bubbly, stirring occasionally. Reduce heat to low; simmer 5 minutes. In mall bowl, beat eggs. Add milk, cornbread mix and cheese; stir until well blended. Spoon cornbread around edges of filling in skillet. Bake at 400 F. for 20 to 25 minutes or until light browned. Serve with your choice of toppings. 6 to 8 servings.

Meaty variations: Add 1 pound beef, browned and drained; or 2 cups cooked, shredded chicken or pork to bean mixture.



A well-seasoned cast iron skillet is all you need to make Chili Bean and Cornbread Bake from Martha White®.

Demolished the Dragons

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made a final tally of 70-39 in favor of the home team.

STATS:

Player	Points
Fernando Baeza	20
Colt McCook	13
Justin Lawrence	12
Kevin Pinkerton	11
Oscar Baeza	4
Clint Scott	4
Bryce Dye	3
Lee Barkowsky	3
Rebounding Leaders:	
Fernando Baeza	10
Colt McCook	6
Justin Lawrence	6
Kevin Pinkerton	6
Oscar Baeza	6
Clint Scott	4
Lee Barkowsky	4
Assists:	
Colt McCook	7
Kevin Pinkerton	4
Fernando Baeza	3
Steals:	
Bryce Dye	3
Kevin Pinkerton	2
Fernando Baeza	2
Clint Scott	2
Colt McCook	2

COACHES COMMENTS;

This could be the best start to a game that the Coyotes have ever had, we came out and established the tempo early. The guys also finally hit the short shorts that have been eluding us in the early part of the season. I was extremely proud of the guys for staying focused throughout the contest. This win could go a long way in boosting our confidence in the future. I truly believe that Dawson has the second best athletes in the district, so this makes this game that much more impressive to me. Good job, guys! Good luck in the future.

All-Region Band

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at Monterey. The kids had a lot of fun and their band directors didn't mind cleaning up after them for once.

All in all, the kids had a great time at these two concerts and gained much experience. They performed some challenging and fun music in a really big band. This year we doubled the number trying for the All-Region bands from 3 to 6. Let's go for 12 next year.

/s/ Chuck Harris
Coyote Band Director

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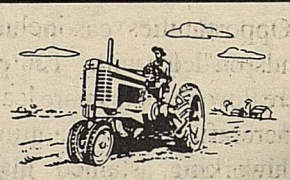
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You can remember the fertilizer rate, seed population, herbicide rate and yields on a farm you rented 10 years ago, but you cannot remember your wife's birthday.

You fibbed to a mechanic about how often you greased a piece of equipment.

You have used a velvet leaf plant as toilet paper.

You have driven off the road while examining your neighbors crops.

You borrowed gravel from the county road to fill potholes in your driveway.

You have buried a dog and cried like a baby.

You have used a tractor front-end loader as scaffolding for roof repairs.

You've used your castrating knife to slice an apple.

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Heart and home...



By Julie D. Mumme
Borden County Extension Agent -
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Spring Fling

Experience spring and nature at it's best this year "deep in the heart of Texas." That's what folks 50 and over will be doing at the Texas 4-H Center on Lake Brownwood during the annual Spring Fling (April 20-24). This event is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Opportunities include "hands-on" learning centers where one can learn leathercraft, oil painting, woodworking, stained glass and many other exciting projects. Educational programs on topics such as horticulture, photography, nutrition, finances, and other current issues are a popular highlight. Boat rides (weather permitting) and fishing on Lake Brownwood add even more popularity to your stay. Lighted tennis courts, horseshoes, billiards, volleyball, shuffleboard, dominoes, and card/table games are all fun activities. There are also tours available.

A special "Under the Sea!" theme featuring a costume contest will provide a festive atmosphere to the event. The theme party will feature exciting activities and entertainment, as will be closing banquet.

Get away and learn to make the most of the best years of your life! For more information on Spring Fling '98, call the extension office.

Child Passenger Safety Week Is February 8-14

Child Passenger Safety Week is an annual campaign designed to remind the public of the need for children to ride buckled up. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), child safety seats, when used correctly, can reduce fatalities among children less than five years of age. because of a combination of non-use and misuse, child safety seats are not currently saving as many lives as they should be.

Data compiled by Texas Department of Public Safety indicates that in 1996, 76 children age 12 and under were killed and 7,904 were injured while unrestrained during car crashes. According to a survey conducted by Texas Transportation Institute, it is estimated that the child restraint usage rat was only 63% for 1997. Remember, children should be restrained and in the back seat. Follow the slogan: "THE BACK IS WHERE IT'S AT!"

According to experts, children have to rely on parents to use the appropriate safety seat, and to use it correctly. NHTSA recommends rear-facing seats until a child is 20 pounds, and at least one year of age; forward facing seats to 40 lbs.; and in convertible safety seats and booster seats until the child will properly fit into the vehicle's safety belts. Parents, guardians, and grandparent are urged to look at the vehicle owner's manual to ensure proper installation of safety seats. When using the vehicle safety belts, it is important to know that the lap belt rides low on the passenger's hips and doesn't ride up across the abdomen; the shoulder belt doesn't cross in front of the face or neck.

"I can't emphasize enough that rear-facing child seats should never be used in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger-side airbag. The deploying bag striking a rear-facing infant seat can result in fatal injuries to a child. Put it in the back seat, facing rearward. the safest place for all children is in the back seat of a vehicle, and buckled up." Dr. Robert Martinez, M.C., Administrator NHTSA.

Even if you are only driving one mile, it's worth your child's life to properly restrain them! Be a part of the Texas solution and encourage family and friends to promote the correct use of child safety seats!

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Abilene native, Robert Pelton, lawyer, has announced as a candidate for the Court of Appeals in Eastland, Texas. He is seeking the Republican nomination to succeed retiring Associate Justice Bob Dickenson.

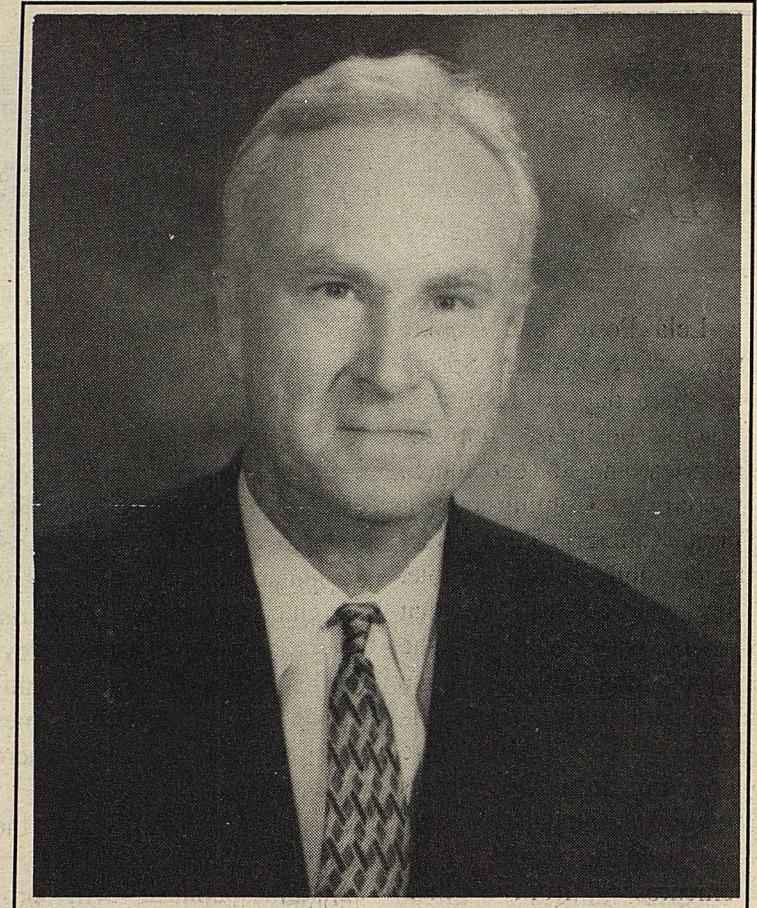
Mr. Pelton was born, raised, and attended public schools in Abilene and graduated from Abilene High School in 1964. Pelton graduated from McMurry College in 1970. From 1966 to 1972 he served in the United States Army National Guard and received an honorable discharge in 1972. Mr. Pelton attended South Texas College of Law in Houston at night while working for Firemen Fund Insurance Company and Dresser Industries. In law school, he was the chief prosecutor of the Honor Court. He did a legal internship with the Harris County District Attorney's office and with attorney Jim Skelton where he assisted in the prosecution of several major felony cases.

After graduating from law school with a Doctor of Juris Prudence degree he entered private practice of law in 1975. He is licensed to practice law in State and Federal courts. During his career he has represented citizens in many varied cases. His courtroom experience includes jury trials and appeals of divorce and child custody, criminal cases, personal injury cases and cases involving administrative law matters as well as appeals of both criminal and civil cases. Mr. Pelton has been the lawyer for more than 1,700 criminal cases in Harris county including five capital murder clients, and numerous cases in Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin, Midland, Richmond, Lubbock, Sweetwater, Palo Pinto, San Antonio, Edna and Abilene. One capital murder case he was involved in is now the subject of a recently published book, "Ashes to Ashes" written by Lyn Riddle. Mr. Pelton has served many high profile clients including television personality Marvin Zindler in a lawsuit against the American Nazi Party. This case was appealed to the United States Supreme Court. He has served as the lawyer for other attorneys, physicians, judges, policemen and many other citizens with a wide variety of occupations. He currently involved in a capital murder case as co-counsel with Richard "Racehorse" Haynes and Mike Charlton.

Mr. Pelton has practiced law throughout the state and maintains law offices in Houston and Abilene. The Abilene office includes his brother, Joe Pelton and Ed Paynter, former Taylor County District Attorney.

During his career, Mr. Pelton has been very active in the legal community. He has served as President of the Harris County Criminal Lawyers Association, President of the Community Service Option Program, editor of a criminal law magazine, and has served as an associate director with the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. He has served on the faculty of the Criminal Trial Advocacy Course that is presented annually in Huntsville, Texas. He has written numerous articles on criminal and civil law which has appeared in various legal publications. he has been a frequent speaker at meetings and seminars involving the legal community that have been sponsored by the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, the Harris County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association and the Houston bar Association. He is also a member of the State Bar of Texas referral service. Martindel-Hubbell, an organization that rates attorneys, has given Mr. Pelton an AV rating which is the highest rating given.

"I believe my courtroom experience over the past 22 years qualifies me for the job. During this time I have handled several hundred civil and criminal cases. Candidates for judgeships generally rely on campaign contributions from lawyers to finance their campaigns. I will not accept campaign contributions from lawyers who practice before the 11th Court of Appeals."



Mr. Robert Pelton



French emperor Napoleon Bonaparte was descended from Italian nobility and originally spelled his last name the Italian way, *Buonaparte.*

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March Primary Election Information

February 9	Last day to register to vote in the March Primary Election.
February 13	First day to submit an application for ballot by mail for the runoff.
February 23	First day of early voting by personal appearance for the March Primary.
March 3	Last day to submit request for ballot by mail for March Primary.
March 6	Last day of early voting by personal appearance for March Primary.
MARCH 10	**GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION DAY**
March 16	Last day to register to vote for runoff election.
April 6	First day for early voting by personal appearance for runoff election.
April 7	Last day to submit an application for ballot by mail for runoff election.
April 10	Last day for early voting by personal appearance for runoff election.
APRIL 14	**RUNOFF ELECTION**

POLITICAL CALENDAR

County Judge
Van L. York

County Treasurer:
Kenneth Bennett

Justice of the Peace:
Carolyn Stone

County/District Clerk:
Joyce Herridge

County Commissioner:
Larry D. Smith
Precinct #2
Hurston Lemons, Jr.
Precinct #4
Ralph Price
Precinct #4

State Representative: District 70
Scott McLaughlin

Court of Appeals:
Kollin Shadle
Robert Pelton



Out-N-About

by Area Reporters

Lela Porter and Cookie Dyess were in Big Spring the other day to take care of some business, shop for groceries and to eat lunch, of course. Coming out of Furr's Cafeteria they met Buster and Reba Cauble. They were glad to see that Buster was out of the hospital and able to have lunch in town with his wife. The Caubles are recovering from the effects of smoke inhalation when they tried to save family mementos from their burning home. They are temporarily living north of Big Spring while they make plans to rebuild. They are not residents of Borden County, but know quite a few local people and are enthusiastic readers of ***The Borden Star***.

It always brings smiles to our faces to see the two new baby girls of Gail, Kenedy Harris, daughter of Chuck and Amy Harris and Tatum Richey daughter of Trey and Hayley Richey at the basketball games. They are always so sweet and dressed quite fashionable. Now there are two new boys getting equal attention. Thomas Harrison, son of Jon and Kristi (Adcock) Harrison and Hunter Jones, son of Kirk and Kembra (Kemp) Jones. Their parents are breaking these future ball handlers in early, but we have noticed that they nod off at some of the most exciting times on the court.

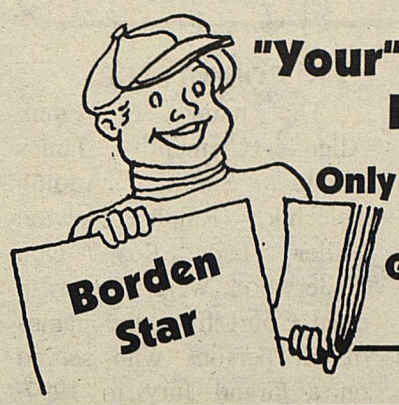
Vicki (Newton) Kiker is home now recovering from an accident that came close to being very tragic. She was helping separate heifers at her parent's, Doyle and Shirley Newton, ranch when the last heifer of the bunch decided she didn't want to be put into another pen. As Vicki was standing in her way, she knocked her down and stepped on her on her way to the other cattle. The quick action of our local EMS volunteers probably saved her life. At least Vicki's family gives them credit for this. We are glad she is recovering, and hope it won't be too long before she is up and helping around the ranch again.

Christeen Ledbetter is in the hospital recovering from pneumonia. She had diagnosed herself with the flu and decided she did not need to even see the doctor. But Sunday morning she woke up and was having a hard time breathing and Herman said, okay you are going to the hospital and she didn't feel like arguing. She will probably be there until the end of the week. Get well, soon Christeen and don't wait so long if there happens to be a next time.



In Denmark on St. Valentine's Day, people send pressed white flowers called snowdrops to their friends.

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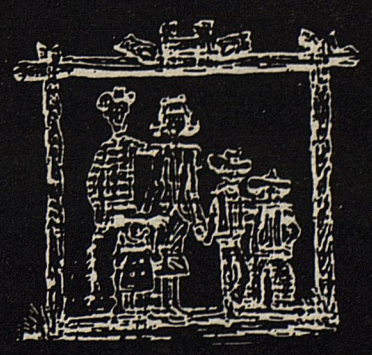
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Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On the 12th day of January, 1998, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session at the regular meeting place there of in the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present and participating, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK,
County Judge, Presiding;
DOUG ISAACS,
Commissioner, Prec. #1
LARRY D. SMITH,
Commissioner Prec. #2
VERNON WOLF,
Commissioner, Prec. #3
HURSTON LEMONS,
Commissioner, Prec. #4
JOYCE HERRIDGE,
County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners' Court.

constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting of the 22nd day of December, 1997 were read. Commissioner Lemons made a motion to approve said minutes as read. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf.

Motion carried.

VISITORS

Toby Sharp met with the Court asking for County support and assistance in working with the Fire Department. The Court agreed to continue furnishing County employees and County equipment when available.

Kent Holmes met with the Court expressing a desire to change eprecinct boundary to move his property to Precinct 3 from Precinct 4. the voting place building in Precinct 3A is nearer to his home. No action was taken at this time.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

The names of Frank Allen Clement, James Monte Smith, Adolph Telechik, Ralph Newton Miller and Ray Don Underwood were drawn in open Court from the names of all persons who served on a Grand Jury in 1997, to serve on the Grievance Committee for 1998 with other members of the Committee as created by Article 3912K. A motion was made by Commissioner Isaacs to approve these as drawn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried.

SALARIES AND POLICIES FOR 1998

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to set salaries and wages for 1998 as advertised in the 1998 Budget and stated as follows. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lemons.

Motion carried.

SALARY SCHEDULE

	PER MONTH
County Judge	$1,775.00
Courthouse Employee	$1,505.00 plus longevity
Sheriff, Tax Assessor-Collector	$1,935.00
Deputy Sheriff, Tax Assessor-Collector	$1,505.00
Co. & Dist. Clerk	$1,775.00
Deputy Co. & Dist Clerk	$1,505.00 plus longevity
County Commissioners	$1,335.00 plus $209.64 vehicle
Justice of the Peace	$ 525.00 plus $15.49 travel
Constable	$ 150.00 plus $50.00 travel
County Agent-AG	$1,255.00
County Agent-FCA	$ 145.00 plus $100.00 vehicle & $151.29 Housing Allowance
Secretary - Co. Agent	$1,505.00 plus longevity
Official Travel (Outside of Co. in Private Vehicle)	.20 c per mile
	PER HOUR
Courthouse Maint. Employee	$8.38 plus longevity
Hourly Waged Employees - Road Work	$8.58 (Max) plus longevity
Use of Pickup for Co. Per day	$5.78

LONGEVITY SCHEDULE
For Continuous Employment See Borden County Employee Manual

VACATION PAY
Hourly Wage Employees
See Borden County Employee Manual

SICK LEAVE
Hourly Wage Employees
See Borden County Employee Manual

SALARIES AND POLICIES

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion for the Secretaries and Deputies to be paid twice monthly, being on the 2nd and 4th of Monday of each month. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

SALARY

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjust the salary of the County Agent's Secretary to be the same as the other secretary. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

COUNTY HOLIDAYS SET

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf to set the Holidays for 1998 as per the following list. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaacs.

Motion carried.

OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS FOR 1998

PRESIDENT'S DAY
Monday, February 16
MEMORIAL DAY
Monday, May 25
INDEPENDENCE DAY
Friday, July 3
LABOR DAY
Monday, September 7
THANKSGIVING
Thursday & Friday
November 26 & 27.
CHRISTMAS
Wed, Thurs, & Fri.
Dec. 23, 24 & 25th
NEW YEAR'S DAY
Fri., January 1, 1999

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined. Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf.

Motion carried.

WORKER'S COMPENSATION SELF-INSURANCE FUND

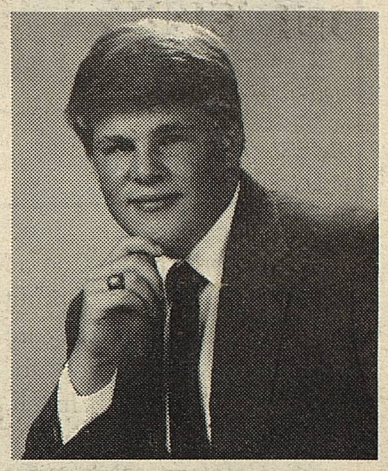
Commissioner Wolf made a motion to approve the Interlocal Participation Agreement with Texas Association of Counties for Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Motion carried.

EMS Memorials

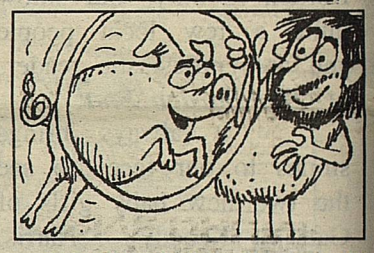
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