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Face Ropesville Friday Night in Gail, 7:30 p.m.

Coyotes Explode for 50 points in Season-Opening Win Over Meadow

It did not take long for the 2002 Borden High School Coyote football team to make a statement about the type of season they plan to have.

In fact, it only took 23 seconds.

Senior T.J. Sharp, along with a talented blocking crew in front, saw to that in just three plays: a 25-yard kickoff return followed by Sharp's 55-yard run from scrimmage for the touchdown, and finished off with Sharp's successful PAT kick.

And when Meadow threatened to return the favor, brothers Raul and Derek Rodriguez stiffened the Coyote defense in the first quarter on three consecutive downs inside the Coyote 10-yard line.

With 5:10 remaining in the first period, the Broncos faced 4th and goal.

The Rodriguez tandem pushed Meadow back to hold, and the host team never got close again.

With BHS dominating the time of possession, Meadow was unable to get much of an offense going the remainder of the evening.

With 1:31 left in the opening period, Raul performed a little magic on a 17-yard run to the endzone that

saw him break at least 10 attempted tackles—pretty amazing considering this is *six*-man football. The PAT was blocked, but the Coyotes held a 14-0 advantage after 10 minutes of play.

Dusty Gwinn and Derek Rodriguez continued to harass the Meadow offense in the second quarter as Gwinn recorded one sack and

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Borden Co. Seventh Graders Qualify for TIP Program

Borden County seventh grade students, Shelby Roberts, Brice Smith, Kate Wallace, and Rachel Wilson have qualified for the TIP program because of their high scores on the Reading and/or

Math portion of the Spring 2001 and/or the Spring 2002 TAAS.

The Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP) in Durham, North Carolina is

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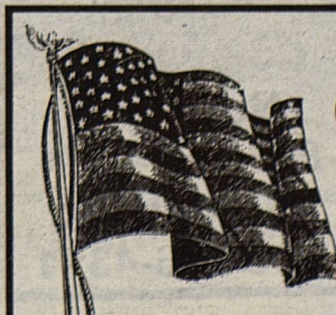
TIP Program Qualifiers: (L. to R.) Kate Wallace, Shelby Roberts, Rachel Wilson and Brice Smith.

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Third Graders are proud to be Americans because . . .

- "We are free" – Austin Tyler
- "We have more privileges" – Chris Teel
- "We can read the Bible" – Austin Fields
- "We live with God" – Chance Taylor
- "We can have friends" – Viviana Hernandez
- "We are allowed to go to school" – Bethany Stamper
- "I can go to church" – Seleste Herridge



God Bless America!

Coyotes Explode in Season-Opener

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Rodriguez rushed in on three hurries that led to incomplete passes.

Sharp continued to shine on defense as well with a fumble recovery on the Meadow 19-yard line.

With 5:35 left before half-time, Sharp got into the endzone from one yard out to increase the BHS lead to 22 after his PAT kick was good.

The scoring continued for the Coyotes when senior quarterback Brionne Jackson found fellow senior Talin Pepper for a five-yard touchdown pass. Jackson also held on the PAT kick which Sharp converted.

Arguably the most exciting defensive stand came right before half as Meadow was driving with less than two minutes to play before intermission.

The Broncos managed to move down field with two first downs and get to the Coyotes 10-yard line with only 21 seconds before the half-time buzzer.

With :16 on the clock, Pepper played off the heavy rush provided by the Rodriguez guys to make a diving interception at the five-yard line.

Meadow's offense continued to sputter against the Coyotes as second-half play began. In fact, the defense scored the first two touchdowns in the third quarter for BHS.

At the 8:17 mark, Sharp returned an intercepted pass 32 yards for another Coyote touchdown.

Only 45 seconds later, Derek Rodriguez took a fumble recovery 11 yards to the endzone. Sharp's fourth successful PAT on the evening made it a 44-0 Coyote lead.

Adam Carter, Andy Lozano, and Derek Rodriguez finished out the rushing on the final scoring drive, with Rodriguez hitting paydirt from 26 yards out to call the game under the 45-point rule with 3:08 left in the

third period.

Teamwork, intensity, and conditioning all favored the Coyotes in the season opener.

Look for more of the same in this week's home opener against Ropesville Friday at 7:30.

--OF NOTE--

***Sharp ran for 96 of his 103 yards in the first quarter

***Pepper was the leading receiver with two catches for 25 yards and one touchdown

***Shane Tarleton completed 2-2 passes for 28

yards; Jackson completed 2-3 for 19 yards and a touchdown, and Sharp went 1-2 for 22 yards

***The Coyotes gained 10 first downs to Meadow's 5

***BHS had no turnovers to four for the Broncos

***The defense held Meadow three times on 4th down plays

***Meadow only gained 10 yards in the second half

--Individual Stats--

Defensive: Raul R. (8 assisted tackles, 4 sacks, one hurry, one solo); Adam C. (6 assists, 4 solo); Derek R. (3 assists, 3 sacks, 1 fumble recovery, three hurries); Andy L. (3 assists, 1 sack, 2 solos); Dusty G. (4 assists, 1 sack); Talin P. (5 assists, 1 deflected pass, 1 interception, 1 solo); T.J. (6 assists, 2 sacks, 1 fumble recovery, 1 interception, 3 solos)

Offensive: Sharp (8 carries for 103 yards, 1 reception for 14 yards, 1-2 completions for 22 yards, 2 rushing touchdowns); Raul (2 carries for 25 yards, one rushing touchdown); Carter (3 carries for 1 yard, 1 reception for 8 yards); Lozano (2 carries for 7 yards); Derek (2 carries for 44 yards, 1 reception for 22 yards, one rushing touchdown).

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JV Coyotes Blast Broncos

Riding a balanced offensive attack, the Borden High School JV Coyotes took their season opener over Meadow, 44-6.

Ben Griffin threw for three touchdowns: two tosses to Garrett Thomas and one to Tyler Wallace.

Billy Roper, Derek Gwinn, Andrew Lamming, and Thomas all had rushing touchdowns to add to the scoring.

J. Ryan Gicklhorn added the PAT's twice on successful kicks.

Defensively, the Coyotes recovered six fumbles while only losing two.

Griffin, Gicklhorn, Wallace, Gwinn, and Lamming all pounced on loose balls to stop Meadow's drives during the game.

Griffin finished with 120 yards passing while leading

rushers were John Wilson (4 carries for 51 yards), Lamming (5 carries for 41 yards), Thomas 3 carries for 28 yards), Gicklhorn (1 carry for two yards), Gwinn (4 carries for 14 yards), Griffin (1 carry for 8 yards), Caden Nowlain (1 carry for 10 yards), and Roper (1 carry for 10 yards).

Thomas caught two passes for 85 yards while Wilson pulled in two for 35 yards. Griffin also connected with Austin Tarleton for one pass for a five-yard completion.

Trey Soto recorded six tackles while Aaron Pigford made four tackles on the evening.

COYOTE FOOTBALL

Thurs, Sept. 12th

Coyote Pups vs Ropes

There - 6:00 p.m.

JV Coyotes vs Ropes

There - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 13th

Coyotes vs. Ropes

Here - 7:30 p.m.



Borden Coyote Football Schedule 2002-2003

Aug. 30	**Jayton	Here	6:00
Sept. 6	Meadow	There	7:30
Sept. 13	Ropes	Here	7:30
Sept. 20	Ira	There	7:30
Sept. 27	Wellman	There	7:30
Oct. 4	***Highland	Here	7:30
Oct. 11	*Klondike	Here	7:30
Oct. 18	*Sands	Here	7:30
Oct. 25	*Dawson	There	7:30
Nov. 1	*Loop	Here	7:30
Nov. 8	*Grady	There	7:30

*District Games

**Scrimmages

***Homecoming

Varsity Head Coach: Bobby Avery

Assistant Coaches: Trey Richey & Kevin James

Band Director: Hector Aguero

Cheerleaders: Amanda Boucher, Shayla Gass, LaShae Johnson, Emily Mayes, Cassidy Rinehart & Brandy Shafer

Mascot: Sunni Ship

Cheerleader sponsor: Lori Stephens

Jr. High and JV Football Schedule

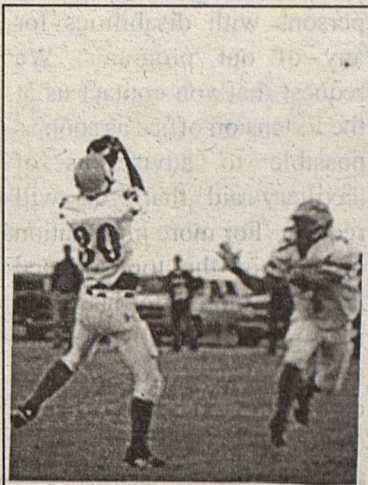
Sept. 5	Meadow	Here	JV	6:00
Sept. 12	Ropes	There	JH	6:00
		There	JV	7:30
Sept. 19	Ira	Here	JH	6:00
		Here	JV	7:30
Sept. 26	Wellman-Union	Here	JH	6:00
		Here	JV	7:30
Oct. 3	Grady	Here	JH	6:00
		Here J	V	7:30
Oct. 10	Klondike	There	JH	6:00
	Sands	TBA	JV	TBA
Oct. 17	Sands	There	JH	6:00
		There	JV	7:30
Oct. 24	Dawson	Here JH	6:00	
	Highland	There	JV	7:30
Oct. 31	Loop	There	JH	6:00
	Grady	TBA	JV	TBA

Cheerleaders: Kalli Poole, Lindsey Stamper, Sydney Shipp & Rachel Wilson. Sponsor: Cindy Herridge

Coyotes Snap-Shots by LaNita



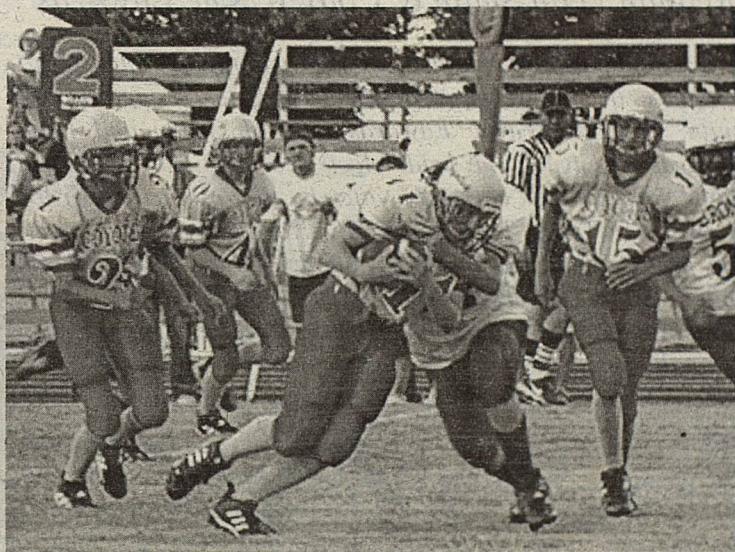
Borden County Coyotes



Take the Ball and Run . . . Raul Rodriquez is ready to run after the handoff from Talin Pepper.



Take him down! — Talin Pepper #30, takes a Bronco down as he tries to stop Andy Lozano #19 from working his way down the field.



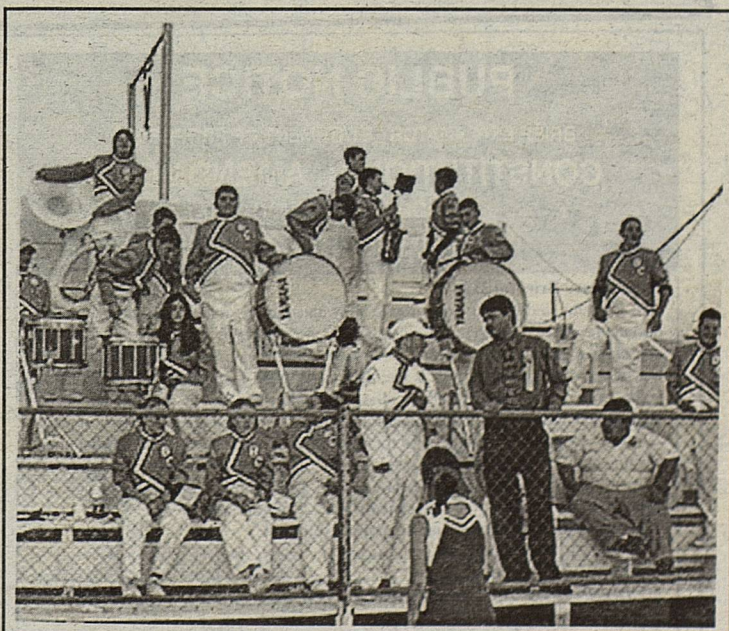
JV Coyotes dominate Broncos: Andrew Lamming #11, tries to work his way past a Meadow defender. Coming to the rescue, Trey Soto #15, Austin Tarleton #21, and Aaron Pigford #40.



Borden County JV Coyotes



Good Team Work! - J. Ryan Gicklhorn gets a good kick off after Aaron Pigford takes the snap.



GO BAND! Band Director, Mr. "A", travels to his first Coyote football game. Drum Major, Andrew Lamming and other Coyote Band members get ready for another great season.

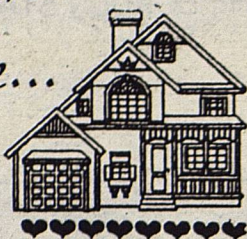
Go Coyotes!



CHEERING THEM ON! BHS Cheerleaders (L. to R.) Shayla Gass, Brandy Shafer, Emily Mayes, Coyote, Sunni Shipp, Cassidy Rinehart, LaShae Johnson and Amanda Boucher.

Heart and home...

By Julie D. Mumme
Borden County Extension Agent -
Family and Consumer Sciences



Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. the Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

Aging Gracefully Program 4 of 5

This year, Texas Cooperative Extension-Borden County will be offering a five part educational program series entitled *Aging Gracefully*. This program has been designed to help everyone understand and cope with the various issues that take place as a result of the aging process. You may benefit from this program whether you are aging gracefully yourself, or whether you have parents, friends or relatives that are growing older. There will be five

different programs which will be spread throughout the year. The programs and the months in which they will be offered are: Nutrition (held in March), Health and Fitness (held in April), Housing Needs in the Later Years (June), Property Transfer (September), and Estate Planning (October).

The fourth program on Property Transfer (Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate) will be held on Monday, September 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the Gail Community Building. We hope that you will join us to learn about how we can prepare our belongings to be transferred to the loved ones we want to have them.

Everyone is welcome to attend any one or all five

programs (you are not required to attend all five). We will seek to provide all reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for any of our programs. We request that you contact us at the Extension office as soon as possible to advise us of auxiliary aid that you will require. For more information on any of the topics listed above, or more information on the Aging Gracefully program series, please feel free to contact the Extension office at (806)756-4336.

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My Hat

by Dennis Poole,
Borden Co. CEA-Ag.

Farm Bill Computer Training

In an effort to further assist producers in making decisions about the new farm bill, Western Texas College in Snyder is allowing use of their computer lab on campus to facilitate a decision aid training. The training will be held in the David Counts Workforce Training Center on Wednesday, September 18th at 1:30 p.m. Dr. Jackie Smith, Texas Cooperative Extension-Economist will be on hand to assist us as well with computer operations and Farm Bill information.

Borden County producers should contact the Borden County Extension Office at 806.756.4336 by September 16th to schedule computer appointment.

Big 1-Day Garage Sale
Saturday, Sept. 14th. - 8 am - 5 pm
Borden Co. Community Building
(located behind Museum)
treadmill, steppers, household goods,
clothes, shoes, books, lots of misc.
(NO EARLY SALES, PLEASE!)

Quilt Show & Sale
Made by Margaret Sharp
Saturday, Sept. 14th - 8 am - 5 pm
Borden Co. Community Building
Gail, Texas



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Engagement Announced



Reagan Leah Smith & Cody Wayne Edwards

Monte and Deidre Smith of Borden County are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Reagan Leah Smith, to Cody Wayne Edwards, son of Grady and Betty Edwards of Clyde. The bride-elect is a graduate of Borden High School and currently attends the physical therapy program at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. The future bridegroom is a graduate of Eula High School, Angelo State University, and Texas Tech University. He is currently employed by Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches. The couple plans to marry on December 14, 2002 at First United Methodist Church in Lubbock.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF PROPOSED
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
Special Election
NOVEMBER 5, 2002

Explanatory Brief for HJR 2

HJR 2 would amend the constitution to allow the commissioners court of a county to declare the office of constable dormant if that office has been vacant for at least seven consecutive years. The records of a constable office that is declared dormant will be transferred to the county clerk. If the office is declared dormant, the previous officeholder does not continue to hold the office. The office may not be filled by election or appointment unless the commissioners court votes to reinstate the office or a majority of votes cast in an election held on the issue favor reinstatement. The reinstatement election may be held if the commissioners court on its own motion orders such an election, or the reinstatement election must be held if the commissioners court receives a petition signed by 10% of the registered voters of the constable precinct.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the commissioners court of a county to declare the office of constable in a precinct to be dormant if the office has not been filled by election or appointment for a lengthy period and providing a procedure for the reinstatement of the office."

Este es el informe explicatorio sobre la enmienda propuesta a la constitución que aparecerá en la boleta el 5 de noviembre de 2002. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llamar al 1/800/252/8683 o por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.

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Panhandle-South Plains Fair Women's Building and Flower Show Entries Needed

Persons of the home crafts or gardening and design persuasion will contend for almost \$24,000 to be awarded in eight areas of competition in the Women's Building or for ribbons and special award trophies at the Flower Festival during the Panhandle-South Plains Fair, reports Herb Higgs, Manager. The nine day even is set for Sept. 20-29 at the 4th and Avenue A fairgrounds in Lubbock, Texas

Anyone may enter items in the Women's Building and Flower Festival exhibitions and exhibit entry fees are not

required. Higgs urged those persons interested in showing off their prowess in areas ranging from rose growing to doll making to bread making or picture taking and more to be part of these competitions.

Areas of competition in the Women's Building include, Textile, crafts and Hobbies, Youth and Fine Arts. Other areas of competition are Relics and Antiques, Crochet,

Tatting, Knitting & Weaving, China Painting and Culinary.

Higgs reported that Women's Building entries, except baked goods, will be taken Tuesday, Sept. 17th, from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Wednesday, Sept. 18th, from 9 a.m. until noon. All entries except baked goods will be judges Wednesday afternoon, the 18th.

Baked goods entries,

including cakes, cookies, breads, and candy, will be accepted Thursday morning, Sept. 19th from 9 a.m. until 12 noon and judged that afternoon.

Horticulture and design aficionados can compete for ribbons and special award trophies by entering their potentially award-winning flowers, horticulture specimens, vegetables or designs in Flower Festival competitions, Higgs reports.

Open to all amateurs and not limited to garden club members, Flower Festival entries will compete in a

standard flower show sponsored for 47 years by the Lubbock Council of Garden Clubs, both federated and affiliated. Theme for the 2002 flower show is "Celebrate America!"

All horticulture and design entries will be taken Saturday morning, Sept. 21st, from 8 until 11 a.m. in the Flower Festival Building on the fair grounds. Container grown plants, miscellaneous ornamentals and dried design entries can also be entered Thursday afternoon, Sept. 17th, from 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

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Opry Talent Search



The 2002 Coyote Opry is just around the corner. In fact it is just 17 days away. Several key entertainers have been lined up, but there is still room for more. The talent committee is still searching for that "undiscovered act" to add to their star studded cast, so tune those pipes and make the call! Anyone interested must contact the Ben & Bud Talent Agency by September 20th. Due to the tight schedule "drop in" entertainment will not be accepted on opry night unless time permits. **Backup tapes or CD's used for singing acts should include music and harmony vocals only. **

Ben Miller: 915-573-6004

Buddy Wallace: 806-756-4478

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TIP Program

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a nonprofit educational organization established with the premise that the future of this nation depends upon the fullest development of our best intellectual resources, our students. The objectives of the program are to identify the very bright among our youngsters at an early age; to facilitate the education of these students; to follow and nurture their talent through the critical middle and high school years; and to develop an effective research effort to help understand the nature of academically talented adolescents.

The ACT and SAT college entrance exams, designed for college-bound high school students, are used for the TIP Talent Search to measure the verbal, mathematical, and general reasoning ability of highly able seventh graders. While far too difficult for the average seventh grader, these tests have shown to be helpful in discerning the abilities of very bright seventh graders.

School staff and administrators commend Shelby, Bride, Kate and Rachel for qualifying for the TIP and wish them well as they pursue this honor.

I.D. Cards Available for Children's Protection

I.D. Providers will be at the Borden County School on Tuesday, September 24th. Identification cards for children will be available at that time. The identification cards include the child's picture, right thumb print,

physical characteristics, birth date, and parent/guardian contact information. If you would like for you child to participate in the I.D. Program please contact Kim Thomas, Borden I.S.D. Nurse at 806/756-4313.



BORDEN COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating

Junior High 4-H to Meet

The Borden County Junior 4-H Club will meet on Monday, September 16 from 3:45 to 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. The program will be on Horse Health. Those interested in community service are encouraged to bring a new pair of socks to be donated to an area shelter. Any youth ages 9 or currently enrolled in 3rd grade) through 8th grade are invited to attend. For more information contact the Extension office at 806/756-4336 or borden-tx@tamu.edu.

2002 Borden County Cross Country Schedule

September 7	Seminole (Gaines Co.)
September 14	Abilene (ACU)
September 21	Big Spring
September 28	Lubbock
October 5	Sundown
October 12	Dawson (Lamesa)
October 16	HS District - Lamesa
October 19	JH District - Lamesa
October 26	OPEN
November 2	Regional - Arlington
November 9	State - Round Rock

Kids *STILL* Say the Darndest Things



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

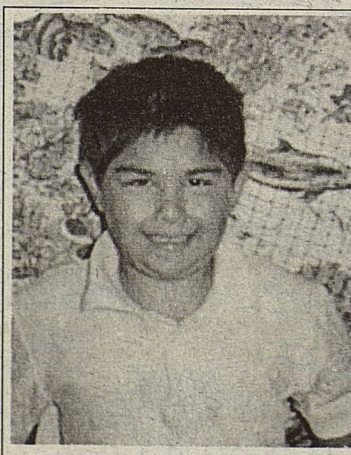
"If President Bush came to your house for supper, what would you cook for him?"



Colton Stephens
Kindergarten Student
**"Mama's *Faggetti*,
Cake and some Tea"**



Angel Villigrana
1st Grade Student
"Tea & Tacos"



Valerio Hernandez
2nd Grade Student
**"Pizza, Brownies and
Ice Water"**



Chance Taylor
3rd Grade Student
**"I would cook meat
that comes from cows
and the green kind of
Jello and some Dr.
Pepper to drink."**

Parents Club News

Crispy Crème Donuts for Sale

On Saturday, Sept. 14th, the Borden County Parents' Club

will be selling *Crispy Crème Donuts* beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the parking lot at the Coyote Country Store. This will be their first FundRaiser for the year.

Be sure and come by and get your *Crispy Crème Donut* and support the Parents' Club.

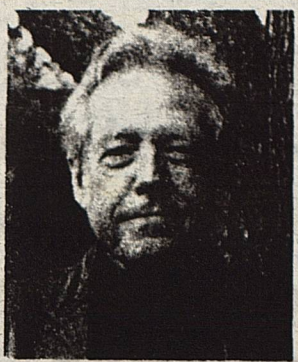
Next Meeting Planned

The next Parents' Club meeting is planned for Tuesday, Sept. 17th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Building. Come and help make this the very best year ever.



Texas Stories
A showcase of the Texas Spirit

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Collector of Memories

The name Grover Talbert had been in my "possible interview" file for sometime. A friend in Rusk told me he collected mustache cups and lived in Huntsville.

I was in that city recently and got Grover on the phone. He told me to come on over. His two favorite cups are the first one given to him and a left handed mustache cup. All his cups have matching saucers. They are mostly rare china and are beautiful. They are displayed throughout the Talbert's well kept home.

I asked him how mustache cups came into existence in the first place. "I guess it was to keep mustaches dry when men were drinking coffee. They have a little insert or bridge inside the top of the cup that keeps the coffee from getting on the mustache."

Grover has never grown a mustache. "I just got started collecting the cups because I was fascinated by them. They're mostly conversation pieces."

He has cups from all over Europe, mostly made in the 20's and 30's. "I go to garage sales and buy them for a couple of dollars. I walk away smiling."

Grover's wife is named Charlotte Elaine, but her nickname is Wegi (Wee-gee). She collects music boxes. "Somewhere My Love, or Laura's Theme from Dr. Zhivago, is my favorite music," says Wegi, "So I just started collecting music boxes."

They all tell a story about her life. "I have one to represent my parents' grocery store. Then I have a school house because I'm a teacher and a church to represent my

husband being a minister. Then I have one shaped like a telephone because I talk on the phone a lot. I have a horse and buggy like my kinfolks used to have."

She has several boxes put away, but some are displayed in the living room and kitchen. "I have several with a Christmas theme and I get them out after Thanksgiving."

She let me hear some of the tinkling music the little boxes play. "My grandchildren usually crank them up every time they go by them and they get them all playing at once. That's really something."

Wegi is probably the most organized person in Huntsville. At Grover's urging, she showed me a closet with at least 100 scrapbooks filled with photos, ticket stubs, greeting cards and newspaper clippings about the family. They're all placed on shelves according to cities where the family lived and the dates they were there. "When I get old, I'm going to spend lots

Chapter member honored at TREWA Meeting

Members of Texas Rural Electric Women's Association honored Billie Lois Wetzel, wife of long time Midwest Electric Cooperative employee and manager Parker Wetzel, at the 62nd Texas Electric Cooperatives Annual Meeting in Dallas, August 6th.

Billie Lois was given a lifetime membership to TREWA after being nominated by Nona Williams and Big Country Electric Cooperative for this honor.

Billie Lois was a charter member of TREWA and a member of the TREWA board of directors from 1979 to 1984. She served on the

National Rural Electric Women's Association board of directors in Washington, D.C. during the same time.

Billie Lois has devoted her life to serve as an example to all members and employees of rural electric cooperatives in Texas and nationally. She has been involved in all areas of the TREWA organization and serves as a mentor to the wives of many of the directors today. In her nomination of Billie Lois, Nona Williams said, "She is a dedicated individual and guides those around her to do what is right."

Billie Lois works for her community as well. She serves as the only councilwoman for First Methodist Church in Roby. She has worked with Boy Scouts of America and American

Cancer Society. She could always be found supporting and encouraging her two children Bryan and Becky in their many activities.

Texas Rural Electric Women's Association is a statewide organization dedicated to providing scholarships for members' children. However, the name is a little misleading. Although it was created for and continues to be directed by women, in reality, many men are also members.

TREWA sponsors several scholarships each year to students that are rural electric cooperative members or children of members and employees of rural electric cooperatives. In 2001, TREWA provided eight \$1,000 scholarships to qualified students entering college.

of time going through these," says Wegi.

When Grover and Wegi celebrated their 45th Wedding Anniversary last year, their two children, a boy and girl, asked them what they wanted. "Just to be together" was their reply. The two offspring gave their parents a calendar filled with tickets to various events during the year. The dates for ball games, plays and weekend getaways were all marked on specific dates and had the names of which family member would attend the outings with Grover and Wegi.

That's a pretty impressive present.

Entries Needed for South Plains Fair

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Judging for the flower show is set for Saturday and the show will open to the public following judging. All entries in the Women's Building and Flower Festival competitions, as well as the entire award winning exhibits, will be on display in the two buildings throughout the nine-day fair.

Higgs stressed that volun-

teers will be on hand in all departments during entry times to help exhibitors classify and enter exhibits.

Panhandle-South Plains Fair is a 22 county regional fair governed by a Board of Directors. For more information on entering exhibits in the more than 30 competitive events during the fair, call the fair office at 806/763-2833.



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PET TALK

If Sparky separates the kibbles from the bits, it may be a sign he is a picky eater. But don't worry - it may be typical of some pets, says Dr. Melanie Landis, a veterinarian at Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine who has some suggestions to keep your pet from turning up his nose.

"There are at least three ways to make your pet a picky eater," says Landis.

The first is by feeding an animal the same food its entire life, and while this helps prevent gastrointestinal problems, a picky eater may result. Later in life, if the animal's diet must be changed for health reasons, the pet may be reluctant to change.

The second way to a picky pet eater may occur when an animal is bottle-fed and makes a slow transition from soft or semi-solid food to dry food. The third way is when owners feed their pets table scraps, ordinary pet food may become less appealing.

Pets have a tendency to hold out for the "good stuff" when they know their owners will give in, Landis said.

"Some common signs of a picky eater are leftover food and sniffing at or nibbling at the food that is offered and then begging to be fed again," Landis explains.

"Most animals will have a brand or flavor preference. If a pet is eating a particular brand and it is not necessary to change to a different brand for health reasons, let the animal eat its preferred brand," says Landis.

She says to use caution when feeding table scraps to animals. Feeding people food to animals can cause gastrointestinal problems and add unnecessary calories that could lead to obesity, Landis confirms.

A few simple ways to modify the behavior of a picky eater is by first paying special attention to the eating habits of your pet be sure to monitor your pet's overall attitude, as well as appetite."

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Michael A. Guido
Metter, Georgia

A Scottish shepherd came onto a scientist who was lying on his stomach, examining a flower under a microscope.

"Look," he invited.

As the shepherd looked, he started to cry. "I wish," he said, "you had never shown that to me."

"Why?" asked the scientist.

"Because," he answered, "these feet of mine have trodden on them many times."

That's the way I felt when I first saw the Lord! His greatness isn't marred by littleness. His wisdom isn't flawed by folly. His goodness isn't tainted by imperfection. He's altogether lovely!

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 school housing.

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 "HOUSE BID". Proposals will be received up to but no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, September 20, 2002. 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 ISD 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 proposal 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; by e-mail to jthomas@esc17.net; or by calling 806/756-4313. (fax 806/756-4310)

By Order of the Board of Trustees
Borden County Independent School District
Joe Harding, Secretary

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District: Abilene

Contract 6089-86-001 for MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY in Borden County, etc. will be opened on October 24th, 2002 at 10:30 a.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$61,023.50.

Contract 6090-38-001 for HOT POUR RUBBER ASPHALT CRACK SEALING in Howard County, etc. will be opened on October 25, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$44,570.00

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: 7322

State Office

Construction Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

DISTRICT OFFICE

Abilene District
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.

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