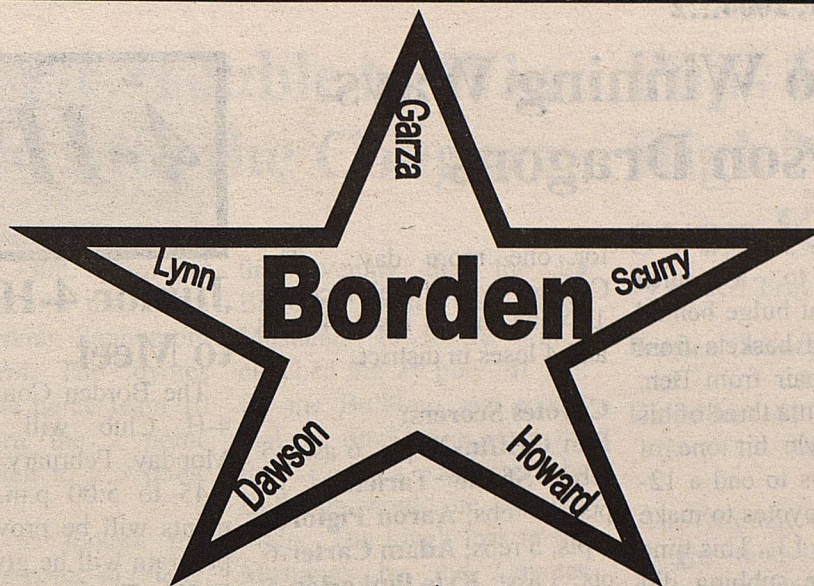


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Stenholm to visit with Gail Residents

Congressman Charles W. Stenholm will be visiting the District Courthouse in Gail Wednesday, February 18th from 8:30 a.m. until 9:15 a.m. to speak and answer questions.

For more information contact Jeff Benson at 806/773-9146 or e-mail him at jeffw.benson@stenholm.org.

Unlucky 5: The Top Taxpayers Mistakes

(NAPS) – Here's a lineup of the five biggest mistakes taxpayers make – and what you can do to avoid them.

1. **Bad math.** According to the Internal Revenue Service, math errors are the number one mistake taxpayers make. If you receive a notice of a correction from the IRS, check the figures carefully. They too have been known to make math mistakes.
2. **Forgetting about interest and dividends.** Interest and dividend payments are reported to the IRS by financial

FROM THE COUNTY CLERKS' OFFICE

The County Clerk is NOW accepting applications for the PRIMARY ELECTION and PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION. A person may request ballots for both the Primary and the Primary Runoff Elections on the same application.

- FEB. 23rd, 2004** – EARLY VOTING by personal appearance beings in the Clerks Office during regular business Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- MARCH 1st 2004** – LAST DAY to receive applications for ballots by Mail for the Primary Election
- MARCH 5th, 2004** – LAST DAY to vote early in person.
- MARCH 9th, 2004** – ELECTION DAY



Double checking your math and keeping your deductible receipts could save you some tax money.

- institutions and are cross-checked in 96 percent of the cases. As a result of cross-checking, the IRS sends out notices for taxes and interest on overdue taxes. Unfortunately, many of these notices are incorrect or incomplete. You can contest an incorrect notice.
3. **Not 'properly tracking investment basis.** A basis is the original value of your investments. If you have mutual funds, for example, each year those funds will report to you the

dividends and capital gains you earned. These dividends and gains will be taxable to you in the year reported.

4. **Losing tract of receipts.** Always keep receipts and checks if you want to deduct them. Deductible receipts and checks should always be kept for at least

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Know Your EMS

Mike Valentine, past president, has served Borden County EMS as a Licensed Paramedic for the past five years. He has been a member of Borden County EMS for a total of eight years. Mike is also certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Pre-Hospital Provider, Advanced Burn Life Support and Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support. Borden County is fortunate to have a Paramedic with that many skills to act as first responder for the Fluvanna Community.

Mike and his wife Tammy have three boys, Miller 14, Miles 11, and Merik 6. They attend school at Borden County Schools and they are involved in many school activities. The Valentines live and ranch north east of Gail on the Miller Ranch. Mike has been very active in our community as a member of Borden County ISD School Board, stock showing and baseball.

Borden County EMS plans to sponsor a basic EMT Class



beginning Tuesday, March 2 at 6:00 p.m. We need EMT's that live in any part of the county. We particularly need volunteers that live in the south part of the county as we have NO first responders in this area. For more information contact any member of the Borden County EMS

Contact Your BC EMS
at 806/759-5111
Don't Hesitate to Call in Case of an Emergency!

SKYWARN Weather Spotter Class to be offered

The Borden County Sheriff's Office is hosting a SKYWARN weather spotter class on February 17, 2004 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Community Building. Pat

Vesper with the National Weather Service in Midland

will discuss the different types of storm clouds including which types of storm clouds produce tornadoes. The class is free and is open to the public. For more information contact the Borden County Sheriff's Office at 756-4311.

Coyotes Get Back to Winning Ways by Beating the Dawson Dragons

By Coach Trey Richey

Borden County - 62
18 15 14 15 62
Dawson - 53
9 10 16 18 53

The Borden County Coyotes got back on the winning track with a convincing home victory over the visiting Dawson Dragons. The Borden County Coyotes hoping to keep their slim hope of a return trip to the play-offs had to win the final three games of the regular season and hope that someone would help in their quest for this return to the play-offs. But meanwhile, all the Coyotes could do was begin with step one in this process and take care of what they had control of, and that was the visiting Dragons.

The hometown Coyotes wasted little time in their push toward victory number one as they jumped out to a very early 12 to 2 advantage only minutes into the contest thanks in part to a very quick start by senior Shane Tarleton as he scored six of his 14 game points during this 12 - 2 run. Senior Kyle Pinkerton added a deuce as did juniors Ben Griffin and Adam Carter. After this quick start, the Coyotes decided to make a complete change by bringing in 5 new players hoping to allow the two juniors (Garrett Chapman, John Wilson) and three sophomores (Garrett Thomas, Austin Tarleton, and Aaron Pigford) some much needed big game experience for the future. This fivesome held tough as they ended the quarter only being outscored by one point at 6 to 7. Aaron Pigford accounted for the six as he hit consecutive 3-pt baskets on an inbounds play and a nifty jump shot off of a staggered screen by the two Garrett's.

The 2nd quarter saw much of the same for the host Coyotes as they again built on their lead as the first Coyotes extended their nine

point lead to a quick seventeen point bulge behind another pair of baskets from Shane and a pair from Ben. Adam Carter hit a three of his own while Kyle hit one of two free throws to end a 12-4 run by the Coyotes to make the score 30 to 13. This time the whole sale subbing did not fair as well as the visitors went on a 6 to 0 run of their own to close the gap to eleven with just a few seconds remaining in the half. The Coyotes put the first team back in and they executed a perfect last second play to come away with a 3-point shot at the buzzer by Ben Griffin to give the hometown Coyotes a 33 to 19 halftime lead.

In the beginning of the 3rd period the visitors came out inspired as their two big guns continued their hot shooting to keep the Dragons in contention. But a big three by Austin Tarleton thwarted one of many rallies that the visitors tried to make, and then brother Shane hit his 2nd buzzer beating shot to end the quarter to give the Coyotes a comfortable 47 to 35 lead heading into the final stanza.

In that final stanza, the Coyotes came right out and scored the first nine points as Clay John Anderson made a big three point play off of a nifty pass from fellow senior starter Kyle Pinkerton. Ben added five more of his game high 23 points while Adam closed out his 6 point night with a free throw to enable the hosts to build their biggest margin of the evening of 56 to 37. But the Dragons would not go away and actually cut the Coyote deficit to as little as 8 points in the waning seconds of this contest, but 4 free throws by Ben and a rebound put back by Garrett Chapman gave the Coyotes 62 to 50 lead just before a last second shot by a Dragon gave us a final score of 62 to 53 and the Coyotes play-off hopes remained alive

for one more day. The Coyotes evened their record a 14 wins and 14 losses: 4 wins and 4 losses in district.

Coyotes Scorers:

Ben Griffin-23 pts, 6 asst, 5 rebs; **Shane Tarleton**- 14 pts, 11 rebs; **Aaron Pigford**-6 pts, 5 rebs; **Adam Carter**-6 pts, 3 asst; **Kyle Pinkerton**-5 pts, 13 rebs; **Clay John Anderson**-34 pts, 8 rebs; **Austin Tarleton**-3 pts; **Garrett Chapman**-2 pts, 7 rebs; **John Wilson**-3 rebs; **Garrett Thomas**-5 rebounds.

The Coyotes travel to Klondike hoping to keep their play-off hopes alive.

JV Boys Defeat Dawson's JV

By Coach Bobby Avery

The Borden County JV boys defeated the Dawson Dragon JV boys team last Tuesday by a score of 57 to 27. The JV boys season record is now 9-10 and 6-2 in district.

Michael Bullinger was high point getter for the Coyotes with 15. J Ryan Gicklhorn had 13 points, Andrew Lamming scored 11 points. Jacob Froman and Trey Soto each had 5 points each, Caden Nowlain contributed 4 points, Rowdy Clary and Clint Chapman had two points each. John Cowart and Dore Rodrigues also played in the game but did not score.

These guys will have an opportunity to avenge an earlier loss to Ira this Tuesday night. If they can do that they will have the best Junior Varsity record in the district. This will also be their last game of the season and a chance to even the season record at .500.

4-H News

Junior 4-H Club to Meet

The Borden County Junior 4-H Club will meet on Monday, February 16th from 3:45 to 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. The program will be given by the EMS. Those interested in community service are encouraged to bring personal hygiene items (soap, hairbrush, comb, deodorant, etc.) 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.

interested is welcome to attend and be a member of 4-H! The discussion will focus on responsibility. Those interested in community service are encouraged to bring a new personal hygiene item (soap, hair brush, comb, deodorant, etc.) to be donated to an area shelter. Bring your lunch to the Conference room next Wednesday. For more information contact the Extension Office at (806)756-4336.

From The Counselor

By Mary Airhart

Parents of Borden County ISD junior and senior students are invited to join their students for a "working meal" Financial Aid Workshop presented by Courtney May of the Panhandle-Plains Higher Education Authority from 12 noon to 1 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2004, in the Borden County ISD Conference Room.

On that same date, Thursday, February 12th, Lamesa will host a financial aid workshop at the Lamesa ISD Student Center on the southeast corner of the Lamesa High school campus from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Accountants and LEARN consultants will be available to answer questions and check over completed FAFSA's. Parents and high school students from all area schools are invited, but primary emphasis is placed on senior students and their parents. Parents and senior students should take their 2003 income tax information with them to this meeting if it is available, but the presentations will be helpful even without the completed tax forms.

Lyntegar and Poka-Lambro Scholarship application forms have been given to all Borden County seniors.

High School 4-H to Meet

The next meeting of the High School 4-H club will be held on Wednesday, February 18th from 12:36 to 1:05 p.m. in the Conference Room. Any high school student

School Menu Week Of:

Feb. 16th - 20th, 2004

MONDAY: Corn Dog, Macaroni & Cheese, Salad, Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** Pancakes, Fruit Juice and Milk.

TUESDAY: Chicken Strips, Potatoes, Corn, hot Rolls, Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** Biscuits & Gravy, Fruit Juice & Milk.

WEDNESDAY: Fajitas, Salad, Refried Beans, Fruit & Milk. **Breakfast:** Hot Pocket, Fruit Juice & Milk

THURSDAY: Grilled Cheese, Salad, sliced Apples w/Peanut butter, Cookies, & Milk. **Breakfast:** Muffins, Fruit Juice, & Milk.

FRIDAY:
NO SCHOOL

Coyotes Survive Foul Trouble to Win Hard Fought Battle with the Cougars

By Coach Trey Richey

Borden County - 42
10 8 10 14 42
Klondike - 37
13 7 3 14 37

The Borden County Coyotes continued with their winning ways showing a lot of heart and poise while posting a 42 to 37 victory over a very game Klondike Cougar squad. The Coyotes had to overcome foul difficulties for most of the night as Senior starters Shane Tarleton and Kyle Pinkerton found themselves watching the final three minutes of this difficult contest from the bench as they both did something they have not done all year long, they both fouled out.

The Coyotes started this contest a little flat and sluggish while the host Cougars got off to a very fast start. Shane Tarleton kept the Coyotes in the contest early as he scored 8 of his game high 12 points in the first quarter. Aaron Pigford got the other 2 points for the Coyotes in the period as they fought back from as many as seven points down in the opening stanza.

The 2nd quarter was not much better for the Coyotes as they got single baskets from Clay John Anderson, Austin Tarleton and a basket and two free throws from Ben Griffin as he scored 4 of his 12 points in this quarter. Fortunately for the visiting Coyotes, the home team got cold as well in this quarter and if not for two free throws just before the half, this game would have been tied at 18, but the Hosts took a 20 to 18 lead to the dressing room.

The 3rd quarter was still not the answer for the cold shooting Coyotes, but a switch to a 2-3 zone all but stopped the Cougars in the 3rd period. Again, foul trouble saddled Kyle while cold shooting remained the norm for all as the Coyotes got two points in the period from

Shane, Clay John, Adam and a very nice 3-pt play from vastly improving Sophomore Aaron Pigford. The Coyotes outscored the home team 10 to 3 to turn the 2 point halftime deficit to a 5 point cushion.

It looked as though the Coyotes were going to finally open this contest up as they started the period with a 11 to 5 run to take 39 to 28 lead with just over 3 minutes remaining in the game. But on back to back possessions, the Coyotes lost Kyle and Shane. In the process the Cougars finished the game on a 9 to 3 run to give us our final tally of 42 to 37. The Coyotes got some very clutch free throw shooting from Ben Griffin as he hit 8 of 10 charity shots in the 4th quarter alone. The Coyotes finished a combined 10 of 14 in the period to hold on to a very hard fought victory. With the win the Coyotes remained in the hunt for the play-offs and improved their record to 15 wins and 14 losses while improving to 5 and 4 in district.

On a sad note however, the Coyotes were informed later

that evening that the Ira Bulldogs beat the Sands Mustangs 70 to 52 which clinched the 2nd play-off spot for the Bulldogs and meant that the final home game for the Coyotes against the Bulldogs would be just for pride. The tough loss to the Mustangs by the Coyotes would ultimately cost the Coyotes a chance to return to the play-offs.

Coyotes Scorers:

Ben Griffin-12 pts. 5 asst, 5 rebs; **Shane Tarleton**- 12 pts. 12 rebs; **Aaron Pigford**- 5 pts, 5 rebs; **Adam Carter**-3 pts, 3 asst; **Clay John Anderson**-4 pts, 9 rebs; **Austin Tarleton**-2 pts; **Garrett Chapman**-3 pts, 9 rebs; **Kyle Pinkerton**-1 pt, 11 rebs; **John Wilson**-4 rebs; 2 asst; **Garrett Thomas**-4 rebounds.

The Coyotes play their final home game and final contest of the 2003-2004 season Tuesday as three seniors bring a very outstanding high school career to a close against the Ira Bulldogs.

Thanks for the memories Shane, Kyle and Clay John.

Pups End Season on a High Note with Victory over Klondike

By Coach Trey Richey

Borden County - 46
12 8 22 4 46
Klondike - 41
6 4 12 19 41

The Borden County Pups brought their season to a close Monday night with a very impressive 46 to 41 victory over the Klondike Cougars. The final score does not indicate the actual outcome of this contest as the Pups built as large as a 24 point lead in the final period.

The Pups got off to a quick start as they used their full court press to build a 12 to 2 lead before subbing with 2:30 left in the opening stanza. During this two minute stretch, the Cougars outscored the Pups 4 to 0 to give us our 1st quarter score of 12 to 6. Chase Pinkerton scored 10 of his team high 28 points in the opening period.

In the 2nd quarter, the first team Pups again built a big lead of 20 to 6 before the Cougars closed the period with another 4-0 run to give us our halftime score of 20 to 10. Quentin Schafer scored 4 of his 12 points in the second period while Timothy Pasqual Crenshaw put back a super rebound for his two points in

this contest and Chase added 2 more points.

In the 3rd quarter, Chase Pinkerton scored 16 points and Quentin added two 3-pt baskets on consecutive trips to allow the Pups to build 24 point lead in the quarter at 42 to 18. The Cougars would again for the 3rd time in the game, end the quarter on a 4-0 run to make the score 42 to 22 going into the final stanza.

The Pup starters of Chase, Quentin, Timothy, Brice Smith and Miller Valentine would only play two offensive possessions in the 4th quarter and Miller scored on both of them after receiving an assist from Chase to build a 46 to 22 lead for the visiting Pups. During the final 5:15 of the contest, the Pups got close, but could not score while the Cougars got 17 points alone from one of their players to cut the Pup lead to five points as the buzzer sounded. The seven remaining Pups played very hard, but just could not get a shot to fall during this scoreless stretch. These six players were Tyrell Massingill, Logan Howard, Justin Pasqual Espinoza, Justin Stroope, Jake Cooley, Clay Harding, and Cory Teel.



Let Me Get My Hat!

By Dennis Poole,
Borden County CEA-Ag.

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 Court of Texas Cooperating.

Ft. Worth Results

The Borden County 4-H and Gail FFA had several exhibitors showing steers and lambs at Ft. Worth last week. Results are as follows:

Steers:

Kalli Poole - 4th place
LW American
Shelby Roberts - 4th place
HW Angus
Lacey Newton - 9th place
HW Charolais

Other exhibiting steers were: LaShae Johnson, Lacey Roberts, Sydney Shipp, Kylan Reynolds and Chelsea Minnick.

Lambs:

Miller Valentine - 2nd place
LW Finewool Cross
Miles - 17th place
LW Finewool Cross

Congratulations to these exhibitors! Good luck to the exhibitors preparing their animals for exhibition at San Antonio.

Girls District Play-Off Game

Borden Co. vs. Grady

Friday, February 13th
6:30 p.m.

Dorothy Garrett Coliseum
Big Spring, TX

No school
Friday, Feb. 20th

TDH seeing more infections linked to antibiotic-resistant bacteria

A healthy high school football player has a skin infection that sends him to a doctor. An equally healthy toddler in day care comes home with a similar problem. They are both diagnosed with *Staphylococcus aureus*, commonly called a staph infection.

The laboratory report confirms that these infections are resistant to standard antibiotic treatment. Both are infected with methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, or MRSA. (Methicillin refers to a group of antibiotics frequently used to treat common staph infections. An MRSA infection doesn't respond to these antibiotics.)

MRSA has been a serious problem for years among hospital patients and residents of long-term-care facilities. But reports of MRSA in the community are increasing, according to Neil Pascoe, epidemiologist with the Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Surveillance Division at the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

"Staph and MRSA infections are not routinely reported to TDH, so we do not have precise numbers," Pascoe said. "But we are seeing an increase in reports of MRSA infections in the community, especially among those participating in contact sports such as football, volleyball and wrestling."

Staph bacteria are one of the most common causes of

skin infection in the United States. Most of these infections are minor such as pimples and boils, but they may lead to more serious illness including pneumonia and bloodstream infections. Staph infections are spread when bacteria from an infected person comes in contact with another person through a break in the skin such as a cut or scrape. People also can get a staph infection from bacteria-contaminated items such as clothing, sheets, towels, equipment or furniture. These bacteria are not transmitted through the air or soil.

"An MRSA infection is more difficult to treat because the bacteria is resistant to methicillin-related antibiotics such as penicillin," Pascoe said. Many other commonly used antibiotics no longer work against these infections.

The treatment for MRSA may be longer, more expensive and more complicated, and infections can reappear frequently. MRSA infections can progress to life-threatening blood or bone infections because there are fewer effective antibiotics available for treatment.

"Hand washing is the single most important factor in preventing infectious disease," Pascoe said. "Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer as a supplement or substitute when soap and water are not available."

He advises people to remember to wash their

hands after sneezing, blowing or touching their noses and after using the restroom. Hands should be clean before you touch your eyes, mouth, nose or any cuts or scrapes on the skin.

Other precautions, especially for athletes, include:

- Do not share towels, soap, lotion, ointments, antibiotics or other personal-care items.
- Avoid direct physical contact with infected wounds or contaminated materials.
- Shower with soap and water as soon as possible after direct contact sports.
- Dry using a clean, dry towel
- Use a moisturizing lotion to prevent dry, cracked skin.
- Prewash or rinse with plain water any items that have been heavily contaminated with body fluids
- Wash towels, uniforms, scrimmage shirts and other laundry in hot water and ordinary detergent and dry on the hottest recommended cycle.

To help prevent antibiotic resistance Pascoe suggests that people take the right amount of any prescribed antibiotic, take

"Mailbag"

Put your love in the mail – Write letters

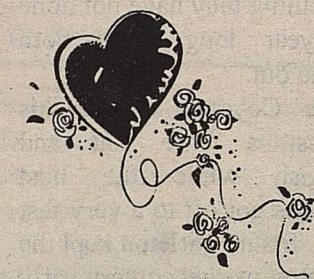
Letters are the next best thing to being there in person. Flowers bloom, but then die. Chocolates linger – when you step on the bathroom scale. Telephone calls are nice, but the words eventually evaporate as the memory fades away. But a handwritten letter or a personalized card deliver love in a touching, lasting way.

In our fast-food, instant-message, fax-it-now world, people are rediscovering the personal touch of sending and receiving cards and letters. Taking the time to write a letter says so much to the recipient. Pausing to think about your friend or loved one, to revisit your memories and experiences, and to put those thoughts and emotions on paper bring these feelings

to life for you, as well as the recipient. And that letter of love and support can be reread and enjoyed over and over again.

Letters keep special times special. Problems tend to shrink and gain perspective when they are shared with family and friends by mail. And you "thank you for being there for me" card always will be appreciated. When you sit down to write a friend, you are never alone.

Put your love in the mail. Write a letter. Send a card. Show your friends and loved ones you care.



prescribed doses on time and take all the medicine even if the person feels better. "Never share antibiotics," he said. "Throw away any old antibiotics. And remember that antibiotics do not work against viruses."

TDH has information on staphylococcal infections specific for child-care centers, parents of

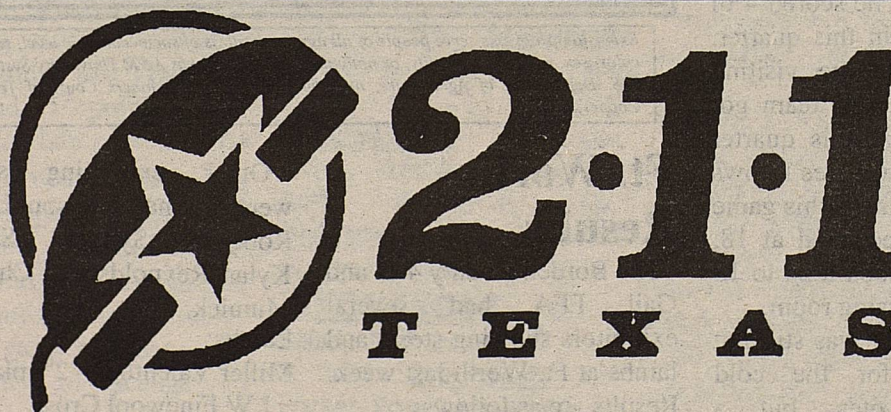
children in child-care centers, school athletic departments and athletes. This information is available on the TDH Web site at:

www.tdh.state.tx.us/ideas/antibiotic_resistance/mrsa/school_athletic_departments.asp and www.tdh.state.tx.us/ideas/antibiotic_resistance/mrsa/daycare_administrators.asp.

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HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Hot Water On Demand

(NAPS) – Many homeowners who have grown tired of cold showers and high electric bills, are turning to technology to keep their hot water hot . . . and save money.

Did you know that hot water accounts for 20 percent or more of a household's annual energy costs? According to the U.S. Department of Energy, the average yearly operating cost for a gas – or propane-storage tank water heater is around \$200. Electric tank water heaters can cost more than twice as much, or \$450 each year.

Traditional storage tank-type water heaters operate by raising and maintaining the water temperature within the tank. Even if no hot water is drawn from the tank, the heater will operate periodically to maintain the standing water's temperature. This results in what is called "standby losses," or energy "lost" unnecessarily to heat water. These standby losses can equal 10 to 20 percent of a household's annual water heating expense.

One way to eliminate these losses is to install an on-demand water heater. Common in Japan and Europe, this type of water heater is now available in the United States. Unlike "conventional" tank water heaters, propane tankless water heaters heat water only as it is used, or on demand.

A tankless unit has a heating device that is activated by the flow of water when a hot water valve is opened. Once activated, the heater delivers a constant supply of hot water.

On-demand water heaters come in a variety of sizes for different applications, such as a whole-house water heater, a hot water source for a remote bathroom or hot tub, or as a



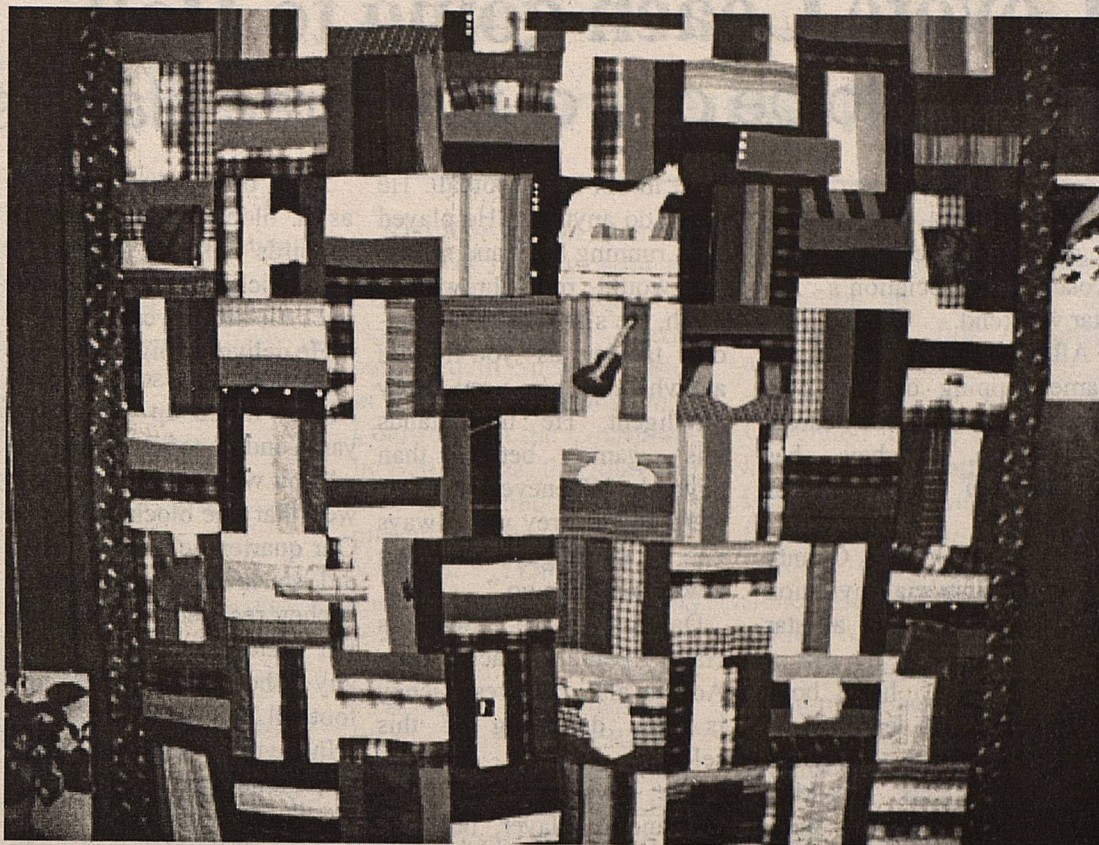
On-demand water heaters create hot water for a home only as needed.

boiler to provide hot water for a home heating system. They are even versatile enough to be used in separate structures, such as green-houses.

The appeal of on-demand water heaters is twofold. Standby losses are avoided and the result is lower operating costs. In addition, propane instant water heaters deliver the added comfort and security of non-stop hot water.

Most tankless models have a life expectancy of more than 20 years. In contrast, storage tank water heaters last 10 to 15 years. In addition, most tankless models have easily replaceable parts that can extend their life by many years more.

To learn more about propane on-demand water heaters and their unique advantages visit www.usepropane.com



Resident Quilt-Maker Pieces Together a Memory:

Mrs. Margaret Sharp recently made a keepsake for the E.T. Turner family – a quilt made from Mr. Turner's shirts that his daughters gave to Mrs. Sharp to use as material. The following is her account of how the special heirloom-to-be came about.

"This quilt was made from Earnest Lee Turner's shirts. I was talking to his two daughters while they were sorting out his clothing. Tonya said, 'I don't know who to give these shirts to because none of us can wear them.' Jetta said, 'Give them to Margaret and she can make a quilt.' I told the girls if they would get the lining, batting, and thread that I would make a quilt for each of them. I washed and ironed the 37 western shirts. I then washed the Levi's. I was lying in bed one night thinking about what pattern to use. All of a sudden, it came to my mind – "why not a rail fence?" The lining was red with boots, saddles, kerchiefs, spurs and covered wagons . . . all western style because E.T. was a horse trainer. It all went together for me. My name tag is on the backside of the quilt that reads: Made By Margaret Sharp With Tender Loving Care. That was my "Good Deed for the Day!" I hope this family will cherish these quilts for years to come."



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Fagadau Energy Corporation, 4849 Greenville Ave., Ste. 1600 Dallas, TX 75206 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid in the Upper Sprayberry Formation, Sprayberry Field Unit Lease, Well Number 3. The proposed injection well is located 13 miles North of Gail, Texas in the Clayton Ranch, N. (Sprayberry) Field, in Borden County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5578 to 5832 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show that they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 Telephone (512)463-6792.

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Lamesa, Texas

Coyote Coach going to Hall

Richey to be one of first three players to be inducted

By Dwight Heins
Lamesa Press-Reporter

Trey Richey has been a regular at the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association's all-star weekend.

After playing in one all-star game capping off his own phenomenal schoolboy career at Jayton, Richey has coached in three all-star contests.

Now, the Borden County coach has a special invitation to the next six-man all-star tilt.

The Coyotes' head boys basketball coach learned just this past weekend he is going into the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association's Hall-of-Fame as one of the first three players to ever be inducted into the Hall.

"Being one of the first three (players) to go in really is pretty overwhelming," Richey said. "I guarantee there's a lot more guys out there who are more deserving than I am, but I guess they had to start somewhere."

"I still remember going to watch guys like Monty Richburg and Gary Light back when I was growing up, wishing that I could be just as good as those guys were. I'm very flattered about this deal, but it's also pretty humbling."

Joining Richey as the first three players to be inducted into the Hall are Amherst's Dwayne Miles and Cherokee's Manual Beltran.

The induction ceremony will be held at the half of this summer's six-man all-stars game at Lubbock.

One of Richey's own players, Kyle Pinkerton, will play in that special game.

After just being inducted into this same Hall as a coach last summer, Richey's football coach at Jayton, Phil Mitchell, is excited about hearing of Trey's selection.

"Nobody's more deserving," said Mitchell now the superintendent at Loop.

"In my opinion, Trey is the best all-around player of all

time in six-man football. He could do anything. He played both running back and safety. He would run, throw and catch. He's as good a one-on-one tackler as you'll find anywhere. He's very, very intelligent. He understands this game better than anybody. Whenever the chips were down, Trey was always one of those guys who was always ready to go."

Dawson High School's Hall-of-Fame coach Sam Adams also believes Richey is very deserving of this selection.

"He wasn't only an outstanding player, but he's also been a pretty good coach on top of it. He's been a tremendous asset to Borden County's whole program," said Adams, who retired from coaching back in 1990 and was the very first inductee into this Hall back in 1995.

"Trey's transferred some of that same ol' competitive spirit that he once had back as a player onto his own players today."

With Richey leading the way, Jayton won back-to-back state championships in 1984 and in 1985 in what was their first two years in the six-man game. They were a perfect 28-0 during their title runs. Richey played running back and safety on both of the Jaybirds' championship seasons.

Jayton knocked off May in the 1984 state title bout and in 1985 the Jaybirds beat Christoval for that crown.

"I'd stick us up against anybody," Richey said of his back-to-back championship teams. "It's not because of what I accomplished, but what we did as a group."

"It's the most unselfish guys that you'd ever see. That's why I made it a point to thank every one of them every time I scored a point. Anytime I crossed that goal line, I made it a point to let everyone of my teammates know that I appreciated their efforts."

After being used primarily as a blocking back in the Jaybirds' offense his junior year, Richey was their feature back his senior year.

He delivered big time. During his senior year, Richey rolled up over 3,400 yards and 61 touchdowns.

"You wouldn't believe how well that line blocked for me. Our quarterback and fullback did so much for me, too," Richey recalled. "I really did feel pretty special to be the guy who got to carry the football."

In Jayton's state championship game against Christoval, his final appearance as a Jaybird, Richey scored eight touchdowns in their 64-14 victory in a game stopped with four minutes still to go in the third quarter on the strength of six-man's 45-point rule.

"Watch that old video and you'd see that anybody could do what I did that day," Richey said. "I had some really unbelievable blocking during that game."

"You hear people talk about holes you could drive a Mack truck through. I lived it in that state game that season, but then again I did that most of the time my senior year."

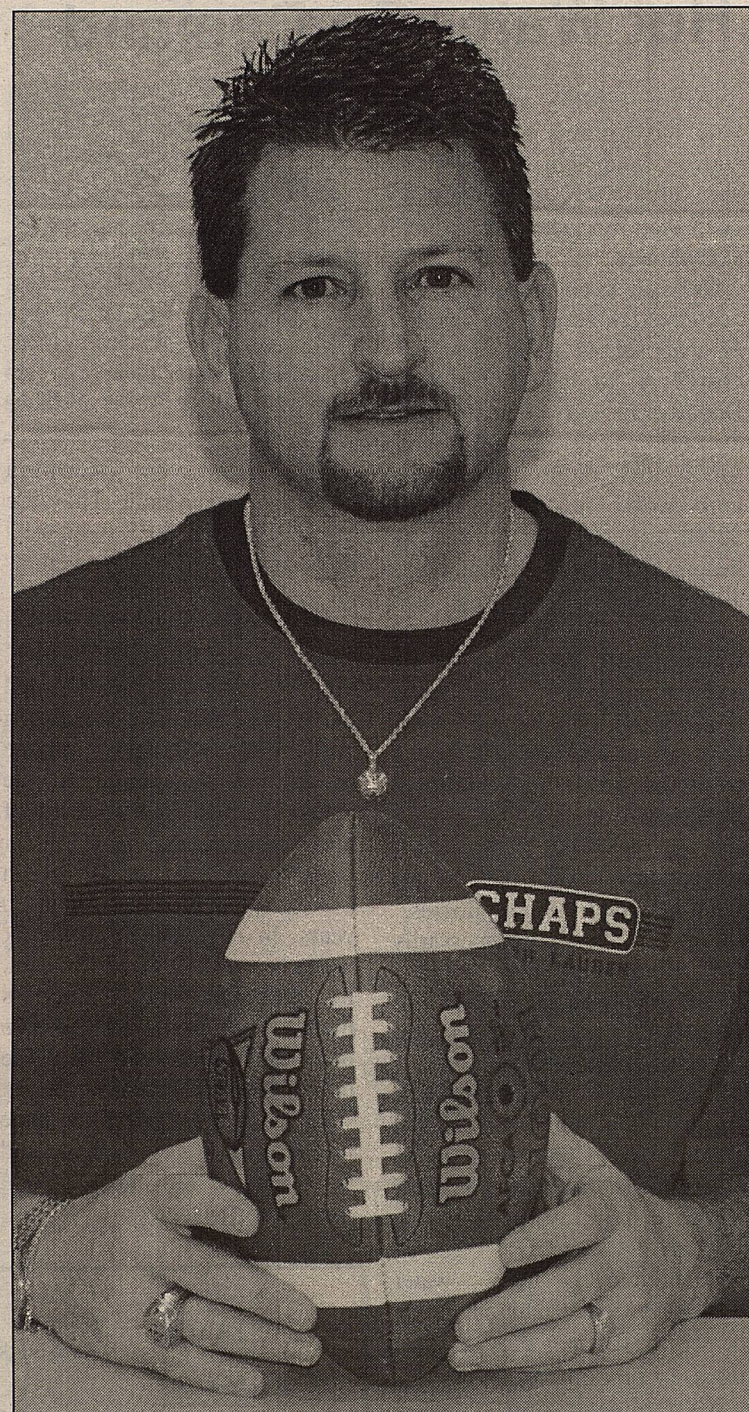
During Jayton's reign at six-man's supremacy, Richey was recognized as one of the state's premier players earning all-state recognition his junior year at safety and then all-state his senior year at running back.

"If I had to pick one guy to build a team around he'd be the one," Mitchell said of Richey.

"Throw in his leadership qualities along with his mental toughness and nobody did better than Trey."

Richey modestly attributes his success to his former high school teammates and coaches.

"I really felt like I was a product of a good environment," Richey said. "Our system was very good to me."



Dwight Heins/Press-Reporter

HEADING TO THE HALL

Borden County Coach Trey Richey recently learned that he will be one of the first three former players to ever be inducted into the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association's Hall-of-Fame. Richey enjoyed a remarkable high school career at Jayton, which included helping the Jaybirds to back-to-back state titles.

"I reaped a lot of rewards from the efforts that everybody else put into those two seasons."

Like Mitchell, Adams also considers Richey as one of the top players to ever take a snap on the six-man game.

"Two of the things which helped make Trey the kind of player he was are his competitiveness and quickness," Adams said of Richey.

"I can still remember Jayton running that old unbalanced line to the quick

side back in their heyday. He was even tough whenever he was running against the grain.

"Trey and them were the talk of all the six-man coaches back then. Everybody was pretty envious of Jayton, especially for having a guy like Trey Richey in it's backfield."

Following his all-everything career at Jayton, Richey went on to test his skill on the collegiate level.

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Coyote Coach going to Hall

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After first walking on at Texas Tech, Richey left the Raiders for McMurry University where he continued his collegiate football career. After playing running back his first season at McMurry, Richey spent his final three years in the defensive secondary – the first two at free safety and the final one at cornerback.

"That ended up being a great decision for me," Richey said of his transfer to McMurry. "I not only made a lot of great friendships while I was there, but I also ended up getting four beautiful kids out of that deal since I ended up meeting my wife over at Abilene."

Richey is now in his 11th season in the coaching ranks at Borden County, where he has not only guided five Coyotes boys hoop squads to playoff appearances but also had the opportunity to get his third state championship football ring.

On Borden County's 1997 state championship six-man football team, Richey was the Coyotes' defensive coordinator.

"I pretty much knew what I wanted to do back whenever I was in the third or fourth grade," Richey said. "I always loved football and I looked at it (coaching) as a good way to stay involved with not only the game but also around kids."

Trey's father, John, was also a high school coach. He was an assistant on Jayton's final 11-man football team that ended up making the Class 1A playoffs back in 1984. John Richey officially retired from the sidelines that following season. Trey quarterbacked Jayton's final 11-man squad to the post-season.

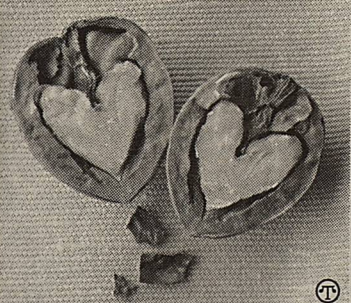
"I guess I was a by-product of my environment back whenever I was growing up," Trey said.



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by Carol Berg Sloan, R.D.

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Visit www.walnuts.org for more information and recipes.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Precinct. 2, will receive bids until 10:00 a.m., February 23, 2004 for the purchase of a new motorgrader. For more information, contact Randy Adcock, 806/759-8804 or call the County Judge's Office 806/756-4391.

The Commissioners' Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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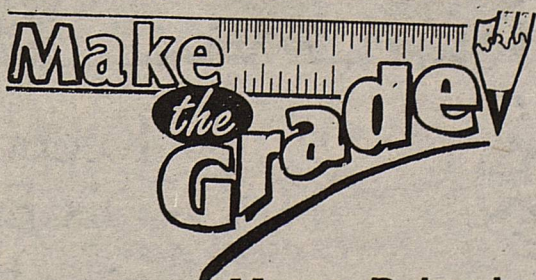
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Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On this the 26th day of January, 2004, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge, presiding; DOUG ISAACS, Commissioner, Precinct. No. 1; RANDY ADCOCK, Commissioner, Precinct. No. 2; ERNEST REYES, Commissioner, Precinct. No. 3; JOE BELEW, Commissioner, Precinct. No. 4; JOYCE HERRIDGE, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners' Court

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

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Norman Joe "Jibber" Herridge, Assistant Supervisor and Roy Dill, Area, Area Engineer, representatives from the Texas Department of Transportation in Borden County met and discussed with the Court the proposed culverts on CR. 130 in connection with the rehabilitation of F.M. 1054. A Trans Texas Corridor Public Meeting is being planned for February 29, 2004 at 5:30 p.m. in District Court Room in Gail Courthouse.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting of January 12th, 2004, were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaacs.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to advertise for bids on a Motorgrader for Precinct No. 2. Bids will be opened at 10:09 a.m. on February 23, 2004. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

FIRE

Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to enter into a Contract for fire fighting service in Borden County for 2004 with the City of O'Donnell for the \$1,875.00, to be paid one-half from the General Fund and one-half from Precinct No. L Fund of Borden County. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion.

PIPELINE CROSSING

Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve Siana Oil and Gas Company, LLC. Application for proposed pipeline crossing in Precinct 3, County Road No. 383. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined and Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION – ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No items were presented.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Isaacs to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes

Borden County POLITICAL CALENDAR

Co. Commissioner:

Precinct #1

Scott Brooks

Pd. Political Ad by Scott Brooks

Benny Taylor

Pd. Political Ad by Benny Taylor

Monte Smith

Pd. Political Ad by Monte Smith

John Stephens, III

Pd. Political Ad by John Stephens, III

Precinct #3

Ernest Reyes

Pd. Political Ad by Ernest Reyes

Sheriff:

Billy Gannaway

Pd. Political Ad by Billy Gannaway

Jon Herring

Pd. Political Ad by Jon Herring

March 9th Primary Election

Unlucky 5: The Top Taxpayers Mistakes

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three years from the due date the year field, or the actual date filed, if later. Once the three-year period elapses, the IRS is prohibited from even questioning these deductions.

5. **Failing to bunch deductions.** Some deductions are allowed only after you exceed a minimum amount. For example only those medical expenses that exceed 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income are allowed.

For more tax resources and tips, visit MSN Money at www.money.msn.com or use the tax tools in Microsoft Money software.



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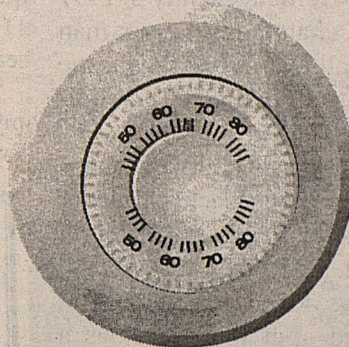
Keeping an Eye on Texas

Winter Energy Saving Tips

According to the Public Utility Commission, an energy efficient thermostat setting is 68 degrees for winter.

Consumers can save about 3 percent on their winter heating bills for each degree they lower their thermostat. If a monthly bill is about \$100, lowering the thermostat four degrees could save up to \$12 on each bill.

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