

# COYOTE NEWS

## COYOTES CLINCH DISTRICT 6-A TITLE

The Borden Coyotes clinched the District Championship Friday night by defeating Loraine 40-18. The Coyotes are 4-0 in district play, and a 4-1 record would not cost them 1st place. Highland has not won a district game. Since the Coyotes defeated everyone else, there is no way they can lose the trophy.

The game began with a 55 yard kick off return by Brandon Adcock to the Bulldog 15 yard line. The Coyotes fumbled the ball to the Bulldogs. The Bulldogs made two first downs before being stopped by the

Coyotes. Paul Sturdivant made a sack for a 7 yard Bulldog loss. The Coyotes drove the ball 52 yards for their first touchdown. Jimmy Rios drove the ball from the two yard line for 6 points. Shannon Smithies' kick made the score 8-0 in the first quarter. On Loraine's next possession, Shane Kemper made a heads up move by dropping a 4th down interception so the Coyotes could have better field position. The Coyotes took over, and Jimmy Rios ripped a 35 yard run to set up a 2 yard plunge by Klint Kemper for the score. The PAT was no good, and the Coyotes led 14-0 early in the second quarter. The Coyotes backed the Bulldogs up against their own end zone. After a 13 yard punt and a penalty, the Coyotes took over the Bulldog 8 yard line. Jimmy Rios went over for the score in one play. Shannon Smithie's kick was good, and the score read 22-0. The Coyotes again held Loraine without a first down. On the next drive, John Paul Harris ran for 8 yards, Jimmy Rios ran for 7 yards, and again for 13 yards. Klint Kemper ran to the Loraine 8 yard line, and Jimmy Rios ran 8 yards for the score. The PAT failed, and the score was 28-0. On Loraine's next possession Cole Vestal intercepted a pass and stumbled to the Bulldog 15 yard line. John Paul Harris ran to the one yard line, and Klint Kemper took it over for the score. The PAT was no good, and the score was 34-0. Loraine got a drive

going through the air on their next possession and scored. The PAT failed, and made the score 34-6. On the Coyotes next possession they had 1:43 seconds to score before the half. Shane Kemper made 2 - 15 yard carries, Jimmy Rios made 2 carries of 10 and 18 yards for the touchdown before the half ended. The PAT was not good and the score was 40-6 at the end of the first half. Rod Jeter busted up the first Loraine possession with an interception. The Coyotes drive down to the two yard line before fumbling the ball to the Bulldogs. The ball changed hands a few times before the Bulldogs scored their second touchdown. The PAT was no good, and the score was 40-12 in the 4th quarter. Juve Balaque made a 35 yard kickoff return to the 40. Clint Wills ran to the 1 yard line. Again the coyotes fumbled, and the Bulldogs took over. The Bulldogs controled another good drive to score from 6 yards out. The PAT was no good, and the game



## CHALK TALK BY COACH AVERY

With just one game left in the season the Coyotes have wrapped up the District race. After the Coyotes defeat Highland this Friday night they'll

ended 40-18.

Leading rushers for the Coyotes were as follows: Jimmy Rios 12 carries for 118 yards and 4 touch downs. Klint Kemper carried the ball 10 times for 54 yards and 2 touch-downs. John Paul Harris carried the ball 5 times for 25 yards. Shane Kemper carried the ball 3 times for 25 yards. Clint Wills carried the ball 4 times for 49 yards. Brandon Adcock carried the ball twice for 16 yards. Armando Carrizales carried 3 times for 7 yards. Juve Balaque carried 5 times for 13 yards.

Shane Kmpere completed 1 of 5 passes to J.J. Kincheloe for 25 yards. Klint Kemper completed an 8 yard pass to Jimmy Rios.

be 5-0 in district. Even if the Coyotes were to falter, a 4-1 record could not take the trophy away. The Coyotes have already defeated the second and third place team. A defeat by Highland would not disrupt the district standing at all. So, lets talk play-offs, also, last Friday night Grady and Sands met at Ackerly and Sands defeated Grady. The Coyotes would meet Grady for a rematch of an earlier defeat of 34-8. This game between the Borden Coyotes and the Grady Wildcats will most likely be on the 16th of November. I believe everyone is looking forward to the rematch. At the risk of sounding too confident, Coyote fans heed my warning, lets plan on playing during the Thanksgiving Holidays. Wouldn't that be Great! Turkey, dressing, pumpkin pie and Friday night football. I think that's a great combination. LETS DO IT!!!!

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### November 1990

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday                       | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |
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|  | Girls Scrimmage<br>Coahoma-T-6:00  | District FFA<br>Leadership<br>Contest-Snyder<br>4:00 p.m.<br>HHS BSNM |                                 | Borden Co. I.S.D.<br>OPEN HOUSE<br>7:00-8:30 P. M. | Highland-T-7:30<br>Conference-Tech                            | U.I.L. Super-<br>Conference-Tech                                  |
| 11   | 12   | 13  | 14                              | 15   | 16  | 17  |
|  | Grady J.H.-Here Exams<br>6:00  | Exams 1-7   | Exams 3-5                       | Exams 2-4-6  | Tentative<br>Bi-Dist. Football<br>Playoffs                    | Area<br>FFA<br>Leadership<br>Contest-Big Spr.                     |
| 18   | 19   | 20  | 21                              | 22   | 23  | 24  |
|  | Sands J.H.<br>There-6:00   | Roby-T-5:00   |                                 |  | November 23 or 24th<br>Tentative<br>Regional Football Playoff | Sterling City<br>Girls-H-6:30                                     |
| 25   | 26   | 27  | 28                              | 29   | 30  |   |
|  | Resume Classes<br>O'Donnell J.H.<br>Here-6:00  | Loop-T-5:00   | -----THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS----- |  |   |   |
|  |  |   |                                 |  |   | Girls Tournament-Tall City Classic<br>Midland<br>Nov. 30 - Dec. 1 |



# COYOTE NEWS CONTINUED . . .

## Poems Wanted For Contest

Poems are now being accepted for entry in Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum's new "Distinguished Poet Awards" poetry contest. Cash prizes totaling \$1,000 will be awarded, including a \$500 grand prize. The contest is free to enter.

Poets may enter one poem only, 20 lines or less, on any subject, in any style. Contest closes Jan. 31, 1991, but poets are encouraged to sent their work as soon as possible, since poems entered in the contest

## Child Accident

### Prevention Week

Thousands of children each year meet with crippling accidents or violent deaths on streets and highways, on playgrounds, in schools and in their homes.

Through important child safety programs, groups and individuals in our state are seeking to save the lives and limbs of boys and girls, and to train our citizens in general to lead safer lives.

One such program, the National Child Accident Prevention Week, sponsored by Travelers Protective Association of America, will be observed for the 45th year this November. The program encourages greater public awareness of the preventable tragedies involving children and the need for greater child safety in our state and nation.

Therefore, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, do hereby designate November 11th-17th, 1990 as:

CHILD ACCIDENT PREVENTION WEEK

*W.P. Clements Jr.*  
Governor of Texas

also will be considered for publication in the Fall 1991 edition of Treasured Poems of America, a hardcover anthology. Anthology purchase may be required to insure publication, but is not required to enter or win the contest. Prize winners will be notified by March 31,

1991. "If you are a new or emerging poet, we especially want to see your work," says William H. Trent, editor. "We are looking for sincerity and originality in a wide variety of styles and themes."

Poems should be sent to Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum, Inc., Dept. N, 203 Diamond Street, Sistersville, WV 26175.

## Butane Quotation Request

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District, will receive bids on butane and propane as described in the following paragraphs on November 19, 1990.

The proposal shall be addressed to Jimmy Thomas, Superintendent, Borden County Independent School District, Box 95, Gail, Texas and shall be delivered in a sealed envelope marked "Butane Proposal". Proposals will be received up to but not later than 12:00 P.M. November 19, 1990. Bids received after that time will not be considered.

All proposals shall be made on this form, and no bid will be considered unless this form is used. Two copies are enclosed; retain one copy for your files and return one as your bid.

The right is reserved by the Borden County Independent School District to accept or reject any or all bids and waiver all formalities.

It is anticipated that approximately 55,000 gallons of butane and propane gas will be used during the contract period. The gas is to be delivered to the Borden County School, the Plains Community Center, and to the teacherages of the Borden County Independent School District. All tanks are owned by the Borden County School.

The contract will begin on December 1, 1990 and terminate on November 30, 1991.

Sincerely yours,

*Jimmy Thomas*

Jimmy Thomas  
Superintendent

## Gasoline Quotation Request

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District, will receive bids on gasoline, as described in the following paragraphs, on November 19, 1990.

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The right is reserved by the Borden County Independent School District to accept or reject any or all bids and to waiver all formalities.

It is anticipated that approximately 60,000 gallons of unleaded gasoline will be used during the contract period. All prices quoted are to be for an unleaded gasoline, and the gasoline is to be delivered to the Borden County School of Gail, Texas. Shipments will be requested in 8,000 gallon lots.

This contract will begin on December 1, 1990 and terminate on November 30, 1991.

Sincerely yours,

*Jimmy Thomas*

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Superintendent

## BORDEN COUNTY COYOTES 1990-91 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

| DATE           | OPPONENT        | VG | JVB | VB | PLACE   | TIME |
|----------------|-----------------|----|-----|----|---------|------|
| NOV. 5         | COAHOMA *       | X  |     |    | THERE   | 6:00 |
| NOV. 13        | LAMESA *        | X  |     |    | HERE    | 6:00 |
| NOV. 16        | COAHOMA         |    | X   | X  | HERE    | 6:30 |
| NOV. 17        | STERLING CITY   | X  |     |    | HERE    | 6:30 |
| NOV. 20        | ROBY            | X  | X   | X  | THERE   | 5:00 |
| NOV. 27        | LOOP            | X  | X   | X  | THERE   | 5:00 |
| NOV. 30-DEC. 1 | TALL CITY TOUR. | X  |     |    | MIDLAND | TBA  |
| DEC. 4         | JAYTON          | X  |     | X  | THERE   | 6:30 |
| DEC. 6-8       | SANDS TOUR.     | X  |     | X  | ACKERLY | TBA  |
| DEC. 11        | POST            | X  | X   | X  | THERE   | 5:00 |
| DEC. 13-15     | BORDEN TOUR.    | X  |     | X  | GAIL    | TBA  |
| DEC. 18        | WELLMAN         | X  |     | X  | THERE   | 5:00 |
| JAN. 4         | HIGHLAND        | X  | X   | X  | HERE    | 5:00 |
| JAN. 8         | GRADY **        | X  | X   | X  | HERE    | 5:00 |
| JAN. 11        | SANDS **        | X  | X   | X  | THERE   | 5:00 |
| JAN. 15        | O'DONNELL **    | X  | X   | X  | HERE    | 5:00 |
| JAN. 18        | STERLING CITY   | X  |     | X  | THERE   | 6:30 |
| JAN. 22        | KLONDIKE **     | X  | X   | X  | THERE   | 5:00 |
| JAN. 25        | GRADY **        | X  | X   | X  | THERE   | 5:00 |
| JAN. 29        | SANDS **        | X  | X   | X  | HERE    | 5:00 |
| FEB. 1         | O'DONNELL **    | X  | X   | X  | THERE   | 5:00 |
| FEB. 5         | OPEN            |    |     |    |         |      |
| FEB. 8         | KLONDIKE **     | X  | X   | X  | HERE    | 5:00 |

\* Denotes Scrimmage

\*\* Denotes District games

## STUDENT LUNCHES AND BREAKFAST

November 12-16, 1990

| Lunch  | Monday    | Breakfast                           |
|--|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| Steak Fingers w/gravy<br>Whole Potatoes<br>Green Beans<br>Applesauce<br>Rolls<br>Milk<br>Salad Bar                   |           | Sausage & Bisquits<br>Juice<br>Milk |
|  | Tuesday   |                                     |
| Spaghetti / Meat Sauce<br>Tossed Salad<br>Garlic Bread<br>Pineapple Tidbits<br>Milk<br>Salad Bar                     |           | Pancakes<br>Fruit<br>Milk           |
|  | Wednesday |                                     |
| Turkey & Dressing<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>Pumpkin Pie<br>English Peas<br>Fruit Salad<br>Hot Rolls<br>Milk<br>Salad Bar |           | Cinnamon Toast<br>Juice<br>Milk     |
|  | Thursday  |                                     |
| Corn Dogs<br>Curly Fries<br>Mixed Vegetables<br>Icebox Dessert<br>Milk<br>Salad Bar                                  |           | Toast<br>Fruit<br>Milk              |
|  | Friday    |                                     |
| Chili & Beans<br>Tossed Salad<br>Hot Apple Dessert<br>Crackers<br>Milk<br>Salad Bar                                  |           | Cheese<br>Fruit<br>Milk             |

SALAD BAR - EVERY DAY EXCEPT FRIDAYS

LUNCH PRICE

K - 7th \$1.00 per day

8th-12th \$1.25

Teachers: \$1.50 per day

Guest: \$2.50 - Pre-school \$1.00

BREAKFAST PRICE

K - 12th. 25¢ per day



# UPPER COLORADO SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 1990 ANNUAL

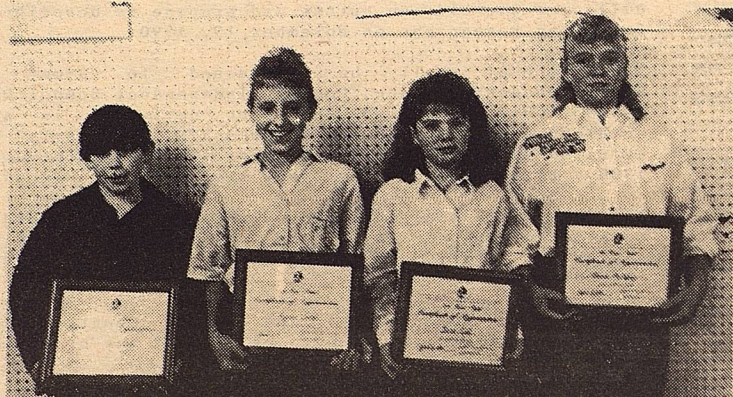


Cindy Lickey, left, of West Elementary and Pat Murphy of Borden County received Conservation Teacher awards at the District's Annual Awards Banquet in April.

Regular monthly meetings are held on the third Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the Shack Restaurant in Snyder, Texas, Phone 573-6317.

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District is a legal sub-division of the State of Texas, governed by five elected directors. Our self-governed district has a working agreement with the Soil Conservation Service to provide technical assistance for planning, application, and management of conservation practices.

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District wishes everyone a happy and prosperous year in 1991. Our sincere thanks go out to each person, business, organization, and unit of government who helped us in our effort to make the district a more satisfying place in which to live and work. A special thanks to the Snyder Field Office staff of the Soil Conservation Service for providing the technical assistance necessary for us to carry out our objectives. District Conservationist Terry Hefner, Range Conservationist Mike Squires, and SCS Technician Mark McDaniel have helped make our accomplishments in conservation possible.



RURAL POSTER WINNERS - Rural winners in the Upper Colorado SWCD poster contest were, left to right, Jason Ray Blacklock, first place; Reagan Smith, second place; Sara Luan Lusk, third place; and Donnis McHaney, fourth place.



TOP FARMER-Raymond Schwarz, pictured with his wife June, was named the Upper Colorado SWCD 1989 Conservation Farmer of the Year.



TOP RANCHER-Billy Colorado SWCD 1989 Conservation Rancher of the Year. He is pictured with his wife Pam and child.



Range Conservationist Mike Squires and Fred Overman look at an excellent stand of Kleingrass on Fred's CRP land north of Snyder. More than 35,000 acres of highly erodible cropland have been planted to permanent grass under CRP contracts in Scurry and Borden counties.

## SUMMARY OF UPPER COLORADO SWCD DOLLAR CONTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL ECONOMY 1990 FISCAL YEAR

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| <b>Federal Cost Share Monies</b>        |             |
| Annual Conservation                     | \$53,894    |
| Conservation Reserve Program            |             |
| 1. cost share                           | \$297,069   |
| 2. annual payments                      | \$1,539,674 |
| Great Plains Conservation Program       | \$15,495    |
| Long Term Agreement                     | \$11,485    |
| <b>Soil Conservation Office Expense</b> | \$92,933    |
| <b>District Funds Received</b>          |             |
| 1. Donations                            | \$1,500     |
| 2. State Technical Assistance           | \$6,300     |
| 3. State Matching Funds                 | \$3,200     |
| 4. Federal FSA Funds                    | \$1,880     |
| 5. Rent on grass drill                  | \$6,948     |
| <b>District Expenditures</b>            |             |
| 1. Salaries                             | \$15,648    |
| 2. Conservation Education               | \$2,462     |
| 3. Equipment and repairs                | \$4,193     |
| 4. Office expense                       | \$1,459     |

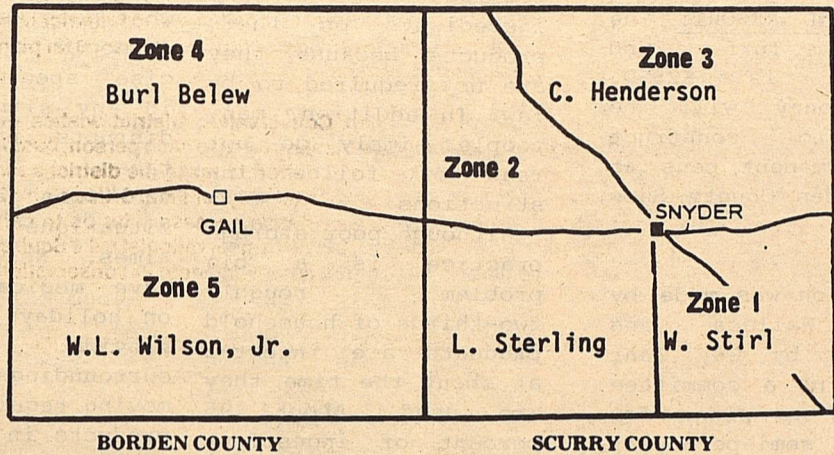
## CONSERVATION PRACTICES IN THE UPPER COLORADO SWCD IN 1989

193,168 feet of terraces  
 3 ponds constructed  
 6 Great Plains contracts  
 9 LTA contracts current  
 232 acres of range seed  
 804 acres of brush control  
 7,328 acres of highly erodible cropland seeded

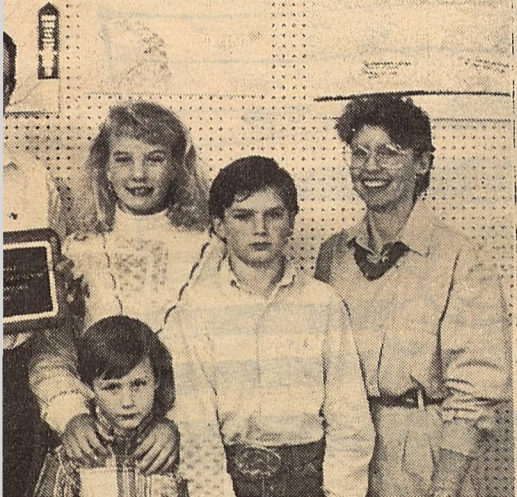


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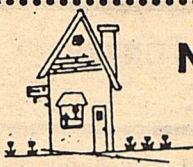
Mr. Billy Max West was presented as the Upper Colorado 1989 Conservation Rancher of the Year during the Awards Banquet in April. Pictured with West are his children Carrie, Clayton and Whitt.

- Zone 3  
Charlie Henderson, Chairman
- Zone 1  
Walter Stirl, Vice-Chairman
- Zone 5  
W.L. Wilson, Jr., Secretary
- Zone 4  
Burl Belew,
- Zone 2  
Leon Sterling,

**PRACTICES APPLIED**  
**UPPER COLORADO**  
**SWCD IN 1990**  
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**ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS** - Winners in the Upper Colorado SWCD essay contest were, left to right, Rebecca Ramey, first place; Angie Robinson, second place; Katrina Reynolds, third place; and Brandy Oliver, fourth.



## NOTES FROM HOME

BY DEBRA POLLARD

Home Demonstration/CEA

### Bleaches, Detergents Cause Most Cleaning Product Poisonings

Bleaches and detergents poison more young children than any other common household cleaning product.

This is true partly because most people are not aware of the danger.

These products are usually stored low or under the sink within the reach of children. Toddlers who consume these products rarely die, but they can get awfully sick.

A recent report from the American Association of Poison Control Centers indicates that nationally more than 1.6 million people were exposed to some type of poisoning substance in 1989. This information was gathered from 70 centers in portions of 42 states.

Cleaning substances were most frequently involved in human exposure with more than 160,600 cases. Running a close second were analgesic substances at 160,500, followed by cosmetics, 130,200; plants, 100,700; and cough and cold preparations, 90,700.

Bleaches and detergents accounted for the largest number of cleaning substance exposures. More than 33,000 people swallowed bleaches and 31,000 consumed some type of detergent, including fabric softeners. Other cleaning sub-

stance poisonings included disinfectants, 17,000 cases; tile cleaners, 10,600; toilet bowl and oven cleaners, 9,000.

No deaths were reported from detergent poisonings, but bleach caused one of 24 fatalities from cleaning substances. Drain and toilet bowl cleaners, at 11, accounted for nearly half the deaths.

Detergents primarily cause vomiting and diarrhea. The amount of poison may not be a real threat. However, 80 percent of the center's victims are children. Anytime a child keeps vomiting and having diarrhea can be very serious and even deadly.

Detergents can contain toxic and caustic ingredients. Their lemony scents and other fragrances encourage children to consume them.

There is no quick antidote for these substances. Drinking adequate amounts of such liquids as water or Gatorade-like drinks helps replace fluids, and medical attention should be sought in severe cases.

Proper use, storage and disposal of household products are very important. Read labels carefully to learn the dangers involved in using them. Determine whether you can limit

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## BORDEN COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK

The Borden County Junior Livestock Association officers and directors met November 1, 1990, at the Borden County Courthouse.

Those present were Kenny Hensley, Mike Herring, D.M. Parks, Scott Clayton, Guy Zant, Max Jones, Dennis Poole, Jerry Stone and Buddy Wallace.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the August 14, 1990, meeting were read. Dennis Poole moved to accept the minutes as read. D.M. Parks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **TREASURERS REPORT:**

Jerry Stone gave the Treasurer's report along with a report on the outcome of the 1990 Coyote Opry. Net proceeds from this years "Opry" were approximately \$1600 after expenses.

D.M. Parks move to accept the Treasurer's report. Guy Zant seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dennis Poole moved to transfer the Coyote Opry proceeds from the operating account to the Turf Fund after all bills are paid. Guy Zant seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **ELECTION OF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS:**

President: Kenny Hensley

D.M. Parks nominated Kenny Hensley for president. Max Jones moved that the nominations cease and that Kenny Hensley be re-elected by acclamation. Dennis Poole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vice President: Ben Miller

Scott Clayton nominated Ben Miller for Vice-Pres. D.M. Parks moved that the nomination cease and that Ben Miller be re-elected by acclamation. Motion carried.

Secretary: Scott Clayton

Mike Herring nominated Scott Clayton for Secretary. D.M. Parks moved to close nominations and to re-elect Scott Clayton by acclamation. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Jerry Stone

Dennis Poole nominated Jerry Stone as Treasurer. Max Jones moved to close nomination and to re-elect Jerry Stone by acclamation. D.M. Parks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **STATIS REPORT ON BORDEN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES:**

Dennis Poole reported that 7 of the 15 pens are complete, with some animals being kept in them. The other pens are being finished one at a time.

### **STOCKSHOW VALIDATION:**

**Lambs:** Scott Clayton moved that lambs which will be shown at the 1991 Borden County Junior Livestock Show be validated on Monday November 12, 1990, between 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. Max Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Barrows:** D.M. Parks moved that barrows

which will be shown at the 1991 Borden County Junior Livestock Show be validated as they are castrated, not later than December 1, 1990. Guy Zant seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**TURF FUND REPORT:** The current Turf Fund balance is \$2550. This money will be used to construct semi-permanent pens at the Borden County Show Barns.

A motion was made by Buddy Wallace and seconded by Guy Zant to appoint a committee to draw up plans for the semi-permanent pens, as well as a list of materials, and cost of these materials. Motion passed.

Kenny Hensley appointed Dennis Poole, Buddy Wallace and Jerry Stone to serve on this committee.

Guy Zant moved to give the committee power to act on their findings. D.M. Parks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Buddy Wallace moved that bids be taken toward hiring labor to build these pens due to the short time span between now and the 1991 Borden County Junior Livestock Show. D.M. Parks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on December 5, 1990 in the Borden County Courthouse at 7:30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

## POISONINGS

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what you buy by choosing one multi-purpose cleaner and using the least hazardous product when possible.

Unfortunately, some manufacturers do not provide a list of ingredients on their products because they are not required to by law. In addition, many people simply do not read or follow instructions.

Although poor storage practice is a big problem, roughly two-thirds of household products are ingested at about the time they are used. About 95 percent of ingestions occur when children are under direct

supervision.

The adult may be interrupted by the telephone, the doorbell or whatever. Kids are fast. It only takes a minute. That 'just a minute syndrome' is what gets us in trouble.

People should exercise special caution in any situation that disrupts normal routines. Holidays, vacations and moving situations are bad times. Relatives who have medication visit on holidays, vacations provide unfamiliar surroundings and moving requires packing products in boxes that often are accessible to children.



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# LET ME GET MY HAT



BY DENNIS POOLE

## AFRICANIZED HONEY BEE (AHB)

The first swarm of Africanized honey bees found in the United States arrived in Hidalgo County last week. The following is a list of answers to commonly asked questions about the bee, which may be of interest to you.

Commonly asked questions about the Africanized Honey Bee (AHB)

1. Are Africanized honey bees really killer bees?

"Killer" bee is an exaggerated term that has little basis in fact. The sensationalized name for the insect undoubtedly was made popular by several Hollywood films that showed bees blotting out the sun in great angry swarms, hunting people down and stinging them to death. Africanized honey bees do not behave in this manner.

It is true, however, that people and animals have been killed by the bees, usually after receiving hundreds of individual stings. These incidents have been quite rare in Mexico, for example, there have been 16 documented deaths since the AHB entered the country in 1986.

Over the past 35 years in Texas, the average number of people dying from bee stings has been less than one per year. When AHB becomes established in the state during the 1990's, the death rate may increase to 4 or 5 per year. To put

this in perspective, this figure is roughly the same as the number of Texans killed by lightning each year.

2. Will one sting from an Africanized honey bee kill a person?

No, one sting from the Africanized honey bee will not kill an average, healthy person. The sting of one AHB is no more venomous than that of a domestic honey bee, the kind that European settlers brought to the New World 300 years ago.

The only reason the Africanized honey bees pose some added degree of risk is that they defend their hives much more vigorously. When disturbed, the bees tend to respond in larger numbers and pursue over a greater distance than the European honey bees common here.

3. Will these bees be a health problem in Texas?

Officials with the Texas Department of Health do not believe the Africanized honey bee poses a public health problem. Persons allergic to bee stings, of course, should be careful. As the bees become established, there likely will be more stinging incidents and, given the defensive nature of the bee, more cases of multiple bee stings. (Like the domestic bee, the AHB can only sting once, and then it dies.)

4. I am allergic to bee stings. What

precautions should I take?

Generally, the same precautions you now take to avoid a domestic honey bee, except remember that the AHB tends to be more defensive and more easily disturbed. If you are allergic to bee venom, always carry a first aid sting kit with you. If you are stung, see a doctor immediately. If medical care is not available, take one of two shots of epinephrine (adrenaline), usually found in a sting first aid kit. This can prevent some reactions to bee venom.

5. What is an Africanized honey bee and what does it look like?

The Africanized honey bees are a hybrid cross between European and African strains of honey bees. In nearly every way, they are the same as the honey bees we are accustomed to seeing. Except for being slightly smaller in body size, a characteristic that can't be discerned except with a microscope, their appearance is exactly the same as the familiar European bee. Most honey bees are brown or black and yellow and covered with hair.

6. Where would I most commonly find their hives? Will they build a hive on my back porch?

The AHB will nest in almost any opening that provides shelter from the elements. Domestic bees usually build their hives high

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## ATTENTION: Lamb Exhibitors

The 1990 Borden County Junior Livestock Show Lamb Validation will be held Monday, November 12, 1990 from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. in the Borden County Show Barn.

There will be a sheep shearer at the Show barn on this same day. The cost will be \$3.50 per head. It has been requested that anyone wishing to shear bring exact change.

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# KILLER BEES

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off the ground and require a large amount of space. AHBs, on the other hand, build their hives anywhere--under objects on the ground, in holes in earth and rock, and in cracks and openings in structures of all kinds.

7. What is being done about the Africanized honey bees?

Scientists and beekeepers are studying the AHB to develop management practices that will minimize its impact and spread in the United States. Traps located along the Rio Grand border and throughout Mexico are being monitored to detect movement of these honey bees into Texas. Once the bees reach Texas, the state will implement a plan that will seek to manage the bee in an effort to reduce its progress and impact.

8. What will be the biggest problem with the AHB in Texas?

The AHB will be a problem primarily for commercial beekeepers who depend on honey production and pollination services for their livelihood. This is because the AHB does not produce as much honey as the domestic bee, and it is not as manageable. The AHB reproduces rapidly, and in Central and South America, has tended to take over the hives of the gentler, domestic bees. With the voluntary assistance of beekeepers, the enforcement of the state's bee regulatory laws and continued research, Texas will handle the problem with minimal impact on the general public.

9. Can I stay away from the Africanized honey bee and not get stung?

It will likely be several years before the AHB will have a noticeable presence in even the southern part

of Texas. It takes that long for populations to build up. By taking simple precautions you can minimize your contact with the AHB. Around the house, be alert of swarming bees, which usually means they are looking for a nesting site. At home, take a walk-around tour periodically and look for bees swarming or nesting around the eaves or under objects in the yard. Don't climb a tree, kick over a stump or roll over a rock without checking first to see if bees might be present. When a hive is discovered, don't try to dispose of it yourself. leave the handling of bees to those who are properly trained.

10. Do we need honey bees in Texas? In the United States?

Texas is blessed with a large farming and horticultural industry. Most farmers could not stay in business without proper pollination. The honey bee is the only known method of pollinating the various crops grown for a widespread agricultural industry. there are some multi-million dollar crops including melons, cucumbers and fruits that are highly dependent on honey bee pollination.

It is estimated that the U.S. harvests \$20 billion and Texas harvests \$800 million annually in pollinated crops. Texas A&M entomologists estimate that for every dollar's worth of honey and bees' wax sold, there is an estimated \$143 worth of pollination by the honey bees.

11. Did the Africanized honey bee create problems in Mexico.

The Africanized honey bee created hive management problems for commercial beekeepers. However, in areas where the bee

has become established, the general public has not experienced a need to change present lifestyles. Persons have been stung, but few deaths have been reported.

Mexico does not depend on commercial hives as extensively for pollination of agricultural crops.

12. How will the AHB spread when it arrives in Texas?

The first or "founder" swarms of Africanized Honey Bees will be few in number and tend to become a part of the local honey bee population. If the bees arrive in the Brownsville area, they are expected to spread northward up the Gulf Coast toward Corpus Christi and then Houston.

13. What is the rate of natural spread of the bees?

The spread of the Africanized Honey Bee is anticipated at about 200 to 500 miles per year, although it is uncertain how far north the bees will be able to live. This bee is a tropical insect, and there is speculation that the bee may not range much beyond the southern half of Texas, because of colder temperatures.

14. Can't we just ban all honey bees from urban areas?

No. This will create a vacuum within the cities and invite the Africanized bee into the area when it arrives. By keeping beekeepers active, there is an experienced local person to handle bee swarms. With beekeepers in the area, the advancement or density of the Africanized honey bee can be monitored more effectively.

The Texas Beekeepers Association, along with other qualified groups and individuals, have drafted a model "City Ordinance" for keeping honeybees within a neighborhood environment. Also,

# ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

The Caprock Photographers of Post will hold their sixth annual photography show at the Algerita Art Center in Post from November 6-11,

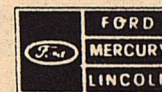
1990. Entries are open to the public and will be accepted from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Nov. 6th and from 8:00 a.m. til noon, Wed., Nov. 7th. The show will be open for veiwing by the public Nov. 8th - 11th. Judging will take place Nov. 7th. Juror's Choice, People's Choice, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and H.M. ribbons will be awarded. There are over \$700.00 in purchase awards and gift certificates committed.

For more information call: Bill Mueller 806-495-3834 or Judy Weaver 806-828-3541.

Texas has new laws to govern the keeping of honey bees anywhere in the state that Africanized bees are known to be present.

15. Who should we call if we are concerned and need more information about honey bees?

The Texas Beekeeping Industry and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service want you to know the facts about bees and the beekeeping industry. Representatives of both these groups are available for educational programs for your group or organization and for advice.



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