

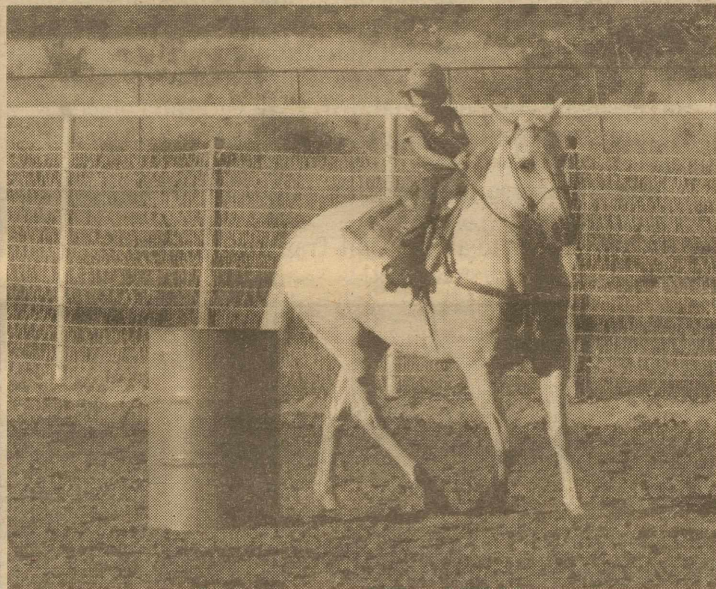
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Youth Horse Club



The Borden County Youth Horse Club kicked off Tuesday night with lots of talent from local youth. The Horse Club will take place at the Borden County Arena every Tuesday night at 6:30 through August 4. Pictured is Allie Murphy in the 8 & under running the barrels. She is the daughter of Mike and Leslie Murphy

Athletic Physicals Scheduled for August 1st

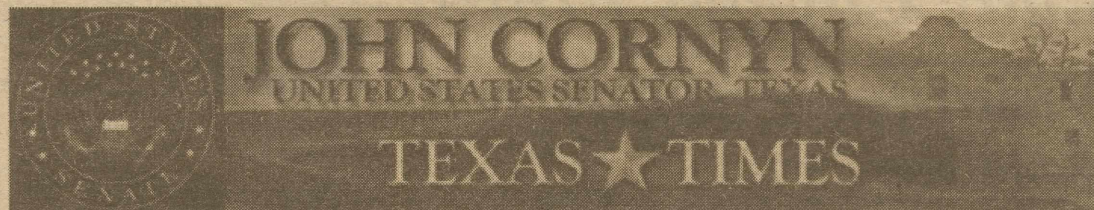
We are scheduled to take athletic physicals Saturday, August 1st at 10:00 AM in Abilene, Texas.

We will depart from Gail at 8:00 AM. You will need to have your physical form signed and filled out before we leave. The doctor will not sign it if your parent or guardian does

not sign it. You will need to wear shorts and T-shirt for the physical.

We will be at the Action Sports and Physical Therapy clinic in Abilene. The telephone number is (325)676-5633. The address there is

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Texas Mammals: Big, Small and Everything in Between

By: U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

Texas is a land full of abundant natural surprises that vary in shape and size. From our rolling hills to the delicate petals of the bluebonnet, our state has many distinctive traits and symbols that make us proud to be Texans. With a state so vast and with so much to offer, it should come as no surprise that we have selected not just one, but three different state mammals.

Dasyus novemcinctus, more commonly known as the nine-banded armadillo, is the state's small mammal. This cat-sized creature gets its name from the peculiar nine-jointed bands across the midsection that allow it to move with greater flexibility. Their sleek armored shell and piercing dark eyes have mesmerized spectators for ages. Once found only in the lower Rio Grande Valley, armadillos have now spread to our neighboring states and beyond.

Because of their poor eyesight, armadillos are forced to rely completely on their sense of smell and sound in order to decipher prey from other predators. Contrary to popular belief, this species of armadillo does not roll into a ball when

startled. Instead, armadillos can jump nearly five feet in the air when startled.

Perhaps the most recognizable of our three state mammals is the Texas Longhorn. This breed of cattle serves as the official mascot of the University of Texas and is also the official symbol of Fort Worth - nicknamed "Cowtown."

Longhorns are the only breed of cattle that have truly adapted to the North American lifestyle and are most unique in that their existence is based solely on their ability to survive the perils of nature. Climate changes and environmental complications have taken their toll on other animals, including the ancient bison and the woolly mammoth, which were not able to adapt to the changes of the land. But the Texas Longhorn has outlasted them all and continues to roam throughout Texas.

Perhaps Texas columnist James Frank Dobie put it best when he said, "The Texas Longhorn was bred not by man but shaped by nature and man benefited."

Texas' third official state mammal is the only one of the three that can fly - the Mexican free-tailed bat. These mammals are unique in that

they use echolocation, a technique that helps them navigate and find prey in the dark.

Mexican free-tailed bats are an unusual bunch that can be found in the caves of Texas, Mexico and other regions in Central America. Their colonies are so numerous that they are regarded as being the biggest assembly of mammals in the world. Bracken Cave, a remote area north of San Antonio, is home to nearly 20 million bats that can eat up to 250 tons of insects each night.

Thousands of people journey to Austin during the warm summer months to catch a glimpse of the estimated 1.5 million bats that live under the Congress Avenue Bridge. For the last three years, Austin has hosted Batfest to honor the state's flying mammals, which draws tens of thousands of people. Within view of the state capitol, travelers are able to witness the winged mammals take flight across the radiant Texas night sky. Come winter, most bats will migrate to Mexico though a few thousand will stay around Austin. The rest will come back in the spring.

From small animals that

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Coyotes Win Big in Meadow Tournament

By Chris Cooley

The Coyotes took part in the Meadow basketball tournament on June 26 & 27. It was short notice so finding players was tough. The team, consisting of Michael Cooley, Karl Lamming, Zach Telchik, RT Shafer, Quenton Shafer, and Brendan Tarleton, beat Lubbock Cooper JV Friday 51-24.

Saturday, the Coyotes only had 5 players as Brendan had another engagement. However it did not slow the Coyotes down. The boys faced Plains, who are the State runners up in D1-1A. The Coyotes did not lead the game until 1:30 left in the game. They played great defense to come away with a 39-36 win to advance to the championship game against Meadow who were Regional finalist. The Coyote 5 were hot and tired but played with determination and won the game 38-35.

Congratulations Coyotes on another tournament win.

Lady Coyotes Finish Summer League

By Chris Cooley

The Lady Coyotes finished playing summer basketball in Snyder on June 30.

The team played 3 games a night every Tuesday in June. The girls played very well together against some much larger schools.

Their opponents consisted of Snyder Black & Gold (9th Grade), Merkle 1 & 2, Sweetwater, Coahoma, Post, Colorado City, and Ira.

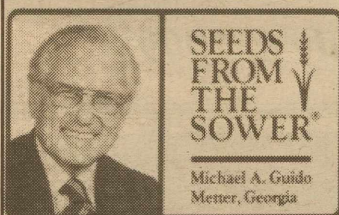
The ladies played hard and fought every night to have a winning record against the larger schools. The league was set up just to play. There were

no 1st, 2nd, or 3rd places.

The Lady Coyote team consisted of Stefanie Cooley, Taylor Richey, Olivia Key, Bailey Anderson, D'Nae Johnson, Brittany Day, Jordan Day, Raegan Belongia, Machel Barr, Aubree Lester, Lexi Peterson, and Hanna Forbes.

There were many compliments on the Lady Coyotes not just on their play but their sportsmanship as well. I am very proud of all of them. The girls will be playing at the end of July at the South Plains College team camp.

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A boy was leaving Ireland for the United States. His father said, "Pat, my boy, remember three bones and you'll come out all right."

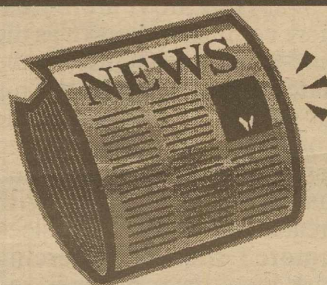
"Which three?" he asked.

"The wishbone keeps you going after things," he answered. "The jawbone keeps you asking questions. And the backbone keeps you at it until you get there."

So often we wish for things, and we use the jawbone and pray for things, but we don't use the backbone and keep at it until the answer comes.

Whatever may be the delays and disappointments, don't stop praying.

The Living Bible says, "Keep praying until the answer comes."



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On the Wild Side of Life
by Cody G. Hill
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Results of District 2 Trap and Skeet Shoot

Gail Trap Club members recently competed in the District 2 4-H Trap and Skeet Shoot June 26 and 27.

The trap part of the competition was held at the Palmer Gun Club in Post on Friday, June 26th. Matthew Ham, Nathan Ham, and Matthew Roberson competed in the Intermediate Division (age group 14-15) where they shot 75 targets. Matthew Roberson won this age division with a 73 out of 75. Raylea Underwood competed in the Sr. 2 Division (age group 16-18) where they shot 100 targets. Raylea won 4th in this age division with a 98 out of 100.

Skeet and 5-stand were shot on Saturday at the Gaines County 4-H Shooting Range in Seminole. Matthew Roberson placed 1st in Skeet in the Intermediate Division with 69 out of 75 targets and also placed 1st in 5-stand with 45 out of 50 targets.

Raylea again competed in the Sr. 2 Division and placed 8th in Skeet with a score of 85 out of 100 and received 8th place in 5-stand.

Matthew Roberson received the High Overall Buckle in the 14-15 age group.

Congratulations to all the Gail Trap Club members that participated in the district contest!



Gail Trap Club members (from left to right) Nathan Ham, Matthew Ham and Matthew Roberson get into position to participate in the Trap competition during the District 2 4-H Trap Shoot held at the Pamer Gun Club in Post on Friday, June 26. Raylea Underwood also competed in the Sr. Division of the District 2 4-H Trap Shoot.

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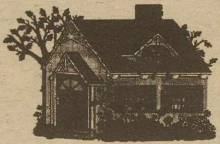
3rd & 4th generations still serving this area.

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Heart and Home ...

by Julie Smith
Borden County Extension Agent—Family and Consumer Sciences

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Making Sense of Organic Foods

Take a look down the aisles of your favorite local grocery store. Chances are you have probably noticed an increase in the number of foods labeled as organic. "Production and consumption of organic foods in the United States is increasing." In fact, Texas is one of the top States in terms of acreage of certified organic cropland.

Many people are interested in purchasing organic foods for their family. But, what does "organic" mean to you as the consumer? According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Organic Program, organic foods are produced by farmers emphasizing the use of renewable resources and the conservation of soil and water. Fresh fruits and vegetables, the top-selling organic category in retail sales, are grown without the use of bioengineering, most conventional pesticides, synthetic fertilizers, or fertilizers made from sewage sludge. Additionally, they are processed without the use of ionizing radiation. Organic meat, poultry, eggs, and dairy products come from animals that have not received any type of antibiotics or growth hormones. In order for a food to be labeled and marketed as "organic" the producer and/or food processor must first receive certification by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). This certification ensures that the product has been produced according to set USDA standards. To assist consumers in the identification of organic foods, USDA developed labeling rules for organic food items. The *USDA Organic* emblem indicates that a product is at least 95% organic although its use by food producers is voluntary.

Here are some additional tips to help you recognize organically grown foods at the grocery store:

- Single Ingredient Foods:
- Look for the word "or-

ganic" and the *USDA Organic* seal on single ingredient foods such as meat, milk, eggs, cheese, and fresh fruits and vegetables. The *USDA Organic* seal may appear as a sticker on fresh produce items. In lieu of a sticker, verbiage may also appear on signs above the produce display.

Multi-ingredient Foods:
- Only foods that are made of at least 95% organic ingredients may display the *USDA Organic* seal.

- Foods comprised of at least 70% organic ingredients may display organic claims on the front of the food package but may not display the *USDA Organic* seal. An example of an organic claim would be "Made with organic oats, raisins, and dates".

- Foods containing less than 70% of ingredients from an organic origin may list specific organically produced ingredients on the side panel of the package.

Some consumers may also be confused by the term "natural" on foods. However, the terms "natural" and "organic" are not interchangeable with one another. If a food product indicates "natural" this does not mean that it is an organic product. Only foods labeled "organic" meeting the USDA standards.

Although many consumers choose to purchase organic foods, USDA makes no claims that organic foods are safer or more nutritious than foods grown or produced by conventional methods. For more information about organic foods, contact your local Texas AgriLife Extension Service office at 806-756-4336, or visit the following link: The National Organic Program <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/indexIE.htm>

Written by: Amanda Scott, Texas AgriLife Extension Program Specialist, Expanded Nutrition Program

February 2008

Five Generations



Spring marking calves brought family members in to work and gather for a five generation photo of the Nehring bunch. Pictured are (back row left to right) Doug Nehring, Michael Douglas (grandfather), (front row left to right) Donna Nehring (great grandmother), Edith Langford Moore (great grandmother), Mykea Mackey (mother) and Tyler.

John Cornyn..

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slurp their evening meals to soaring figures that hover high above the trees, Texas is certainly the place to observe a wide variety of animals. The three mammals handpicked to represent our state are more than just creatures that live among us. They are striking representations of all that Texas has to offer and contribute much to the essence of our state.

Dear Borden County Parents:
We have numerous jackets, shirts, jewelry, etc., which have been turned in to lost and found. We will be sending these items to a charitable organization on July 15th. If you think your child may be missing something, feel free to come to the school to go through these items. Thank you,
Borden County School

SAFETY FIRST!

Borden County Fun with 4-H Day

Who: Youth entering Kindergarten—3rd Grade
When: Wednesday, July 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Where: County Show Barn in Gail
Cost: \$5 per child to cover supply costs
Activities: It will be filled with many fun activities related to safety! We will be making crafts and playing fun games.
Info to know: Please bring a sack lunch—drink and dessert will be provided

For more information, or to let us know that you will be able to attend, please call or e-mail the Extension Office at (806) 756-4336 or borden-tx@tamu.edu.
NOTE: You do not have to RSVP to participate, but it helps let us know how many to plan for.

Don't Thump Your Melon.

We will seek to provide all reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for any Extension program. We request that you contact the Texas AgriLife Extension Service office as soon as possible to advise of auxiliary aid that you will require.

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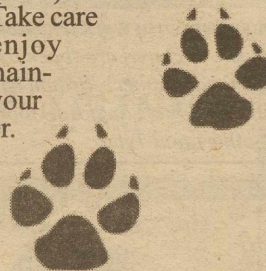
If you would like to meet us there so you can stay and shop in Abilene that would be fine. You will need to bring some money to eat lunch. We will try to be back in Gail by 3:00 PM.

If you plan to play a sport this year of any kind during the upcoming school year, you are required by our school district to take a physical. The school furnishes the physical at this time. If you can not make this date then you will need to get a physical on your own and at your expense.

Also you will find in this letter an Acknowledgment of Rules form and a Steroid

Form, read them, have your parent read them, sign them both and bring all of the paperwork with you. The medical release, will allow au to seek emergency treatment for you if there is a need during the school year.

We are truly excited about the upcoming year and we look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at home or on my cell. Trey Richey (806)756-4417 (home) and (806)759-3335 (cell). Take care and enjoy the remainder of your summer.



ATTENTION FOOTBALL PLAYERS

The 2009 Football season will kick off August 3rd at 4:30 PM. I hope you all are looking forward to getting started. I am extremely excited about the upcoming season, as it will be an opportunity to build on the year ending success we enjoyed last season and defend our 2008 title. The target on our chest will be huge, but I am extremely optimistic that we are up for the challenge.

We will practice from 5:00 to 9:00 PM until school gets started.

I hope you are running and lifting to get ready. If not, then it would be a good idea to start. Don't leave it up to the coaches to get you in shape.

I hope you have had a good and eventful summer and are now ready to make history and leave a life long mark on the community of Gail and Borden County High School. We again have the opportunity to play when the grass is dead if we take care of business. We should also have a new field by the time district roles around. What an exciting opportunity you young men have for the 2009 football season.

I will see you on August 1st for the physical and August 3rd for practice at 4:30 PM. As we will test you in the weight room in preparation of our title defense for 2009 football season.

Thanks,
Coach Richey

Thought for the Day

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.
Colossians 3:23-24

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Notice of Public Meeting of the Appraisal Review Board:

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting of the Appraisal Review Board of the Borden County Appraisal District will convene at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, July 10, 2009, at the meeting room in the Borden County Courthouse.

The board will hear and determine taxpayer and taxing unit appeals on all matters permitted by Texas Property Tax Code.

The Appraisal Review Board will be in session on other days, notice for which will be duly posted, until all timely filed appeals are heard and resolved.

This notice is given pursuant to the Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551, Government Code.

Ross D. Sharp, Chief Appraiser
Borden County Appraisal District

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State of Texas)(

PUBLIC HEARING

The Commissioners' Court of Borden County will hold a public hearing beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas on the Borden County Water System. This public hearing is required by TCEQ to provide public participation.

Any interested persons are invited to attend and present oral or written comments.

BY ORDER OF THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

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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 and/or quotes for propane, diesel, and gasoline for the 2009-2010 school year.

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 appropriately as "Propane Bid" and/or "Gasoline/Diesel Bid". Proposals may also be submitted by fax and/or by e-mail to the numbers or address listed below. Proposals will be received up to but no later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, July 16, 2009. Bids will be opened and read as they are received. Proposals will be tabulated, researched, and selected by the Board of Trustees or its designee as appropriate. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

The Borden County ISD Board of Trustees or its designee 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@bcisd.net; or by calling 806/756-4313. Transmissions by fax may be sent to 806/756-4310.

By Order of the Board of Trustees
Borden County Independent School District
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