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Area Champs!



The Borden County Coyotes became the Area champions last week after defeating Knox City in a 78-23 blow out victory. Team members pictured are (top left to right) Matt Roberson, Zach Telchik, Quint Shafer, Drew Tyler, Brendan Tarleton, Helio Rosales, David Rodriguez, Riley Smith Austin Tyler, Jarred Smith, R.T. Shafer, (bottom left to right) Luke Burkett, Tanner Richey, Michael Cooley, Chance Taylor, Karl Lamming and Collin Telchik.

Varsity Boys Area Champs!

By Coach Baeza

The Coyotes took on Knox City on Feb. 25 for their first round of the playoffs in the area round and came away with an impressive 78-23 victory.

The Coyotes jumped out early on the Greyhounds and never looked back cruised to a 21-4 first quarter lead. Impressive defense was the key to the Coyotes dominance as they allowed the Greyhounds only

eight points in the first half. Offensively for the Coyotes seven players contributed offensively due to their impressive teamwork.

The Coyotes defensive dominance continued during the second half as they allowed five and ten points during the last two quarters. Offensively the Coyotes continued to hit from all parts of the court turning in two impressive quarters

of fifteen and sixteen points. This was an impressive team effort by the Coyotes which is a testament to the hard work these guys have put in all year long. Good Job Coyotes!

Scoring for the Coyotes: Karl Lamming 15, Brendan Tarleton 14, Zach Telchik 11, Michael Cooley 10, Quinton Shafer 10, R.T. Shafer 8, Tanner Richey 6, Helio Rosales 2, and Matthew Roberson 2.

Second In a Series: Small Town, Big Dreams One Last Lap Around the Track

By Sue Jane Mayes

"Track is not a fun sport." For anyone who has ever truly worked at the sport, Garrett Thomas's quote rings true.

Football is grinding and

rough; basketball requires touch and finesse and conditioning. Track demands all of those things while adding one key component: time is of the

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Garrett Thomas

Spring Break

March 8 - 12

Classes will resume Monday, March 15th

2009-2010 Season Comes to a Close for Lady Coyotes

By Coach McCook

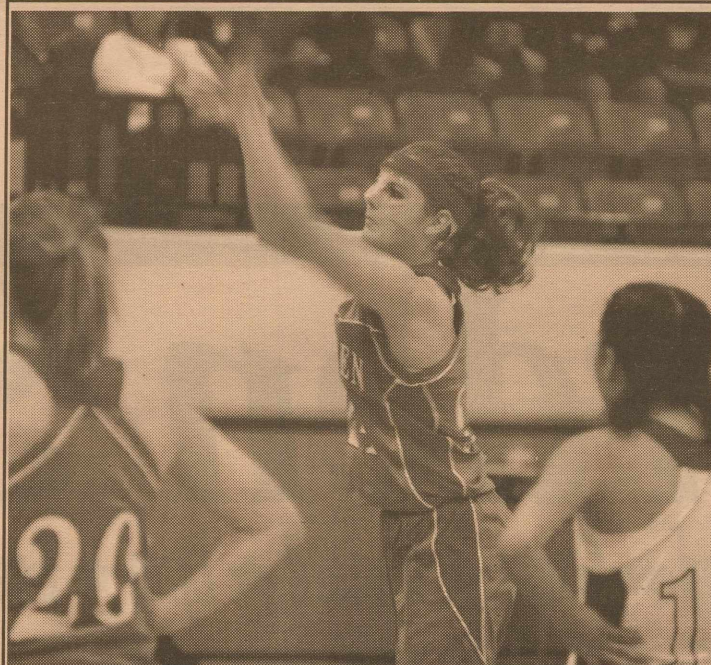
The Lady Coyotes lost their regional quarterfinal game to Guthrie Wednesday, thus bringing another successful season to a close. The score was tight for most of the contest, but the Lady Jaguars pressure defense prove too much to overcome as they extended their lead to ten points by the end of the third quarter and withstood every run the Lady Coyotes tried to make thereafter. The final score was Guthrie 40, Borden County 29.

Olivia Key led the team with 12 points and 4 rebounds. Taylor Richey added 7 points and 6 rebounds. Stefanie Cooley had 4 points, 5 rebounds, and 3 steals. Brittany Day had 2 points, 5 rebounds, and 2 assists. Bailey Anderson had 2 points, 4 rebounds, and 3 assists. And Machel Barr had 2 points. Jordan Day,

Lexi Peterson, Shea Burkett, Teryn Soto, Kylie Voss, Kaylyn Dean, and Raegan Belongia also contributed to the team effort.

The Lady Coyotes finished the season with a 17-12 record overall. They finished second in their district with a district record of 7-3. And they advanced three rounds deep in the playoffs for the second straight year. Individual honors won thus far include: Taylor Richey (District 9 Offensive Player of the Year), Olivia Key (All-District), D'Nae Johnson (All-District), Stefanie Cooley (Honorable Mention All-District), and Bailey Anderson (Honorable Mention All-District).

Congratulations, girls, on another successful season! We are proud of you!



Taylor Richey sinks a free throw during the Regional Quarterfinal game last Wednesday at Slaton against the Guthrie Jaguars. The 40-29 loss to the Lady Jags brings the Ladies season to a close

Borden County Tennis Schedule

High School			
Day	Date	Meet	Location
Monday	March 22	BC v. Sands	Gail
Friday	March 26	SPCHEA	Levelland
Thursday	April 1	SPCHEA	Levelland
Tuesday	April 6	BC v. Sands	Gail
Mon. & Tues.	April 12 & 13	District	Lamesa
Junior High			
Day	Date	Meet	Location
Saturday	April 17	SPCHEA	Levelland
Saturday	April 24	District	Lamesa

Coyotes Come Up Short Against Sudan

By Coach Baeza

The Coyotes faced off against Sudan in their last practice game on Feb. 22 and came up short in a 53-47 loss.

Sudan got off to a hot start as they scored nineteen points in the first quarter. The Coyotes however stayed right with them as Michael Cooley and Karl Lamming paced the Coyotes with six points each. In the second quarter the Coyotes settled down and began to play tough defense and held the Hornets to only eight points while putting in fifteen of our own as Karl hit a last second three to put the Coyotes up 30-27 going into half.

A slow offensive third quarter for the Coyotes allowed the Hornets to come back and take a one point lead going into the fourth. The Coyotes played hard in the fourth but fell a little short as Sudan hit some big shots in the end to put the game out of reach for the Coyotes. Scoring for the Coyotes: Karl Lamming 15, Brendan Tarleton 12, Michael Cooley 6, Quinton Shafer 5, R.T. Shafer 4, Zach Telchik 3, and Tanner Richey 2.

Good Job Coyotes!



Lady Coyote, Olivia Key, tries to make her way around the Jaguar defense. The Ladies fell to Guthrie 40-29. Key led the team with 12 points against the Jags.

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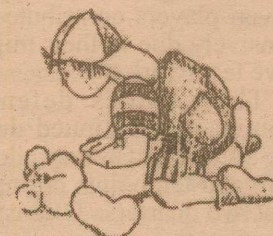


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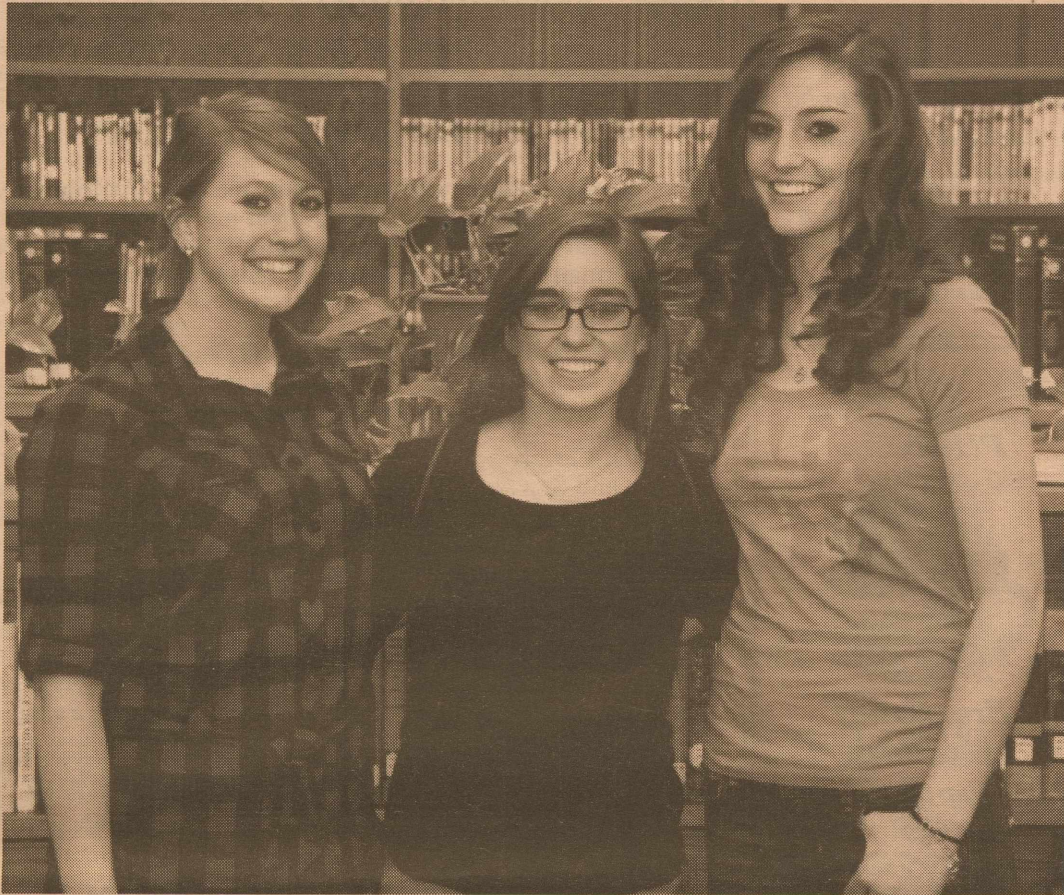
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All-District Honors



Borden County Lady Coyotes recently receiving All-District honors are (left to right) Olivia Key, D'Nae Johnson and Taylor Richey who received Offensive Player of the Year.

Making the Grade!

4th Six-Weeks Beta Achievement
Senior: Kagan Benham, Karl Lamming, Flynn Chapman, D'Nae Johnson, Chellsie Pigford, Lacey Roberts, R.T. Shafer, Brendan Tarleton and Raylea Underwood; **Junior:** Bailey Anderson, John Hensley, Taylor Richey, Krista Tarleton and Miles Valentine; **Sophomore:** Kobie Benham, Shaylie Boles, Austin Fields, Collin Telchik and Austin Tyler; **Freshman:** Shea Burkett, Jordan Day, Hanna Forbes, Tanner Richey and Steelie Sanders; **Eighth Grade:** Brady Dowds, Taylor Gass, Kalynn Massingill, Mollie McMeans and Sydnie Rebeles; **Seventh Grade:** Tye Basquez, McKenna Cambell and Sean Tucker; **Sixth Grade:** Tatum Richey and Tate Wheatley.

4th Six-Weeks Honor Roll
Senior: Eric Espinoza, Jacie Eveland and Laura Ocanas; **Junior:** Kimberly Proulx, David Rodriguez and Zach Telchik; **Freshman:** Austin Cope, Steven Howard, Matthew Roberson and Riley Smith; **Eighth Grade:** Matthew Ham, Matthew Proulx and Kurt Shafer; **Seventh Grade:** Frank Banman and Bessie Rhodes.

Sixth Grade: Channing Miller, Caelan Thuett, and Meray, Savannah Herridge, Jayton Lewis, Kace Lott, Maria Neufeld, and Avery Price; **Fourth Grade:** Thadd Basquez, Preslea Hall, Kable Kleck, Madison Matlock, Harley Merrill, Thomas Nix, Nicholas Proulx, Trace Richey, Ashlyn Tucker, and Brittan Webb; **Third Grade:** Thomas Benavidez, Madison Cole, Kenley Dean, Katie Gray, Tanner Harrison, Rayme Jones, Emma Key, Riley Lewis, Payton Merket, J.W. Nix, Brooke Swaffer and Haylee Wilborn; **Second Grade:** Maegen Bland, Kodie Dowds, Fallon Forbes, Dymon Gomez, Kaitlyn Hamm, Anthony Lopez, Zeke Lott, Kenzie Parks, Jason Robinson, Brad Thomas, and Tatum Treadwell.

Hamlin Relays



The Coyote JV track team traveled to Hamlin last week competing in the Hamlin relays were (back left to right) Joseph McConnell, Skyler Williamson, Matt Roberson, (front left to right) Steven Howard, David Rodriguez, Austin Cope and Austin Fields.

School Lunch Menu

March 8 - 12, 2010

SPRING BREAK!!!!

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2010 Borden Track Schedule

High School

Day	Date	Meet	Location
Friday	February 26	Long Sleeve Relays	Hamlin
Friday	March 5	Sands Mustang Relays	Ackerly
Saturday	March 13	Blackland Divide Relays	Roscoe
Friday	March 12	Dragon Relays	Dawson
Saturday	March 20	Piper Relays	Hamlin
Friday	March 26	Roughneck Relays	Sundown
Saturday	March 27	Roby Invitational	Roby
Saturday	April 3	Coyote Relays	Gail
Friday	April 9	District Meet	Gail
Friday	April 16	Area Meet	Sundown
Mon./Tues.	May 3-4	Regional	Levelland
Fri./Sat.	May 14-15	State Meet	Austin

Junior High


Day	Date	Meet	Location
Thursday	February 25	TBA	TBA
Thursday	March 4	Sands Mustang Relays	Ackerly
Thursday	March 11	Spring Break/Dragon Relays	Dawson
Thursday	March 25	Roby Invitational ???	Roby???
Monday	March 29	District Meet	O'Donnell

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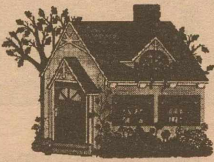
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Heart and Home ...


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

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Family Meal Time: Make Meals and Memories Together

With today's busy schedules, many families do not have time to sit down and enjoy a meal together. But having family meal time has many benefits.

In fact, research shows that compared to children who seldom participate in family meals, children who sit down to regular family meals consume more fruits, vegetables and fiber, consume less soda and fried foods, and eat less heart damaging saturated and *trans* fat. Families that eat together also have more time and opportunities to communicate and build relationships

and these children tend to perform better academically.

For some, there can be many barriers to family meals. Between work, school-related, and other activities, families may find they lack time for family meals and do not have the time to cook. In some cases, the parent may not know how to cook. The prevalence of fast food and other convenience food items makes cooking practically a nonessential skill. Still, that families can experience the positive benefits of family meals by eating together at least four to five times per week and offers these tips:

- If possible, start eating meals together as a family when your kids are young. This way, it becomes a habit.
- Plan when you will eat together as a family. Write it on

your calendar!

- During the meal, focus on each other. Turn off the television. Take phone calls later.

- Talk about fun and happy things and make meal time stress-free.

- Encourage your child to try foods, but do not lecture or force your child to eat.

You do not have to cook an elaborate meal to enjoy the benefits of family time together. Instead of cooking a time-intensive meal, spend your time and energy with your family. Try quick cooking stir-fry, soups, or no cook sandwiches and salads. You can also do some tasks for meal preparation before-hand. For example, wash and cut vegetables or make a fruit salad the night before. Cook lean beef or turkey for spaghetti, tacos, or chili and store in the refrigerator or freezer until ready to use. You might also consider batch cooking which can provide leftovers for lunch the next day or supper for two nights in a row.

To learn more about family meals, recipe ideas, nutrition, or physical activity contact the Texas AgriLife Extension Service Borden County office at 806-756-4336.

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Thought for the Day

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4-H Photography Project

Youth interested in participating in the 4-H Photography project should plan to attend the project meeting on Monday, March 15th at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room in Gail. For more information, please contact the Extension Office or Tammy Simmons at (806)756-4361.

San Antonio and San Angelo Stock Show Results

Borden County was well represented during the 2010 San Antonio and San Angelo Stock Show. At San Antonio, Shylo Rinehart placed 4th heavy weight Duroc and Merik Valentine placed 4th Crossbred lamb. Also exhibiting during the San Antonio Show was Kagan Benham, Hayley Gray, Katie Gray, Raylea Underwood, Miles Valentine, and Kylie Voss.

During the San Angelo Stock Show, Cheyenne Hill placed 2nd heavy Duroc, Shylo Rinehart placed 5th medium weight Duroc. Also exhibiting was Madison Benavidez, Tristen Benavidez, Garrett Hill, Payton Merket and Kimberly Proulx. Congratulations to all exhibitors!



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San Antonio Stock Show



Pictured is Shylo Rinehart with her 4th place heavy weight Duroc at the San Antonio Stockshow. Shylo is the daughter of Jym and Amy Rinehart of Gail.

One Last Lap...

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essence. There are not three or four quarters to keep or seize momentum; only seconds exist to do your best.

Thomas, now in his fourth and final year on track scholarship at Tarleton State University, realizes the business of the sport that won him acclaim in high school and All-American honors in college.

Coming from a small school did not hinder Thomas's chances. His state-qualifying performances in Austin in 2004, 2005, and 2006 caught the eye of Natalie Smith, who recruited him to Tarleton State. Thomas won gold in the 110m hurdles his senior year and finished with the silver medal his junior.

Upon entering college, Thomas discovered two things: 1) a team is made up of many great athletes and 2) the sport has suddenly become a business.

A typical day for Thomas begins with an early morning weight training, morning classes since afternoons must be free for workouts, followed by strength conditioning, hurdles workouts, and sprints (Thomas has also been running relays while in college.)

Another mechanical difference in the 110m hurdles, Thomas's specialty, is that the hurdles in college stand 42" high while in high school they are a "mere" 39".

Unlike football and basketball where a small school standout athlete is at a distinct disadvantage due to size or program exposure, track offers an equal playing field.

A fast time is a fast time, regardless of the size of your high school. Thomas has proven to his teammates—some admitting to stereotyping this small town kid—that he can run with the best of them.

Thomas has done so well, in fact, that he has qualified for nationals in Division II NCAA competition every year in the 110m hurdles. Qualification comes in part from performance throughout the year in various track meets but is solidified by one's performance at the conference track meet held each year in early May.

In 2007, Thomas's freshman year, he finished third at conference and made it to nation-

als in North Carolina.

Thomas improved on that performance his sophomore year with a second-place finish at the Lone Star Conference conference meet. At the Division II national meet, Thomas made the finals and finished 8th.

Nationals returned to Texas and Angelo State University.

In his home state, Thomas shined with a finals' 5th place finish while representing TSU.

The 2006 graduate is hoping for a sweet finish to this track career as nationals are once again in North Carolina. Having come full circle and with three years of intercollegiate experience, Thomas looks for a top three medal finish in late May when he heads back East.


When he's not running around the track, Thomas is running around making wedding plans. He and Cheyenne Webb have planned a June 26 wedding in her hometown of Bronte, Texas.

This past weekend with Mom and Dad—Kim and Jimmy Thomas—in attendance, Thomas swept the field with a first-place finish in the 110m hurdles while competing at Incarnate Word University's track meet in San Antonio. His personal best time in the 110m high hurdles is 14.65 on the college level.

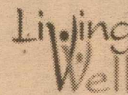
But, as far as the Borden County community is concerned, Thomas's personal best has come by representing his small town and his small school alma mater by giving his best on a daily basis.

Upcoming spring meets and dates:

- March 6 Trinity University, San Antonio
- March 11 Tarleton Relays, Stephenville
- March 20 Baylor/Dr. Pepper Invitational, Waco
- April 1-3 Texas Relays, Austin
- April 10 Angelo State Relays, San Angelo
- April 17 Baylor/Michael Johnson Invitational, Waco
- May 6-8 Lone Star Conference Championships, San Angelo
- May 27-29 Division II National Championships, Charlotte, NC



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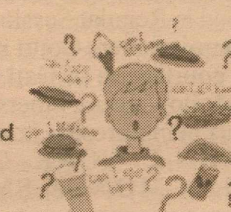


Educational Program BY MAIL

Realistically Eating Healthy

Do you ever think to yourself how nice it would be to "diet" and eat healthy within reason? We are only human aren't we?

Through this educational program by mail, participants will be provided with information about how to make healthy food choices while living a normal life.



Contact the Extension Office by Friday, March 12th if you would like to receive the educational program packet by mail on Realistically Eating Healthy.

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Delivery of Census Questionnaire Launches in Rural Texas

Here we come. Many rural Texans will begin receiving their 2010 Census forms this week as trained Census workers begin the hand-delivery of a million questionnaires to households without numbered street addresses and to those in other areas, such as the coastal areas ravaged by hurricanes and the colonias along the Texas-Mexico border.

Census workers hit the country roads starting March 1 to begin the first major operation of the 2010 Census: the enumeration of an estimated 25 million rural residents across the country and almost 4 million in Texas. The operation runs through the month of March and marks the beginning of the 2010 Census questionnaire delivery. Although it will cover almost two-thirds of the geography of Texas, almost 90 percent of Texas' 8.2 million households will likely receive the Census questionnaire by mail, the least expensive mode of delivery, around the third week in March.

The questionnaires are hand-delivered to rural areas to update hard-to-register addresses and to ensure that each household receives a questionnaire. These on-site visits are necessary because the Census Bureau relies on counting individuals at specific physical addresses to prevent counting people twice.

Household occupants will be asked to fill out the answers to the 10 questions and return the completed form by mail. It's important to note that Census workers will not ask for any information during this operation other than to ask you to complete the questionnaire and to mail it back. If no one is home, the enumerator will leave the questionnaire in a plastic bag on the doorknob or nearby. "We're going to bring it right to your door," said Gabriel Sanchez, Dallas Regional Census Director. "It will either come in the mail or we are going to take the extra step of delivering it in person."

In Texas, the so-called update enumeration will involve mobilizing perhaps 6,000 enumerators and support staff to cover the four-week operation. They will deliver questionnaires to more than 1 million Texas households.

You can identify official Census workers by their government identification badge, the confidentiality notice in their possession and the questionnaire. Some workers may also be carrying a Census tote bag.

Census workers in this operation will not ask for any information and will not ask to come inside your house.

Census Day is April 1, the day that the law requires you to be counted at the address

where to live and sleep most of the time. In mid-March, the Census Bureau will mail questionnaires to 145 million households in the United States, the largest mass mailing in the history of the county and the least expensive way to reach 90 percent of those who live in the United States.

The Census is especially important to farm communities and rural communities. While Texas' overall population grew by 12.7 percent from 2000 to 2005—nearly twice the national rate—its rural population grew much slower and its proportion of the overall population declined. Of Texas' estimated 24.8 million people, fewer than 4 million live in rural areas.

Moreover, 93 rural counties that lacked a metropolitan area lost population between 2000 and 2005, according to Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts study of U.S. Census data.

Because congressional representation is entirely dependent on the Census count—and the disbursement of federal dollars is based, in part, on population figures—getting an accurate Census count is vital for rural Texas and its many communities. In 2008 alone, the federal government spent billions of dollars on rural and farm programs, including \$909 million in crop insurance, \$42

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Commissioners Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 9th day of February 12, 2010, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner, Precinct N. 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.

CEMETERY

Kenneth Bennett and Larry Smith, Representatives of the Borden County cemetery Association met with the court requesting assistance with the mowing expenses and cost of chemicals used for the Cemetery. Commissioner Smith made a motion to help with expenses and to pick u last year and this year mowing. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

BURN BAN

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to lift the Borden County Burn Ban. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meetings of January 26, 2010. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY OFFICES REPORTS

After examination of the County Offices Reports, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the said reports. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ROAD CLOSURE

After reviewing the Notice of Petition and having deemed it to be in proper order, a motion was made by Commissioner Adcock to approve the Order of the Commissioners Court Vacating a Public Road and to close West Prince Avenue between South Hackberry Street and South Maple Street. Commissioner Smith seconded

the motion. The Petition and Order is to be recorded in Vol. 312 of the Deed Records of Borden County. Motion carried.

INDIGENT HEALTH

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Indigent Healthcare Solutions for Re-Pricing Services for Indigent Health Claims. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Surplus Equipment was discussed. No action was taken.

ROAD

CONSTRUCTION

An application for Road Construction was received from D.M. Parks, Precinct No. 4 requested work to be performed as needed from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the application. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve Soil Conservation of fireguards Application from Lonnie Doyle, Precinct 1 at the rate of \$35.00 for a motor grader and \$65.00 per hour for a dozer. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

SKIDLOADER

Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve purchase of Skidloader by Precinct No. 3. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

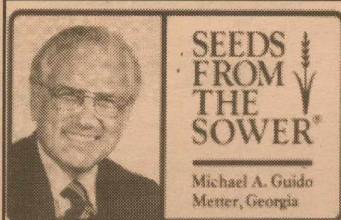
DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No new items were presented.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Belew made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 23rd day of February 2010.



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER

Michael A. Guido
Metter, Georgia

Wilberforce felt the slave trade ought to be abolished in England. Alone, and against bitter opposition, he began his campaign to free the slaves.

Just when he was about to give up, John Wesley sent him this Bible verse: "If God be for us, who can be against us!"

Inspired by God's word, he went on to victory.

Has God called you to a task? Then go on with God.

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So "if God be for us, who can be against us!"

THANK YOU FOR READING THE BORDEN STAR

BC v. Knox City



Karl Lamming shoots a free throws during last weeks game against Knox City.

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Borden County for your vote and support during the March 2nd election.

Again Thank You,
Glen Gray

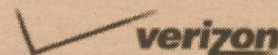
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Tony Isaacs

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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

The Texas Forts Trail

As you travel along highways in central and west Texas you've probably seen those blue and white signs with crossed sabers indicating you're on the Texas Forts Trail. It stretches from Jacksboro to Aspermont on the north to Eldorado and Mason on the south. It's a 650-mile loop containing eight historic military forts and one Spanish Presidio. If you choose to drive it, plan to spend at least three days, preferably five.

Along the way you'll see monuments to the Texas pioneer spirit and learn about unique events like the goat cook-off in Brady or the world's largest amateur rodeo in Stamford. You'll see the stone chimneys at Fort Phantom Hill near Abilene, the only things left standing after a fire.

Just out of Menard is Fort McKavett, which had more than 35 buildings in the 1870's. Fort Richardson at Jacksboro was the biggest military installation in the country in 1874. San Angelo's Fort Concho is called the best preserved western fort in the United States. Other forts on the trail are in Mason, Bronte, Albany and Graham. A Spanish Presidio south of Menard, built to protect a mission, dates back to 1757 and was the first place that Europeans in Texas came into conflict with Comanche Indians. The Comanches were fierce warriors and forced the Spanish to withdraw from Texas, leading to the establishment of a new line of defense along the Rio Grande.

Margaret Hoostra of Abilene is regional coordinator of the forts trail and says it is one of a series of historic trails set up back in the late sixties when San Antonio was gearing up for Hemisfair, an

event which drew large numbers of crowds to the Alamo city. "Governor John Connally wanted to give people coming to San Antonio the opportunity to visit other parts of Texas," says Margaret. "He got with the highway department and developed a series of ten trails around the state: Forts, Brazos, Forest, Lakes, Hill Country, Independence, Mountain, Pecos, Plains and Tropical."

The trails were highly successful for a while, then nothing happened for several years until George Bush became governor. Margaret says he was interested in preservation and rural economic development. "He was concerned that too many historic theaters, court houses and hotels were being demolished. He thought those places define who we are. He pulled together various agencies to consider the situation. The Texas Historical Commission took a look at those old driving trails and made them into heritage tourism regions. The Forts Trail was the pilot project. In the late nineties we proved to be a very successful program. We increased tourism and awareness of history. Now all the trails are up and active. Each one of us is an independent, non-profit organization. We get an annual grant from the Texas Historical Commission and our job is to promote our part of Texas, including the cities that don't have a fort. We help them tell their stories. We don't mix mortar but we promote and encourage preservation of the forts so we don't lose them. We make people aware of the forts, their importance and relevance and encourage visitation to them. Every fort has a personality and a unique story to tell."

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Borden County ISD Board Meeting

PUBLIC HEARING FEBRUARY 22, 2010

A public hearing was conducted in the School Cafeteria of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 2010, to review the 2008-2009 Academic Excellence Indicator System as required by State Law. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole, and Mike Valentine. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas and principal, Bart McMeans were also present. Ross Sharp was also present.

Regular Board Meeting February 22, 2010

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas met in regular session at 7:40 P.M. in the Borden County I.S.D. Board Room. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole, and Mike Valentine. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas and principal, Bart McMeans were also present. Guest Ross Sharp was also present.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 P.M. by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2010 Board Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the February 2010 bills. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the 2008-2009 Academic Excellence Indicator System and 2009-2010 District Improvement Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to set the regular March meeting for March 22, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by

Carol Lewis to extend the contract of Bart McMeans through June 30, 2012, and increase his salary by \$2400 plus the appropriate amount for the tax sheltered annuity. The motion carried unanimously.

8. The 2010-2011 Borden County I.S.D. school calendar was reviewed. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Dennis Poole to approve the textbook adoptions for the 2010-2011 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Mr. Thomas gave a year to date financial report, reported that 222 students were enrolled as of February 9, 2010, gave a personnel report, and gave a construction report. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the Superintendent's Report. The motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Census Questionnaire...

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million in livestock compensation programs, \$279 million in crop disaster assistance and \$21 million in rural rent assistance.

Rural areas also present special difficulties in getting a full and accurate count. Far-flung homesteads are often difficult to locate and migrant farm workers can be difficult to include because of the mobile nature of their livelihoods.

Promoting the Census in rural Texas is one way to ensure the continued economic vitality of one of the nation's most important agricultural and cultural areas. It's also safe. All information remains strictly confidential: Census data is not shared with any individual or other government agency. So encourage your neighbors to fill out the Census questionnaire when it arrives in mid-March. Mail it back by the first week of April and a Census worker will not knock on your door in May. The Census is mandated in Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S.

Constitution. The 2010 Census is the nation's 23rd.

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Shylo Rinehart (center) pictured with her parents, Jym and Amy Rinehart placed 5th with her medium weight Duroc at the San Angelo Stockshow.



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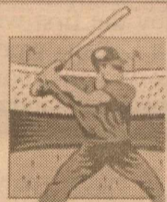
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 - See plans for the new campus
 - Send suggestions for activities this year
- Send new addresses of Exes/Employees/Parents/Friends of Borden School
 - More information to follow

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March 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 4-H Clothing Project, Home Ec Room, 3:33-5:00 Coyotes vs. Paducah BB Regional Qtr Finals @ Idalou 6:30 pm	2 4-H Clothing Project, Home Ec Room, 3:33-5:00	3 TAKS—4 th Writing; 7 th Writing; 9 th Reading; 10 th ELA; Exit Level ELA Youth Board Meeting in Conference Room	4 Sands Mustang JH Relays @ Ackerly Baseball Tourney @ Sundown, O'Donnell, 12:00; Crosbyton, 3:00	5 Sands Mustang HS Relays @ Ackerly ACT Registration Deadline for April 10 th Test Possible Boys' Playoff game	6 Plains UIL Meet Baseball Tourney @ Sundown, Denver City JV, 9:00; Sundown, 6:00 Possible Boys' Playoff game
7	8	9	10	11 Dragon JH Relays @ Dawson	12 Dragon HS Relays @ Dawson	13 Baseball @ Kress, 1:00 & 4:00 Blackland Divide HS Relays @ Roscoe
SPRING BREAK!!!!						
14 Daylight Savings Time Begins @ 2 a.m.	15 UIL CX Debate State Meet	16 Baseball @ Big Spring, Lamesa JV, 4:30; Big Spring JV, 7:00 CX Debate State Meet	17	18	19 Baseball @ Snyder (WTC), Albany, 5:00 (tentative) PROGRESS REPORTS	20 Piper HS Relays @ Hamlin
21	22 (Possible) OAP Community Performance 6:00 pm Golf @ Big Spring	23 Cool Clovers 4-H in Conf. Room 11:30-12; JH/HS 4-H in Conf. Room 12:30-1 Zone OAP @ Sands	24	25 CDE Judging Tarleton CDE Judging TTU Lubbock Roby JH Invitational @ Roby	26 CDE Judging WTAMU Canyon Roughneck HS Relays @ Sundown	27 * Baseball vs. Tahoka @ Snyder (Moffett), 2:00 CDE Judging Clarendon Roby HS Invitational @ Roby
28	29 Fun with 4-H after School 3:45-5 @ Show Barn JH District Track Meet @ O'Donnell Golf @ Lamesa	30 District OAP @ O'Donnell	31 District UIL LD Debate Meet-Wellman	* Denotes District Baseball Game March 8 th - 13 th Houston Stock Show (Lambs & Goats) March 9 th - 12 th Houston Stock Show (Steers) March 15 th - March 19 th Houston Stock Show (Swine) March 18 th - March 26 th Star of Texas Fair, Austin April 1 - District UIL Meet - Loop		