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## Higher 2011 Cotton Prices Complicate Crop Insurance Decision Process

By Shawn Wade

At the close of Friday's market activity on the New York-based InterContinental Exchange (ICE) it appears that the December 2011 contract may have finally regained some of its footing after a week of downward pressure.

That stabilization appears to have also solidified expectations about where the Base insurance price will fall for the 2011 crop of Upland cotton produced on the High Plains of Texas and in other areas that have a March 15 sales closing (insurance cancellation) date.

Many growers in areas with the March 15 sales closing date have been holding off on making their final crop insurance coverage decisions until the USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA) announces the 2011 Base price.

Through February 25, the USDA RMA website projects the average price to be \$1.22 per pound with market results for February 28th still to be

added to the calculation. With just one more day of trading to add, though, it appears unlikely that the average will move off the current average.

As described in the January 28 edition of this newsletter, the 2011 Base price for Yield and Revenue protection policies is being established according to the 2011 Commodity Exchange-Price Provisions (CEPP). To download the Cotton CEPP file go to: <http://www.rma.usda.gov/policies/2011/11-cepp-cotton.pdf>

Under the CEPP the Base price for cotton in areas with a March 15 sales closing date will be established by averaging each trading day's closing value of the new crop (i.e.-2011) December Cotton futures contract traded on the InterContinental Exchange during the month of February 2011.

The resulting average will ultimately constitute the 2011 Base price and be used to establish coverage under the

Yield protection plan for the insurance period, as well as establishing the minimum level of protection provided through the Revenue protection plan of insurance.

With such a dramatic difference between the base price at which cotton will be insured in 2011, versus what it was insured for the previous year, growers have been reluctant to finalize their 2011 crop insurance coverage. Activity in crop insurance agency offices throughout the High Plains region will pick up dramatically early next week after RMA announces the Base insurance price on March 1st or 2nd.

As they go about the process of finalizing their 2011 insurance plans, growers are also reminded of the availability of the new Cottonseed (Pilot) Endorsement, an optional endorsement that they can use to insure the cottonseed they produce alongside their cotton lint.

The Cottonseed Endorsement was developed by Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. and is designed to provide growers a cost effective way to insure the

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## Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

### Looking Forward With Hindsight

Six months ago you had trouble finding your keys and were late for work. At the time, you felt agitated and upset. Chances are, you don't even remember the incident. Last year, at a business lunch, you spilled salad dressing on your shirt. You were so embarrassed when it happened but now you can just laugh at the whole episode.

Three years ago, you were on your way to the airport to leave for vacation. You got caught in a traffic jam and missed your plane. You were worried sick that your whole vacation would be ruined. However, when you finally arrived at the airport, the airline was able to get you and your family on a later flight. Your trip was wonderful and the traffic jam is a distant memory.

How often have you looked back on what seemed like misfortune at the time, and wondered how you could have been so aggravated? Has anyone ever said to you, "Remember when you were so upset about..." and you couldn't recall the incident they were referring to? Did you ever have a fight with someone and later couldn't remember what the conflict was about?

Undesirable or unpleasant circumstances and events are a part of living. Something breaks, you lose something, you're late, you embarrass yourself, you forget to do something, someone laughs at you, someone doesn't like you, you get into an argument, or your car breaks down.

Some circumstances you have control over, others you don't. Many people constantly get tripped up by the small annoying aspects of life. They expend far more emotional energy on them than is warranted. As a result, their enthusiasm for good and positive things declines.

Most feelings fade with time. If they don't disappear altogether, their intensity diminishes. The cliché that hindsight is 20/20 is recalled on a regular basis. So why not look forward with hindsight?

What exactly does this mean? You have already experienced the effect time has on your memory and feelings. In hindsight, you wonder why you were so upset. So view the present as if you were looking back on it from the future.

When faced with a stressful situation ask yourself, "How

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## Burn Ban

A Burn Ban remains in effect for  
Borden County until further notice.

# Coyotes Bow Out With Loss in Bi-District

By Coach Baeza

The Borden County Coyotes competed in the basketball Bi-District round against a tough Ropes team and came away with a disappointing 68-49 loss.

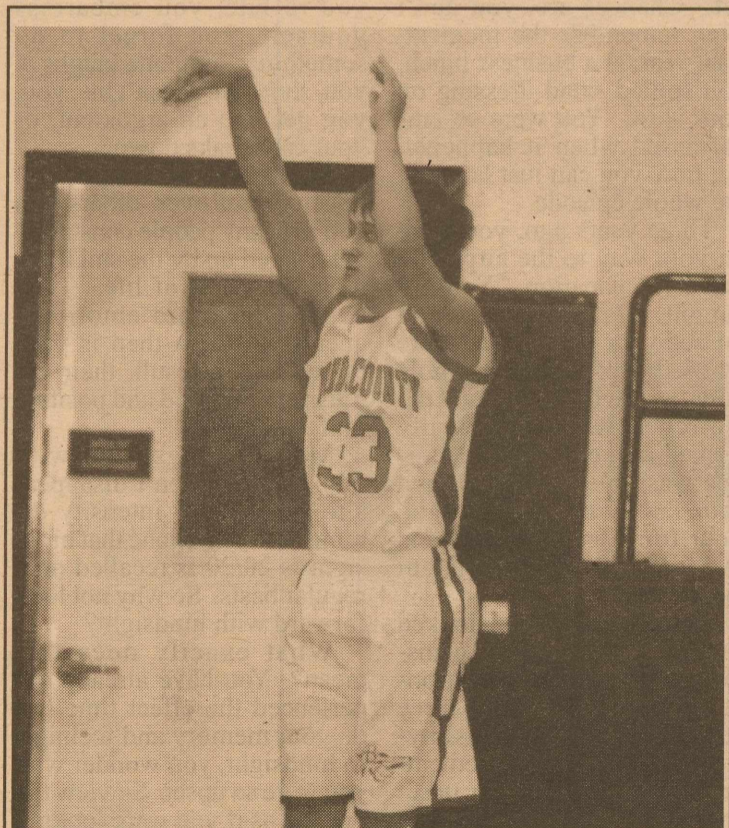
The Coyotes came out matching the Eagles point for points as Zach Telchik and Quinton Shafer had hot hands scoring eight and nine points. In the second quarter the Coyotes committed to many turnovers which stalled the offense allowing Ropes to have the quarter 17-8 putting the Eagles ahead 37-26 at half.

The Coyotes began the second half determined to cut the lead as Tanner Richey led the scoring with eight points and Quinton Shafer putting in six. This cut the lead to 48-42 Eagles going into the fourth with the Coyotes playing well. The steam that the Coyotes had built up in the third began to

fade out in the fourth as the Eagles hit some big shots as they we were attempting a comeback. The Coyotes played hard and with good intensity but every time we were getting some momentum the Eagles would hit a big shot which propelled them to a big quarter and a 68-49 win.

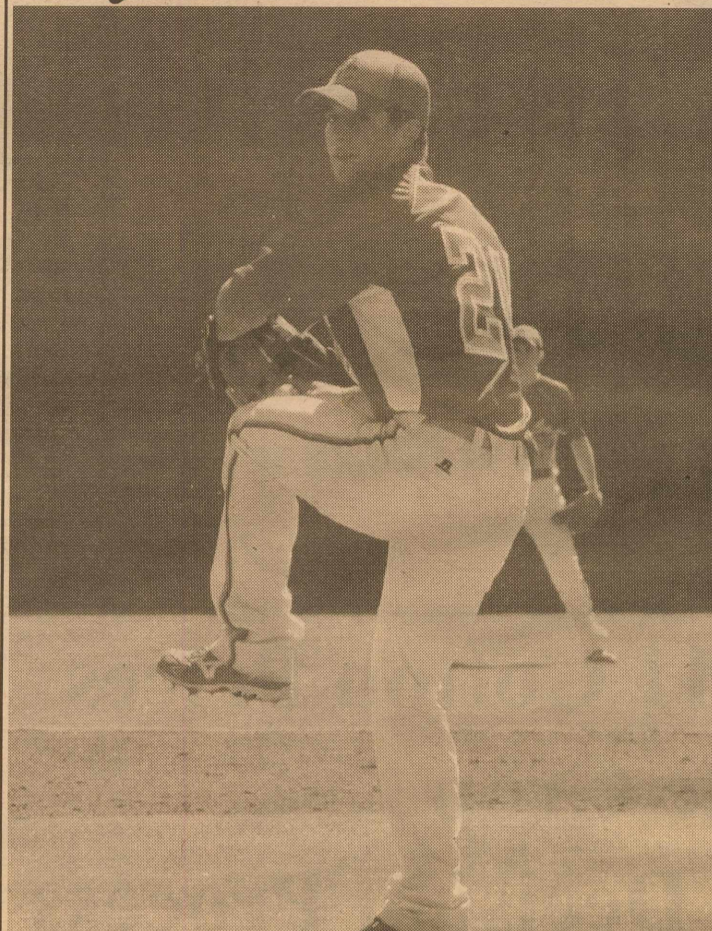
I'm very pleased with how our guys played and definitely see some good things ahead next year. Zach Telchik will be the only senior lost, and he will be greatly missed as he has been very instrumental in the success that we have had the last three years. Good Job Coyotes!

Scoring for the Coyotes: Quinton Shafer 17, Zach Telchik 16, Tanner Richey 13, and T.J. Basquez 3. Also participating were Riley Smith, Collin Telchik, Chance Taylor, and Austin Tyler.



Senior, Zach Telchik scores 16 points in his last high school basketball game against the Ropes Eagles in last Tuesdays' Bi-District play-off game.

## Coyote Baseball



Coyote pitcher, Austin Fields, focuses on homeplate and a strike on a Seagraves batter.

## Swinnngg!



Borden County batter, Collin Telchik swings at a pitch during Saturday's match against Seagraves.

## School Lunch Menu

March 7 - 11, 2011

Menu subject to change

**Monday** - Breakfast: French Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Burrito, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad, Mandarin Oranges and Milk.

**Tuesday** - Breakfast: Poptart, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Frozen Cherry Bar and Milk.

**Wednesday** - Breakfast: Biscuit & Sausage, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese, Broccoli w/ Ranch, Cookie and Milk.

**Thursday** - Breakfast: Egg Patty & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Fajita Chicken Over Rice, Broccoli & Cheese, Seasoned Corn, French Bread Stick, Apricots and Milk.

**Friday** - Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll & Sausage Link, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pizza, Salad, Fruit, Cake and Milk.

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# Lady Coyotes Fall in Regional Quarterfinals

By Coach McCook

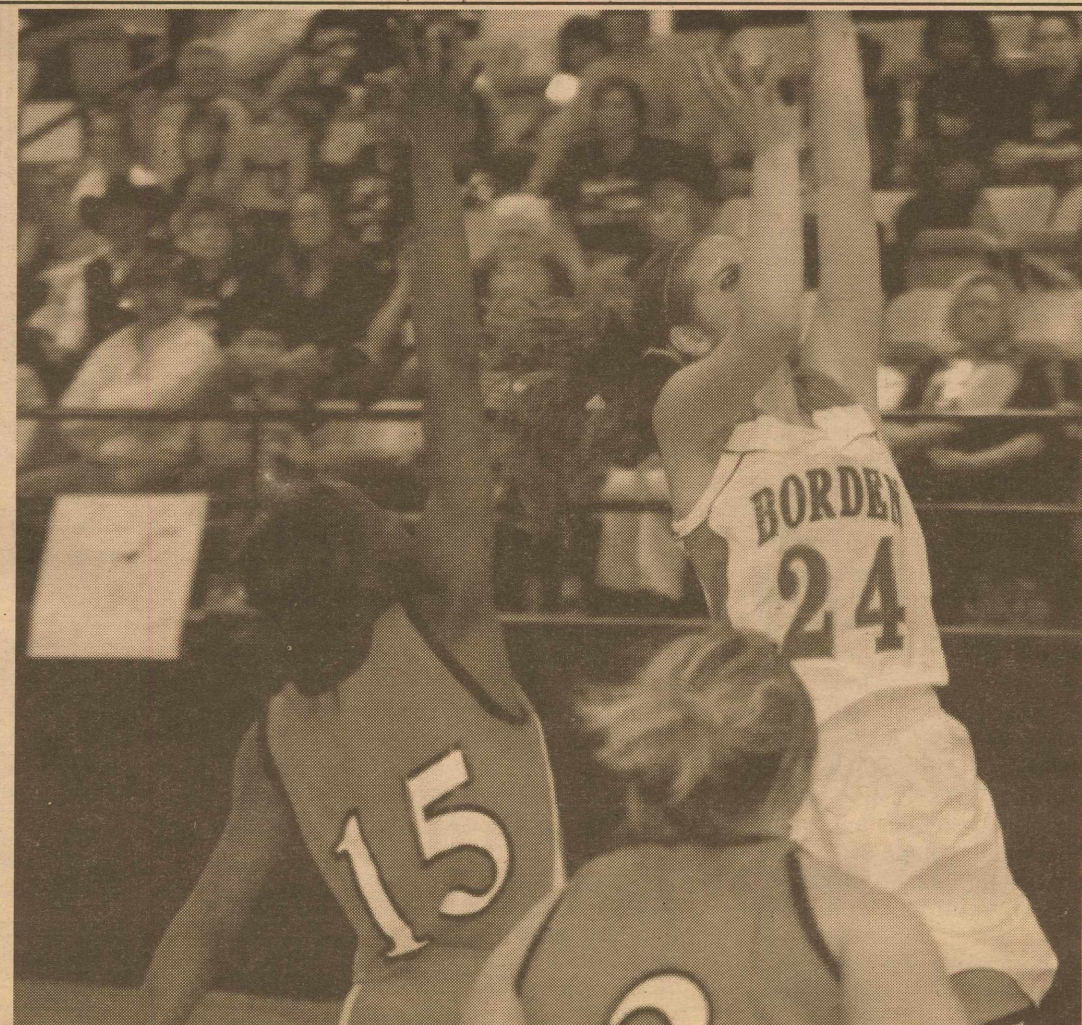
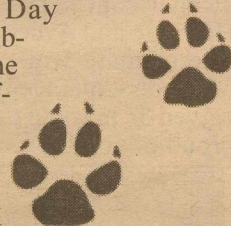
The Lady Coyotes 2010-2011 basketball season came to an end last Tuesday in a regional quarterfinal game against Paducah.

The Lady Coyotes led for most of the first half, entering the break with a 30-28 advantage, but the Lady Dragons proved to be too much in the second half. The Lady Coyotes gave it their all, but in the end they fell short 52-33.

The loss, while regrettable, capped yet another season of which to be proud. The Lady Coyotes finished the season 22-8 and were district and area champions. Great job, girls!

Taylor Richey led the team with 18 points, 4 rebounds, and 4 steals. Bailey Anderson had

5 points, 3 rebounds, and 6 assists. Stefanie Cooley had 2 points, 3 rebounds, and 2 assists. Aubree Lester had 3 points, 2 rebounds, and 2 assists. Kylie Voss had 2 points and 6 rebounds. Raegan Belongia had 2 points and 2 rebounds. Mabelle Barr, Taylor Gass, Kalyn Massingill, Kaylyn Dean, Teryn Soto, Lexi Peterson, Mollie McMeans, Shea Burkett, Sydnie Day, Mallory McMeans, and Jordan Day also contributed to the team effort.



Taylor Richey, (#24) scores for the Lady Coyotes against the Paducah Lady Dragons. Richey scored a total of 18 points.

## Making the Grade!

### 4<sup>th</sup> Six-Weeks Beta Achievement

**Senior:** Bailey Anderson, Joseph McConnell, Taylor Richey, Tony Soto, Krista Tarleton, Zach Telchik and Miles Valentine; **Junior:** Shaylie Boles, Austin Fields, Aubree Lester, Chance Taylor and Austin Tyler; **Sophomore:** Shea Burkett, Jordan Day, Hanna Forbes, Tanner Richey and Steelie Sanders; **Freshman:** Sydnie Day, Maeghan Herridge and Matthew Proulx; **Eighth Grade:** Tye Basquez, McKenna Campbell and Sean Tucker; **Seventh Grade:** Channing Miller, Tatum Richey and Merik Valentine; **Sixth Grade:** Hayley Gray and Savannah Herridge.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Six-Weeks Honor Roll

**Senior:** Michael Froman and Haylee McDaniel; **Junior:** Luke Burkett; **Sophomore:** Brady ByBee, Matthew Roberson, Jared Smith and Riley Smith; **Freshman:** Brady Dowds, Taylor Gass, Matthew Ham and Kurt Shafer. **Eighth Grade:** Frank

Banman, Clair Shafer and Cayden Vaughn; **Seventh Grade:** Nathan Souder, Caelan Thuett and Cheyenne Tucker; **Sixth Grade:** Kace Lott, Dylan Murphy, Maria Neufeld and Avery Price;

**Fifth Grade:** Thadd Basquez, Preslea Hall, Madison Matlock, Harley Merrill, Nicholas Proulx, Trace Richey, Ashlyn Tucker and Brittan Webb; **Fourth Grade:** Micha Bankston, Holden Basquez, Madison Cole, Jacob Dimas, Katie Gray, Tanner Harrison, Rayme Jones, Kelby Kleck, Riley Lewis, Payton Merket, J.W. Nix, Brooke Swaffar and Emily Todd; **Third Grade:** Kodie Dowds, Fallon Forbes, Kaitlyn Hamm, Anthony Lopez, Zeke Lott, Makenzie Milhauser, Kenzie Parks, O'Livia Reyes, Jason Robinson, Brad Thomas, and Tatum Treadwell. **Second Grade:** Mason Cole, Haddie Flannigan, Kaci Hudson, Klancey Kleck, Ashlyn Lott, Erin Nix, Jaci Slover, Kennedy Tucker, Brinlie Webb, Justin Willborn and Miles Wilson.


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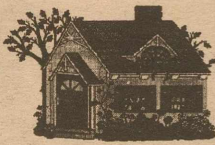
Very tentative on non-district games.

### 2011 Borden County Baseball Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Location	Scores
Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Scrimmage:	TBA		
Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Scrimmage:	TBA		
Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuesday	Open	TBA	TBA	
Feb. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Seagraves (Double Header)	11:00	Moffett	
Feb. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Rotan	4:00	Moffett	
March 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs. - Sat.	Tourney @ Sundown	TBA	Sundown	
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Thursday	Morton	9:00	Sundown	
March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Albany	12:00	Sundown	
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Crosbyton	12:00	Sundown	
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Sundown	6:00	Sundown	
*March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Ira	4:30	Ira	
*March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Open	TBA	TBA	
*March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Ralls	4:00	Ralls	
March 18	Friday	TBA	TBA	TBA	
*March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Monday	Tahoka	4:30	Moffett	
*March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Crosbyton	12:00	Crosbyton	
*March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	O'Donnell	4:30	Moffett	
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Friday	Hamlin	TBA	Hamlin	
*April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Ira	5:00	Moffett	
*April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Hermleigh (possible DH)	10:00	Moffett	
*April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Ralls	5:00	Moffett	
*April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Tahoka	6:00	Tahoka	
*April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Crosbyton	4:30	Moffett	
*April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Friday	O'Donnell	4:30	O'Donnell	
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Hamlin	TBA	Moffett	
	Mon-Tues.	Rain out dates			
	Thurs-Sat.	Tie Breaker Date			

\* - District Game



**Heart and Home ...**


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

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### When You Work With Pesticides

With spring on its way, that means that everyone is getting the ground ready to plant, and that generally means the use of pesticides, herbicides, and other chemicals. We remind you annually about using the proper methods when using pesticides, and especially when laundering clothes worn when using the chemicals. Here are a few tips to remember when working with these chemicals:

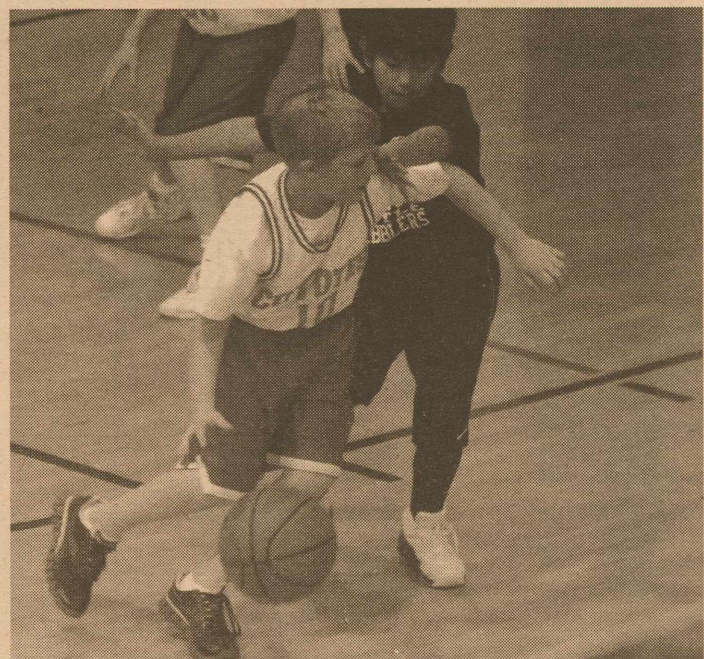
**WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING!**

- \* Long sleeves and pants, or coveralls, made of:
    - cotton plain weave
    - poly-cotton blend, plain weave
    - cotton or poly-cotton twill
    - non-wrinkle cotton twill weave
  - \* Shoes or boots with socks; head covering.
  - \* Add extra protection as required by chemical label:
    - goggles
    - respirator
    - chemical-resistant gloves
- DON'T SPREAD PESTICIDE RESIDUES!**

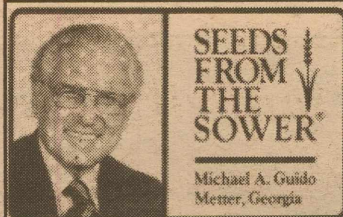
- \* Change clothes at work; place in a sealable disposable bag.
  - \* Transport in trunk or truck bed, not inside vehicle.
  - \* Store and wash work clothes separately from other laundry.
  - \* Wear chemical-resistant gloves to handle work clothes.
- FOLLOW THESE CLEANING STEPS!**
- \* Hang work clothes in the sun to help break down chemicals.
  - \* Launder small loads only.
  - \* Use washing machine set on longest wash cycle and highest water level.
  - \* Wash with hot water and extra, heavy-duty detergent.
  - \* Line dry. In bad weather, use dryer on high heat.
  - \* Clean washer by running an empty cycle with hot water and detergent.



### Little Dribblers



Zeke Lott dribbles around a Dawon Dragon in Saturdays' O'Donnell tournament. The minor boys' team placed 3rd.



**SEEDS FROM THE SOWER**

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Metter, Georgia

A nursery rhyme says, "Pussycat, pussycat, where have you been? I've been to London to visit the queen. Pussycat, pussycat, what did you do there? I frightened a mouse under her chair."

What a pity – sidetracked by the seductive, tempted by the trivial.

Every day offers you opportunities to "see the queen," that is, to live a purposeful life; or to "frighten mice," that is, to live a purposeless life.

But for every triumph there's a sacrifice. Dare you pay it?

The Living Bible says, "Work hard so God can say to you, 'Well done.' Be a good workman, one who does not need to be ashamed when God examines your work."

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### Thought for the Day



When Walter Hooper reported to C.S. Lewis a gravestone that read, "Hear lies an atheist all dressed up with no place to go," Lewis commented wryly, "I bet he wishes that were true."  
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**Borden County 4-H News**



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### 4-H Clothing Project

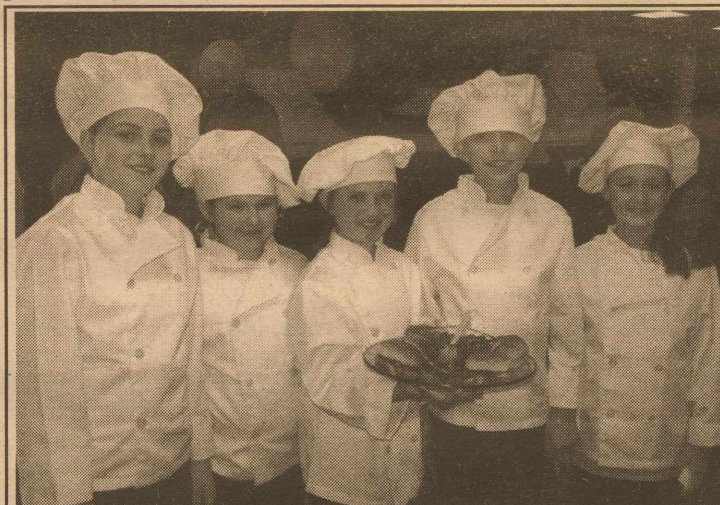
Youth interested in learning about fashion design, clothing selection, care, and basic construction techniques are invited to participate in the Clothing Project. We will be constructing 2 projects this year. Please bring \$5 for supplies (all materials will be provided). We will be meeting Monday, February 28, Tuesday, March 1, Monday, March 7, and Tuesday, March 8 from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. in the Home Economics Lab.

### 4-H Photography Project

4-H Photography project will begin meeting in March. Dates have not been set at this time. For more information contact Julie Smith at the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or e-mail at [jmsmith@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:jmsmith@ag.tamu.edu)

### 4-H District Food Challenge

The Borden County 4-H Food Challenge teams recently competed in the District show held on February 24 in Lubbock. Team 1 consisting of Sydnee Jordan, Hayley Gray, Savannah Herridge and Avery Price placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Bread and Cereal Jr. Intermediate while Team 2 consisting of Tanner Harrison, Madison Cole, Kenley Dean, Katie Gray and Kelby Kleck received 5<sup>th</sup> place in the Main Dish Jr. Intermediate. We are super proud of you for your hard work, time and devotion.



The 4-H Food teams recently competed in the District Food Challenge. They are: Above: Team 2 (left to right) Kenley Dean, Kelby Kleck, Katie Gray, Tanner Harrison and Madison Cole. Below: Team 1 (left to right) Hayley Gray, Savannah Herridge, Avery Price and Sydnee Jordan.





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**On the Wild Side of Life**  
 by Cody G. Hill  
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### San Angelo Stock Show Results

The San Angelo Stock Show was held this past week, February 23-26. Borden County 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, Tatum Treadwell represented Borden County, placing 5<sup>th</sup> with her Heavyweight Duroc. Also exhibiting, Cheyenne Hill, daughter of Borden County Extension Agent, Cody Hill won Breed Champion Duroc. Congratulations on a job well done!

### San Angelo Stockshow



Cheyenne Hill (second from right), won Breed Champion with her Duroc at last weeks San Angelo Stockshow. Pictured are (left to right) Cody Hill, Garrett Hill, Cheyenne and breeder, Will Winter.

## Dare to Live...

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will I feel about this next week, next month, or next year?" Although your feelings may be very intense at the moment, will they last? Recall how time has soothed past events. Consider the big picture. In the overall scheme of things, will what you are confronting now matter as much in the future? When faced with feelings of frustration, project yourself into the future. In the future, what you are currently facing is at best a faded memory. Next, reassess the significance of what you are now experiencing and put it into perspective.

Since memories and feelings are going to fade anyway, why not save yourself a lot of

time and grief by not getting trapped initially? The main question to ask is "Will this matter to me later?" If the answer is no, why should you let it matter to you now?

That's how to look forward with hindsight. You view the events of today as if they were already in the past. Emotions diminish and fade with the passage of time and life goes on. Don't waste time on those things that won't matter to you later. Spend time on what does matter.

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## Borden Co. Minor Girls Capture 2nd at O'Donnell Tournney



The Borden County Little Dribbler Minor Girls team won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place at the O'Donnell tournament held this past Saturday. What proved to be an exciting match, the Klondike Cougars managed to outscore the Missy Coyotes by only one point in overtime. Borden County along with Sands, Dawson, O'Donnell and Klondike participated in the event. The Borden County Minor boys' team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Pictured are (back row left to right) Kenley Dean, Brooke Swaffar, (front row left to right) Micah Bankston, Emma Key, Katie Gray and Madison Cole.



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Raynetta Williams

Benefits Counselor II

Area Agency on Aging of the Permian Basin

# Track Seasn Begins With Long Sleeve Relays in Hamlin

By Coach Richey

The 2011 Track season began last Friday as several of the high school tracksters participated in the Long Sleeve Relays in Hamlin. Because the Hamlin girls qualified for the Region II Division I-A basketball tournament, all field events were cancelled, only running events took place in the opening meet of the 2011 season.

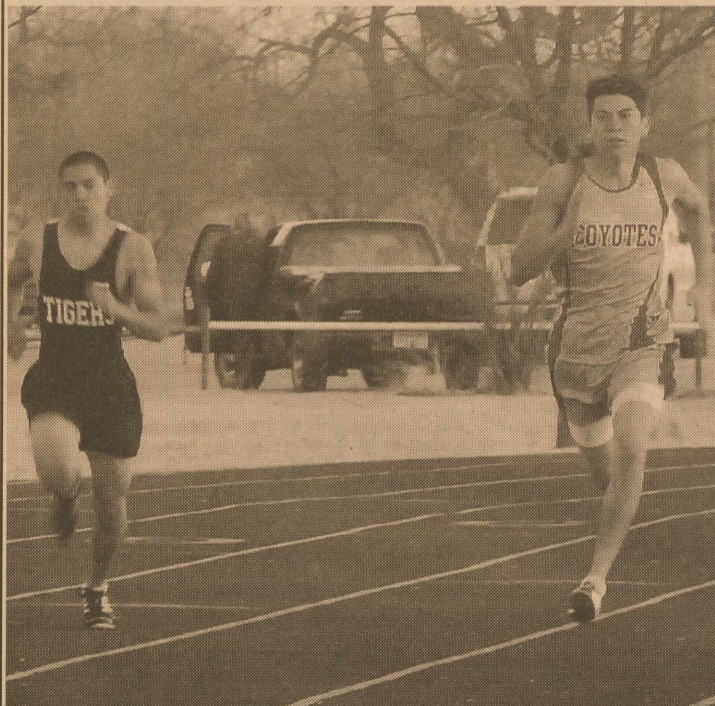
Girls participating in this meet were freshmen, Taylor Gass and Kalyn Massingill who ran the 800 relay with sophomore Hanna Forbes and junior Aubree Lester. This

group won the 800 relay with a very impressive time of 1:55.86. Hanna led off with a 29.09 split, followed by Kalyn in a 29.64, then Taylor with a 29.53 and anchored by Aubree with a 27.60. Hanna also competed in the 800 meter run, running a 2:41.8 to finish 5<sup>th</sup> overall. Hanna also competed in the 300 hurdles and ran a 54.4 to finish 4<sup>th</sup>. Taylor Gass also ran the hurdles and ran a 55.7 to finish 6<sup>th</sup>. Kalyn ran the 200 and ran a time of 30.21 while defending region I bronze medalist finished 2<sup>nd</sup> to a girl from Snyder in a time of 27.58.



On the boys' side, 400 meter relay team of sophomore Steven Howard, senior John Hensley, junior Austin Fields and sophomore Tanner Richey ran a 46.35 to easily outdistance the field for the victory. In the 800 relay, Howard and Fields were joined by freshman Matt Ham and senior Joseph McConnell as he ran a 1:41.59 to also win that relay. Howard, Fields, and Ham were joined by senior David Rodriguez in the 1600 relay and this group continued the winning ways making it a clean sweep in the relays holding off a hard charging Vernon team. David led off with a 54.78, followed by 55.77 by Fields, a 58.53 by Howard and a 63.75 by Ham for a 3:52.02. In individual races, Michael Froman running for the first time in two years ran the 800 in a time of 2:22 to finish 4<sup>th</sup> and followed that with a 5:27 to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in the mile. Dalton Thuett ran a 2:47 in the 800 and a 67 in the 400. Zach McMeans ran a 2:44 in the 800 and a 6:11 in the mile. Joseph McConnell ran a 12.2 in the 100, and a 26.4 in the 200. Tanner ran a 16.6 in the 110 hurdles for the victory and then followed that up with a nice 43.1 in the 300 hurdles for another victory. David Rodriguez ran the 400 and ran a solid time of 54.28 for the victory.

Both groups made a very impressive showing and will take their act on the road next week as they travel to Klondike. Super job guys and gals. Good luck this season.

## Hamlin Relays



David Rodriguez (right) runs the 400 yd. dash in last weeks' track meet in Hamlin. He ran his race with a time of 54.28.

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## Little Dribblers



Borden County 4th grader, Katie Gray get ready to shoot a free throw in Saturday's championship game against the Klondike Cougars.

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## Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
Tumbleweed Smith

### CLAYTON WILLIAMS: Flamboyant Exuberance

I spent an enjoyable couple of hours with Clayton Williams and his wife Modesta the other day. They are extremely happy and settled. Both easily laugh at the world and each other. They are really like a couple of kids, especially Claytie. His perpetual smile and good humor bounces off the walls of his offices in their Claydesta business complex in Midland. It was Modesta's job to decorate the edifice when it was built. "I gave her an unlimited budget," says Clayton, "and she went over it 43 percent."

Claytie and Modesta are both hunters and hold world records in different breeds of wild mountain sheep. He started early shooting rabbits and mule deer while growing up in Fort Stockton. Modesta, who comes from a ranching family, didn't like guns at first, but learned to be a crack shot. "She's tougher than most men," says her husband.

Clayton Williams is short of stature and wiry. He weighs around 150 pounds and bounces all over the place between the phone and his boardroom. He continually talks about his wife's beauty. "Marrying her was the smartest thing I ever did," he says. They both love to brag on their children and grandkids. Claytie says a good marriage is like a campfire. "You need to tend it every once in awhile. Same with a family."

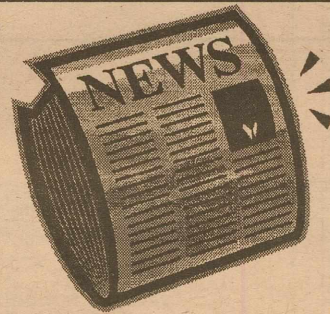
Life hasn't always been easy for the couple, which has coped with ups and downs in the oil business and a fizzled campaign for governor. But Claytie is able to purge on through, calling his down times learning experiences. He says you've got to find something

to smile about during adversity. "I've been blessed with the attitude that has been with me forever and that's work hard and play hard. I like to laugh even when things don't go well. Like when the screw-worms got to cattle and boll-worms got the cotton. There's always something bad happening. You make fun of your difficulties. The only place where a sense of humor does not apply is politics."

His father and grandfather were both surveyors and curious about the world. "It fell my duty to become an explorationist," says Clayton. "My forebears always wanted to know what was over the next hill. I want to know what's over yonder, maybe we need to drill."

Claytie is the champion Aggie and has given A & M lots of money, regardless of his financial condition. "I gave the school a former student center and that's where I had to sell my best company to make the last payment. I have trouble saying no when somebody wants something. I'd have made a terrible girl." He says scouting taught him some strong principles. "I can borrow money from just about any bank because I paid them back, even when it was tough. It's just part of being a responsible, solid citizen."

Clayton Williams had planned to run his daddy's ranch after college and the Army, but his dad sold the ranch. Clayton got a job selling insurance. "I did pretty good until I ran out of friends and kinfolks." A friend talked him into going into the oil business in 1957. For the next 25 years, oil went up every year.



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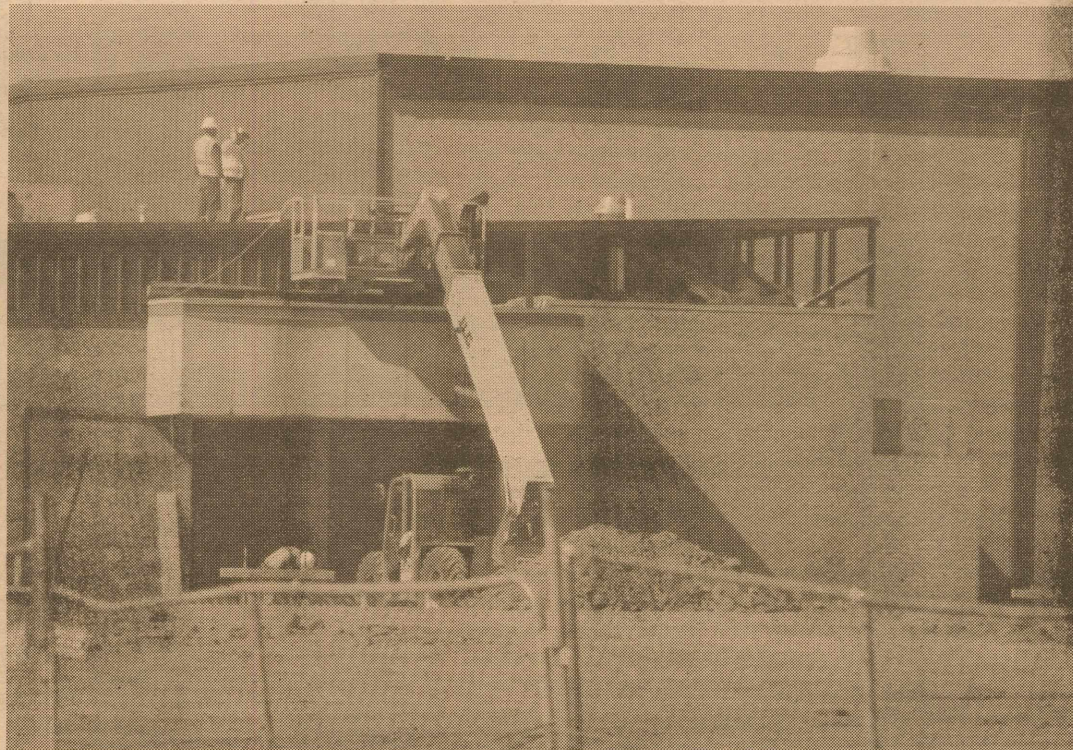
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# Crop Insurance...

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value of the cotton seed they produce each year.

To purchase coverage under the Cottonseed Endorsement a grower (Upland or Extra Long Staple) must select a qualifying buy-up policy of insurance (Yield or Revenue) under the new Combo plan provisions for cotton. The cottonseed endorsement will not be available to growers who purchase CAT, GRIP or GRP cotton policies.

Under the endorsement cottonseed is insured against yield losses that might occur during the growing season. There is NO revenue component attached to the Cottonseed Endorsement.

Yield coverage is estab-

lished using the grower's approved APH (actual production history) cotton lint yield, a national cottonseed price (which has been set by USDA RMA at \$0.09 per pound, or \$180 per ton, for the 2011 growing season) and the same level of coverage that applies to their cotton lint policy.

For additional information about the the Cottonseed (Pilot) Endorsement producers are encouraged to contact their insurance agent or crop insurance provider to learn how the new provisions and the Cottonseed Endorsement will impact their 2011 risk management decisions.



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## Fall Prevention

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 TAKS—4 <sup>th</sup> Writing; 7 <sup>th</sup> Writing; 9 <sup>th</sup> Reading; 10 <sup>th</sup> ELA; Exit Level ELA	2	3 Sands Mustang JH Relays @ Ackerly  Baseball Tourney @ Sundown, Morton-9:00  TAKS Science – Exit Level Retake	4 Sands Mustang HS Relays @ Ackerly  ACT Registration Deadline for April 9th Test  Baseball Tourney @ Sundown, Albany-12:00	5 Baseball Tourney @ Sundown, Crosbyton-12:00; Sundown- 6:00
6	7 Golf - Loop Invitational	8 *Baseball vs. Ira @ Ira 4:30	9	10 Wildcat JH Relays @ Grady  HS Tennis @ Levelland	11 Wildcat HS Relays @ Grady  <b>PROGRESS REPORTS</b>	12 *Baseball - Open  Blackland Divide HS Relays @ Roscoe
13 Daylight Saving Time	14 UIL CX Debate State Meet	15 CX Debate State Meet	16	17 *Baseball vs. Ralls @ Ralls 4:00	18 Baseball - TBA	19 Piper HS Relays @ Hamlin
<b>Spring Break !!!!</b>						
20	21 Golf – Garden City Shootout  *Baseball vs. Tahoka @ Moffett 4:30	22 OAP Community Performance 6:00 pm	23 Zone OAP @ Klondike-Perform @ 1:00	24 UIL District Meet @ Garden City  Rolling Plains JH Relays @ Jayton	25 HS Tennis @ Levelland  Rolling Plains HS Relays @ Jayton	26 * Baseball vs. Crosbyton @ Crosbyton, 12:00  Roby HS Invitational @ Roby
27	28 *Baseball vs. O'Donnell @ Moffett 4:30  Golf – Sands Invitational	29 District JH Track Meet @ O'Donnell	30 District OAP @ Sands	31 Coyote HS Relays @ Gail  CDE Judging TTU @ Lubbock	*Denotes District Baseball Game March 7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Houston Stock Show (Steers) March 8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Houston Stock Show (Lamb/Goats) March 14 – 18 <sup>th</sup> Houston Stock Show (Barrows)	