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## Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

### *It All Starts With a Dream*

Dreams precede everything; all actions and all creations. Truly, everything does start with a dream. Dreaming is not an idle activity. It's not an escape from reality. Dreams are the foundation of all creativity.

The type of dreaming I'm talking about doesn't just occur while you are sleeping. The thoughts occupy your mind constantly, while you are awake as well as resting. These types of dreams stick in your mind. They become a mental obsession. When your mind is focused on a specific detailed dream, it will lead you toward a path that will transform your dream to reality.

Dreaming is healthy, allowing you to explore different scenarios and options. Without dreams, you can't venture beyond your perceived limits. For maximum effectiveness, a dream should be as detailed as possible. It shouldn't be conceived in general terms such as, "if I were rich," or "if I only had this," or "if I only had that."

Without dreams, people would still be living in caves. Every element of society is the result of dreaming. Our country is the product of a dream. Dreams precede reality. There are no limits to what you can dream about. Health, relationships, success, finances, career, and lifestyle are all valid top-

ics.

Your dreams shouldn't be a passing thought or whim. They should embody specifics you have a burning desire for. They should be something you are willing to work for and expend whatever effort is required. Dreams can and do come true, but not by themselves. You have to make them happen.

There are those who have a lotto mentality for their dreams. They are only willing to invest a dollar in the hopes of winning millions. Sure, there will be a winner, but the chance is one in millions that it will be you. When people have this lotto mentality, they are constantly disappointed. As a result they wind up jaded and give up on their dreams. They become resigned to their lot in life and disconnected from the infinite potential that resides within.

People who have given up will try to discourage others by using their own disappointments as evidence that dreams are a waste of time. Typically, being labeled a dreamer has a negative connotation. The implication is that a dreamer is not grounded in reality and is wasting their time chasing rainbows.

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Fajita Supper  
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# Coyotes Outlast the Broncos

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes and the Meadow Broncos, both highly ranked six-man teams stood toe to toe like your typical Heavy weight championship boxing match. After about six rounds of boxing, the constant barrage of jabs by the Coyotes and an occasional haymaker, took its' toll on the visiting Meadow Broncos. The home town Borden County Coyotes seized the momentum of the game on the final play of the half when Tanner Richey broke free on a nice 65 yard run to give the Coyotes a 36 to 28 lead at intermission.

There seemed to be jabs and counter punches thrown all evening, just as one team seized control, the other would counter with a jab of their own. A prime example, on the first drive, just when it seemed the Coyotes had held the Broncos on a goal line stand, misfortune for the Broncos actually proved to be a break as a pre-snap penalty allowed the them to replay a failed 4<sup>th</sup> down attempt. On the do-over they were successful in reaching the endzone and a quick 8-0 lead. But, behind the greatest varsity day in senior Collin Telchik's life, he and the Coyotes countered with an 80 yard kick-off return to cut the lead to 8-6. Just when it seemed the momentum had swung to the home side, the Broncos returned the ensuing kick-off 76 yards for the counter score. Austin Tyler blocked the extra point and the Coyotes were only down 8 at 6 to 14.

Borden County came back and used a nice 3 play drive to counter as Richey hit Quint Shafer in the corner of the endzone with a 14 yard touchdown pass play. Helio Rosales kicked the extra point to tie the score at 14. The Coyotes finally got a little defensive flow and forced a Bronco punt. On the very first play, Austin Fields reached the endzone for one of his 4 scores on the evening, this time from 48 yards out and Borden County had their first lead of the contest at 20 to 14. Another defensive stop by the Coyotes did not result in much offensive success as the they turned the ball over to the Broncos deep in our own territory and on

their very first play they found the endzone on a controversial catch in the endzone from 19 yards out. Another Tyler block left the score tied. The Coyotes came back and got things rolling again and 3 plays later again found the endzone as Richey and Shafer connected again, this time from 8 yards out. The Rosales kick gave the Coyotes a 28 to 20 lead.

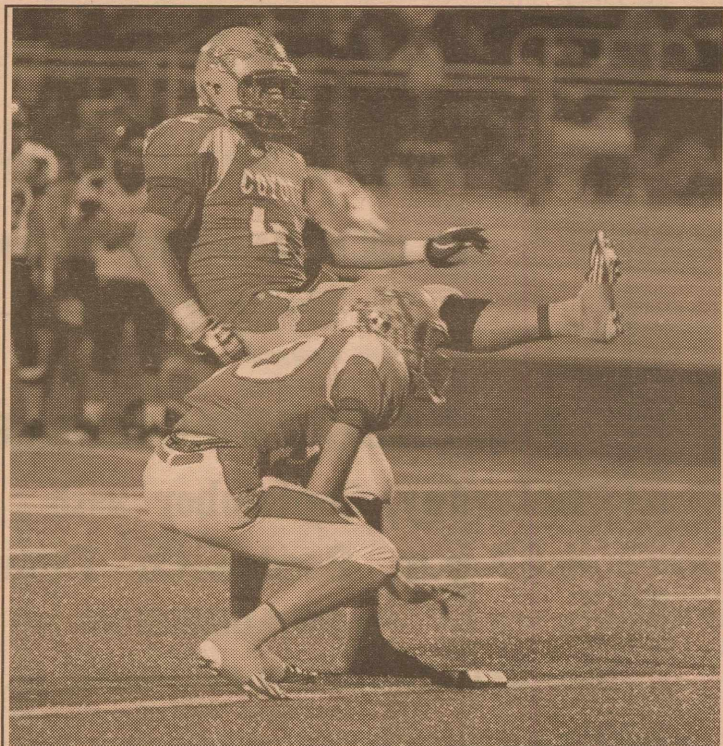
On the next defensive series, it appeared that the home team was poised to keep their momentum as the Broncos faced a 4<sup>th</sup> and 23 at the Coyote 35 yard line, but the Bronco quarterback made a great run, breaking several tackles on his way to the endzone and tied the game with 1:56 left in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. The Coyotes moved quickly into Bronco territory, but a fumble gave the Broncos the ball back just over a minute left in the half. The Coyotes however held the Broncos on 3 downs and forced them to punt. That set up the momentum changing events as the punt went out at the Coyote 15 yard line with 18 seconds left in the 1<sup>st</sup> half. As Richey dropped back to throw, he found no receivers open so he took off. Getting great blocks down field by Shafer and Fields, Richey zigged and zagged his way to the endzone

with the buzzer going off just before he crossed the goal line. The Rosales kick made the score 36 to 28 at half.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> half was dominated by the Coyotes as they outscored the visitors 40 to 14 until the final minutes of the contest as the Broncos got a gift score. The body blows and jabs seemed to take its' toll on the visitors as they were no match for the mighty coyotes in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half. After a quick 3 and out forced by the Coyote defense, Austin Fields hit the endzone again, this time from 40 yards out following a pancake block by TJ Basquez. The Broncos found 4<sup>th</sup> down magic again for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time to cut the lead back to 42 to 34. Collin Telchik would not let the momentum stay on the visitors side for long as he returned the ensuing kick-off back 65 yards to regain the 14 point lead at 48 to 34. After another defensive stop, Austin Fields scored again for the Coyotes from a yard out to make the score 54 to 34.

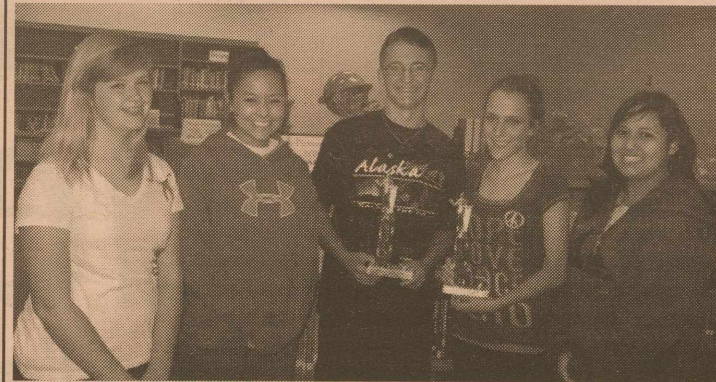
The Broncos made one last effort to hang around as they hit pay dirt again, converting a 4<sup>th</sup> down play to cut the lead to 54 to 42. Fields quickly responded scoring from 22 yards

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Borden County kicker, Helio Rosales, adds another 2 points to the scoreboard for the Coyotes during Friday nights' match-up against Meadow.

## Texas Forensic Assoc. Speech Tournament



Borden County UIL members participating in the Texas Forensic Association Speech Tournament held this past Saturday at Lubbock High are (left to right) Cassie Gaines, Tye Basquez, Zach McMeans, Mollie McMeans and Celina Guerrero.

## Zach and Mollie McMeans Take Third at Lubbock Speech Tourney

By Sue Jane Mayes

Borden High School sophomores Mollie McMeans and Zach McMeans brought home the third place trophies from Saturday's Texas Forensic Association speech tournament held at Lubbock High School.

After going 2-1 in the preliminary rounds, Mollie and Zach were seeded fifth of the remaining eight teams. They then defeated fourth-seeded Denver City in the quarterfinals before losing to number one seed Abilene-Cooper in the semi-final round.

The win gives the pair qualifying points for TFA state as well as points toward their National Forensic League standing.

Also competing Saturday were poetry readers Celina Guerrero and Cassie Gaines.

Both girls ranked third in their first round of competition and had a fourth place ranking in their second round. The readers are able to choose any selection of their choice in TFA speech tournaments, and both Celina and Cassie read pieces that they compiled during speech camp this past summer at West Texas A&M University.

Freshman Tye Basquez participated in Lincoln-Douglas debate, going 1-2 against all Lubbock High debaters. In the round she won, Tye earned a perfect 30 on speaker points.

Cross-ex debaters are using a space exploration topic for 2011-2012 while LD debaters will argue the issue of animal rights (for and against) during fall tournaments.

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# Pups Improve Record to 2-0 With Victory Over Meadow

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Junior High traveled to Meadow to take on a very good Meadow Bronco football team. The Pups looked to improve to 2-0 on the season, but any road game is a challenge for junior high football teams and then throw in the fact that the Meadow Broncos are a very good football team, victory would be hard to come by in this contest.

The Pups got off to a great start as they got a nice 25 yard kick-off return by 7<sup>th</sup> grader Hunter Jones to set them up in good shape. Four plays later, they were on the board as classmates, Thomas Harrison connected with Joel Andrade for a 10 yard pass and catch to take a 6 to 0 lead with 3:56 left in the first. Pups that played on that first offensive possession were, Colby Pennell at running back, Jones at running back, Nathan Souder at center, Merik Valentine at end, Kace Lott at Guard, and Robert Jordan at end. The 2<sup>nd</sup> team offense manned the extra point duties this evening and they had 7 opportunities on the evening and they connected on 5 of 7 opportunities. This group consisted of Jordan, Lott, Rhaedan Bland, Jayton Lewis, Dylan Murphy, Braxton Coor, Flint Roberts, Kale Yarbrow, and Samuel Raborn.

The Pups kicked off to the home town Broncos and a quick 3 and out resulted in the Broncos needing to punt. Playing defense with this initial series were, Harrison, Andrade, Valentine, Souder, Jones, Pennell, Bland, and Jordan.

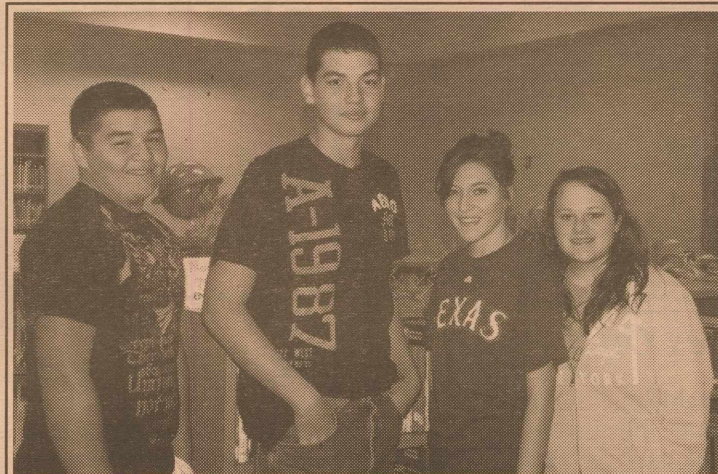
On 4<sup>th</sup> down, Rhaedan Bland penetrated the line and blocked the Bronco punt setting Borden County up in great shape 15 yards from the endzone. On the very first

play, Harrison hit Jordan on a 15 yard scoring strike to extend their lead to 12-0 with 1:36 left in the first. Jordan then stepped into his 2<sup>nd</sup> team quarterback role and found Braxton Coor in the endzone for the extra point and a 13 - 0 lead.

The Broncos would not go away and on a 4<sup>th</sup> and 8 play they managed to score on a 30 yard pass play to cut the lead to 13 to 6 with 12 seconds left in the first. On the Pups next offensive possession, they converted a nice pass play from Harrison to Jones to regain their 13 point lead and then Jordan connected with Kale Yarbrow to make it 20 to 6 with 3:52 left in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. The Broncos returned the ensuing kick-off for a score and got the extra point to cut the Pups lead back to 7 points with 3:38 left in the half. Borden County looked to be driving to regain their 2 touchdown lead, but a Pup fumble thwarted the drive and set the Broncos up in position to tie the game. The defense stiffened and managed to regain possession of the ball late in the half. With only a few seconds left in the half and facing a 4<sup>th</sup> down, Hunter Jones broke several tackles and got a great block by Bland to turn what appeared to be a nice gain into a 25 yard touchdown with only a few seconds left in the half. Jordan hit Coor again for the extra point and a 27 to 13 lead at halftime.

The Broncos got off to a great start to the 2<sup>nd</sup> half as they got their 2<sup>nd</sup> kick-off return to cut the lead to 27 to 20 only 15 seconds into the half. The Pups put together a nice drive using some Pennell rushes and Jones rushes before a nice play-action pass resulted in another Harrison to Jordan connection

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Attending the Texas Tech Superconference were (left to right) Tristen Benavidez, Michael Taylor, Mallory McMeans and Maeghan Herridge.

## Future UIL Participants Attend Superconference

Several students functioned on just a few hours rest Saturday, getting up early to attend the Texas UIL Literary Superconference held on the Texas Tech campus September 17.

Sophomores Tristen Benavidez, Maeghan Herridge, Mallory McMeans, and Michael Taylor attended sessions on extemporaneous

speaking, prose reading, and journalism events while at the conference.

Students will continue working this fall in preparation for practice tournaments which begin in January. District UIL is scheduled for March 22 in Garden City. Borden County will be the defending runners-up, losing by just 12 points to Water Valley in 2011.

## Coyotes Defeat the Broncos...

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out and Shafer kicking for a cramping Rosales made the extra point to make the score 62 to 42. After the 4<sup>th</sup> interception on the season by Tanner Richey gave Borden County the ball back, on the very first offensive play following his pick, he teamed up with Shafer for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time. This time he connected with his favorite target from 20 yards out and a 68 to 42 lead for the home team.

Another defensive stop gave the Coyotes the ball again and Telchik took his skills to the backfield this time with the same result as he slithered thru the Bronco defense from 54 yards out to score his 3<sup>rd</sup> touchdown of the game. Rosales returned to kick the extra point to give the Coyotes an insurmountable lead at 76 to 42 with only 3 minutes left in the contest. This gave the home team the opportunity to play some younger Coyotes and they did

a solid job before giving up the final score of the contest and a final tally of 76 to 50 in this classic heavy weight match-up.

Leading the way offensively for the Coyotes was Austin Fields with 19 carries for 249 yards and 4 scores and a catch for 23 yards. Tanner Richey had a carry for 65 yards and a score and was 6 of 10 passing for 89 yards and 3 scores. Collin Telchik had 2 kick-off returns and had 1 carry for 54 yards and a score. Quint Shafer had 5 catches for 66 yards and 3 scores. Luke Burkett had 1 carry for 3 yards.

Leading the way defensively was Quint Shafer with 20 tackles, 3 for loss, 2 pressures and a huge hit. Matt Ham had 2 tackles, Kurt Shafer had 1 tackle. TJ Basquez had 11 tackles, 2 for loss a pass break up and two big hits. Collin Telchik had 1 tackle. Austin Tyler had 5 tackles, 2 passes broken up and two blocked ex-

## School Lunch Menu

September 26-30, 2011

**Monday**-Breakfast: Omelet & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Hot Dot, Oven Fried Potatoes, Fruit, Sherbet Cup and Milk.

**Tuesday** - Breakfast: Poptart, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Cheese Enchiladas, Refried Beans, Garden Salad, Cinnamon Apples and Milk.

**Wednesday** - Breakfast: Cereal & Graham Cracker, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Philly Steak Sandwich, Baked Beans, Pickle Spear, Baked Chips, Fruit Cup and Milk.

**Thursday** - Breakfast: Biscuit, Sausage & Gravy, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Taco Salad, Seasoned Corn, Snowball Salad, Brownie and Milk.

**Friday** - Breakfast: Biscuit & Sausage, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato & Pickle, Western Beans, Sliced Peaches, Rice Crispy Treat and Milk.


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tra-points. Tanner Richey had 21 tackles, a tackle for loss, an interception and 4 big hits. Luke Burkett had 7 tackles. Austin Fields had 19 tackles, one for loss and 2 pass break ups. Matt Proulx had 2 tackles and a pressure. Jared Smith had 8 tackles. Tristen Benavidez had 6 tackles and a pressure. Helio Rosales had 12 tackles, one for loss and a big hit. Matt Roberson, playing with a cast on had one tackle.

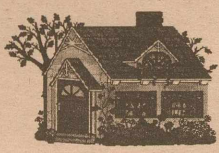
The Coyotes next travel to Petersburg to play the Buffaloes. This should be another physical contest as the Buffaloes have one of the biggest football teams in six-man.

Congratulations guys on a very good win. You all did a great job. Continue to improve and the sky is the limit.



**Heart and Home ...**

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



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### Fruits & Vegetables On a Budget

Fruits and veggies don't need to break the bank. Get Smart! It's easy to include more without spending more. Remember, all forms count, so look for weekly specials throughout the store and try these other tips for including MORE.

**Sale sleuth:** Let your kids scan the circulars for sales in all forms: fresh, frozen, canned, dried and 100% juice. With a portion of the savings, let them pick out a new book (or other prize)!

**Shop and chop:** Buy fresh produce and chop immediately yourself. Store in the fridge so you can throw veggies into a bowl for the same convenience as pre-chopped packages—with much less cost!

**Sacks 'n packs:** Buy produce in bulk for a cost-efficient trip. Make double the dish and freeze half for an ultra-convenient dish down the road!

**Avoid the dinner doldrums:** Seasonal fresh fruits and veg-

etables are often less expensive than those from different climates. So, take advantage of seasonal produce in planning your meals!

**From the fridge to the freezer:** Freeze uneaten portions of fresh vegetables, by dicing, blanching and placing in small containers. Use later in Western omelets, chicken and broccoli stir-fries or good old-fashioned beef stew.

**Multiply and divide:** Prepare dinner meals (casseroles, pasta dishes and soups) by doubling the veggies and reducing the meat, as veggies are often less expensive. Add beans for extra low-cost protein.

September is National Fruit and Veggies More Matters Month. Check out <http://www.fruitsandveggiesmorematters.org> for more information, great recipes and shopping/storage tips!

Source: <http://www.fruitsandveggiesmorematters.org>


## BAKE SALE

The Borden  
 County Jr. High  
 cheerleaders will  
 be having a bake  
 sale during the  
 home game on  
 Thursday night.



## Thought for the Day

*God often places  
 someone at a camp, a  
 club, or a church as a  
 certain intersection to  
 build you up: Someone to  
 say something that you'll  
 never forget or to encour-  
 age you at a moment of  
 need.*

-Gregg Matte



**Borden County 4-H News**

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### Lamb, Goat and Swine Validation

What is validation? Why do we validate? These are questions that are often asked by 4-H and FFA families.

The validation process is designed to identify ownership, assist in identification at the county and/or major stock shows, and to aid in the recover of lost or stolen animals. This process is conducted across the state of Texas so to exhibit at the Borden County Junior Livestock Show and/or Ft. Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston, or Austin, 4-H'ers and FFA members must have their animal validated.

Lamb and goat projects will be validated in the month of October. During this process, lamb and goats will be tagged, nose printed, and hair samples collected.

Swine will be validated in the month of November. Swine will be tagged, hair samples collected and ear notches documented.

There are also fees involved in the validation process. Lamb, goat, and swine validation for animals who will be exhibiting at the county and major livestock shows will require a state tag. A validation fee of **\$8.00** will be charged for each animal validated with a state tag.

Those projects that will only be exhibited at the Borden County Junior Livestock show will need to pay **\$5.00** per head for validation.

**The deadline to order swine tags is October 4, 2011. You will need to call the Borden County Extension Office or Cody G. Hill to pre-order your validation tags if you plan on exhibiting swine at the Borden County Stock Show or at a major stock show in 2011.**

**All tags must be paid for when ordered.** Each family needs to make sure they order enough tags to validate all of their projects. Ordering one extra tag is always a good policy!!!

For more information, or to order your validation tags, contact Cody G. Hill, CEA-Ag Borden County at (806) 756-4336 or (806) 790-0121.

### 4-H'ers Win in Abilene

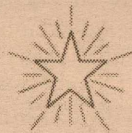
Borden County 4-Hers competed at the 2011 West Texas Fair and Rodeo September 15-17, 2011 in Abilene, TX. Results were Erin Nix 1<sup>st</sup> place Brangus, Thomas Nix 3<sup>rd</sup> place Simbrah, and JW Nix 3<sup>rd</sup> place ABC. Congratulations to all 4-Hers for an outstanding job with their steer projects.

### 4-H'ers Compete at Tri-State Fair

Borden County 4-Hers competed at the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo, TX August 15-17, 2011. Borden County was very well represented. Results were: Myka Blissard, Champion Shorthorn Heifer-Junior Show, Champion Chi Heifer-Junior Show, Supreme Heifer-Junior Show, Champion Shorthorn Heifer-Open Show, and Reserve Champion Shorthorn Heifer-Open Show. Aubree Blissard, Champion Pre Junior Showmanship-Mini Hereford Division, and Reserve Champion-Mini Hereford Heifer.

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### Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain PLANNING MEETING



Monday, September 26, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.  
 In the Courthouse in Gail

Anyone wishing to be involved in the Lights for Gail is invited to attend this planning meeting! We welcome everyone! There are many opportunities to volunteer and become involved!!

Hope to see YOU there!

If you would like to be involved, but cannot attend  
 - please contact Julie Smith at (806)756-4406 or email us at [lightsforgail@yahoo.com](mailto:lightsforgail@yahoo.com).  
 Be sure to check out our new Facebook page: Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain!

# Borden County Graduate Makes Third Haitian Trip

Courtesy of Lamesa Press Reporter  
By Regina Cutcher

Raul Rodriguez, a former Borden County Coyote, is in love...with Haiti.

"This is my third mission trip and I'm so blessed. The Lord surprises us every year. We go to Haiti to help them, but they end up blessing us in their actions, their attitude and their acceptance. They really are a loving people," said Rodriguez.

On this year's mission trip, Rodriguez was accompanied by his girlfriend, Dedra Llanez, of Andrews and Lamesa graduate Elizabeth Olvera Garcia and her husband, Jay Garcia.

On previous trips to Haiti, Rodriguez primarily was in the rural areas and at smaller churches. This year he was right in the middle of the Haitian capital of Port-Au-Prince.

On Jan. 12, 2010, Haiti suffered a 7.0 earthquake followed by a tsunami and many aftershocks of the 5.0 to 6.5 magnitude.

Official estimates claim 316,000 people were killed, 300,000 were injured, 1.3 million displaced and 97,294 homes destroyed with 188,383 buildings damaged in Port-Au-Prince alone.

"Their capitol palace is just like their White House, but they have not been able to clear the palace," said Rodriguez.

Clean-up has been slow in Haiti, due to logistical problems. The island has nowhere to dispose of the millions of tons of debris. And it takes all the country has to meet its citizens basic needs.

"It's a hard situation. There are lots and lots of little kids everywhere...some barely dressed...many not attending school. But, this year, they weren't interested in toys. The kids wanted our attention. They just wanted to be held and paid attention to," Rodriguez said.

With this being his third trip, Rodriguez has picked up some of the language, but he soon found out that the Creole French spoken by many in the rural areas is not the same as the Creole French spoken in the Capitol city.

"In the city, it's more slang.

I caught on to it a lot easier!" he laughed. "We hooked up with translators, but I could do some of the talking."

Rodriguez and his group, which is associated with Midland's Invictus Permian Basin through the Harvest time Church, stayed with a local pastor in downtown Haiti. Because this Haitian pastor hosts many foreign missionaries into the country, his home has many local visitors.

"The government welcomes us, they know we are there to help. And the people know what to expect from this pastor. There were always people around asking for prayers," said Rodriguez.

And while Rodriguez has made the trip to Haiti two other times, he never is prepared for the culture shock.

"We are spoiled here. Going there really opens your eyes. I wish everyone had a chance to see what we see. It will open your heart to The Lord. God will provide a great blessing to anyone who wishes to help those in need," he said.

Rodriguez estimates that he and his group visited about 12 churches during their seven days in Haiti.

Jay and Elizabeth Garcia also participated at health centers to provide medical supplies and help doctor the sick.

"We were so drained. We poured out so much of ourselves. But God provided us with the greater blessing in the end," Rodriguez said.

He expressed his thanks to the people of Borden and Dawson counties.

"We had so much support. We handed out clothing do-

nated by people. United Supermarkets let us set up a hamburger stand in their parking lot to raise money. Davis Furniture and Burrito Express gave us money. Several families in Welch made donations. We couldn't do this without their help. I want to thank everyone who gave donations, or just prayed for us.

All of that means so much to me and I want to say, 'Thank You!', Rodriguez said.

Because he will start a year-long process of student teaching, Rodriguez hopes this year's trip will not be his last for awhile.

"It will be hard next year to make another trip with my degree requirements and all that, but I hope I can go back soon. I love those people. They just welcome you with open arms.

And so many of the little ones touch your heart. They really do. I've never felt such love," he said.

Rodriguez is a 2003 graduate of Borden County High School and is studying kinesiology and Spanish. He hopes to coach.

Rodriguez is the son of Delfino and Mary Ann Rodriguez of Borden County. His grandparents are Henry and Lina Torres of Lamesa and Jeanie Rodriguez of Lubbock.

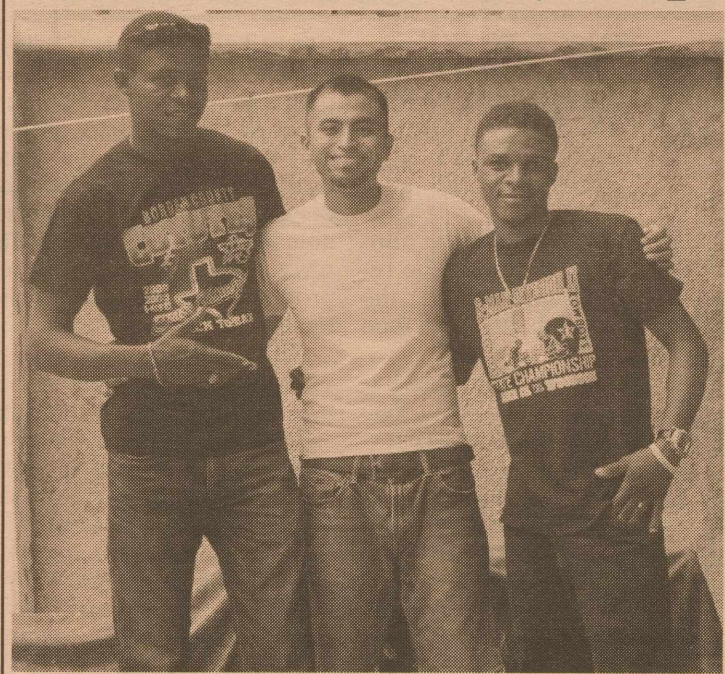
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## Haitian Missionary Trip



Raul Rodriguez stands between two Haitians who sport Borden County football state championship shirts. He presented the shirts to the men as gifts from Borden County. Raul expressed how grateful the people of Haiti are of donations of clothing and other necessities.

## Obituary

**Wesley R. Strahan, M.D.**  
1931 - 2011

Wes was born March 2, 1931 to the late Vernon and Annie Ruth (Magee) Strahan in Big Spring. He attended Schreiner College, Kerrville from 1948-1950 and the University of Texas, Austin from 1950-1953. In 1953 he attended the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, graduating in 1957 with his Doctorate of Medicine. Following graduation Wes served his residency in Flint, Michigan till 1959. He joined the US Air Force, serving from 1959-1961 as a Captain in the Medical Corps. Following his discharge from the Air Force, Dr. Strahan practiced Family Medicine in Lamesa from 1961-1977. Moving to Lubbock he also practiced Family Medicine until his retirement in 2010. Wes married Carol Willis on Sept. 27, 1991 in Ruidoso, NM. He was a member of the Board of Family Practice and LakeRidge United Methodist Church. When Wes wasn't practicing medicine he enjoyed fishing, golf and hunting game, Indian arrowheads and artifacts.

Along with his parents, Wes is preceded in death by a brother Wendell Lee Strahan.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Carol; four sons, Wesley Randell Strahan, Jr. of Austin, Michael Thomas Strahan and wife Irene of Lubbock; Chief Petty Officer, Wendell Neil Strahan of New Orleans, LA and John Theodore Strahan and wife Jennie of Allen; a daughter, Shari Elizabeth Strahan John and husband Brent of Mineral Wells; seven grandchildren; a sister, Nancy Elizabeth Strahan Brunson and husband James Kenneth of Montross, VA; sister-in-law, Lillian Strahan of Lamesa, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society, 3513 10th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79415 or the Humane Society of West Texas, P.O. Box 65645, Lubbock, Texas 79464.

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### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

#### CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene

Contract 6225-01-001 for INSTALL THERMOPLASTIC PAVEMENT MARKINGS in TAYLOR County, etc will be opened on October 6, 2011 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$1,526,348.65

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# Cattle Market Slows While Herd Shrinks

Texas cattle ranchers are facing some of the most challenging times ever encountered, according to livestock specialists and economists.

As more producers cut down herds, many are questioning what that means for consumer beef prices. While ranchers do not normally sell breeding stock, this year has been full of exceptions, and slaughter facilities are seeing more heifers than ever before. That could mean higher beef prices at the grocery store in coming months.

In a market report from the Texas Department of Agriculture, a Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association survey showed that 84 percent of Texas cattle ranchers have reduced their herd because of the drought. Of those who cut their herd size, 92 percent said they would begin rebuilding next year.

While cattle market prices

have maintained an upward trend this year, cash cattle markets are beginning to show signs of slowing as some markets in the state reported prices down by \$3 per cwt. Feeder cattle prices were down slightly last week while fed cattle prices remained unchanged, according to the TDA report.

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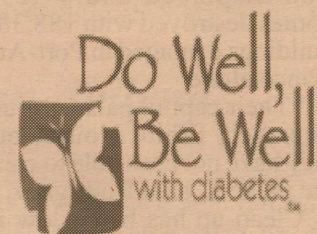
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Cost: \$10 per person

Class dates: October 3, 4, 10, 11, 17

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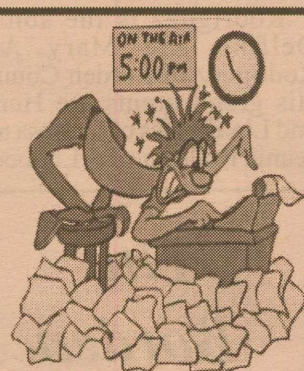
## Plains Community Annual Harvest Dinner

Sunday, September 25 at 12:30 noon  
At the Plains Community Center

Brisket, Sausage, Potato Salad and Red Beans  
will be served

Please bring your choice of vegetable, salad or dessert.

Ladies will be at the  
center on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00  
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## Commissioners Meeting

**WHEREAS**, On this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

**ROSS D. SHARP**, County Judge, Residing; **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.

Present was Sharlot Stone, Treasurer.

At 8:17 a.m., Judge Sharp opened the September 6, 2011 Special Session of Borden County Commissioners Court with Commissioner Smith absent at this time.

### MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of August 23, 2011 morning session and minutes of August 23, 2011 afternoon session were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Smith present.

### TAX REVENUE

#### INCREASE HEARING

At 8:20 a.m., Commissioner Adcock made a motion to recess the Commissioner Court Meeting and to open the Public Hearing on Tax Revenue Increase as advertised. Motion carried.

No interested persons were in attendance.

At 8:30 a.m., Commissioner Belew made a motion said hearing be adjourned and to reconvene Commissioners Court Meeting. Motion carried.

### ARCHIVE PLAN

Joyce Herridge, County Clerk, presented the proposed Archive Plan for 2012 to the Commissioners Court. Commissioner Belew made a motion to set a Records Archive Public Hearing for September

21, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### 2012 BUDGET HEARING

A motion was made by Commissioner Adcock to move the Public Hearing for the Proposed County Budget and the Tax Rate Adoption from September 19, 2011 to September 21, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. Motion carried.

### BURN BAN

Commissioner Smith made a motion to extend the Borden County Public Burn Ban for 90 days. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.

### ADJOURN

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

**THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2011.**

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Nowhere to go! Coyotes Austin Fields (#24) and Jared Smith (#29) sandwich a Meadow Bronco.

# Pups Tame the Broncos...

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from 12 yards out. Rhaeden Bland scampered in from the 3 yards out for the extra point and a 34 to 26 lead. The Broncos would not go away and with 2:07 left in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Borden County again looked poised to regain their momentum, but a 2<sup>nd</sup> Pup fumble gave the home team the ball and an opportunity to cut into the Pup lead or even tie.

This time, Meadow managed to get on the board just as the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter got under way to cut the Pup lead to 34 to 32. Borden County covered the inside kick as Kace Lott handled the tough hop to give the Pups great field position. They used some great blocking by, Lott, Andrade, Souder, Valentine and Harrison to take control of the line of scrimmage and as a result, Jones had his second score on the ground, but more importantly the Pups had a 40 to 32 lead with 4:48 left in the game.

With 2:31 left in the game, the Broncos closed the gap to one point at 40 to 39. The Pups needing to get at least one first down faced a tough 4<sup>th</sup> and 8 play with just under 2 minutes left. A nice bootleg play, set up by a great block from Merrik Valentine gave Thomas Harrison time to look back side and see a wide open Hunter Jones. The pass probably covered 45 yards in the air from one side of the field to the other and landed in the wait-

ing arms of Jones who never broke stride scoring on the 35 yard strike with 1:42. Robert Jordan hit Yarbro for the extra point to increase the Borden County lead to 47 to 39.

The Pups now had to come up with a defensive stand. That is just what they did as Valentine made a nice defensive play on a trap play that was giving them fits most of the half and then pressure from Nathan Souder forced a hurried throw that Thomas Harrison stepped in front of near the Pups goal line to seal the victory for Borden County. The 2<sup>nd</sup> team came in the game and got 15 yards on two plays to close out the contest and give the Pups a nice 47 to 39 victory and a 2-0 record.

Leading the way for Borden County was Thomas Harrison who was 8 of 14 for 112 yards and 5 scores and was in on 9 tackles. Hunter Jones had 11 tackles, 11 rushes for 124 yards and 2 scores and 3 catches for

53 yards and 2 more scores. Joel Andrade had 5 tackles and had 2 receptions for 27 yards and a score. Colby Pennell had 5 tackles and had 4 carries for 25 yards. Rhaeden Bland had 2 carries for 9 yards an extra point run and was in on 6 tackles. Merrik Valentine had 9 tackles, a carry for 8 yards and a reception for 8 yards. Robert Jordan was in on 4 tackles, had 2 catches for 27 yards and 2 td's. He also was 4 of 5 passing on extra points for 4 point after successful tries. Braxton Coor had 2 extra points and Kale Yarbro had 2 extra point catches. Nathan Souder had 5 tackles. Also contributing on both sides of the ball were Flint Roberts, Jayton Lewis with 1 carry for 9 yards, Dylan Murphy, Samuel Raborn and Kace Lott.

The Pups will next host the Petersburg Buffalos here this Thursday at 5:30. Great job guys, what a super win.

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# Dare to Live...

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Dreams have no constraints. Dreams are the seeds from which you can create a robust life. Guard your dreams. Don't allow others to influence you to relinquish your dreams. You don't have to share your dreams nor do you need the approval or acceptance of others.

Turning your dreams into reality requires action, determination, and perseverance. If not for dreamers our country never would have been founded. We would have no telephones, no electricity, no cars, no TV or radio, and no medical breakthroughs. In short, if people throughout history had not pursued their dreams we would still be in the dark ages.

Go ahead and dream. Picture your life any way you would like it to be. Don't put any limitations on your vision. Keep your dream in the front of your mind and review it daily. Take action and turn your dreams into reality.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed  
**Constitutional Amendments**  
Special Election November 8, 2011

### Proposition Number 1 (SJR 14)

SJR 14 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran with an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the surviving spouse's residence homestead as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried, the property was the residence homestead of the surviving spouse when the qualifying veteran died, and the property remains the residence homestead of the surviving spouse.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran."

### Proposition Number 2 (SJR 4)

SJR 4 would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Water Development Board to issue additional general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for one or more accounts of the Texas Water Development Fund II, with the restriction that the total amount of bonds outstanding at any time does not exceed \$6 billion.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$6 billion at any time outstanding."

### Proposition Number 3 (SJR 50)

SJR 50 would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board or its successors to issue and sell general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for the purpose of financing educational loans for

students, subject to certain constitutional restrictions, including a restriction as to the maximum principal amount of bonds outstanding at any one time.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Texas to finance educational loans to students."

### Proposition Number 4 (HJR 63)

HJR 63 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the county, and to pledge increases in ad valorem tax revenues imposed on property in the area by the county for repayment of such bonds or notes. The amendment does not provide independent authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area and to pledge for repayment of the bonds or notes increases in ad valorem taxes imposed by the county on property in the area. The amendment does not provide authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates."

### Proposition Number 5 (SJR 26)

SJR 26 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow cities and counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities and counties without having to assess an ad valorem tax and set aside a specified amount of funds for the payment of costs under the interlocal contract.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment

authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund."

### Proposition Number 6 (HJR 109)

HJR 109 would amend the constitution to increase the amount of principal that is available for withdrawal from the permanent school fund each year and would also clarify certain references to that fund in the constitution. Increased access to the principal of the state public education trust fund would be based upon HJR 109 granting the authority to consider alternative market calculations when determining the amount of principal that is available for distribution to the available school fund. HJR 109 would also provide authority to distribute to the available school fund annual revenue from school fund land or other properties up to \$300 million per year.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment clarifying references to the permanent school fund, allowing the General Land Office to distribute revenue from permanent school fund land or other properties to the available school fund to provide additional funding for public education, and providing for an increase in the market value of the permanent school fund for the purpose of allowing increased distributions from the available school fund."

### Proposition Number 7 (SJR 28)

SJR 28 would amend the constitution by adding El Paso County to the list of counties authorized to create conservation and reclamation districts to develop parks and recreational facilities financed by taxes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."

### Proposition Number 8 (SJR 16)

SJR 16 would amend the constitution by requiring the legislature to provide for taxation of open space land devoted to water stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of open-space land devoted to water-stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity."

### Proposition Number 9 (SJR 9)

SJR 9 would amend the constitution to authorize the governor, on the written recommendation and advice of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, to grant a pardon, reprieve, or commutation of punishment to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervision."

### Proposition Number 10 (SJR 37)

SJR 37 would amend the constitution by extending the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain local elected officeholders if they announce candidacy or become candidates for another office from one year to one year and 30 days.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office."

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