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LIFELONG RESIDENT AND FIDDLE MAKER DIES

Services for lifetime Gail resident Vivian L. Clark, 87, were at 10 a.m. Saturday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel. Burial was in the Gail Cemetery.

Mr. Clark died at 11:05 p.m. Tuesday at Codgell Memorial Hospital.

Born November 27, 1902, in Gail, he married Pauline Jenkins

in May of 1937 in Snyder. Mr. Clark, along with his wife, helped to establish the Borden County Museum and get it recognized by the State Historical Society. He was a lifetime member of the Permian Basin Historical Chapter, a fiddle player and a fiddle maker. He was a WW II

Army veteran, a rancher and a member of Dorwood Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife; five nephews, Gaylon Dickey of Moore Okla., Charles Dickey of Abilene, Norman Clark of Dallas, Weldon Clark of Kansas City and Jerry Johnson of Fort Worth and a brother-in-law, Ensley Jenkins of San Antonio.



Vivian Clark 1902-1990

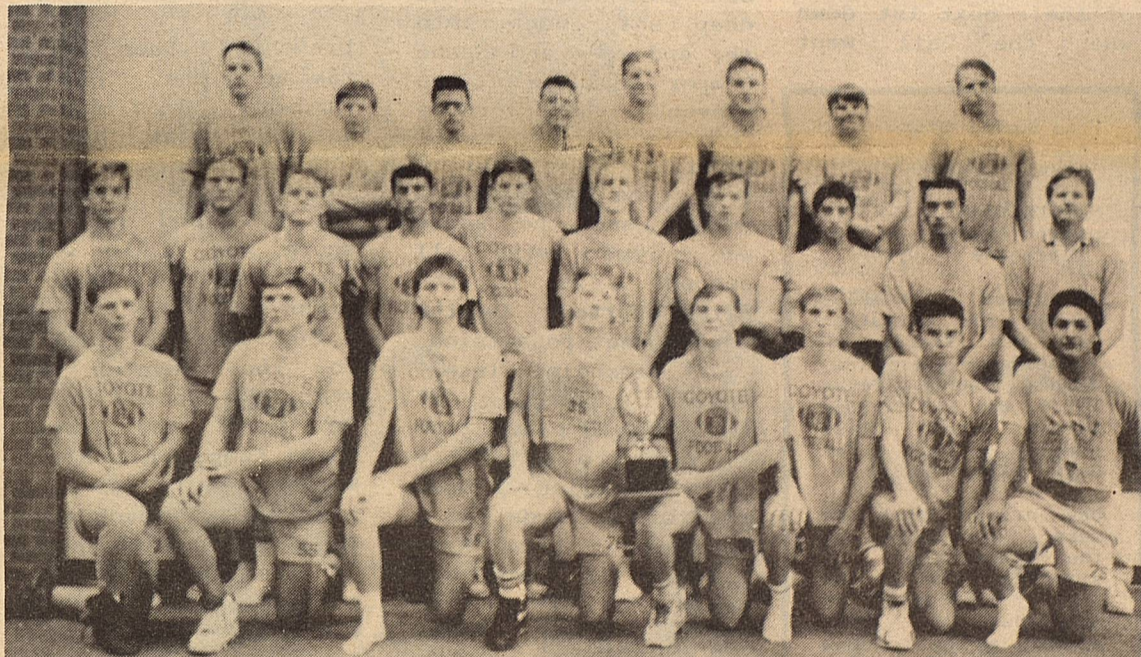
Army veteran, a rancher and a member of Dorwood Methodist Church.

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Gaylon Dickey of Moore Okla., Charles Dickey of Abilene, Norman Clark of Dallas, Weldon Clark of Kansas

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DISTRICT CHAMPS!



THE FIGHTING COYOTE FOOTBALL TEAM: Back row (L. to R.) CODY COX, GUY WILL ZANT, ARMANDO CARRIZALES, CLINT WILLS, ROD JETER, SHANE KEMPER, WILL SHAFER and CLINT ANDERSON. Middle row (L. to R.) BRANDON ADCOCK, SETH VESTAL, J.J. KINCHELOE, JOE ACOSTA, KIRK JONES, JEREMY MIZE, SHANNON SMITHIE, JUVE BALAQUE, MARIANO GRANADOS and COACH AVERY. Bottom row: JUSTIN JENKINS, RICHARD BUCHANAN, PAUL STURDIVANT, COLE VESTAL, KLINT KEMPER, JOHN PAUL HARRIS, CLAY MILLER and JIMMY RIOS.

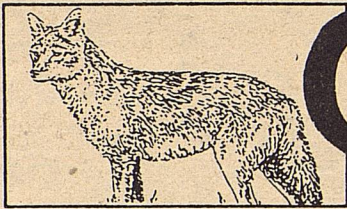
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

—The Book of Common Prayer

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



OPEN HOUSE: Story on page 4.



COYOTE NEWS

COYOTES END REGULAR SEASON AGAINST HIGHLAND

The Borden Coyotes ended a perfect 5-0 district schedule Friday night by defeating the Highland Hornets 50-16.

The Hornets struck first by returning the opening kickoff 70 yards for a touchdown. The PAT was good so the Hornets took the lead 8-0 with just 13 seconds gone from the clock.

On the Coyote's first possession, J.J. Kincheloe caught a pass from quarterback Shane Kemper for 11 yards and a first down. The Coyotes were just 1 yard short of their next 1st down when the ball went

over to the Hornets. Borden County held the Hornets without a 1st down so they had to punt the ball to their own 16-yard line. On second down Jimmy Rios burst into the open for a 62-yard touchdown run. The PAT was no good making the score 6-8 with 4:34 left in the 1st quarter.

The Coyotes again held the Hornets without a 1st down and this time the Coyotes took over at their own 8-yard line. On 3rd and 21, the Coyotes were in a jam with their backs to their own goal line. The deep snap went into the end zone and Shane Kemper fell on it to prevent the Hornets from recovering for 6 points. The safety cost the Coyotes 2 points and the score was 10-6 with 11 seconds left in the first quarter. On the next Hornet possession, J.J. Kincheloe intercepted a pass. It took just 3 plays from 37 yards to score pay dirt. Klint Kemper ran for 16 yards and a 1st down. Jimmy Rios ran for 12 yards and again for a 13-yard touchdown run. The extra point kick by Shannon Smithie was good making the score 14-10 with 9:01 left in the second quarter.

The Hornets steadily moved the ball and made two 1st downs to the Borden County 12-yard line. When they attempted a reverse, Rod Jeter tackled both players and the ball sputtered out for Cole Vestal to recover. On the next play, Rios went 65 yards for a touchdown.

The PAT didn't count which made the score 20-10 with 5:58 left

in the first half. Cole Vestal dropped a Hornet for a 5-yard loss on their next possession. The Hornets were forced to punt. The Coyote's next drive produced a score with runs of 14 yards by Klint Kemper, 5 yards by Jimmy Rios, a 3 yard pass from Shane Kemper to Cole Vestal, a 22-yard run by Jimmy Rios and a 4-yard dash by Klint Kemper for the touchdown. The extra point kick was no good. With 2:15 minutes left in the first half the score was 26-10. The Hornets punted when the Coyotes defense prevented them from making the needed yardage. Rios scored on the next Borden County play on a 50-yard punt. The PAT was not good and the score was 32-10 with one minute left in the first half.

The Hornets kicked to the Coyotes to start the second half. On 3rd and long, Shane Kemper hit Klint Kemper for a 45-yard pass and a touchdown. The PAT was no good. On the Hornets next possession, Cole Vestal tackled the ball carrier for an 8-yard loss and also batted down a pass, which made it 4th and 23. The punt by the Hornets only traveled 6 yards, which put the Coyotes in good field position for a 12-yard run by Shane Kemper. The Hornet defense caused a fumble and they were able to recover the ball at the end of a 23-yard run by Jimmy Rios. Brandon Adcock intercepted a pass to end this drive. Klint Kemper ran for 18 yards and Jimmy Rios



CHALK TALK BY COACH AVERY

The Coyotes are now 7-3 and 5-0 in district. The District Championship feels great. Anything that happens now will be the icing on the cake. Let us hope that icing is thick next Friday night. The Coyotes will host the Grady Wildcats at the Coyote Field, 7:30 p.m. to determine the Bi-District Championship.

The Coyotes will need all of your support. Everyone

come to the game and make plenty of noise. The Coyote spirit will have to be running high.

The last time these two teams met, the Wildcats won 26-8. The Coyotes are a different team now and I predict a whole new ballgame. Everyone

come out to root for another Coyote victory. Remember, the Coyotes are still undefeated this year at home. Let's keep it that way.

ran 27 yards for a touchdown with 5:40 left in the 3rd quarter. The Score was 44-10 after the extra point kick did not count.

The Coyote defense stopped the Hornets on downs and on the next possession, Shane Kemper hit Paul Sturdivant on a 15-yard pass. Klint Kemper ran 17 yards to the Highland 10-yard line and J.J. Kincheloe caught a 10-yard pass from Shane for a touchdown. The PAT failed making the score 50-10. Highlights in the 4th quarter, included an interception by John Paul Harris and a 29-yard pass completion from Shane Kemper to J.J. Kincheloe. The Hornets got on the board one more time with 33 seconds left in the game to make the final score 50-16.

Shane Kemper had a great night completing 6 of 8 passes for 113 yards and two touchdowns.

Jimmy Rios also had a great game. He rushed 14 times for 250 yards and four touchdowns, returned a punt for 50 yards and a touchdown and made 7 tackles.

Klint Kemper rushed 9 times for 88 yards. He caught a pass from his brother, Shane and ran 45 yards for a touchdown.

J.J. Kincheloe caught 3 passes for 50 yards and one touchdown.

Paul Sturdivant and Cole Vestal caught one pass each for 15 and 3 yards respectively. Paul also led the defense with 11 tackles. Cole Vestal had 10 tackles, Brandon Adcock, 11 tackles and an interception; Rod Jeter, 9 tackles.

STUDENTS LUNCH

MONDAY November 19 - 20, 1990 TUESDAY

Chicken Strips	Tuna Sandwiches
Mashed Potatoes	Kosher Dill Pickles
Corn	Shredded Lettuce-Tomatoes
Green Salad	Ice Cream
Fruit Cobbler	Milk
Milk	

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY - Holidays

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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COYOTE NEWS CONTINUED . . .



FFA NEWS

GAIL FFA ATTENDS DISTRICT LEADERSHIP CONTEST

The Gail FFA Chapter was well represented by several of its members during the District Leadership Contest at Snyder.

The contest, held November 6, was made up of some ten schools in the district.

The Gail FFA had 6 teams attending and each team placed as follows.

SR. CHAPTER CONDUCTORY

David Buchanan, Amanda Anderson, Shayne Hess, John Paul Harris, Shawn Lewis, Clay Miller and Klint Kemper--Placed 4th.

SR. SKILLS-J.J. Kincheloe, Rod Jeter, Betsy Breeder--Placed 2nd.

JR. SKILLS-Brandon Adcock, Mendy Hensley

and Richard Buchanan--Placed 1st.

RADIO-Pat Underwood, Kristin Kilmer and Guy Will Zant--Placed 3rd.

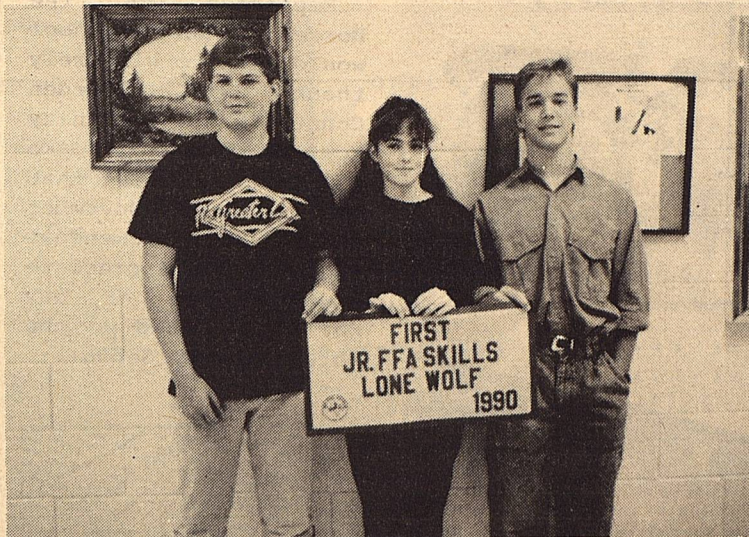
CREED- Seth Vestal--Placed 6th.

EXTEMPERANEOUS SPEAKING Shawn Lewis--Placed 5th.

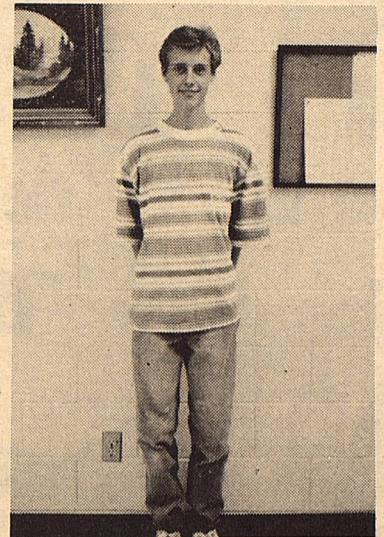
The top two teams in each contest will advance to the area contest at Howard College on Nov. 17.

The Jr.&Sr. Skills Team advanced from the Gail Chapter.

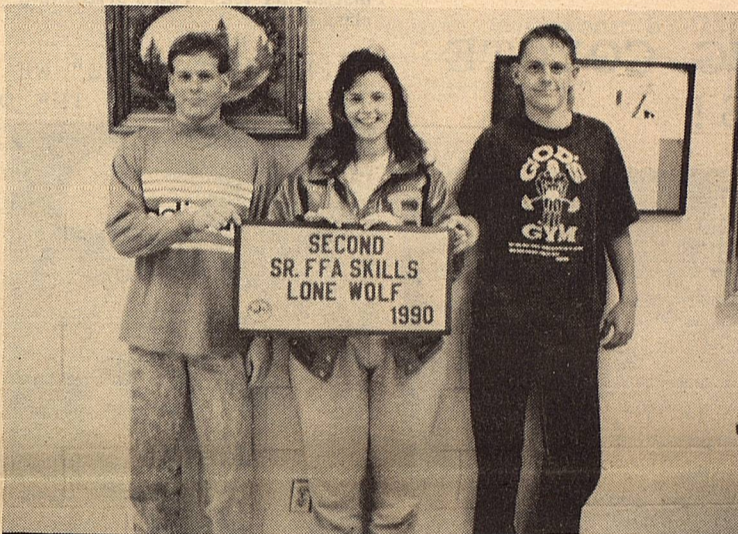
All of the students have worked very hard for this competition and we are proud of their work.



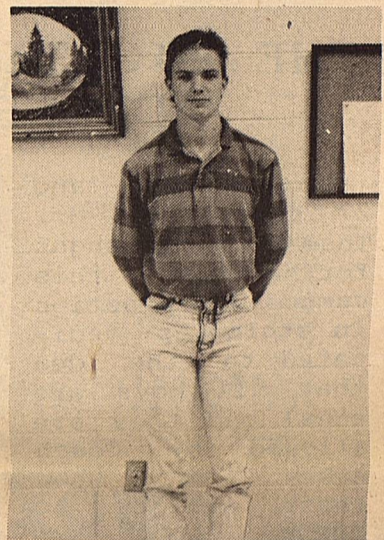
DISTRICT WINNERS JR. FFA SKILLS TEAM, RICHARD BUCHANAN, MENDY HENSLEY & BRANDON ADCOCK.



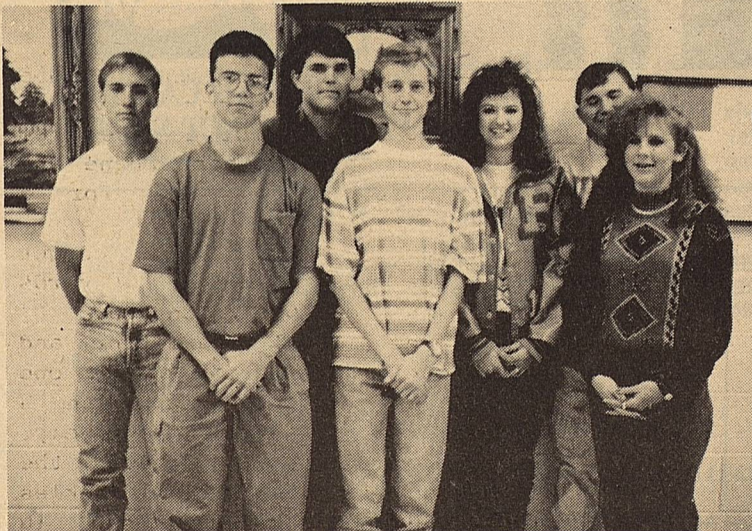
5th place EXTEMPERANEOUS SPEAKING: SHAWN LEWIS



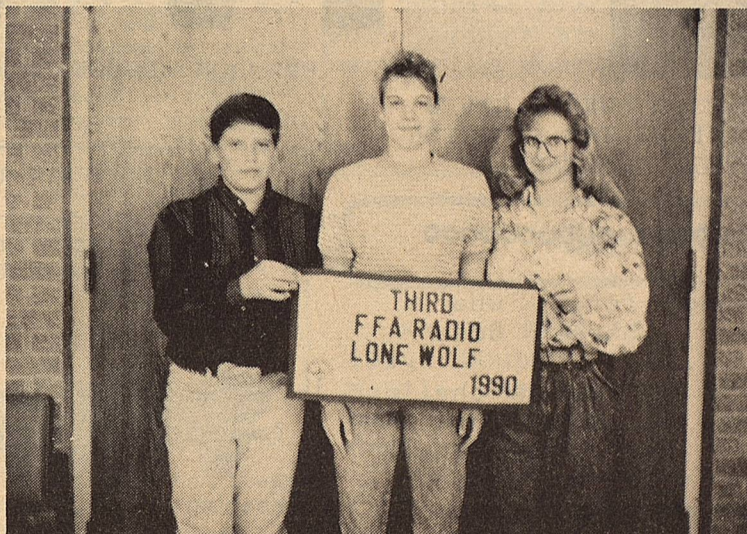
SECOND PLACE DISTRICT SR. FFA SKILLS: ROD JETER, BETSY BREEDEN & J.J. KINCHELOE.



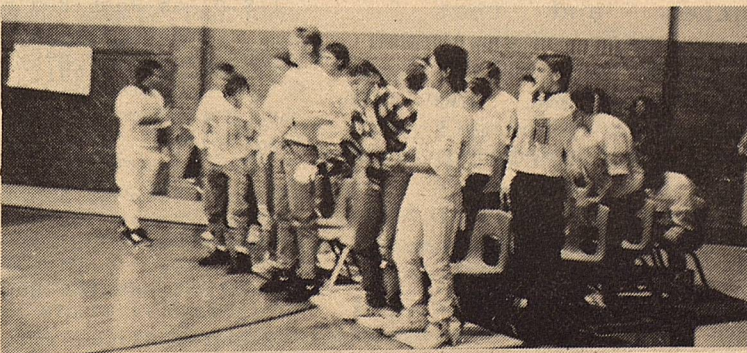
6th place CREED SPEAKING: SETH VESTAL



SENIOR CHAPTER CONDUCTORY TEAM placed 4th: (L. to R.) JOHN PAUL HARRIS, CLAY MILLER, DAVID BUCHANAN, SHAWN LEWIS, AMANDA ANDERSON, KLINT KEMPER AND SHAYNE HESS.

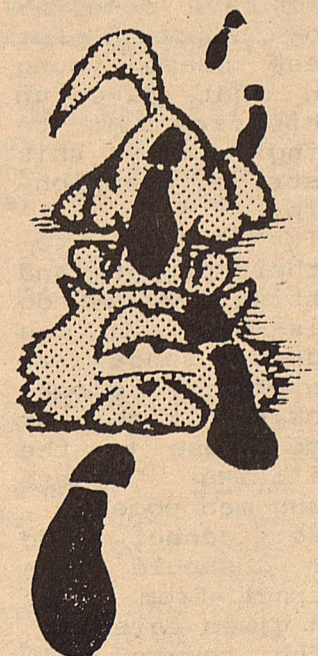


RADIO TEAM placing 3rd, GUY WILL ZANT, KRISTIN KILMER AND PATSY UNDERWOOD



THE FIGHTING COYOTE !

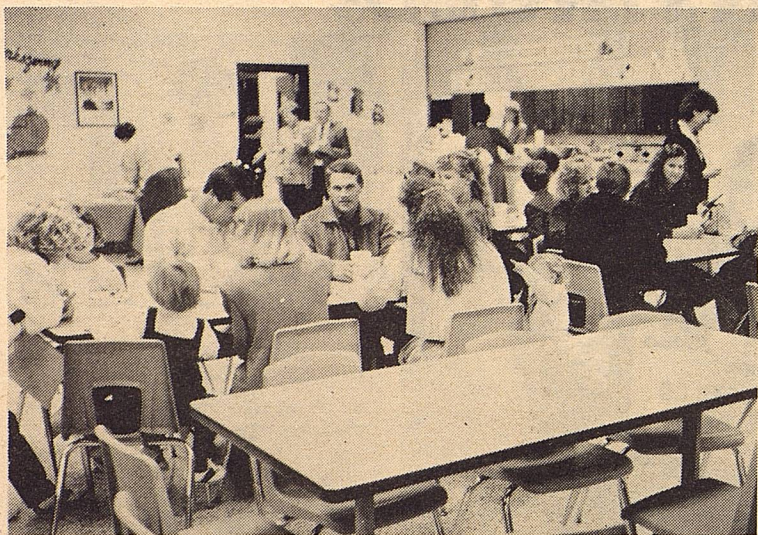
STOMP ON THE



WILDCATS!!

BOOSTER CLUB MEETING
MONDAY, NOV. 26th
IN CONFERENCE ROOM
AT 5:15 p.m. BEFORE
THE JUNIOR HIGH GAME
WITH O'DONNELL

OPEN HOUSE



Teachers, parents, grandparents and students enjoying an opportunity to visit with each other at the OPEN HOUSE held Nov. 8. (Staff Photo)

Employees of the Borden County School would like to sincerely thank the Borden County School Community for helping to make the Open House that was conducted November 8th, 1990 a tremendous success. We appreciate your support of our children and the Borden County School.



Background: JOHN WILSON, English teacher, talking with parents at the Borden County Schools OPEN HOUSE. (Staff Photo)



General George A. Custer ranked last in his West Point graduating class of 1861.



THE FIGHTING COYOTE ADDRESS!

Two months and 27 days ago, Mr. Thomas brought forth to this campus a new notion in athletics--dedicated to the idea that all boys are equal and they are allowed by Coach Avery to show their ability to THROW, KICK and RUN with the football.

We are now engaged in a great district race testing where these boys or any boys can endure the rigors of the Championship season.

We have come to show support for these brave young men that gave up their free time to bring us this District Championship.

It is all together proper and fitting that we do this--But in a trurer sence we cannot block, tackle, kick or come close to the abilities these young men pecess.

We cannot add nor should we detract from these God given talents.

The county will little note nor long remember what I say here but, it



"DOCTOR DUKE", GIVES THE FANS THE FIGHTING COYOTE ADDRESS!

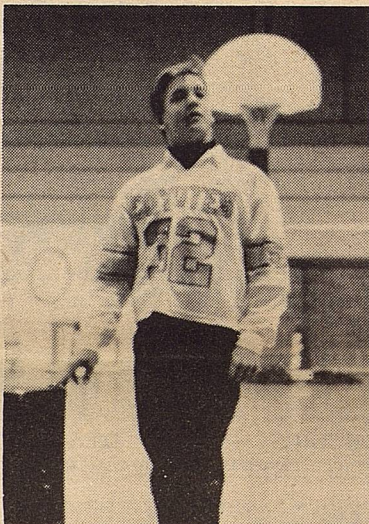


cannot forget what they have done here.

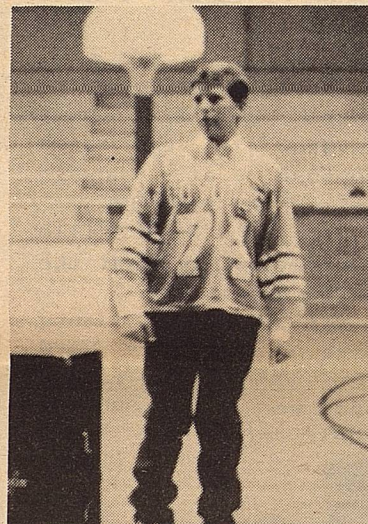
It is for us the fans to be supportive of them in the task that lays before them.

I hereby resolve these young men shall not be forgotten and that the school shall have a new birth of enthusiasm and that the football team --- SUPPORTED by the student body --- ENCOURAGED by the community--- shall not fail in their quest for the STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

FROM "A" TO "Z" WE ALL KNOW WHO'S THE BEST TEAM IN THE DISTRICT!



BRANDON ADCOCK



GUY WILL ZANT

Buckle Up!



DRIVING CAN BE A CONTACT SPORT

NOVEMBER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT OF GAIL, TEXAS WILL MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1990 AT 8:00 P.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM.

TENTATIVE AGENDA:

1. Call To Order.....
2. Community Input From Visitors Who Have Announced.....
3. Read And Take Action To Approve Minutes Of October 15, 1990 Board Meeting.....
4. Discuss And Take Action To Approve Payment of November Bills.....
5. Take Action To Appoint Records Management Officer Of The Borden County I.S.D. as Required by House Bill 1285.....
6. Take Action On Gasoline Bid for The Term Of December 1, 1990 to November 30, 1991.....
7. Take Action On Propane Bid For The Term Of December 1, 1990 to November 30, 1991.....
8. Take Action To Appoint Board Member To The Borden County Appraisal Board Through December 31, 1991 To Fill The Unexpired Term of Mr. Jon Monger.....
9. Superintendent's Report.....
10. Adjournment.....

HOLIDAY MARKET

The Extension Program Council and the Extension Home Economics Committee are sponsoring a Holiday Market on December 14th & 15th in conjunction with the Borden County Basketball tournament. We are looking for interested individuals and cottage industries to set up booths at our Holiday Market. The Market will be held from 1:00-7:00 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 14th and 10:00 -6:00 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15th.

The Holiday Market will be set up in the Borden County Show Barn directly behind the school. The show-barn is within walking distance from the school. Please return the enclosed booth reservation form if you are interested in having a booth at our market. We will need you to return these forms or contact the Extension office in Gail at (915)856-4336 no later than Nov. 28th, in order to arrange for

tables and booth spaces. After we receive your booth reservations, we will send you detailed information on time, location, etc. We are requesting that you donate one item per booth to be auctioned off in lieu of a booth fee. We will begin booth set up on Friday, Dec. 14th. in the morning beginning at 10:00 a.m. Please share this information with interested parties. Hope you will join in the fun!



HOLIDAY MARKET

BOOTH RESERVATION FORM

Yes, I would like to participate in the Borden County Holiday Market on December 14 & 15.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ home _____ office _____

I will arrive at _____ to set up a booth on Friday, December 14. (time)

I will need an electrical out let yes _____ no _____

One item per booth will be auctioned off in lieu of booth fee. My item will be _____

I will have _____ at the Market (type of booth)

I will need _____ tables.

Please describe booth for advertising purposes _____

Early Dismissal and Delayed Starting Times Relating to Inclement Weather

There is simply no way to anticipate what our situation will be throughout the year in relation to delaying the starting time of our school day or dismissing early as a result of inclement weather. however, I want to emphasize that I will do everyting possible to inform you as soon as possible if we will be delaying our starting time for the school day or dismissing school early. In fact, I will try to inform you of these types of situations the prior day or evening.

We will do our best to make phone calls as appropriate to inform your driver about our situation relating to weather; however, I would also suggest that you listen to the following television and radio stations for information concerning starting delays and early dismissals:

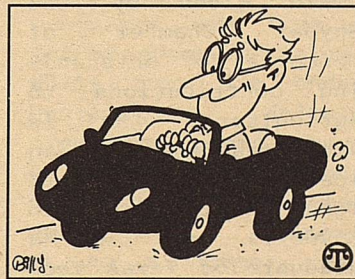
- KBYG 1400 AM Big Spring Radio Station
- KPET 690 AM Lamesa Radio Station
- KSNY 1450 AM Snyder Radio Station
- KPOS 1370 AM Post Radio Station
- KLLL 96.03 FM and 1590 AM Lubbock Radio Station

Please contact me if at least one of these television or radio stations listed above is not accessible to you.

Jimmy Thomas

F.Y.eyes

It's odd but true: many people check the oil in their cars regularly, yet may go more than a year without checking their eyes! Experts agree that when it comes to driving safely, being able to see the road clearly can be far more important than any other factor.



"Many people are either driving with undetected vision problems or wear old prescription lenses that no longer provide optimal vision correction," says Dr. Paul Klein, O.D. F.A.A.O. of the Better Vision Institute (BVI) Advisory Council.

Most states require drivers to take a vision screening test for licensing; however, these tests only evaluate acuity on a pass/fail basis. Any person with 20/40 vision or better is eligible for a driver's license. To ensure optimal vision for driving safety, BVI says vacationers should get regular eye examinations so that any eye/vision problems that might affect road performance can be properly diagnosed and treated.

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Borden County for re-electing me as their county judge. I am honored to serve you .

Van L. York

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Van L. York

GRANT & CARLA (JONES) SANDUSKY

ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE BIRTH OF THEIR DAUGHTER

SARAH ANN

BORN: November 6, 1990
WEIGHT: 9lbs. 4½ ozs.
LENGTH: 21½"



PROUD GRANDPARENTS:

DON & NELVA JONES
of Fluvanna

GLENN & BARBARA SANDUSKY
of Merkel

Thank You

Thank you for your vote and influence in the General Election. I really appreciate your support and look forward to continue serving as your County Treasurer.

Thanks,
Melissa "Lisa" Ludecke

Classified Ads

**** FOR SALE ****
1895 Double Wide Mobile Home. 3 bed, 2 bath in Gail, to be moved. Lived in 4 years. Like new. 1568 Sq. Ft. CALL: 817/647-1919.

**** FOR SALE ****
German Shorthair Pointer Puppies. Mother is World's Best Quail Dog and Family pet. CALL: 915/965-3486.

EXTRA INCOME "90"
Earn \$200 - \$500 Weekly mailing Greeting Cards & Novelty Gift items. For more information, send a stamped addressed envelope to: GREETING CARDS, INC. P.O. BOX 2297 Miami, FL. 33261

LOST
LONG BLACK SWEAT-SHIRT JACKET. Left in show barn concession stand after last Jr. High Football game party. Please contact Teresa Cox: 573-2977 or at the school.

Bureau Inundated by



Calls About Unclaimed Property Funds

The Better Business Bureau has received many calls from consumers who received a letter from FEDERAL INFORMATION SERVICES out of Dallas, Texas. The recipient or someone with the same surname, is being offered a possible refund on property. Based on the number of calls received your Bureau believes that there was an extensive mass-mailing sent to not only Lubbock residents but the whole South Plains.

The Dallas Better Business Bureau reports that the company has been known in their area since November 1989. The company sells information on a work-at-home opportunity tracing individuals who may have refunds due them from the federal government. The company has been the subject of complaints at BBB/Dallas alleging that its

mailing was deceptive. The company responded to complaints by offering refunds.

The BBB/South Plains is concerned that people will become overly excited about the prospects of a refund and call the "900" number or send the \$15.00 fee when, in fact, they could get the same information from the government free of charge.

The only way you can be eligible for a possible refund is if you have PAID OFF a FHA 30-year fixed-rate home loan. If you believe you are due a refund, you should write to the U.S. Department of HUD, Distributive Shares Premium Refunds Section, 451 7th St., SW, Washington, DC 20410 or call 743-7262 here in Lubbock.

For more information, call your Better Business Bureau at (806)763-0459.

NO PAIN NO GAIN

No pain, no gain, can be a dangerous rally for students who participate in athletics, according to a sports medicine expert at Baylor college of Medicine in Houston.

"I would rather they consider the motto, 'no work, no gain,'" said Dr. Albert C. Hergenroeder, an assistant professor of pediatrics who treats patients with sports-related injuries. This emphasizes that hard work is necessary to improve performance and to rehabilitate injuries.

Too often, young athletes push themselves beyond their physical limits in an effort to please their team, coach or to appear "tough enough." Hergenroeder, who says that young women are injured just as often as young men in athletics, advises his patients to make sure that injuries are completely rehabilitated before returning to sports activities.

"One misconception that athletes and coaches sometimes have is that if there is no

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PRESIDENT-ELECTED

Charlie Henderson of Snyder, was elected president-elect of the West Texas Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts during the group's meeting in Colorado City recently.

Mr. Henderson, who ranches in Scurry County, will serve in the position for one year. He will then succeed to the office of president for 1992.

As member and chairman of the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation board in Snyder for the past 10 years, Mr. Henderson has been active in district work attending regional and state meetings. He recently returned from the annual state meeting of the Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Austin.

In addition to his conservation activities, Mr. Henderson has been active in other agricultural and community affairs, holding various offices including: past president of the Scurry County Chamber of commerce; area chairman of Cattleman's Roundup for Crippled Children; district chairman for the Boy Scouts of America and is a member of the noon Kawanis Club. He received the Winston Award given by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce for outstanding contributions to agriculture. He is vice-president and ag loan officer at West Texas State Bank in Snyder, and is a graduate of Texas Tech University and of the Graduate School of Banking, University of Colorado.

Mr. Henderson attend-

ed the meeting in Colorado City with local board members Walter Stirl, Leon Sterling, Burl Belew and W.L. Wilson. Terry Hefner, district conservationist, with the Snyder Soil Conservation Service Field office, Mike Squires, range conservationist, Mark McDaniel, technician, and James Wesson, district employee, also attended the West Texas Association

Meeting.

The West Texas Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts serves 18 counties. The primary purpose of the Association is to work with all agencies and individuals to promote education and scientific concerns of the conservation, maintenance, development and use of our soil and water and other related renewable natural resources.

Butane Quotation Request

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely yours,

Jimmy Thomas
Jimmy Thomas
Superintendent

Gasoline Quotation Request

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely yours,

Jimmy Thomas
Jimmy Thomas
Superintendent

We're proud to be a part of the area since 1905.



Snyder National Bank

We take Snyder to Heart!



Member FDIC

1715 25th
573-2681



LET ME GET MY HAT

BY DENNIS POOLE

Texas Meets USDA's Goals For Brucellosis Eradication

Texas ranchers may breathe easier, since federal standards have been met, allowing them to continue shipping breeding cattle out of state.

For years, Texas ranchers, veterinarians and the Texas Animal Health Commission staff have worked against the clock to meet U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) goals for reducing brucellosis infection. The USDA reports that, although brucellosis infection is at an all-time low, this contagious bacterial disease still costs U.S. producers more than \$12 million a year, due to cows aborting delivering weak calves and providing less milk.

In 1988, the USDA set new stringent goals for eradicating the disease, threatening to virtually quarantine breeding cattle from Texas and five other states if infection was not "substantially reduced" by October 1990. The high-incidence, or Class "B" states, are Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Florida, all of which came under federal review earlier this month and were determined by the USDA to be making adequate eradication progress.

"Thanks to ranchers cooperating with our staff, we've reduced infection in Texas to the lowest level ever and won't have our cattle 'tied up' with more restrictions" said Dr. John Holcombe, executive director of the Texas Animal health Commission, the

state's regulatory agency for livestock.

Brucellosis infection in Texas dropped to 698 quarantined herds during federal fiscal year 1990 (October 1989-September 1990), down from 1,037 for FY 1989. This translates to .49 percent, or about five infected herds for every 1,000 herds in the state.

Although Texas' herd infection rate is the lowest on record, it is still too high by USDA standards. To gain the USDA's required Class "A" status, Texas must reduce the count to 2½ infected herds for every 1,000 herds, a goal Holcombe says Texas could reach in summer 1991. He said Arkansas, another Class "B" state has already qualified for the "A" status and is waiting for USDA review and approval.

"Texas can't slow down now. The USDA still could put restrictions on Texas cattle if we don't continue to make suitable progress against brucellosis," he said.

"Other states could refuse to accept our livestock. Right now, 29 states have no brucellosis infection, and 15 have Class "A" ranking," he said. "These states certainly don't want cattle from Texas or the other five Class "B" states, if there is a chance infection could be spread to their herds."

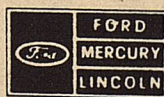
Under the restrictions, Texas and the other high-incidence states could freely move only steers, spayed heifers, or cattle from certified

brucellosis-free herds across state lines. Breeding cattle not from certified herds would have interstate movement limited to quarantined feedlots or to slaughter, a situation that could create havoc for ranchers selling purebred or registered breeding cattle.

Dr. Holcombe urged Texas producers to prevent herd infection by having purchased replacement cattle tested. He suggested ranchers keep purchased cattle away from the main herd for 30 to 45 days, then retest the replacements before adding them to a herd. He also advised ranchers to watch for abortions, weak calves or lower milk yields, all signs of the disease. Keeping fences mended, he said, can prevent cows from wandering and being exposed to the disease by neighboring infected herds.

Holcombe said brucellosis-infected cattle must be sent to slaughter, (the meat is safe to eat), while the rest of the herd is put under quarantine for at least six months. The herd is tested on a regular basis to determine if any other animals have incubated the disease.

"Because of the restrictions on brucellosis-infected herds, producers can lose a lot of money on sales. While they are under quarantine, animals from the herd have only three destinations: quarantined feedlots, quarantined pastures or to slaughter. So, it's a lot cheaper and easier to prevent the disease than to clean it up."



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Grunt, Rattle and Bleat . . . Do Deer Calls Really Work?

The most recent phenomenon to sweep over the hunting horizon is the art and/or science of calling deer. The concept of calling wild turkeys is well-established and is one of the cornerstones of the sport of turkey hunting. It is also well-known that elk and moose, North America's largest antlered game, will answer and come to a call at certain times. However, the current rage in wildlife sound reproduction is directed at our nation's favorite big-game animal - the deer.

Today's outdoor marketplace is awash in various types of deer calls. There are also instructional tapes and videos, along with a host of other paraphernalia to help hunters lure deer by sound. The question is, "Are these gadgets and gizmos a mere fad, or do they really work?"

"Rattaling" is perhaps the granddaddy of all deer-calling techniques. Actual deer antlers or synthetic reproductions are clashed together to simulate the sounds of bucks fighting. In theory, other bucks, hearing a "fight" in progress, will come into the area to defend their territory or to look for the does that the supposed bucks are fighting over.

Rattaling has been used for years in south Texas and now is being tried nationwide. The general consensus seems to be that rattling, when done correctly, will draw in other bucks at certain times. The immediate pre- and post-rut periods, when the bucks are more "in the mood" than does, are considered prime rattling times.

The "bleat call"

imitates a fawn in distress. It seems to work best on does in the early fall during archery season. However, bleating occasionally attracts both does and bucks later in the year. Many think that the bucks are merely following does attracted by the bleat call.

"Grunting" is a guttural sound, like a pig's grunt. It is made by bucks while following receptive does or sometimes when bucks square off to fight. Grunting is thought to be an effective way to call bucks in the same way rattling is. In fact, grunt tubes are often used in conjunction with rattling "horns."

The problem with gauging the effectiveness of deer calls is that, unlike turkeys, elk and moose, deer are not very vocal. Deer do not use sound as a primary means of attracting mates or defending territory. They seldom answer a call directly and may only come close enough to survey the calling area by scent or by sight. Thus, even if deer do show up near a calling site, one must question whether they would have shown up anyway, and whether they were attracted or merely curious.

Thought far from a conclusive answer, indications are that deer calls, when properly used, really do attract deer and can help the hunter's chances. However, the calls by themselves are certainly no guarantee of success. Deer calling is no replacement for thorough scouting, competent woodcraft and good hunting skills.

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sign of pain, then the athlete must be recovered," he said. "The truth is they may only be partially recovered."

Three keys to rehabilitating injured muscles and for keeping uninjured muscles intop from include proper stretching for flexibility, endurance training such as cycling for leg muscles or swimming for arm and shoulder muscles, and weight training for strength.

"Working the muscle to recovery involves determination, patience, a supportive coach and a physician's care," said Hergenroeder. "The doctor should play an important role in determining when the patient is ready to play sports again but input from the coach and athlete should be encouraged."

Football continues to be the number one sport for injuries, followed by srestling and gymnastics, he said. The most common chronic injury is patellofemoral dysfunction or overuse of the knee, which is seen in almost all sports.

Other sports-related injuries include:

* Tennis: calf strain, ankle and knee injuries, tennis elbow (tendonitis or ligament injuries)

* Swimming: long-term shoulder injuries

* Running: shin splints, stress fractures, knee injuries

*Baseball: shoulder, elbow and knee injuries

Hergenroeder advises parents not to push their children into sports if they show little interest. Parents of children who are highly motivated by athletics should encourage them to try several different

associated with year-round participation in one sport.

"Above all, kids should learn that while sports are fun, good health is more important," said Hergenroeder.



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