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**Unocal Spirit Energy 76  
Makes Donation to  
Borden County EMS**

Borden County EMS is pleased to announce that Unocal Spirit Energy 76 has made a large donation to the volunteer organization. The donation was in the form of a new Morgan Building to be used to store supplies and as an office space for the EMS. The 12' X 20' insulated building also has heating and air conditioning.

Health has mandated that all medicines and fluids that are used by Mobile Intensive Care Ambulances must be kept at a temperature between 59 degrees and 89 degrees. This building will allow the EMS to comply with this mandate. The other alternative was to install central heating and air in each of the two ambu-

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**Borden County EMS receives new office building:** Borden County EMS president, Kent Holmes (center) shown thanking Mark Cochran, Production Foreman of Unocal Spirit 76 for the donation. Also pictured (L. to R.) Borden County EMT, Mike Valentine, Larry Tinsman, Contractor for Unocal, and other Borden County EMT's, Nelda Burnett, DaNita Roe and Carrie Hart.

 **Homecoming**



**Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Bonfire: Friday, 5:00 p.m.**

*East Side of school*

**Homecoming Supper: Chicken Fried Steak  
& Chicken Strips**

*Sponsored by the Senior Class*

*School Cafeteria immediately following Bonfire*

**Game Time: 7:30 p.m.**

***Borden County vs. Whitharral***

**Class Receptions: School Cafeteria**

*Immediately following game.*

**Homecoming Dance: County Show Barn**

*Immediately following game.*

*Sponsored by the Parents Club*

**Welcome Exes!**

**This Week's COYOTE FOOTBALL**

Thurs, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>: Coyote JV vs Whitharral - T - 6:00  
Coyote Pups - OPEN DATE

Friday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>: Coyotes vs. Balmorhea - T - 7:30  
Early Dismissal - 12:30 p.m. - Pep Rally: 11:20

# COYOTE FOOTBALL '99

## Coyotes Hang on For Touch Victory

The Borden County Coyotes Varsity Football Team hung on to a tough victory in Highland last Friday night, defeating the Hornets, 26-14. The Coyotes did a great job stepping up to the challenge of defeating a much larger team. One hundred and fifty pound athletes had to block one-hundred-ninety and two hundred pound athletes all night long. The same player had to stay on the other side of the ball, play off those big blocks, and make tackles all night long. That is what the Coyotes did, make plenty of tackles, allowing only 14 points from a very good football team.

The Coyotes had 9 first downs and allowed 8. They had 331 total yards of offense and gave up 253 yards. They had 39 rushing downs for 231 yards. The Hornets had 36 rushing downs for 130 yards. The Coyotes completed 7 of 15 passes for 100 yards, and the Hornets were 6 of 15 passing for 123 yards. The Coyotes intercepted the Hornets 3 times, and they threw no interceptions. The Coyotes lost one fumble and forced no fumbles from the Hornets. The Coyotes had 2 penalties for 10 yards, and the Hornets had 6 penalties for 35 yards. The Coyotes punted twice for a whopping 53 yards, and the Hornets punted 4 times for 33 yards.

Ed Rodriguez scored all four touchdowns for the Coyotes. Ed made one of these touchdowns as a receiver and the other three rushing. The pass was from Kevin Pinkerton as

he hit Rodriguez on a screen pass that went for 50 yards. This touchdown was on the first play from scrimmage after they had scored and went ahead by eight points. Rodriguez kicked the PAT good tying the score. Ed scored on three rushing plays from 2, 1, and 44 yards out. The PAT Kick failed on all three of these attempts. The Hornets scored in the second period again to make the score 20-14. Joseph Hardman had a good rush and blocked the PAT kick. The Coyotes had the only score of the second half, and the Coyote defense kept the Hornets scoreless in two quarters of play.

Hardman carried the ball 10 times for 41 yards, and Dale Grant carried the ball twice for 19 yards.

Pinkerton completed 5 of 13 passes for 85 yards, while Rodriguez completed 2 passes for 15 yards.

Hardman received two passes for 16 yards, Pinkerton received a pass for 5 yards, Ramon Griffin received two passes for 19 yards, and Rodriguez received two passes for 60 yards and one touchdown.

Defensively the Coyotes had a great night. Hardman had 12 tackles, and one interception. Pinkerton had 15, Ramon Griffin had 14 tackles and a QB hurry. Rodriguez had 13 tackles and two QB hurries. Robert Stamper had 8 tackles, and an interception. Dale Grant had 13 tackles, two QB hurries, and an interception. T.J. Sharp had 5 tackles, and D.J. Smith had a tackle.

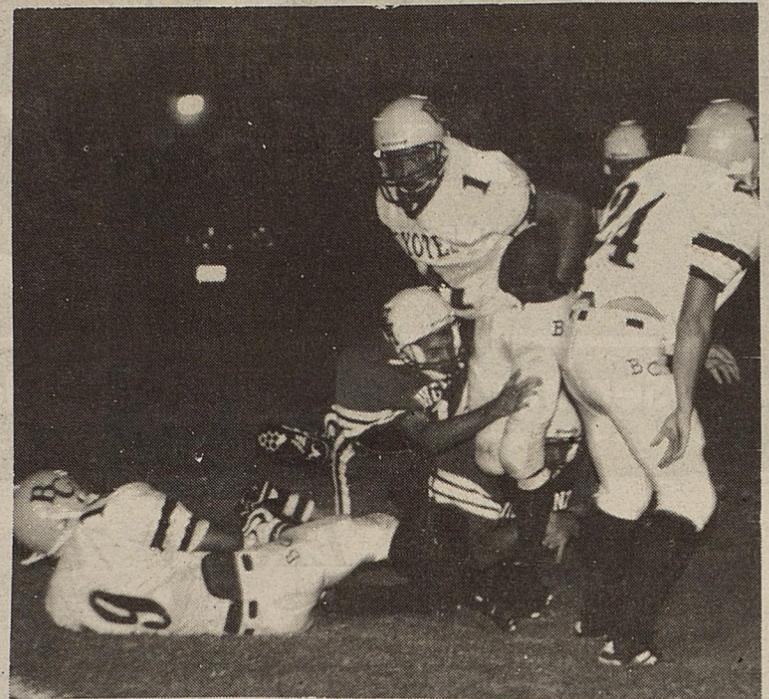
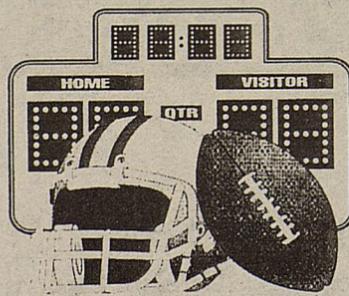
Pinkerton had a

great night punting. He had two punts of 40 and 57 yards. The later pinned the Hornets on their own three yard line.

John Harding and Nick Flanigan saw action on the offensive side of the line. Tom Griffin and Ross Aten saw action as receivers on the offensive side of the ball. Lee Pepper was a deep snapper as well as a receiver.

### COACHES COMMENTS: By Coach Avery

This was the first big test the Coyotes had this year. We made some mental errors in the game that wasted too many down. We did not block very well and we did not do a very good job on the goal line or short yardage situations. It takes a good team to show you where you are the weakest. Highland did us that favor. We can now go to work on these things and become a better ball club. Our next two games will also be tough. Balmorhea this week will be on the road, and Whitharral will be back for our homecoming. Both of these teams are among the better teams in this region. We will really need to erase mental errors, and take advantage of every opportunity. Everyone continue to root for the Coyotes in the coming weeks of football and help us jell into a solid team.



A Highland Hornett tries to bring down Borden Coyote Josph Hardman #1 during Friday night's game. Also pictured are #19 Ed Rodriguez and #24 John Harding. (Photo by LaNita)



NO WHERE TO RUN! A pack of Coyotes take care of this Hornet as he has no chance to get away. (Photo by LaNita)

Homecoming  
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Orders are due by Tuesday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>.

# Coyote Pups Outlast Mustangs

The Borden County Junior High Football Team won a hard fought game against the Sands Mustangs in Ackerly last Thursday by a score of 18-6. The Coyotes fought hard all night in a defensive battle, allowing only 6 points from the Sands Little 'Stangs.

Dan Griffin scored the Pups first touchdown as he followed good blocks made by Kyle Pinkerton and Cade Peterson to romp 40 yards to the end zone. The PAT failed, and the Coyote Pups tied the game 6-6.

The Pups second touchdown was scored by Pinkerton as he caught a John Stamper pass from 20 yards out and ran into the end zone. The PAT again failed, but the Pups went ahead of the Little 'Stangs, 12-6.

The Pup's third touchdown of the evening was set up by Andy Lozano. Lozano took the hand off from Stamper and followed a good block by Dusty Gwinn to travel 40 yards to the to the 'Stangs 10 yard line. From there Griffin took the ball up the middle. After a block from Adam Carter, Griffin bulled

his way into the end zone. The PAT again failed, but the Pups had sealed the victory late in the game by going up by two touchdowns.

The Pups did a great job on the defensive side of the ball as well. The Pups defense allowed only one touchdown, and that was only after a 'Stang was allowed to block a punt and get good field position deep into Pup territory. The rest of the night the Mustangs offense never really threatened. The defensive starting six were: Dan Griffin, and Andy Lozano at linebacker, Cade Peterson and John Stamper at corner backs, and Kyle Pinkerton and Dusty Gwinn at the defensive ends. Also playing defense was John Wilson who also saw action as fullback, and Clay John Anderson at cornerback.

### COACHES COMMENTS: By Coach Avery

These guys are really getting better each week. The Pups are 2-0 on the season and have defeated two teams that were bigger than they are. The Pups aren't putting many points

on the board yet, but that will come with experience. The Pups are playing defense really well which

says a lot for their aggressiveness. The Pups are open this week and will have some time to keep

fine tuning both sides of the ball. Keep it up Pups, and let's keep the ball rolling.



1999-2000 Coyote Pups: Back row (L. to R.) Clay John Anderson, Dusty Gwinn, Dan Griffin, Kyle Pinkerton, Adam Carter and Billy Roper. Front row: Cade Peterson, Charles Grant, John Stamper, Andy Lozano, Derek Rodriguez, John Wilson, Garrett Chapman and Tyler Wallace.

## Balmorhea Football Game Fan Bus

There has been a request for the school to provide a fan bus for some of the Coyote Fans to attend the gam this Friday night in Balmorhea. Therefore, an attempt to accommodate those wanting to attend the gam on a fan bus will be made.

A fee of \$5.00 per person will be charges, and a minimum of 20 people will be required to determine whether a fan bus will be provided. Please call Mrs. York at 756-4313 in the Superintendent's office to confirm your desire to attend this Friday Night's game on a fan bus by no later than 5:00 P.M. this Thursday. We apologize for the late notice, but this request was made too late to allow us to place this notice in last week's paper.

Interested persons will be notified by 9:00 A.M. on Friday morning if a fan bus will be provided. Departure time for the fan bus to Balmorhea will be 1:00 P.M. if this plan materializes.

### Menu

#### Sept. 27th-Oct 1st

**MONDAY:** Macaroni, Cheese & Franks, Spinach, Black eye Peas, Corn Break, Juice Bar & Milk

**Breakfast:** Egg & Cheese English Muffin, Juice & Milk

**TUESDAY:** Enchiladas, Mex, Bean Salad, Rice, Tortilla Chips, Fruit & Milk

**Breakfast:** Oatmeal, Toast, Juice & Milk

**WEDNESDAY:** Bar-B-Q Rib Patty, Potato Wedges, Corn, Bread, Pudding & Milk

**Breakfast:** Sausage gravy, Biscuits, Juice & Milk

**THURSDAY:** Beef Stroganoff, Green Beans, Salad, Toast, Fruit Crisp, & Milk

**Breakfast:** Cinnamon Roll, Fruit, Juice & Milk

**FRIDAY:** Sloppy Joes, Salad, French Fries, Cookies & Milk

**Breakfast:** Breakfast Burritos, Hash Browns, Juice & Milk



Coyote Pup, Dan Griffin, #11 races to the goal line during Thursday night's game against the Sands Mustangs. The Pups come away victorious by a score of 18-6.

(Photo by LaNita)



### Coyote Car Flags on SALE Now!

These flags are printed on both sides and come with sturdy plastic holder. \$12.00

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*From the Counselor:  
By Mary Airhart*

## Test Preparation Tutorials Approved

Texas public school students are required to take more and more standardized tests each year, and, often, neither the students nor their parents understand the testing requirements or the importance of adequate test preparation. In order to insure that Borden County students have optimum access to this information, the administration has approved test preparation tutorials prior to the first major tests which include the ACT on September 25<sup>th</sup>, the SAT on October 9<sup>th</sup>, and the PSAT on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Attempts were made to fit these tutorials into the regular schedule, but students and tutors were not available at the same time so this alternate plan was devised. Mrs. Dawn Gutschke has agreed to be on campus to tutor in general test-taking skills and math specific test-taking skills each morning at 7:30 a.m. from Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> through Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. She will also tutor on

Tuesdays and Thursday of the following two weeks as follows: Tuesday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>; Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. The tutorials will be held in the conference room (Mr. Wootan's art classroom), and students will be permitted to have food and drinks.

The Preliminary Scholastic Achievement Test (PSAT) is taken each year by sophomores and juniors. Sophomore students take the test as a practice or warm-up for the real thing in their junior year, and juniors take it to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship and/or practice for the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test). SAT, a college entrance exam published by the College Board and accepted by all colleges and universities, is often used nationally and internationally to gauge or compare student achievement. The American College Test (ACT), which does not penalize guesses and is, perhaps, more

closely aligned to high school curriculum than SAT, is also acceptable at all Texas colleges and universities. Students are encouraged to take either the ACT or the SAT during the spring or summer of their junior year and to repeat the test in the fall of their senior year. Just getting one or two more right answers improved scores significantly, and being familiar with the test format usually leads to that improvement. Hopefully, students who take advantage of the scheduled tutorials will gain confidence and improve their test-taking skills.

Students in grader 10, 11, and 12 are encouraged to attend these tutorials. The school will provide most of the financial support, but in order for parents and students to be really committed, each student must pay a fee of \$10 to attend one or all sessions. In cases of financial hardship, contact Mr. Thomas for possible fee exemption. Classroom teachers incorporate test-taking skills and content area knowledge and skills in their instruction, but we believe that students can extend their capabilities and improve their test scores by taking part in the tutorials. If you require further information, contact Mary Airhart at 756-4313.

## Three 7<sup>th</sup> grade students qualifies for the Scholastic Talent Search

Borden County ISD administration and staff congratulate Garrett Chapman, Ashley Ellison, and John Wilson, Borden County 7<sup>th</sup> grade students who have qualified to participate in the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholastic Talent Search sponsored by Duke University Talent Identification Program, (TIP). Garrett, Ashley and John qualified for TIP through their high scores on the

Spring, 1999 Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS).

Building on a rich history dating back to 1980, the TIP program is dedicated to being a National leader in identifying academically talented students and providing innovative programs to support the development of their optimal educational potential. The Talent Search, now beginning its

20<sup>th</sup> year, is the largest program of its kind in the nation, and represents participation from over 5,580 junior high and middle schools. It identifies academically talented 7<sup>th</sup> graders based on standardized test scores achieved the previous year, and identified candidates are invited to complete either the SAT I or ACT college entrance exams. TIP then

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## OFF AND RUNNING Cross Country News By Trent Pepper



## Abernathy Results Girls Team Places Fifth, Pepper Takes Silver

The high school girls turned in stellar performances en route to a fifth place team finish, and Trent Pepper earned the varsity boys silver medal at Abernathy last Saturday.

Holly Thomas, Bobbie Kempf, Dalene Kempf, Julie Mayes, Bekah Hensley, Shaina Isaacs and Crystal Dye ran in the highly competitive varsity girls division, Holly and Bobbie finished in the top fifteen. Dalene and Julie both finished in the top forty. The girls placed fifth as a team.

Trent Pepper placed second in the varsity boys division, covering the 2.5-mile course in 12:34. T.C. Stipe, whose twelfth place finish in 13:45, put him two places out of a medal. Also running in this division was Cody Nowlain.

Representing Borden

County in the junior varsity girls division were Micah Hensley and Carolina Arellanos.

Cassidy Rinehart, Mandy Vasquez and LaShae Johnson competed in the junior high girls division.

Charles Grant and Adam Carter ran in the junior high boy's race.

The Coyotes' next race will be Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> in Lubbock.

1999 Cross Country Schedule	
Date	Location
Sept. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Abernathy
Sept. 25 <sup>th</sup>	OPEN
Oct. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lubbock
Oct. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Abilene
Oct. 16 <sup>th</sup>	New Home
Oct. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Levelland
TBA	District TBA
Nov. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Regional Lubbock
Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup>	State Round Rock



TIP qualifiers: Garrett Chapman, Ashley Ellison and John Wilson

# Heart and home...



By Julie D. Mumme  
Borden County Extension Agent -  
Family and Consumer Sciences

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

## Stripping Away the Barriers to a Healthy Heart

Every day you make choices about your heart. But it is never too late to begin making new choices for a healthier heart. Whether it's eating low-fat foods, giving up cigarettes, or losing extra pounds, you can take steps to prevent a heart attack. Coronary heart disease - which reduces blood flow to the heart and can lead to heart attack - is America's number one public enemy. It's no match for you, though, if you identify your own risk factors, learn about your heart, and make a few simple changes to reduce your risks.

You can strip away your risks by reducing the factors that stand between you and a healthy heart. The major risks include high blood cholesterol, smoking, high blood pressure, obesity, diabetes, stress, poor diet, and lack of exercise. Everyone has a different set of risks that can lead to coronary heart disease. You should assess your risks and make changes if possible.

There are a variety of ways that you can reduce your risk of coronary heart disease. The first is to consult your health care provider if you are

concerned about the health of your heart. Next, reduce the amount of foods you eat with a high fat content. Read the food labels to determine the fat content of food. The saturated fats are the ones you should particularly avoid. You should also avoid foods that are high in cholesterol. These are foods that come from animal sources. Foods from plant sources do not contain cholesterol, but can contain high amounts of fat. Another way to reduce your risk is to exercise regularly. Exercise is good for you in many ways. It may increase the levels of your "good cholesterol" (HDL - high-density lipoprotein) and also keep off extra weight. Eliminating smoking from your life and reducing high blood pressure will also reduce your risk. There are many other ways in which you can reduce your risk of coronary heart disease. You should schedule an appointment with our health care provider if you are concerned about your heart health, or have any of the risk factors mentioned previously. For other information on becoming heart healthy, contact the Extension office at 806/756-

### Family & Community Education Study Group Meeting

Monday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.  
Community Building - Gail  
Refreshments will be provided.

A program will be given on  
"Managing the Clutter"  
Hope to see you there!

23 - OCTOBER 1999

GAIL TEXAS

SATURDAY NIGHT

COYOTE

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by LOCAL & AREA MUSICIANS

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YOUTH ART EXHIBIT

RAFFLES

## Borden Co. EMS Receives Donation

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lances at the cost of about \$6,000.00 per ambulance.

Borden County EMS will also use this building as a small office space. Borden County EMS has never had an office to work out of in its 22-year history. The EMS will need a serviceable desk and computer to complete this office.

Borden County EMS appreciates all donations and support from the community. They will continue to provide fast response Advanced Life Support to anyone in need.

Again a special thank you to Unocal Spirit Energy 76.

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Information adapted from Stripping Away the Barriers to a Healthy Heart brochure. Covenant Health Care Systems of Lubbock, TX

## HUNTING LEASE NEEDED

Retired gentleman from Lubbock desires a hunting lease in Borden County. Prefers a fairly large ranch to hunt coyotes year round and hunt bird & deer in season. Originally from a ranch and farm family. Will respect and care for your land and cattle. Will pay \$2,000.00 per year.

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806/762-4604 nights and weekends.

## TIP

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provides the participants with comparative information concerning their academic abilities and resources for unique educational opportunities. Thus, TIP offers supplementation of local efforts to motivate, enrich, and academically challenge some of our community's brightest young people.

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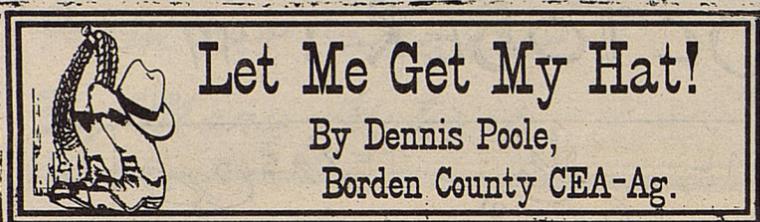
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## Let Me Get My Hat!

By Dennis Poole,  
Borden County CEA-Ag.

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### County Fair Results

Borden County 4-H and FFA members have participated at several fairs across Texas over the past few weeks. September and early October is a popular time of year for local and area fairs and participation from county 4-H and FFA member is quite competitive.

Congratulations to each of these members on their efforts:

#### Kendall County Fair Boerne, TX

LaShae Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup> MW Southdown  
3<sup>rd</sup> LMW Med. Wool  
3<sup>rd</sup> MW Med. Wool  
4<sup>th</sup> LHW Med. Wool

#### Hill Country Classic Kerrville, TX

LaShae Johnson  
Show A  
2<sup>nd</sup> HW Southdown  
6<sup>th</sup> HW Southdown  
Show B  
3<sup>rd</sup> LW Southdown  
7<sup>th</sup> HW Southdown  
4<sup>th</sup> LHW Med. Wool

#### Howard County Fair Big Spring, TX

Jessica Ellison  
2<sup>nd</sup> Exotic progress steer  
Kevin Ellison  
3<sup>rd</sup> Exotic progress steer

#### West Texas Fair Abilene, TX

LaShae Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup> HW Med. Wool  
5<sup>th</sup> LW Southdown  
4<sup>th</sup> HW Southdown

#### Permian Basin Fair

#### Odessa, TX

LaShae Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup>  
HW Medium Wool  
5<sup>th</sup> MW Southdown  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> HW Southdown

Kaci Poole  
5<sup>th</sup> MW Limousin  
6<sup>th</sup> MW Limousin

Kalli Poole  
2<sup>nd</sup> HW Polled Hereford  
Reserve Breed Champion

Tanner Poole  
1<sup>st</sup> LW American  
Reserve Breed Champion  
1<sup>st</sup> LW Simbrah

#### Dawson County Fair Lamesa, TX

Shawna Kempf  
3<sup>rd</sup> MW Medium Wool  
Bobbie Kempf  
7<sup>th</sup> Finewool  
8<sup>th</sup> MW Medium Wool

Kate Wallace  
4<sup>th</sup> Finewool Cross  
6<sup>th</sup> Finewool Cross  
7<sup>th</sup> Southdown

Kylia Culp  
3<sup>rd</sup> American

Tyler Wallace  
2<sup>nd</sup> American

J.Ryan Gicklhorn  
2<sup>nd</sup> European Cross

#### West Texas Fair Abilene, TX

Tyler Wallace  
3<sup>rd</sup> HW Santa Gertrudis  
Kaci Poole  
3<sup>rd</sup> MW Limousin

Kalli Poole  
1<sup>st</sup> HW Polled Hereford  
Champion Polled Hereford

Tanner Poole  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
LW American Cross  
Champion American Cross

### Refreshments Needed for Homecoming Dance

Once again the Parent's Club is sponsoring the Homecoming Dance following the football game on Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a very important activity for our youth so there is a place for them to go after the game and have a good time and enjoy the evening.

The Parent's Club is asking for help in preparing refreshments for this activity. If you would help out by bringing or sending at least one of the following items it would help insure a good time for the youth and friends.

- Dozen Sandwiches
- Chips
- Dips
- Cookies/Brownies

Your help in this will be greatly appreciated. If you need more information or someone to give you

food items to, please Verna Adcock or Kathy contact Tracy Cooley, Pelham

### Homecoming Dance

Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> - Immediately following the football game. County Show Barn  
Sonic Sounds provided by the ultra-cool team of Colt (Miller) and Daniel  
Refreshments served  
\$2.00 each at the door. 5 and under FREE  
Come join the Family Fun!

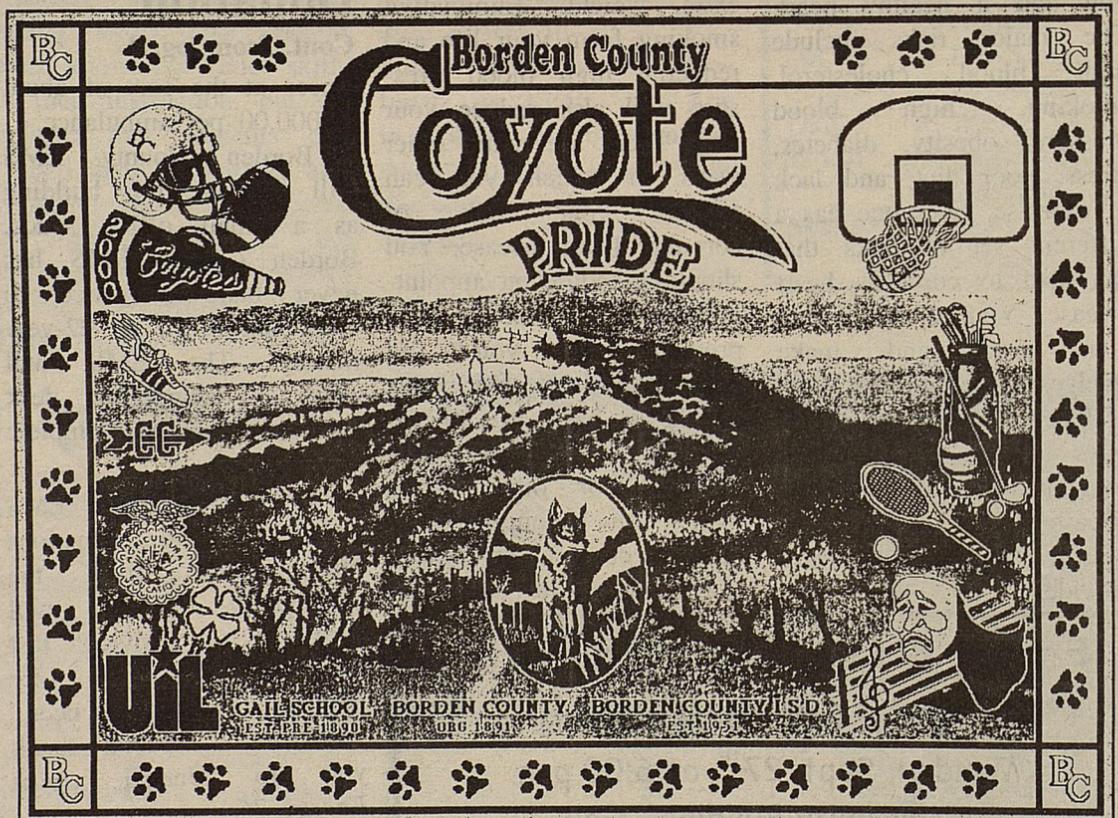
### PARENTS CLUB MEMBERSHIP CARDS ARE ON SALE FOR \$5.00

The money raised in this membership sale will help support the Parent's Club Scholarship fund for a 2000 graduating senior. Membership cards will be numbered and at each home football game, a number will be drawn for free concession stand items. Get your membership card from Tracy Cooley

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# Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

## Too Much of A Good Thing – Rains Soak Plains

LUBBOCK, September 17, 1999 By Shawn Wade

With rainfall totals in some areas approaching 7 inches in some areas, cotton producers on the Texas High Plains can generally say enough is enough.

Rainfall totals since September 14 are reported to range from one-half inch in the southern portion of the area to over 7 inches in some central and northern areas.

The rain and accompanying cool temperatures have significantly impacted the crop in many ways. It really doesn't matter whether the crop in the field is late or ready to harvest, the rain has not been beneficial either way.

To make matters worse cotton in several areas has received significant hail damage. The hail will no doubt result in the loss of thousands of acres and thousands of bales of production.

An actual tally of hail affected cotton acreage will probably not be available for several days as producers try to assess the total extent of the damage.

With the crop rapidly approaching the end of the line before the rains came, producers who had been busy preparing and applying harvest aid treatments are now going to be faced with the prospect of regrowth and reduced harvest aid effectiveness as they try to get the crop to a harvestable state.

The bottomline is the likely addition of expense in order to successfully terminate the crop and possibly the need for additional insect control as the weather favors the survival of both boll weevils and aphids.

Aphids have been an on again off again issue for producers in many areas and extra vigilance will be required to prevent a rapid build-up of this reputation destroying pest.

Boll weevil populations, which are generally no longer reproductive, are beginning to peak as they prepare to overwinter. Producers outside eradication zones should be thinking about adding a weevil material to their harvest aid treatments. Growers both inside and outside active eradication zones should be monitoring aphid populations and be ready to catch any flare-ups that might occur in their fields.

For both of these pests it is easy to figure that the cheapest and best way to avoid problems is to get the crop out of the field in a timely manner. Unfortunately recent weather events have made that option, much easier said than done.

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## Congress Working On Ag Assistance Package

LUBBOCK, September 17, 1999 By Shawn Wade

With prices not expected to rebound any time soon and crop prospects being continually hammered there is little feel good about out on the farm.

Producers trying their best to get through the 1999 crop year and be in a position to try again in 2000 are understandably putting a lot of effort into keeping up with activities in Washington, DC.

As Congress contemplates the size and scope of economic/disaster relief in the coming weeks producers of cotton and all other commodities are watching intently and keeping up with who does what and why.

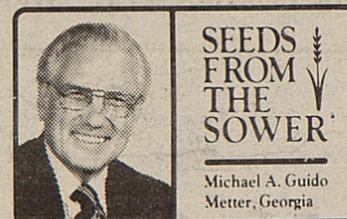
Key to the current situation is the discussion between House and Senate conferees on the FY2000 Agriculture Appropriations Bill. The Senate version of the bill included some \$7.4 Billion in economic relief for agriculture.

Although no provision was made to address the 1999 disaster situation, which occurred primarily as a result of drought conditions in many parts of the country, it is likely that funds will be found for this purpose as well.

"Every little bit will help," notes PCG executive Vice President Steve Verett. "As PCG goes about the process of communicating the seriousness of the situation for our own producer members, we are also working hard to communicate the overall scope of the current economic situation that faces all of agriculture. So far the responses we have received from Washington have been positive and we look forward to eventually having a package that meets as many of the needs that exist as possible."

At this time no clear picture has emerged of what might a final relief package might include nor how much it will total. Senate and House leaders are in the process of determining how much is likely to going to be required to fulfill the current need. If a satisfactory agreement can be reached then the process of applying that money where it is most needed can proceed within the context of the conference committee's deliberations.

Widespread support continues for agricultural relief and the challenge will be to build on this support and bring about whatever additional reforms are necessary to strengthen the safety net U.S. agriculture desperately needs.



A Sunday School teacher asked, "Danny, could you forgive a boy if he called you names and hit you?"

"I could," he answered, "if he was a lot bigger'n me."

But whether he's smaller or bigger we should forgive. For the joy of a Christian is to turn his foes into friends.

"But," you say, "I can forgive. I can't forget." That's just another way of saying, "I won't forgive."

Forgiveness should be like a canceled note - torn in two, and burned up, never to be shown again.

The Bible says, "Be ye kind one to another, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake, has forgiven you."

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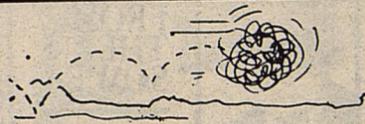
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## Mountains

In the movie *Runaway Bride*, Annapurna is mentioned as a honeymoon destination. Something clicked in my mind at the time, but I didn't give it any more thought until yesterday when I woke up with the tune of the old song, Annapurna, running through my mind. My high school band played it.

I went to the Internet, the dictionary and the encyclopedia and found all sourest of stuff about Annapurna, the mountain in Nepal. It is named for the Goddess of Plenty.

It is the eleventh highest mountain in the world at 26,504 feet. It is the Himalayas. Annapurna was the first of the world's tallest mountains to be climbed. In 1950, a French team, led by Maurice Herzog, made it to the top. Before then, there was no map of the mountain. Until the conquest of Mount Everest in 1953, Annapurna held the record as the highest mountain climbed by man.

There is an "Annapurna Circuit" starting in Katmandu and taking trekkers over a 200-mile route. Ten thousand people take the 22-day trip every year. October and November are the best times to go.

I thought to myself, if Annapurna is the eleventh highest mountain, what are the top ten and where are they? I like geography, any ways so here goes. The world's tallest mountains

are pretty much in the same neighborhood.

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|--------------------------|--------------|---------|
| # 1. Mount Everest       | Nepal-Tibet  | 29,028' |
| # 2. Mount Godwin-Austen | India        | 28,250' |
| # 3. Mount Kanchenjuga   | Nepal-Sikkim | 28,168' |
| # 4. Lhots I             | Nepal-Tibet  | 27,890' |
| # 5. Makalu              | Nepal-Tibet  | 27,790' |
| # 6. Lhotse II           | Nepal-Tibet  | 27,560' |
| # 7. Cho Oyu             | Nepal-Tibet  | 26,867' |
| # 8. Dhaulagiri          | Nepal        | 26,810' |
| # 9. Nanga Parbat        | India        | 26,660' |
| #10. Manaslu             | Nepal-Tibet  | 26,658' |

The highest peak in South America is Aconagua in

Argentina, 22,834 feet. The highest mountain in North America is Alaska's Mount McKinley at 20,320 feet. Canada's highest is Mount Logan at 19,850 feet. The highest mountain in Africa is Kilimanjaro in Tanganyika at 19,590 feet. Mexico's highest peak is Orizaba at 18,696 feet. Turkey's Mount Ararat is 16,946 feet. The tallest mountain in the Alps is France's Mount Blanc at 15,781 feet. Switzerland's Matterhorn is 14,685 feet. California's Mount Whitney is 14,495 feet. The highest peak of the Rocky Mountains is Mount Elbert in Colorado, 14,431 feet. Washington's Mount Ranier is 14,408 feet. Pike's Peak is 14,110 feet. Japan's Mount Fuji is 12,388 feet. Mount Hood in Oregon is 11,245 feet. Mount Etna in Sicily is 10,868 feet. Mount Olympus in Greece is 9,550 feet. The tallest mountain in Texas is Guadalupe Peak, 8,751 feet. Mount Washington in New Hampshire is 6,288 feet. Mount Rushmore in

South Dakota is 5,725 feet. Italy's Mount Vesuvius is 3,842 feet.

Most Alpine peaks range in height between

6,000 and 8,000 feet. From that, I guess you could say the tallest mountain in Texas is taller than most mountains in the Alps.

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#### BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BID REQUEST

The Superintendent's office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive bids for purchase and installation of an Emergency Communication System for the school plant.

Proposals shall be addressed to Jimmy Thomas; Borden County Independent School District; Box 95; Gail, Texas 79738, and shall be delivered in a sealed envelope marked "Emergency Communication System Bid". Proposals will be received up to but no later than 1:00 P.M. on October 14, 1999. Bid will be opened and read as they are received. Proposals will be tabulated, researched, and presented to the Board of Trustees for their consideration at the next scheduled meeting. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

The Borden County I.S.D. Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposed bids, to waive any and all technicalities, and to accept the proposal that will best serve the needs of the District.

Questions regarding bid specifications and additional information shall be directed to Jimmy Thomas by writing the above address or by calling 806/756-4313. Transmissions by fax may be sent to (806-756-4310).

By Order of the Board of Trustees  
Borden County Independent School District  
Joel Dennis, Secretary