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1995 Weather Spotter Training Sessions

The National Weather Service in Midland, Texas will be conducting severe weather spotter training classes as listed on the following pages. Each training session will last approximately 2-3 hours, and will include many severe weather and related topics.

For the first time, a training session will be held in every county of the Midland NWS warning area. Not only are these classes for emergency personnel and amateur radio

operators, but the public is welcomed and encouraged to participate. Time will be allowed for a forum to answer questions and address local issues. Best of all-the classes are free.

During these classes the primary goal will be to become proficient in recognizing visual characteristics that indicate a storm may be severe or may become severe. New slides and videos will be utilized that even the veteran spotters haven't seen. Particular emphasis

will be placed on local severe weather events and situations.

Certain classes have been designed as **"ADVANCED"** and will give people the opportunity to learn further details about severe weather. Most advanced classes will be no farther than one county away from any location.

The dates and sessions in your area are being announced to anyone interested. Law Enforcement personnel attending will be eligible to TCLEOSE credits.

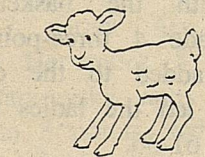
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BHS Exes Meeting Planned

Borden County Exes Association urges everyone to attend the meeting on January 23, 1995 at 6:00 p.m. in the School Conference Room.

There will be discussions and work on the incompleated address list. If you have any addresses of Exes or change of address, please bring them or see that the committee get these changes so that the list can be updated.

All BHS Exes are urged to attend these meetings!



LAMB SHOW
Thursday, 6:00 p.m.

Borden County Stock Show January 19th, 20th & 21st.

STEER SHOW
Saturday, 8:30 a.m.

Everyone is invited to a **MEXICAN FIESTA** sponsored by the Borden County Junior Livestock Association, on Saturday, January 21, 1995 in the School Cafeteria. All food will be provided and will be served at 11:30 a.m.



BARROW SHOW
Friday, 8:30 a.m.

MENU: Pedro's Tamales, Red Beans, Salad, Cobbler

SEE YOU ALL AT THE STOCK SHOW!





Hoop It Up! Coyote Basketball

Coyotes Drop Three In Wildcat Tournament

The Borden County Coyotes traveled to Wellman over the weekend of Jan. 6-7 to play in the Wellman Wildcat tournament. The Coyotes played 3 games over a 2 day period as they came away with 3 loses, but finished on a high note by playing well in their lose to the hosting Wellman Wildcats.

The Coyotes opened the tournament Friday against Three Way. They Coyotes could not get the ball to go into the basket. This spelled out a 75 to 40 loss.

Scoring for the Coyotes was Juan Galvan with a career high 17 points, Kurt Hess 7 points, Miguel Hernandez 7 points, Oscar Baeza 6 points, Roy Clayton 2 points and Doug Flanigan 1 point.

On Saturday the Coyotes played Wilson at 10:30 a.m. The Coyotes looked a little sluggish as they could not put the ball in the basket. As they hit only 16 of 61 shots taken. This resulted in a 62 to 34 lose and an 0-2 record in the round robin tournament.

Scoring for the Coyotes was Oscar Baeza 10 points, Kurt Hess 7 points, Juan Galvan 6 points, Grant Key 4 points, Miguel Hernandez 3 points, Doug Flanigan 2 points and Roy Clayton 2 points.

In the final game the Coyotes would play the host team, Wellman. In the first game the Coyotes played much better, in fact, they lead the entire first half. Their biggest lead of

the game came midway through the 2nd quarter at 22 to 15. But it was to good to be true as the Coyotes found themselves in some serious foul trouble. With foul trouble comes a lot of free throws and the Wildcats knew what to do, with 11 of the 29 first half points coming from the free throw line.

The Coyotes also became very cold in the 2nd half and this lead to a 67 to 51 lose. The Coyotes made only 23 of 67 shots taken in this game.

Scoring for the Coyotes were Kurt Hess, 19, Miguel Hernandez 7, Oscar Baeza 6, Grant Key 6, Juan Galvan 5, Doug Flanigan 4, and Roy Clayton 4.

COACHES COMMENTS: by Trey Richey

The guys did bounce back Saturday evening and play real well for 2 1/2 quarters. It is real weird how this stuff works out. We play Wellman real close and Wellman beats Three Way by 15 points and Three Way beats us 34. This just shows me that we can play better than we play sometimes. Guys keep working and good things will happen.

Coyotes Blister the Bulldogs

The Borden County Coyotes played host Tuesday night to the Ira Bulldogs. Both teams entered the game in need of a victory.

Things got off to a fast start for the Coyotes as they scored a season high 22 points in the opening period. Kurt Hess contributed 9 of those points while Doug Flanigan tallied 7 points and Oscar Baeza rounding out the quarter with 6 points. Meanwhile, the Coyotes pressure and a newly used 1-3-1 zone limited the Bulldogs to 13 points.

In the second quarter the Coyotes continued their pressure as they went on a 12-0 run to increase their lead to 34-13. Oscar Baeza and Grant Key combined for all 12 points during this run. The Bulldogs did

manage to go on a 7-0 run of their own to finish the half trailing 34 - 20.

The second half started out just as the first did as the Coyotes used their pressure defense to go on another run to put the game away midway through the 3rd quarter. This run was triggered by some very unselfish play in the 22-7 run to make the score 56-27 with 2:00 left in the 3rd quarter. Again, this tied a season high point total in a quarter. The Coyotes could not manage a basket in that final 2:00 minutes, but the Bulldogs scored 7 of their own to make the score 56-34 going into the 4th quarter.

In the final quarter, the Coyotes jumped out quickly by going on a 15 to 5 run to take a 71 to

42 lead with 2:30 minutes to go in the game. At this time the benches were cleared and the young guys got to get some valuable experience. Over the last few minutes the Bulldogs managed to close the game on a 14 to 3 run that gave the Coyotes a final score of 74 to 53. The 3 points shot that was scored for the Coyotes in the final few minutes was a dramatic 3 point shot by Roy Clayton as he showed the crowd the definition of "nothin' but net"!

Scoring for the Coyotes were Kurt Hess with a season high 25 points, Doug Flanigan a career high 9 points, Grant Key 7 points, Miguel Hernandez 5 points, Roy Clayton 3 points, and Juan Galvan 2 points. Also playing were Clint Miller, Chris Harrison, Lee Barkowsky, and John Brummett.

COACHES COMMENT: by Trey Richey

Congratulations guys, you deserved a victory like that. Keep up the good work and remember how much fun you had Tuesday night.

Lady Coyotes Defeat Ira 61-36

The Lady Coyotes hosted the Ira Lady Bulldogs, Tuesday, January 10th. And in a fast paced competition, Borden County came in with a big win.

The ladies worked the floor well and gave Kembra Kemp the opportunity for some three

point shots while she was hot with the basketball. She made 4 three-pointers which added to the other scoring led the ladies to a win of 61-36.

Kembra led the scoring for Borden County with 18 points. Others scoring were: Nicole Lawrence 9,

Jill Voss and Bobbie Armstrong with 7 points each, Reagan Smith and Sandy Brummett with 6 apiece, Laura Hensley 4, Erica Nance and Tammy Cooley with 2 each.

Other team members contributing were: Nadia Baeza, Shelby Isaacs, Chrissy Armstrong, Maya Sheen, Carrie Hart and Heather Roe.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT From the University Interscholastic League

An educational environment is critical to the success of high school athletics and activity programs. An important part of that environment is planning for good sportsmanship. Without good sportsmanship, the lessons learned lose their value. Remember the next time you attend an interscholastic contest that you are really inside a classroom where good sports receive the highest grade. A public service message from the University Interscholastic League.

GO COYOTES!



Coyotes Come Up Short Against Whitharral 51-45

The Borden County Coyotes made the long trek to Whitharral, Friday, January 13, to play the Panthers fresh from their Tuesday night victory over Ira. The Coyotes came up short but, played extremely well.

The Coyotes started the game showing that they were going to be extremely patient. But even though they played smarter, they were still having trouble getting the ball in the basket. They managed only 4 of 15 shots. This equaled a 12-9 deficit after one period of play.

In the 2nd period, the Coyotes shot a little better, but after cutting the lead to one point, they committed four straight turnovers leading to 6 points for the Panthers. The Coyotes played extremely smart the rest of the way and had several opportunities to tie the game. At the end of this half, Kurt Hess made a very head up inbound play by bouncing the ball off of the back of a Panther and picking the ball up for a short jump shot. Kurt was fouled on the play and he failed to convert giving Borden County a 24-20 score with the Coyotes on the short end.

In the 3rd quarter, the Coyotes started out playing possibly their best stretch of the season as they were patient and got the ball inside with nifty passes as they turned in 2 baskets and 5 of 6 free throws during a 9-1 3:30 stretch to take a 29-25 lead. After missing a couple of opportunities to extend the lead, the Coyotes hit their second lull of the game by committing 4 straight turnovers. The Panthers hit 2 lay ups and 2 three pointers to take a 35-29 lead. The Panthers managed another basket

and a 37-29 lead before the Coyotes scored 3 unanswered points and had an opportunity to score if not for a missed lay up at the buzzer to make the score 37-32.

The Coyotes started the fourth quarter extremely cold and watched as the Panthers extended their lead to a game high 11 points at 43-32. At this point, the Coyotes began to mount a come back as Juan Galvan took two Kurt Hess passes to cut the lead to 43-36. But again, the Panthers extended to 47-36 margin with 3:00 to go. At this point, Lee Barkowsky was inserted into the lineup where he promptly hit a 3 point basket to but the led to 8. Miguel Hernandez added a 2 to make the score 47-41. The Panthers hit a couple of free throws as Oscar Baeza scored a basket. The Panthers hit another free throw to give them a 51-43 lead. The Coyotes let a turnover go their hand and missed a lay up before getting a buzzer beating lay up by Baeza to give the Coyotes a final score of 51-45.

Scoring for the Coyotes was Oscar Baeza 16, Kurt Hess 7, Grant Key and Miguel Hernandez 5 each, Lee Barkowsky and Doug Flanigan 3 points and Roy Clayton with 2. Also contributing with a couple of steals was Clint Miller.

COACH'S COMMENTS; By Coach Richey

I was really pleased with the way the guys played. We had every opportunity to win, but when you shoot 18 for 60 (30%) in a game, it is very difficult to beat good teams. But I really feel that we made a lot of improvements. We handled their press very well. Good job, guys!

The Lady Panthers Claw the Lady Coyotes 77-39

The Lady Coyotes traveled to Whitharral, Friday, January 13 to play a team with a record of 18-0.

Turnovers and a very cold first period led to a deficit of 23-3 for Borden County. After that very slow start, the Lady Coyotes were never able to claw their way out of that big hole.

The mistakes and poor decisions on both of the offensive and defensive side of Borden County, continued throughout the game.

After the half time in the third quarter, the Lady Coyotes showed a spark of what they can do and won that quarter.

But there was too much distance between the two scores to allow the Lady Coyotes to make any headway. Therefore, Borden County lost 77-39 to a very quick and aggressive team.

Lady Coyote Jayvees Win Over Ira 37-16

The Lady Coyote Jayvees won their game against Ira last Tuesday, January 10th. by a score of 37-16.

Score by quarters was: 10-2, 15-5, 28-10 and the final of 37-16. The Lady Jayvees remained undefeated for the season.

Scoring for the team

Scoring for the Lady Coyotes were: Shelby Isaacs and Bobbie Armstrong with 8 points each, Reagan Smith 7, Nicole Lawrence 5, Maya Sheen 3 and Jill Voss, Sandy Brummett, Laura Hensley and Kembra Kemp with 2 points each.

The Lady Coyotes' record is now 8-11.

District games begin next week against Sands, Klondike, and Grady.

COACHE'S COMMETS: By Coach Dyess

I would like to thank Coach Avery and the other coaches for being with my girls while I was in the hospital with my mother during her surgery.

I know it is hard to step in to coach, a team on a moments notice, so I appreciate being able to call on them in a situation such as this.

were: Tammy Cooley 9 points, Chrissy Armstrong and Carrie Hart 8 each, DeAnn Parks 4, Haley Roe 3, Monica Schooler and Nadia Baeza with 2 points each and Randi Farmer with 1 point. Other team members contributing were: Shalina Reyes and Christa Bass.

NO SCHOOL! FRIDAY, JANUARY 20TH ~Borden County Stock Show~

Thank You!

The Borden County Eighth Grade Class would like to Thank everyone for buying raffles for the Pecan Pie and Barbie clothes at last week's home basketball game. The winner of the pie was Kyle Pinkerton and Brenda Griffin won the Barbie clothes.

Thanks for supporting the Senior Class of '99

School Lunch Menu

Lunch: \$1.00-K-6th
\$1.25-7th - 12th.
Breakfast - 50

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Beef Fajitas
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TUESDAY

Hobo Stew
Blackeyed Peas
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Chocolate Pudding
Milk

Oatmeal - Toast
Juice - Milk

WEDNESDAY

Steak Fingers
Augratin Potatoes
Green Beans
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Jello w/Fruit
Milk

Pancakes

Juice - Milk

THURSDAY

Nachos Supreme
Beans
Salad
Donuts
Milk

Sausage & Biscuits
Juice - Milk

FRIDAY

Hamburgers
Tater Tots
Salad
Peanut Butter Cake
Milk

Muffins

Juice - Milk



Buffalo Soldiers: Forgotten Frontier Defenders

The truth surrounding the settling of the Old West is often lost amidst the glitz and glamour of Hollywood's movies. The stereotypical American cowboy, riding high upon his horse, is portrayed chasing Indians across the West Texas plains with a six-shooter in his hand.

Despite this image, the American cowboy was not always white. Cowboys of the Old West came in many colors, including black and brown. The forgotten saga of Texas' black frontier soldiers is another story not found in many history books. Their accomplishments were extraordinary, but achieved during an era when cultural diversity was not embraced. These brave men were called Buffalo Soldiers. They made up the all-black 9th and 10th Cavalry regiments and the 24th and 25th Infantry of the United States Army after the Civil War.

Dressed in blue uniforms, the Buffalo Soldiers were the dividing line between hostility and peace on the Texas frontier. Thinly spread on the thousand-mile border from Brownsville to El Paso, they protected farmers, ranchers, and settlers from harm. With bravery, they fought Native American warriors, cattle rustlers, murderous gunmen, bootleggers, and Mexican Revolutionaries who ventured into Texas. The Buffalo Soldiers escorted stagecoaches, cattle drives, and railroad crews through Indian territory, and built new roads and telegraph lines to maintain communication in the ever-growing community of the Old West.

They were dubbed "Buffalo Soldiers" by the Plains Indians. The men were very proud of this title, though no one is quite certain how it originated. Some believe it was because the soldiers wore thick coats made of buffalo hide during the winter months. Others believe it was in reference to the thick, woolly hair of a buffalo and its similarities to the black soldiers' hair. Either way, it was considered a term of respect because the buffalo was an important animal along the Western frontier. The buffalo symbol was prominently displayed on the company crests of both the 9th and 10th Cavalry.

When the Civil War ended, Congress passed an act that allowed Afri-

can-Americans to serve in the peacetime army. African-American troops had fought since the days of George Washington, but until the Civil War, their role was limited. When blacks were finally allowed to join the Army, they were stationed in West Texas to battle Indians. Fort Davis was the main post for the Buffalo Soldiers. Located deep in the Chihuahuan Desert of West Texas, it was a location most enlisted men wanted to avoid. It was built in 1854 to secure reliable water routes that were being attacked by Indians.

Many young African-Americans were still eager to enlist because the army gave them an opportunity to make money in a society that was closed to them. They earned \$13 a month, more than they could earn in nearly any other occupation.

The Buffalo Soldiers endured harsh conditions in the Army. Perhaps the greatest indignity was the pitiful quality of horses they were assigned. Traditionally, U.S. Cavalry mounts are the finest available, but the Buffalo Soldiers only received discarded Civil War cripples, or animals who were old and barely walking. Many times, these horses meant the difference between life and death in battle. Over time, however, the Buffalo Soldiers overcame sub-par treatment and proved to be valuable fighters.

Written records from this time in Texas history are scarce. There are no letters, diaries, or journals because most of the Buffalo Soldiers were illiterate. Therefore, the history of their accomplishments has been buried over time.



The Buffalo Soldier helped keep the peace on the Texas frontier. Members of the Army's 9th and 10th Cavalry and the 24th and 25th Infantry are remembered in living history programs and by organizations dedicated to honoring these brave African-Americans. For more information, contact the Fort Davis National Historic Site, 915/426-3224. Texas Department of Commerce photo.

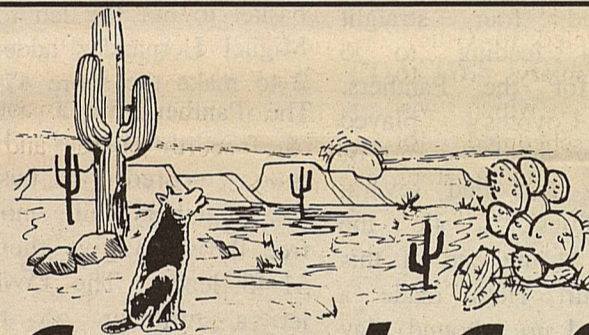
Today, much is being done to preserve the memory of the Buffalo Soldiers. Due to the peace that the Buffalo Soldiers maintained, Fort Davis was deactivated in 1891. Today it is a 460-acre national historic site. More than 25 original structures and the foundations of several others have been restored as part of the National Park Service. People can step into another way of life here, a time when the West was still wild and unknown.

At Fort Davis, a visitor center and museum show the challenge of life on the Texas frontier during the late 1800's. Park rangers and volunteers dress like Buffalo Soldiers, Army officers, their wives, and servants during living history programs. The park comes to life with the audio recreation of the fire of guns, the clip-clop of horses, and the call of bugles as the sounds from the Buffalo Soldiers' experience at Fort Davis unfold.

The Memorial Regiment, sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and the Soldiers in Blue are two organizations that regularly travel the state, speaking and portraying the life of the Buffalo Soldier. The two groups are made up of

state park rangers and members of riding clubs, many of whom are descendants of original Buffalo Soldiers. The men put on approximately 30 programs a year in Texas schools and historical parks. The programs are lessons in multiculturalism. Their aim is to teach a generation of children of the important contributions made by African-Americans. They teach inner-city children the accomplishments of black vaqueros, soldiers, and cowboys in order to show the children that people of different colors have a place in Texas history. Their participation in the re-telling of history gives minority children a chance to see that their ancestors had a role in the settlement of the West.

The Buffalo Soldiers proved that the color of one's skin does not matter as much as perseverance and dedication. Their role in taming the Texas frontier and keeping peace throughout the state was a great accomplishment. They are an example of the true spirit of the Lone Star State and a source of pride in "Texas. It's Like A Whole Other Country.®" For a free 272-page Texas State Travel Guide and a highway map, call 800/888-TEX.



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Missy Coyotes Win Over Klondike 62-7

The Borden County Missy Coyotes started district play Thursday, January 12, by defeating Klondike Jr. High Cougars 62-7 in the Borden County Gymnasium.

A pressing defense let the Missy Coyotes jump to a 19-2 first quarter lead and a 35-4 half time lead. All team members played except five who played a one quarter game against the Klondike reserves.

Leading the scoring for the Missy Coyotes was Kati Merritt with 18 points. Also scoring were:

Missy Coyotes Win Close Game at Grady 35-30

The Jr. High Missy Coyotes traveled to Grady, Monday, January 16 to play a game which was previously scheduled for January 19. But a stock show conflict caused the game to be moved up to the first of the week.

This was the toughest game for the Missy Coyotes so far this the season. They jumped out to a 12-6 first quarter lead, but seemed to let down a bit and got behind 15-14 going into the dressing room at half.

They came on the floor for the third quarter with more hustle and defense and regained the lead 22-

Julie Mayes 12, Lindsey Smith 10, Ky Merritt 6, Haley Adcock, Kaci Poole and Rebekah Copeland 4 each, Amanda Watts 3 and Adrianna Baeza 1.

Other members who played in the district game were: Stacy O'Brien, Brenda Griffin, Wendy McNeely, Carey Cox, Shaina Isaacs and Katie Kemp.

Playing in a fifth quarter game against Klondike were: Lettie Lonzano, Erica Schooler, Amanda Barkowsky, Jana Zachary and Britney Bass.

21 at the end of the that period.

The Missy Coyotes began to slowly pull away on the score board and although Ky Merritt fouled out it was late in the fourth quarter. The young ladies won 35-30.

Scoring for the Missy Coyotes were: Lindsey Smith 11, Kati Merritt 10, Carey Cox 6, Adrianna Baeza 4, Julie Mayes and Ky Merritt with 2 each.

Others contributing to the win were: Amanda Watts, Wendy McNeely, Jacee Condit, Shaina Isaacs, Katie Kemp and Rebekah Copeland.

Pups Pound The Cougars 50-29

The Borden County Pups played hosts to the Klondike Cougars, Thursday, January 12. The Pups were not very polite as they pounced on the Cougars by a score of 50-29.

The Borden Jr. High Pups seemed to be sailing along in the early going of this game leading 10-2, but at this juncture, Fernando Baeza Twisted his ankle and would never return to the game. At this point, Justin Lawrence had to step in and replace the Pups leading scorer and the other team members would have to raise their game level. Jeff Dennis responded by scoring back to back baskets off of Colt McCook passes to give the Pups a 14-7 lead after one period of play.

In the 2nd quarter, all of the Pups with the exception of Dennis could not find the range. The Pups missed short shot after shot. But again, Dennis responded with 6 of the Pups 10 points. The two Colts garnered the other 4 points to extend the Pups lead to 10 points at half time 24-14.

In the second half, the Pups played better but were still having trouble knocking down that short jump shot. Also the Pup defense picked up the pace

a little forcing the Cougars to commit some crucial turnovers. The Pups outscored the Cougars 12-6 in the 3rd to take a 36-20 lead heading into the final period.

In the fourth quarter, another 7th grader picked up some slack as Kevin Pinkerton scored 7 points. He and Jeff Dennis accounted for 19 of the Pups 2nd half points as Borden County dominated the inside game. In the end, the Pups extended their winning streak to 6 games by a score of 50-29.

Scoring and contributing for the Pups was Jeff Dennis with a career high 20 points, Kevin Pinkerton 13, Colt McCook 9, Colt

Miller and Fernando Baeza with 4 points each. Ramon Griffin and Justin Lawrence had some excellent minutes for the Pups.

The younger Pups played an extra period against the younger Cougars and came away with another victory as Nick Flanigan scored 4 points, Justin Lawrence, Ramon Griffin and Ryan Sanders with 2 points each. Also playing hard in this contest were Robert Stamper, Foston Wilson and John Harding.

COACH'S COMMENTS:

The guys did a super job of responding to adversity. This was a good victory and a job well done. Congratulations, Guys!

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Pups Squeak Past The Wildcats 40-35

The Borden County Pups traveled to Grady, Monday, January 16, to play the Wildcats. This was a very important ballgame, because it was the final district game of the first half and it was a road game against Grady. "In my three years here, Borden County has only won one time at Grady, high school and jr. high combined," said Coach Richey. But that Jinx ended, as the Pups pulled out a 40-35 victory without the services of their leading scorer, Fernando Baeza.

The Pups got off to a good start as they jumped out to an early 15-6 lead. Colt McCook provided the bulk of the scoring in this period as he scored 8 of the 15 points. Colt Miller, Kevin Pinkerton and Jeff Dennis also contributed points in that opening stanza. The Wildcats did manage one more basket before the quarter ended to make the score 15-8 for the Pups.

In the second quarter, Borden County struggled a bit from the field. They also had a few mental lapses on defense that led to a couple of easy baskets for the Wildcats. Grady cut the lead to 15-14 before the Pups managed to score in the 2nd period.

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Ramon Griffin came in off of the bench and contributed immediately by making a couple of super passes and scoring a basket of his own.

With the score 25-18 and only seconds remaining, Justin Lawrence, fresh with excitement of his first start, made a good pass to fellow seventh grader, Kevin Pinkerton, who made an exciting turn around jump shot at the buzzer. But this buzzer shot would only be a warm up for Kevin. This made the score 27-18 at the half.

In the 3rd quarter, the Pups missed some very easy shots and then allowed Grady to turn around and knock down their easy shots. In fact, the Pups managed only 2 field goals in 5:58 seconds of play. Because of this,

the Wildcats crept back to within one point 31-30. But as mentioned before, Kevin Pinkerton hit one of the most dramatic three pointers to date, as he caught a pass just across half court. He took two dribbles and fired the ball up and watched it bank in for a huge 3-point basket and a 34-30 Pup lead.

In the 4th period, the Pups used some good defense and ball handling from McCook to dribble out the game and come away with an exciting 40-35 victory.

Scoring for the Pups was Colt McCook 14, Kevin Pinkerton 12, Ramon Griffin 6, Jeffery Dennis 5 and Colt Miller 3 points. Also playing a super game was Justin Lawrence.

COACH'S COMMENTS:

By Coach Richey

Again the guys overcame a little adversity with Fernando Baeza forced to watch the game

from the bench. I can't say enough about how well the seventh grade guys stepped up and contributed to the victory. One alarming fact is, the Pups continue to miss a lot of easy shots that make games closer than they actually should be. But, I was very proud of the guys.

We had an extra period with the following young men. John Harding, who scored a very dramatic

basket. Robert Stamper, scoring his 1st career basket in jr. high along with John Harding. Ryan Sanders also scoring 2 points. Also playing was Nick Flanigan who did well on defense and Foston Wilson who came just short of a 3-point shot to win this game. Good Job, guys!

Coyotes are

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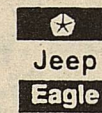
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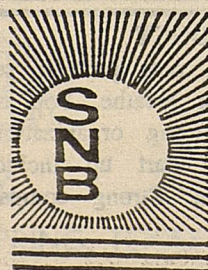
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CHECK YOUR FILING STATUS

Q. I was divorced in November. Can my former spouse and I still file jointly to save taxes?

A. No. To file jointly, you must have been married on the last day of the year. If you divorced after Dec. 31, 1994, you could file a joint return for the 1994 tax year.

Q. My ex-spouse claims my daughter as a dependent. Which filing status should I use?

A. If you are single and you paid for more than half the cost of a home that was the principal home for both you and your daughter for more than half the year, you probably should use the head of household status. The tax rates and standard deduction for that status may save you more in taxes than the higher single rate.

Another area often overlooked is care for dependent parents. If you pay more than half the cost of your dependent parent's lodging for the entire year, even if it is a nursing home, you may claim head of household. That's true even if the parent does not live with you at any time during the year.

Q. My mother was widowed last year. How does that affect her filing status?

A. For the year her husband died, she may still file a joint return. For two tax years after that, she still can benefit from the lower joint tax rates if she

is a qualifying widow.

To qualify, she must not remarry and must have a dependent child (which includes a stepchild, adopted or foster child) living at home. She must provide more than half the cost of keeping that home. If she does not qualify, she probably will file as single. But she should check to see if the head of households rules apply.

Q. I have a teenage daughter who is a student and was employed part-time at the local video store. Are students exempt from paying taxes and filing a return?

A. No. All single individuals, including students, who have a gross income of at least \$6,250 must file a tax return. If the student is also claimed on your return as your dependent, she must file a return if:

*she has earned income only, and it exceeds \$3,800.

*unearned income only, and it exceeds \$600; or

*both earned and unearned income in excess of \$600.

Note: Even if she does not *have* to file, she should file to get a refund if federal income tax was withheld from any income she received.

Q. My son earned \$1,500 mowing lawns and baby-sitting. Does he have to file a tax return?

A. Yes. Even though your son would not owe any income tax, he would still have to file a return in order to pay self-employment tax on his earnings. Self-employment tax, calculated on Schedule SE, is

due on earnings of more than \$433 on which social Security tax has not been withheld.

Q. Could we save money by filing as married filing separately? My relatives in another state do, and they tell me I should too.

A. Generally, no. Texas is one of the few "community property law" states. Under this law, each spouse is considered to have earned one-half of the total community income. With few exceptions, this will result in exactly the same tax as filing jointly.

Community income is all of the income from community property (including business property), salaries or other earnings for the services of either or both spouses, and most income from separate property.

Q. Married Texans, then, should never file as married filing separately?

A. Never say never! Persons who married during 1994 could file separate returns reporting their separate income up to the day of marriage and one-half of their community income from the marriage to the end of the year. The tax should be calculated both jointly and separately to see which method yields the lower tax.

Also, couples who are likely to be divorced in 1995 and owe tax for 1994 should consider filing separately for 1994. This is because, with few exceptions, each spouse is jointly liable for the full amount of tax, penalties and interest arising out of their

joint returns. If you don't want to find yourself responsible for your soon-to-be ex-spouse's share of tax, file separately.

BUSINESS AUTO DEDUCTIONS

Q. I use my personal vehicle for business purposes. Are any of my auto expenses deductible as business expenses?

A. Yes. First, you will need to know the total miles the vehicle was driven during the year. You should keep a mileage log to calculate the business miles driven. Do not include driving to and from your home to your place of business. These are commuting miles, for which no deduction is allowed.

If you own your vehicle, you may use either of two methods to compute the deduction. The standard mileage method allows a deduction of 29 cents for each business mile driven. You may also deduct parking fees and tolls related to business to arrive at the total allowable deduction. The principal portion of your auto payments is not deductible.

The second available method calculates the business portion of the actual cost of operating your vehicle. Deductible expenses, maintenance, repairs, insurance and depreciation. Your deduction is based on the total of these expenses multiplied by the business use percentage. If you drive your car 10,000 total miles during the year and 8,000 are business miles, your business use percentage is 80%. Assuming actual expenses are \$3,000, your deduction is 80% of the total, or \$2,400.

If you lease your vehicle the same methodology applies. However, you may deduct a portion of your lease payments in

lieu of depreciation and interest. Again, the deductible portion is a proration of total expense based on business miles driven. In order to create some equality between the depreciation deduction and the lease payment deduction, you must add an "inclusion amount" as part of adjusted gross income (AGI). This amount is determined from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) tables which can be found in Publication 463.

If you claim auto expenses as non-reimbursed employee business expenses, the expenses are subject to 2% of AGI limitation along with other miscellaneous itemized deductions. Furthermore, the business portion of the interest would not be deductible. If you do not itemize deductions, no employee business expense deduction is allowed.

Q. How do I figure the business depreciation of my vehicle?

A. First, determine the basis of your automobile. Your basis is the actual purchase price plus sales taxes and recording fees. If you trade in an older vehicle, this will also adjust the basis. Multiply the basis by the business use percentage to determine the business cost. The applicable depreciation method is applied to the business cost. The method is determined by the date you begin using your vehicle for business.

For vehicles placed in service in 1994, two depreciation methods are available. If the vehicle is used 50% or more for business purposes, the double declining balance (DDB) method is used over a five-year period. The first year the deduction may not be more than one-half of a full year's

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LUBBOCK, Friday, January 13, 1995
By Shawn Wade

Preliminary marketing and price figures through the month of November show the size of the 1994-crop Upland Cotton Deficiency Payment is still uncertain.

The size of the Upland Cotton Deficiency Payment is of particular concern to producers who want to know if the final payment rate will fall below the 6.45 cent advance payment rate many received at program sign-up time. A final payment rate below the 6.45 cent advance rate means producers would have to repay at least a small part of the advance payment.

PCG officials note that efforts are underway to develop alternate ways for producers to make such payments, if it becomes necessary to do so, that will not create an undue financial burden for the producer.

The November figures, released by USDA December 30, indicate that U.S. cotton producers marketed over 4.3 million bales and received an average price of 69.3 cents per pound. The cumulative volume of cotton marketed through November climbed to 13.569 million bales and the weighted average price received by growers also increased to 66.48 cents per pound. The new figures produce a calculated total Deficiency Payment rate of 6.42 cents through November, 0.03 cents below the advance payment rate.

The 66.48 cent weighted average price means that the deficiency payment could still go either way depending on the December figures and any revisions to previous monthly figures. Because of the possibility of revised monthly figures there is no sure way to estimate what combination of marketing's and price would keep the payment rate equal to or above 6.45 cents.

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computed amount and, in some cases, may be limited to one-fourth of the full-year amount. Calculated depreciation may be further reduced by annual limitations which provide for a maximum deductible amount. The amounts are: \$2,960-year one; \$4,700-year two; \$2,850-year three; \$1,675-all remaining years. The business use percentage will limit these maximums even further.

For Example: A self-employed taxpayer purchased a new vehicle in April 1994. Basis of the auto is \$20,000. Use was 70% business and 30% personal. The cost recovery deduction for 1994 is \$2,072, computed as follows:

Deductible amount is the lesser of:

- 1) \$20,000 (basis) x 70% (business use) = \$14,000
\$14,000 x 20% (DDB, half year) - \$2,800.
- 2) \$2,960 (annual limit) x 70% (business use) = \$2,072.



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1995 Weather Spotter Training

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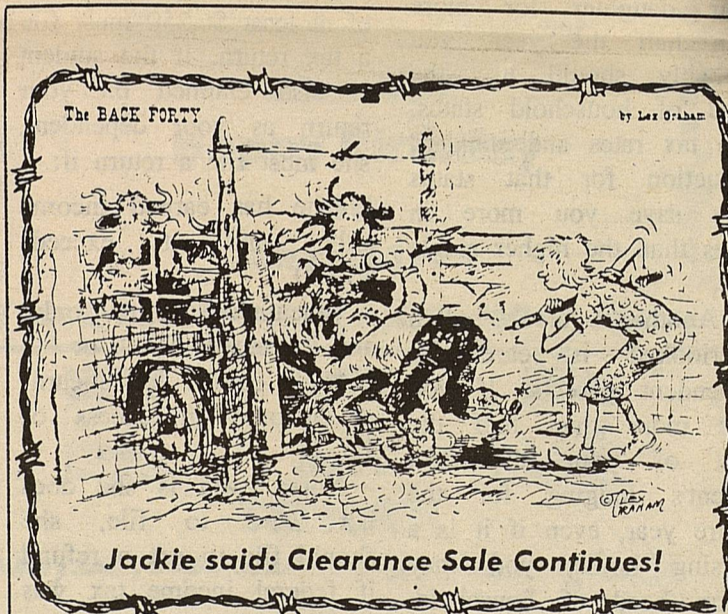
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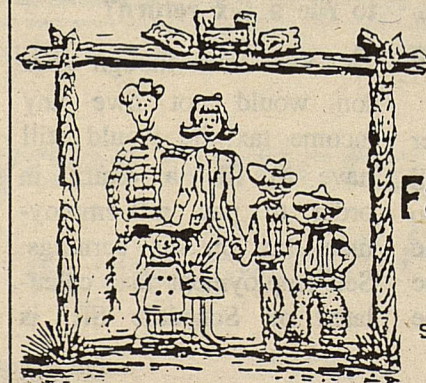
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