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First Quarter Dooms Coyote JV in Loss to Whitharral

By Coach Richey

The Coyote Junior Varsity of junior Skyler Dear, Sophomores David Rodriguez and Michael Froman, Freshman Austin Fields, Austin Tyler, Kobie Benham and Collin Telchik traveled to Southland to play the Whitharral Panthers.

The Coyotes displayed some nerves in their first game of the season as they spotted the Panthers a 20 to 0 lead in the first quarter before they began to mount a nice comeback. In fact over the final 3 quarters and the end of the 1st quarter the Coyotes actually outscored the Panthers 33 to

32 to make the final of this hard fought JV game 52 for the Panthers and 33 for the Coyotes. The Coyote defense gave up 38 points in the first half thanks in large part to some missed tackles and 4 Coyote turnovers.

In the 2nd half, the only two Whitharral scores came on 4th down plays that young Coyotes narrowly missed saving tackles to end the Panther drives. The Coyote JV grew up a lot as this game wore on and showed much improvement from the beginning to the end of this battle. The Coyotes got on the board in the 1st quarter

as David Rodriguez scampered in from 30 yards out to cut the lead to 20 to 6.

In the 2nd quarter Austin Fields scored on a nice 42 yard run to close the gap to 20 to 13, with the extra point pass from Collin Telchik to Rodriguez. After a couple of turnovers that led to two Panther scores, the Coyotes ended the 1st half with an Austin Tyler to Michael Froman 41 yard Touchdown pass. Rodriguez added the extra point run to make the halftime score 38 to 20.

In the 3rd quarter, Fields covered 6 tough yards to paydirt to cut the lead to 26 to 38, Rodriguez added another extra pt. run to make the score 27 to 38. With no time left in the 3rd quarter, the Panthers thwarted the Coyote rally by scoring on a 18 yard pass play on 4th and goal. Fields ended the game with a nice 47 yard touchdown run to make the final score 52 to 27.

Leading the way for the Coyotes was Austin Fields with 132 yards on 13 carries with 3 touchdowns.

David Rodriguez had 82 yards on 12 carries and a touchdown and had a huge 52 yard pass completion to set up a touchdown on a 4th down and 45 pass from Aus-

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2008-2009 BC Cheerleaders



Cheering on the Coyotes! Pictured are the 2008-2009 Borden County Varsity Cheerleaders. They are (standing left to right) Taylor Richey, Krista Tarleton, Coyote mascot, Michael Porter, Lacey Roberts, Krystal Hobson, (kneeling left to right) Stefanie Cooley and D'Nea Johnson.

FSA Advises Producers To Remember Key Dates/Deadlines

By Shawn Wade

According to the USDA Farm Service Agency, growers interested in participating in 2008 disaster assistance programs or the 2008 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) have two key deadlines to keep in mind.

2008 Disaster Assistance Program

The first deadline pro-

ducers need to keep in mind is September 16, 2008, which is the deadline for growers to pay required federal crop insurance and Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP) fees necessary to establish eligibility for the new Permanent Disaster Program included in the Food, Conservation and Energy Act

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JV Coyote, David Rodriguez, takes the ball around several Whitharral opponents towards the goal line.

Coyote JV Evens Record While Crushing the Southland Eagles

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyote JV of Skyler Dear, Michael Froman, David Rodriguez, Austin Fields, Austin Tyler, Collin Telchik and Kobie Benham traveled to Southland again to face the Southland Eagles. The Coyotes used a very fast start to take complete control of this contest and make their way to evening their record at 1-1. The Coyotes behind the running of Freshman Austin Fields and sophomore David Rodriguez scored early and often in the 1st quarter. Fields scored on his first touch from 55 yards out and then on his second touch of the game added a 16 yard run after Fields recovered an Eagle fumble caused by sophomore Michael Froman. Sophomore David Rodriguez got into the act as he scored from a yard out to push the lead to 18 to 0. David added another score in the 2nd quarter after the Coyotes stalled due to a couple of lost fumbles with 1:19 left in the half. It looked as if the Coyotes would officially put this game away as junior Skyler Dear intercepted a pass and rumbled 62 yards for an apparent score, his first of his career, but a penalty took the points off the board and erased the first ever score in Skyler's career. The Eagles would force a fumble and with only :08 seconds left in the half would get their lone score of the game to make the score 24 to 7 at the half.

The 3rd quarter was huge for the Coyotes and filled with many mistakes as the Coyotes witnessed several quick touchdowns, the first coming from Fields on a 12 yard touchdown run set up by a Austin Tyler interception. Telchik hit Kobie Benham for the extra point and a 31 to 7 lead. After a Collin Telchik interception, Fields struck again from 60 yards out. Telchik hit Dear for the extra point and a

38 to 7 lead just 2 and a half minutes into the 3rd quarter. Just over a minute later after a fumble on the kick-off return forced by a bone crushing combo from Fields and Dear, Skyler got that touchdown that he lost earlier as Austin Tyler hit Skyler from 6 yards out with 4:06 left in the quarter. Rodriguez would add the extra point and a 45 to 7 lead. Fields would add another touchdown run to his day as a scampered across the goal line from 25 yards out to make the score 51 to 7 with 2:07 left in the 3rd. Moments later, Fields would end the game as he intercepted his 2nd pass of the game and rumbled 45 yards untouched to end the game by virtue of the 45 point rule at 57 to 7 and the first coyote victory of 2008.

Leading the way for the Coyotes was Fields with 227 yards on 11 carries and 5 TD's. David Rodriguez added 102 yards on 12 carries and 2 TD's. Austin Tyler only completed one pass but it was a touchdown to Skyler Dear. The Coyotes had 5 interception, one from Skyler, Collin, Austin Tyler and 2 from Austin Fields. Skyler had 10 tackles and a sack, Austin F. had 10 tackles, David had 8 tackles, Michael had 5 tackles and two caused fumbles and a sack, Kobie had 4 tackles, Collin had 3 tackles and the interception, and Austin Tyler had 3 tackles and an interception.

The Coyotes will next play their first home game as they host the Wellman-Union Wildcats Thursday at 7:00 p.m.



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School Lunch Menu Sept. 15 - 19, 2008

Monday - Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: BBQ Sausage, Ranch Style Beans, Potato Salad, Bread, Apricots and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pizza, Corn Salad, Pudding and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Sausage, Biscuit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Quesadillas, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Fresh Fruit and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Toast, Cereal, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Corn Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit Cobbler and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Cereal & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Steak Sandwich, French Fries, Salad Cup, Brownie and Milk.

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Week #	Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
Scrimmage	Aug. 16	Saturday	Ropes/O'Donnell	Gail	TBA
Scrimmage	Aug. 21 or 22	Thurs./Fri.	Klondike	Klondike	TBA
#0	Aug. 30	Saturday	New Home	Trent	10:00
#1	Sept. 5 or 6	Friday/Sat.	TBA	TBA	TBA
#2	Sept. 12	Friday	Wellman-Union	There	7:30
#3	Sept. 19	Friday	Rule	Here	7:30
#4	Sept. 26	Friday	Klondike	Here	7:30
#5	Oct. 3	Friday	Sterling City	There	7:30
*#6	Oct. 10	Friday	Buena Vista	Here	7:30
*#7	Oct. 17	Friday	Grandfalls-Royalty	There	7:30
*#8	Oct. 24	Friday	Sands	Here	7:30
*#9	Oct. 31	Friday	Westbrook	There	7:30
*#10	Nov. 7	Friday	Open		

**District Opponents for 2008-2009: Sands, Grandfalls-Royalty, Buena Vista & Westbrook
Head Coach: Trey Richey
Assistant Coaches: Peter Benavidez, Fernando Baeza and Colt McCook

Borden County Football Junior Varsity 2008 Schedule

Week #	Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
Scrimmage	Aug. 16	Saturday	Ropes/O'Donnell	Gail	TBA
Scrimmage	Aug. 21 or 22	Thurs./Fri.	Klondike	Klondike	TBA
#0	Aug. 27	Thursday	New Home	Here	6:00
#1	Sept. 4	Thursday			
#2	Sept. 11	Thursday	Wellman-Union	Here	7:00
#3	Sept. 18	Thursday	Rule	There	7:00
#4	Sept. 25	Thursday	Klondike	There	7:00
#5	Oct. 2	Thursday	Sterling City	Here	7:00
*#6	Oct. 9	Thursday	TBA	TBA	TBA
*#7	Oct. 16	Thursday	TBA	Here	7:00
*#8	Oct. 23	Thursday	Sands	There	7:00
*#9	Oct. 30	Thursday	Westbrook	Here	7:00
*#10	Nov. 6	Friday	Open		

Coaches: Trey Richey, Peter Benavidez and Fernando Baeza

Borden County Football Junior High 2008 Schedule

Week #	Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
#2	Sept. 11	Thursday	Wellman-Union	Here	5:30
#3	Sept. 18	Thursday	Rule	There	5:30
#4	Sept. 25	Thursday	Klondike	There	5:30
#5	Oct. 2	Thursday	Sterling City	Here	5:30
*#6	Oct. 9	Thursday	Buena Vista	There	5:30
*#7	Oct. 16	Thursday	Grandfalls-Royalty	Here	5:30
*#8	Oct. 23	Thursday	Sands	There	5:30
*#9	Oct. 30	Thursday	Westbrook	Here	5:30
*#10	Nov. 6	Friday	Open		

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Gail FFA Begins Cookie Dough Sale

The Gail FFA Chapter has officially started its' first fund-raiser of the year with a pastry / candle sale. The sale began on September 3 and will conclude on September 23rd. The following items and flavors will be available:

- Cookie Dough** : 3 lbs. 4 doz. 1oz. Cookie portions
1. Chocolate Chunk
 2. Oatmeal Raisin
 3. Snicker Doodle
 4. Chocolate Chunk
- Pecan
5. Peanut Butter
 6. White Chocolate
- Macadamia
7. Chunky M&M Delights
 8. Sugar Cookie
 9. One Dozen Cinnamon Rolls
 10. Pecan Cobbler 2 lb.
 11. Pumpkin Roll 22oz.

** New Item
Candles:
15 oz. Blended candles to liquify across entire diameter of the Jar:

- Flavors:
1. Caramel Apple
 2. Crème Brulee
 3. Fresh Cardenia
 4. Lemon Cream Cake
 5. Pound Cake
 6. Pumpkin Pie
 7. Sizzling Cinnamon
 8. Sweet Magnolia
 9. Sparkling Rain (Deodorizing Candle)
 10. Texas Pomegranate
 11. Warm Vanilla Sugar
 12. Very Mulberry
- All items are priced at

\$14.00 and customers may pay upon delivery in late September. Anyone wishing to purchase these items may contact an Gail FFA member or Buddy Wallace at 806-756-4478 (Home) 806-756-4313 Ext. 7 (Work)

The Gail FFA Chapter wishes to express a big "Thank You" to those who have supported their sales in the past and we look forward to working with our community in the future.

Gail FFA Members 2008-2009

Seniors: Clay Harding, Tyrell Massingill, Cory Teel, Jake Cooley, Baylee Benavidez, and Laura Griffin.

Juniors: Eric Espinoza, Kagen Benham, Raylea Underwood, Chellsie Pigford, Shylo Rinehart, Lacey Roberts, Chasiti Rutherford, Annie Stribling, Jacie Eveland, Skyler Williamson, Drew Tyler, Haydon Holcomb, and Chelsey Sapp.

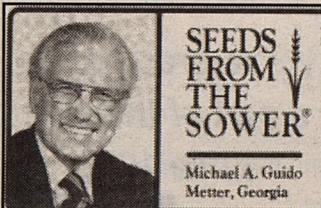
Sophomores: Michael Froman, Kerianne Howard, Mandi Hudson, Kimberly Proulx, David Rodriguez, Phyneshia Rutherford, Alvin Scheller, Krista Tarleton, Stephen Tatum, Zach Telchik, Miles Valentine and John Hensley.

Freshmen: Reagan Belongia, Kobie Benham, Luke Burkett, Kyle Copeland, Austin Fields, Seleste Herridge, Chance Taylor, Collin Telchik, Dalton Thuett and Austin Tyler.

Thought for the Day

We each need the maturity to recognize that the things that we share are far more important than the disagreements we have.

Source: St. Louis Inspirational Christian Connection.



The difference between gossip and news is whether you hear it or tell it.

There's a woman who has a keen sense of rumor. She's on spiking terms with everyone. One day she was heard to say, "I won't go into all the details. In fact, I've already told you more than I heard myself."

Gossips - they can change an earful into a mouthful, and they set on fire every building they enter.

There are three types of gossips:

The vest-button type - always popping off.

The vacuum cleaner type - always picking up dirt.

The liniment type - always rubbing it in.

But the Living Bible says, "Don't gossip."

Cross Country Kicks-Off in Wilson

By Coach McCook

The Coyote cross-country season began this past Saturday morning at Wilson. Lexi Peterson and Mindy Tyrrell finished 34th and 38th respectively in the junior high girls division, and Tanner Richey finished 16th among junior high school girls, and Taylor Richey

came in 62nd. High school boys who competed in the meet include David Rodriguez (18th), Austin Ferris (28), Karl Lamming (34), Jake Cooley (36), Zach Telchik (58), Collin Telchik (59), and Skyler Dear (61). The next meet of the season will be Saturday, September 13, at Slaton.

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Borden County Booster Club

There will be a Booster Club meeting on
September 19, 2008
at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria

HOMECOMING DANCE

Immediately following the football game till
12:00 a.m.

September 26, 2008

At the County Showbarn



Free admission
Everyone welcome

Come celebrate with the Coyotes!!!

CLASS OF '58

The Class of 1958 would like to invite all the Borden County I.S.D. Exes, parents and teachers to a reception. It will follow the homecoming football game, and will be in the school cafeteria. Please come and help us celebrate being out of school for 50 years.

Then on Saturday, September 27th, bring a sack lunch and meet with us at the Union Methodist church. Be there at 11 a.m. or later to eat and visit. The church is between Gail and Snyder.

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**Borden County Jr. Livestock Association
General Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 16, 2008
7:00 p.m.**



Borden County Community Room
(located behind the Courthouse)



All Borden County 4-H and Gail FFA families that are interested in exhibiting animals at the county stock show are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting.

See you there!!

JV Loses..

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tin Tyler. Austin Tyler was 2 of 6 passing with a touchdown and an interception and 93 yards passing.

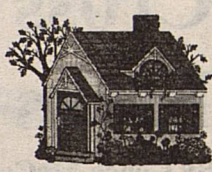
Michael Froman had 41 yards receiving and a touchdown.

Austin Fields had 16 tackles, Skyler Dear had 11 tackles, Michael Froman added 8 tackles, Kobie Benham had 6 tackles and a caused fumble, David Rodriguez had 4 tackles, Austin Tyler had 5 tackles and Collin Telchik added 2 tackles.

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Heart and Home ...

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



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A Portion or A Serving, What's On Your Plate?

If you are what you eat, then you may be turning yourself into too much of a good thing. That's because portions are often larger than they need to be.

A serving is the recommended amount of food that should be eaten at one time. Recommended serving sizes can be found on foods' nutrition labels and usually are measured in cups, tablespoons, pieces or units such as four crackers. In contrast, a portion is the amount of food that is actually eaten and often exceeds the serving size.

Serving sizes listed refer to specific amounts of food, but not necessarily the entire package. To help estimate these sizes, use these visual aids: a two-tablespoon serving will be about the same size as a golf ball; one teaspoon is about the same size as a dice; a half-cup is about the size of a light bulb; a cup is the size of a tennis ball; and a three-ounce serving of meat, poultry or fish is about the size of a deck of cards.

Calories measure the amount of energy provided by any given food. This energy fuels the body, but too many calories consumed may be stored as fat - and cause weight gain. And as portion size increases, so does the number of calories consumed.

Fat, protein and carbohydrates all contain calories, but fat provides twice as many calories per gram than do protein and carbohydrates. Roughly, one gram of fat contains nine calories, while one gram of either protein or carbohydrates contains four calories.

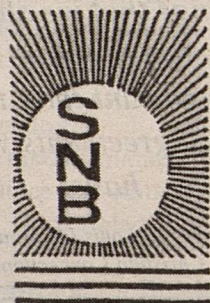
Controlling portion size is key to maintaining a healthy weight. One way to control portion size and keep calorie intake down to healthful levels is by using the plate method of serving.

Using a 9-inch plate, fill

half the plate with fruits and vegetables, and one-quarter of the plate with starches such as bread, pastas and starchy vegetables including corn, peas or potatoes. The other quarter of the plate is for meat, fish or poultry.

For more information on nutrition and health, contact the Texas AgriLife Extension Service-Borden County at (806)756-4336 or visit our web site at <http://borden.tx.tamu.edu> and click on the Family and Consumer Sciences Links.

Snyder National Bank

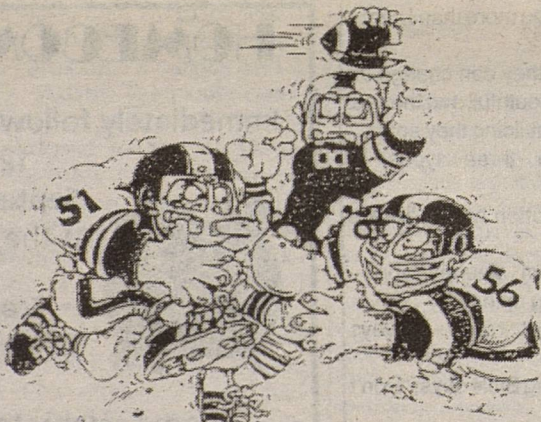


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September 4-H Meetings

(held in the Conference Room at BCISD)

Cool Clovers 4-H Club Meeting (3rd - 5th grade)
Tuesday, September 2 from 11:30- 12:00 p.m.

Junior High 4-H Club Meeting (6th-8th grade)
Tuesday, September 2 from 12:30-1:00 p.m.

High School 4-H Club Meeting (9th-12th grades)
Wednesday, September 3 from 12:35 to 1:05 p.m.

Bring a sack lunch or bring your lunch tray to the Conference Room.
You can sign up for 4-H at this meeting. Come and bring a friend!!

Everyone is welcome!!

4-H IS FUN!!!



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Borden County 4-H News

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Livestock Judging

4-H Livestock Judging will begin in October so all 4-H'ers interested in participating in livestock judging need to contact the Borden County Extension office or Cody by September 19, 2008.

Swine Validation

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

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

There are also fees involved in the validation process. Swine validation for animals who will be exhibiting at the county and major livestock shows will require a state tag. A validation fee of \$7.00 will be charged for each animal validated with a state tag.

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

Deadline to order swine tags is September 23, 2008. You will need to call Cody G. Hill or Buddy Wallace to pre-order your validation tags if you plan on exhibiting swine at the Borden County Stock Show or at a major stock show in 2009.

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

For more information, or to order your validation tags, contact Cody G. Hill, CEA-Ag Borden County at (806) 756-4336 or Buddy Wallace, Ag Science Teacher at (806) 756-4313.

4-H Food & Nutrition Project Leader Training

The third thing is the Food and Nutrition Project Leader Training. Anyone interested in serving as a volunteer leader for the Food and Nutrition Project needs to attend the project leader training. The training will be held on Thursday, September 18 from 5:00 to 6:00 in the Extension Office Meeting Room - if you are not able to attend but wish to help, please contact Julie to make other arrangements.

4-H Food & Nutrition Project

The Food and Nutrition project meetings will be held on Monday, September 29, Tuesday, September 30, Monday, October 6, Tuesday, October 7, and Tuesday, October 14 from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. (after school) in the Home Economics Department. This project is for all 4-H youth that are interested in learning about basic nutrition, eating healthy, basic food preparation skills, and much more. The County 4-H Food Show will be held on Monday, October 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room. The District 4-H Food Show will be held on Saturday, November 15 in Levelland. For more information, contact the Extension office.

Drive Safely. Watch for our children.



Agriculture News
by Cody G. Hill
Borden County Extension Agent -
Agriculture

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Increased Costs Make Management Key When Fertilizing Wheat

AMARILLO - The increasing costs of nitrogen and phosphorous during the last year have made it more important than ever to use fertilizer as efficiently as possible, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

Dr. Brent Bean, AgriLife Extension agronomist, said a good soil test is essential to determine the most efficient nitrogen use and proper rates of other nutrients.

It is important to remember that yields are limited by the most limiting nutrient, whether that is nitrogen, phosphorous or other nutrients," Bean said. "Applications of nitrogen when phosphorous or other nutrients are deficient, is wasting money."

He said where possible, the collection of deep soil samples is best and could potentially save producers a significant amount of money in fertilizer costs. "It is not unusual to find 30 pounds or more of nitrogen in the soil at depths below 1 foot," Bean said, adding wheat can easily use nitrogen from a soil depth of 3 feet.

Wheat needs 1.5 pounds of nitrogen for every bushel, regardless of the nitrogen source, said Dr. Gaylon Morgan, AgriLife Extension small grains specialist. It also needs approximately 0.75 pounds of phosphate for every bushel of yield.

"If phosphorous is needed, it is best to apply it in the fall," Morgan said.

Phosphorous must be incorporated or injected into the soil because it is not mobile in the

soil like nitrogen, he said. The highest efficiency rates are received when phosphorous is applied in band.

"Phosphorous can be applied with wheat seed, but make sure any nitrogen or potassium applied with it does not exceed 18 pounds, or seed germination may be hampered," Morgan said.

Nitrogen can be applied either all in the fall, as a split application between fall and spring, or all in the spring to maximize nitrogen use efficiency, Dr. Todd Baughman, AgriLife Extension agronomist said.

"Unless the nitrogen level is very low in the soil, dryland wheat producers should consider applying all of their nitrogen in the spring when they will have a better estimate of their yield potential," Baughman said.

Nitrogen should be applied as a top-dress application at least two weeks prior to jointing, Bean said. This will promote tillering and wheat head size. If the wheat will be grazed, he said, then at least one-third of the nitrogen needs should be applied in fall.

"If manure or compost is available, producers should compare cost with inorganic fertilizer needs," Bean said. "In many cases, manure or compost may be the most economical form of fertilizer."

But he also suggested producers have the manure or compost tested for nutrients, as only about half of the nitrogen content will be available the first year.

Obituary

Aubrey "Weldon" Cooley

1923 - 2008

Services for Aubrey "Weldon" Cooley, 85, of Snyder were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday September 3, 2008 at Gail Cemetery with Mr. Paul Crow officiating. Burial was in Gail Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home in Snyder.

Mr. Cooley died Saturday, August 30, 2008 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

He was born January 27, 1923 near Hillsboro, Texas. He married Stella Pryor on August 29, 1942 in Dovey, Texas. She died in 1986.

Mr. Cooley was a long time Borden County resident having moved there in 1950 from Jones County. He was a retired farmer and moved to Scurry County about 8 years ago from Borden County.

Survivors include 4 sons: Joe and Pam Cooley of Gail, Texas, Tommy Cooley of Gail, Ted & Dana Cooley of Snyder, Texas and Gene & Cindy Cooley of Amarillo, Texas; 1 brother, Abis Cooley of San Marcos, Texas; one sister, Virginia Lee Dalgarn of Gillette, Wyoming; 11 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Wayne, in April of 2008.

Visitation was Tuesday from 6-7 p.m. at Bell-Cypert-Seale in Snyder.

Opry Talent Sign Up

The famous Coyote Opry is just around the corner! We are still searching for those hidden local talent acts to perform on stage during this big event! Anyone wishing to perform should contact Buddy Wallace by Friday, September 19th. Rehearsals and sound tests will be from 1:00 - 4:00 on Saturday at the Borden County Show Barn. Singers with back up CD or Tape are encouraged to use background music only. Due to the full schedule, we will not take drop in performers on the day of the Opry unless time permits.

Make the call!! 806-756-4313 or 806-756-4478 or email bwallace@bcisd.net or bwallace@poka.com

M & M Kids Kicks Off New Year With Carnival

By Cindy Herridge

M & M Kids (Mission Minded Kids) kicked off the new school year with a carnival held last Wednesday at First Baptist Church of Gail. Thirty six Kindergartners through 5th graders attended participating in softball throw, apple bobbing, water tug-of-war, sack races, pony rides and water balloon throws at Brother Randy's face.

After the games, participants enjoyed hot dogs and the trimmings. Each participant was awarded a prize in one of the game categories.

The overall prizes in each grade division went to: K-1st-Gunner Shofner, 2nd-Gage Duncan, 3rd-Trace Richey, 4th-Cheyenne Dowds and 5th-Thomas Harrison. These participants received a new Bible.

Everyone left with a smile and a jug of cotton candy. In addition to the elementary kids, many youth and adults volunteered their time to help. Thanks goes to Zach McMeans, Mallory McMeans, Mollie McMeans, Matt Proulx, Matthew, Tristen

Benavidez, Taylor Gass, Stefanie Cooley, Krista Tarleton, Taylor Richey, Teryn Soto, Seleste Herridge and Kylie Voss. Also a big thanks to Shela Tucker, Hayley Richey, Wanda Smith, Lisa Gray, Sue Jane Mayes, Darby Key, Jibber

Herridge, D'Linda Benham, Bro. Randy Hardman and a very special thanks to our wonderful clown, Kim Thomas.

M & M Kids meet each Wednesday after school. Any elementary student K-5th grade is welcome.



Bro. Randy Hardman gets in on the fun by playing the target in the water balloon throw at the M&M Kids Carnival held last Wednesday at the Baptist Church in Gail.



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3rd & 4th generations still serving this area.

FSA Advises Producers...

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of 2008 (the 2008 Farm Bill). Since the 2008 Farm Bill was enacted after the application periods had closed for those programs, producers who did not have NAP or crop insurance coverage in place could not comply with this requirement in order to be eligible. However, the Farm Bill authorizes a waiver that allows producers to pay a fee, called a "buy-in" fee, to be eligible for the new disaster assistance programs.

After 2008 producers who wish to participate in the new disaster programs will need crop insurance or non-insured crop disaster assistance (NAP) coverage on all crops on all farms in all counties in which they have an interest.

Payment of the applicable fees by the September 16 cut-off date will allow a producer to be eligible for financial assistance under the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-raised Fish (ELAP) and the Tree Assistance Program (TAP).

Those who miss this opportunity will not be eligible for 2008 disaster assistance. Producers are also reminded that the payment of the applicable buy-in fee does not provide the producer crop insurance or NAP coverage for the 2008 crop year; it only affords eligibility for the disaster programs.

The determination of required buy-in fees will be based on the insurability or NAP eligibility of the crop on the sales closing deadline. Therefore, subsequent crops must have coverage or have the

buy-in fee collected in order for the producer to maintain SURE eligibility.

If the producer listed all crops, including the subsequent crops, on the summary of coverage then the producer is considered to have coverage, regardless of the indemnity election made by the producer. If all crops, including subsequent crops, are not listed on the summary of coverage the producer is required to pay the buy-in fee in order to be eligible for SURE.

2008 DCP Sign-up Period
Producers have until September 30, 2008 to sign up in the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) for this fiscal year. Participants in the 2008 DCP can expect their final direct payment to be directly deposited into personal bank accounts sometime during the first few weeks of October.

Producers who did not elect to receive an advance direct payment will receive their entire direct payment for the year in one lump sum after the end of the fiscal year (September 30).

The direct payment for a crop equals 85 percent of the farm's base acreage times (x) the farm's direct payment yield times (x) the direct payment rate.

If there are any unearned payments, Commodity Credit Corporation will automatically subtract those amounts from the final DCP payments a producer is about to receive.

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U.S. SENATOR



KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Education is Key to a Prosperous Future

In the coming weeks, nearly five million public school students in Texas will head back to school and embark on another year of growth and opportunity. Unfortunately, many others will choose to discontinue their education before earning a diploma. Every year, 1 in 3 Texas students leave before graduating from high school, limiting their ability to prosper in tomorrow's workforce. According to the nonprofit group, Texas Kids Count, high school dropouts forfeit a combined total of \$900 million in wages every year. Additionally, this dropout epidemic has created \$730 billion in costs and lost revenue to Texas during the past two decades.

This problem is especially acute among young Hispanics, who are dropping out of high school at a nearly 50 percent rate. The director of the U.S. Census Bureau and former official demographer of Texas, Steve Murdock, estimates that Hispanics could be a majority of Texas's population within the next generation. Dr. Max Castillo, President of the University of Houston-Downtown said in a recent address, "The average level of education of the Texas workforce and the income of its residents are projected to decline over the next two decades unless the state can increase the number of Hispanics and African-Ameri-

cans going to college and getting degrees."

Our goal is clear: we must dramatically reduce the high school dropout rate, so our state's workers will be better educated and our state's economy will be stronger and more secure for future generations.

Strengthening our schools, colleges, and universities has traditionally been a state and local concern, but the federal government can play a productive role, as well. In the U.S. Senate, I have been a champion for Texas's 38 Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs), which enroll more than half of all Hispanic college students in America, and whose performance is vital to our state's economic future.

I have organized and served as co-chair of the U.S. Senate's Hispanic-Serving Institutions Coalition, and by working with like-minded colleagues on both sides of the aisle, I helped to increase HSI funding by more than 800 percent since Fiscal Year (FY) 1995.

Most recently, the Senate passed a measure that creates a competitive grant program for HSIs. These grants can be used for scholarships, fellowships, and financial assistance to students. The funding will also go toward the renovation of classrooms, laboratories, and instructional facilities, and to support faculty training and development and the purchase of new educational materials.

I believe that strengthening our HSIs will help close the high school graduation gap for Hispanics and give them greater opportunities to con-

tinue their education at the college and graduate level. The same applies to Historically Black Colleges. Increasing the educational opportunities and programs offered at these institutions will add to our well trained workforce.

As Congress works to enable more Americans to advance their education, we must also encourage students to pursue degrees in the critical fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). These are the areas of academic expertise that spur creativity and new discoveries, which are essential for economic growth.

Last year, Congress passed the America Competes Act. The legislation addresses several important goals. First, the bill bolsters education by strengthening the skills of teachers in STEM and making advanced classes in these disciplines available to more students. It funds the Teachers for a Competitive Tomorrow, a project in which colleges and universities encourage undergraduate students to earn degrees in their STEM fields of study with teacher certification obtained through required electives. In addition, the bill increases the number of Advanced Placement (A.P.) courses in underprivileged schools and trains more teachers to teach A.P. math, science, and foreign language courses.

Second, the America Competes Act expands research by doubling funding levels for the National Science Foundation, and it also boosts funding levels for the Department of Energy's Office of Science.

The challenge of educating a 21st century workforce can be daunting, but we should consider it an opportunity to strengthen Texas as a global leader of innovation and an example of prosperity. I remain committed to opening the doors of higher education to all Americans, and keeping our country competitive in the global marketplace.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas and is the Chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee.

PUBLIC NOTICE- FINANCIAL INTEGRITY RATING SYSTEM OF TEXAS BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC MEETING 7:00 P.M.; SEPTEMBER 22, 2008

The Borden County Independent School District Will Conduct a public meeting as required by State Law to review the District's Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas which is referred to as the FIRST Rating. This meeting will take place in the Borden County School Cafeteria at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, September 22, 2008.

The 2008 School First ratings were based upon an analysis of staff and student data reported for the 2006-2007 school year, and budgetary and actual financial data for the 2007 fiscal year.

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Texas Stories

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Comanche is Restoring It's Depot

A group called Friends of Historic Comanche has started to restore the city's train depot. Nancy Wilkerson is President of the organization.

"Lots of people who were not particularly interested in saving old buildings were very interested in the old depot. It seemed to touch people's lives more than other historical landmarks."

Nancy says the cost estimate to do the restoration is around half a million dollars. The building was in bad shape when work started on it. "It had really deteriorated. Our first job was to dry out the building. We put on a new roof and stabilized the floor. The first phase of the restoration has been completed."

Citizens of Comanche are interested in the project. Crowds of volunteers show up to help in any way. People drive by to check on the progress.

"The train stopped using it as a depot in the fifties," says Nancy. "But it was used as a storage facility. The railroad came to Comanche in 1990 and it was a lifesaver to this town because it was not growing. It was extremely difficult to get goods in and out."

She says a group of about twenty businessmen in Comanche set out to get the railroad to their town. They spent a lot of their own money to acquire land for the tracks. "The Fort Worth and Rio Grande Railroad said they would build the railroad if the

people of Comanche could see that they got the right of way. So these men worked very hard for a number of years to acquire all that land. It was a grand day when the train arrived here. The town nearly doubled in size. It was a lifeline to the outside world because we were at the edge of the wild frontier."

Nancy says the depot stands as a reminder of how important the railroad was to the growth of Comanche and is certainly worth saving. The terra cotta bricks on the depot walkway were made in Thurber. When Nancy and her group found out the railroad didn't want the depot, they started about five years ago to see about restoring it. Funds for the restoration are coming from local fundraisers and grants.

The city of Comanche will own and maintain the depot. The railroad said it would give the depot to the city if it would be used as a public building. It could not be sold to a private individual or a business. Once the restoration work is completed, the building will house the Comanche Chamber of Commerce, which was organized in 1912, the same year the depot was built.

"There'll be a conference room area and a visitor's information area and also a small railroad museum. So we're hoping that in 2012 we will have completed the restoration project and we'll have a big 100th birthday celebration."

2008 Lights For Gail Meeting

Please join us for a 2008 planning meeting for
Lights For Gail.

Wednesday, September 24, 2008
at 7:30 p.m.

in the County Courtroom of the
Borden County Courthouse.

Please pass the word, we need new ideas
and volunteers.

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Me and My House

Monday, September 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room

Is HGTV your favorite channel? Do you love to add up-to-date accessories and looks, or would you like to bring your home into the 21st century? This program will focus on basic home management and interior design, as well as the trends in home decor and design.

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Permian Basin Area Agency on Aging Presents...

Medicare Part D

Monday, September 22
6:00 p.m.

Community Room in Gail

Presentation Will Include:

- Open Enrollment for Medicare Part D & Changing Existing Plans
- Low Income Subsidy
- Managed Care Plans
- Economic Stimulus
- Digital Television Transition
- Importance of Caregiver Health
- Pre-Planning needs to avoid Stress for Care-givers

of the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission
Funded by Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services

This program is a collaborative effort by Area Agency on Aging-Permian Basin and Texas AgriLife Extension Service-Borden County

For more information contact the Texas AgriLife Extension Service-Borden County at 806-756-4336.

September 2008

Permian Basin Fair, Odessa - September 5th - 13th
West Texas Fair, Abilene - September 5th - 13th

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 FFA Chapter Officer Meeting and Cookout 6:30 p.m. JH Cheerleading Practice 4-5 p.m.	2 Cool Clovers (3 rd -5 th) 4-H Meeting in Conference Room 11:30-12:00 JH (6 th -8 th) 4-H Meeting in Conference Room 12:30-1:00 FFA Lone Wolf District Officer Meeting WTC 5:00	3 HS (9 th -12 th) 4-H Meeting in Conference Room 12:35-1:05	4 Southland JV There 6:30	5 OPEN (No varsity football) PROGRESS REPORTS	6 Cross Country @ Wilson 9:00 a.m.
7	8 Junior Meeting in Conference Room during Tutorials JH Cheerleading Practice 4-5 p.m.	9 Photos-Seniors, K-11, JH & HS football & cheerleaders Lone Wolf District Camp (Snyder 4:30) SAT Registration Deadline for Oct. 4 th Test 4-H Achievement Picnic @ Show Barn 7:00 p.m.	10	11 Wellman-Union JH & JV Here 5:30 CX Debate Workshop - Lubbock Coronado	12 Wellman-Union Varsity There 7:30	13 ACT Test (Must have registered by Aug. 12) Cross Country @ Slaton 9:00 a.m.
14	15 JH Cheerleading Practice 4-5 p.m.	16 BCJLA General Meeting (Community Building, Gail) 7:00	17	18 Rule JH & JV There 5:30	19 Rule Varsity Here 7:30 ACT Registration Deadline for Oct. 25 th Test	20 Coyote Opry, Show Barn, Gail South Plains Fair - Goats/Swine Show Test
21	22 JH Cheerleading Practice 4-5 p.m.	23	24	25 Klondike JH & JV There 5:30	26 HOMECOMING Bonfire 5:00 Sr. Supper after Bonfire Klondike Varsity Here 7:30 End of 1 st Six Weeks Teacher Self-Report Part I Due SAT Reg. Deadline 11/1 Test	27 South Plains Fair - Steer/Lamb Show Cross Country @ Lubbock (Mae Simmons Park)-HS only 9:00 a.m.
28	29 Beginning of 2 nd Six Weeks 4-H Food & Nutrition Meeting 3:45-5:15 Home Economics Lab JH Cheerleading Practice 4-5 p.m.	30 ACT Explore Test for 8 th Grade - a.m. 4-H Food & Nutrition Meeting 3:45-5:15 Home Economics Lab				