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Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

The Ship of Life

Sailing provides a variety of valuable analogies to life. Virtually every aspect of sailing has a lesson to offer. Planning, preparation, and a specific destination precede any journey. The boat must be seaworthy and all of the equipment must be in working order.

Before leaving port you need to ensure all of the necessary equipment, the proper clothes, and enough food and water are on board. You want to feel confident in your ability to sail the boat in all conditions. Appropriate charts and navigation tools are essential.

Anticipating the unexpected, you need foul weather gear, a first aid kit, tools, a radio, life vests, and a life raft equipped with emergency rations. Skimping on the dockside preparation puts you at needless risk.

In life, you don't want to begin a journey without being prepared. As with sailing, you need relevant skills, knowledge, and equipment. Although a mistake in life may not be as instantly catastrophic as a miscalculation at sea, preparation is as important for long term success.

A ship without a rudder lacks the ability to determine direction or destination. Without a rudder you are at the mercy of the wind and cur-

rents. If you don't make decisions for yourself, you have no rudder. If you live your life based on the opinions of others, you have no rudder. If you change direction in reaction to criticism, you have no rudder.

Intention and self-determination are your rudder. They enable you to stay on course and make course corrections as needed. With a rudder you can weather storms and overcome adversity.

A destination is your goal and the charts are your plan to reach it. Charts provide you with information to avoid crashing into rocks. Reaching your destination is more than simply sailing a straight line. It often involves many turns and course adjustments to arrive safely. If you encounter bad weather, you must make even more adjustments to keep on track.

To begin a journey without anticipating and preparing for adverse conditions is foolish. Just like the weather, you will encounter surprises and unexpected events. Anticipation and knowledge equip you to survive the worst storms.

Navigation tools are vital. Radar lets you spot hazards

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Return Trip To Play-Offs for the Coyotes With Victory Over the Wildcats

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Defense returned following last weeks' debacle which allowed the Coyotes to make short work of the hometown Grady Wildcats. The Borden County offense also continued their successful ways as they scored on 7 of 8 offensive possessions.

The Coyotes got off to a quick start on both sides of the ball as a quick 3 and out forced the Wildcats to punt and then an errant snap forced an incomplete pass and Borden County had the ball at the 15 yard line. The Coyotes appeared to score on their first play but a holding penalty pushed them back 10 yards. An illegal block wiped out another long run on the next play to push them back to mid-field and then following a 5 yard gain and another 5 yard penalty, Tanner Richey hit TJ Basquez on a nice 39 yard pass and catch to quickly put the Coyotes up 6-0. Helio Rosales who was five of seven on extra points made this one to push the lead to 8. The Borden Defense gave up one first down before clamping down and forcing a turn-

over on downs to give the ball back to the visitors. The Coyote offense used 4 plays to reach the endzone, Richey reached paydirt with his legs this time from 21 yards out to give the Coyotes a 14 to 0 lead with :31 left in the first quarter. Another Rosales kick extended the lead to 16.

On the next defensive series, Borden County again forced a nice 3 and out. The Coyote offense used three plays before the combination of Richey to Basquez connected again, this time from 25

yards out to push the lead to 22 to 0. On the Wildcat next offensive series they hit a big pass to get inside the Coyote 5 yard line, but the defense stepped up and forced the ball over on downs. The Coyotes looked to push their lead even more, but the only offensive turnover of the game happened on this possession. The defense again bowed its neck and forced a 4 and out to give them good field position.

Borden County wasted very

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 It's time to
"Fall Back!"
Daylight Savings Time
Ends Sunday at 2am

Pups Overcome Slow Start to Improve to 3-0 in District Play

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Pups played their final home game of the 2011 season by hosting the Grady Wildcats. The Pups got off to a very slow start as they trailed early and late in the first half, in fact they trailed 20 to 19 at half. The Wildcats took the opening kick-off and methodically moved the ball down field to get on the board on their opening drive to take a 6 to 0 lead. The Pups wasted very little time answering as Hunter Jones, following the nice blocking up front of lineman, Joel Andrade, Merrik Valentine, Nathan Souder, backs, Colby Pennell, Rhaeden Bland and quarterback Thomas Harrison, reached the endzone from 6 yards out to tie the game at 6.

The Wildcats answered back to regain the six point advantage at 12 to 6 still in the first quarter. Borden County scored again to tie the game at 12. The 2nd offensive unit of Robert Jordan, Kace Lott, Dylan Murphy, Braxton Coor, Flint Roberts, Jayton Lewis and Bland were unable to connect on the extra point to get the lead. On the Pups next defensive possession, they finally stopped the Wildcats and shortly after, Jones hit pay dirt again to push the lead to 18 to 12 and then the 2nd group gave Bland just enough room to reach the endzone for the extra point and a 19 to 12 lead with only a few seconds left in the half. The Wildcats however would not go away as they answered with only a few seconds left in the half to regain the lead at 19 to 20 heading into the locker rooms.

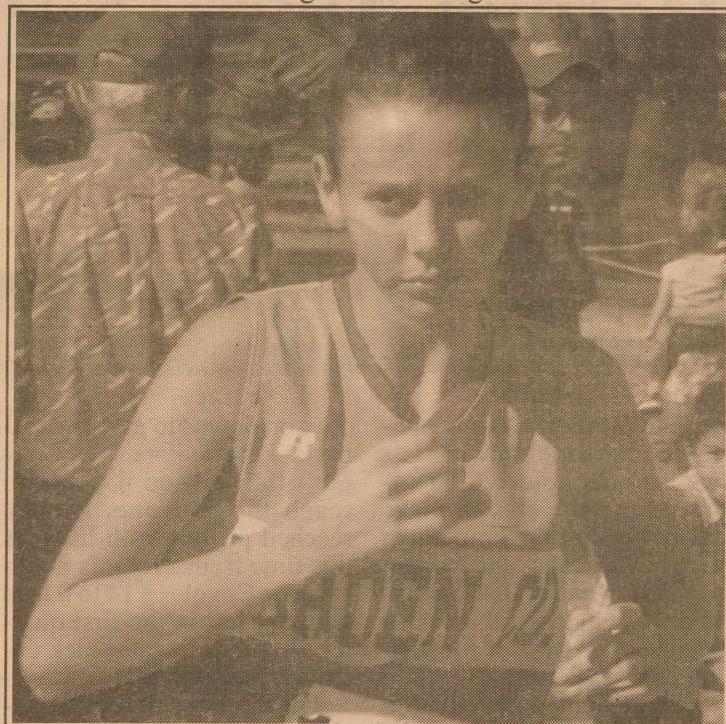
Borden County and their defense came out of the locker room with a mission to stop the Wildcat offense and continue their offensive success. That is what the Pups did as they did not give up a first down in the 2nd half of the game. The offense just kept gashing the Wildcats with long runs, which got off to a quick start as Jones reached the endzone again to regain the lead Borden County would not give up on the first offensive play of the half to take a 25 to

20 lead. The Pup defense held and got the ball back and Jones had another touchdown which was set up by a Valentine run and a Harrison to Andrade pass play to push the lead to 31 to 20.

Borden County got another 4 and out and then Bland got into the act to push the lead to 37 to 20. In the 4th the Pups gave everyone an opportunity to get into the act and Nathan Souder took full advantage as

he used his one carry to reach pay dirt for his first career rushing touchdown from 34 yards out to extend the lead to 43 to 20. That would remain the final tally and the Pups would set themselves up to win the junior high district title with a win at Ackerly as they play the Sands Mustangs.

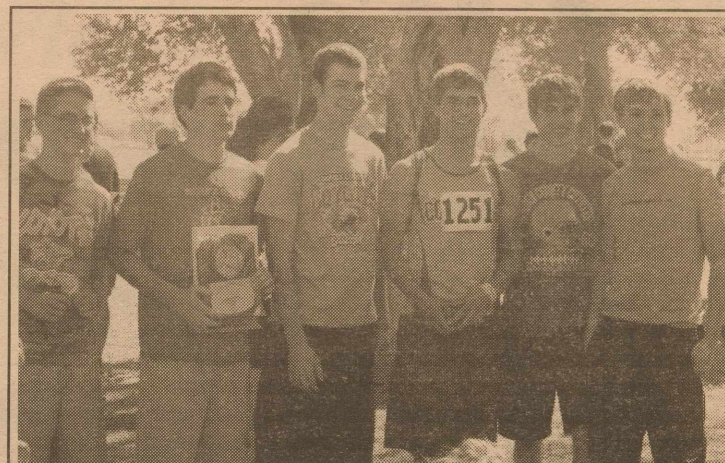
Congratulations on another nice victory, good luck in the final game and your goal of winning a district title.



Sydnee Jordan, 7th grader cross country runner placed 34th with a time of 17:11.28 at the district cross country meet held last Monday.



Borden County Girls Cross Country team members advancing to Regionals in Arlington on November 5 at Vandergriff Park are (left to right) Clair Shafer, Tye Basquez, Taylor Gass, Mollie McMeans, Kalyn Massingill, and Shea Burkett. Not pictured is Hanna Forbes.



The Cross Country boys team consisting of (left to right) Zach McMeans, Dalton Thuett, Tanner Richey, Austin Fields, Luke Burkett and Collin Telchick advances to the Regionals meet in Arlington.

Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams Advance to Regionals

By Coach Skelton

The Borden County Coyotes and Lady Coyotes both qualified for the Regionals Cross Country meet at Vandergriff Park in Arlington on November 5, 2011.

The girls started out the day as Taylor Gass lead the Lady Coyotes with a 3rd place finish in a time of 13:17.47, and not far behind was Tye Basquez 4th place in a time of 13:24.59. Rounding out the top 10 finishers was Kalyn Massingill for 9th place in a time of 13:55.59. Clair Shafer 15th 14:34.84, Shea Burkett 19th 14:56.24, Mollie McMeans 23rd 15:10.62, and a very sick Hanna Forbes 16:02.34. I was very proud of the girls stepping up to the challenge and finishing as District Runner Up this year. I think the girls will be looking forward to the Regional meet for some payback on Garden City.

The Boys also qualified with Collin Telchick finishing 8th place in a time of 20:36.66 and not far behind was Luke Burkett finished 9th with a time of 20:37.21. Austin Fields finished 16th 21:39.09, Tanner Richey 18th 22:21.00, Zach McMeans 22nd 24:04.94, and Dalton Thuett 23rd 24:23.81. The boy's team finished 3rd overall and will be looking forward to the meet this coming weekend as well.

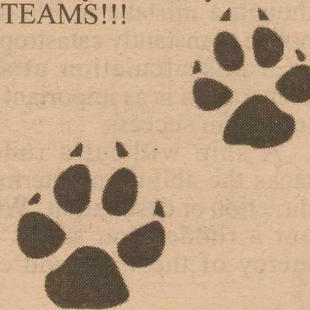
There were only 2 JV girls running in district Lexi

Peterson who finished 10th and medaled and Teryn Soto who was right behind her finishing 11th.

Junior High Girls and Boys also competed in district cross country later on that afternoon. The girls team finished in 5th place overall. Leading the charge was Kylee Dean 24th place with a time of 16:23.38. The next 3 runners were there together with each other, Tatum Richey 32nd 17:01.53, Zoie Key 33rd 17:04.87, Sydnee Jordan 34th 17:11.28, Savannah Herridge 56th 19:05.66, Krysten Rebeles 57th 19:20.25, Holley Bradbury 69th 22:23.91, and Haley Gray 81st 24:37.94.

In the junior high boys division, the Coyotes finished in 6th place overall. Leading the charge for them was Robert Jordan 21st place with a time of 15:02.81, Thomas Harrison 33rd 16:05.22, Rhaeden Bland 34th 16:05.84, Nathan Souder 36th 16:09.91, and Hunter Jones 41st 17:46.56.

All in all it was a great day to be a Coyotes! Way to go TEAMS!!!



Coyotes Play It Up Again in 2011...

By Coach Richey

little time as Austin Fields got in the act by running in from 18 yards out to push the lead to 28 to 0. The Wildcats on their next possession were able to connect on a big 4th down play to keep their drive alive and then took advantage of a blown coverage to put point on the board for the home team to cut the lead to 28 to 6 just before half. On the ensuing kick-off, it appeared that Richey had quickly answered the score with a nice 56 yard return to the end zone, but another penalty brought the return back. That would be the score at half, 28 to 6.

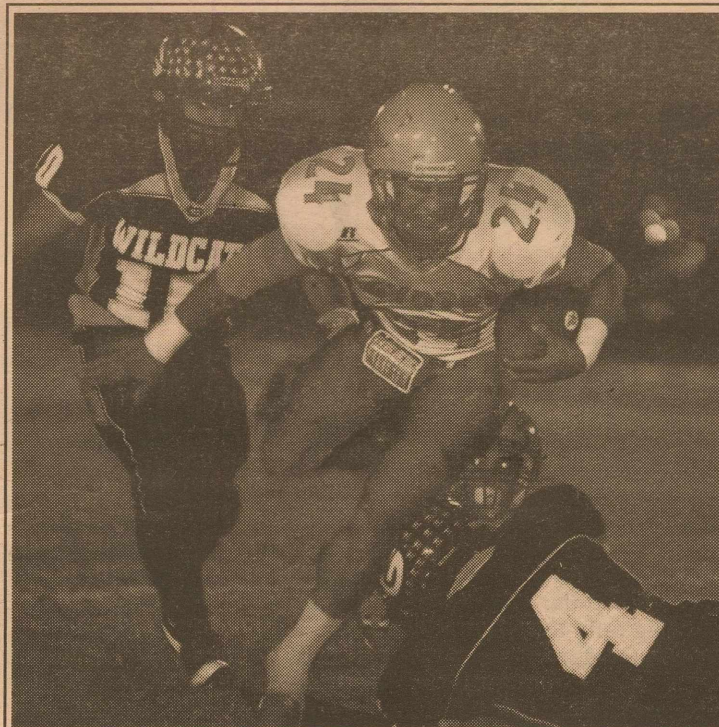
The Coyotes would receive the 2nd half kick-off and they made very short work of this as they would score on a nice 3 play drive to extend the lead to 36 to 6. The Borden defense would not give up a first down in the 2nd half of play. After another defensive stop, TJ Basquez finished off a nice run by Collin Telchik by taking it in from a yard out. Another Rosales kick made it 44 to 6. On the next defensive series which followed a long Wildcat return, Collin Telchik made his first career interception to give the Coyotes the ball at the 19 yard line.

On the very next play, Telchik followed some very nice blocks from center Matt Roberson, back up guard Kurt Shafer in place of starter Tristen Benavidez, end Quint Shafer, fullback Basquez and quarterback Richey to gallop un touched from 61 yards out for the score. The missed extra point extended the game leading by only 44 points at 50 to 6. On the very first play of the next series, Collin Telchik garnered his 2nd interception of the night and his career and he returned it 16 yards to the endzone for a defensive score

and a final score at 56 to 6 with 4:25 left in the 3rd quarter.

Leading the way for the Coyotes was Austin Fields with 9 carries for 136 yards and 2 scores and was in on 5 tackles with two being for loss. Quint Shafer had 12 tackles and a 17 yard reception. Matt Ham had 5 tackles, Kurt Shafer had a tackle and some nice blocks. TJ Basquez had 5 tackles, one for loss and had 5 carries for 32 yards and a score and 2 receptions for 64 yards and two scores. Collin Telchik had 2 interceptions one for a score and had 5 carries for 73 yards and another score. Austin Tyler had 5 tackles. Tanner Richey had six tackles and was 4 of 6 passing for 88 yards and 2 scores and 2 carries for 36 yards and a touchdown. Luke Burkett had a tackle. Matt Proulx had 3 tackles. Jared Smith was in on 7 tackles and a pass break up. Tristen Benavidez some nice blocks and a tackle, and Matt Roberson also blocked well. Helio Rosales had a tackle and was 5 of 7 kicking.

The victory sets up a showdown with the Sands Mustangs Friday in the final home game for seniors, Quint Shafer, Collin Telchik, Austin Tyler, Luke Burkett. The Winner of this game will be the District Champion and will play the loser of the Ira vs Aspermont game. Ira is the current number one team in the state, so a victory in this game becomes even more important as both squads would love to avoid the number one team in the first round of the play-offs. Congratulations guys on making the play-offs all four years of your career and best of luck as you venture into that portion of your season, phase three.



Borden County running back, Austin Fields (#24) barely escapes the claws of a Grady Wildcat in last Fridays' game.

Speech Students Compete in Big Spring TFA Meet

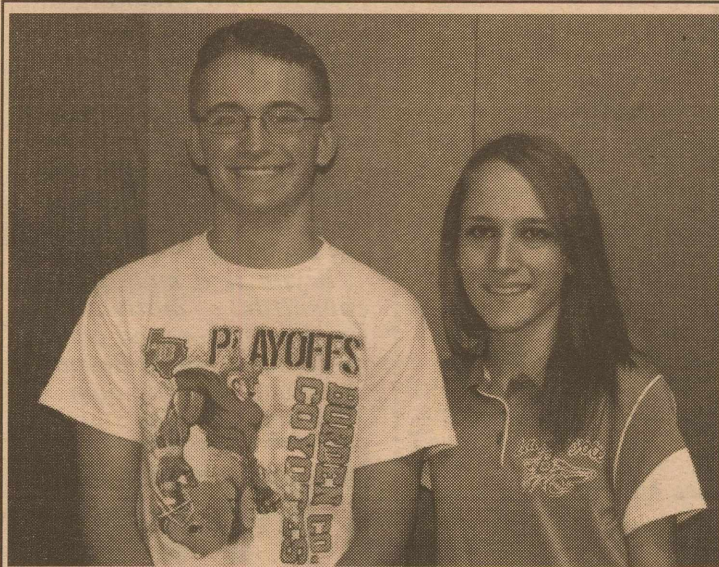
Sophomores Mollie and Zach McMeans advanced to the quarterfinal round of Friday night's CX debate meet held at Big Spring High School.

The team split rounds, winning two and losing two before bowing out to a team from Seminole.

Their season record is now

6-4 with the fall schedule almost completed. Borden County will host the District CX tournament scheduled for February 9.

Also attending the meet to observe LD debate was Maeghan Herridge along with Michael Taylor, who will be competing with Bessie Rhodes in CX.



Borden County's Zach and Mollie McMeans, brother and sister CX Debate team, advanced to the quarterfinal round last Friday night in Big Spring.

School Lunch Menu

Nov. 7 - 11, 2010

Menu subject to change

Monday - Breakfast: Pancakes, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Hot Dog, Baked Beans, Mandarin Oranges, Sherbet Cup and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Nugget, Sliced Potatoes, Carrots, Crackers, Pears and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Carne Guisada, Chili Beans, Garden Salad, Orange Smiles, Flour Totilla and Milk.


Thursday - Breakfast: Sausage & Biscuit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Cheese Enchilada, Pinto Beans, Garden Salad, Cinnamon Apples and Milk.

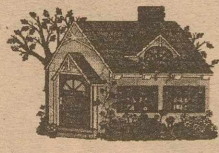
Friday - Breakfast: Cereal & Graham Cracker, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tomato & Pickle, Tater Tots, Cookies and Milk.

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Heart and Home ...


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Safety Tips for Using a Slow Cooker

Now that the days are getting shorter and cooler, we are probably eating dinner much earlier and wanting a more hearty meal on our family's dinner table. This is the perfect time to get that slow cooker out of storage and start cooking supper at breakfast time and breakfast at supper time! There are many wonderful easy recipes out there for your slow cooker, but since it is a different type of cooking method, it is important to remember some food safety issues. Here are a few to remember while reaping the rewards of your slow cooker.

* Remember to keep perishable food refrigerated until preparation time. If cut up ahead of time, store meat and vegetables in the refrigerator.

* Always defrost meat or poultry *before* placing into a slow cooker. It is best to make dishes with high moisture content such as chili, soup, stew, or spaghetti sauce.

* Cut food into chunks or small pieces to ensure thorough cooking. Do not use the slow cooker for large pieces such as roast or whole chicken because food will cook so slowly it could remain in the bacterial danger zone (40°-140°) too long.

* Fill cooker no less than

half full and no more than two-thirds full.

* Place vegetables on bottom and around sides and corners. Vegetables cook slower than meat and poultry in a slow cooker. Keep the lid in place, removing only to stir or check the food for doneness.

* Food will stay safe while cooking and when completed as long as cooker is operating.

* Throw away food even if it looks done when the power goes out or you are not at home during the entire slow-cooking process, and know the power went out.

* Finish cooking the ingredients immediately on a gas or camp stove or outdoor grill if you are at home when the power goes out.

* If food is completely cooked before power went out and you are at home, it should remain safe to eat up to 2 hours in the cooker with the power off.

* Store leftovers in covered containers, and refrigerate within one to two hours after cooking is finished.

* Reheating leftovers in a slow cooker is not recommended. Cooked food can be reheated on a stove top or in a microwave, and then put into a preheated slow cooker to keep hot for serving.

Dare to Live...

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that are invisible to the naked eye. Radar functions in darkness, fog, and foul weather. Radar picks up hazards that are too far away to see. In life, education is your radar.

You study those who have gone before you. You study those who are successful. You study those who have failed. You study your competition. You stay abreast of trends and events that have an influence on you. Ideally, you want to become an expert at whatever you do. If you stop learning, it's like turning off your radar.

If you run out of food before you reach your destination, all of your other planning and preparation is for nothing. Because without food, you won't make it. In life, adequate finances are the food for your journey. Many a venture has suffered a premature demise because of inadequate financing. Just as you must know how much food is required, you need an exact understanding of your capital needs. Ideally, you would like to have extra food and money just in case.

Many sailors perish needlessly because they neglected one or more areas vital to the successful completion of their journey. And many sailors survive horrendous journeys because they have been meticulous in their planning and preparations. On the sea and in life, failure is not an option. Regardless of what happens, you must reach your destination.

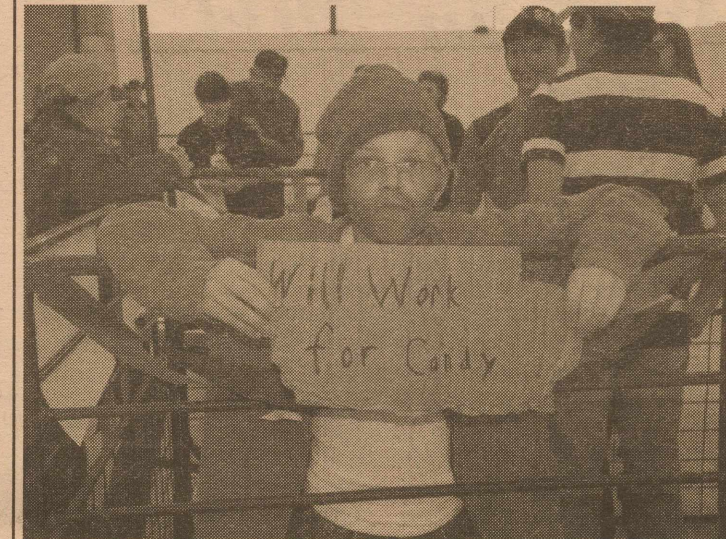
With the right knowledge, planning, and tools you can reach any destination under any conditions.

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Fall Festival



J.W. Nix, 5th grader at Borden County "begs for candy" at this year's Fall Festival held last Saturday at the Borden County Event Center. He is the son of Daniel and Becky Nix of Gail.

Veterans Day Assembly to be Held November 11

Borden County students will honor local veterans in a special assembly scheduled for Friday, November 11, at 11 a.m. in the school auditorium. Student body presidents will conduct the assembly which will also feature a special musical presentation.

All area veterans and their families are invited to attend along with the Borden County community. Honored guests will be seated and recognized during the brief assembly which should conclude by 11:30 a.m.

First Baptist Church Begins Bus Outreach

The First Baptist Church of Gail will begin a bus outreach. If you live in the Gail area and would like a ride to Sunday School at First Baptist Church, please contact Charla Soto at 432.264.8276 by 9 P.M. Saturday.

This is open to all ages, and will be an on-going ministry

presently offered only to residents within Gail and the surrounding 10 miles of Gail.

If you need a ride, the bus will pick you up on Sunday morning between 9:25 and 9:50, and deliver you home after church ends at noon.

Come join us!

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Take Another Little Piece of My Heart Now, Baby

By Sue Jane Mayes

Janis Joplin and I have about zilch in common. But her song about heartache pretty much sums up how many of us felt last Friday night when the Texas Rangers let the World Series get away from them—and us.

The fact that we were all heartbroken about the loss is a good thing. It is the risk one takes anytime loyalty or devotion is involved, but being willing to risk it means we care. And goodness, it was fun to watch people fall in love with a game that has been my passion for as long as I can remember.

At the Little League parks in Snyder, Texas, I chased down foul balls for snow cones. My brother was my hero, the biggest kid on the diamond and was unusually kind because he actually let me play with him and his friends—those classic sandlot games at East Elementary after school and in the summer. I stepped in his shadow to every ballpark he played all the way to college.

He loved the New York Yankees, so of course, I did, too. Growing up, we had all the trading cards. Imagine now if I had that Mickey Mantle, Roger Maris, and Yogi Berra collection. The El Camino would have a lift kit and pinstripes.

Someone chided me about jumping on the Rangers bandwagon, forsaking my beloved Yankees. Unfair. I have two daughters. I am quite capable of loving them equally, but it is impossible to love them the same. They are two different people. It's just as true of the boys in red, white, and blue and the boys from the Bronx.

I have more Rangers' ticket stubs (since 1972 when they came to Arlington) than I do of the Yankees. And trust me, the Yankees have broken my heart more times than I care to admit. Quite frankly, they were terrible in the mid-60s until the late 70s when I read their box scores in the *Abilene-Reporter News* every spring, summer, and fall day. But I kept loving them and having my heart broken. Finally, on a magical October night in 1976 first baseman Chris Chambliss hit a line drive/walk off homerun over the right field fence in Yankee Stadium to win Game 5 of the ACLS over the Kansas City Royals. I was in college, rushed to the phone booth in the dorm hallway to call my brother who also loved the Yankees, and we just cheered our way around the bases with Chambliss. The Yankees' long drought ended. They made it to the World Series (where they would lose four straight games to the Cincinnati Reds).

Over the course of the next three decades, there would be more long droughts followed by some memorable winning seasons, including the World Series win in 2009.

The point is this: our Texas team has given us reason to get up in the morning and read the paper. Of course today, we have phone apps that provide immediate updates, but the concept is the same. When Nolan Ryan bought this team, his presence as a Texan and as a winner (which encompasses more than just statistics) has given casual fans a reason to take note. I've heard more people talking baseball in the past year (since the Rangers first went to the World Series in 2010) than ever simply because they enjoy watching this team put together by a legend in his own right.

So from a seasoned baseball junkie, a word of wisdom: don't quit on the Rangers. Something special is taking place that the team will build on. A fan base to rival that of any baseball market has the potential to explode—look what the Dallas Cowboys have done in the same geographical area without having been to a Super Bowl in 15 years.

If you have never been to the Ballpark in Arlington, get yourself some tickets next spring. Baseball games are family oriented because you can talk, you can eat, you can dance, you can watch the Dot Race and the Texas Legends Race, and you can fall in love very, very easily—right now my crush is on that chubby little catcher Mr. Napoli. The stadium is just beautiful—a genuine field of dreams with a Texas flare. The food is good, the ice cream even better, and the baseball has been fun to watch.

I am not worried about the Rangers taking another piece of our hearts—they will give it back someday. World Series 2012 would be just fine with me.



Several Borden County students recently competed in the Fall Semester Region II Texas High School/Jr. High Rodeo Association rodeos. Among those competing are (left to right back row) Sean Tucker, Riley Smith, Chance Taylor, Hanna Forbes, (front row left to right) Dylan Murphy and sister Allie Murphy. Smith and Forbes are among the top in standings in the association.

Forbes and Smith Top in THSRA Standings

The Fall Semester for Region II High School Rodeo ended with Borden County students at the top. Students traveled to Ft. Stockton on October 15th and 16th for rodeo #5 and #6. Again, on October 22nd and 23rd, Ft. Stockton was the site for rodeo #7 and #8.

In rodeo #5, Hanna Forbes placed 3rd in Barrels with a time of 17.129; Riley Smith placed 2nd in Tie-Down with a time of 11.740 and Chance Taylor placing 3rd with a time of 11.767.

In rodeo #6, Hanna Forbes placed 1st in Barrels with a time of 16.569. Competing in Tie-Down were Riley Smith placing 2nd with a time of 10.056 and Chance Taylor placing 7th with a time of 16.353.

In rodeo #7, Hanna placed 3rd in Barrels with a time of 16.821. Again Riley Smith and Chance Taylor competed in Tie-Down with Riley placing 1st with a time of 9.573 and Chance placing 2nd with a time of 10.486. Riley and Chance also competed in Team Roping event of this rodeo coming in 3rd with a time of 13.266.

These students also have been named Semester Event Leaders with Hanna being in 1st place with 63 points in the Barrels (27 contestants). Riley Smith stands in 1st place in Tie-Down with a total of 71 points. Chance Taylor is in 3rd place in Tie-Down with a total of

47.50 points and also in Tie-Down, Sean Tucker is in 12th place with 13 points.

In team roping, out of 16 teams, Smith and Taylor hold 5th place with a total of 24 points and Teague and Tucker hold on to 8th place with 17 points.

Rodeos will resume during the Spring Semester. Those rodeos will be held in Ft. Stockton, Andrews, and Sweetwater. Point totals will accumulate for the top ten to qualify for the State High School Rodeo in Abilene during June.

Borden County students, Dylan Murphy (7th grade) and sister, Allie Murphy (1st grade) have participated in the Jr. High/Youth division of THSRA-Region II. Allie participated in goat tying, barrels, breakaway roping and poles.

Dylan competed in Breakaway placing 1st with a time of 3.8; 2nd with a time of 4.0 and 2nd with a time of 12.66. He also competed in Goat Tying placing 6th with a time of 20.55; 3rd with a time of 12.1 and 3rd with a time of 12.38. In Ribbon Roping, Dylan placed 4th with a time of 10.77; 3rd with a time of 8.89 and 1st with a time of 7.21.

Junior High students will resume their rodeos during the Spring semester to acquire points for the top ten in each division of travel to Gonzales for the State Rodeo in June.



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High Plains Harvest Continues to Progress

by Mary Jane Buerkle
The High Plains cotton harvest is moving along, although progress is all over the board, depending on the area. Some gins report being about halfway done for the season, while others are just starting. According to accounts from industry experts at PCG's Friday morning meeting today, central parts of the High Plains are closer to completion than areas to the north and south, where ginning is just getting under way.

For example, Leighton Stovall at Moore County Gin in Dumas reports that they have ginned about 9,300 bales so far, and expect about 105,000 for the year. But Paul Wilson at United Cotton Growers Co-op in Hockley County reports that they have about 21,000 bales ginned and turned in, and that's about half of what they expect to produce for the year. Some gins to the south are just beginning to run.

Moisture this week proved to be welcome, as the rain and snow fell slowly but moved out quickly, allowing for a quick dry-out so producers could resume harvest. Ar-

reas in the northern Panhandle and northwest of Lubbock saw the most precipitation, with McLean recording 1.82", Silverton at 1.84", and Dimmitt at 1.22", according to the West Texas Mesonet. Precipitation totals were lower further south in the PCG service area, but any precipitation was certainly well received.

One issue reported by several producers is difficulty in defoliation. Many say that multiple rounds of defoliant

have achieved less-than-desirable results, delaying harvest.

However, some producers have chosen to simply wait on a killing freeze. Temperatures have dipped into the 20s north of Lubbock, but areas to the south have, for the most part, remained right at or just above the freezing mark.

Cotton quality remains relatively stable with a slight increase in staple length over the past week. A summary is as follows:

2011 High Plains Cotton Quality Summary				
Current Week:				
Office	Bales	Color	Leaf	Staple
Lamesa	32,704	21+ - 89.7% 31 - 2.5%	1.87	34.07
Lubbock	118,683	21+ - 91.3% 31 - 3.1%	1.92	34.52
	Mike	Strength	Uniformity	Bark
Lamesa	4.59	28.96	80.07	8.8%
Lubbock	4.32	29.37	80.21	8.5%
Season Totals To Date:				
Office	Bales	Color	Leaf	Staple
Lamesa	75,862	21+ - 85.2% 31 - 1.5%	1.94	34.16
Lubbock	262,666	21+ - 89.0% 31 - 2.3%	1.93	34.30
	Mike	Strength	Uniformity	Bark
Lamesa	4.54	29.20	80.35	9.5%
Lubbock	4.30	29.15	80.15	8.9%

Source: USDA AMS

Cogdell Specialty Clinic

For the convenience of our patients, Cogdell Specialty Clinic's visiting physicians have been relocated under one roof. Specialty physicians now see patients at the Specialty Clinic on the 1st floor of Cogdell Memorial Hospital located at 1700 Cogdell Blvd.

Cardiology: Dr. Jason Bradley
Dr. Paul Walter

Family Practice: Dr. Jeff Owen
(Skin problems)

General Dentistry: Dr. Jeanne Bayless
(Children)

General Surgery: Dr. Teb Thames

Gynecology: Dr. Kathleen Sears
Dr. Nicholas Wilson

Ophthalmology: Dr. Brett Teague

Oral Surgery: Dr. Charles Bloomer

Orthopedics: Dr. Mark Nordyke

Podiatry: Dr. Joseph Gould

Urology: Dr. Howard Beck
Chris Brown, P.A.

Visit www.cogdellhospital.com for contact information and to view a monthly schedule.

Note: Specialty physicians are not employees of Cogdell Memorial Hospital



USDA Announces Disaster Assistance Sign- Up for 2010 Crop Losses

USDA Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) Acting Executive Director James B. Douglass recently announced that the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program enrollment for 2010 crop year losses begins November 14, 2011.

An updated version of the SURE benefit estimator from the Texas AgriLife Extension service is available for download at <http://www.plainscotton.org>. More information is available at <http://southplainsprofit.tamu.edu/>.

"Producers across the state experienced several natural disasters during the 2010 crop year that caused hardship and financial losses to many agricultural operations," said Douglass. "The SURE program provides assistance to producers when disaster strikes, so I strongly encourage producers with 2010 crop losses to contact their local FSA office to learn more about the program," he said.

To qualify for a SURE payment, the producer's operation must be located in a county that was declared a disaster for 2010 and have at least a 10 percent production loss that affects one crop of economic significance. Producers with agricultural operations located

outside a disaster county are eligible for SURE benefits if they had a production loss greater or equal to 50 percent of the normal production on the farm.

The following counties in the PCG service area received a disaster designation during 2010: Borden, Crosby, Dallam, Dawson, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hockley, Howard, Hutchinson, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Moore, Ochiltree, Roberts, Sherman, and Terry.

To meet program eligibility requirements, producers must have obtained a policy or plan of insurance for all insurable crops through the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and obtained Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on non-insurable crops, if available, from FSA. Eligible farmers and ranchers who meet the definition of a socially disadvantaged, limited resource or beginning farmer or rancher do not have to meet this requirement. Forage crops intended for grazing are not eligible for SURE benefits.

For more information on SURE program eligibility requirements contact your local FSA office or visit the website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/sure>.

CALENDER FOR November 8, 2011 ELECTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION

September 9	First day to submit application for early voting by mail.
October 11	Last day to register to vote
October 24	Early voting by personal appearance begins. Early voting located in Clerks Office in Courthouse.
November 1	Last day to receive application by mail.
November 4	Last day to vote early by personal appearance.
November 8	ELECTION DAY
Contact Joyce Herridge, County Clerk if you have a question.	

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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

Christmas for Our Troops

In 2004, Scott Davis of Midland saw a military acquaintance of his leave for a tour of duty in Iraq. Scott decided to do something to let the troops know that the folks back home supported them. He formed an organization called CHRISTMAS FOR OUR TROOPS. He and a few friends got the names and military addresses of five military personnel from the area serving in Iraq and Afghanistan and sent them a box of stuff for Christmas. The contents included a pocket knife, gun cleaning supplies, two books, a magazine, instant hot chocolate, chap stick, candy and other items to make their lives more comfortable. The box also contained original Christmas cards created by children. On top of the items was a crisp two-dollar bill for good luck.

The following year, twenty-one boxes were sent to soldiers, sailors and marines serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. The word spread and by 2006, 248 boxes were sent. The next year the number doubled. Last year the group sent 2,556 boxes. "People really do want to do something good for the troops," says Scott, who ended up in the oil and gas business after studying architecture at the University of Texas. "The organization is all volunteer, with no paid employees. Everything we do is done out of the goodness of people's hearts. We have boxes in several cities where people can put it items. The list of things we send is on our website, christmasforourtroops.org."

This year the group plans to send at least 2,500 boxes to troops. The items are packed into a Priority Mail box one-foot square and five inches deep. "Each box costs about eighty dollars to send, including twelve dollars for postage. This year we'll pay the post office \$31,250. I don't like asking people for money but we have to do it to make it work. Contributions come in from all over the US. We may be in West Texas, but to us that means everything from Maine to Hawaii and from Florida to Alaska. One volunteer near Waco knitted more than 2,500

miniature Christmas stockings. A pack of cotton swabs in the box contains a message from the kids: Keep your ears cleaned out so you can hear the bad guys coming."

Scott says the boxes are not mailed to just any soldier, sailor or marine. "We're looking for any military personnel from the US serving in Iraq or Afghanistan at Christmas. We need their APO address. These go to specific individuals. The easiest way to submit names is to do it by emailing our website, Christmasforourtroops.org. If anyone knows a squad leader, send us his name and address and the names of everyone in his squad and we'll send them all a box."

The boxes will be packed this year on December 7th at various places in different cities. "We start at noon and we're through by 6 PM. The troops will get them some ten days later. We have about five hundred people who come and help pack. They pick up an empty box and by the time they get to the end of the line, everything is in the boxes. Then we slap the customs labels on them, tape them up and stack them for the post office to pick up. We have a pretty significant assembly line. Henry Ford would be proud of us. We have people from all ages and walks of life helping us."

18th Annual Lights for Gail

The "Star" on Gail Mountain will be sponsored on the following nights:

Nov. 25 - In Memory of: **Delmo Pearce, Karen Pearce**
By the Citizens of Borden County

Nov. 25 - In Honor of: **Martha Pearce**
By the Citizens of Borden County

Nov. 26 - In Memory of: **Doc & Dwyne Wilson Mardes & Gracia Clayton**
By Tim & Carol Wilson

Dec. 5 - In Memory of: **Binie & Nell White**
By Binie L. & Edna White

Dec. 6 - In Memory of: **Mary Mullins Cary**
By Margaret Cary Billingsley

Dec. 8 - In Memory of: **Wayne Key**
By Musslewhite Trucking Company

Dec. 9 - In Honor of: **Carolyn & Earl**
By W. E. Chapman, Jr.

Dec. 10 - In Memory of: **Beno & Donna Hendricks**
By Bo & Jacque Hendricks

Dec. 12 - In Honor of: **Kenny & Shirley Bennett**
By Nancy Pearce

Dec. 14 - In Memory of: **Fagan & Flora Johnson**
By Carroll & Jane Stone

Dec. 15 - In Memory of: **Bert & Dorothy Dennis**
By Joel & Betty Dennis

Dec. 16 - In Memory of: **Pat & Jo Hensley**
By Randy & Donelle Hensley

Dec. 24 - In Memory of: **Caden Nowlain**

By Mack & Jane Terry
Dec. 25 - In Honor of: **Mrs. Claus for 15 years of precious memories**

By the Citizens of Borden County and Lights for Gail Committee Members

Dec. 25 - In Memory of: **Mr. & Mrs. Skeet Porter**
By Bob & Cookie Dyess

Dec. 26 - In Memory of: **Mildred Sevey**
By Bo & Jacque Hendricks

Dec. 31 - In Honor of: **Brian & Sharon Jones & Robyn**
By Bo & Jacque Hendricks

Light bulbs for the "Star" on Gail Mountain are being sponsored for the following:
IN MEMORY OF:

**Garland Doyle
Glen Kingston
Clay Kingston
Kay Doyle**
By Eva Doyle
**Elwood
Roland
Blanche**

Linda
By Billie, Dinah, Mark Hamilton and Grandsons
James W. Petty

By Mrs. James W. Petty
**Joe Canon
Edward Rinehart
Bill Finley**

By Jym Rinehart Family
**IN HONOR OF:
Cindy Herridge
Jibber Herridge
Jana Underwood
Ray Don Underwood
Raylea Underwood
Cody Nowlain
Emily Nowlain**

By Mack & Jane Terry
**Ross Sharp Family
Margaret Sharp**

By Sarah Gilleland
**DONATIONS FOR THE
STAR:**

Arlan & Avis Youngblood
David A. Dorward
Mickey & Shirley McMeans
Tumbleweed Smith
Warren & Betty Beaver
Big Country Electric
Cooperative, Inc.

Borden County Yearbooks for Sale

Borden County ISD is selling old yearbooks.

Years available are: '53, '54, '55, '58, '62, '63, '65, '68, '69, '71, '72, '77 '81 thru '89, '90, '95, '99, '01, '02, '03, '06, and '07;

The cost of the yearbooks is \$20 each.

For more information or to purchase a yearbook please contact

Sheri Poole at 806/756-4313 or email at spoole@bcisd.net

FRONT SPIRIT SHIRTS!



BACK

There will be a LOGO above the saying "FEAR THE PACK."

SHORT SLEEVE: \$16
LONG SLEEVE: \$18

Add an additional \$1 to the 3 & 4XL shirts.

The shirts will be Columbia Blue with red, black, and white print. Make Checks payable to the Class of 2013. Please send orders with money! Orders forms are due November 4.

SHORT SLEEVE	# of shirts	Total \$
Youth S (\$16)		
Youth M (\$16)		
Youth L (\$16)		
Adult S (\$16)		
Adult M (\$16)		
Adult L (\$16)		
Adult XL (\$16)		
Adult 2XL (\$16)		
Adult 3XL (\$17)		
Adult 4XL (\$17)		
Total:		

LONG SLEEVE	# of shirts	Total \$
Youth S (\$18)		
Youth M (\$18)		
Youth L (\$18)		
Adult S (\$18)		
Adult M (\$18)		
Adult L (\$18)		
Adult XL (\$18)		
Adult 2XL (\$18)		
Adult 3XL (\$19)		
Adult 4XL (\$19)		
Total:		

TOTAL # SHIRTS: TOTAL \$:

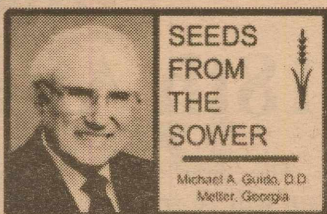
Class of 2013 T-Shirt Sales Postponed

In order to allow for sales of Football Play-off t-shirts, the Class of 2013 will postpone their sale of generic t-shirts until December 5. If you have already ordered t-shirts through the Jr. class, your order will be processed in December, unless you contact Charla Soto at 432/264-8276 and cancel your order.
Thank you, Class of 2013

Cross Country



Luke Burkett (left) and Collin Telchik run in the district Cross Country meet held last Monday in Lamesa. The boys team finished 3rd overall in the meet qualifying them for regionals.



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER

Michael A. Guido, D.D.
Minister, Georgia

A mountaineer came to town and saw some strange fruit. "What's that?" he asked.

"A tangerine," said the grocer. "Try one."

"Nope," he answered. "I've got some tastes now I can't satisfy. I'm not aimin' to take on more."

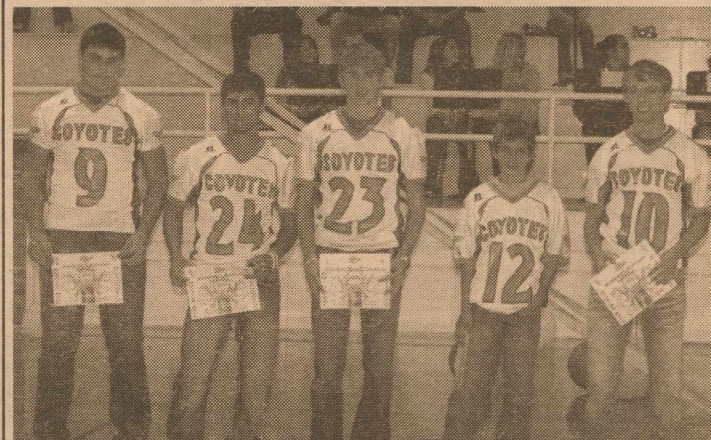
Do you have tastes you can't satisfy? Maybe that's because you've rejected the Lord from your life.

Without Him, you're on a road that leads to ever-increasing dissatisfaction, emptiness and frustration. You become a hollow soul, a zero with the edges rubbed off.

There was a poet like that, but he turned to the Lord. He testified, "He satisfieth the longing soul."

Visit us at: www.TheSower.com

Players of the Week



Pictured are the Players of the Week which are (left to right) T.J. Basquez, Fullback/End; Austin Fields, Running back/Cornerback; Luke Burkett, End/Cornerback; Mason Coor, End/Safety and Collin Telchik, Quarterback/Safety.


Burn Ban

A Burn Ban remains in effect for Borden County until further notice.



NOVEMBER 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 BB vs. Post 5:00 gG (scrimmage) Here	2	3 JH Football vs. Sands @ 5:30 There JV vs. Sands @ 7:00 There	4 End of 2 nd Six Weeks Coyotes vs. Sands Here @ 7:30*	5 Regional Cross Country @ Arlington
6 Fall back to Standard Time	7 Beginning of 3 rd Six Weeks FFA Parent Night @ 6:30	8 BB vs. Spur 5:00 gG Here	9	10	11 Possible Football Playoff Game BB vs. Roby Here 6:00 gG	12 State Cross Country @ Round Rock
13	14 Lone Wolf District Leadership Contest (WTC, 4:30 p.m.) JH BB vs. O'Donnell There 6:00	15	16 Elementary/JH Academic UIL @ Wellman	17 Elementary/JH Academic UIL @ Wellman	18 Possible Football Playoff Game BB vs. Smyer There 4:00 gGbB Last day to drop a class from WTC	19 Area II FFA Leadership Contest (Howard College, Big Spring)
20	21 JH BB vs. Loop There 6:00	22 BB vs. Garden City Here 4:00 gGbB PROGRESS REPORTS	23 Thanksgiving Holidays	24 Thanksgiving Holidays 	25 Thanksgiving Holidays Possible Football Playoff Game Lighting of the Star	26
27	28 JH BB vs. Wellman-Union Here 6:00	29 BB vs. Seagraves Here 5:00 gGbB Picture Retakes, JH, HS boys basketball, band	30			