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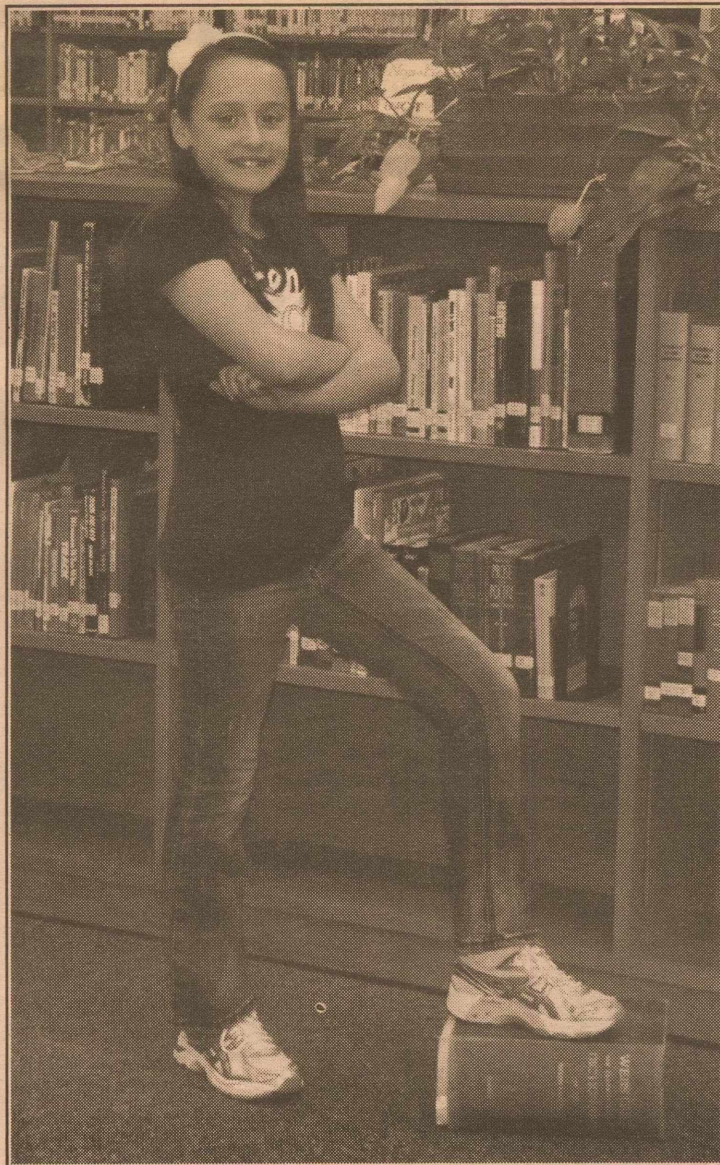
Kole, Oops...Cole, to Represent Borden County in Regional Spelling Bee in Lubbock

The *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's* 61st Regional Spelling Bee will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2012 at the LHUCA Firehouse Theatre located at 511 Avenue K in Lubbock. Representing Borden County will be Fifth Grade student Madison Cole.

The winner of the regional bee will represent the *LAJ* at the 2012 Scripps National Spelling Bee, May 30-June 2 at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in Washington, D. C.

Madison, a student in Mrs. Shela Tucker's class, won the local Borden County Spelling Bee last week. She correctly spelled defiantly in the 15th Round.

She is the daughter of Ryan and Brenda Webb of Lamesa and Michael Cole of Ft. Worth.



Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Life is Good

Life is a journey that is comprised of a variety of circumstances, situations, and experiences. We all experience a mix of joy and sorrow, elation and disappointment, the expected and unexpected, and good and bad.

In spite of the obstacles, bumps, and detours, the journey is a good one. You have awesome potential. Within you is the capacity to successfully navigate throughout your journey.

You have the ability to improve and grow throughout your life. You can learn from your mistakes, change course as needed and liberate yourself from your past. You are free to chose your thoughts and determine the habits you develop.

Life is good because you have the freedom to get whatever you want from it. There are no limitations imposed on you. If you are not happy with your situation, you can change it. If you feel you are on the wrong track, you can alter directions. When you find your calling, you can focus your energy and efforts on it.

Life is good because we have a gift of abundance. There is no shortage of food, shelter, and clothing. Many amenities are readily available. You have more choices and

options than at any other time in history.

But if life is so good, why do some people struggle? One reason is that we get spoiled. We have a continual appetite for more without fully appreciating what we already have. We get jealous of others and compare ourselves to some external standard.

Another reason is the affliction of negative thinking. Believing that life is bad, there are no opportunities, there is never enough, and that there are limitations, create a self-fulfilling prophecy. If you don't see potential, there is no chance of realizing it.

Movies, TV, newspapers, and magazines depict fantasy lifestyles, that when compared to our own lives, can cause people to feel inadequate or unfulfilled. When this happens, our focus shifts from how much we really have to a perception of lack when compared to fantasy portrayed as reality.

There is always room for personal growth and improvement. Yet many people focus on external acquisitions as a way to gauge the quality of life. This is a real shame because it causes people to live a life of dissatisfaction rather than being thankful for how good their

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Coyote Rally Comes Up Short Against the Visiting Mustangs

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyote JV hoping to take the lead in district play with a win over visiting Sands Mustangs found themselves in a big hole early with several missed scoring opportunities and also too many early turnovers that resulted in a commanding lead for the visiting Sands Mustangs.

The Mustangs outscored the Coyotes in the first quarter 9 to 3 and then extended their lead over the home town team by outscoring them 13 to 4 in the 2nd quarter and a big hole for the Borden County Coyotes trailing 22 to 7 at the intermission.

In the 3rd quarter, the Coyotes got down as far as 18 points before beginning a subtle rally to end the quarter. The 2nd team stayed in the game to start the fourth and continued the rally as Riley Herridge hit his second consecutive 3 point shot followed by a nifty crossover move by Ricky Torres to cut what was a 32 to 20 deficit to a 34 to 25 deficit before the starters reentered the game with hopes of continuing the rally.

That is exactly what the Coyotes did as they got as close as 4 points and the ball before seeing the Mustangs hit

a shot to finish off and hold off the Coyote JV rally and leave the home town Coyotes on the short end of a 36 to 31 final.

Leading the way for the Coyotes was Matt Proulx with 9 points, Matt Ham and Riley Herridge had 6 apiece, Sean Tucker added 4 points, Ricky Torres, Tristen Benavidez and Nathan Ham all scored two points. Also contributing was Cayden Vaughn making his debut as he was released to participate following his season ending football injury of a broken Femur, Mason Coor, Zach McMeans, and Jaden Huse.

Coyote JV Beat the Klondike Cougars With a 42-23 Win

By Coach Richey

The Borden County JV traveled to Klondike to play the host Klondike Cougars in a district basketball game using a big 1st quarter and a solid 4th quarter in which they outscored the home team by a combined 27 to 13 enroute to a convincing 42 to 23 victory.

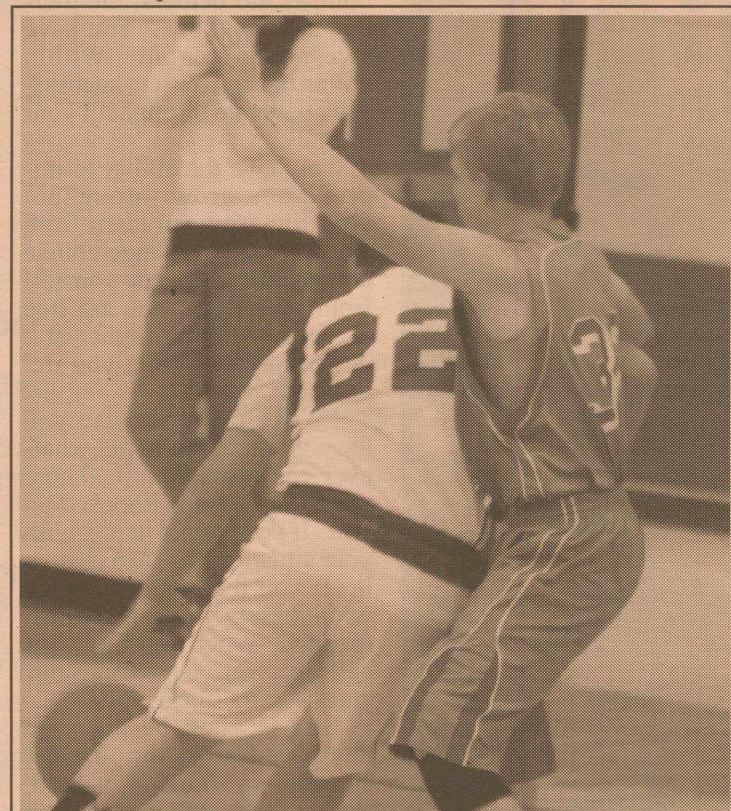
The Coyote JV opened up with a nice start getting baskets from five different players, Ricky Torres, Sean Tucker, Riley Herridge, Matt Proulx and Matt Ham on their way to a quick 12 to 5 lead. The Coyotes extended their lead to 21 to 10 at half.

In the 3rd quarter both teams struggled a bit with the visiting Coyotes outscoring the home team 6 to 5, but in the 4th Borden County put the game away with a 15 to 8 advantage and a 42 to 23 victory.

Scoring for the Coyote JV was Riley Herridge and Sean

Tucker with 11 points each, Ricky Torres with 8 points, Matt Proulx who was foul prone added 7 points and Matt Ham with 2 points. Also con-

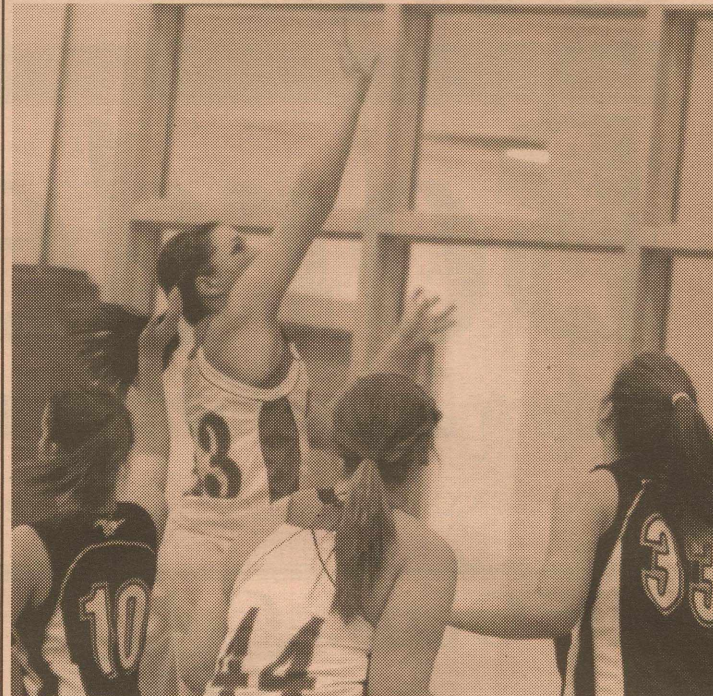
tributing to the victory was Mason Coor, Zach McMeans, Jaden Huse, Tristen Benavidez and Nathan Ham.



Coyote Nathan Ham holds a steady defense against a Klondike player in last weeks game against the Cougars. The Coyote JV beat Klondike with a 42-23 win.

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Borden County vs. Sands



Borden County Lady Coyote Kylie Voss manages to get around the Lady Mustang defense and up to score 2 points for Borden County. The Lady Coyotes grabbed a huge victory over the Lady Mustangs with a final score of 58-22

Lady Coyotes Bounce Back Big Against Sands

By Coach Skelton

The Lady Coyotes came out firing on all cylinders Friday night against the visiting Lady Mustangs of Sands.

The Lady Coyotes started off the game with a blistering 22-7 first quarter run. Lexi Peterson and Stephanie Cooley led the first quarter scoring with five points each. "What I was really impressed with was us going 6-7 from the free throw line in that first quarter." Coach Skelton stated after the game. "I was also happy to see that almost everyone on the team had scored by the end of the first half."

The second quarter the Ladies pushed out even further with an 11-7 run with Kaylyn Dean leading the scoring with points. The half time score was 33-14, and the Lady Coyotes came back out picking up where they had left off. The Lady Coyotes outscored the

Lady Mustangs 25-8 in the second half. "Sands did a lot of things right tonight, and put us into some defensive situations that caused us some troubles tonight."

"I'm happy that we had some communication on the floor so we could be in the right spots." "I was also happy that our bench scored 22 of our 58 points tonight." "It's getting closer to the post season and you never know who you are going to need and when you will need them." The final from Borden County was Lady Coyotes 58 Lady Mustangs 22.

The Lady Coyotes next play at O'Donnell Tuesday night.

Scoring for the Ladies were Stefanie Cooley 13, Lexi Peterson 9, Raegan Belongia 7, Kaylyn Dean 6, Taylor Gass 6, Kylie Voss 5, Aubree Lester 5, Tye Basquez 3, Kalyn Massingill 2, and Teryn Soto 2.

Coyotes Travel to Klondike and Escape With a Road Victory

By Coach Richey

A rough few days for the Coyotes was evident with their performance in Klondike on Tuesday, but a gutsy effort by these young men allowed them to come away with a hard fought 48 to 43 victory over a game Klondike Cougar basketball team.

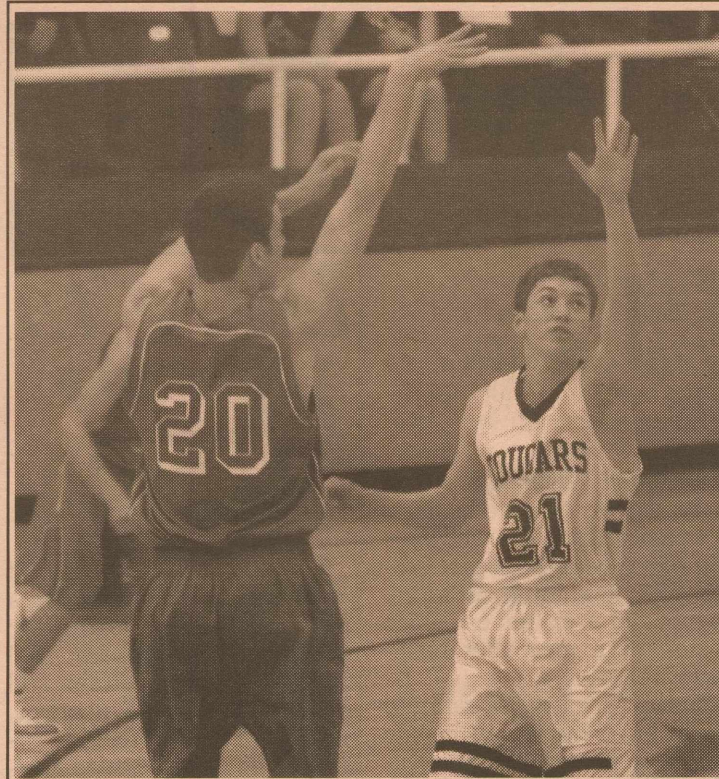
Playing for the first time without their head Coach Fernando Baeza, the Borden County Coyotes showed a lot of heart rallying from an early 14 to 8 deficit after one period of play. The Coyotes actually won each quarter following the slow start, but could never create enough separation to ever get comfortable in this contest.

In fact, if not for a late technical foul on a player and the Klondike bench things may have been very different in this contest as Tanner Richey hit 3 of 4 free throws late clinging to a one point lead when the technical fouls occurred. An-

other two free throws extended the Coyote lead to 5 and allowed Borden County to come away with a hard earned, very emotional victory for their ex-coach: Fernando Baeza.

The Coyotes outscored the cougars 12 to 6 in the 2nd to tie the game and then started the 3rd off with a quick 7 to 0 lead to gain a lead they would never relinquish, but struggle to maintain. Coyotes outscored the Cougars 15 to 11 in the 3rd and 13 to 12 in the 4th.

Leading the way for the Coyotes was Quint Shafer with a season high 19 points. Tanner Richey added 13 points, while Austin Tyler had 8 points, Collin Telchik added 6 points and Helio Rosales had 2 points. Also contributing to this emotional win was Riley Smith, Jared Smith and Kurt Shafer. The victory improved the Coyotes to 6 and 3 on the season and district play.



Tanner Richey shoots over the hands of a Klondike Cougar and hits the goal to score for the Coyotes.

Lady Coyotes Fall to Klondike's Second Half Rally

By Coach Skelton

The Lady Coyotes came out firing on all cylinders early last night taking a first quarter lead of 17-10 lead by senior Aurbee Lester who scored 10 of her 16 points. The Lady Coyotes continued their offensive push and at the Half lead 27-16. Klondike started the third quarter on fire hitting 4 three's and outscoring the ladies by 14 in the third taking a 3 point lead going into the final quarter.

In the final quarter the Lady Coyotes battled back and forth and managed to tie the game on three free throws by freshmen Tye Basquez late into the quarter. However at the sound of the final buzzer the Lady Coyotes fell short 50-48.

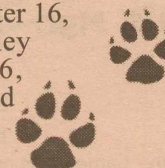
"I really felt upset after the game, but it's not because we lost, but because it pains me to see such effort not rewarded with a victory." Coach Skelton stated after the game. "You go into that locker room and you see those girls visibly upset and you start to think of all the

things I could have or should have done differently for them." "I tell kids every single time we play all I want is effort, and that is exactly what I have gotten all year." "Once I had a second to collect my thoughts I shared with the girls the things we have accomplished this season."

The Ladies are 21-5 and are a couple of games from clinching another playoff run. Most schools would jump through hoops of fire to have those things.

"I believe that God has a plan for us, and being a district champ wasn't one of them. We are having a successful season by what we have already accomplished we need to let it go, have faith and move forward to finish what we have started here."

Scorers Lester 16, Voss 12, Cooley 9, Belongia 6, Basquez 3, and Gass 2



School Lunch Menu

February 6-10, 2012

Monday - Breakfast: Waffle Stix, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Sloppy Joes, Garden Salad, Pickle Spears, Pears, Multigrain Chips and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Poptart, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Frozen Fruit Bar and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Sausage & Biscuit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Lasagna, Garden Salad, Pineapple Tidbits, Garlic Toast and Milk.

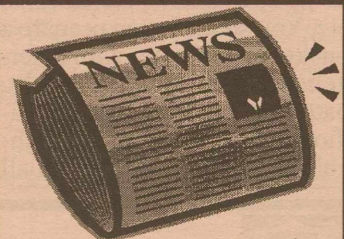
Thursday - Breakfast: Cereal & Graham Cracker, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pizza, Garden Salad, Orange Smiles, Gingerbread and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Quesadillas, Pinto Beans, Saesoned Corn, Fruit Cobbler and Milk.

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Lady Coyote, Aubree Lester, blows through the Lady Cougar defense during last weeks game against Klondike.



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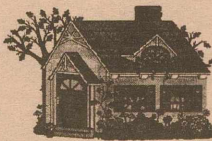
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Heart and Home ...

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



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Prepare Now for Unpredictable Weather

With the weather in West Texas being very unpredictable, we need to concern ourselves with safety and protection. One way to find out if you are in harm's way is by listening to a weather radio. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather radio system broadcasts National Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts, and other hazardous information (including natural and man-made disasters).

Since so many of us do not receive local news and weather, a weather radio is a good investment. They usually run around \$40. They can provide up-to-date weather information, and can be set to sound off when a warning is issued. We all know how quickly a severe storm can develop and the damage it can do.

Whether you have a weather radio or not, you should be prepared and have a plan. Keep your plan up-to-date and practice frequently so that everyone in your family/household knows and understands the plan. You should have a designated place to go when a tornado or other severe storm is approaching. Each person should be responsible for bringing certain things such as pets, blankets, flashlights, etc. You should even prepare a bucket or container with emergency equipment (flashlight, batteries, blanket, weather radio, bottled water, non-perishable food, etc.). If you are all

headed to the same place, and know that you should be there in an emergency, time and lives can be saved. If for some reason you cannot make it to the designated area, have a place designated to meet after the disaster is over.



Other types of preparation are to have emergency phone numbers posted by the telephone for easy access. It is difficult to remember the phone number when you are panicked. Borden County Emergency numbers are listed below. Another safety step is to install safety features in your home such as a smoke detector, a carbon monoxide detector, and fire extinguishers. It is important to check such safety equipment often. It is even important to have a safety plan when you are driving or traveling. Know your surroundings. Listen to the weather, know where to go or who to call in an emergency.

No matter what the weather situation is, be prepared, it could save your life!

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Dare to Live...

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life actually is.

Every day is a good day. If you doubt this, try skipping a one. Some days have more challenges than others. All challenges have solutions, and all problems fade with time. No one's life is perfect but everyone has the freedom to overcome obstacles.

There are many world events that cause stress and concern. Yet life is still good. If you don't think life is good, you will feel depressed. In a depressed state of mind, your ability to achieve your goals and solve problems is greatly diminished. Living in a negative state for an extended period of time creates a downward spiral that builds its own momentum. So a belief in the goodness of life provides you with an abundance of advantages.

Help yourself realize the good in your life by helping others to find the good in their lives. One of the best ways to motivate yourself is by giving someone else a mental boost. When you help another person to feel happy you can't help but feel happy yourself.

I've just scratched the surface in mentioning the basics that make life good. There's no doubt that you can find a long list of good things in your situation. Focus on the good and you charge your batteries. Focus on the negative and you deplete your energy and taint your outlook.

Make an inventory of all that is good in your life. Often people are surprised by how much richer they are than they realized. Review your inventory frequently to remind yourself of the good you have.

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4-H Food Challenge Teams

We will begin practice for the 4-H Food Challenge contest on Tuesday, January 17th from 3:45 to 5:00 in the Home Economics Lab. Please plan to attend if you wish to be on a team. The Food Challenge contest is made up of a team of 3-5 members work to prepare a dish with a set of ingredients in 40 minutes along with a brief presentation on nutrition, food safety, steps of preparation and cost per serving. Future practices will be held on Tuesday, January 31, Tuesday, February 7, Tuesday, February 14, and Tuesday, February 21 after school in the Home Ec Lab. The District Food Challenge contest will be held Monday, February 27th in Lubbock. For more information contact Julie Smith at the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or e-mail at julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu

4-H Clothing Project


Youth interested in learning about fashion design, clothing selection, care, and basic construction techniques are invited to participate in the Clothing Project. Please bring \$10 for supplies (all materials will be provided). We will be meeting Monday, January 30 and Monday, February 6 from 3:45 to 5:30 p.m. in the Home Economics Lab at school. For more information contact Julie Smith at the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or e-mail at julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu

4-H Photography Project

4-H Photography project will begin meeting on Thursday, February 16th after school. For more information contact Julie Smith at the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or e-mail at julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu

County Educational Presentation Contest, Share-the-fun and Public Speaking Project

4-H'ers and parents interested in learning more about the Public Speaking Project should contact the Extension Office as soon as possible. Information is available to assist 4-H'ers and their parents in writing, presenting and preparing visuals for educational presentations (method demonstrations); as well as covering information about the public speaking contest and share-the-fun's. Share-the-fun categories include: Celebrate 4-H, choreographed routines, poet, vocal, band and musical. This project provides youth an excellent opportunity to develop public speaking skills, even if they hate to talk in front of others. 4-H'ers will present their prepared presentations at County 4-H Roundup. Participants will advance to District 4-H Roundup, which will be held on May 5th at Levelland Middle School in Levelland. **The deadline for entering a Public Speaking Contest is Wednesday, April 11.** For more information contact Julie Smith at the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or e-mail at julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu



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"I'll have coffee too," added the other, "and be sure to bring it in a clean cup."

In a few minutes the waitress returned with dirty hands and asked, "Which one wanted the clean cup?"

Though we can't live by feelings, it does feel good to be clean and to live with clean people in clean places.

While man can cleanse the outside, only God can cleanse the heart.

But inwardly and outwardly you and I must be clean. For the Bible says, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

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Shafer Named to Deans List at ASU

The Dean's List for the 2011 Fall Semester has been announced at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Included in the list is R.T. Shafer, a 2010 Borden County graduate.

Shafer is currently a junior with a major in Physics and Pre-Engineering.

He is the son of Terry and Tanya Shafer of Gail.

Extra FFA Cookie Dough and Meat Items Available

By Buddy Wallace

The Gail FFA Chapter has several extra cookie dough and meat items available from their fall sales. Anyone wishing to purchase extra items can contact Buddy Wallace at 806/756-4313 (School) or 806/543-2118 (Cell) email: bwallace@bcisd.net

The Gail FFA Chapter once again thanks the community for all of their fund-raiser support!

COOKIE DOUGH ITEMS:
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Thought for the Day

Continue to love each other with true brotherly love. Don't forget to be kind to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it! Don't forget about those in jail. Suffer with them as though you were there yourself. Share the sorrow of those being mistreated, for you know what they are going through.
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Rough Ten Minute Stretch Thwarts Coyotes Upset Bid of the 6th Ranked Sands Mustangs

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes hit a buzzer shot to end the opening quarter and give the Coyotes their first lead of the contest as they seemed poised to pull off the upset victory over the visiting 6th ranked Sands Mustangs.

In fact, the Coyotes increased their 11 to 10 first quarter lead to 17 to 12 midway thru the 2nd quarter before the Mustangs finished the quarter with a 14 to 3 run. This run gave the 6th ranked Mustangs a 26 to 20 lead over the home town Coyotes.

The 3rd quarter saw the two teams spend the first 2 to 3 minutes only scoring a basket apiece, but another Mustang

run spurred on by Coyote turnovers and missed scoring opportunities resulted in a 17 to 2 run to end the 3rd quarter and gave the Mustangs a commanding 45 to 24 lead. The Coyotes won the 4th quarter 11 to 9 but it still left the Coyotes on the short end of a 54 to 35 final.

Leading the way for the Coyotes was Tanner Richey with 12 points, Quint Shafer followed with 11 points. Riley Smith added 3 points, Collin Telchik had 5 points and Austin Tyler and Helio Rosales had 2 points each. Also contributing was Jared Smith and Kurt Shafer.

Rough Second Half Proves Costly in Pups Upset Bid

By Coach Richey

Borden County Pups come up short in their upset bid as they hosted the Grady Wildcats. After giving up 4 quick points to the visiting wildcats the Pups outscored the Wildcats 8 to 3 to end the quarter with a surprising 8 to 7 lead. In the 2nd quarter the Pups built as much as a 5 point lead before a Wildcat rally cut the deficit to 1 point heading into the second half.

In the second half, Borden County struggled to score as they managed only 5 points the entire second half after having the 19 to 18 lead at intermis-

sion. Meanwhile the visitors managed 16 points for the 10 point victory over the hometown Borden County Pups at 24 to 34.

Leading the way for the Pups was Joel Andrade and Thomas Harrison with 7 points each. Hunter Jones added 6 points and Merrik Valentine and Rhaden Bland each added 2 points apiece. Also contributing in this tough loss was Dylan Murphy, Kace Lott, Braxton Coor, Kale Yarbro, Jayton Lewis, Robert Jordan, Colby Pennell, and Nathan Souder.



Borden County's Collin Telchik (right) tries to steal the ball from a Sands player. The Coyotes took a hard loss against the Mustangs with a final score of 54-35.

Missy Coyotes Finish Strong After a Sluggish Start

By Coach Skelton

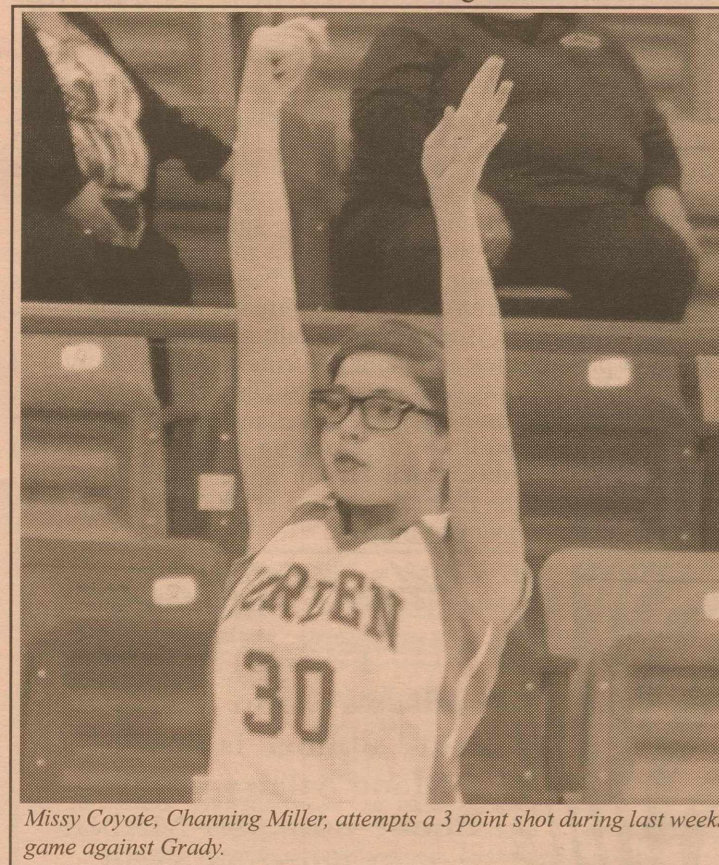
The junior high girls started off a bit sluggish the other night at home against the visiting Lady Wildcats of Grady. Grady's full court pressure forced the Lady Coyotes into several early turnovers that lead to the Wildcats taking an early first half lead of 20-8.

"The funny thing about pressure with kids is they have a hard time slowing down and seeing the big picture." Coach Skelton said after the game. "I told them several times that once they got calm they were doing some good things." "Once kids get to going so hectic they don't realize how it affects other parts of their game, and an example of that is how many lay ups were missed."

However after halftime the Lady Coyotes came out refocused and was only out scored by two points the entire second half. "The second half was much better, and we were able to settle down and play our ball instead of theirs." "All I want is their best effort, and we got more of that type of effort in the second half." In the end the

Ladies fell 26-12, and their final game is on January 30, 2012.

Leading scores Kylee Dean 6, Zoie Key 4, Savannah Herridge 2.



Missy Coyote, Channing Miller, attempts a 3 point shot during last weeks game against Grady.

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

Live Performance Versus Video Games

I attended a performance of the Nutcracker Ballet over the holidays and enjoyed it thoroughly. The musicians in the symphony orchestra played the familiar music to perfection and the dancers were at their absolute peak. The sets and costumes were spectacular. Hundreds of people were involved in getting the show on stage, something most of the audience knew and appreciated.

It was an interesting audience in my town's high school auditorium.

Along with people dressed for the occasion in sequins and holiday wear, there were cowboy hats, baseball caps, lots of jeans and boots. I sat behind half a dozen teen-agers appropriately dressed in slacks and dress shirts.

There is no narration in Nutcracker. It is a simple story of a girl falling asleep after admiring her Christmas gift of a nutcracker. In her dream, she and a prince charming go to the land of sweets and experience all sorts of wonderful, seasonal delights. The dancers were able to communicate the story without words.

The young people sitting in front of me may not have read the Nutcracker story in the program. Perhaps it was the first time they had seen a live performance of any type. They were attentive and well behaved for the most part, but on occasion they giggled and snorted and let off steam by an over abundance of applause and vocal appreciation.

Can't blame them too much. They are members of the video game generation and are accustomed to getting their enter-

tainment by manipulating figures on a device with a small screen. They are playing a game that has no story line, just the goal of a high score they try to reach. I salute their parents or teachers or whoever suggested they go to the ballet. They learned some things about culture and how to be respectful in a theater or auditorium. I don't know how meaningful the experience was for them, but I doubt they will forget seeing the outstanding dancers, musicians, sets, costumes, props and the audience's enthusiasm about just being there.

Video games probably have a larger audience than theatergoers. Age doesn't matter, as evidenced by Alec Baldwin getting kicked off an airplane because he refused to stop playing a game on his iPad.

Passionate players are all over the place. My wife Susan is hooked on Angry Birds. She learned to play the game from our eight-year-old grandsons. It is addictive.

Video games help inspire confidence in working with any type of electronics. Players are usually excellent on computers, cameras, cell phones, recorders and everything from GPS systems in vehicles to home alarm systems. The high school and college-age kids today are staying up with technology, something prior generations find difficult to do.

So many things came so fast it's practically impossible to keep up.

Some adults keep buying electronics they hope to be able to use someday.

Eighth Annual Southwest Farm and Ranch Show Set for February 7-9

LUBBOCK, TX – The eighth annual Southwest Farm and Ranch Classic trade show is scheduled for February 7-9, 2012, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Visit Lubbock welcomes this indoor show, which will feature unique commercial agricultural exhibits, industry-related events, demonstrations, and workshops.

"The purpose of the Southwest Farm and Ranch Classic is to provide producers and land owners opportunities to meet with company reps, see new equipment, and learn more about the latest developments that can benefit agricultural operations and landowner stewardship," said show executive Monica Hightower. Exhibitors already span national, regional, and local companies, including tractor and equipment manufacturers, irrigation specialists, seed suppliers, agricultural organizations and services, water specialists, outdoor building manufacturers, and much more.

To kick off the event, the Southwest Farm and Ranch Classic and Lubbock Chamber of Commerce annual Farm

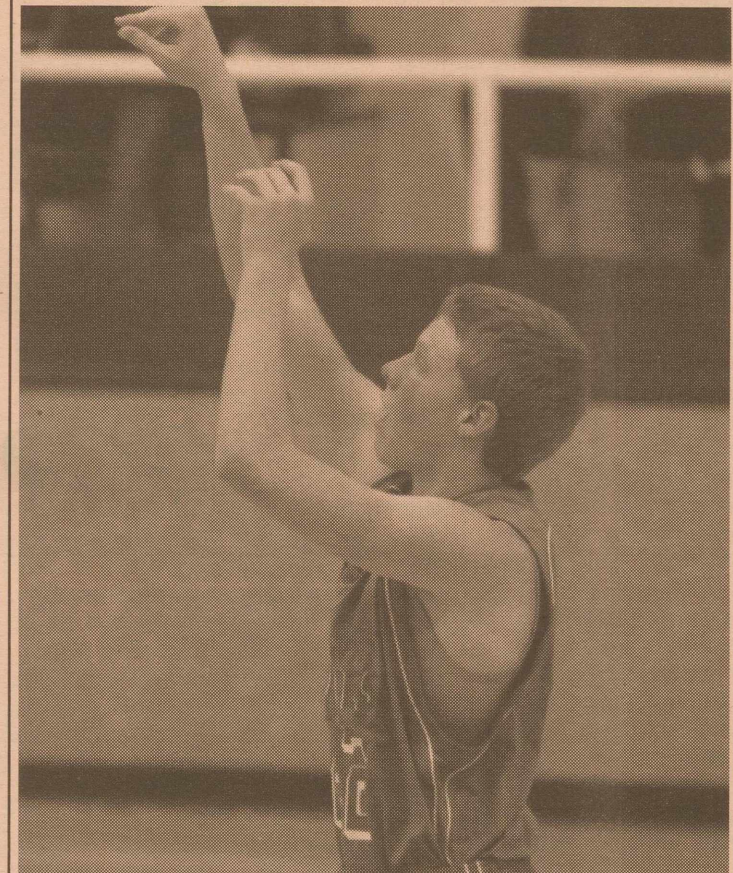
Show Breakfast will present professional photographer Wyman Meinzer on Tuesday, February 7th at 8 a.m. Meinzer will discuss and highlight his renowned farm ranch, and wildlife photography. Seating is limited and those interested in attending are encouraged to register as soon as possible by calling (806) 761-7000, e-mailing info@lubbockbiz.org, or visiting www.lubbockchamber.com for further information.

The Texas Agrilife Extension Service will present Continuing Education Courses on Wednesday, February 8th producers interested in pre-registering may do so at (806) 775-1680. The National Weather Service will also present the

Drought & Fire Workshop on Thursday, February 9th. Schedules for both educational sessions may be found at www.swclassic.com.

The Southwest Farm and Ranch Classic is open to the public from 9 am to 5 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, and 9 am - 4 pm Thursday of the show. Admission and parking are free at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 Mac Davis Lane, Lubbock, Texas, 79401. Additional information regarding exhibiting or attendance may be obtained from the Southwest Farm and Ranch Classic show office at (806) 798-7825, via e-mail at swclassic@suddenlink.net, or by visiting www.swclassic.com.

Coyote JV Beats Klondike



Coyote JV player Riley Herridge makes a shot from the freethrow line. He scored 11 against the Klondike Cougars in last weeks match up.

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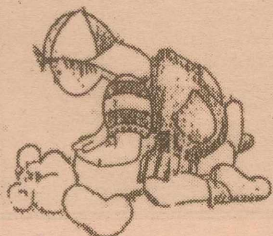
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bi-County Shared Services Arrangement (SSA) and formerly known as Bi-County Special Education Cooperative, is hereby giving notice of the destruction of inactive student records. This is being done in accordance with local, state, and federal guidelines. Records designated to be destroyed are: 1) Special education Student Records from Borden County ISD, Dawson ISD, and Klondike ISD; and 2) dated on or before May 31, 2002. Any persons wishing to obtain their individual records

from Bi-County SSA, must contact Becky Nix, director, at 806/756-4313 ext. 3. Fax requests can be sent to 806/756-4335. Bi-County SSA is located at 315 W. Kincaid/P.O. Box 95, Gail, Texas 79738. The date of this notice is January 3, 2012.

County of Borden
State of Texas

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF
CHANGES IN
ELECTION PRECINCTS**
Pursuant to 42.035, Texas

Election Code, the Commissioners Court of Borden County, Texas, herein provides notice of changes in County political boundaries as adopted by the Commissioners Court, and as precleared by the United States Department of Justice on the 22nd day of December, 2011.

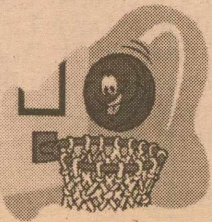
Interested individuals may review the adopted changes in the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.

The changes in county election precincts were necessitated by redistricting of County Commissioners Court

precincts in compliance with the United States Constitution and 42 U.S.C. 1973, also known as the Voting Rights Act, following the release of 2010 census data. Changes in County election precincts were designed to achieve numerical balance between the four commissioners court precincts, and to insure the voting rights of all citizens of Borden County, Texas.

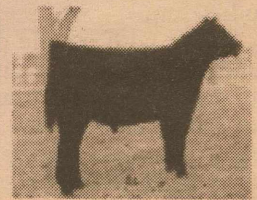
Joyce Herridge
County Clerk
Borden County, Texas

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FEBRUARY 2012

Ft. Worth Stock Show-Thru February 4, 2012
San Antonio Stock Show - February 9-25, 2012
San Angelo Stock Show - February 16-26, 2012
* Denotes District Basketball Game
National FFA Week - February 18-25, 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 OAP Practice-6:30	3 *BB vs. Dawson Here, 4:00 gGbB	4 Idalou UIL Meet CX and LD Meet @ Seminole
5	6 OAP Practice-6:30	7 *BB vs. Grady There, 4:00 gGbB	8	9 District CX Debate @ BHS OAP Practice-6:30	10	11
12	13 HOLIDAY OAP Practice-5:00 Baseball Scrimmage TBA	14 Happy Valentine's Day	15 Drug Free Assembly- 10:30	16 Baseball Scrimmage TBA OAP Festival @ Post 4:00	17 End of 4th Six Weeks	18
19	20 Baseball vs. Loraine Here 4:00 OAP Practice-6:30	21	22	23 OAP Practice-6:30	24	25 FFA San Angelo Livestock Show CDE Baseball vs. Sundown There, 12:00
26	27 Baseball-Open OAP Practice-6:30	28 Baseball-Open				