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How It All Began, the History of Borden County Schools Part Two in a Series: The Fairview School

Editor's note: In last week's story about the Grape Creek School, Naomi McIver was mentioned as one of the schoolteachers. An interesting side note to her presence is that her father was a preacher in Gail. He was also the grandfather of Larry McMurtry. Yes, that Larry McMurtry who wrote *Lonesome Dove*, *Comanche Moon*, and *Streets of Laredo* to name a few.

This week's school history lesson recalls the Fairview School. The Borden County Historical Survey ran three different recollections in March 1972. Mrs. Josie (Glasscock) Dillahunt, Mr. Irvin Clayton, and Mrs. Leta (Gray) Lloyd all contributed to the memories.

Due to length, the Borden Star will run these three articles separately.

Part Two in a Series: The Fairview School

—by Mrs. Josie (Glasscock) Dillahunt

In the year 1890, a group of settlers reached Borden County, Texas. Among the group were my parents, the W.T. Glasscocks and the

Spears, Morris, and Pensard families. Before this, the Rev. Graves and A. R. Gray families had come. All filed claims about thirteen miles southeast of Gail, built homes, and worked for the larger ranches (namely C.C. Slaughter, Bush, Tiller, and Gannon). Thus started the "Fairview Community, School, and Cemetery."

The Fairview School was built on my father's place. It was not a magnificent building, but we loved that little school house where children were enrolled as soon as we were old enough to go to school. It, too, was our place for entertainment and worship. Rev. Petty was our regular minister, a wonderful Christian who we children loved. Other ministers who preached at Fairview were Rev. Jim Hull and his brother. These ministers were special forces to make our community a success.

We Fairview settlers were proud of our lineage. Some of us had the blood of David Crockett in our veins; others that of General Lee and President Madison.

We did not have riots in

those days. Each family worked hard and wished his friends well. Yes, each family stayed on its own claim and was happy and thankful that God had given him his home and friends to love and respect.

Of course, in life, sadness as well as happiness comes—as it did in the Fairview Community. I remember that a friend of my father came by with his family and stopped for a few minutes. My parents tried to get them to spend the night but he said, "No, I want to get home. I feel sick." They went on home, but in the night a man came after father and Mr. Gray, our neighbor. The next morning when Papa came home, he was very disturbed and told Mother the poor man had died and the little girl was sick. Father described the man's condition before his demise, and Mother told Papa it was spotted fever and spinal meningitis, which was correct. Mother was a doctor's daughter and was well versed in medicine. People were exposed and many passed on.

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Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Guilt

Guilt is a powerful force. It compels you to act contrary to your own desires. When your conduct is influenced by guilt, you are either driven by your perception of what someone else will think or your own regret for past behavior. Persistent guilt creates internal turmoil that can lead to physical and mental problems.

Jim and Barbara are married with two young children. They live a full day's drive from Jim's parents. They used to live only an hour away, but moved three years ago when Jim had a great job offer. Jim's parents didn't want them to move and didn't understand why he couldn't get a job closer to them.

Jim feels guilty about moving. His parents constantly remind him how much they miss seeing their grandchildren. Jim and his family drive eight hours to visit his parents on every holiday and for part of his vacation.

Jim's feelings of guilt result from constant pressure from his parents. Several problems have arisen due to Jim's behavior. Barbara is upset that they never spend any of their holidays at home. She is also frustrated because they don't get to visit her parents that much.

The round trip to see Jim's parents consumes two days.

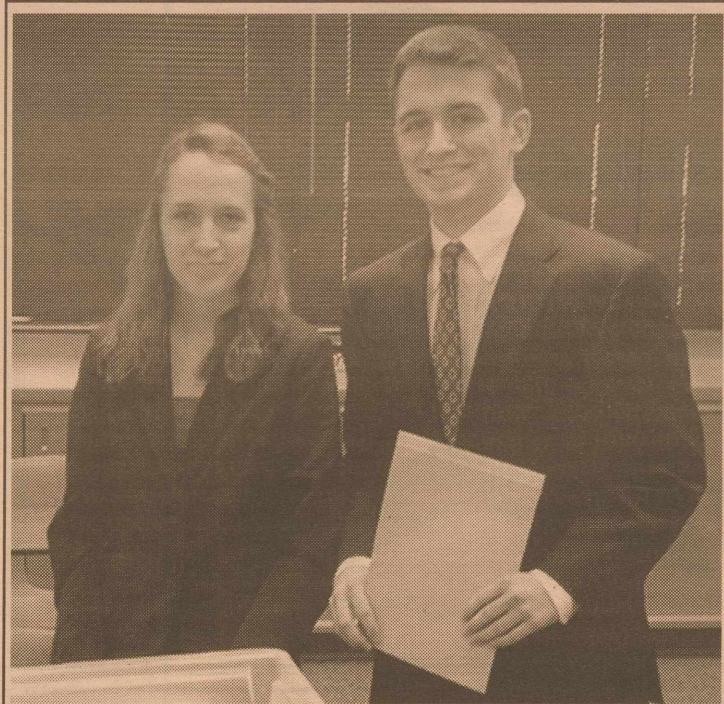
Jim and Barbara's relationship is becoming strained. The problems will persist so long as Jim feels guilty about moving and behaves accordingly. Jim needs to realize that he didn't move to slight his parents and recognize the needs and well being of his wife and children have to be a priority.

George and Irene divorced when their daughter Stacy was five years old. Both George and Irene had good jobs and shared custody of Stacy. George gave Irene the house. Three years later, George married Sandy. Five years later, George and Sandy had a son, Paul.

Even though George's marriage to Irene wasn't working and their decision to split was mutual, George always felt guilty about what happened. Even after he married Sandy, George continued to give Irene extra money whenever she asked. He also would do repairs on Irene's house, often neglecting his own.

Sandy became very frustrated. She felt George was not making her and Paul a priority. George's continuing concern for Irene was a constant source of irritation causing many arguments between George and Sandy.

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Siblings, Mollie and Zach McMeans traveled to Rankin on Jan. 5th to participate in the Rankin CX Invitational Meet. The pair tied for 1st place

CX Debate Prep Continues District Contest February 7th in Gail

The state's oldest UIL academic event, CX debate, is entering crunch time in its season. District debates will be held across the state in January and February as speakers try to qualify for state competition scheduled for March 10 and 11 in Austin.

Borden High School debaters Mollie McMeans and brother Zach McMeans were able to compete in two fall tournaments at WTAMU and Midland Lee. January 5 the BHS team traveled to Rankin for an invitational meet.

Mollie and Zach finished with a 3-1 record and tying for first place by virtue of their cumulative speaker points in the four rounds.

This weekend, they travel with Cassie Gaines (Poetry and Extemp), Robert Jordan (Impromptu and Poetry), and Tatum Richey (Poetry) to compete in Midland High School's speech tournament.

District CX is set for February 7 in Gail. The district-wide literary meet will be held in Meadow March 27 and 28.



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Grady Secures Win Over Coyotes After Big Fourth Quarter

By Coach Edwards

For three quarters of play, the Borden Coyotes outplayed perhaps one of the best teams in Region I Class A Division II, the Grady Wildcats. The Coyotes defense was stifling holding Grady to just 14 points in the first half while scoring 24 of their own. However, the Wildcats forced their way to the basket hopefully to get an easy bucket or get to the free throw line. The Wildcats went seven for seven from the free throw line in the fourth quarter and nine of ten for the second half to make the comeback and hold off a great effort by the Coyotes. The Wildcats outscored Borden 24-14 in the fourth quarter to secure the victory 53-47.

The Coyotes were lead in scoring by Tanner Richey with 27 points followed by Kurt

Shafer with seven points. T.J. Basquez added six points and Jared Smith with four points. Helio Rosales finished with two points and Korbin Martinez added point.

The #18th ranked Coyotes fall to 16-4 overall and 5-2 in district and hold a two game lead for the third spot.



Borden Coyote, Tanner Richey tries to get around a Grady Wildcat.

Lady Coyotes Show Much Improvement Against Grady 2nd Time Around

By Coach Skelton

The Lady Coyotes were looking to redeem an early district beating at the hands of the

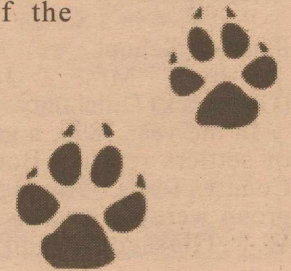
top ranked Grady Wildcats last Friday evening at Gail. The last time these two teams meet Grady forced the Lady Coyotes into numerous turnovers and shoot lights out hitting eight 3's. This time around the Lady Coyotes were looking for pay back.

Leading the charge was senior Kylie Voss whose 7 point first quarter led all scorers at the end of the quarter. The Lady Coyotes flipped the shooting output this time hitting seven 3's, and Kylie hit one three in each of the four quarters during the game. At half time the Lady Coyotes found themselves up one 25-24.

The difference in the ball game came in the third were Grady outscored Borden County 13-7. The Lady Coyotes battled back in the fourth but found themselves down 50-44 at the end of the game.

"It's not too often a coach gets to be happy with a loss." "What impressed me the most about tonight is how they were able to stay calm and stay focused during Grady's pressure full court defense."

I was super proud of their effort and hustle tonight. I just didn't do a good enough job teaching some finer points in our defense that allowed them to have some easy buckets. However I truly believe that this team can accomplish more than they thought possible if they continue to play like this for the remainder of the year.



Lady Coyote JV Falls to Grady

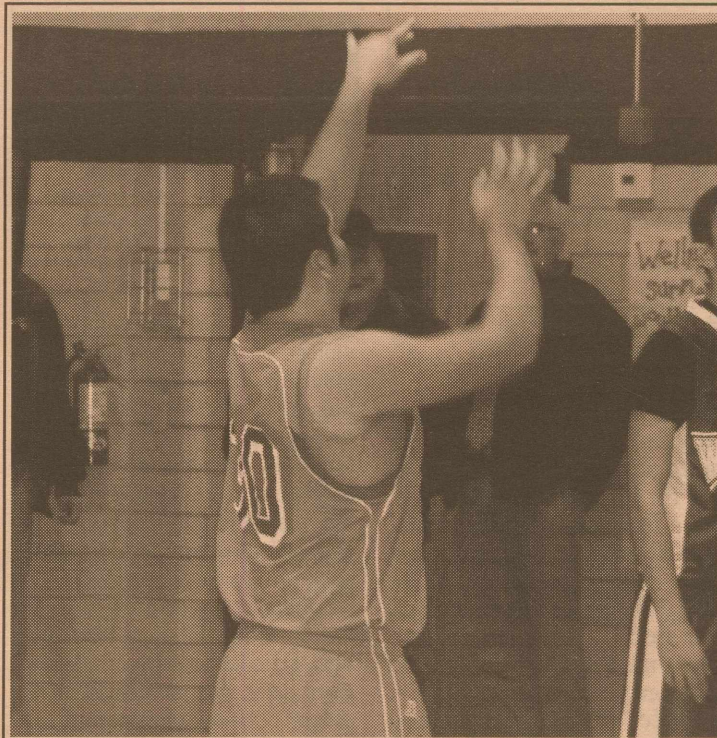
By Coach Benavidez

Three days after claiming a victory against Midessa the Lady Coyotes were at home to take on the Grady Lady Wildcats. The Lady Wildcats have had the Lady Coyotes number this season as they have up to this point played twice and claimed both wins. The latter win came in the championship game of the Forsan JV Tournament. The Lady Coyotes wanted this game badly. The Lady Wildcats, however, were ready. The first quarter ended with a hot Grady Wildcat team claiming a 14-1 advantage. The Lady Coyotes were able to close the gap some in the

second quarter by finding the bottom of the net with some great shots but unfortunately, so did the Lady Cats and still had the edge with a 23-10 score.

The third quarter slowed down for both teams as both teams only scored a few points and extended both scores to 26-13. The fourth quarter ended with a final score of 37-20 in favor of the visiting Lady Cats.

Scoring for this game is as follows; Mallory McMeans 9, Bailey Robinson 5, Zoie Key 4, Cheyenne Tucker and Holly Bradbury each with 1.



Tristan Benavidez shoots a free throw and scores a point for the Coyote JV.

Coyote JV Battle and Gain Victory Over Warriors

By Coach Edwards

The Borden Junior Varsity squad traveled to Wellman on Tuesday, but faced a home school varsity out of the Midland-Odessa known as the Midessa Warriors.

Midessa jumped out to a 14-6 advantage after the first quarter. But the Coyotes managed to close the gap to 22-18 at the half. Great defense in the third quarter allowed Borden to take their first lead of the evening,

30-28. The Coyotes battled strong in the final period and secured a 41-40 victory.

Riley Herridge finished the night with 19 points followed by Frank Banman with 14 points. Tristen Benavidez knocked in five points while Matt Ham chipped in two points. Jordan Martinez contributed a point.

The Coyotes improved to 7-5 on the season.

Missy Coyotes Round Up the Longhorns

By Coach Skelton

The Lady Coyotes outscored their opponent 31-3 the other night at Loop. "I was really happy to see their hard work pay off for them." These young ladies have been steadily improving all year long, and it was nice to see things come to gather for them. Last week they played well in spurts against Dawson and lost

that game by four 27-23, but this week we were more consistent and it paid off for them.

Scorers for the game were: Sydnee Jordan 8, Savannah Herridge 7, Ashlyn Tucker 6, Hayley Gray 4, Carley Bell, Preslea Hall, Madison Benavidez 2



Coyote JV members, Colby Pennell (left) and Jordan Martinez (right) play tough defense against the Grady Wildcats.

Wildcats Overcome Coyote JV 40-36

By Coach Edwards

It took a last second shot and an extra period of play for the Grady Wildcats to come up with a victory against the Borden Junior Varsity, 40-36.

Trailing 23-19 at the half, the Coyotes had a quick third quarter start and took the lead for the first time in the game. The Coyotes were up seven points late in the fourth quarter. However, the Wildcats closed the gap to three and managed to hit a tying three point shot at the buzzer to send the game into overtime. Grady

outscored the Coyotes 6-2 in the extra period to secure the victory.

Matt Ham lead the team in scoring with 12 points. Frank Banman added nine points while Tristen Benavidez contributed six points. Riley Herridge finished with four points. Colby Pennell chipped in three points and Jordan Martinez knocked in two points.

The Coyotes are now 7-6 on the season

School Lunch Menu

Jan. 28-Feb. 1, 2013

Menu Subject to Change

Monday - Breakfast: Pancake Pup, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Taoster Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Broccoli Bites, Garden Salad, Orange Smiles, Baked Potato Chips and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Kolache, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Crispy Taco, Spanish Rice, Garden Salad, Charro Beans, Salsa, Cinnamon Applesauce and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Omelet & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Strawberries & Bananas, Hot Roll and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Sausage & Biscuit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Spaghetti & Meat Balls, Garden Salad, Bread Stick, Green Beans, Parches, Pudding Cup and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Pizza Bagel, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Turkey & cheese Wrap, Sweet Potato Tots, Cucumber Dippers, Fresh Fruit, Chocolate Chip Cookie and Milk.

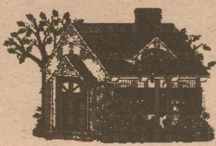
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Heart and Home ...

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Fitness for Your Finances



Many of you have included your health fitness in your New Year's Resolutions. Did you ever think that you may need to do the same for your finances? Each year when we prepare to file our taxes we may look at our net worth and say: "I wish I would spend some time on this so I could make some progress." When we say that, we're basically saying "I need to get financially fit."

Looking at financial fitness means looking at: debt, (yes the credit card bills are coming in); and at progress toward goals (such as education funds for children, funds for a new vehicle, retirement planning, ...).

Take one of the items mentioned above and spend a little

time examining your situation and your options. It may lead you to set up a 529 Education Plan for your child, or to meet with a financial planner to discuss plans for retirement – again it is never too soon to start. Finding ways to reduce your debt is also important, since that will free up funds to work on your other goals. A website called www.PowerPay.org can help with debt management and located at the same place is Power Save. Fitness for Your Finances is just as important as for your health.

Source: Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Money Tip\$ blog <http://blogs.extension.iastate.edu/moneytips/>


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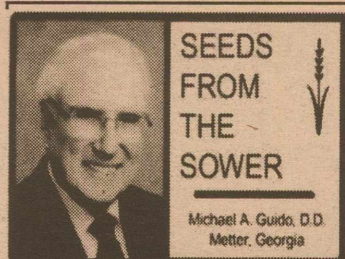
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Thought for the Day

Faith is not the belief that God will do what you want.
Faith is the belief that God will do what is right.
-Max Lucado

Dare to Live...

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George has to understand that people get divorced and move on with their lives. He can't redo his relationship with Irene. George's actions are jeopardizing his relationship with Sandy.

Guilt can make you feel constantly miserable. It can affect your relationship with others. It can prevent you from getting on with your life. It can make you unpleasant to be around.

Guilt becomes debilitating when you constantly devote a great deal of time and energy to mitigating the past or sacrificing your well being in order to please others. If this provides some peace of mind, it may be ok. But when stress and strain results, a negative situation is compounded.

It's difficult, if not impossible, to please everyone. Don't abandon your own health attempting to satisfy others. If you try to always appease others, they won't be happy and neither will you. Following your own path doesn't make you inconsiderate.

Virtually everyone has done something they would do differently if they had it to do over. There are instances where it may be possible to "make it up" to someone you treated poorly in the past. If this is the case, apologize, take corrective action, and then move forward.

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Booster Club Meeting

The Borden County Booster Club will hold a meeting on Tuesday, January 29, 2013


Before the Varsity games.

The meeting will be held in the Coyote Room



Lots of decisions to be made!

THANKS!

On behalf of the BCJLA Directors and all 4-H and FFA exhibitors, we would like to thank ALL of the parents and volunteers that donated items and worked a shift in the concession stand during the stock show.



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Borden County 4-H News


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4-H Food Challenge Teams

The next Food Challenge practice will take place on Monday, January 28th after school until 5:00 p.m. in the Borden County Event Center. 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. We will begin meeting in late January. 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 soon. 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 4th at Levelland Middle School in Levelland. **The deadline for entering a Public Speaking Contest is Wednesday, April 10.** 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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Obituary

Billy Gene Valentine
 1930 - 2013

Mr. Billy Gene Valentine age 82 of Snyder, TX, died Saturday, January 19, 2013 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital in Snyder, Texas after a lengthy illness.


Services for Mr. Valentine were held on Monday January 21, 2013 at 2 PM at Gail Cemetery with Reverend Randy Hardman officiating. Services are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Valentine was born on Sunday, September 21, 1930 in Bowie, TX to Bill and Mary Olive (Farrah) Valentine. He married Glenda Hibbitt in Snyder, Tx in 1976. She preceded him in death January 10, 2004. He served his country as a Marine during the Korean conflict and was the owner and operator of AAA Exterminating and Weed control in Snyder for 60 years. He was a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He is survived by six sons, Mike Valentine and Wife Tammy, Fluvanna, TX; Don Valentine and Wife Janet, Prosper, TX; Vic Valentine and Wife Melissa, Ft. Myers, FL; Marc Valentine and Wife Angela, Abilene, TX; Brent Hibbitt and Wife Billie, Snyder, Tx and Bryan Hibbitt, Lubbock and a daughter, Belinda Bridges and Husband Lowell, Lubbock, TX.; eleven grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by is Parents and Stepfather, R.R. Smith.

Visitation was from 6 to 7 PM Sunday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



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USDA Urges Producers to Complete and Return the 2012 Census of Agriculture

The USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) mailed the 2012 Census of Agriculture during the last week of December and is asking for the help of farmers and ranchers in collecting accurate data.

The Census of Agriculture is only conducted once every five years and captures a count of all U.S. farms, ranches and those who operate them. Everyone who receives a Census form is required to return the Census form, even if they no longer farm or have never been involved in agriculture. Retired operators who own land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) or Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) are counted as farms and should complete the Census form.

Results of the Census are used by USDA, university research and extension, state and local officials, agribusinesses, farm organizations and commodity groups to make important policy and business deci-

sions that impact people across the nation.

Please return the Census by February 4, 2013. Producers can also complete the Census online at www.agcensus.usda.gov after receiving the Census form through the mail. Information reported by producers is confidential. The results of the Census show the strength and diversity of U.S. agriculture.

Your answers to the Census can help grow your farm future, shape farm programs and boost services for you, your community and your industry.

For questions or help completing the Census, contact NASS at (888) 424-7828.

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Commissioners' Court

WHEREAS, On this the 8th day of January, 2013, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

ROSS D. SHARP, County Judge, Presiding; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner, Precinct N. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE** County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

Other officers present: Ben Smith, County Attorney and Benny Allison, Sheriff.

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the January 8, 2013 Regular Session of Borden Co. Commissioner Court to order at 8:35 a.m.

BORDEN COUNTY WATER

The Court met in the District Courtroom for the Community Input concerning the Borden County Water. There were eighteen (18) interested citizens signed in for the meeting. Judge Sharp presented the problems concerning the water and several solutions. The citizens were given the opportunity to ask questions and to give their views. Following the Community Input, the Commissioners resumed meeting in Commissioners Courtroom.

NEW ELECTED OFFICIALS

James 'Monte' Smith, Precinct No. 1 and Ernest Reyes, Precinct No. 3, newly elected Commissioners were sworn into their respective offices.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of December 18, 2012 were read. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY OFFICE REPORTS

After examination of the County Offices' reports, Com-

missioner Smith made a motion to approve, accept and file submitted Reports in the County Clerk's Office.

The County Extension Agent-Agriculture reports for November, 2012 and the County/District Clerk's report for November 2012 were not submitted. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Commissioner Smith made a motion to appoint Ben Smith as County Attorney for a two year term. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

2013 INDIGENT DEFENSE FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM RESOLUTION

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the Resolution for the 2013 Indigent Defense Formula Grant Program. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew. Motion carried.

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No action taken.

PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

No applications received.

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

No applications were received.

WATER DEPARTMENT

The Water system was discussed. No action taken at this time.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve said accounts and Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Authorize Sheriff to purchase vehicle and appoint Judge as agent to represent county for purchase of real property.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Reyes to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and approved unanimously.

On this the 8th day of January, 2013, Commissioners Court reconvened. Present: Commissioner Smith, Com-

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Public Notice

Notice of Drinking Water FLUORIDE Violation

December 2012

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the Borden County Water System that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for FLUORIDE. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL FLUORIDE at 4 mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for FLUORIDE indicates a level of 5.4mg/L in the 3rd quarter of 2012 and a level of 5.5mg/L in the 2nd quarter 2012. The running annual average is 5.4 mg/L.

This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing FLUORIDE in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Fluoride in drinking water at half the MCL or more may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than nine years old. Mottling, also known as dental fluorosis, may include brown staining and/or pitting of the teeth, and occurs only in developing teeth before they erupt from the gums.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

We are working to correct

the problem by investigating the possibility of connecting to another system.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For further information contact the County Judge's Office, Borden County Courthouse, 117 E. Wasson, Gail, Texas 79738, phone 806/756-4391

Ross D. Sharp, County Judge

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BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2012

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:					
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 7,693,948	\$ 2,180,479	\$ 8,867	\$ 143,218	\$ 10,028,512
State Program Revenues	2,011,750	-	-	7,339	2,019,089
Federal Program Revenues	56,753	-	-	205,451	262,204
Total Revenues	9,762,451	2,180,479	8,867	358,008	12,309,805
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
Instruction	1,554,632	-	-	214,176	1,768,808
Instructional Resources and Media Services	34,275	-	-	-	34,275
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	1,977	-	-	2,222	4,199
Instructional Leadership	5,908	-	-	121,401	127,309
School Leadership	87,877	-	-	-	87,877
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	12,754	-	-	5,702	18,456
Health Services	68,422	-	-	48	68,470
Student (Pupil) Transportation	413,840	-	-	-	413,840
Food Services	246,450	-	-	-	246,450
Extracurricular Activities	286,727	-	-	89	286,816
General Administration	331,015	-	-	3,738	334,753
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	994,661	-	-	696	995,357
Data Processing Services	168,409	-	-	-	168,409
Community Services	48,236	-	-	-	48,236
Debt Service:					
Principal on Long Term Debt	-	820,000	-	-	820,000
Interest on Long Term Debt	-	1,011,388	-	-	1,011,388
Capital Outlay:					
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	-	-	11,396,859	-	11,396,859
Intergovernmental:					
Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	4,167,406	-	-	-	4,167,406
Incremental Costs Associated with Chapter 41	65,103	-	-	-	65,103
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	45,784	-	-	9,936	55,720
Payments to Tax Increment Fund	198,932	-	-	-	198,932
Other Intergovernmental Charges	94,654	-	-	-	94,654
Total Expenditures	8,827,062	1,831,388	11,396,859	358,008	22,413,317
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	935,389	349,091	(11,387,992)	-	(10,103,512)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Sale of Real and Personal Property	9,922	-	-	-	9,922
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	9,922	-	-	-	9,922
Net Change in Fund Balances	945,311	349,091	(11,387,992)	-	(10,093,590)
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	4,724,134	464,114	16,747,187	-	21,935,435
Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 5,669,445	\$ 813,205	\$ 5,359,195	\$ -	\$ 11,841,845

he notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

Images in Small Bottles of Sand

One of the most enjoyable and fascinating times I've had recently was in Mercedes watching J.R. Segrist, a retired postman, doing his sand art. He has a dozen containers filled with different colors of sand in front of him. He layers the sand in a bottle, then maneuvers it around with pieces of a wire coat hanger. The end product is a bottle about three inches tall, filled with colored sands that form pictures.

"I do camels, longhorns, a sow with three little piglets, rabbits and a zoo bottle with four kinds of animals on it," says J.R. "I use only natural colored sand that I've collected from thirty-seven different states and three foreign countries. I have about sixty different colors of sand that I've picked up out of a road ditch or grader cut.

We do not like to use beach sand because it's been rolled by the wind and the waves and it's like little marbles. The grains just roll easy.

We don't like to use purchased sand because it's been washed and dyed and it does not have any fine material in it. It needs fine material to make it stick together."

The sand he uses starts out as a rock. "I just get a sledge hammer and pulverize it and sift out all the large materials and throw that away."

It's an old art dating back two thousand years. He's been doing it since 1975 when a friend showed him how to do it. "I told him I didn't like his square animals because they looked like Egyptian or Indian pictographs. He told me to go get a coat hanger, some sand and bottles and start doing it myself."

He has made nearly 25,000 bottles and sells them for five dollars each, giving the proceeds to a children's home, a school and a food pantry.

"Some people have wanted me to make them 5,000 at a time. But I can't do that. I refuse to sell to stores. The maximum number anybody can buy is twenty-five." He can create a sand bottle in fifteen minutes and has made as many as fifty in a single day.

"What you're doing is pushing the wire against the glass and the sand will follow you. You go down along the glass then you back off and come up through the center. That way you don't tear up your design.

If you came right back up along the glass, you would tear it up. You can push the sand but you can't pull it. You push it to where you want it to go."

Each layer of sand is so tightly packed that the end product is hard as a rock. The picture will remain intact even when he bangs a completed bottle on the table.

He asked me what type of animal I would like, giving me a choice of mule, longhorn steer or camel. I told him a longhorn steer. He started with the steer's nose, then the legs. He got some dark sand from the top layer and pushed the sand down into the white sand. My little bottle of sand has layers of white, tan, brown, orange and gray sand with images of four longhorn steers. I keep it on a special place on a library shelf.

USDA's Tom Vilsack Finalizes New Microloan Program

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack unveiled a new microloan program today that will expand access to credit for small farmers and ranchers and beginning and socially disadvantaged producers.

The microloan application process is simpler and requires less paperwork than traditional operating loans. Additionally, the requirement for managerial experience and loan security has been modified to ensure that small family operations and beginning farmers and ranchers can obtain the credit needed to start and continue an agricultural operation. This loan program will also be useful to specialty crop producers and operators of community supported agriculture (CSA).

Eligible applicants can apply for a maximum amount of \$35,000 to pay for initial start-up expenses such as hoop

Regular Board Meeting December 17, 2012

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas, met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Borden County I.S.D. Board members present were Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole, and Mike Valentine. John Anderson was absent. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas was also present. Guests present were Ross Sharp and Don Ledbetter.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M. by Joe Harding.

2. There was no community input.

3. County Judge Ross Sharp met with the Board of Trustees to discuss Borden County water issues.

4. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2012, board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made

by Carol Lewis and seconded by Mike Valentine to approve the December 2012, bills. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to adopt a resolution concerning the authority of the District to exercise the power of eminent domain. The motion carried unanimously.

7. The annual evaluation of the superintendent was conducted.

8. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to solicit bids/quotes for an activity bus. The motion carried unanimously.

9. It was reported that Carol Lewis had 12.5 hours of board training credit for the current year.

10. The high school basketball holiday practice and game schedules were reviewed.

11. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joel Dennis to set the regular January 2013 board meeting for January 21, 2013,

at 7:00 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Mike Valentine to allow the use of the Borden County I.S.D. facilities for Youth Football Activities. The motion carried unanimously.

13. Mr. Thomas reported that 238 students were enrolled as of December 12, 2012, gave a financial report, and gave a construction project report. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

14. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Dennis Poole to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Pups Defeat Loop Remain Undefeated

By Coach Edwards

Borden County Junior High hoopsters remain undefeated on the season by defeating the Loop Longhorns on the road, 39-17.

Borden jumped out to a quick 13-3 lead after one quarter and never looked back. The Coyotes outscored the Longhorns 22-6 in the middle stanzas to put the game out of reach.

Trace Richey lead all scorers with 13 points followed by Corbin Sumners with nine points. Jayton Lewis and Braxton Barnes added four points while Hunter Jones chipped in three points. Kale Yarbrow, Ryan Willborn and Nick Proulx contributed two points.

The Coyotes will resume play on February 24th at Grady. Tip-off will be at 7:15 p.m.

houses to extend the growing season, essential tools, irrigation, delivery vehicles, and annual expenses such as seed, fertilizer, utilities, land rents, marketing, and distribution expenses. As financing needs increase, applicants can apply for an operating loan up to the maximum amount of \$300,000 or obtain financing from a commercial lender under FSA's Guaranteed Loan Program.

Small farmers often rely on credit cards or personal loans, which carry high interest rates and have less flexible payment schedules, to finance their operations. The microloan program will expand access to credit and provide a simple and flexible loan process for small operators.

The current interest rate for Microloans is 1.25 percent.

In addition to microloans,

FSA offers several farm loan programs that provide funding to purchase land, livestock, equipment, feed, seed, and supplies, or can be used to construct buildings or make farm improvements.

Producers interested in applying for a microloan or other FSA farm loan program should contact their local Farm Service Agency office.

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Commissioners' Court

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Commissioner Adcock, Commissioner Reyes, Commissioner Belew, Judge Sharp and Joyce Herridge, County Clerk.

BOND

Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve the Bonds for Benny Ray Allison as Sheriff and Tax Assessor Collector, the Bonds for Victoria Green as County Tax Assessor Collector Clerk. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 18th day of December 2012.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Adcock to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes and approved unanimously.

THE FORGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 22ND day of January, 2013.

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Coyotes and Lady Coyotes Basketball 2012-2013

Date	Opponent	Time	Location	Teams
27-Oct-12	Roscoe	1:00	There	JVG/VG
TBA	Post/Lamesa	TBA	There	JVG/VG
6-Nov-12	Spur	5:00	There	JVG/VG
9-Nov-12	Roby	6:00	There	JVG/VG
13-Nov-12	Ropes	4:00	Home	ALL
16-Nov-12	Ira	4:00	Home	ALL
20-Nov-12	Garden City	4:00	There	ALL
27-Nov-12	Seagraves	4:00	There	ALL
Nov 29-Dec 1	Post Tourney	TBA	There	VG/VB
Dec 6-8	BC Tourney	TBA	Home	VG/VB
11-Dec-12	Wellman*	4:00	Home	JVG/VG
14-Dec-12	Harris*	5:00	Home	JVB/VB
14-Dec-13	Grady*	4:00	There	JVG/VG
14-Dec-13	Blackwell	5:00	There	JVB/VB
18-Dec-12	Loop*	4:00	There	ALL
21-Dec-12	Klondike*	4:00	Home	ALL
Dec 27-29	Jayton Tourney	TBA	There	VG/VB
Jan 3,5	Forsan JV Tourney	TBA	There	JVG/JVB
4-Jan-13	Dawson*	4:00	There	ALL
8-Jan-13	O'Donnell*	4:00	Home	ALL
11-Jan-13	Sands*	4:00	There	ALL
15-Jan-13	Wellman*	4:00	There	ALL
18-Jan-13	Grady*	4:00	Home	ALL
22-Jan-13	Loop*	4:00	Home	ALL
25-Jan-13	Klondike*	4:00	There	ALL
29-Jan-13	Dawson*	4:00	Home	ALL
1-Feb-13	O'Donnell*	4:00	There	ALL
5-Feb-13	Sands*	4:00	Home	ALL
8-Feb-13	Wellman*	4:00	Home	JVB/VB
12-Feb-13	Grady*	4:00	There	JVB/VB

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FAIRVIEW SCHOOL

A poem by Mrs. Josie Dillahunt

Backward I cat an eye of longing, to the school days of the past,
Where I studied all my letters, just a Borden County lass,
And I cannot forget my teachers, Oh! So patient and so kind.
As in chronology order followed, one by one, yes, down the line.

First of all was Mr. Dannon, teaching, toiling day by day,
In the little County School House, from his home so far away.
Did we like him? Please don't ask me. Did we love him? We could answer best,
We were sorry when you left us, for you did your very best.

Professor Wallace, but my eyes these tears keep falling, when I think of the next in line,
Just a professor from Louisiana and he was so good and kind,
I am listening, he is singing "Dear Ol' Pontchartrain"
And I wish that I were able, just to hear his voice again.

Professor Gene Yates, seems the third to teach us lessons was a young man from the East,
And those hard and difficult problems, did not worry him the least.
We just wished that he would stay with us, but a Rancher's daughter talked best,
So he married pretty Miss Della, and they moved on further West.

Next to teach us horrid lessons, was a teacher from the County Seat.
And in solving math problems, Mr. Will could not be beat.
Seems to me that I can hear him, as he drills on circles and cubes
Bet some days he'd wished I'd been exported to the land of the Hindu.

Miss Annie Iunis, Then we went away to visit and in the fall when we returned,
A young lady was doing her utmost, teaching those youngsters how to learn.
When I started she impressed me with her dear and winning ways,
And at the sad commencement, they could not get her to stay.

Miss Mary Pope, From old Jones County came dear Miss Mary, with those eyes of heavenly blue,
When I pluck a pure sweet daisy, it reminds me dear of you.
Face was likened to the angels, we could be very rude,
For we loved you dearly, when you taught that little school.

Miss McIntire, next employed was a doctor's daughter, from a town not far away,
And teaching Physiology, our dear teacher knew the way.
I could name the bones of my body, and so few I can't forget
Two at recess I was made to go over, Frontal and Occipital, I remember them yet.

Professor Sam Hathcock, Let me stop, my heart grows sadder as I call the last in line.
He was a brave college professor, and he was so very kind.
Yes, he was from a big city, held a BA degree
And the way he quoted Latin, certainly did astonish me.

The Fairview School...

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Mama and Rev. Graves's grown sons, Alvis and Alvin, risked their lives to nurse the sick. These three were given the name "Angels of Mercy" and they certainly deserved it. When Mother would come home, she would bathe off in the Wild Cat Creek and dress in the cove of the creek using disinfectants. She also treated the drinking water. Mother used her father's (Dr. T. D. Hollonquist) method of treating the sick and did not lose a case.

Yes, it was pathetic to look back and see how the cemetery started. I can recall several buried there from spotted fever and meningitis. There was

little Ora Lee Parr from a rattlesnake bite, a young man called Mr. Brown, and many more were sleeping there.

Our school was blessed with wonderful teachers. My teachers were W. T. Danner, W.W. Wallace, Eugene Yates, Will Clark, Miss Amie Iunis, Miss Mary Pope, Miss McIntire, and Professor Sam Hathcock. Dear to me is the memory of Judge Searcy of Gail, Texas. When he called at school one Friday, he asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I said, "Judge, a teacher, kind and good like them and mother, you know; our teachers are smart just like my mother."

These are the names of the families that lived there and sent their children to Fairview when we did: the Graves, the Wrights, the Grays, the Hulls, the Reneaus, the Couchs, the Sawyers, and the McNews.

When Father sold the old ranch to Bush and Tiller and moved to Big Spring, Texas, to further our education, it was a sad day for us children, to leave our little friends.

Editor's note: Mrs. Josie added that she taught twenty-five years in Texas and was a graduate of three colleges, one of which was an out-of-state university. She noted that she came back to Gail and taught here in 1907-1908. She was married to Paul Dillahunt of Gail. In the Borden County Museum, at one time, was some sheet music written by Mrs. Josie called "Great Smoky Mountains and You."

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