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How It All Began, The History of Borden County Schools

The Durham School

Editor's Note: The following article, written by Lillie Cantrell Harris, appeared in the Borden County Historical Society Newsletter in December 1966, Vol. II, No. 2.

On May 11, 1892, according to the records of the County Clerk's office of Gail Texas, an order to establish the Durham School District was given, creating District No. 3 in which the Durham School was located.

On May 12, 1892, an election was held with the following being elected trustees of the school: T.D. Love, H.N. Haile, and J.S. York. In 1897, J. W. Groves and Wave Coates were appointed trustees.

In 1906, Mr. J.L. Waskom and Mr. Joe H Wicker, father of Mrs. George (Helen Jo) Gray, built the first school house, locating it just east and slightly north of the old Joe Wicker ranch home near a spring. This school was taught by governesses Miss Marcia Waskom and Miss Kate Grigsby, each teaching only one term. Their salaries were paid by Mr. Waskom and Mr. Wicke.

When our family, the A.J. Cantrells, moved to Durham in November 1908, the school

had been in session two months with Mrs. Emma Yeager as teacher. She taught September 1908-1909 and September 1909-1910.

This one-room building had one door and four windows, with crude door-like shutters. The furniture was crude also, all of it being handmade, consisting of slatted seats but no desks. There was a rough hewn table for the teacher, along with a cane-bottom chair. There was only one blackboard, extending across one end of the building, made from flooring lumber and painted black. The cracks between these boards served as lines for the students, upon which to write.

Water had to be carried by hand in big tin buckets from the spring, a distance of approximately four or five blocks. No one dared to dip out more water than he could drink. Later a large wooden barrel served as our water fountain, with a dipper attached.

In the spring of 1910 a new school house was built nearer the center of the community. It boasted a beautiful coat of white paint, red roof, and heavy screens. This was also

a one-room building but much larger, with five windows, two doors, and an open-faced corner cabinet for lunch pails. In the center of the room stood a big "pot-bellied" coal burning stove. The long slatted benches were placed in front and on either side of the stove where boys and girls could sit and warm their feet, dry wet or snowy shoes, often burning or scorching shoe leather. In this building we enjoyed brand new factory made seats and desks, both single and double. We were all proud of the teacher's new desk and chair as well as a long recitation bench and two nice long, green chalkboards—smooth and easy to write upon.

Cleaning day came each Friday afternoon after school for the next week. Each of the larger pupils enjoyed helping sweep, dust, and clean erasers. Putting out new chalk—a job which we all enjoyed. Monitors passed wraps and hoods, which prevented confusion, loss of time, and noise before and after passing in from play. As we were seated after play pe-

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Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

A Dime is Smaller Than a Nickel

Sometimes people erroneously equate quantity with success. Unfortunately, there are those who are impressed with how much, how big, how expensive, or how many. There is a notable difference between quantity and quality.

Look at a handful of coins. A dime is smaller than a nickel, yet the dime is worth twice as much. The significant measure is value rather than quantity. Bigger doesn't necessarily mean better.

Sharon owns a hardware store in a small town. The store stocks a broad selection of merchandise. All of her sales people are friendly and very knowledgeable. Sharon's store is dwarfed by the big chains. Her sales are miniscule by comparison.

Sharon's store is always busy with many loyal and repeat customers. Some of her prices might be a little higher than her competition, but people still love shopping at her store. They appreciate the outstanding customer service and being able to get in and out quickly.

Sharon isn't intimidated by the big stores. She provides valuable services that larger businesses can't. Although Sharon will never outsell the chain stores, she doesn't have

to in order to be successful.

Jason is a high school senior. He's of average intelligence. Jason wants to go to college on a scholarship. What Jason lacks in mental power, he makes up for with hard work and determination.

When his friends are out socializing, Jason is studying. He knows extra effort is required to achieve his goals. Jason's determination pays off. He graduates with an "A" average, ahead of many smarter students. Jason will get his scholarship and attend the college of his choice.

Jason did what other student's didn't; he worked hard. Other students could have also graduated with an "A" with a lot less effort than Jason. But they didn't. People with ability are often passed by those with drive.

Dan, Helen, and their two kids live in a modest home in an area where mini mansions are becoming the norm. Their neighbors have bigger houses and newer cars. Dan and Helen are happy. Dan works close by and Helen stays home with the kids.

Their neighbors opted for bigger and more expensive possessions. Dan and Helen

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Lady Coyotes Area Champs!



The Lady Coyotes became the Area Round Champions after defeating the Rankin Red Devils 53-36 last Friday night in Midland. Member of the Lady Coyotes team are (left to right) McKenna Campbell, Tatum Richey, Kaylyn Dean, Lexi Peterson, Taylor Gass, Kylie Voss, Teryn Soto, Tye Basquez, Clair Shafer and Mallory McMeans. Also pictured is Gabriella Skelton.

Coyotes Gain Win in Tune-Up Game Against Balmorhea

By Coach Edwards

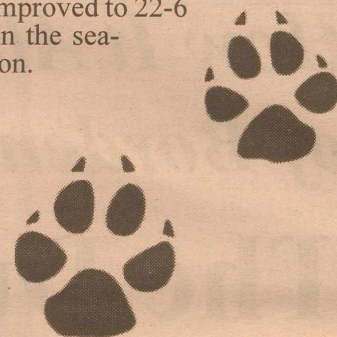
A quick start for the Borden Coyotes was key in a tune-up game against the Balmorhea Bears last Friday night in Midland.

The Coyotes jumped out to a 20-4 first quarter lead, but the Bears battled back in the second quarter closing the gap to 28-18 with Borden leading at the half. The Coyotes outscored Balmorhea in the third quarter 15-10 and extended their lead to 43-28 heading into the final period. Borden displayed some solid defense in the fourth quarter allowing only seven points while scoring 15 of their own to secure the victory 58-35.

Helio Rosales led the team in scoring with 17 points fol-

lowed by Kurt Shafer with 10 points. T.J. Basquez added nine points with Sean Tucker chipping in eight points. Matt Proulx knocked in six points while Korbin Martinez and Jared Smith contributed four points.

The #21 Coyotes improved to 22-6 on the season.



Lady Coyotes Advance to Regional Quarter-Finals With Win Over Rankin

By Coach Skelton

The Lady Coyotes second round pitted them against the District Champs Rankin Lady Red Devils. Lady Coyotes' pressure defense again sparked them to an early led only to see a tenacious team battle back to within two points at the end of the first quarter.

The Lady Coyotes answer that challenge and came out the second quarter with more focus and furious defense and outscored Rankin 12-4 to take a ten point lead heading into half time (24-14). The third quarter started off with Borden County having their highest offensive quarter of the game

with sixteen and holding Rankin to just eight.

When the dust settle the Lady Coyotes would prove victorious over the Lady Red Devils 53-36. "I was extremely pleased with our defensive effort tonight, I was also happy to see us force the defense to come out and have to guard us higher than they

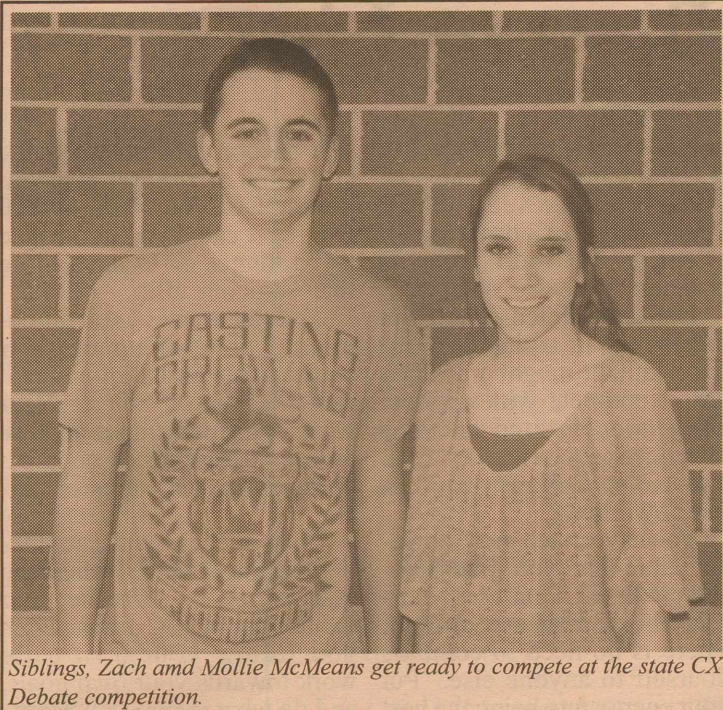
wanted to, and that lead to easy buckets down in the paint," said Coach Skelton. "All in all it was a great victory for these young ladies."

Scorers for the game were: Taylor Gass 18, Kaylyn Dean 13, Clair Shafer 8, Kylie Voss 6, Teryn Soto 3, Tye Basquez and Tatum Richey 2 and Mallory McMeans 1

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Borden Co. Coyote, Jared Smith makes his way around a Balmorhea opponent in last Friday's practice game against the Bears. The Coyotes defeated the Bears with a final score of 58-35.



Siblings, Zach and Mollie McMeans get ready to compete at the state CX Debate competition.

McMeans Team Takes District CX Title

With only three teams competing in District 6-A, it would be easy to assume that Mollie McMeans and her brother Zach felt little pressure.

Just the opposite was true.

A possible trip to Austin, another district title for Borden County, and the desire to beat district rival O'Donnell combined to make for a nervous February 6 for the BHS juniors. After four rounds, Mollie and Zach emerged undefeated and primed to make another trip to compete in the State CX Meet March 11-12 on the University of Texas campus.

Zach will be making his third consecutive state CX appearance (he competed with

John Hensley his first year) while Mollie has qualified for the second consecutive year. This is also Zach's ninth qualifying state trip as he has advanced individually in Current Issues (twice) and Persuasive Speaking and as a team member in Current Issues (twice) and Social Studies. Mollie made it to Austin last year in Social Studies, both individually and as a team member.

The win also gives Borden County twenty points towards the Spring Academic Meet scheduled for March 27-28 in Meadow. O'Donnell finished in second and third, earning twenty-six points.

Grady's Pressure Too Much for Coyotes

A painful second quarter for the Borden Coyotes was the difference in a 68-48 loss to the Grady Wildcats.

The Coyotes only trailed 12-10 going into the second quarter, but Grady's pressure got the best of the Coyotes. The Wildcats outscored Borden 29-12 and went in at half with a 41-22 lead.

The Coyotes went toe to toe with Grady in the second half. The Wildcats won the second half 27-26.

T.J. Basquez led the team in

scoring with 16 points followed by Jared Smith and Helio Rosales with 11 points. Sean Tucker added four points while Korbin Martinez, Kurt Shafer and Matt Proulx chipped in two points.

The Coyotes finish the regular season with a record of 21-6 and 10-4 in district play. Borden finishes in their place behind Grady and Sands. The Coyotes will play the Ropes Eagles in bi-district with details to be determined.

Borden County Lady Coyotes Win Bi-District Beating Out the Lady Eagles

By Coach Skelton

The Lady Coyotes Bi-District Round was a rematch from last year against the Ropes Lady Eagles. This year the Lady Coyotes came out swinging scoring five points before Ropes knew what hit them. The Lady Coyotes' pressure was intense and deliberate the whole first half, and because of that pressure Ropes seemed out of whack early.

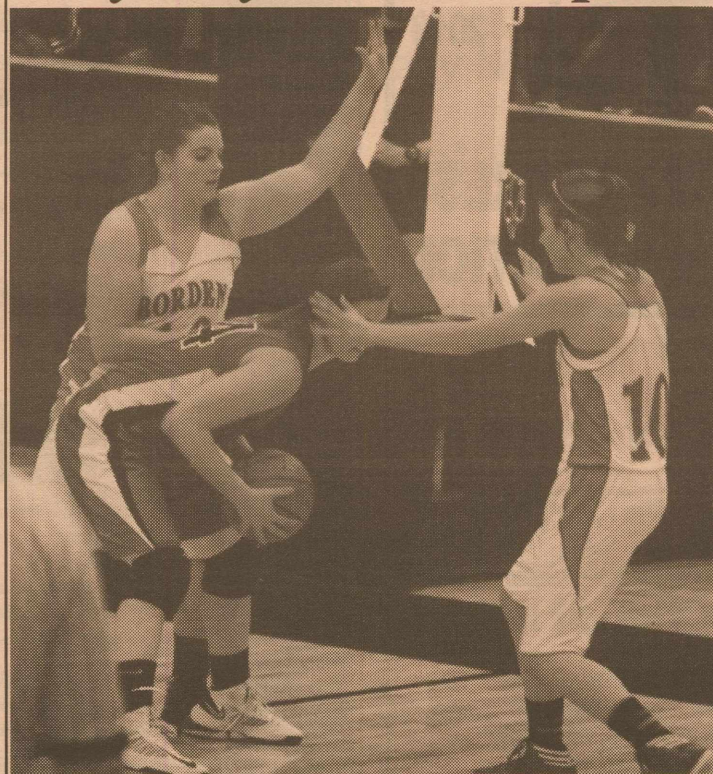
However like all good teams they managed to rally within three points by the end of the first quarter. The Lady Coyotes' defense was holding strong only allowing fifteen first half points and took a six point lead going into the half up 21-15.

The Ladies come out and started the third quarter strong and only allowed two buckets

and a free throw, and pulled to an eleven point lead to end that quarter of play. However Ropes forced the action to start the fourth and the Lady Coyotes placed themselves in foul trouble allowing Ropes to be in the bonus early into the fourth. "Having felt that the game was in hand, and knowing the other team was in the bonus I decided to start milking time off the clock," Coach Skelton said. "This put more pressure on their defense to extend out and take gambles that they were not comfortable doing." The Lady Coyotes handled the pressure very well and advanced to the Area Round game winning 35-26.

Scorers: Taylor Gass, Tye Basquez 14, Kaylyn Dean 5, Clair Shafer 2

Lady Coyotes vs. Ropes



Lady Coyotes, Kaylyn Dean (left) and Taylor Gass (far right) trap a Ropes Eagle. The Ladies defeated the Lady Eagles 35-26.

School Lunch Menu

Feb. 25-Mar. 1, 2013

Menu Subject to Change

Monday -Breakfast: French Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Corndog, Baked Beans, Tomato & Cucumber Cup, Apple-Pineapple D'Lite, and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Nacho Grande, Refried Beans, Garden Salad, Orange Smiles, Chocolate Chip Cookies (9-12 grade only) and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Cereal, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Sandwich, Oven Fries, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fruity Gelatin and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Biscuit & Ham, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Beefy Macaroni, Garden Salad, Baby Carrots, Fresh Grapes, Breadsticks and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pizza, Crunchy Broccoli Salad, Seasoned Corn, Fresh Fruit and Milk.

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Heart and Home ...

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10 Tips for Saving at the Grocery Store

Priorities First. Fill your cart with the basics first—vegetables, fruit, protein and milk. These foods are nearly always found along the outside walls of the store.

Arrange your list according to the store layout. This will save time and prevent backtracking. If you need something in the center aisles, dash in for specific items, then return to the outside walls.

Pay for food, not convenience. You save money when you buy the basic ingredients in your recipes/meals—apples, ground beef, milk, carrots, rather than pre-prepared items.

Don't even go there. Stay out of the empty calorie aisles (potato chips, crackers, candy, soda, deli), usually found in the center of the store.

Buy—or at least try—the store or generic brand. Sometimes the only difference between store brand and name brand is the label; sometimes it's more. The only way to know if you'll like a product is to try it.

Look up, look down. Food companies pay to display their products at eye level. Look on higher and lower shelves for less expensive products.

Pay attention at the check-out. Make sure you got the sale price, the checker punched in the right code on your produce

and that you leave with everything you paid for.

Know the regular prices of items you generally buy. This way you will recognize when an advertised special is really a bargain.

Ask for a rain check. If a specially priced item is sold out, ask for a rain check. It allows you to purchase the item at the sale price at a later date.

Check your receipt. Make sure your prices and coupons are scanned correctly. Sale items, especially, are often entered incorrectly into the computer.

Source: Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Spend Smart Eat Smart blog
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/foodsavings/page/10-tips-save-grocery-store>

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Thought for the Day

When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away the ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer.

-Corrie Ten Boom

Dare to Live...

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decided their quality of life was more important than how much they owned. Their house may not attract much attention but their home is priceless.

Dan and Helen didn't get caught up in trying to keep pace with the neighbors. They didn't compete with anyone. They concentrated on their own needs and priorities. Dan and Helen created value in their own lives.

You have much more intrinsic value than you give yourself credit for. Don't sell yourself short. You are unique. There is no need to compare yourself to anyone else. Put your energy into being the best you can be. Utilize the assets you possess instead of desiring what someone else has.

You are a dime among nickels. You have what you need to accomplish all you want. If

you become distracted by the situation of others, reorient yourself to your own assets. Don't get caught up in the race to be bigger or to have more than someone else.

Your character is a fundamental component of your value. This essential element can't be lost or stolen. Your worth isn't dependent on economic forces, other people's opinions, or the status of others.

Your success and satisfaction will be enhanced when you take action to increase your value. Your value grows when you follow your own path, work towards your own goals, and do what makes you happy.


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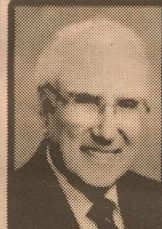
You are invited to join us on Monday, March 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the Borden County Event Center for a Spring program focusing on simplifying your life through meal planning and home organization. Enjoy a few simple recipes and an easy take-home project (for even the least creative people). Cost is \$20 per person (will cover supplies and recipe/idea booklet). Please RSVP by Friday, March 1st (to allow for enough supplies) at 5:00 p.m. to (806)756-4336, via Facebook or julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu



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Michael A. Guido, D.D.
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Several years ago a magazine reported that an organization offered \$5,000 to anyone who could capture a wolf alive and bring it to them. Reading about this opportunity, Sam and Jed decided to go on a wolf hunt! The first night, they put up their tent, got into their sleeping bags and went to sleep. Sam was suddenly awakened by the sound of wolves howling nearby. "Wake up, Jed," he cried. "We're rich!" What an attitude.



At one time or another, it seems as though the "wolves of life" surround us. We hear their cries and sense their presence. But that which would frighten us and bring fear into our lives can be captured and brought under God's control. There are times when we must look to the One who will bring us victory over the circumstances that surround us, protection from the fears that would beset us and peace when the storms of life would destroy us. We will always be victorious when we put our trust in God Who loves us and will deliver us from all evil. In Him, we will find the riches of life.

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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 be meeting on Thursdays beginning February 14 and continuing through March 7 after school until 5:00 p.m. in the Extension Office. The County Fashion Show will be Monday, March 25th (with entries due March 21) and the County Fashion Storyboard entries are due Monday, March 18th.

4-H Photography Project

4-H Photography project will meet on Monday, February 18 after school until 5:00 p.m. in the Extension office.

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 on the above 4-H events, please contact Julie Smith at the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or e-mail at julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu

riods, a monitor passed a big bucket of water down the aisles, and each pupil used his individual collapsible drinking cup.

After recess on Friday afternoons, there were spelling, arithmetic, and geography matches, all of which were not only educational drills but which afforded much enjoyment for parents and pupils alike. Parents frequently visited these activities to see for themselves the skillfulness of their children.

Miss Belle York followed Mrs. Yeager, serving only through the fall term of 1910. Miss Nellie Dietz of Fluvanna finished out that term and taught through the spring of 1912. She was followed by Miss May Wilson of Vernon, Texas. Miss Ethel Pritchett of Colorado City succeeded Miss Wilson for one term, 1912-1914.

Miss Annie wood of Cisco became our teacher in September, 1913, following through until the end of the spring of 1918. Miss Annie was a naturally gifted and dedicated teacher who loved boys and girls, understanding their problems and was very capable in helping them with any problem that arose from time to time. It was no problem to

learn—studying and learning with her as our guide and beloved teacher was a pleasure. Many good and wonderful things have grown out of her marvelous teachings. Her fine Christian character, which presented such an influence for good, set her apart from many other teachers. Her influence was keenly felt and has been manifested over the years in all the lives of her former students. As long as I shall live, I cannot forget her, not only as my teacher but as a beloved friend.

Miss Vada Murphy followed Miss Annie Wood during the term of 1918-1919; Miss Josie York, 1919-1920; Helen Jo Wicker, 1920-1921-1922; Miss Bertie Mae Baber, 1922-1923; Miss Flossie Wicker, 1924-1925, 1925-1926; Miss Helen Jo Wicker, 1926-1927; and Forrest Wicker, 1927-1928-1929.

Some students appearing in a photo of the Durham School

in 1908-1909 were Carl H. Magnum, Mack Waskom, Bennie Waskom, Guy Willis, Effie Mangum Ikard, Helen Keiser Gill, Mamie Keiser Baxter Smith, Martile Waskom Newcomb, Jewel L. Cantrell, Jim Herron, Gervaise Yeager Thomas, Lillie Cantrell Harris, Bernard Greenhill, Canolia Fudge, Katie Herron, Mattie Herron, Braden Keiser, Alfred S. Magnum, Vesta Treadway, Faye Mangum Marshall, Thelma Mangum Farmer, Gertrude Greenhill, Connie Waskom, Grace N. Cantrell Anderson, DeAlva Mangum Spear, Forrest Wicker Jones, and Helen Jo Wicker Gray.

In conclusion: Music touches every key of memory,

And stirs all the hidden springs of sorrow and of joy;

We love it for what it makes us forget,

And for what it makes us remember,

Memory sheds gladness o'er the past.

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Borden County ISD Board Meeting

Regular Board Meeting January 21, 2013

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 John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, and Dennis Poole. Mike Valentine was absent. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas and principal, Bart McMeans were also present. Guests present were Robert Haynie and Dale Newberry.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. Mr. Dale Newberry gave an overview of the 2011-2012 Borden County I.S.D. Audit. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the 2011-2012 Borden County I.S.D. Audit as reported. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2012, board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the January 2013, bills. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to set the regular February 2013 board meeting for February 18, 2013, at 7:00 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joel Dennis to adopt a resolution to defer the 15% STARR testing rules and board policy for the 2012-2013 school year pertaining to STARR Testing. The motion carried unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Joe Harding and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve a legal services retainer agreement for the Bi-County Education Shared Services Agreement with Walsh, Anderson, Brown, Gallegos, and Green, P.C. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joe Harding to place Joel Dennis and Carol Lewis on the committee to approve the layout and inscription to be placed on the monument commemorating the original Gail and Borden County School. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Dennis Poole to approve the 2012-2013 Borden County Independent School District Improvement Plan and Academic Excellence Indicator System. The motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the purchase of a 46 passenger activity bus from Blue Star Bus Sales at a price of \$164,085. The motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the amendments to the 2012-2013 Borden County I.S.D. Budget as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

13. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the 2012-2013 Borden County Independent School District Technology Plan as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

14. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joe Harding to approve March 8, 2013, for the official date to dedicate the new Borden County School. The motion carried unanimously.

15. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve a surface damage agreement with Red Willow Production, LLC. The motion carried unanimously.

16. Mr. Thomas reported that the agriculture science teacher would be attending the San Angelo and Houston Stock Show this year due to the number of students that were respectively showing in these shows as compared to the past, a year to date financial report was given, a record number of 243 students were reported enrolled as of January 16, 2013, student failure and honor roll

reports were given for the third six weeks, and a construction report was given. A motion was made by Joe Harding and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

17. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Special Board Meeting February 1, 2013

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas, met in special session at 1:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Borden County I.S.D. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole, and Mike Valentine. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas and principal, Bart McMeans were also present. Guests present were Freddy Roberts, Lee Roberts, and David Backus.

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:01 P.M. by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. Freddy and Lee Roberts met with the Borden County Independent School District Board Of Trustees For Consideration Of A Level Three Parental Complaint and Appeal. Testimony was heard from Freddie Roberts, Lee Roberts, and Jimmy Thomas. The Board of trustees entered into closed session at 1:51 P.M. and convened in open session at 3:01 P.M. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Mike Valentine to deny the grievance and uphold the original decision of the school administration's determination regarding the grievance. The motion carried unanimously.

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



BHS Junior Wins Speech Contest, Scholarship and Summer Trip to Washington, D.C.



BHS student Zach McMeans is a winner in the Big Country Electric Cooperative Texas Government-in-Action Youth Tour Speech Contest which was held in the Roby High School Auditorium February 18.

Out of an outstanding 18 competitors, four winners were selected: Zach McMeans of Borden County, Blair McCowen and Brittany Birkenfeld of Ira, who will represent BCEC, and Carson Hadaway of Haskell, who will represent BCEC's power supplier, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative (GSEC). They will join 1,500 other teens from across the country for a 9-day all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. in June. Along with the trip to D.C., the students will each receive a \$1,500 scholarship.

Alicia Flores of Hamlin receives a \$1,500 scholarship and will serve as alternate in the event one of the students

is unable to go on the trip.


The purpose of this tour is to provide an opportunity for youth to visit monuments, government buildings and cooperative related organizations in order to become familiar with the historical and political environment of our nation's capital. They will enjoy the best of Washington, D.C., tour the Smithsonian Institute, Ford's Theatre, the FBI Building, Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials, Mount Vernon and countless other points of interest. The students will experience the sight of Arlington National Cemetery, the Vietnam Memorial, and the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. They will visit their Congressman's office and find out face to face what's going on in national government. Their Congressman will meet with the students and answer questions about current governmental issues.

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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
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Reflections on a Butter Mold

Colleen Church Leonard of Midland has written a book titled THE BUTTER MOLD, A COLLECTION OF HERITAGE POEMS. "There's no great wisdom here, these are just things that I have felt," she says.

When Colleen was growing up north of Stanton, she knew she was going to be a poet. "I can remember when I was a little bitty kid, maybe even before I started to school, mother told me to quit talking like that, referring to my speaking in rhymes."

Friends and relatives started asking her to write some verse for various occasions. "Some of it has been for a cousin's birthday, or for someone who died. I've written poems for weddings and showers, even for a new baby. It probably started when I wrote a poem for my mother's birthday." Her poetry has won first place in statewide competition. The Texas Humanities Commission asked her to write a poem for the 1986 Sesquicentennial celebration to be included in that year's Anthology of Texas Poets.

Colleen has had experience with old country ways and has written poems about pioneer Texas women, how they burned prairie chips, carried water from the windmill boiled clothes and pressed them with a flat iron. A long time ago, butter was made in a churn and then put into a wooden butter

mold. "You might say it weighed and shaped it because if you put the butter in right and took it out right, it would be a full pound of butter."

She has the butter mold she used as a child and the first poem in the book is about that item.

"Unobtrusive pieces of wood and a small rectangular pine box,

With no touch of paint or varnish, but worn fine by sand-paper fingers.

Worn by the bubbling of the milk as the yellow butter, churned as a child

Jumping up and down, was worked back and forth into the box

Until every crevice was filled, the paddle handily brushed and stroked

As across a child's yellow hair. And the box would yield a full pound

When carefully pushed out by the handle and bar

And fall gently to the waiting waxed paper.

And after the drying, one rolling touch of the rubber stamp,

Like the turning of a head, to put the guarantee of integrity upon it.

The name of she who nourished and drained the cows,

She who churned and molded butter, a lifetime of forty thousand pounds.

Stacked in three smooth parts, the butter mold sits quietly on the shelf."

USDA Announces 45th General Sign-Up for the Conservation Reserve Program

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will conduct a four-week general sign-up for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), beginning May 20 and ending on June 14. CRP has a 27-year legacy of protecting the nation's natural resources through voluntary participation, while providing significant economic and environmental benefits to rural communities across the United States.

Currently, about 27 million acres are enrolled in CRP. Producers that are accepted in the sign-up can receive cost-share assistance to plant long-term, resource-conserving covers and receive an annual rental payment for the length of the contract (10-15 years).

Contracts on 3.3 million acres of CRP are set to expire on Sept. 30, 2013. Producers with expiring contracts or producers with environmentally sensitive land are encouraged to evaluate their options under CRP.

Additional sign-ups for continuous CRP programs such as Highly Erodible Land Initiative and Initiative to Restore Grasslands, Wetlands and Wildlife will be announced in spring 2013.

For more information on CRP and other FSA programs, visit a local FSA service center or www.fsa.usda.gov.

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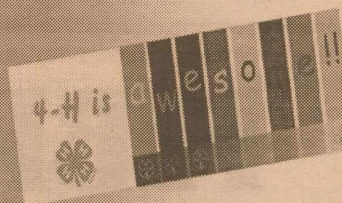
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February 4-H Meeting

Tuesday, February 26th @ 6:00 p.m.

Borden County Event Center, Gail

Program: Jo Stone from Howard County Humane Society

Community Service: Please bring pet food, litter, care items or toys to be donated to the Howard County Humane Society.



Business: Upcoming 4-H events and activities as well as planning a Spring Fund raiser (bring your ideas!)



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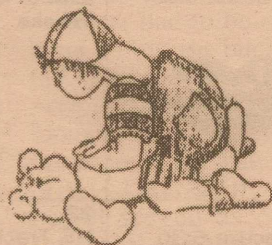
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- The parent or legal guardian with whom the applicant resides must be a customer of Poka Lambro

Scholarship Applications have been mailed to area schools and may also be picked up from any Poka Lambro store or printed from the Poka Lambro website - www.poka.com. Entry deadline is March 8, 2013. For additional information, please contact Amy Preston at 800-422-2387.



Coyote JV Suffer Season Ending Loss to Grady

By Coach Edwards

The Borden County Junior Varsity squad struggled early on the offensive end which

resulted in a season ending loss to the Grady Wildcats, 39-28.

The Coyotes scored only four points in each of the first two quarters and trailed 17-8 at the half. Grady extended their lead to 27-14 at the end of the third quarter. The Coyotes continued to battle and outscored the Wildcats 27-14 in the final period.

Matt Ham led Borden in scoring with 10 points followed by Jordan Martinez and Tristen Benavidez with six points. Riley Herridge and Frank Banman finished with three points.

The junior varsity hoopsters finished the season with a record of 10-8.

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3	4 JH BB vs. Sands Here, 6:00 OAP Practice-6:30	5 *BB vs. Sands Here, 4:00 gGbB	6 District CX Debate @ BHS	7 OAP Practice-6:30	8 *Boys BB vs. Wellman-Here, 4:00	9 UIL @ Post	
10	11 HOLIDAY OAP Practice-6:30	12 Boys BB vs. Grady There, 4:00	13	14 OAP Practice-6:30 	15 End of 4 th Six Weeks	16 UIL @ Abilene Wylie	
17	18 OAP Practice-6:30	19	20	21 OAP Practice-6:30	22 HS Track @ Hamlin	23 JV Baseball vs. Sundown There-12:00	
24	25 OAP Practice-6:30	26	27	28 Baseball BC Tourney JH Track @ Klondike OAP Practice-6:30			