

The Borden Star

Borden ★ Dawson ★ Garza ★ Howard ★ Lynn ★ Scurry

Volumn XXXVI

January 8, 2014

USDA Extends Deadline for Conservation Stewardship Applications

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7, 2014 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has extended the deadline for new enrollments in the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) for fiscal year 2014. Producers interested in participating in the program can submit applications to NRCS through Feb. 7, 2014.

"Extending the enrollment deadline will make it possible for more farmers, ranchers and forest landowners to apply for this important Farm Bill conservation program," NRCS Chief Jason Weller said. "Through their conservation actions, these good stewards are ensuring that their operations are more productive and sustainable over the long run and CSP can help them take

their operations to the next level of natural resource management."

Weller said today's announcement is another example of USDA's comprehensive focus on promoting environmental conservation and strengthening the rural economy, and it is a reminder that a new Food, Farm and Jobs Bill is pivotal to continue these efforts. CSP is now in its fifth year and so far, NRCS has partnered with producers to enroll more than 59 million acres across the nation. The program emphasizes conservation performance — producers earn higher payments for higher performance. In CSP, producers install conservation enhancements to make

(Continued to Pg. 6)



Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Life's Annoyances

Circumstances can be annoying. Your car won't start. You wind up on the slowest checkout line at the supermarket. You can't find something. There are no open parking spaces at the mall. The movie you want to see is sold out. An item you wanted to buy is out of stock. It rains all weekend. The cable goes out just as your favorite show comes on.

The actions of others can also be annoying. Another person is rude. Someone doesn't hold the door. A car cuts you off. A waiter gives you poor service. People are talking during a movie. Your boss is in a bad mood.

The list of irritations is practically endless. They have an uncanny tendency to pop up at the worst times.

It's virtually impossible to get through a day without encountering someone or something annoying. Annoying issues can pop up without warning at any time or any place. Your frame of mind at the time of an annoyance determines your reaction, or whether you react at all.

If you are feeling overwhelmed and stressed out, the smallest annoyance can seem overwhelming. Challenging situations have a cumulative

effect. They can wear you down, magnifying the impact of successive events.

Small, insignificant happenings then feel like major events. As a result, you may overreact which can exacerbate the impact of an originally minor annoyance. When minor events get blown out of proportion, they transform into major situations.

It is hard to be happy when you are constantly feeling annoyed. People who are miserable find they encounter an endless stream of crisis situations. In reality, they are merely overreacting to what are minor annoyances to those in a good frame of mind. Furthermore, miserable people actually attract the very circumstances they would like to avoid.

Left unchecked, annoyances will spiral out of control until they become a major event. Road rage is one example. Rude, or even unintentional behavior, can trigger uncontrolled anger that can have tragic results. When you allow your emotions to go haywire, you will say or do things you may, at the very least, regret.

When you are in good spirits, annoyances don't seem to matter much, if at all. With an

upbeat attitude, you just shrug things off. Also, you tend to find solutions much more readily than when you are stressed.

What techniques can you use to keep life's annoyances from becoming major calamities? Start by keeping things in perspective. You know when a situation is an annoyance rather than a major event. Stay calm. Say to yourself, "this is no big deal." Let it go. Don't allow your ego to take over.

You do not have to prove anything. It's not necessary to teach someone a lesson. Things happen that are not anyone's fault. When you look to assign blame, you make a situation worse. Besides, the annoyance might be a result of your own actions.

Don't be paranoid. A "why does this always happen to me" attitude won't accomplish anything positive. People are not out to get you. You are not being targeted. Everyone has to deal with annoyances. You've gotten past them before and you will do so again.

Allow annoyances to roll off your back. In the big, and little, scheme of things they really don't matter, nor are they worth

(Continued to Pg. 6)

Lady Coyotes Take Third in Jayton Tourney

By Coach Skelton

Lady Coyotes traveled to Jayton over the Christmas break to play in their annual Tournament. This year the Tournament was condensed into a two days' worth of basketball. The Lady Coyotes first game was against Knox City, and the Lady's jumped out to a half time lead 27-15. seniors Taylor Gass and Kalyn Massingill lead the charge scoring 24 of the teams 27 points in the first half. Junior Clair Shafer who led the team in rebounds during the tourney pulled down 14 rebounds and held Knox City's post player to only two points. The Lady Coyotes won 53-28.

Scorers: Taylor Gass, Kalyn Massingill 17, Tatum Richey, Holly Bradbury 6, Mollie McMeans 4, Clair Shafer 3

The second game of the day was against Haskell which ended up being the Tournament Champions. The height and fresh legs of Haskell proved to be too much for the Lady Coyotes. They found themselves down 30-12 at half-time. The main bright spot of the game would be the second half effort where the Lady Coyotes battled to a 21-29 loss. The final would be 59-44.

Scorers: Taylor Gass 16, Kalyn Massingill 9, Tatum Richey 5, Holly Bradbury 2, Clair Shafer 1

The second day would be for third place and pitted the Lady Coyotes against the Ladies of Lockney. The speed and length of Lockney early gave the Lady Coyotes some fits in the first half. The Lady Coyotes were down 26-20 with senior Kalyn Massingill leading the Lady Coyotes with 10 points.

The second half the Lady Coyotes came out with a new attitude and with their first three possessions erased their six point deficit. Kalyn still hot scored another 9 points and

the Lady Coyotes outscored Lockney 15-8. The fourth quarter saw the game go back and forth several times until senior Taylor Gass found sophomore Tatum Richey for one of her 11 assist on the game. Tatum Richey off Taylor's pass drained a 3 pointer that all but sealed Lockney's fate.

Lockney still had a chance to and had the ball under the Lady Coyotes basket. They called a timeout, and with the extra time sophomore Holly Bradbury went into the game to allow for more height for the Lady Coyotes. The ball was inbounded and after a high contested shot Holly came out with the rebound that allowed the Lady Coyotes to hold onto the win 46-43.

Scores: Kalyn Massingill 21, Tatum Richey 11, Taylor Gass 9, Clair Shafer 5

I was really happy to see the effort the Lady Coyotes showed throughout most of the Tournament. I was really happy with the play coming off the bench by everyone especially senior Mollie McMeans. It was also nice to see the level of competitiveness rise to a level that we had at the start of the season.

**THANK
YOU
FOR
READING
THE
BORDEN
STAR**

Jayton Christmas Tourney



Mollie McMeans (front) plays defense against a Lockney opponent in the Jayton Christmas Tourney. Also pictured is Taylor Gass (#10), Clair Shafer (#30) and Tatum Richey (back right).

Coyotes Take To Road for Jayton Christmas Tourney

By Coach Edwards

The Borden County boys' basketball squad had some success and was able to polish some things over the holidays at the Jayton Christmas Tournament. The Coyotes went 2-1 to win 3rd place, plus played some good competition to help prepare them for the remainder of their district schedule.

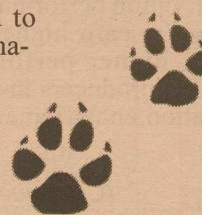
The Coyotes opened the tournament against the Knox City Greyhounds who came into the game with a record of 11-3. Borden jumped out to a 20-3 lead in the first quarter and never looked back. A slow offensive second quarter, but another great defensive quarter allowed the Coyotes to go into the half with a 27-7 lead. Borden pushed the lead up to 30 at one time in the third period and held on to defeat the Greyhounds, 54-31.

In the second game of the evening, Borden ran into a hot shooting Haskell Indian team. The Coyotes trailed 30-19 at the half with hopes of a sec-

ond half comeback. But the Indians defensive pressure and superb perimeter shooting outscored the Coyotes 38-22 in the second half to secure a 68-41 victory.

The Coyotes had a rematch with the Jayton Jaybirds from a previous tournament, which Jayton had won. Borden was prepared for revenge and ready to grab the third place trophy. Similar to the first outing between the two teams, a low first half squabble had the Jaybirds on top 12-10 at the half. However, the Coyotes maintained a tough defensive stand allowing only nine second half points scoring 14 of their own to defeat Jayton, 24-21, and winning the Bronze medal.

Kurt Shafer was named to the all-tournament team.



School Lunch Menu

January 9-12, 2014

Menu subject to
change

Monday - Breakfast: Sausage Kolache w/ Roasted Potatoes, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Parmesan, green Beans, Salad, Apple Slices, Breadstick and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Cheddar Omelet Wrap, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Tangerine Chicken, Brown Rice, Steamed Broccoli, Pineapple Tidbits and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Waffles & Sausage, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Tex-Mex Stack, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Garden Salad, Salsa, Hot Cinnamon Apples and Milk.

Thursday-Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Stuffed BBQ Potato, Texas Toast, Baby Carrots, Mixed Fruit and Milk.

Friday-Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll & Bacon, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Hamburger, Hamburger Garnish, Potato Rounds, Western Beans, Diced Pears and Milk.

*This institution is an equal
opportunity provider.*

The Borden Star (USPS or PUBLICATION No. 895-520) is published weekly except Christmas and New Year's week for \$12.00 per year by the Borden Star, PO Box 137, Gail, Texas, POSTMASTER: Send Change of Address to the Borden Star, PO Box 137 Gail, Texas 79738.

Lady Coyotes Extinguish the Lady Dragons, 78-35

By Coach Skelton

The Lady Coyotes were back in district play this Friday when they faced the Dawson Lady Dragons at home. The Lady Coyotes came out with something to prove and prove it they did. Senior Taylor Gass had the Lady's first 5 points hitting a 3 pointer on team's first possession of the game. In the blink of an eye the Lady Coyotes had the Lady Dragons down 9 to nil. Sophomore Tatum Richey would hit one of her four three pointers to help push the Lady Coyotes first quarter scoring to 15-10. The second quarter would be more of the same as the Lady Coyotes aided by two more three pointers one from Taylor and another from Tatum ended the half up 33-21.

The third quarter started and something pretty cool happened along the way. Kalyn Massingill who seven points in the first half, but wasn't playing as well as she would have liked went to a whole other level. She hit 3 three point

shoots, had 3 two point buckets and made 4 free throws totaling 19 points. She scored all of the Lady Coyote points for the quarter. The fourth quarter saw more points from a host of Lady Coyotes and after the final buzzer the Lady Coyotes had their largest victory margin on the season 78-35.

We had a lot of first in this game. First time to score 70 points, first time to have 9 three pointers in a game (Tatum 4, Kayln 3, Taylor 2), first time to have a 30 point scorer (Kayln), and a first time to have someone have a quadruple double (Taylor 17 points 11 rebounds 12 assists and 10 steals).

Scorers: Kalyn Massingill 30, Tatum Richey 18, Taylor Gass 17, Clair Shafer 5, Mallory McMeans 4, Mollie McMeans, Zoie Key 2.

Current District Standings: Grady 5-0, Borden County, O'Donnell 4-1, Dawson 3-2, Wellman 2-3, Sands, Klondike 1-4 and Loop 0-5.

Making the Grade!

3rd Six-Weeks Beta Achievement

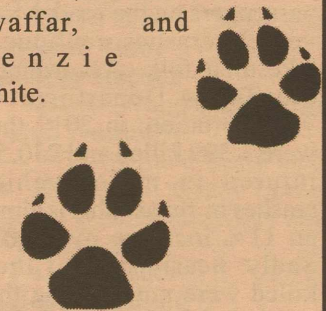
Junior: McKenna Campbell; **Sophomore:** Tatum Richey, Nathan Souder and Merik Valentine; **Eighth Grade:** Carly Bell, Preslea Hall, Harley Merrill, Trace Richey, Ashlyn Tucker and MJ Van der Bank; **Seventh Grade:** Myka Blissard, Madison Cole, Lukas Grantham, Katie Gray, and Paige Holbrooks; **Sixth Grade:** Lindsay Brantley, Kaitlyn Cribbs, Zeke Lott, Tatum Treadwell and Kaylee Walker.

2nd Six-Weeks Honor Roll

Senior: Mollie McMeans; **Junior:** Bessie Rhodes and Sean Tucker; **Sophomore:** Korbin Martinez, Flint Roberts, Taylor Roberts, Caelan Thuett and Cheyenne Tucker; **Freshman:** Hayley

Gray, Jamyaleigh Gray, Savannah Herridge and Kace Lott; **Eighth Grade:** Braylee Walker; **Seventh Grade:** Tanner Harrison, Kaile Hernandez, Reina Hernandez, Rayme Jones, Riley Lewis, J.W. Nix and Emily Todd. **Sixth Grade:** Fallon Forbes, Anthony Lopez, Hanna Meeks and Brittany Walker; **Fifth Grade:** Mason Cole, Trey Edwards, Connor Etheredge, Haddie Flanigan, Kaci Hudson, Tommy Kingston, Klancey Kleck, Trent Lewis, Ashlyn Lott, Maggie Miller, Erin Nix, Maddye Summers, Kennedy Tucker, Leandre' Van der Bank, and Justin Wilborn; **Fourth Grade:** Savannah Avey, Rae'Lynne Clement, Brooklyn Gray, Tatum Harrison, Jadeyn Merrill, Shelby Milhauser,

Lindy Miller, Paige Parker, Ryann Phillips, Charli Snell, Kelly Spencer, Ethan Stephens and Rachel Thomas; **Third Grade:** Callie Edwards, Dallie Miller, Isaiah Mitton, Hayden Niell, J. Tom Price, Oliver Skelton, Shane Todd and George Wagner; **Second Grade:** Aubree Blissard, Luke Carpenter, Jenna Holbrooks, Rhett Kingston, Bailey Pennell, Jorden Ramos, Rexie Sanders, Agatha Skelton, Laney Stansell, Kendall Swaffar, and Kenzie White.



Coyotes Dominate in Second Half to Defeat Dawson Dragons

By Coach Edwards

The Borden County Coyotes hit the hardwood last Friday night for the first time of the 2014 year playing district foe, the Dawson Dragons. The Coyotes were looking for their third consecutive district victory to help keep them at the top of the district standings. The Dragons came in the game as well with a 2-0 district record looking to do the same.

Dawson was the team that gained the first advantage by outscoring the Coyotes 12-7 in the first quarter. Borden County had a hard time putting the ball in the hoop even with their size advantage.

"It was frustrating for everyone watching the ball not going into the hoop early on," Coach Bubba Edwards stated.

"We told the guys at half that it isn't an x's and o's thing. We just need to be more ag-

gressive and keep attacking the basket."

Borden crawled back into the game in the second period outscoring the Dragons 15-11 and trailed by one at the half.

In the second half, Borden became much more aggressive on both ends of the court. The full court pressure wore down Dawson causing problems with their perimeter shooting. It also allowed the Coyotes to dominate the boards which pretty much allowed one shot possessions for the Dragons. Borden began using their athleticism and pushed the ball up the court which resulted in several easy transition baskets.

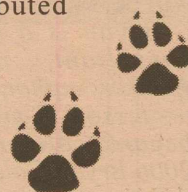
Borden outscored Dawson 39-23 in the second half defeating the Dragons, 61-46. The win gives the Coyotes a 3-0 record in district which puts them at the top with Grady and

Sands.

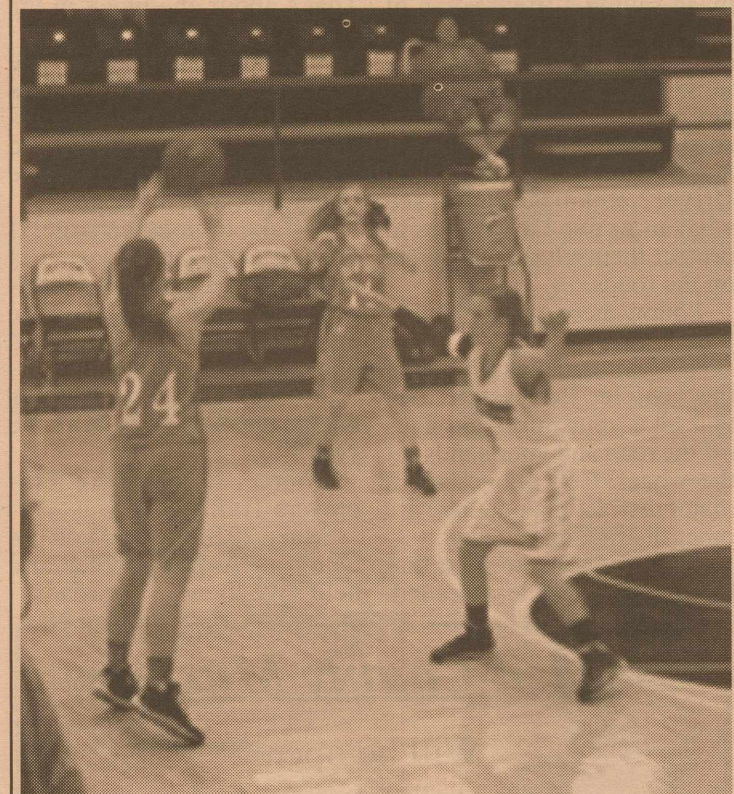
"That was a huge victory for us," Coach Edwards exclaimed.

"It allowed some separation from the rest of the district leaving us at the top of it. I was very pleased how we competed in the second half and how we kept our composure."

Korbin Martinez led the team in scoring with 17 points followed by Matt Proulx who also pulled down 16 rebounds. Sean Tucker added 11 points and Kurt Shafer chipped in nine points but recorded a season high, 21 rebounds. Corbin Summers and Hunter Jones each contributed five points.



Jayton Tourney



The Lady Coyotes work offensively to keep the ball from their opponent in a match against Lockney. The Ladies placed third in the Jayton Christmas Tournament December 27-29.

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION *Heart and Home...* 

Julie Mumme Smith
 Borden County Extension Agent - Family & Consumer Sciences
 P.O. Box 155 or 140 East Wilbourn, Gail, TX 79738 (806)756-4336
 julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu http://borden.agrilife.org
 Facebook: Borden County Extension and 4-H
 Blog: http://agrilifeextensionbordenfcs.wordpress.com

Educational programs of the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating

Time for New Year's Resolutions Why not include safe driving?

It is that time of year when we turn our attention to making New Year's resolutions. While all notions of self-improvement have their value, driving is one area where our actions can affect not only ourselves, but other drivers and passengers on the road. Motor vehicle crashes continue to take their toll. According to the Texas Department of Transportation, in 2012 there were 3,399 killed and 230,506 injured in motor vehicle crashes in Texas. This is almost an 11% increase over 2011. Sadly, nearly half of those killed were not wearing their seat belts! And more than one-third of fatalities involved alcohol.

Making a resolution to drive safely in 2014 can very well mean saving a life! Some of the leading causes of traffic deaths are distracted driving, impaired driving and people not wearing seat belts. Resolve to be an 'Active Driver' in 2014. What is an Active Driver? Read below to see what an Active Driver does to protect themselves and others on the roads.

Follow these Active Driving Safety Tips:

- Minimize distractions in the vehicle. Resist activities that take your mind and eyes off the road and your hands off the wheel. Cell phones are a major distraction, but there are other distractions as well.

- Always make sure that you are alert and clear-headed.

Do not drive while impaired by alcohol, over-the-counter or prescription drugs.

- Frequently scan your mirrors to be sure you know where other vehicles are and that vehicles behind you are not getting too close. It is recommended that you perform a "full mirror sweep" every 5-6 seconds.

- Maintain a proper following distance. On clear, dry roads, your following distance should be 3-4 seconds — double or triple if roads are wet or slippery, keeping in mind that in some cases it is best to stay off roads until conditions improve.

- Scan the road ahead for any possible dangers. Looking down the road ahead of you for a distance of 10 seconds. That's about one block in the city and a third of a mile.

- Watch your speed. The faster you are driving, the less time you have to react to sudden moves by other drivers and the less time other drivers have to react to you.

- Take time to recharge. If driving a long distance, it is recommended you take a break every two hours or 100 miles, even if you don't feel you need one.

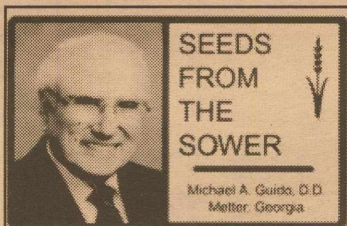
- Remember to always buckle up! Seat belts will save your life!

Source: Network for Employers Traffic Safety

Make 2014 the year you become an Active Driver and help save lives on our roads!

Borden County Musuem

Will be open
 Saturday, January 11th
 from 10 a. to 3 pm



A teacher asked her class, "What is the shape of the world?" A little boy answered, "My father says it is in terrible shape." How true! What is the reason? There is a rebellion against the Lord and the law of the land.

This revolt of evil is reported in the second Psalm. The kings of the earth plot against God and Jesus Christ. They wanted to break the Spiritual cords and get free from God.

Today children have cast off their cords of restraint and no longer respect their parents. Citizens have cast off their cords of restraint and no longer respect policemen. Our homes have been turned into a jungle of robbery and rape, mugging and murder.

We are witnessing an attempt of the godless to snap the cords of Divine control, but it will only bring down Divine contempt.

Whatever you do, do not have the Lord against you, and if He is for you, it does not matter who is against you.

Visit us at: SowerMinistries.org

Dare to Live...

(Continued from Pg. 5)

getting bent out of shape over. Annoyances will always be a part of your life. Look to always make the best of a situation. Laugh more. There is some humor in virtually every situation. The more you let the small stuff go, the happier you will be.

Bryan is a management consultant, motivational speaker, author, and adjunct professor. E-mail Bryan at bryan@columnist.com. © 2006 Bryan Golden

Thank You

The Senior Class of 2014 would like to extend a grateful Thank You to those who donated or purchased items at the Silent Auction. Your generosity and support are appreciated.



Re-Elect **Sharlot A. Stone**
Borden County Treasurer
 Republican Candidate
- Your vote and support will be greatly appreciated! -
 Pol. advertising paid by Sharlot A. Stone, Campaign Treasurer



Get Super-fast, Super-reliable HIGH SPEED INTERNET

... for all your cool new gadgets!

You don't have to have a computer to enjoy the benefits of High Speed Internet service. Get the most out of your gaming system, smart-TV, tablets, & other cool devices with super-fast, super-reliable High Speed Internet from Poka Lambro!

Ask about FREE installation!

Speeds up to **30** Mbps

POKA LAMBRO

800-422-2387
www.poka.com

Post 806-990-9901 Tahoka 806-561-5600 Seagraves 806-387-3333

All speeds may not be available in all areas. Contact store for speeds and availability in your area.

Borden County Historical Commission Raises Funds for Historical Marker

By Lisa Dennis Mahler

The Historical Commission was busy all through 2013. The main goal for 2013 was to raise enough money to purchase an historical marker for the Dorward Drug. The money has been raised. The Commission now will to decide a date for dedication of the marker.

Building upgrades were accomplished beginning in 2012. The museum opened over 40 years ago with skylights in the roof and an evaporative cooling system. Today, with the

help of the County Commissioners, a new roof without skylights and a new HVAC system have been installed. These improvements were necessary for preserving the precious collection of photographs, quilts, books, fabrics, etc. In October the "One Day 4-H" project completed painting the Museum's rusting steel beam and weather beaten garage door. This project gave the building an overdue renovation. The Historical Com-

mission has purchased archival quality boxes for fabric and book storage, acid-free sleeves for photographs, a scanner and an external hard drive to use to back up scanned images. Hundreds of hours have been spent in cleaning of cabinets, scanning images, placing original photographs in protective sleeves, and rearranging the collection with new, readable tags. Upcoming projects involve organizing and indexing the collection of photo-

graphs, family histories, and miscellaneous books and papers into a convenient reference for future family historians or researchers that visit our community. Another task that will need many hours of work is the overhaul of the back room where a visitor can find saddles, tools and equipment of pioneer ranchers, farmers and businessmen, and the labor saving inventions such as washing machines with the hand crank for squeezing excess water from clothing.

Check out our Facebook page under the name: Borden County Museum and please come by to visit the museum on the second Saturday of every month.

2013 Donations to Borden County Historical Commission

Museum Memorials

Willie Burrus
D. M Parks
By R. D. and Carol Lewis

Doyle Newton
By Lisa Dennis Mahler

Sybil Gilmore
Willie Burrus
Doyle Newton
By Paul and Mary Ann

Awtry
Don Nunnally
By Lisa Dennis Mahler

Museum Donations

Dodi Smith-Woods
Steven Whitaker
Barbara Farmer

Dorward Drug Marker

Donations
Ralph Williams
Sadie Ludecke
Joel and Betty Dennis

Matt Sherman Services
Steven Whitaker
Barbara Farmer
Tim and Carol Wilson
Lisa Dennis Mahler

Dorward Drug Marker Memorials

Juanda Hancock
Fannie Hagins
By Jacquie Whalen

Margaret Sharp
By Paul and Mary Ann
Awtry and R. D. and Carol Lewis

Lois Jackson
By R. D. and Carol Lewis

Monte Stone
Larry Reeder
By R. D. and Carol Lewis

Don Nunnally
By Joel and Betty Dennis, R. D. and Carol Lewis, Jacquie Whalen and Mary Ann

Awtry
Larry Reeder
Ben Spradling
By Jacquie Whalen and Mary Ann Awtry

Fred Dunkinson
By Paul and Mary Ann
Awtry and Jacquie Whalen

Jean Taylor
Frank and Joyce Herridge,
Benny Taylor Farms Inc.,
Martha Davis
By Jacquie Whalen and Paul and Mary Ann Awtry

Clifton and Diane Smith
Jess and Sharlot Stone
By Randy and Donelle

Hensley
Joel and Betty Dennis
Rebecca A. Johncox
Joyce Smith
Lisa Dennis Mahler

William "Bill" Nunnally
Steve and Becky Beaver

Bear Hug!



Photo and caption courtesy of Lamesa Press Reporter

After spending most of his life playing the game for his dad, Borden County head football coach Trey Richey (left), Tanner Richey now finds himself living out a dream by pursuing a college football career at a NCAA Division I program at Baylor University. As a red-shirt inside receiver, Richey made the trip with the Bears this past week to Glendale, Arizona for this year's Fiesta Bowl against the University of Central Florida.

The All-Natural Way
to Lose Weight

No Caffeine
No Stimulants
No Shakes
No Meal Replacements

plexus
Holly Castillo
806-332-9857
<https://hollycas.myplexusproducts.com>

Commissioners' Court

WHEREAS, On this the 10th day of December, 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, Residing; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner Precinct No. 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: Marlo Holbrooks, County Attorney; Sharlot Stone, County Treasurer and Benny Allison, Sheriff, Tax-Assessor.

COMMUNITY INPUT

No community input.

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the December 10, 2013 Regular Session of Borden Co. Commissioner Court to order at 8:40 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting of November 26, 2013 were read. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY LINE ROAD, PRECINCT NO. 1

Gerry Smith and Randy Hensley expressed their concern over the County Line Road in Precinct No. 1 as it is in need of repair.

COUNTY OFFICE REPORTS

After examination of the County Offices' Reports, Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve, accept and file submitted reports in the County Clerk's Office. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The November Reports for County Ag Agent and the County/District Clerk were not submitted. Motion carried.

BORDEN COUNTY WATER

Discussion was held concerning the Borden County Water System. No action

taken.

PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve Oil and Gas Division Order for the Wade Estate No. 15-1, League 260, Labor 15, of Borden County School Land. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

2014 INDIGENT DEFENSE FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to adopt the Resolution for the 2014 Indigent Defense Formula Grant Program for Borden County. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MOTOR GRADERS

A motion was made by Commissioner Belew to approve the purchase of two motor graders to be used in Precinct 2 and 4. The purchase is made through the Buy Board. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EVENT CENTER STORAGE ROOM

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the building of a storage and supply room at the Event Center. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AIR EVAC LIFE TEAM

A discussion was held concerning AirEvac Life team flight insurance policy of the residents of Borden County. No action taken.

2013 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

There were no amendments.

PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

No applications were received.

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

No applications were received.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA

County Agent's House and Stock Show.

ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 20th day of December 2013

WHEREAS, On this the 16th day of December, 2013, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special 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, Residing; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner Precinct No. 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.

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the December 16, 2013 Special Session of Borden Co. Commissioner Court to order at 8:35 a.m.

COUNTY ENERGY TRANSPORTATION REINVESTMENT ZONES

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the retention of Allison, Bass & Associates, LLP of Austin to assist Borden County with the development of one or more County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zones (CETRZ), pursuant to 222.1071 of the Transportation Code. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Notice of Public Hearing in the newspaper for hearing to be set for December 30, 2103 at 8:30 a.m. for the possible creation of one or more CETRZ. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DATE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Commissioner Belew made a motion to set the CETRZ Public Hearing for December 30, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 20th day of December 2013.

Legal Notices

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: **FRIEDA MILLS and PATRICIA DOWNS**, and if deceased, the legal representatives of said Defendants and the unknown heirs of said named Defendants, the legal representatives of the unknown heirs of the said named Defendants are dead.

GREETINGS:

You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's petition at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first day after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being the 15th day of January, 2014, at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m., before the Honorable 132nd Judicial District Court of Borden County, at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas. Said Plaintiff's petition was filed on the 3rd day of December, 2013, the File Number of said suit being No. 1238. The names of the parties in said suit are:

O'BRIEN RESOURCES, LLC, as Plaintiff, and **FRIEDA MILLS and PATRICIA DOWNS**, as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:

Such suit is an Application for the Appointment of a Receiver to execute an oil, gas and mineral leases covering the undivided mineral interests owned by Defendants in the following-described tract of land situated in Borden County, Texas, to-wit:

All of the East 48 acres of the North 96 acres of the East 277.5 acres of Section No. 519, in Block No 97, of the H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Borden County, Texas.

If this Citation is not served within ninety (90) days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

ISSUED this the 3rd day of December, 2013

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal of said Court, at office in Texas, this the 3rd day of December, 2013.

Joyce Herridge
DISTRICT CLERK, 132ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS

Rush REALTORS

410 N BROADWAY, POST, TX PHONE: 806-549-2107
 EMAIL: CASEY@RUSHREALTORS.COM WWW.RUSHREALTORS.COM

For more information on listings, please contact Casey McNeely at

DW's Surplus Building Showroom

705 South 2nd Street
Lamesa, TX 79331
872-2320

We are proud to announce that we are Dealers of
Mohawk Carpet and Hard Surfaces

Come in and visit our new showroom. From roofing to flooring, we have got you covered!

Give the gift that keeps on giving this year! We offer a wide selection of products to renovate and upgrade your home. Sales and service all in one stop! We also sell and install a variety of other items such as

Sales and service for all your remodeling needs.

Big or small we do it all.

- Granite
- Marble
- Laminate
- Tile
- Carpet
- Shutters & Blinds
- Cabinetry & Moldings
- Windows & Glass
- Garage Doors
- Entry Doors
- Locksets
- Siding & Gutters
- Fencing
- Concrete
- Fencing
- Brick, Stone & Stucco

Kelly Moore Paint coming in January!!!

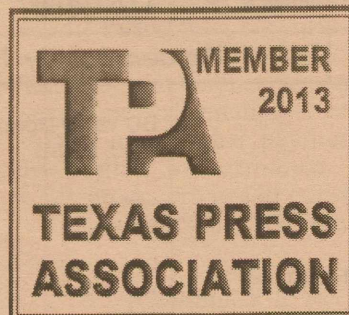
USDA Deadline...

(Continued from Pg. 1)

positive changes in soil quality, soil erosion, water quality, water quantity, air quality, plant resources, animal resources and energy use. Eligible landowners and operators in all states and territories can enroll in CSP through Feb. 7 to be eligible during fiscal 2014. While local NRCS offices accept CSP applications year round, NRCS evaluates applications during announced ranking periods. To be eligible for this year's enrollment, producers must have their applications submitted to NRCS by the closing date.

A CSP self-screening checklist is available to help producers determine if the program is

suitable for their operation. The checklist highlights basic information about CSP eligibility requirements, stewardship threshold requirements and payment types. Learn more about CSP by visiting the NRCS website or any local USDA service center.



Thought for the Day

*Let your old age be
childlike, and your
childhood like old
age; that is, so that
neither may your
wisdom be with
pride, nor your
humility without
wisdom.*

-Augustine of Hippo

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

A Deer in the House

Big Spring police were called to a house burglary just before Thanksgiving. When they arrived at the residence, they noticed both the glass storm door and the wooden door had been smashed. They heard sounds from inside and cautiously entered the house. They noticed the walls, curtains, sheets and carpet had blood on them. Furniture was broken, lamps were knocked over and dish fragments were on the kitchen floor. The officers thought it might be the scene of a mass murder. As they got farther into the house, they saw what was making the sound: a two-year-old, 75-pound buck whitetail deer. Apparently it had seen its reflection in the glass door and charged it. It was just the start of the rutting season and the male deer, wanting to defend his territory, thought he had some competition and wanted to get rid of it.

The call to the police came from Donna Jernigan, who lives in the house. Her teenage daughter had left school early for a doctor's appointment and when she stopped by the house, she noticed the door was broken and called her mother. Soon the neighborhood was full of law enforcement vehicles. The lawmen called Matt Woodall, the game warden and he told Donna that the deer just went crazy, being in unfamiliar territory. When the deer crashed through the door he cut his nose in about 3 places and that was the source of the blood. In his efforts to get out, the deer tried climbing the walls and knocking holes in them with his antlers. The deer broke off part of an antler when it hit the doors. Donna has that as a souvenir.

Matt called Bobby Price, who has a whitetail deer breeding operation east of town and Bobby came over with his tran-

quilizer rifle. Bobby found the deer standing in the kitchen sink. It was probably trying to escape through a window above the sink. When the deer saw Bobby, it retreated to a back bedroom then went into a hallway. That's when Bobby shot it with a tranquilizing dart. Ten minutes later, the deer was down. Matt put the deer in his truck and took it to a ranch and placed it by a tree. When he went back a couple of hours later, the deer was gone, apparently enjoying his freedom in the wild.

Donna's husband Gary says they've had deer in the neighborhood before, but never had anything like this happen. "It must have seen its reflection from across the street to have built up so much speed to hit the door the way it did," says Gary. "If it had seen it just from the front yard, it wouldn't have gone through the door." Matt says during rutting season bucks get very mean and know how to use their strength. The Jernigans spent a few days in a motel while their house was being repaired. Their friends and family had some comments about the incident. "I get emails saying things like 'the buck didn't stop here,'" says Donna, "and 'that's gonna cost a lotta doe.' My father sang 'Grandma got run over by a reindeer' to me and told me Santa came early this year and left one of his reindeer." The Jernigans had a hollow core door before the deer adventure. Now they have one with a solid core. *Tumbleweed Smith taught broadcast production and speech at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin for 34 years while producing his newspaper column and radio program. He and his wife Susan own Multi Media Advertising. Contact him at tumbleweedsmith.com*

***Be sure to support our advertisers.
Tell them you found out about them in the
Borden Star***

USDA Makes Permanent Meat and Grain Serving Flexibilities in National School Lunch Program

WASHINGTON, January 2, 2014 - Agriculture Undersecretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services Kevin Concannon today announced that USDA is making permanent the current flexibility that allows schools to serve larger portions of lean protein and whole grains at mealtime. "Earlier this school year, USDA made a commitment to school nutrition professionals that we would make the meat and grain flexibility permanent and provide needed stability for long-term planning. We have delivered on that promise," said Concannon. USDA has worked closely with schools and parents during the


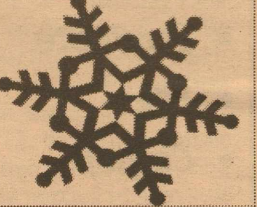
transition to healthier breakfasts, lunches and snacks. Based on public feedback, USDA has made a number of updates to school meal standards, including additional flexibility in meeting the daily and weekly ranges for grain and meat/meat alternates (PDF, 103KB), which has been available to schools on a temporary basis since 2012. USDA is focused on improving childhood nutrition and empowering families to make healthier food choices by providing science-based information and advice, while expanding the availability of healthy food. Data show that vast majority of schools around the country are success-

fully meeting the new meal standards. Last month, USDA awarded \$11 million in grants to help schools purchase needed equipment to make preparing and serving healthier meals easier and more efficient for hardworking school food service professionals. In November 2013, USDA issued an additional \$5 million through the Farm to School grant program to increase the amount of healthy, local food in schools. USDA awarded grants to 71 projects spanning 42 states and the District of Columbia. U S D A awarded \$5.6 million in grants in FY2013 to provide training and technical assistance for

child nutrition foodservice professionals and support stronger school nutrition education programs, and plans to award additional grants in FY 2014. USDA's MyPlate symbol and the resources at ChooseMyPlate.gov provide quick, easy reference tools for teachers, parents, healthcare professionals and communities. Schools across the country are using the MyPlate symbol to enhance their nutrition education efforts. Collectively, these policies and actions will help combat child hunger and obesity and improve the health and nutrition of the nation's children. This is a top priority for the Obama Administration

and is an important component of First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! initiative to combat the challenge of childhood obesity. *USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (866) 632-9992 (Toll-free Customer Service), (800) 877-8339 (Local or Federal relay), (866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users).*



 <h1 style="text-align: center;">JANUARY 2014</h1> 						
* Denotes District Basketball Game						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 *BB vs. Dawson- 4:00 GB	4
Christmas Holidays						
5	6 Beginning of 4 th Six Weeks JH BB @ Dawson 6:00 OAP Practice-6:30	7 *BB @ O'Donnell- 4:00 gGbB	8	9 JV Forsan Tourney OAP Practice-6:30	10 *BB vs. Sands- 4:00 GB	11 Forsan JV Tourney Speech Tournament @ Texas Tech
12	13 JH BB vs. Loop 6:00 OAP Practice-6:30	14 *BB vs. Wellman-4:00 gGbB	15	16 OAP Practice-6:30	17 *BB @ Grady- 4:00 gGbB	18 Speech Tournament @ Hereford
19	20 NFL Student Congress @ Frenship JH BB vs. Grady 6:00 OAP Practice 6:30	21 *BB @ Loop- 4:00 gGbB	22	23 OAP Practice-6:30	24 HOLIDAY PROGRESS REPORTS *BB vs. Klondike- 4:00, gGbB	25 JH Sands Tournament UIL Practice Meet @ Morton
Borden County Jr. Livestock Show						
26	27 JH BB vs. Klondike- 6:00 OAP Practice-6:30	28 Spring Pictures *BB @ Dawson- 4:00 gGbB	29	30 OAP Practice-6:30	31 BB vs. O'Donnell- 4:00, gGbB	