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Literary UIL Students Continue Preparation at Haskell, Morton and O'Donnell Meets

With the March District 4-A Meet approaching, UIL literary competitors are taking advantage of tournament season. Last year, BHS finished second to Ropesville, but hopes are high to bring the district championship back to Gail.

Several students attended the Haskell Invitational with

journalism/ready/writing/speech Coach Charla Soto on January 18. Places and awards were not available at press time. Competing were Sydnie Rebeles (Science, Number Sense, Mathematics), Mallory McMeans (Current Events, News Writing, Feature Writing, Editorial Writing, Social Studies), Robert Jordan (Po-

etry), Kassie Gaines (Poetry), Maeghan Herridge (Calculator, Literary Criticism, Mathematics), Tatum Richey (Calculator, Spelling), Nathan Souder (Science), Jamyaleigh Gray (Science), Sam Raborn (Science), Hayley Gray (Science), and Jacob Phinizy

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Borden County students recently competing in UIL events are (back row left to right) Samuel Raborn, Frank Banman, Robert Jordan, Kace Lott, Braxton Coor, (third row left to right) Sean Tucker, Clair Shafer, Jamyaleigh Gray, Bessie Rhodes, Kyrsten Rebeles, Nathan Ham, (second row left to right) Cayden Vaughn, Mason Coor, Karly Etheredge, Lexi Cheatham, Kassie Gaines, Maddie Benavidez, Sydnee Jordan, Zoie Key, Nathan Souder, Zach McMeans, (front row left to right) Kyrsten Rebeles, Hayley Gray, Mallory McMeans, Mollie McMeans, Laura Phinizy and Savannah Herridge. Not pictured is Maeghan Herridge, Tatum Richey, Jacob Phinizy and Sydnie Rebeles.



Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

The Important Stuff

Alice, a high school guidance counselor, was conducting a job and career seminar for seniors. During their four years in high school, she overheard students worrying about their hair, their clothes, who was dating who, what cars people were driving, along with all the other typical teenage angst.

Alice wanted to impress upon the students what's important in life versus the small stuff. As the students sat down in Alice's room, they saw some items on her desk more appropriate for an earth science class. There was a large, empty glass jar, a box of rocks, a tray of small pebbles, and a can of sand. The students looked curiously at the out of place assortment of materials.

Once all of the students were seated, Alice placed the rocks into the jar until there was no more room. She asked her students to raise their hand if they thought the jar was full. Everyone's hand went up.

Next, Alice picked up the box of pebbles and slowly poured some of them into the jar. She then shook the jar and the pebbles fell into the space between the rocks. She repeated this process until the pebbles reached the top of the jar.

Again, Alice asked the students if they thought the jar was full. As before, they all raised their hands. Then, Alice picked up the can of sand. She gently added the sand to the jar, shaking it as she did so.

The sand found its way into the spaces between the pebbles and the rocks. As her students watched and wondered what the point was, she repeated her question as to whether the jar was full. As before, all of the students agreed it was.

Alice pointed out that although the students thought the jar was full when it contained only the rocks, there was actually room for the pebbles. Then after the pebbles were added, and the jar again appeared full, there was still room for sand.

Alice emptied the jar. She then filled the jar with sand. "Now is there any more room in the jar?" asked Alice. "No," replied the students hesitantly. "This time you are right," replied Alice. "When I put the sand in first, there isn't room for either the rocks or pebbles."

The students were wondering what the point was of Alice's demonstration. Alice's goal was to show her students the importance of identifying the important stuff. The rocks

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Coyotes Gain Big Win Over Eagles

By Coach Edwards

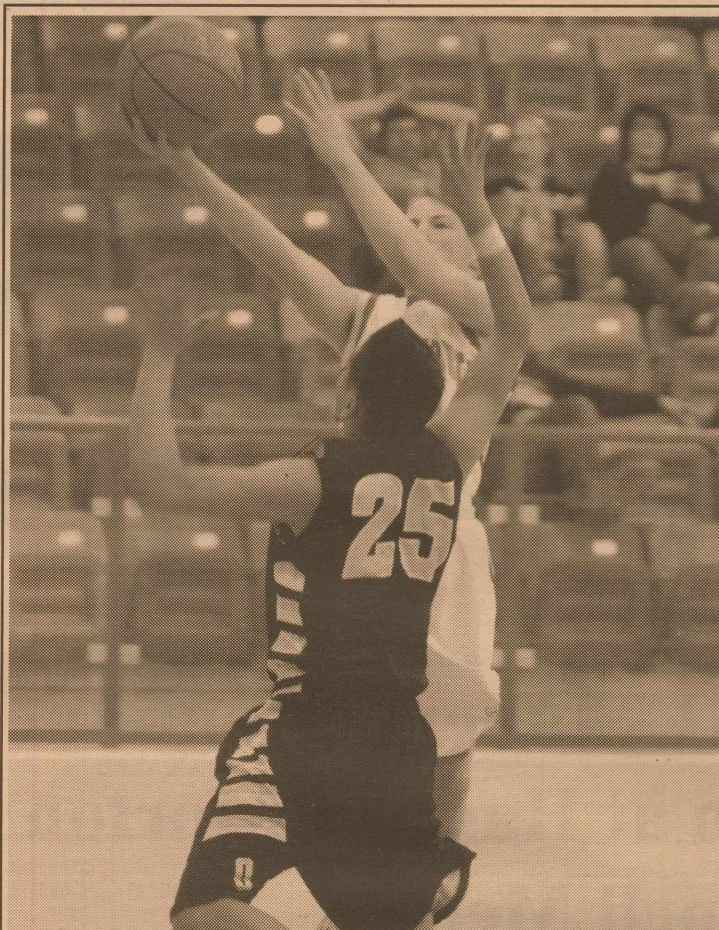
The Borden Coyotes played host to rival O'Donnell Eagles last Friday night. The Coyotes were looking for redemption after losing to the Eagles earlier in district play, and needed a victory to stay in playoff contention.

Things looked grim early as the Eagles jumped out to an 11-10 first quarter lead. However, the Coyotes man defense tightened up in the second quarter forcing O'Donnell to make mistakes which allowed Borden to score in transition. The Coyotes outscored the Eagles 19-4 and went in at the half with a 29-15 lead.

Borden's defense did their job in the third stanza allowing only nine points, but could

not put the ball in the hoop scoring four points. O'Donnell closed the gap, 33-24. In the final quarter, the Eagles chipped away cutting the lead to five points, midway through the period. Matt Proulx scored nine points in the quarter to help push the Eagles away. Borden won the contest, 49-35. The victory keeps the Coyotes in third place with an 8-3 district record.

Matt Proulx led all scorers with 21 points followed by Kurt Shafer with 10 points. Korbin Martinez finished with seven points while Riley Herridge scored four points. Corbin Sumners and Hunter Jones chipped in two points.



Corbin Sumners shoots over an O'Donnell player in last Friday's home game against the Eagles.

Coyote JV Defeats Buffaloes...Twice!

By Coach Edwards

The Borden County Junior Varsity squad played a double header with the Forsan Buffaloes last week. Instead of on a baseball diamond, the Coyotes played at Forsan on Tuesday then the Buffaloes returned the favor with a trip to Gail on Friday.

In the first contest, both teams struggled offensively. Forsan took a 6-5 lead after one quarter of play. The Coyotes knocked down four field goals in the second quarter and went in at the half with a 13-11 advantage.

Borden extended its lead outscoring the Buffaloes 12-8 in the third stanza. The Coyotes got up as many as 11 points in the fourth quarter, but Forsan battled back hitting 3, three point field goals cutting into the Coyotes lead. Fortunately, Borden managed to hold off the Buffaloes winning the first game 33-32.

Ricky Torres led the Coyotes in scoring with 14 points followed by Diego Bernal with

11 points. Kace Lott added six points and Jayton Lewis finished with two points.

On Friday, Borden jumped on the Buffaloes early with their pressure defense. The Coyotes outscored Forsan 10-2 in the first quarter. The Buffaloes fought back in the second quarter closing the gap to 14-11 ending the first half of play. Both teams scored nine points each leaving Borden with a three point lead heading into the final period. Borden dominated the paint scoring 8 of the teams 10 points inside the lane. Forsan could only muster five points. Borden won the contest 33-25. The junior varsity squad is 5-5 on the season.

Jayton Lewis led the Coyotes in scoring with 13 points and Diego Bernal added eight points in the contest. Ricky Torres, Dylan Murphy and Joel Andrade chipped in four points.



Coyote, Riley Herridge (#00) blocks an Eagle pass. The Coyotes defeated the O'Donnell Eagles with a final score of 49-35. This places the Coyotes in 3rd in district.

School Lunch Menu

February 10-14, 2014

Menu subject to change

Monday - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday - Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Fish, Texas Toast, Sweet Potato Fries, Colestaw, Peaches and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Cinnamon Breakfast Pastry, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Spaghetti, Salad, Baby Carrots, Apple Slices, Breadsticks and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: French Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Strawberry Cup and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Cherry Strudel & String Cheese, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Turkey & Cheese Wrap, Tortilla Chips, Charro Benas, Corn, Fruit and Milk.

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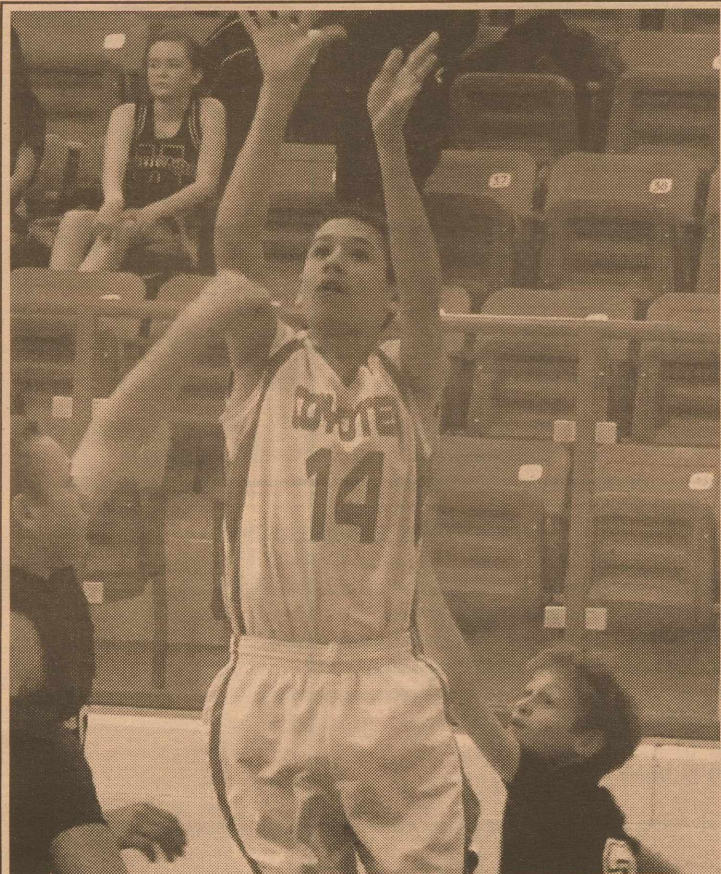
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Coyote Pup, Morghan Wilson adds to the scoreboard against the Klondike Cougars. He scored eight points during the game.

Lady Coyotes vs. O'Donnell Lady Eagles



An O'Donnell unsuccessfully tries to block a goal by Lady Coyote, Tatum Richey in Friday nights' game against the Lady Eagles. Richey scored a career high 26 points.

Jr. High Boys Get Big Win Against Klondike

By Coach Edwards

The Borden Jr. High hoopsters continued their winning ways last week defeating the Klondike Cougars, 60-14.

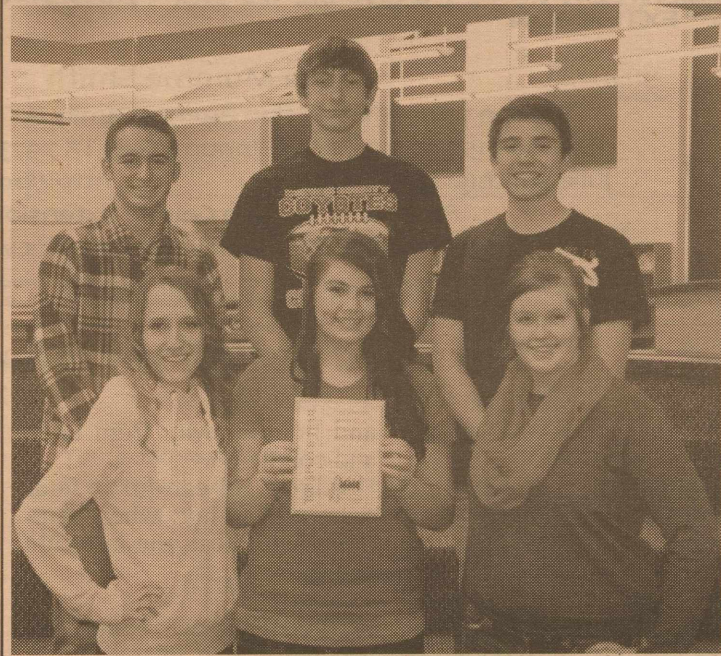
Borden jumped out quickly on the Cougars outscoring them 16-3 in the first quarter of play. The Coyotes liked what they did in the opening quarter they duplicated it in the second quarter going into half with a 32-6 lead.

Borden connected on 3 of 4 free throws and four field goals to increase their lead, 43-11, after three quarters of play. Borden added 17 more points in the fourth quarter and allowed only three points to secure another Coyote victory.

Nick Proulx and Trace Richey led all scorers with 15 points followed by Braxton Barnes with 12 points. Morgan Wilson added eight points while Ryan Willborn and Payton Merket chipped in four points. Riley Lewis added two points.

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Speech Team Wins



The Borden County Speech team won the Speech Team plaque at last weeks' Morton UIL Academic and Speech Meet. Members pictured are (back left to right) Zach McMeans, Robert Jordan, Nathan Souder, (front left to right) Mollie McMeans, Lexi Cheatham and Kassie Gaines.

UIL Teams Do Well...

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(Spelling).

On January 25, twelve students traveled with Sue Jane Mayes to compete in the Morton UIL Academic and Speech Meet. Borden County won the Speech Team plaque, thanks to a first place finish in CX debate (Mollie McMeans and Zach McMeans), 2nd and 5th place Poetry (Robert Jordan and Kassie Gaines), and 3rd place Lincoln-Douglas Debate (Nathan Souder). Other medalists included the following students: Mallory McMeans (1st Feature Writing, 1st News Writing, 2nd Editorial Writing, 2nd Social Studies), Bessie Rhodes (1st Headline Writing, 1st Spelling, and 1st Place Spelling Team), Tatum Richey (4th Spelling, 1st Spelling Team, 5th Calculator), Sam Raborn (1st Science, 1st Chemistry), Savannah Herridge (1st Team Spelling, 8th Number Sense), Laura Phinizy (8th Calculator), and Lexi Cheatham (5th Prose).

O'Donnell's practice tournament brought more success February 1. Charla Soto and Science teacher Denice Bradbury took the following students: Mason Coor (1st Headlines), Nathan Ham (2nd Headlines), Mollie McMeans (1st Literary Criticism), Karly

Etheredge (6th Ready Writing), Samuel Raborn (3rd Science), Savannah Herridge (4th Spelling), Robert Jordan (4th Poetry), Frank Banman (2nd Current Issues and Events), Sean Tucker (5th Current Issues and Events).

Other contestants competing were Cayden Vaughn (Math), Sean (Math), Kyrsten Rebeles (Math, Literary Criticism), Savannah (Number Sense), Kace Lott (Number Sense), and Mollie McMeans (Social Studies, Ready Writing), Jamya Gray (Science), Hayley Gray (Science), Clair Shafer (News Writing, Editorial Writing), Sydnee Jordan (News Writing, Editorial Writing, Feature Writing), Maddie Benavidez (News Writing, Editorial Writing, Feature Writing), Kalyn Massingill (Number Sense), Taylor Gass (Prose), Lexi Cheatham (Prose), and Zoie Key (Prose).

Students and several sponsors will travel to Idalou this weekend for yet another practice meet. District 4-A UIL will be held again in Meadow this year March 26-27. Regional I UIL Literary will be at South Plains College May 2 followed by the State UIL Academic Meet in Austin May 19-21.



Heart and Home...



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Burn and Scald Prevention Tips

February 7-14 is National Burn Safety Week

Childproof Your Electrical Outlets and Appliances

- Keep appliance cords out of children's reach, especially if the appliances produce a lot of heat.
- Cover electrical outlets so that children are unable to insert metal objects, such as forks or keys.
- Keep an eye on appliances such as irons, curling irons or hair dryers that can heat up quickly or

stay warm after use. Unplug these items after you're done.

- Don't carry or hold a child while cooking on the stove. Instead, move a high chair in the kitchen

within reach or sight before you start. Then talk to your children so they know what's going on. It's a great way to spend time together.

Check to Make Sure the Water Temperature Is Just Right

- With everything going on, we know the water heater is the last thing on your mind. But a small adjustment can give you one less thing to worry about. To prevent accidental scalding, set your water heater to 120 degrees Fahrenheit or the manufacturer's recommended setting.

- Consider installing anti-scald devices in water faucets and showerheads to avoid potential burns.

- Check the water with your wrist or elbow before giving your baby a bath.

Use the Back Burner and Oven Mitts

- Kids love to reach, so to prevent hot food or liquid spills, simply use the back burner of your stove and turn pot handles away from the edge. Keep hot foods away from the edge of your counters.

- Use oven mitts or potholders and keep hot foods

and liquids away from table and counter

edges. Be careful if your oven mitt is hot; when combined with heat, the moisture can cause scalds.

- Slowly open containers that have been in the microwave, as steam can burn little fingers and faces

Engage Older Kids in Cooking

- Teach older responsible kids how to cook safely. It will make your life easier if your kids can cook some of their own meals (and maybe yours, too). Teach them never to leave the kitchen while they are using the stove or oven. Don't forget that the number one cause of home fires is unattended cooking.

- Don't allow children to use a microwave by themselves until they are both tall enough to reach it safely and able to understand that steam can cause burns.

- Instruct older kids to use oven mitts or potholders to remove items from the oven or stove and teach them how to use a microwave safely.

Be Careful With the Microwave

- Microwaves can heat unevenly and create hot spots, so avoid using them to heat baby formula or baby milk.

- Heat bottles by placing them in warm water, and make sure they have cooled to the appropriate

temperature before feeding your baby.

Install Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- Fire and burns go together. Prevent them both by installing smoke alarms and carbon monoxide

alarms. Keep Flammable Materials Away From Space Heaters

- Remember to keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn.

- Make sure you turn them off when you leave the room.

Install Barriers Such as Safety Gates Around Fireplaces, Ovens and Furnaces

- Make sure your fireplace is protected by a sturdy screen. Remember that glass screens can take a long time to cool down.

- If you are using a fireplace or wood stove, burn only seasoned hardwood such as oak, ash or maple.

- If small children live in or visit your home, use a safety gate around your fireplace or wood stove.

Blow Out Candles and Store Matches Out of Reach

- Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn, and always blow them

out when you leave the room or before you go to sleep.

- Make a habit of placing matches, gasoline and lighters in a safe place, out of children's reach.

Avoid novelty lighters or lighters that look like toys.

- Teach kids never to play with matches, lighters or fireworks. Depending on the age and maturity level of your child, it may be reasonable to use the items with the supervision of an adult. Just be sure that a fire extinguisher and a phone are close by in case of an emergency.

- Unplug and safely store irons, flatirons and other appliances that might be hot to the touch.

Source: Safe Kids Worldwide Fact Sheet For more information visit safekids.org.



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February 18	Early voting by personal appearance begins
February 21	Last day to receive application by mail
February 28	Last day to vote early by personal appearance
March 4	ELECTION DAY

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Youth Invited to Attend Big Country Coop Government in Action Youth Tour Speech Contest

Mark your calendars for the Big Country Electric Cooperative (BCEC) Government-in-Action Youth Tour speech contest! The contest will be held Monday, February 10, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Roby High School Auditorium. Area high school students will be competing in a speech contest that will give up to three winner(s) an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. to see our "government in action" this June.

The contest is open to Sophomore, Junior, and Senior high school students who live in the BCEC service area. This year's topic will be "How could energy legislation affect electric cooperatives?". Winners and one runner up will each receive \$1,500 scholarships. For more information, visit our website at www.bigcountry.coop or contact your local BCEC office. Attendance is open to the public and we look forward to having a big crowd support these students that have worked hard to prepare for this contest!

The purpose of the tour is to provide an opportunity for outstanding young people to better understand the value of rural electrification and to become more familiar with the historical and political environment of the nation's capitol. This is achieved through visits to monuments, government buildings and cooperative organizations. Also, the opportunity to visit elected officials allows youth to better understand how the federal

government works.

In the beginning, the Youth Tour was inspired by then Senator Lyndon Johnson when he addressed the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Annual Meeting in Chicago in 1957. "If one thing goes out of this meeting," the Senator declared, he hoped it would be "sending youngsters to the national capitol where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents." That year and for several more, some of the Texas electric cooperatives sent groups of young people to Washington to work during the summer in Senator Johnson's office, to learn more about government in action. In 1958, rural electric people in Iowa sponsored the first group of 34 young people on a week-long study tour of the nation's capitol. Later that same year, another bus load came to Washington from Illinois. The idea grew, and other states sent bus loads of young people throughout the summer. In 1959, the Youth Tour had grown to 130 youths.

In 1964, NRECA began to coordinate the program and suggested that the states arrange to be in the city the same week. The first year of the coordinated tour included some 400 young people from 12 states. The idea has continued to grow, and today more than 1,000 young people and chaperones participate in the

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Borden County Museum

The Borden County Museum will be open
Saturday, February 8th
from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Dare to Live...

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represented the essential elements in life. One's health, family, relationships, and friends are all in this category.

The pebbles represent that which is of secondary importance. Your job, house, and car are some of the items in this category. Everything else that is not of either primary or secondary importance is represented by the sand.

If you fill your life full of sand first, there is no room left for the important stuff. Your life will feel full, but it will lack substance. If you put in the pebbles first, you can add some sand, but no rocks.

Only when you start with the rocks, the important stuff, is there room for the pebbles as well as the sand. If the only thing in your life is the important stuff, it is still meaningful.

Make sure you pay attention to what is really important. If you start there, you can add the rest as you go. Those who fill their life with sand, the small meaningless stuff, find satisfaction and contentment elusive.

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Food Challenge Project

Youth interested in participating in Food Challenge are invited to attend our first meeting/practice on Thursday, February 6 after school until 5:00 p.m. in the Extension Office.

Robotics Project

Youth interested in participating in the BRAND NEW Robotics project need to contact Jodi Phillips. This is a new fun project in the Science, Engineering and Technology world of 4-H!!

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 early February.

4-H Photography Project

4-H Photography project will begin meeting soon. *We are looking for a volunteer to lead this group!*

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Commissioners' Court

WHEREAS, On this the 14th day of January, 2014, 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; **JANA UNDERWOOD** DEPUTY County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court WITH Joyce Herridge, County Clerk, absent due to continuing education and, 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/Collector.

COMMUNITY INPUT

No community input.

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the January 14, 2014 Regular Session of Borden Co. Commissioner Court to order at 8:42 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting of December 20th and December 30th, 2013 were read. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY OFFICER MONTHLY REPORTS

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve, accept and file submitted reports in the County Clerk's office. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

2014 ELECTED OFFICIALS & EMPLOYEES SALARY SCHEDULE

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve 2014 salary schedule as published for elected officials and employees. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2013 FISCAL YEAR RACIAL PROFILING REPORT

Benny Allison, Borden County Sheriff presented the racial profiling report for fiscal year 2013.

COUNTY EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve and Adopt the Resolution for the employee handbook. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

PIPELINE CROSSING PRECINCT 2

No action taken.

HOUSING COMMITTEE

Commissioner Belew made a motion to appoint Marlo Holbrooks, Randy Adcock and Ross Sharp to the housing committee to make recommendations in the replacement of the county-owned residence to the Commissioners Court. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.. Motion carried.

LANDFILL ATTENDANT

Commissioner Smith made a motion to increase salary for landfill attendant to \$150.00 per week. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BORDEN COUNTY WATER SYSTEM

No action taken.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COUNTY ROAD GRANT PROGRAM

Item was discussed and a meeting will be set for January 22, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.

DON BONIFAY & ASSOCIATES CONSULTING SERVICES

No action taken.

BIDS FOR COUNTY-OWNED RESIDENCE

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve authorization for Judge Sharp to seek bids for county-owned residence. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve application from John Anderson from Precinct 2. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

SOIL CONSERVATION WORK

No applications were received.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

CETRZ meeting set for January 22, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS

Commissioner Reyes made a motion to pay said accounts. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commis-

sioner Adcock and approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 28th day of JANUARY 2014.

WHEREAS, On this the 22ND day of January, 2014, 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 January 22, 2014 Special Session of Borden Co. Commissioner Court to order at 8:15 a.m.

CONSULTING SERVICES ROAD GRANT PROGRAM

Don Bonifay with Don Bonifay & Associates met with the Court to discuss contract for consulting services to Borden County for the Texas Department of Transportation County Road Grant Program. No action taken.

PROCEDURES FOR GRANT PROGRAM

Don Bonifay of Don Bonifay & Associates discussed requirements and procedures necessary to apply for funds from the Texas Department of Transportation County Road Grant Program. No action taken.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Road Reports, Grant Program Board Member appointed, CETRZ.

ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 28th day of January 2014.

Public Notice

Notice of Drinking Water FLUORIDE Violation

December 2013

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 compliance value in quarter three, 2013 of 5.34 mg/L for EP001.

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.

An alternate source of water should be provided to the affected population, which consists of children less than nine years old. The alternate water should be used for drinking and cooking only. 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 taking the following actions to address this issue: water vouchers are available to families with children 14 years of age or younger, also we are working to correct the problem by investigating the possibility of connecting to another system.

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
Public Water System ID # 0170010

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Help Wanted

COLLECTIONS CLERK

The Borden County Appraisal District will be accepting applications for Collections Clerk. This position requires excellent people skills, computer skills including MS Office (Word, Excel, and Outlook) and office management. This position includes paid vacation, sick leave, retirement plan, and health insurance. Submit an application and/or resume no later than 5:00 p.m., February 14, 2014. Applications are available at the Appraisal District office, by email or fax. Contact Kristi Harrison at 806-756-4484 or email at kristi.harrison@yahoo.com for more information.

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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

Living It Up In Phoenix

As soon as the announcement was made that Baylor was going to play in the Fiesta Bowl in Phoenix I started getting emails from my Baylor buddies that read, "Meet me in Phoenix?" So we immediately started making arrangements to get together for a meeting in the desert.

We flew out New Years Eve and went to a party hosted by the son of one of my friends. It was in his home and dozens of people were there. It gave Wes, Pinky and me a good chance to share stories and laugh. We laughed a lot before and after the game, even though Baylor lost to a school few people knew about. They know about it now.

The University of Central Florida has the second largest enrollment of any university in the USA. More than 50,000 students attend. The campus is in Orlando. According to some alumni we met at our motel, the school is known for computer science and aerospace technology. A new medical school was added recently. UCF was founded in the 60's as a technical school.

The game was a great excuse to get together, although every Baylor fan who went to Phoenix thought it was a sure thing Baylor was going to win. The Bears were a 20-point favorite to win over the UCF Knights. I'm just glad we didn't have expensive seats on the fifty-yard line. We did spring for a high priced tailgate party billed as an upscale inside the stadium party with music and all types of entertainment, food and drink. Wrong. It was outside and the main item on the menu was alcohol. There was plenty of chips and salsa because Tostitos was a sponsor.

We had some time and explored a couple of things in Phoenix. As we drove to the different venues; we noticed the city had a clean and welcoming atmosphere. The traffic flow was the best I've ever experienced in a big city. We went to the Desert Botanical Garden and were surprised to find an exhibit of glassworks by Chihuly. The two textures, cactus and glass, complimented each other. It was a spectacular display of glass spines, swans, ice cubes and globes among the desert plants.

We went to the Musical Instrument Museum, a megamillion-dollar project of the former CEO of Target. It covers several acres and the building has striking architectural features. But the main thing to see is the display of musical instruments from all over the world. Visitors see a lot more than the instruments. Videos and photographs show dances, costumes and music from the hundreds of countries represented. We started out in the African section and realized that we needed not just a few hours but a couple of days to see everything. We visited exhibits from the Middle East, Asia, Latin America, Europe and the US. Visitors are wired for sound and when they stand in front of a display, the sound of the instruments comes through the headsets. A store in the complex has instruments, recordings, videos and photos from all over the world. When we go back we'll be sure to get a 2-day pass. (Contact mim.org)

When he's not out driving on small Texas roads looking for characters, Tumbleweed Smith lives with his wife Susan in Big Spring. Contact him at ts@tumbleweedsmith.com

Youth Invited to Big Country Speech Contest...

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Tour each year.

The Rural Electric Youth Tour is sponsored by local cooperatives, statewide organizations, and NRECA. Local cooperatives select students who will attend the Youth Tour by means of a speech contest, essay and various other methods. Statewide organizations such as Texas Electric Cooperatives, organize the trip to Washington, D.C.; They arrange for transportation, chaperones, the tour schedule and coordinate with NRECA on group events such as Youth Day activities. On Youth Day, Youth Tour participants from all states meet together to listen to prominent speakers and wind up the day with a dinner and dance.

Many people are involved to give youth the opportunity to grow and experience many things that may never be offered to them again. Although few are chosen, many do go that would not have been able to otherwise. Many youth of Texas and across the nation will enjoy the best of Washington, D.C., tour the Smithsonian Institute, Mount Vernon and more, experience the sight of Arlington National Cemetery, the Vietnam Memorial, and the changing of the guard at the

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, visit their Congressman's office and find out face to face what's going on in National Government. Congressmen will meet with students from their districts and answer questions about current governmental issues.

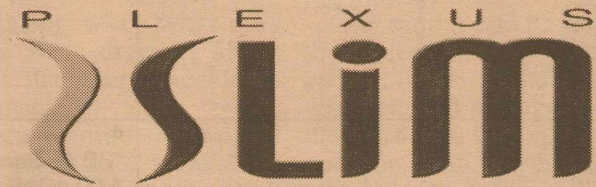
Thought for the Day

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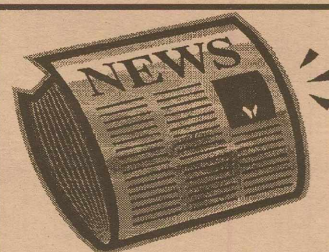



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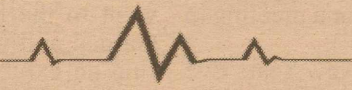
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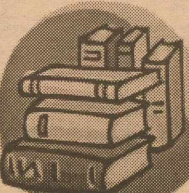


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						1 JH BB BC Tourney UIL Meet @ O'Donnell
2	3	4 *BB @ Sands 4:00 gGbB	5	6 District CX Debate @ BHS JHB BB vs. Roscoe- 6:00 OAP Practice-6:30	7 *Boys BB @ Wellman- 5:00 Girls VBB Practice game vs. Spur- 6:00	8 UIL Practice Meet @ Idalou
9	10 HOLIDAY OAP Practice-6:30	11 Boys BB vs. Grady, 4:00	12	13 OAP Practice-6:30	14 End of 4 th Six Weeks 	15
16	17 OAP Practice-6:30	18	19	20 JH Track @ TBA OAP Practice-6:30	21 UIL Debate @ Frenship HS Track @ Hamlin	22 UIL Debate @ Frenship
23	24 OAP Practice-6:30	25	26	27 Baseball BC Tourney JH Track @ Klondike OAP Practice-6:30	28 HS Track @ Klondike	