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Local Game Warden Gains New Dimension With Job

By Russel Skiles

Courtesy of Lamesa Press Reporter

Being a member of a newly-formed Search and Rescue Team has added a new dimension to Brent Tucker's already-varied job as a Texas game warden.

Tucker has trained with astronauts in a pool at NASA and helped lead a successful search and rescue effort that saved the life of a woman lost in the Big Bend area.

And he has gained a bit of notoriety in the process, having been pictured on the cover of a magazine and filmed for a TX episode.

"It's energized me," Tucker said of his experience with the team.

"It's exciting—just to be able to help people."

Tucker, who lives in Gail, has served as the game warden for this area for seven years.

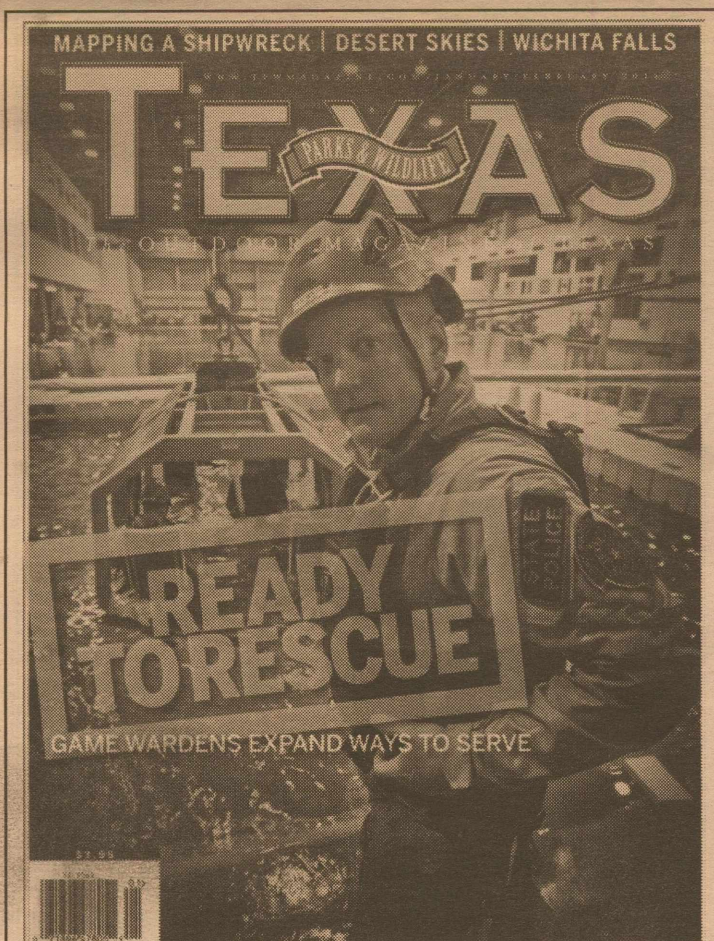
He became part of the department's 27-member statewide Search and Rescue team when it was formed in March of last year.

It was a competitive process just to get on the team, with game wardens across the state applying and the department's leaders selecting the initial members of the squad.

Members of the team have undergone a variety of training and are on call to respond immediately when needed anywhere in Texas—or the nation, for that matter.

Only a few weeks after receiving special land navigation training, Tucker and three

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Local Game Warden Brent Tucker was pictured on the cover of the January/February issue of Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine as part of a story about a number of teams of game wardens who are trained for special tasks. Tucker is a member of the department's statewide Search and Rescue Team.



Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Persistence or Insanity

"The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results."

-Benjamin Franklin

Persistence is key to reaching your goals. But how do you know if you are on the right track or just doing the same thing over and over while expecting different results? Unfortunately, there is no easy way to know. Since there is no way to know how long it will take to reach success, there is always the uncertainty of whether you need to allow more time or alter your strategy.

Suppose you want to cut down a tree. All you have is a butter knife, so you go to work. Needless to say, you won't make much progress. Granted, given enough time, you will be able to cut down the tree with the butter knife. At some point you have to conclude that your rate of progress is slower than you would like.

You then change to an axe or a chain saw. With a more powerful tool, you will make greater progress. Although this is a simplified example, it illustrates that you have to monitor your progress and be willing to adapt and adjust your strategy as needed. Your goal never changed, you never gave

up, but you did make some adjustments with the intent of accelerating your progress.

It took Thomas Edison 10,000 attempts before he was able to create a workable electric light bulb. He didn't keep repeating the same experiment 10,000 times. If he did so, he would never have discovered the light bulb. Repeatedly engaging in the same unsuccessful behavior, in the hope that something will work, is insane. With each new attempt, Edison made a change. He persisted until he achieved success.

Edison never gave up. With each unsuccessful experiment, he learned what didn't work and then tried again with a slight adjustment. If at any time, Edison had concluded that it wasn't possible to make an electric light work, he would have given up and failed.

As another example, let's say you are trying to get a job. You have sent out one hundred resumes but have not yet had a single interview. Here are the questions you may have. Do you need to send out more resumes before you get a response? Are you sending the resumes to the appropriate people? Are you contacting those businesses that could best

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Borden Coyotes Suffer Defeat in Bi-District Round

By Coach Edwards

The Borden Coyotes traveled to Lubbock Coronado last week to play the Meadow Broncos in the Bi-District round of the UIL State Basketball Playoffs. Meadow came in as the second place team of District 5 and the Coyotes were the third place team of District 6.

The Coyotes got the early lead in the first quarter outscoring the Mustangs, 12-11. Meadow had an answer in the second stanza making six field goals to Borden's two field goals and going into the half with a 24-19 lead.

Borden closed the gap in the third quarter scoring 11 points from five different players and held Meadow to nine points, but trailed 33-30 going into the fourth period. The Coyotes trailed 37-36 with just under two minutes remaining and had possession of the ball. However, Borden struggled to make the go ahead basket forc-

ing them to foul the Broncos which made their last four free throws to secure a 45-36 victory.

"I am very proud of these young men," Coach Bubba Edwards exclaimed.

"We had a great season. We won some big ball games along the way. I believe Borden County basketball is on its way of being an elite team in the region for years to come. Our seniors added another brick to the foundation as well as the rest of the team."

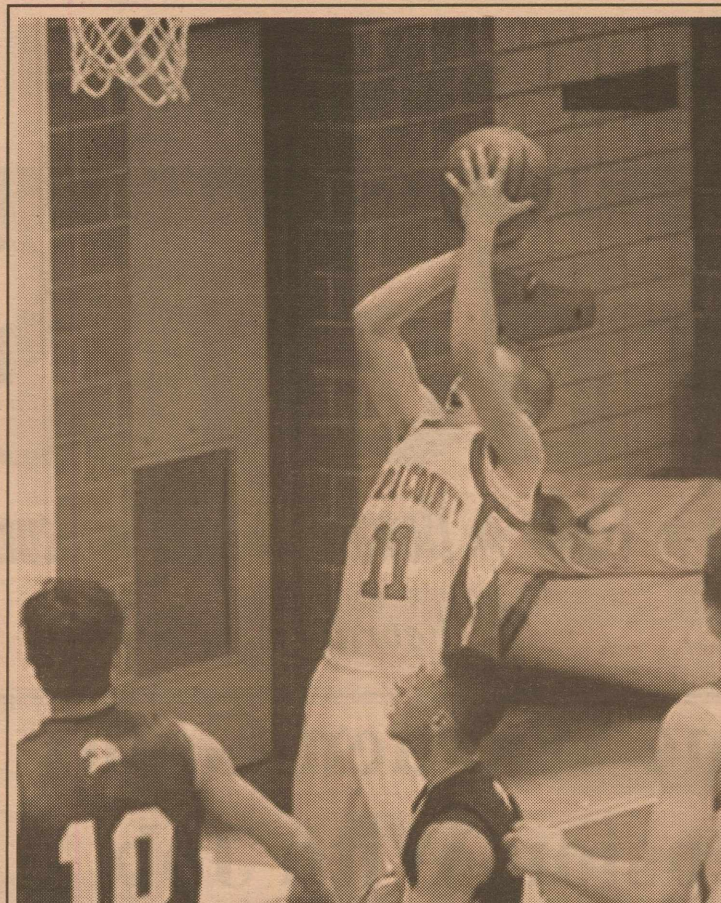
Kurt Shafer led the team in scoring with 11 points followed by Matt Proulx with six points. Riley Herridge and Sean Tucker added five points. Corbin Sumners chipped in four points and Hunter Jones contributed three points. Korbin Martinez finished with two points.

Borden County finished the season with an overall record of 16-9.

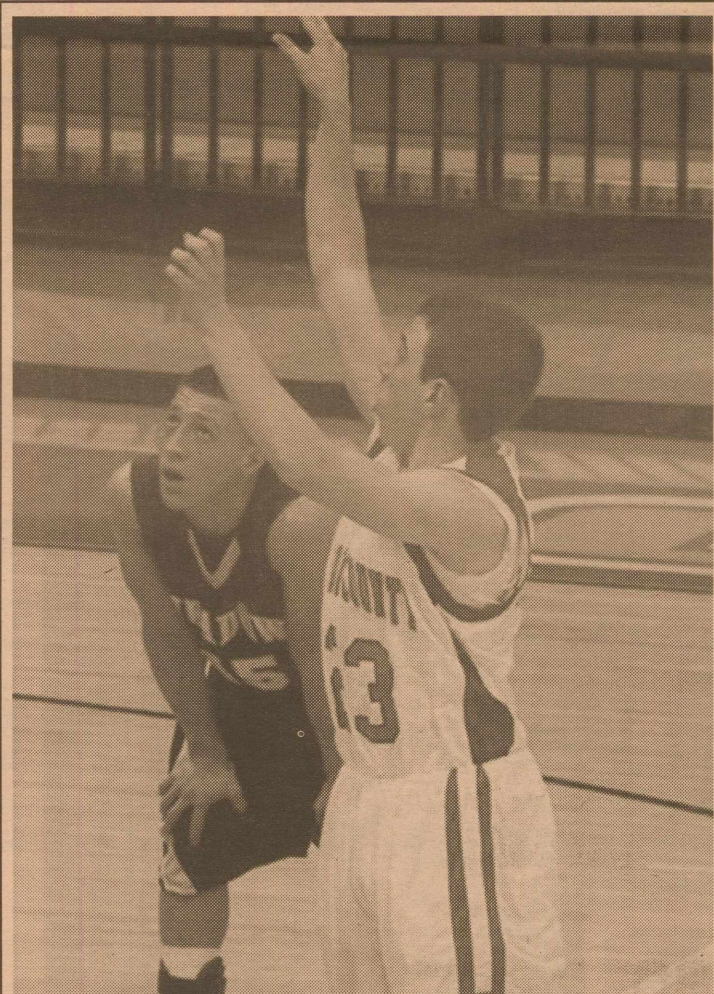
Coyotes vs. Broncos



Senior Kurt Shafer (#15) and Corbin Sumners play tough defense in the Bi-District match up between the Coyotes and the Meadow Broncos. The Coyotes were defeated 45-36.



Corbin Sumners (#11) moves in to the goal to take a shot and scores two points for the Coyotes.



Senior, Jordan Martinez, in his last high school basketball game shoots from the freethrow line to score for the Coyotes during last weeks' Bi-District game against the Meadow Broncos.

School Lunch Menu

March 3-7, 2014

Menu subject to change

Monday - Breakfast: Breakfast Taco Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Salisbury Steak w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Strawberries & Bananas, Roll, Brownie Cookie (9-12 Grade only) and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Cereal & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Breaded Pork Chop, Garden Salad, Green Beans, Sliced Peaches, Breadstick, Chocolate Pudding (9-12 Grade only) and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Oatmeal & Blueberry Loaf, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Southwest Chicken Casserole w/Chips, Garden Salad, Charro Beans, Salsa, Cinnamon Applesauce and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Chicken & Biscuit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Hot Dog, Sweet Potato Fries, Cucumber Dippers, Fruit, Chocolate Chip Cookie (9-12 Grade only) and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: PB&J, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Beef & Bean Burrito, Tortilla Chips (9-12 Grade only), Broccoli Bites, Garden Salad, Orange Smiles and Milk.

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McMeans/McMeans Qualify for National Speech Tourney in Kansas City After Historic Tournament Win

Sophomore Nathan Souder Comes Close With Top Five Finish

The Tall Cotton NFL District Tournament has been nothing more than a UIL State-qualifying meet for Borden County debaters in the past. A chance to compete in at least three rounds, call it a day, and come home. After all, most rounds are competition against Midland, Abilene, San Angelo, Snyder, and Big Spring schools.

Something funny happened on the way to the podium February 21-22 as seniors Mollie McMeans and her brother Zach ran the table—going 5-0—to claim the championship and punch a ticket to the National Forensics League Tournament in Kansas City. They were the only team to go undefeated throughout the double elimination tournament and did not even have to do a final sixth round because of their standings.

The win marks the first time Borden County has ever qualified a team to the national tournament, scheduled for June 15-19 in Kansas City, Missouri.

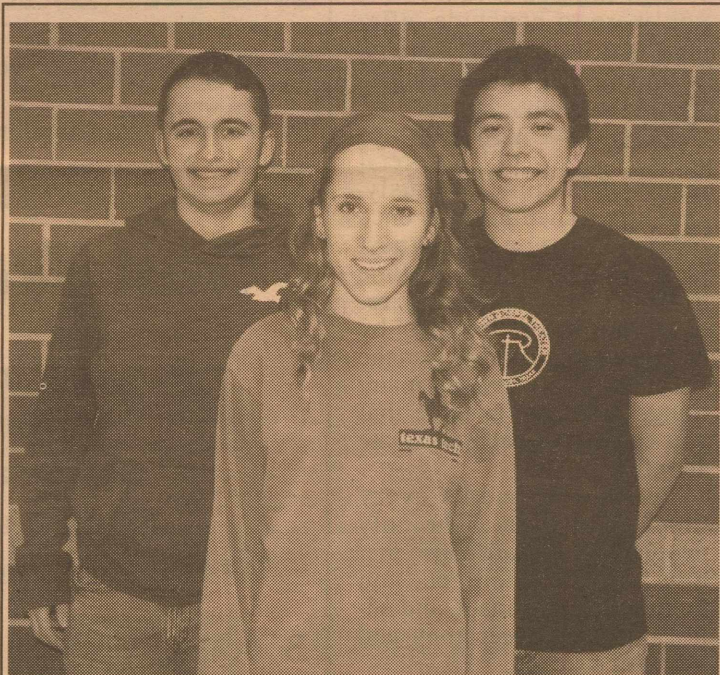
Not only did the McMeans siblings enjoy some success, but sophomore LD debater Nathan Souder made his own impressive run. After four rounds, Nathan was undefeated as well. After dropping the 5th round debate against San Angelo Central, Souder still was just one win away from a chance at the national tournament. He lost to the eventual champion from Abilene; ironically, the second-place qualifier to nationals was someone Nathan had defeated in an earlier round.

Even though Mollie and Zach have qualified, they will forego the trip since Mollie won the Big Country Co-Op

Speech Contest held February 24 in Roby. This includes a scholarship and all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., a trip that Zach won last year.

Regardless of what happens at the State UIL CX Meet in Austin in two weeks,

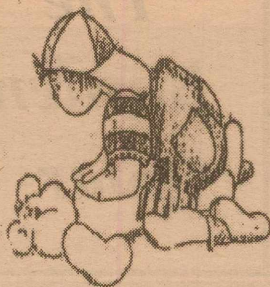
McMeans and McMeans have solidified a place in Borden County debate history. Congratulations to them and to Nathan on representing Borden County High School with distinction and integrity.



Borden County speech team members participating in the Tall Cotton NFL District Tournament are (left to right) seniors and siblings, Zach and Mollie McMeans and sophomore Nathan Souder.

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4th Six-Weeks Beta Achievement

Seniors: Sydnie Day, Taylor Gass, Maeghan Herridge and Laura Phinizy; **Juniors:** McKenna Campbell, Bessie Rhodes and Sean Tucker; **Sophomore:** Tatum Richey, Nathan Souder and Merik Valentine; **Freshmen:** Hayley Gray and Savannah Herridge; **Eighth Grade:** Carly Bell, Preslea Hall, Harley Merrill, Trace Richey, Ashlyn Tucker, MJ Van der Bank and Braylee Walker; **Seventh Grade:** Myka Blissard, Madison Cole, Katie Gray, and Paige Holbrooks; **Sixth Grade:** Kaitlyn Cribbs, Zeke Lott, and Kaylee Walker.

4th Six-Weeks Honor Roll

Senior: Kassie Gaines and Kalyn Massingill; **Junior:** Mason Coor; **Sophomore:** Holly Bradbury, Zoie Key, Korbin Martinez, Samual Raborn, Flint Roberts, Caelan Thuett and Cheyenne Tucker; **Freshman:** Sydnee Jordan and Corbin Sumners; **Eighth Grade:** Braxton Barnes, Thomas Nix and Morgan Wilson; **Seventh Grade:** Lukas Grantham, Kaile Hernandez, Reina Hernandez, Brooke Swaffar.

Sixth Grade: Lindsay Brantley and Tatum Treadwell; **Fifth Grade:** Mason Cole, Trey Edwards, Connor Etheredge, Haddie Flanigan, Quinten Freeman, Kaci Hudson, Tommy Kingston, Klancey Kleck, Trent Lewis, Ashlyn Lott, Maggie Miller, Erin Nix, Gunner Shofner, Gabriella Skelton, Maddye Sumners, Kennedy Tucker, Leandre' Van der Bank, and Justin Wilborn; **Fourth Grade:** 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, Dallis Miller, Isaiah Mitton, Tracen Moore, Michael Morris, Allie Murphy, Hayden Niell, J. Tom Price, Oliver Skelton, Shane Todd Brooklyn Torres and George Wagner; **Second Grade:** Aubree Blissard, Hannah Brady, Luke Carpenter, Vincent Frankl, Jenna Holbrooks, Kadence Lowery, Benton Nix, Bailey Pennell, Daniel Raborn, Jordan Ramos, Rexie Sanders, Agatha Skelton, Laney Stansell, Kendall Swaffar, Bella Taylor and Kenzie White.

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Take Control of Your Closet

Have you ever stood in front of your closet and wondered, "What am I going to wear?" If so, you're not alone. All too often, closets can become cluttered with clothing that hasn't been worn in years—or hasn't been found in years! If your closets are overflowing, here is the information you need to get your closet organized.

Take Stock of the Surplus

First, remove everything from your closet. Then make three piles: clothing you want to keep, donate, and toss. A few rules to keep in mind:

*Anything your haven't worn in more than a year shouldn't make it to the "keep" pile.

*If you don't feel good in a certain piece of clothing, it's not worth keeping.

Remove your "donate" and "toss" piles from the equation and set your "keep" pile aside.

Wardrobe 101

Now that you've removed your excess items and organized your closet, go back to your "keep" pile. Are the items extravagant or basic? Could you easily mix and match most of the items? Do they all fit properly? If not, it's time to get rid of some more clothing and update your wardrobe. Here are some examples of comfortable and easy-to-care-for wardrobe basics.

***Black pants.** Not just any pair—a nice pair of washable black pants. Washable doesn't have to mean unprofessional. Suit separates can be found in washable fabrics and still maintain their professional appearance.

***White button-down shirt.**

One item, so many options. A crisp, white, button-down shirt can be worn layered with vests and sweaters, accented with a colorful scarf, or simply by itself. It is always a classic look.

***Blue jeans.** What wardrobe would be complete without a good pair of comfy jeans? The key word being comfy.

***Solid-color shirts.** What better way to ensure you're prepared for anything? Whether it's a polo or a button-down top, solid-color shirts offer the most possibilities for mixing and matching clothing items.

Closet Organization

When it's time to return your clothing to the closet, group garments in a system that works best for you. This could be by color, by type, or by type and color. Also, folding and stacking sweaters helps you to see them at a glance. Here are some other tips to help keep all your clothes in order:

***The right hanger for the job.** There is a right and a wrong hanger for every clothing item. For example: skirt hangers are designed specifically for skirts; pant hangers specifically for pants; and so on. At the end of the day, the right hanger will keep your clothing wrinkle-free and ready to wear.

***Don't forget the door.** Many people don't realize what a great space saver the door can be. Try mounting hooks to hang purses and jackets, or affix shoe bags or racks to keep your shoes in one place.

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use your skills? Is there a better way to reach businesses other than mailing resumes? Is your resume written properly?

To say the least, it's very frustrating when you have so many variables. There is no reason why you have to try only one approach at a time. You can have several versions of your resume you send out. Additionally, you can contact employment agencies and attend job fairs.

Often, you don't get immediate feedback as to whether or not your approach is working. Someone may hold onto your resume for several months before giving you a call. So if you were to conclude, after only two weeks, that mailing resumes wasn't working, you would be wrong.

Whenever you attempt something new, utilize several approaches simultaneously. Don't try something only once before moving on to your next idea. Give each approach time to work. You can greatly reduce your frustration level by having a number of irons in the fire. But don't have so many things going on at once that you can't give each adequate attention.

Persistence works every time it's applied. The only people who fail are those that give up. Be intelligent and flexible. Learn, adapt, and adjust as needed. Keep going and you will succeed.

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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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Early voting will be in the County Clerk's Office in the Borden County Courthouse.

There will be no Democratic Primary Election.

If you have questions concerning the Primary Election, contact Shirley Bennett, Republican Chair or Joyce Herridge, County Clerk.

Gail Trade Days

Put on your tradin' britches and drive to Gail on
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Booths include garage sale items, arts and crafts, new and used items, and a concession stand sponsored by the Senior Class with lots of good food.

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Game Warden Lands on Cover of Magazine...

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other members of the team put that training into use to help save a woman lost in Big Bend Ranch State Park near Presidio.

Without food and water for four days, the woman was near death when she was located.

She was found, dehydrated and hallucinating, within 300 yards of where Tucker and other members of the team had marked an "x" on a map as a likely location in the rugged, 311,000-acre park.

"That was amazing," he said of the effort, which involved the coordination of 87 rescuers.

Sometime later Tucker led the woman back to the spot where she was located, helping her gain closure to the traumatic situation.

And Tucker also had a role in a reenactment of the rescue filmed for a segment on the The Weather Channel's "Alive" series.

Only a short time after the team was organized last spring, Tucker was called to assist in the aftermath of the deadly explosion of a fertilizer plant in West, Texas.

"That was unreal-truly like a bomb went off," Tucker recalls.

The team initially went door-to-door looking for possible victims of the explosion, then remained on-site for three weeks helping provide security.

"It's amazing there weren't more people killed in that deal," he said. "A mile away, houses just imploded."

Being involved with the team has involved extensive training—two weekends a month at first and now about one week-end a month.

Part of that training placed the team in the same swimming pool being used by astronauts to prepare for missions to the International Space Station.

Said to be the largest pool in the world—some 500 meters long, 300 meters wide and 40 feet deep—the pool is not only for training for actual water situations but also to simulate

the lack of gravity in space.

As part of their training to perform as rescue swimmers dropped into a location from a helicopter, the team went to NASA for training about how to get out of a helicopter in the event of a crash into water.

That is how he wound up being the first game warden ever pictured on the cover of the Texas Parks and Wildlife magazine.

A photographer from the magazine took photos of the training as part of a story about several specialized teams of game wardens that have been created recently.

"We've always been behind the scenes which is not necessarily a bad thing—because the leadership of the department didn't want publicity," Tucker said.

"Now they want to get information about who we are and what we do out to the public."

Although noting that many people think of game wardens as simply handing out tickets for hunting and fishing violations, Tucker said, the 530 Texas game wardens probably are the most diverse law enforcement group in the state.

They conduct traffic stops,

make arrests for driving while intoxicated and other offenses, serve arrest warrants and do just about anything any other law enforcement officer might be called to do.

Living in the small town of Gail, Tucker is sometimes the only law enforcement officer available in the county and has been called to respond to shootings and other incidents.

That variety is what Tucker likes about the job.

"You don't get tied down doing the same thing day-in and day-out," he said. "It's exciting—the next day can be something different."

Being part of the department's statewide Search and Rescue team just adds to that diversity.

Tucker carries a variety of special gear in his pickup, so he can be ready to go anywhere needed on a moment's notice.

His duties actually could take him outside of the state, as the team is one of only three federally recognized and accredited search and rescue teams in the nation.

"We can go anywhere in the U.S. if the president calls the governor and asks, Tucker said.



(Left to right) Sadie Shaull of Hamlin, Madison Wingrove of Stamford, Mollie McMeans of Gail and Emily Anne Fouts of Haskell all received a \$1500 Scholarship in the BCEC Government In Action Youth Tour Speech contest. Shaull, Wingrove and McMeans will travel in an all expense paid nine day trip to Washington D.C. in June as part of the youth tour.

BCEC Sponsors Three to D.C. in Annual Government-In-Action Youth Tours

The annual Big Country Electric Cooperative (BCEC) Government-In-Action Youth Tour speech contest was held February 24, 2014 in the Roby High School Auditorium. Out of an outstanding 12 competitors, three winners were selected: Mollie McMeans of Gail, Madison Wingrove of Stamford, and Sadie Shaull of Hamlin. 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.

Emily Anne Fouts of Haskell 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.

We at Big Country Electric Cooperative are excited to offer our area youth a chance for such an experience. Other contestants were: Aaron Williamson of Hermleigh, Riley Herridge of Gail, Joe Ryan Flores of Anson, Zack McKeever of Stamford, Justin Clifton of Snyder, Garrett Scitern of Anson, and Kaley Mathis and Alannah Luce of Haskell.



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Commissioners' Court

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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/Collector.

COMMUNITY INPUT

None

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting of January 28, 2014 were read. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting of December 20th and February 3, 2014 were read. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY HOUSE BID

As advertised, bids for the construction of the Borden County House to be used by the Extension Agent-Ag. Were opened at 9:00 a.m. Bids received were from Hindman Ready-Built, Bob's Custom Homes, and Charles Griffin Homes. Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the bid from Charles Griffin Homes for a 1557 sq. ft., siding hardi plank with metal roof in the amount of \$126,723.00 as the best bid. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IDENTIFICATION

CERTIFICATES

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Contract between Borden County and the Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS) for the processing of applications for TXDPS Election Identification Certificates. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

COUNTY OFFICE REPORTS

After examination of the County Officers Reports, Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve, accept and file submitted Reports in the County Clerk's Office. Reports from Clerk and County Extension Ag-Agent were not submitted. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2013 TREASURER ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve THE Treasurer's Annual Financial Report for the 2013 Budget year as required by Section 114.022 Local Government Code. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUND GRANT PROGRAM

A discussion was held regarding SB 1747 Prioritized Project List for the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program. No action was taken.

ANNUAL ROAD REPORTS

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the Amended 2013 Annual Road Reports as submitted. Reports are to be filed in the County Clerk's Office to be presented to Grand Jury. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.. Motion carried.

FLIGHT INSURANCE

A discussion was held concerning proposal from LifeShield Alliance for medical flight insurance. No action taken.

RURAL FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT

The Rural Fire Protection Contract between City of O'Donnell and Borden

County was reviewed with no action being taken.

PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the as needed Private Road Maintenance Applications from Carl Pepper and Barbara Farmer in Precinct No. 1. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the one time only Private Road Maintenance Application from Ylia Guerrero in Precinct No. 2. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the as needed Private Road Maintenance Applications from Rickie Gass for Frank Beaver and from Mike Valentine in Precinct No. 4. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOIL CONSERVATION WORK

No applications were received.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Purchase of 2 sewing machines, Helipad, Water Bond.

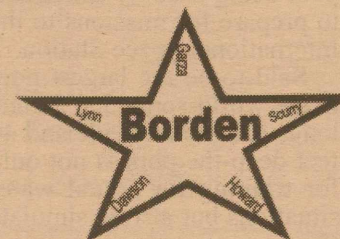
CURRENT ACCOUNTS

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

ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 25th day of February 2014.



Borden County ISD Board Meeting

Regular Board Meeting February 17, 2014

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, Dennis Poole and Mike Valentine. School employees Jimmy Thomas, Bart McMeans, and Ricky Martinez were also present.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2014, board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Mike Valentine to approve the February 2014, bills. The motion carried unanimously.

5. The technology acceptable use guidelines were reviewed, and the 2014-2017 Borden County ISD Technology Plan was reviewed. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the 2014-2017 Borden County ISD Technology Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by

Randy Hensley to set the regular March board meeting for March 10, 2014, at 7:00 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joel Dennis to extend the contract of Bart McMeans through June 30, 2016, and to raise his salary by \$100 a month to include TSA for a total of increase of \$1,320. The motion carried unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Mike Valentine to approve the 2014-2015 textbook adoptions. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the budget amendments for the 2013-2014 Borden County Independent School District as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Mr. Thomas reported that 250 students were enrolled as of February 14, 2014, a year to date financial overview was given, and a construction report was given. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Randy Hensley to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Monsanto Presents Borden County Fire Department With Donation



Scott Tuttle (second from right), Monsanto representative, presents Cody Cooley (second from left) of the Borden County Volunteer Fire Department with a check donation of \$2,500. Barry O'Brien (far right) was selected as the winner in Borden County for America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund. Under this program, eligible farmers in 1,289 counties across 39 states could enter to win a \$2,500 donation for a local nonprofit of their choice. Mr. O'Brien won and chose to direct this donation to the Borden County Volunteer Fire Dept. The purpose of Grow Communities is to recognize and celebrate the important contributions farmers make to rural America, and to help them grow their communities by supporting local organizations that are important to them. More than 82,000 farmers across the country participated in the program this year, with a winning farmer selected in each county. Also pictured is Eurdist Rinehart (far left) of the Borden County Fire Dept.

Borden County Sheriff and National Weather Service to Hold Storm Watcher Training

The Borden County Sheriff's Office and the National Weather Service will hold a storm watcher training on March 11, 2014 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Borden County Event Center.

Anyone interested in attending this training is encouraged to so.

For more information, please contact Benny Allison, Borden County Sheriff at 806/756-4311.



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OFFICIAL BALLOT (BOLETA OFICIAL) REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION (ELECCIÓN PRIMARIA DEL PARTIDO REPUBLICANO)

PRECINCT 18 (Condado de) Borden County, Texas March 4, 2014 (4 de marzo de 2014)

INSTRUCTION NOTE: (NOTA DE INSTRUCCIÓN):
 Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by darkening in the oval (●) provided to the left of the name of that candidate. (Vote por el candidato de su preferencia en cada carrera llenando completamente el espacio ovalado (●) a la izquierda del nombre del candidato.)

I am a Republican and understand that I am ineligible to vote or participate in another political party's primary election or convention during this voting year. (Yo soy Republicano y comprendo soy inelegible para votar o participar en la elección primaria o la convención de algún otro partido político durante este año electoral.)

<p>United States Senator (Senador de los Estados Unidos)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Chris Mapp</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Curt Cleaver</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Steve Stockman</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Reid Reasor</p> <p><input type="radio"/> John Carlyn</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ken Cope</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Linda Vega</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Dwayne Stovall</p>	<p>Attorney General (Procurador General)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Dan Branch</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Barry Spitherman</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ken Paxton</p> <p>Commissioner of Public Accounts (Comisionado de Cuentas Públicas)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Harvey Hilderbran</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Glenn Hegar</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Debra Medina</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Raul Torres</p>	<p>Chief Justice, Supreme Court (Jefe-Presidente, Corte Suprema)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Nathan Hecht</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Robert Talton</p> <p>Justice, Supreme Court, Place 6, Unexpired Term (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 6, Duración Restante del Cargo)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Joe Pool</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jeff Brown</p> <p>Justice, Supreme Court, Place 7 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 7)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jeff Boyd</p> <p>Justice, Supreme Court, Place 8 (Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 8)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Sharon McCally</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Phil Johnson</p>
<p>United States Representative, District 19 (Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito Núm. 19)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Donald R. May</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Chris Winn</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Randy Neugebauer</p>	<p>Commissioner of the General Land Office (Comisionado de la Oficina General de Tierras)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> George P. Bush</p> <p><input type="radio"/> David Watts</p>	<p>Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 3)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Bert Richardson</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Barbara Walther</p>
<p>Governor (Gobernador)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> SECEDE Kigore</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Miriam Martinez</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Lisa Fritsch</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Greg Abbott</p>	<p>Commissioner of Agriculture (Comisionado de Agricultura)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> J. Allen Carnes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Sid Miller</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Joe Cotten</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Tommy Merritt</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Eric Opie</p>	<p>Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 4 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 4)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Richard Dean Davis</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Kevin Patrick Yeary</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jani Jo Wood</p>
<p>Lieutenant Governor (Gobernador Teniente)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Dan Patrick</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jerry Patterson</p> <p><input type="radio"/> David Dewhurst</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Todd Staples</p>	<p>Railroad Commissioner (Comisionado de Ferrocarriles)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ryan Sifton</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Wayne Christian</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Becky Berger</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Malachi Boyuts</p>	<p>Vote Both Sides (Voto ambos lados) Side 1 of 2 (Primer lado de dos partes)</p>

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<p>STATE (ESTADO)</p> <p>Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 9 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 9)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> W.C. "Bud" Kirkendall</p> <p><input type="radio"/> David Newell</p>	<p>COUNTY (CONDADO)</p> <p>Justice of the Peace (Juez de Paz)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jane Jones</p>	<p>PARTY REFERENDUM (REFERENDUM DEL PARTIDO)</p> <p>Welfare Reform (Reforma del Programa de Asistencia Pública) Texas recipients of taxpayer-funded public assistance should be subject to random drug testing as a condition of receiving benefits. (A los residentes de Texas que reciben asistencia pública financiada por los impuestos sobre ingreso de los contribuyentes, deben de ser sujetos a la administración de pruebas de consumo de drogas al azar, como una condición para recibir los beneficios.)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES (SI)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO (NO)</p>
<p>State Representative, District 83 (Representante Estatal, Distrito Núm. 83)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Charles Perry</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Steve Massengale</p>	<p>INSTRUCTION NOTE: Darken in the oval provided to the left of the statement indicating the way you wish to vote. (NOTA DE INSTRUCCIÓN: Llene completamente el espacio ovalado a la izquierda de la frase que indica la manera en que quiere votar.)</p> <p>Religious Freedom (Libertad de Religión) Texans should be free to express their religious beliefs, including prayer, in public places. (Los residentes de Texas deben tener la libertad de expresar sus creencias religiosas, incluyendo oraciones en lugares públicos.)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES (SI)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO (NO)</p>	<p>No Lawmaker Exceptions (No excepciones para legisladores) All elected officials and their staff should be subject to the same laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances as their constituents. (Todos los oficiales electos y su personal deben de ser sujetos a las mismas leyes, reglamentos y ordenanzas como sus constituyentes.)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES (SI)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO (NO)</p>
<p>Justice, 11th Court of Appeals District, Place 2 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones, Distrito Núm. 11, Lugar Núm. 2)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Mike Wilson</p>	<p>Second Amendment (Segunda Enmienda) Texas should support Second Amendment liberties by expanding locations where concealed handgun license-holders may legally carry. (El Estado de Texas debe de apoyar los derechos otorgados por la Segunda Enmienda, al expandir los lugares en los que personas con permiso para portar armas lo pueden hacer legalmente.)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES (SI)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO (NO)</p>	<p>Obamacare (Obamacare) The Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare," should be repealed. (La Reforma de Salud, ACA por sus siglas en inglés, también conocida como "Obamacare" debe de ser derogada.)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES (SI)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO (NO)</p>
<p>Justice, 11th Court of Appeals District, Place 3, Unexpired Term (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones, Distrito Núm. 11, Lugar Núm. 3, Duración Restante del Cargo)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> John Bailey</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Cade W. Browning</p>	<p>County Judge (Juez del Condado)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ross D. Sharp</p>	<p>Franchise Tax (Impuesto Sobre Empresas) Texas should abolish the state franchise tax, also known as the margins tax, to encourage business growth. (El Estado de Texas debe de erradicar el impuesto sobre empresas estatal, también conocido como impuesto sobre ganancias, a fin de promover el crecimiento económico.)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES (SI)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO (NO)</p>
<p>District Attorney, 132nd Judicial District, Unexpired Term (Procurador del Distrito, Distrito Judicial Núm. 132, Duración Restante del Cargo)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ben R. Smith</p>	<p>County Attorney, Unexpired Term (Procurador del Condado, Duración Restante del Cargo)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Mario Holbrooks</p>	<p>Vote Both Sides (Voto ambos lados) Side 2 of 2 (Segundo lado de dos partes)</p>
<p>District and County Clerk (Secretario del Distrito y Condado)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jana Underwood</p>	<p>County Treasurer (Tesorero del Condado)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Shawna Gass</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Sharlot A. Stone</p>	