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Deadline to Enroll in Key Farm Bill Safety Net Programs Approaches Producers Have Until Sept. 30 to Sign Up for ARC/PLC and MPP-Dairy

Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds farmers and ranchers that they have until Sept. 30 to enroll in several key Farm Bill safety net programs – Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC), Price Loss Coverage (PLC) and the Margin Protection Program for Dairy (MPP-Dairy).

Although producers already have elected ARC or PLC, now is the time to sign the contract and complete the enrollment process for the 2014 and 2015 crop years.

Dairy operations are also reminded to enroll for coverage in 2016 before the Sept. 30 deadline. Just \$100 covers 90 percent of milk production at a \$4 margin, and with incremental premiums, up to an \$8 margin can be covered.

ARC and PLC programs trigger financial protections for agricultural producers when market forces cause substantial drops in crop prices or revenues. More than 1.76 million farmers and ranchers are expected to sign contracts to en-

roll in ARC or PLC. Covered commodities under the programs include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice (which includes short grain and sweet rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat. Upland cotton is no longer a covered commodity. The elections for each farm stay in place through 2018, but ownership and shares can be adjusted through the annual enrollment. For additional program information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc.

MPP-Dairy offers protection to producers when the difference between the milk price and the average feed cost (the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producer. Participating dairy farmers will remain in the program through 2018 and pay a \$100 administrative fee each

year. Producers also have the option of selecting a different coverage level during open enrollment each year. MPP-Dairy payments are based on an operation's historical production, which will increase by 2.61 percent in 2016, if the operation participated in 2015, providing a stronger safety net. More than half of the nation's dairy producers are enrolled in the program. For more information, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/dairy.

For more program information, contact your FSA office or visit www.fsa.usda.gov. To find your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.



Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

Service Station Etiquette

I am writing this in Carlsbad, California enjoying a family reunion. Although oil is down to its lowest price per barrel in a decade, gas here is \$4.29 a gallon. We passed by a Costco store yesterday and noticed about 100 cars in line to get gas for \$3.39. I know the further west you go, the more you pay for gas, but this is crazy. I must say the people waiting in their cars were most patient and content to wait an hour or so to fill up.

A couple of weeks ago I pulled into a Loves Travel Center near Weatherford where gas was \$2.29 about a quarter per gallon less than the price in most service stations I passed. The place had lots of business, but I felt lucky to pull in behind a car that was at a stand-alone pump. I waited for a few minutes before I noticed the car was empty. Nobody was in it. Then a man came out of the store carrying a big bag full of merchandise and a huge drink. He was followed by a boy and a girl about 8 or 9 years old. They piled into the car and I thought they would be leaving. Boy, was I wrong.

Apparently the man just wanted to put his purchases in the car. He got out, put his credit card in the slot, punched in his zip code and started to put gas in the tank. He just parked by a pump and went

shopping before getting gas. Rather than get frustrated, I decided to just sit back and watch what happened next. I didn't know what was in store for me.

He didn't just put the nozzle back in its holder when it clicked off. He filled the tank to the brim. He slowly finished and got back in the car. I saw the tail lights come on, indicating the car had started. I felt that I was finally going to be able to get gas for my car. Wrong again.

Just about the time I thought I would see the car move out of the way, a back door opened and the girl got out and ran into the store. She came back in a few minutes, probably a bathroom break. Again I waited for the car to move. It didn't. The boy got out of the door on the other side and ran into the store, I guess for the same reason.

By his time, other pumps had become available, but I decided to stay there and observe this exciting saga to its end. I figured that was better than just sitting there fuming. It was a test of my patience and I wanted to pass it with flying colors.

Finally the boy came back and the car finally got out of the way. But it didn't leave the parking lot. The driver pulled into an empty parking space

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Coyotes Make Short Work of Lueders-Avoca Raiders

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Varsity and Junior Varsity teams traveled to Lueders Friday to take on the Lueders-Avoca Raiders. Both groups made very short work of the home team as the Junior Varsity allowed just one first down during the contest while scoring 45 points and ending the game one minute into the second half.

This JV team consists of sophomores Braxton Barnes and Nick Proulx, freshman, JW Nix, Payton Merket, Trent Collins, Lukas Grantham, Jeremy Souder and Ben Justice. Also joining the Coyotes this past week was junior Dylan Murphy. This group got off to a quick start as Nick Proulx scored from 13 yards out. Proulx added another short run to push the lead to 12-0. Payton Merket added a long run to extend the lead to 18-0. Proulx added another score and a point after run to push the lead to 25 to 0.

On the next possession, Payton Merket hit JW Nix for a nice 38 yard touchdown pass play. This made the score 31 to 0 late in the second quarter. On the defensive side, Proulx intercepted an errant Raider pass and moments later Merket hit Ben Justice with a pass to extend the lead to 37 to 0. Merket finally got a kick to split the uprights making the halftime score 39 to 0. On the first series of the second half, Proulx brought a close to the first game of the evening racing 51 yards to pay dirt and a 45 to 0 final for the JV.

The Coyote varsity would take the field next, but the results would be much the same. The Coyote offense used only 17 offensive plays on the evening to put up 62 points in one half of action, while the defense, playing the first team defense consisting of Korbin Martinez, Hunter Jones, Trace Richey, Ryan Willborn, Corbin Sumners, Jayton Lewis and Diego Bernal played most of the first quarter before turning things over to the second group for the rest of the first and second quarters to end the contest.

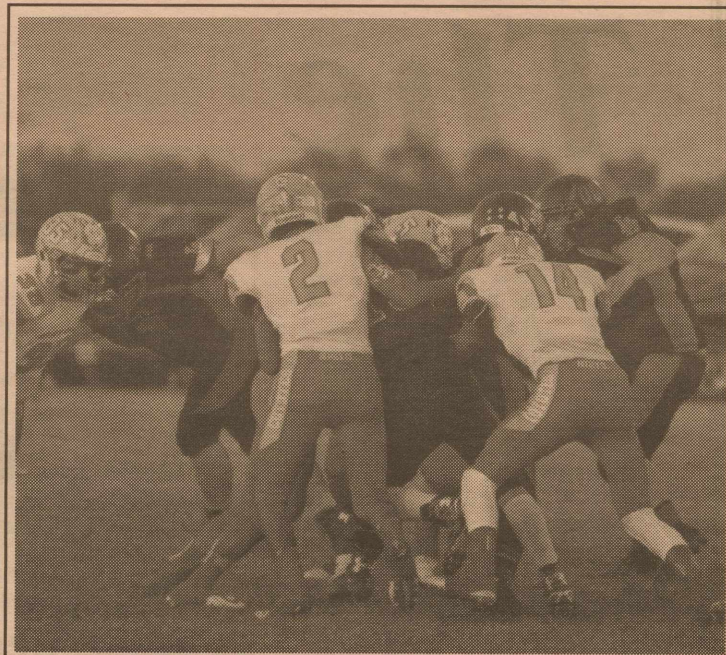
This group consisted of Bernal, Kale Yarbro, Noah Morales, Colby Pennell, Morgan Wilson, Brian Torres, Braxton Barnes and Nathan Souder. These two groups would give up a total of 33 yards on the evening and did not give up a first down during the course of the evening. This group also produced 3 turnovers, getting an interception from Trace Richey, a fumble recovery after a big hit from Jayton Lewis by Ryan Willborn and another interception by Morgan Wilson.

While limiting the Raiders to no first downs, the Offense got quick scores from the offense. In fact, the Coyotes scored on the first play of the first two drives, a 40 yard pass play from Richey to Corbin Sumners and then on the next possession a 25 yard pass from Hunter Jones to Richey. The Coyote offense got their next touchdown on a two play drive as Sumners followed nice blocks from, Martinez, Coor

and Bernal up front and Richey and Jones from the backfield. The Coyotes went to the air again on the next score as Jones connected with Sumners with a 4 yard pass play. The final touchdown of the first quarter came from the jumbo package with Bernal, Yarbro, Coor, Jones and Martinez with Richey at the tailback position. This group blocked so well that Richey slipped into the endzone untouched from 3 yards out. While all of these Borden County scores were happening, Easton Edwards continued his successful kicking for the Coyotes as he hit 4 of 5 in the first quarter and would end the night, 7 of 8 on PAT's.

In the second quarter Sumners would add his final score of the evening from 10 yards out. Ryan Willborn would cross the line the final two times, one from 6 yards out and the final touchdown com-

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Several Coyotes tackle a Raiders opponent. Pictured are Colby Pennell (#33), Noah Morales (#2) and Morgan Wilson (#14).

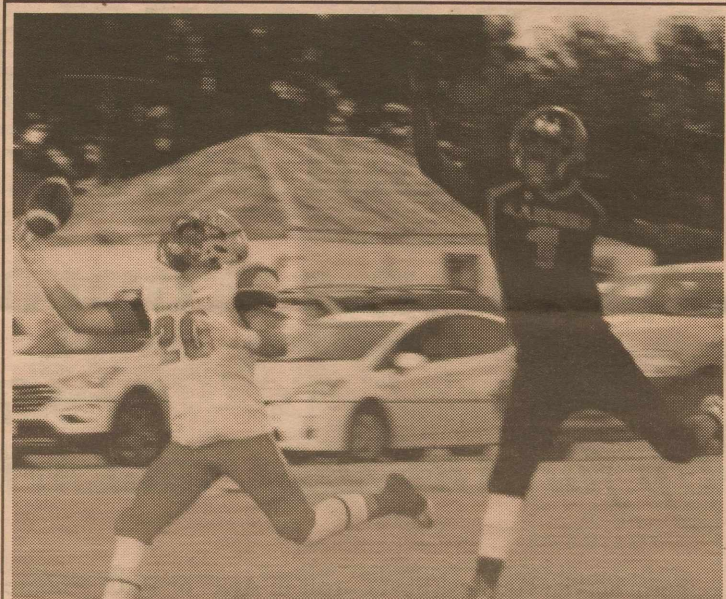
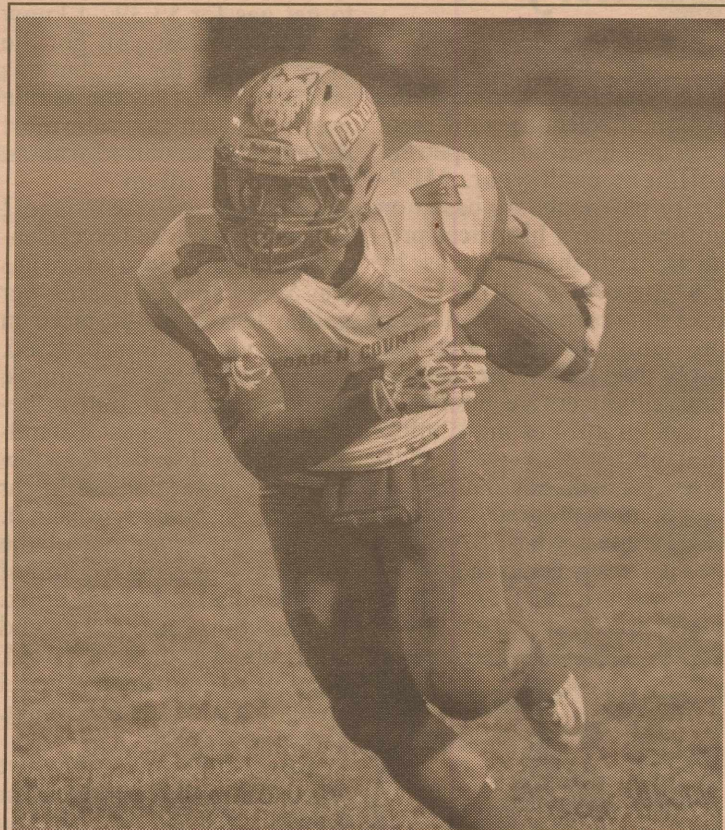


Photo by Kembra Jones

Trace Richey (#20) intercepts a Raider pass during Friday's game against the Lueders-Avoca game.



Coyote, Brian Torres (#4) ran the ball for eleven yards against the Raiders in Friday's match against Lueders-Avoca.



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Coyotes Devastate the Raiders, 62-0...

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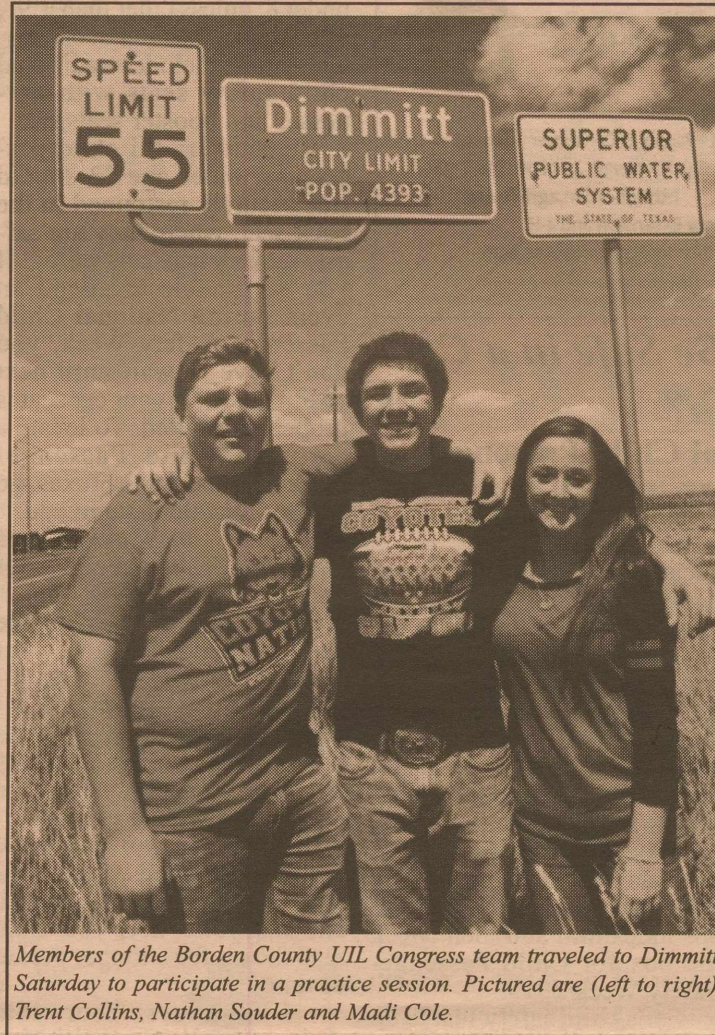
pleting another one play drive as he scampered 19 yards untouched for the final points of the contest, making the final tally on the game at 62 to 0.

Statistically for the Coyotes as mentioned earlier, Edwards was 7 of 8 kicking. Ryan Willborn had 4 tackles and a fumble recovery and 5 carries for 45 yards and 2 touchdowns. Noah Morales had 9 tackles with 2 tackles for loss. Brian Torres added 6 tackles and one for loss and a carry for 11 yards. Braxton Coor had 5 tackles and one for loss. Corbin Summers had 3 carries for 34 yards and 2 touchdowns and 2 catches for 43 yards and 2 scores. Summers also had 3 tackles. Morgan Wilson had 6 tackles a tackle for loss and an interception. Kale Yarbrow had 6 tackles and a tackle for loss. Nathan Souder had 2 tackles. Trace Richey had 6 tackles, a tackle for loss and an intercep-

tion. Richey was also 2 for 2 passing for 52 yards and a score and a reception for a 25 yards score and one carry for 3 yards and a score. Jayton Lewis had 6 tackles, 2 pressures, a pass break up and a caused fumble. Hunter Jones had a carry for 26 yards, was 2 of 4 passing for 28 yards and 2 touchdowns and was in on 4 tackles. Korbin Martinez had 3 tackles. Colby Pennell had 4 tackles and Diego Bernal had 6 tackles, a tackle for loss and a pressure.

Steven Carrillo missed his second game of the season.

The Coyotes will next travel to Rankin Friday to take on the Red Devils. The Coyote JV will play host to the Red Devil JV. Thank you all for making the long trip to Lueders. We hope to see you in Rankin on Friday as the Coyotes hope to improve to 3-0.



Members of the Borden County UIL Congress team traveled to Dimmitt Saturday to participate in a practice session. Pictured are (left to right) Trent Collins, Nathan Souder and Madi Cole.

School Lunch Menu

Sept. 14-18, 2015

Menu subject to change

Monday - Breakfast: Cinnamon Pull-a-Part & Cheese Stick, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, garden Salad, Tuscan Vegetables, Sliced Peaches, Vanilla Pudding and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Blueberry Muffin & Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk. **Lunch:** Teriyaki Beef Sandwich, Baked Potato Chips, Broccoli Bites, Garden Salad, Orange Smiles and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Pancake Wrap, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. **Lunch:** Steak Fingers w/Gravy, Roll, Baked Potato, Glazed Carrots, Strawberries & Bananas and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Quesadilla & Salsa, Mexicali Corn, Charro Beans, Cinnamon Applesauce and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: PBJ, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. **Lunch:** Popcorn Chicken w/ Roll, Sweet Potato Waffle Fries, Cucumber Dippers, Fresh Fruit, Cookie and Milk.

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UIL Congress Students Attend Workshop

Three BHS students traveled to Dimmitt September 5 for a study session conducted by Melissa Witt, Dimmitt High School speech teacher.

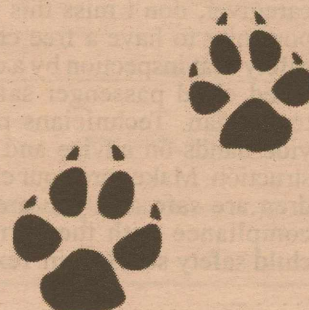
Senior Nathan Souder and freshmen Madi Cole and Trent Collins gave up a sleep-in Saturday to attend.

The focus of the workshop was to (1) introduce freshmen to what UIL Congress involves as a competitive event, (2) teach students how to write bills and resolutions for the upcoming district meet, and (3) conduct a mock Congressional session.

Nathan, a state qualifier last year in this event, will provide some leadership for Madi and Trent. All three gave speeches during the practice session and asked several questions from

the floor.

All three plan to attend some tournaments in October to practice Congress before the November 9 Region 17 District contest which will be held again in Lubbock. Other schools competing in 1-A in this region will be Wellman-Union, O'Donnell, Spur, and Jayton.



It is 4-H Enrollment Time!



It is time to enroll in 4-H for the 2015-16 4-H Year!! Go to <https://texas.4honline.com> Members who are re-enrolling will need to update their profiles. New members will need to create a family profile and add members. (Note: if you are a first year 4-H'er in the third grade, please wait to enroll until after September 1.) If you need assistance with passwords, contact the Extension Office - we can help!!

Please note that there is a participation fee of \$20 per 4-H'er through the end of October (after November 1 it will be \$25). We also invite parents to enroll as volunteers - our goal is to have ALL parents be a screened volunteer! [Note that there is a volunteer enrollment fee of \$5 volunteers.]

Please feel free to contact the Extension Office if you need any assistance. Looking forward to a great year for Borden County 4-H!!



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Would Your Child Be Safe in a Car Crash?

Sept. 13-19 is National Child Passenger Safety Week

Every parent wants the best for their child, but when it comes to keeping their child safe in the car, there is often confusion surrounding which car seat is safest and how to use it correctly. Even though the majority of parents buckle up their children in car seats, booster seats, or seat belts, most do not use them correctly. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), nearly 3 out of 4 child safety seats are not used properly, which is a grave risk when traveling. Correctly securing your children properly in age- and size-appropriate child safety seats — in the back seat of a vehicle — is the most effective way to protect them in the event of a crash. In vehicle crashes, car seats reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71 percent for infants and by 54 percent for toddlers. This year National Child Passenger Safety Week will be celebrated from September 13-19th and provides an opportunity for parents to make sure they are transporting their children safely.

Children are at greater risk than adults in a vehicle crash. In fact, motor vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death for children. Crash data from the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration shows that on average, nearly 2 children under age 13 were killed, and 345 children were injured every day in 2013 while riding in cars, SUVs, pickups, and vans. Unfortunately in 2013, nearly 40% of children killed in car crashes were unrestrained — they were not in car seats, booster seats, or seat belts.

That's why Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agent and Certified Car Seat

Technician, Julie Smith, is urging all parents and caregivers to attend one of the many car seat checkup events or inspections by appointment (call (806)756-4336 for an apt in Gail) that will be offered all over the country during National Child Passenger Safety Week. To find a checkup event or inspection by appointment location near you, go to <http://www.safercar.gov/cpsApp/cps/index.htm> and then check the box for Child Passenger Safety Week 2015.

For a child safety seat to do its job correctly, it has to be:

- Appropriate for your child's age and size,
- Installed properly in your vehicle, and
- Adjusted to fit your child securely.

Parents are reminded to keep children rear-facing until at least age two or until the weight and height limit of their rear-facing convertible seat, usually 40 pounds or more. Also, children should stay in a 5-point harness system until they are ready to ride in a booster seat. Booster seats are for children who are at least age four, weigh 40 pounds or more, and are mature enough to sit still in a booster. Finally, use a booster seat until a seat belt fits your child correctly. This is usually at 4'9" tall and sometime between ages 8 and 12 years old. The average child reaches 4'9" at age 11!

If you're a parent or caregiver, don't miss this opportunity to have a free child safety seat inspection by a certified child passenger safety technician. Technicians provide hands-on advice and instruction. Make sure your children are safe and you are in compliance with the current child safety seat law in Texas.

The law requires all children under 8, unless taller than 4'9", to be in a child safety seat system, which includes traditional child safety seats with harnesses and booster seats.

Remember: All child passengers under age 13 should ride securely restrained in the back seat, where they are safest — every trip, every time! If you are unable to attend an event during National Child Passenger Safety Week, you don't have to wait until next year to check if your car seat is properly installed. To locate a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician in Texas, go to <http://buckleup.tamu.edu>.

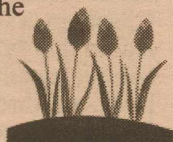
Follow these guidelines from NHTSA to keep your children riding safely:

• **Birth – 12 months:** For the best possible protection, your child under age 1 should always ride in a rear-facing car seat. There are different types of rear-facing car seats; infant-only seats can only be used rear-facing. Convertible and 3-in-1 car seats typically have higher height and weight limits for the rear-facing position, allowing you to keep your child rear-facing for a longer period of time.

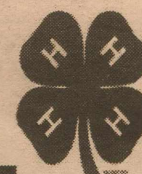
• **1 – 3 years:** Your child should remain in a rear-facing car seat until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. This may result in many children riding rear-facing to age 2 or older. Once your child outgrows the rear-facing car seat, your child is ready to travel in a forward-facing car seat with a harness.

• **4 – 7 years:** Keep your child in a forward-facing car seat with a harness until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the forward-facing car seat with a harness, it's time to travel in a booster seat, but still in the back seat.

• **8 – 12 years:** Keep your child in a booster seat until he or she is big enough to fit in a seat belt properly. For a seat belt to fit properly, the lap belt must lie snugly across the upper thighs, not the stomach. The shoulder belt should lie snugly across the shoulder and chest and not cross the neck or face. Children under 13 should ride in the back seat!



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Obituary

Maurice Lyndall Sharp

1926 - 2015

Graveside services for Maurice Lyndall Sharp, 89, of Lamesa were held Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Lamesa Memorial Park with Craig Woodward officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Branon Funeral Home. Visitation was held Tuesday, September 8, 2015 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Branon Funeral Home.

Lyndall passed away Friday, September 4, 2015 in Lubbock. He was born June 18, 1926 in Swenson to Maurice William and Lillie (Trammell) Sharp. Lyndall married Marion LaFrae Medlin August 22, 1947 in Lamesa. She preceded him in death November 21, 1997. They were married 49 years. Lyndall served in the United States Navy as a gunner on the USS Stormes during WWII. He was one of the original founders of the Lamesa Rodeo Association and served on the original board. He was a farmer and he loved rodeos, roping, and fishing.

Lyndall is survived by his children, TiAda Wise and husband, Korky of Vernon, Marien Woner and husband, Frank of San Angelo, and Gary Don Sharp and wife, Cindy of Lamesa; grandchildren, Lyndie Carter, Cheyenne Barden, Shawn Rodenberger, Cody Dunn, Abby Moorman, Brian Woner, Haley Belew, and Macy Sharp; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He is also preceded in death by his parents; sons, Jerry Lynn Sharp, and Lyndie Sharp; and sisters, Inez Sharp Medlin, and Maurine Sharp Wray.

The family would like to say a special thank you to his caregiver, Maria Ogeda, his driver, Emily Barron, the ladies at Texas Finest Cafe, Sharon, Diana, and Gena, and the VA team of Dr. Farquahar, Tina, April and Iva Jo Hanslick. The family suggests memorials to UMC Southwest Cancer Center, 602 Indiana Ave, Lubbock, TX, 79415, or to JT and Margaret Talkington Supportive Care, 602 Indiana Ave, Lubbock, TX, 79415.

Borden County Students Encourage Community to Support Lubbock Meals-on-Wheels

Meals-on-Wheels is not a government funded organization. They mostly function on donations. Lubbock Meals on Wheels (LMOW) began in 1971 with meal delivery to 29 people. Today they serve over 700 meals each day! Their main recipients are the elderly or those who are homebound and unable to prepare a well-balanced meal each day. Not only do they serve people, but they also collect pet food. Pets are very important to the well-being and health of individu-

als who are homebound.

Additionally LMOW provides fresh flowers when available, birthday surprises, magazines and other reading material and weekend meal sacks. When inquiring as to what LMOW needed most at this time the answer was items that could go in these weekend meal sacks and especially *Ensure* nutritional shakes.

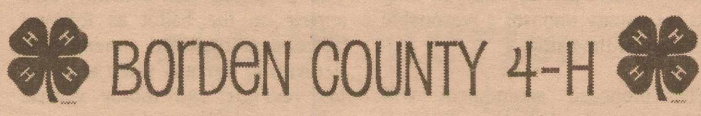
Please support this community service effort and provide snack items and drinks or cat food for LMOW. You can find

boxes for donations throughout the school and the courthouse. Boxes for kindergarten through 5th grade will be placed in their homerooms. Boxes will also be placed in the following places: 6th grade-Mrs. Mayes; 7th grade-Mrs. Key; 8th grade-Mrs. Skelton; Freshmen-Coach Skelton; Sophomores-Coach Richey; Juniors-Mrs. Herridge and Seniors-Mrs. Phillips. Thank you in advance for your support!

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4-H Food Project

Youth interested in learning basic nutrition, food preparation skills and having tons of fun are invited to participate in the 4-H Food and Nutrition project on Mondays throughout September from 3:45-5:00 p.m. in the Event Center.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Borden County Commissioners' Court will conduct a public hearing to consider a plan for the County Clerk's Archival Fee (Technology Fund), to fund, Section 118.011 (f), Local Government Code for the preservation and restoration of the County Clerk's records. The meeting will be held on September 15, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the County Courthouse, Gail, Texas.

Jana Underwood
County Clerk
Borden County

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Legal Notice

COUNTY OF BORDEN STATE OF TEXAS LEGAL NOTICE

The Commissioners Court of Borden County will conduct a public hearing on September 15, 2015 at 9:15 a.m. in the Commissioners Court Room, at the Borden County Courthouse located at 117 East Wasson Avenue, Gail TX., 79738, to consider the proposed Borden County Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 as provided by Section 111.007, Local Government Code.

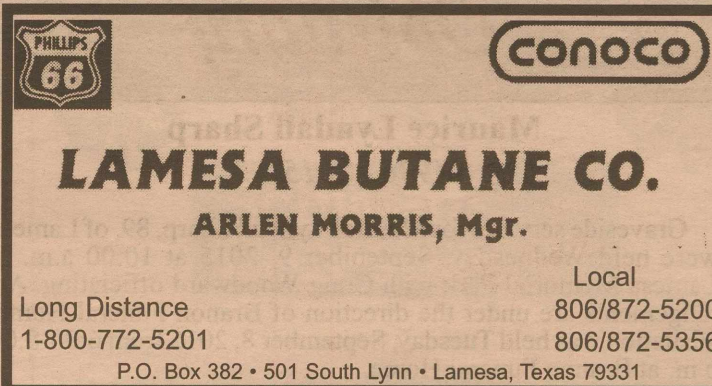
Any interested person is invited to attend and present oral or written comments.

BY ORDER OF THE
BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT.

Ross D. Sharp
County Judge
Borden County



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Explanatory Statements for the November 3, 2015 Constitutional Amendment Election

Proposition Number 1 (SJR 1)

SJR 1 - Current law provides an exemption of \$15,000 from the ad valorem taxation for public school purposes of a residence homestead. The proposed amendment would increase this exemption to \$25,000, starting in the tax year beginning January 1, 2015. In order to reflect the increased exemption on the homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or a disabled person, the proposed amendment would provide a reduction to the current limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes. The proposed amendment would protect school districts from all or part of the revenue loss by authorizing an appropriation of funds according to formulas set by the legislature. In addition, the proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to prohibit a political subdivision from reducing or repealing a homestead exemption adopted by the political subdivision. Finally, the proposed amendment would prohibit the imposition of a tax on the conveyance of real property, but would not prohibit the imposition of a business tax measured by business activity, a tax on the production of minerals, a tax on the issuance of title insurance, or a change in the rate of a tax in existence on January 1, 2016.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes from \$15,000 to \$25,000, providing for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for those purposes on the homestead of an elderly or disabled person to reflect the increased exemption amount, authorizing the legislature to prohibit a political subdivision that has adopted an optional residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation from reducing the amount of or repealing the

exemption, and prohibiting the enactment of a law that imposes a transfer tax on a transaction that conveys fee simple title to real property."

Proposition Number 2 (HJR 75)

HJR 75 - In 2011, voters approved a constitutional amendment to allow a surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran an exemption from ad valorem taxation from all or part of the market value on the disabled veteran's residence homestead, as long as the surviving spouse had not remarried. The amendment did not apply to surviving spouses of veterans who died before 2011. This amendment would extend the exemption in such cases. The proposed amendment would apply only to ad valorem taxes imposed for a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2016.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran who died before the law authorizing a residence homestead exemption for such a veteran took effect."

Proposition Number 3 (SJR 52)

SJR 52 proposes a constitutional amendment to repeal the requirement for the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the Attorney General, and any other officers elected statewide to reside in Austin, Texas, the state capital. Under current law, these statewide elected officers are required to reside in the capital of the State of Texas while in office. This amendment would not apply to the residency requirement for the Governor.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment repealing the requirement that state officers elected by voters statewide reside in the state capital."

Proposition Number 4 (HJR 73)

HJR 73 proposes a constitutional amendment that would grant the legislature the authority to pass statutes to allow a professional sports team charitable foundation to conduct charitable raffles under the terms and conditions imposed by general law. The laws passed under this authority may provide that the professional sports team charitable foundation may use proceeds from such charitable raffles to pay reasonable advertising, promotional, and administrative expenses. Any law enacted by this provision only applies to entities defined as professional sports team charitable foundations on January 1, 2016. Additionally, any law enacted by this provision may only allow charitable raffles to be conducted at games hosted at the home venue of the professional sports team associated with a professional sports team charitable foundation.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit professional sports team charitable foundations to conduct charitable raffles."

Proposition Number 5 (SJR 17)

SJR 17 proposes a constitutional amendment which would increase from 5,000 to 7,500 the maximum total population threshold of a county that is allowed to construct and maintain private roads as long as the county imposes a reasonable charge for the work.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize counties with a population of 7,500 or less to perform private road construction and maintenance."

Proposition Number 6 (SJR 22)

SJR 22 proposes a constitutional amendment that would add the right to hunt, fish and harvest wildlife, including by use of traditional methods, in the Bill of Rights of the Texas Constitution. This right would be subject to laws and regulations intended to conserve

and manage wildlife and to preserve the future of hunting and fishing. The proposed amendment would establish hunting and fishing as the preferred method of managing and controlling wildlife in Texas. The proposed amendment is not intended to affect any law or provision related to trespass, property rights or eminent domain, and would not prevent the legislature from authorizing a municipality to regulate the discharge of a firearm in a populated area in the interest of safety.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment recognizing the right of the people to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife subject to laws that promote wildlife conservation."

Proposition Number 7 (SJR 5)

SJR 5 proposes a constitutional amendment to dedicate a portion of revenues from (1) the state sales and use tax, and (2) the tax imposed on the sale, use, or rental of a motor vehicle, to the State Highway Fund (SHF). Under current law, these funds would be deposited to the General Revenue Fund. Money deposited to the SHF is intended to be used only to construct, maintain, or acquire rights-of-way for public roadways other than toll roads; or to repay certain transportation-related debt.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment dedicating certain sales and use tax revenue and motor vehicle sales, use, and rental tax revenue to the state highway fund to provide funding for nontolled roads and the reduction of certain transportation-related debt."

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Commissioners' Court

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BORDEN WHEREAS, on this the 25th day of August, 2015, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioner's Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas the following members of the Court being present to-wit: ROSS D. SHARP, PRESIDING JUDGE; MONTE SMITH, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1; RANDY ADCOCK, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2; ERNEST REYES, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3; JOE BELEW, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4; JANA UNDERWOOD, COUNTYCLERK AND EX OFFICIO OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT, constituting a quorum, when the following business and other proceedings were had in accordance with the posted agenda:

Other Officers present – Marlo Holbrooks, County Attorney; Benny Allison, Sheriff and Tax Collector; Shawna Gass, County Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the special session of the Commissioners' Court to order at 8:40 A.M.

COMMUNITY INPUT

None

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of August 11, 2015 and August 18, 2015. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioner Smith, Adcock, Reyes, Belew and Judge Sharp

Motion carried.

BORDEN COUNTY CEMETERY

Sadie Ludecke met with the court to discuss the cemetery.

2016 BUDGET SESSION

A budget work session was held on the 2016 budget and the court proposed a \$4000.00 salary increase for the sheriff for FY 2016.

COST OF LIVING PAY INCREASE FOR EMPLOYEES FOR FY 2016

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve a 2% pay increase for Borden County employees only, elected officials excluded. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioner Smith, Adcock, Reyes, Belew and Judge Sharp

Motion carried.

PROPOSED TAX RATE FISCAL YEAR 2016

Commissioner Belew made a motion to set the proposed tax rate at 0.55597 for fiscal year 2016. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioner Smith, Adcock, Reyes, Belew and Judge Sharp

Motion carried.

COUNTY CLERK RECORDS ARCHIVE FEE

Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the proposed plan from the County Clerk to set archive fee of

\$10.00 for use as set forth in Section 118.011 (f), Local Government Code. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioner Smith, Adcock, Reyes, Belew and Judge Sharp

Motion carried.

DISTRICT CLERK RECORDS ARCHIVE FEE

Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the proposed plan from the District Clerk to set \$10.00 archive fee as set forth in Section 51.305 (b), Government Code. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioner Smith, Adcock, Reyes, Belew and Judge Sharp

Motion carried.

COUNTY/DISTRICT CLERK RECORDS ARCHIVE PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Belew made a motion to set a public hearing at 9:00 a. m in the Commissioners' Court room on September 15, 2015. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioner Smith, Adcock, Reyes, Belew and Judge Sharp

Motion carried.

PROPOSED BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Belew made a motion to set a public hearing at 9:15 a.m. on September 15, 2015 on Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2016. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioner Smith, Adcock, Reyes, Belew and Judge Sharp

Motion carried.

2015 BUDGET LINE-ITEM TRANSFERS

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the line-item transfers from the County/District Clerk as presented. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioner Smith, Adcock, Reyes, Belew and Judge Sharp

Motion carried.

UTILITY CABLE CROSSINGS

No Applications
PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

No Applications

SOIL CONSERVATION WORK

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the following application:

Monte Smith – Precinct 1
Commissioner seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Smith abstained

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE CASE #001-2015

No action taken

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE CASE #002-2015

No action taken

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Surplus equipment – open bids and Water Department
CURRENT ACCOUNTS

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the current accounts. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioner Smith, Adcock, Reyes, Belew and Judge Sharp

Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion.

All agreed unanimously.

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BORDEN

WHEREAS, on this the 1st day of September, 2015, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas the following members of the Court being present to-wit: ROSS D. SHARP, COUNTY JUDGE, PRESIDING; RANDY ADCOCK, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2; ERNEST REYES,

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3; JOE BELEW, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4; JANA UNDERWOOD, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT, commissioner Smith absent; constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda. Other officers present: Benny Allison, Sheriff and Tax Assessor

Others present: Cole Herring and Kandi Herring

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the September 1, 2015, special session of the Commissioners Court to order at 9:01 A.M.

OPEN BIDS FOR

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT
Bids were open at 9:01 A.M. for surplus equipment and presented to the court.

Commissioner Belew made a motion to sell the following items to the highest bidder with the items having to be moved within 60 days or items revert back to the county. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioners Adcock, Reyes, Belew and Judge Sharp

Motion carried.

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to advertise for bids on surplus equipment with bids to be opened on September 22, 2015 at 9:00 A. M. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioners Adcock, Reyes, Belew and Judge Sharp

Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Belew made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion and approved unanimously.

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

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and everybody piled out of the car and went back into the store. That group may never get to where they were going. Or maybe Loves was their destination.

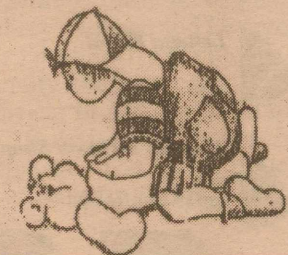
That group broke every rule about service station courtesy. The rule states you are supposed to pull to the most distant pump, fill your gas tank, and if you need to clean the

windshield, do it while gas is passing through the hose. Don't bother topping it off. Get in your car and drive off. If you need to go inside the facility, find a parking spot and get in it. Don't be a pump hog,

Tumbleweed Smith travels Texas and finds fascinating, fun folks. Contact him at ts@tumbleweedsmith.com

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Borden County Jr. Livestock Association General Meeting

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Meal will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.



Borden County Event Center

All Borden County 4-H and Gail FFA families that are interested in exhibiting animals at the county stock show are encouraged to attend this meeting. A meal will be sponsored by the Borden County Jr. Livestock Association.

See you there!!

If you have any questions, please contact Cody Hill at the Borden County Extension Office at (806) 756-4336

Lady Coyote Cross Country



The Lady Coyote Cross Country team participated in the Mae Simmons Park cross country meet held last Friday morning. Those participating in the meet were (back left to right) Zoie Key, Harley Merrill, Preslea Hall, Tatum Richey, Braylee Walker, Kylee Dean, (front left to right) Katie Gray, Emma Key, Rayme Jones and Madi Cole.

HOMECOMING MUMS

This year the opportunity to order homecoming mums and garters can be ordered from the place of your choice.

Borden County ISD will not take orders this year.

Homecoming will be October 9th, 2015

Here are some of the local merchant florists in the area:

Snyder:

<i>Friendly Flower Shop</i>	3203 College Ave.	Snyder, TX	325-573-3851
<i>Forget Me Not Florists Gifts & More</i>	1906 37 th St.	Snyder, TX	325-207-1212

Big Spring:

<i>Inspirations Flowers and Gifts</i>	1410 Scurry St.	Big Spring, TX	432-263-8323
<i>Faye's Flowers</i>	1013 S. Gregg St.	Big Spring, TX	432-267-2571

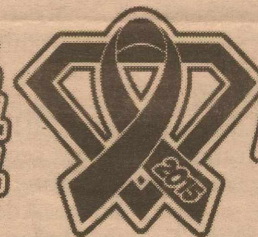
Lamesa:

<i>Margie's Flower Shop</i>	502 N. 4 th St.	Lamesa, TX	806-872-3335
<i>Lamesa Floral</i>	514 S. 1 st St.	Lamesa, TX	806-872-0422

Post:

<i>Maurine's Flower Shop</i>	165 US Hwy. 84	Post, TX	806-495-2187
<i>Sassy Sunflower</i>	202 E. Main St.	Post, TX	806-990-4001

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**FIRST ANNUAL
PINK RUN**

Here's your chance to be that "Superhero" you've dreamed of...

Saturday, October 10, 2015

Start/Finish @ Towle Park Pavilion - Snyder, TX

Join us as we support women of Scurry County and our surrounding communities by providing all women 40 years old and older the opportunity to obtain a screening mammogram during the month of October at a special price of \$50 or free (for those who qualify). All proceeds stay in Snyder and are used to cover the cost of the special mammogram promotion.

One Mile Walk One Mile Run 5k Run/Walk

Pre-race warm-up @ 8:30 am with Glitter Bomb Brandy

Registration cost 8-11 year olds \$15.00

Registration cost 12 years old & older \$20.00

Free T-shirt and superhero mask for all entries received before October 1st.

Put on your pink superhero gear and your tutu's and come out and support breast cancer awareness!

Registration forms can be picked up and dropped off at CMH Radiology Department or available online at www.cogdellhospital.com. If you have any questions, contact the Radiology Department at 325-574-7441.