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Coyotes Explode in the Second Quarter to Beat the O'Donnell Eagles

By Coach Richey

Coyotes Explode in the Second Quarter to Beat the Eagles. The Borden County Coyotes traveled to O'Donnell Thursday for the final game of the regular season and a chance to make the play-offs and win a district title for an 8th straight year. The 2015 coyotes have 3 seniors and on this particu-

lar evening, these three young men rotated to start the game and actually the first two offensive series at center, fullback and tailback while other players would rotate at guard and end as has been the MO all season long. During these two series, Korbin Martinez carried the ball 3 times for 37

yards, Nathan Souder carried it 3 times for 21 yards and a score and Colby Pennell carried the ball 2 times for 22 yards and a score. After both of these scores, Easton Edwards continued his very successful season kicking

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Coyotes Clinch 8th District Title!



The Borden County Coyotes clinched their 8th straight district title this past Friday with the 58-12 win over the O'Donnell Eagles. Pictured are (back row l to r) Steven Carrillo, Kale Yarbrow, Caelan Thuett, Nathan Souder, Hunter Jones, Easton Edwards, Colby Pennell, Diego Bernal, Braxton Coor, Trace Richey, Korbin Martinez, Braxton Barnes, Trent Collins, Dylan Murphy, Noah Morales, (front row l to r) Jeremy Souder, Nick Proulx, Corbin Sumners, Ben Justice, Morgan Wilson, Jayton Lewis, Ryan Willborn, Payton Merket and J.W. Nix.

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

A Little Book of Cartoons

Roger Moore of Merkel does a weekly cartoon for several Texas newspapers and magazines. He has just published his first book.

"Thy say it's a book, but it doesn't look like one," he says. "It's a little gift store book with a hundred of my favorite cartoons. We hope to do a series of these books with a hundred in each one. That would make eight of them. I've done 800 cartoons."

The title of the book is TEXAS, MY TEXAS. It's four inches wide and five inches tall with eighty pages.

"I sent the publisher my whole load of cartoons and he picked out a hundred. He went through all eight hundred to pick the ones to use in the

book. That's a lot of work."

Great Texas Line, Inc. published the book, which sells for \$5.95. He has a book tour.

"It's kind of intimidating because I sometimes go to places where there are some real authors and here I am with this little bitty book with funny stuff in it."

Roger has been cartooning seventeen years.

"I wasn't a very good artist so I thought I'd just be a cartoonist. Cartoonists can get by with things that artists can't get by with. I draw something and let the words carry it. Cartoonists can do that. No question about it I do it for the words. I just use the cartoons to illus-

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Bi-District Football Play-Off Game

Borden County vs. Anton Bulldogs

7:00 p.m. at Ralls

Borden County will be home team

Adults-\$4 Students-\$2

Passes honored

Borden JV Gets Two Victories in Their Final Two Games

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyote JV team played the Lubbock Titan Varsity the Coyotes JV third varsity team to play this season on Thursday and then turned around and played the New Home Leopard JV to end the Junior Varsity season. The Coyotes came away with a couple of victories in these games beating the Titans 59 to 32 in a very hard fought game that saw the Coyotes ground game completely dominate the contest with great blocking from Braxton Barnes, Trent Collins, JW Nix, Jeremy Souder, Payton Merket and Dylan Murphy. This group allowed Nick Proulx to come away with a career night on the ground as he had 7 rushing touchdowns. These runs covered 65, 55, 31, 3, 12, 12 and 41 yards. Mixed in were touchdown passes of 20 yards from Payton Merket to JW Nix and 34 yards from Merket to Trent Collins who used a swivel move to cover the final few yards. The Coyotes got a PAT kick from Braxton Barnes along with Merket passes to Nix, Barnes and Lukas Grantham, who would leave the game late in the 3rd with a broken humorous bone. On the defensive side, the Coyotes got several big hits from Nix, an interception by Proulx.

The Borden County Coyote JV would finish the season with a game against the Leopards from New Home. Nick Proulx would start things off with a long run to get them on the boards and then would have a tough run in the middle from 8 yards out and then would cap the night with a long run to end the game due to the 45 point run, but those would be the few carries that Proulx would have as he was nursing a strained hamstring. Borden County would play this game with only 7 players after the broken arm by Lukas Grantham in the Titans game. With Proulx limited, in fact he would play little to no defense in the second half the other 6 Coyotes would have to step up and that is just what these young men did, Braxton Barnes, Dylan Murphy, JW

Nix, Trent Collins, Jeremy Souder and Payton Merket after giving up a couple of touchdowns early would stiffen as they figured out some things and limited the visitors to only two scores.

In the meantime, they used the feet of Payton Merket instead of his arm to do most of the damage as Merket had scoring runs of 45, 55, 33 and 24 yards to allow them to completely dominate this contest. Merket also managed to find Trent Collins with a 17 yards scoring strike to cap off the scoring for the Coyotes. They also got extra point scores from Merket to Nix, Barnes, and Murphy. Adding this all together the Coyotes came away with a 59 to 13 victory to bring the JV's record to 9-1 on the season. This group 45'ed ev-

ery JV team it played but one, its sole loss is to a top 10 team in Division II, and their 44 point victory over Amherst Varsity is not only the worst loss that team has on the season, but Amherst won their district. So, as you can see, this has been an amazing JV season. These young men will now dress and hopefully find a way onto the field during the Borden County Coyote Playoff run.

Congrats guys on a tremendous season. You guys were awesome all season long and really showed a lot for the Coyote family to get excited about. Thank you all of for your support for these young men all season, now please come out and watch the Coyotes attempt to get to the State game in December.



Pups Wallop Eagles for District Title

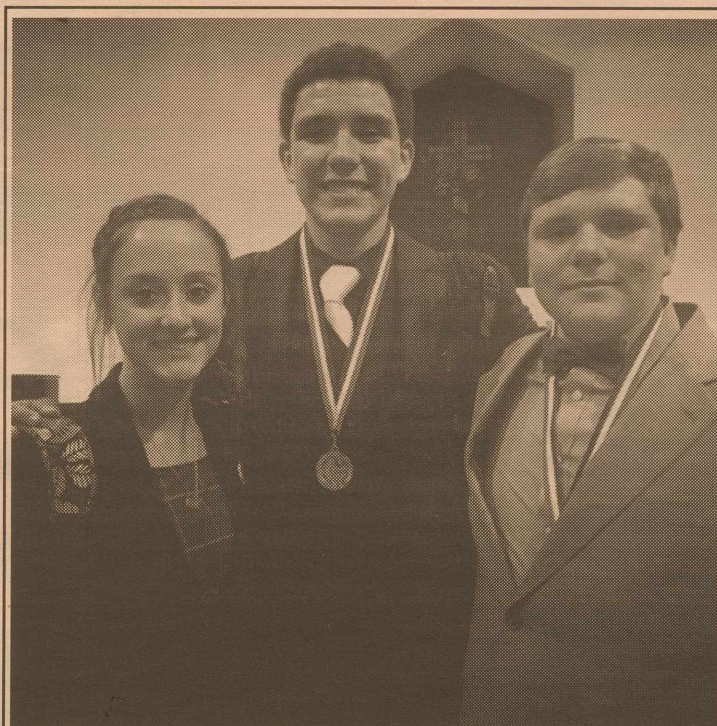
By Coach Richey

The Borden County Pups playing their final game of the 2015 football season on Tuesday were hoping for more than just a season ending victory. They were also hoping for a 4th straight junior high district championship. The Pups opened the game with the ball and that allowed them to start and rotate the 8th graders on this 2015 season during this drive. Starting for Borden County on offense for this final game of their junior high careers were, Brad Thomas at center, Olivia Reyes at Guard, Colbin Briley at end, Jake Avey at tailback, Jason Robinson at fullback and Will Yarbro at quarterback. Rotating in were

the other two 8th graders, Junior Gray and Latham Huckaby. This group took the opening kick-off and rumbled down the field using the feet of Avey and then the muscle of Yarbro to finally reach paydirt at the end of a 8 play drive. Yarbro found the endzone and the Pups had a lead they would not give up at 6-0. A 7th grade group came in for the extra point which featured Blane Justice snapping, Trey Edwards holding and Tommy Kingston kicking the extra point to give them an 8-0 lead.

The defense, which starts Avey and Yarbro, along with 7th

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BHS Congress members (l to r) Madison Cole, Nathan Souder and Trent Collins competed at the Region XVII Congressional Debate earning them a trip to the State Congress Meet January 11 in Austin.

BHS Students Score Big at Region XVII Congressional Debate

A senior and a freshman working together in what has been a tried and true formula for speech success at BHS continues as Nathan Souder and Trent Collins have qualified for the State Congress Meet January 11-13 in Austin.

Nathan defended his district title November 9 in Lubbock while Trent finished 3rd to earn a state-qualifying position.

Trent served as the morning session Presiding Officer and won the gavel for top 1-A PO.

Freshman Madi Cole will serve as alternate, winning 4th Place, as the top three advance to State.

Of the top five positions in the field of 16 1-A congress

representatives, BHS had three who scored points towards the Spring District Meet (Nathan 15, Trent 10, and Madi 8).

In the congressional debate format which consists of two sessions, Nathan topped the field easily with straight 1 rankings from all five judges. This will be his second straight trip to State in Congress.

Three pieces of legislation written by the BHS debaters was also on the docket of bills and resolutions used by all chambers (1A through 6A) at Monday's district meet.

The State Congress Meet will be held on the University of Texas campus and at the State Capitol in Austin.

Borden County ISD Thanksgiving Meal

Turkey w/Gravy & Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Cranberry Sauce and Fruit

November 18th
11:30 - 12:30
\$3.50 per person

Coyotes Defeat Eagles for District Title...

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knocking them both down to give them an early 16 to 0 lead after one period of play.

The Eagles would not go away as they capped off a long drive that started in the 1st quarter by scoring on the first play of the 2nd quarter to cut the Borden County lead to 16 to 6. The Coyotes would go back to their normal rotation on the first series of the 2nd quarter and they wasted very little time answering the Eagle score as Hunter Jones capped off the 2 play drive with a 37 yard pass to Trace Richey. Edwards added the kick out of the hold of Morgan Wilson and snap of Souder to increase the lead 24 to 6. The Coyote defense stiffened again forcing an errant pass that Hunter Jones managed to intercept. After a long run by Brian Torres, Corbin Sumners covered the remaining 11 yards to increase the lead to 30 to 6.

On the next defensive series, the Eagles drove deep into Coyote territory, but Hunter Jones forced a fumble and then managed to out muscle an Eagle player for the ball and a touchback. After a holding penalty wiped out a very long run, Sumners made it an official one play drive racing 70 yards to the endzone behind nice blocks by Diego Bernal, Braxton Coor, Richey, K-Mart and Jones. Edwards split the uprights and the Coyotes had a commanding 38 to 6 lead with 2:28 left in the half. The Eagles would answer as a busted coverage resulted in a long touchdown pass for the Eagles to cut the deficit to 38 to 12. Borden County would answer in two plays as Trace Richey hit Morgan Wilson with a 35 yard strike with :43 seconds left in the half. The Edwards kick made the score 46 to 12. Richey intercepted a pass on the final play of the half making it officially 46 to 12 at intermission.

The Coyotes came out of the locker room focused, and after 3 plays went backward, Corbin Sumners made a big hit

and rolled over to come away with an interception deep in Eagle territory. Moments later Hunter Jones found Diego Bernal with a 3 yard touchdown pass. This made the score 52 to 12. The Coyote defense made short work of the Eagles again, but in the process lost Nathan Souder to an elbow injury and Diego Bernal to a lower leg injury. After forcing the ball over on downs, the Coyotes used Torres and Willborn running the ball to end the game as Willborn got a great block by Pennell, Wilson, Ben Justice, Kale Yarbro and Noah Morales to rumble into the endzone untouched to end the game with 6 minutes left in the 3rd quarter.

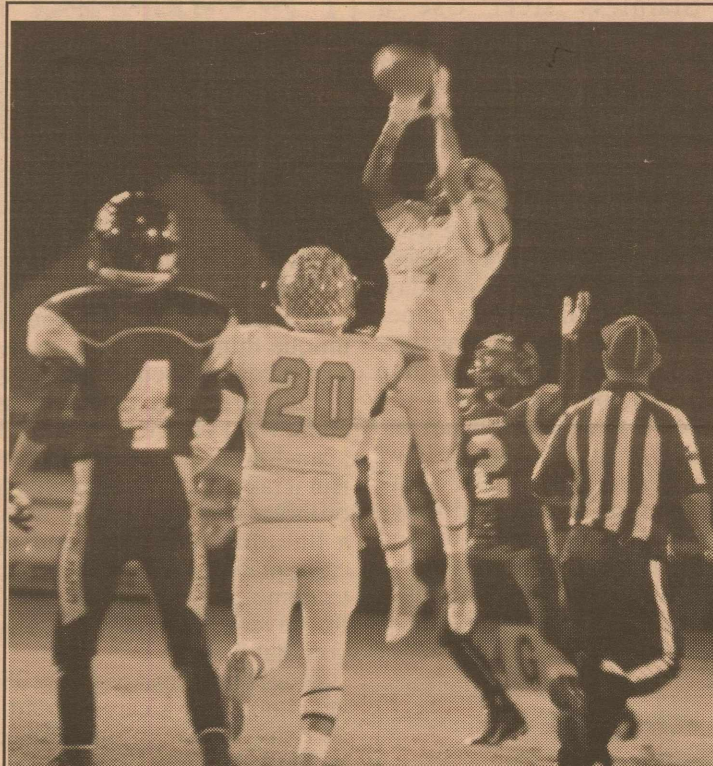
Leading the way for the 8th straight district title was Willborn with 9 tackles and a 15 yard touchdown run, Noah Morales with 2 tackles and several nice blocks. Brian Torres with a tackle and 24 yards on 3 carries. Braxton Coor had 6 tackles and several nice blocks. Corbin Sumners with 10 tackles, 2 pass break ups and an interception, while having a completion for 11 yards, 1 for 1 passing for 39 yards and 4 rushes for 98 yards and 2 scores. Ben Justice had several nice blocks and was in on 4 tackles, 2 tackles for loss, a pressure and a blocked PAT. Morgan Wilson had a tackle a nice block, and a 35 yard scoring reception. Easton Edwards was 5 of 7 on Extra point kicks and a tackle. Kale Yarbro had 3 tackles and several nice blocks. Nathan Souder had a tackle and 3 carries for 21 yards and a score. Trace Richey had 14 tackles a pass breakup and an interception, was 2 of 2 passing for 46 yards and a score and a 37 yard touchdown reception. Jayton Lewis was in on 8 tackles 2 pressures, a tackle for loss and a pass breakup. Hunter Jones was 2 of 2 passing for 40 yards and 2 scores and had 15 tackles, an interception, a caused fumble and a fumble recovery. Korbin Martinez had 12 tack-

les and a tackle for loss and 3 carries for 37 yards. Colby Pennell had 3 tackles and a pressure and 2 carries for 22 yards and a score. Diego Bernal had 2 tackles and 2 catches for 42 yards and a score.

Congratulations guys on accomplishing goal number 1. There is so much out in front, but what an amazing feat to win your 8th straight district title. Best of luck down the

road. You guys can accomplish so much. Thank you all for your support all season, now it is WIN or go home. We need all of the help we can get, please come out and support these young men.

The Coyote will now meet the Anton Bulldogs in the Bi-District contest at Ralls on Friday at 7 p.m.



Junior, Hunter Jones jumps to reach an interception in last weeks' game against the O'Donnell Eagles. The Coyotes defeated the Eagles for an eighth district title.



Senior, Nathan Souder runs the ball into the endzone for a touchdown for the Coyotes. They will face the Anton Bulldogs in Ralls at 7:00 p.m. in the first round of the playoffs.

School Lunch Menu

Nov. 16-20, 2015
Menu subject to change

Monday - Breakfast: Waffles & Sausage, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Meat & cheese Tostadas w/Salsa, Spanish Rice, Salad, Refried Beans, Applesauce and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Cheese Omelet Wrap, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk. Lunch: Chicken Spaghetti, Breadstick, Salad, Vegetable Medley, Apple Slices and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Turkey w/Gravy & Dressing, Roll Cranberry Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit and Milk.

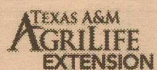
Thursday - Breakfast: Kolache, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Frito Pie, Baby Carrots w/Ranch, Mexicali Corn, Salsa, Orange Smiles, Cookie and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll & Bacon, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Rings, Texas Toast, Zesty Cucumbers, Sweet Potato Fries, Sliced Peaches and Milk.

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Heart and Home...



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Cleaning the Refrigerator

National Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day is November 15th. But if you're busy that day, you don't have to wait a whole year to tackle that appliance. If you have the Owner's Manual, follow the cleaning instructions. If you don't have the Manual, just follow these easy steps:

INTERIOR (note: do this before going to the grocery store for your weekly shopping)

Unplug the fridge and slide a coil brush under the unit's kick plate to remove dust.

Empty the contents of the entire fridge. Toss anything past its prime.

Remove the drawers and scrub with a sponge, warm water and liquid dish soap.

Spray the (now empty) interior with a multi-surface spray and wipe down the walls and each shelf. You can use an old toothbrush and cleanser to remove grime from the cracks.

Plug the fridge back in and return the drawers and

food while wiping down bottles and jars.

Place a small box of baking soda in the door or in the back of the fridge to keep odors at bay.

EXTERIOR

Stainless steel Use a microfiber cloth and stainless steel surface spray, and rub in the direction of the grain.

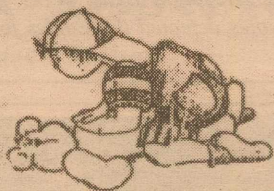
Enameled steel Use a multi-surface spray and paper towels.

The above may seem like a once a year job, but the truth is, you can work towards keeping a clean fridge every day. Wipe up spills with a paper towel and warm water as they occur. (Or, you can use cleanser, but apply it to the paper towel first and not directly into a fridge full of food.) Keep baking soda in the fridge year round. And every week, do a quick purge of food that has expired or gone bad.

Source: The Cleaning Institute Clean Living November 2015

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Thought for the Day

*Trust God for the
unexpected, and let
him surprise you by
doing the
unexplainable.*
-Unknown

Texas Stories

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Tumbleweed Smith**

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trate the words. I love words. I'm an ex English teacher."

He covers a lot of subjects.

"I'm a Texas History nut, so I do Texas history and events, unique things about the state. The hard part about cartooning or any art form is thinking about what you're going to do. I can draw a cartoon in an hour. But it takes me sometimes two or three days to come up with a line that will work and is cartoonable. It is challenging to come up with one a week for seventeen years, I'll tell you that."

Roger lived in Austin for 38 years and had a career in advertising before moving back to Merkel where he grew up. He is best known for his cartoon calendars that always begin with March second, Texas Independence Day.

"The calendar is seventeen years old and has been growing steadily all those years. I really enjoy doing it and I do the cartoons anyway, so all I have to do is pick out some good dates within the calendar and select a cartoon to fit it."

Several people collect his calendars.

"Most of them aren't Texans. They were, but now live out of state or out of the country. I send calendars every year to Germany, the Netherlands, Afghanistan, Brazil and Canada."

Tumbleweed Smith thinks Texas is a great place to live. Contact him at ts@tumbleweedsmith.com



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District 4-H Nutrition Quiz Bowl Results

We are very proud of the Borden County 4-H Nutrition Quiz Bowl teams! They competed on Saturday, November 7 in Levelland in the District 4-H Nutrition Quiz Bowl. This was a first for Borden 4-H to have a Nutrition Quiz Bowl team - muchless three! These young ladies worked very hard learning about various nutrition, food safety, food preparation, and the dietary guidelines. There were 10 Junior teams, 8 Intermediate teams and 6 Senior teams from across the South Plains District competing in the event. The Borden 2 Junior team placed third (Kassi Collins, Jenna Holbrooks, Rexie Sanders and Laney Stansell). The Borden 1 Junior team (Callie Edwards, Dallie Miller and Kenzie White) received fifth place. The Intermediate team (Maggie Miller, Morghan Oaks and Kennedy Tucker) received 5th place. Thank you to Coach Esther Stansell for helping prepare the girls for competition and thank you to all of these 4-H 'ers parents that supported preparing for this event and helped during the contest!

4-H Meeting

We will be holding the next General 4-H Meeting to Monday, November 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the Courthouse. We will decorate the courtroom for the holidays and then hold our meeting and have refreshments. We look forward to having everyone join us as we prepare the courthouse for Christmas (community service)!

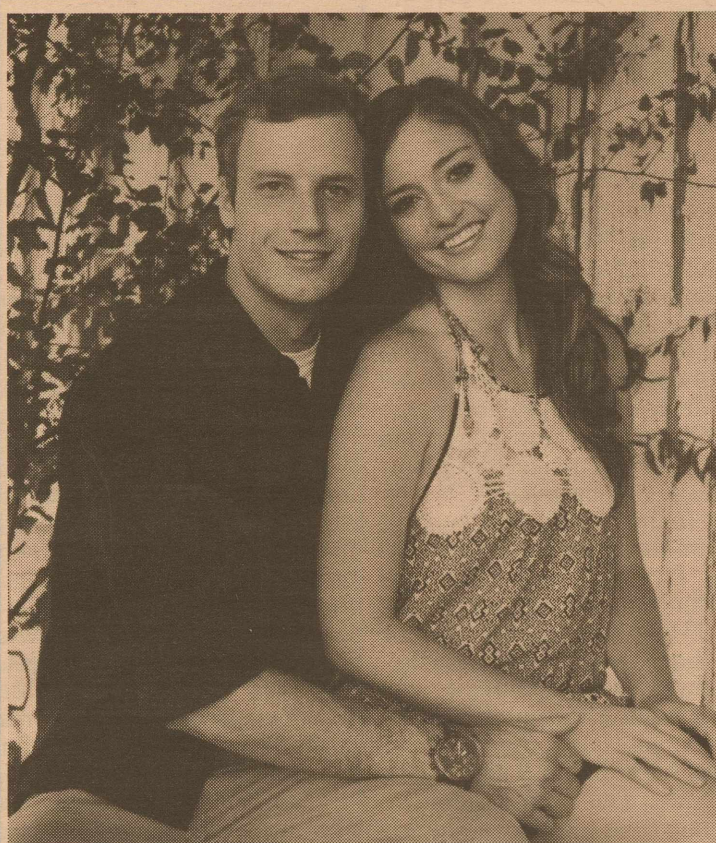


Borden County 4-H members competing in the District Nutrition Quiz Bowl are (back l to r) Dallie Miller, Callie Edwards, Kenzie White, (middle l to r) Rexie Sanders, Maggie Miller, Kennedy Tucker, Morghan Oaks, (front l to r) Laney Stansell, Jenna Holbrooks and Kassi Collins.



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Brice Bell and Taylor Richey

Richey, Bell to Exchange Vows on January 2

Trey and Hayley Richey of Gail are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Lauren Taylor Richey to Mr. Brice Wesley Bell.

The bride-elect graduated from Borden County High School in 2011, and then graduated from Sul Ross State University in May 2014 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology with a minor in Psychology. She will graduate with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Nursing 2nd Degree Program in December 2015. Taylor is the granddaughter of Bill and Carole Ratliff of Hamlin, Texas and the late Barry Moore and John and Rayma Richey of Breckenridge, Texas and the late Jorene Richey. Taylor is also the granddaughter of Brenda Speidel and the late Ronald Herriott.

The prospective-groom, Brice Bell, graduated from Incline Village High School in Nevada in 2007, and then graduated from Biola University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Christian Education with a minor in Bible. He completed the Fire/Paramedic Academy in San Angelo, Texas in April 2015. He is currently employed by the San Angelo Fire Department. Brice is the son of Danny and Carol Bell, and the grandson of Doris Bell and the late Jimmy Bell, and John White and the late Sue White.

The couple plans to wed on Saturday, January 2, 2016 at Fort Concho in San Angelo, Texas. After a honeymoon trip to Hawaii, the couple will reside in San Angelo, Texas.

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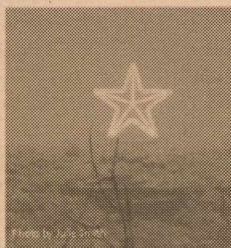
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The Twenty-second Annual
Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain

Borden County Museum, Courthouse and Courtyard

Gail, Texas

Friday, November 27, 2015

(day after Thanksgiving)

The Courthouse and Museum will open at 5:30 p.m.
for viewing, reminiscing, fellowship and refreshments

Santa Claus will be available to visit with the children
(Please bring your own camera for this photo opportunity.)

Join us for Christmas Music provided by local musicians,
storytime for children, hayrides, ornament contest and door prizes!

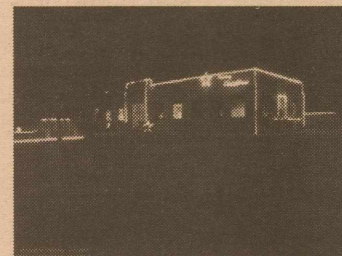
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!

We look forward to seeing you and your family there!

Drop Off for "Christmas for Kids" (Buckner Children's Home) will
be in the Borden County Courthouse again this year.

Toys and gifts must be dropped off by December 14th.

Children's ages: Newborn - 18 years



Photos courtesy of Greg's Texas



Special Event

This year at the Lighting of the Star and throughout the month of December, the Borden County Historical Commission will have on display in the courthouse five historic quilts. The two oldest quilts are approximately 90 years old and names of Minnie Dorward's Sunday School students are hand stitched on the fabric. A red, white and blue quilt made by Margaret Sharp for the 1986 county celebration will also be displayed. The quilt was won in a raffle by Doris Henderson, and she graciously donated the quilt to the museum. The last two quilts will be from the Texas Department of Agriculture. They are part of the TDA's traveling display to promote Texas fibers. The themes of the quilts are "Legendary Ranches of Texas" and "Agriculture is Your Culture."



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Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain!

Commissioners Court

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BORDEN

WHEREAS, on this the 27th day of October, 2015, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular 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; BRANDE BUCHANAN, DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK 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; Jana Underwood, County Clerk absent for personal reasons

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the regular session of the Commissioners' Court to order at 8:39 A.M.
COMMUNITY INPUT
None.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the minutes of October 13, 2015 and October 21, 2015. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DISCUSS COUNTY VOTING PRECINCTS

Discussion was held on voting precincts facilities.

COUNTY EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY

CALENDAR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016
Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the county employee holiday calendar as posted. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

INDIGENT CASE 003-2015

No action taken DEPARTMENTAL CREDIT CARDS

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the departmental credit cards for Sheriff Benny Allison and County/District Clerk Jana Underwood. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SETTING LIMITS FOR DEPARTMENTAL CREDIT CARDS

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to change the limit for the account from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 and setting the departmental credit card limit to \$5,000.00. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

UTILITY CABLE CROSSINGS

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve application from Plains Pipeline, L.P. Precinct #2. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the application for Private Road Maintenance for Marge Toombs Precinct #4. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOIL CONSERVATION WORK

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve application for Soil Conservation from Jess Stone Precinct #2. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

CURRENT ACCOUNTS
Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the current accounts. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

All agreed unanimously.

Pups Defeat O'Donnell Eagles...

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graders Keigan Benavidez, Mason Cole, Tommy Mack Kingston, Trey Edwards and rotating Colbin Briley completely dominated the Eagle offense on the day as they did not allow a touchdown on the evening. In fact, the visitors only got close one time, when the Pups played the final defensive series of the game using those same 8th graders who started the contest. Meanwhile as the game continued the Pups got several touchdowns from their usual starting offense of Tommy Kingston at center, Mason Cole at Guard, Keigan Benavidez at End, Jake Avey at fullback, Trey Edwards at quarterback and Will Yarbro at tailback. Reyes and Briley rotated in on the line.

This group got a rushing touchdown from Jake Avey and another rushing touchdown by Will Yarbro. His second and final rushing touchdown came

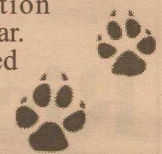
with just seconds left in the half to give Borden County a commanding 22 to 0 lead at half. The Pups got extra point pass completions from Edwards to Cole once and Edwards to Kingston to go with the two Yarbro scores and the Avey score for the points in the first half.

In the second half the Pups took to the air for their scores as Trey Edwards connected with Mason Cole twice, once a 33 yard scoring strike and the other a 21 yards strike. Edwards hit Olivia Reyes with the point after on one of the two point after tries to make the score 35 to 0 late in the game. The final touchdown came from the feet of Tommy Kingston from 55 yards out to make the final tally 41 to 0 for the Pups and a district championship.

At halftime, the pups B group took to the field, and this

group that consisted of Brad Thomas, Quentin Freeman, Junior Gray, Gunner Shofner (who would break his finger and have to leave), Trent Lewis, Justin Wilborn, Jason Robinson, Latham Huckaby, William Partney, Blane Justice, Miles Wilson, and Ryen Ramos. All 12 of these young men played defense that limited the Eagles to one first down during this 15 play series and then on the offensive side, Justin Willborn and Trent Lewis led the offense with their feet. Willborn had two very nice runs that produced two scores for the team and a 2-0 win for the Pups to complete the sweep.

Congrats guys on the win and the district championship. Thank you for your hard work and dedication throughout the year. The Pups finished the season 8-1.



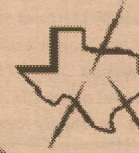
Winter and the Holiday Season are approaching rapidly!


Operation Round Up is accepting applications for assistance through Monday, November 16 at 5:30 p.m.

Operation Round Up funds are distributed to individuals and organizations for charitable purposes only in the counties we serve: Borden, Fisher, Garza, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall and Throckmorton. The directors on this board equally represent the counties in our service territory from north to south, and east to west. Decisions are made objectively and each application gets equal review and consideration.

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If you have questions about Operation Round Up or know of an individual, family, or organization who could benefit from this wonderful program, please contact Sarah McLen at (325) 776-3803 or smclen@bigcountry.coop, or share this contact information with the interested party. You may access information and download applications on our website, www.bigcountry.coop, and selecting the Operation Round Up icon.

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Dear Borden County Parents and Gardians,

Borden County School has received notification from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Health Service Region 1 (HSR 1) that an illness called Shigellosis is occurring in the region. Shigellosis is a bacterial disease with primary symptoms of fever, diarrhea (often bloody diarrhea), abdominal cramping, nausea and vomiting. The disease is very infectious and is spread prima-

rily by infected persons not washing their hands after going to the bathroom. We are including with this notification a shigellosis fact sheet which describes the disease and measures to prevent spread to other persons. Borden County School does not currently have any persons with this illness, but we are taking actions that will hopefully prevent this illness from spreading to our facility. These actions include:

- Strictly following school

exclusion rules for children who exhibit symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal cramps, and/or fever;

- Frequent disinfection of classroom surfaces and restroom facilities;
- Hand washing education in the classroom; and
- Reporting to the DSHS HSR 1 if we suspect a person may have Shigellosis.

Parents, actions you can take to assist in preventing further spread of this illness are:

- Keep your child at home if he/she exhibits any symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal cramps, and/or fever until these symptoms have resolved without use of medications. This action is required by State law;

- Notify the Borden County School if your child is experiencing any of these symptoms;

- If your child is experiencing these symptoms, visit your family physician;

- Practice frequent and

careful hand washing with warm water and soap after using the restroom, before preparing meals, and before eating.

If you have any questions about this notice or the actions being taken by the school or state health department, please contact Borden County School Nurse at (806)-756-4313, ext. 111.

Sincerely,
Hollye Martinez RN
School Nurse/Borden County ISD

Shigellosis Facts

What is shigellosis?

Shigellosis is an infectious disease caused by a group of bacteria called Shigella. Most who are infected with Shigella develop diarrhea, fever, and stomach cramps starting a day or two after they are exposed to the bacteria. The diarrhea is often bloody. Shigellosis usually resolves in 5 to 7 days. Persons with shigellosis in the United States rarely require hospitalization - unless they become severely dehydrated. A severe infection with high fever may be associated with seizures in children less than 2 years old. Some persons who are infected may have no symptoms at all, but may still pass the Shigella bacteria to others.

What sort of germ is Shigella?

The Shigella germ is actually a family of bacteria that can cause diarrhea in humans. They are microscopic living creatures that pass from person to person. There are several different kinds of Shigella bacteria: *Shigella sonnei*, also known as "Group D" Shigella, accounts for over two-thirds of shigellosis in the United States. *Shigella flexneri*, or "group B" Shigella, infections account for almost all the remainder cases.

How can Shigella infections be diagnosed?

Many different kinds of germs can cause diarrhea, so establishing the cause will help guide treatment. Determining that Shigella is the cause of the illness depends

on laboratory tests that identify Shigella in the stools of an infected person. The laboratory can also do special tests to determine which antibiotics, if any, would be best to treat the infection.

How can Shigella infections be treated?

Persons with mild infections usually recover quickly without antibiotic treatment. However, appropriate antibiotic treatment kills Shigella bacteria, and may shorten the illness by a few days. The antibiotics commonly used for treatment are ampicillin, trimethoprim / sulfamethoxazole (also known as Bactrim* or Septra*), ceftriaxone (Rocephin*), or, among adults, ciprofloxacin. Some Shigella bacteria have become resistant to antibiotics. This means some antibiotics might not be effective for treatment. Antidiarrheal agents such as loperamide (Imodium*) or diphenoxylate with atropine (Lomotil*) can make the illness worse and should be avoided.

Are there long term consequences to a Shigella infection?

Persons with diarrhea usually recover completely, although it may be several months before their bowel habits are entirely normal. Some individuals may become severely dehydrated and require hospitalization. Post-infectious arthritis may rarely occur following infections

Once someone has had shigellosis, they are not likely to get infected with that specific type again for at least several years. However, they can still get infected with other

types of Shigella.

How do people catch Shigella?

The Shigella bacteria pass from one infected person to the next. Shigella are present in the diarrheal stools of infected persons while they are sick and for up to a week or two afterwards. Most Shigella infections are the result of the bacterium passing from stools or soiled fingers of one person to the mouth of another person. This happens when basic hygiene and handwashing habits are inadequate. It is particularly likely to occur among toddlers who are not fully toilet-trained. Family members and playmates of such children are at high risk of becoming infected.

Shigella infections may be acquired from eating contaminated food. Food may become contaminated by infected food handlers who forget to wash their hands with soap after using the bathroom. Vegetables can become contaminated if they are harvested from a field with sewage in it. Flies can breed in infected feces and then contaminate food. Water may become contaminated with Shigella bacteria if sewage runs into it, or if someone with shigellosis swims in or plays with it (especially in splash tables, untreated wading pools, or shallow play fountains used by daycare centers). Shigella infections can then be acquired by drinking, swimming in, or playing with the contaminated water.

What can a person do to prevent this illness?

Currently, there is no vaccine to prevent shigellosis. However, the spread of Shi-

gella from an infected person to other persons can be stopped by frequent and careful handwashing with soap. Frequent and careful handwashing is important among all age groups. Handwashing among children should be frequent and supervised by an adult in daycare centers and homes with children who have not been fully toilet trained.

If a child in diapers has shigellosis, everyone who changes the child's diapers should be sure the diapers are disposed of properly in a closed-lid garbage can, and should wash his or her hands and the child's hands carefully with soap and warm water immediately after changing the diapers. After use, the diaper changing area should be wiped down with a disinfectant such as diluted household bleach, Lysol* or bactericidal wipes. When possible, young children with a Shigella infection who are still in diapers should not be in contact with uninfected children.

Basic food safety precautions and disinfection of drinking water prevents shigellosis from food and water. However, people with shigellosis should not prepare food or drinks for others until they have been shown to no longer be carrying the Shigella bacterium, or if they have had no diarrhea for at least 2 days. Daycare centers should not provide water play areas.

How common is shigellosis?

Every year, about 14,000 cases of shigellosis are reported in the United States. Because many milder cases are not diagnosed or reported, the

actual number of infections may be twenty times greater. It is more common in summer than winter. Children, especially toddlers aged 2 to 4, are the most likely to get shigellosis. Many cases are related to the spread of illness in childcare settings, and many are the result of the spread of the illness in families with small children.

Some tips for preventing the spread of shigellosis:

- Wash hands with soap carefully and frequently, especially after going to the bathroom, after changing diapers, and before preparing foods or beverages.

- Dispose of soiled diapers properly

- Disinfect diaper changing areas after using them.

- Keep children with diarrhea out of child care settings.


- Supervise handwashing of toddlers and small children after they use the toilet.

- Do not prepare food for others while ill with diarrhea

- Avoid swallowing water from ponds, lakes, or untreated pools.

Adapted from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Shigella Fact Sheet <http://www.cdc.gov/nczved/divisions/dfbmd/diseases/shigellosis/#what>

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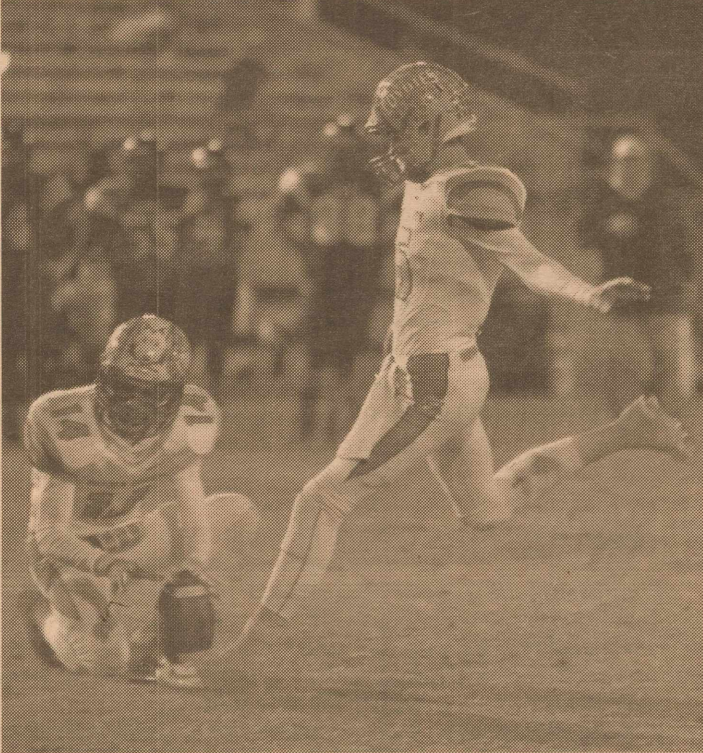
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BC Wins District Title



Borden County kicker, Easton Edwards, scores the extra point in last Fridays' eighth consecutive district title game against the O'Donnell Eagles.



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*District Game

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Fall back to Standard Time	2 OAP Practice-6:30	3 JH Football vs. O'Donnell-Here, 5:30 JV Football vs. New Home-Here, 7:00 BB @ Forsan-5:00, G	4 FFA LDE Contest @ TTU	5 *V Football vs. O'Donnell-There, 7:30	6 End of 2 nd Six Weeks	7 State CC @ Roundrock Speech Tournament @ San Angelo Central
8	9 Beginning of 3 rd Six Weeks UIL Congress @ Lubbock JH Girls BB @ Sands-6:00 OAP Practice-6:30	10 BB @ Witharal-6:00 gG	11	12 FFA Lone Wolf District Leadership Contest-WTC, 1:30	13	14 BB @ Wellman-1:00, G
15	16 JH BB vs. Highland-4:00 OAP Practice-6:30	17 BB vs. Garden City-4:00, All	18 Elementary/JH Academic UIL @ Ira	19 Elementary/JH Academic UIL @ Ira	20 BB vs. New Home-4:00, All	21 Area II FFA Leadership Contest (Howard College, Big Spring)
22	23 JH BB @ Westbrook-4:00 OAP Practice-6:30	24 Progress Reports BB @ Petersburg-4:00, All	25 Thanksgiving Holiday	26 Thanksgiving Holiday <i>Thanksgiving Blessings</i>	27 Thanksgiving Holiday	28
29	30 JH BB vs. Hermleigh-6:00 OAP Practice-6:30					