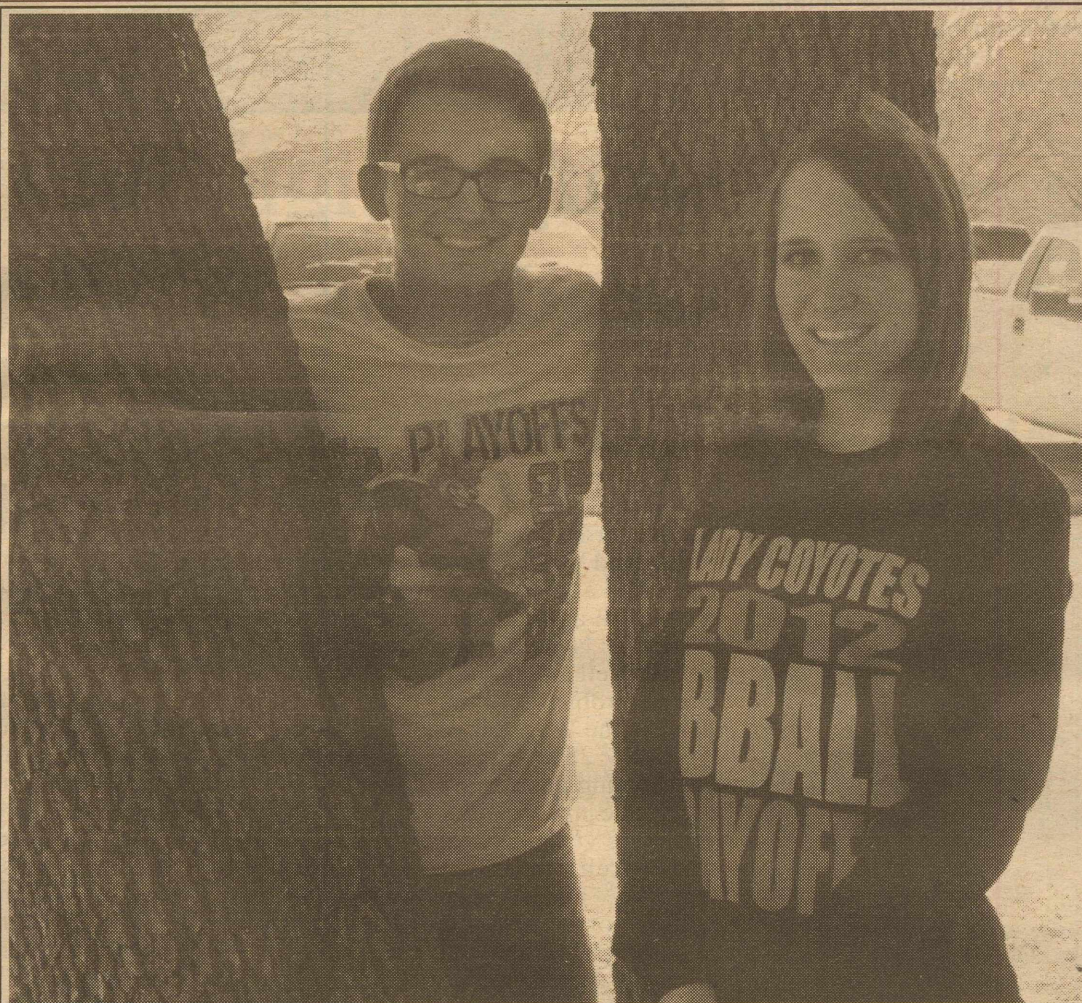


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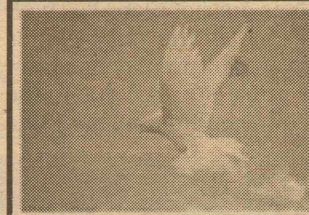


## Borden County Debaters Take District With Clean Sweep

By virtue of wins over Garden City and O'Donnell, debaters Mollie McMeans and brother Zach McMeans will now move on to the State CX tournament. The University of Texas hosts the annual mega-tournament during spring break, March 12-13.

Mollie and Zach won eight of nine ballots February 9 en route to the district championship. Their affirmative case this year is a plan for an anti-ballistic missile defense program, similar to President Reagan's Star Wars proposal in the 1980s.

Mollie and Zach competed in tournaments at Lubbock High, Big Spring, Midland High, and Seminole in order to prepare for district.



## Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

### Kindness

There is undue rudeness and thoughtlessness in every day interpersonal interaction. Friends, relatives, and strangers can act inconsiderately. More and more people are under increasing amounts of stress. Work, commuting, family, kids, errands, chores are among the many factors that can induce anxiety that causes individuals to be irritable.

People have become isolated and detached from one another. Earlier in history, everyone depended on each other for their well being. Someone would always make an effort to help a person in distress. Neighbor helped neighbor without being asked.

Today, when a Good Samaritan engages in an act of kindness it becomes a newsworthy story. Acts of kindness that were commonplace in yesteryear are now the rare exception. You can be more ignored broken down on the side of a busy highway than you would have been stranded on a dirt road. It's ironic that as the population grows, individuals have become increasingly discourteous.

Rudeness easily becomes a vicious cycle that influences all who come into contact with it. You have the power to break the cycle. You can be

nice and act with kindness. You can surprise people with unexpected consideration.

Although there are exceptions, the vast majority appreciates courtesy. When you act nicely, you feel better than when projecting bitterness. Your actions are entirely within your control. How you behave affects everyone you come into contact with.

There are a number of simple strategies you can take to improve how you and others feel. Don't respond in kind if you are treated poorly. Respond in a nicer way than you are treated. Endeavor to consistently wear a smile. A smile causes you to feel better and radiates positive energy.

Go out of your way to be kind and look for ways to help others. Offer help especially when you don't have to. Spreading kindness doesn't cost a penny yet provides priceless rewards. There are numerous things you can do on a daily basis which will bring joy to all.

Here are some simple suggestions that you can utilize anytime and anywhere. But don't limit yourself to these, think of other ways to spread kindness. Smile, say hello and make eye contact. Greet a

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# Coyotes End Season With Home Victory Over Loop

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes and seniors Quint Shafer, Collin Telchik and Austin Tyler played their final home game and game of the 2011-2012 season by hosting the Loop Longhorns. The Coyotes behind the best production by their senior class came away with a season ending victory. The three seniors combined for 40 points leading the way to a 54 to 42 victory over the Loop Longhorns.

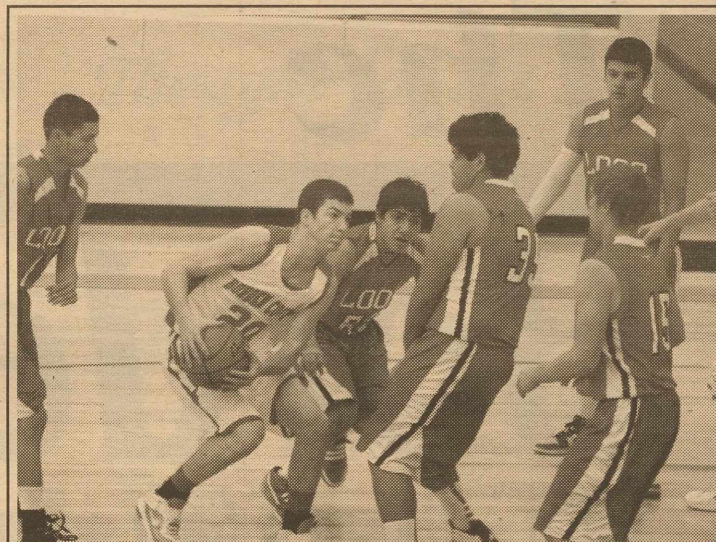
The Coyotes jumped out to an early 12 to 8 lead in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter and never relinquished the lead. Both teams managed 10 points in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter to

give the Borden County a 22 to 20 halftime lead. The Coyotes extended the lead to 37 to 28 headed into the final period of play outscoring the visitors 15 to 8 in the 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Coyotes then closed the game in the 4<sup>th</sup> hitting 9 of 14 free throw attempts to seal the 12 point victory and end their 2011-2012 campaign with a very respectable 9 win and 5 loss record on the year.

This also happened to be the Coyotes district record as well since that is the only games they were able to play this year. They got a late start due to the football team finishing as State

Runner-ups this past season and also not playing over the holidays. Congratulations guys on a very good season, which has included some major adversity.

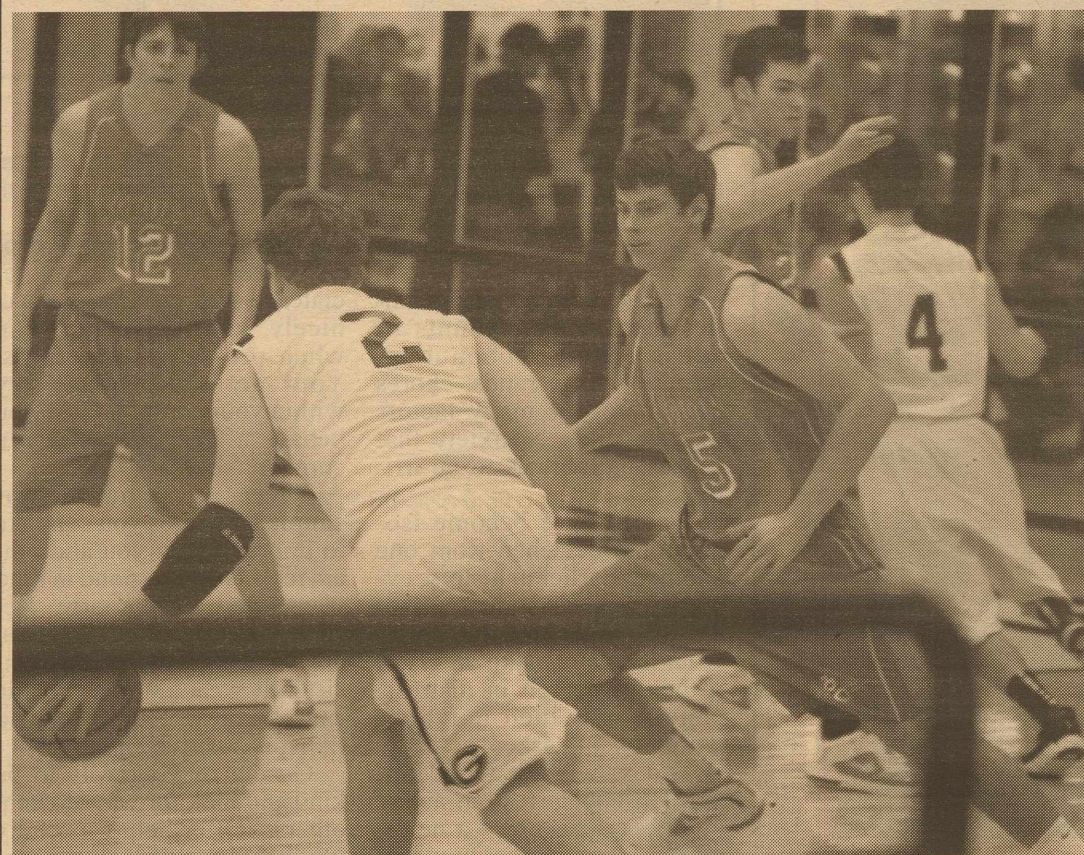
Leading the way for the Coyotes in this final game was Quint Shafer with a career high 21 points, Collin Telchik added 10 points and Austin Tyler and Riley Smith tallied 9 each. Kurt Shafer added 3 points and Tanner Richey tallied 2 points. Also contributing was Jared Smith. Helio Rosales missed this contest due to illness.



Tanner Richey (#20) tries to penetrate thru several Loop players in their final game of the season. The Coyotes defeated the Longhorns 54-42 last Friday.

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Quint Shafer (#5) runs a tough defense against a Grady player. The Coyotes unfortunately suffered a tough loss to the Wildcats with a final score of 74-34.

# Rough Night in Grady for JV and Varsity Coyotes

By Coach Richey

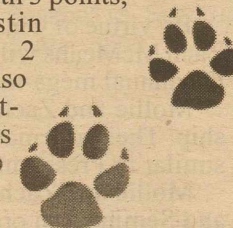
The Borden County Junior Varsity and Varsity Basketball teams had a very rough night in Lenorah against the Grady Wildcats. Neither team shot the ball well and the Wildcats had no problems finding the range as the Wildcats beat the Coyote JV 28 to 23. Using a 9 to 0 opening quarter to be the difference maker the Grady forced the visiting Coyotes to play catch up the entire evening. The Coyotes got within 3 points and had the ball on two separate occasions but could not get any closer.

In the varsity game, the Coyotes never found the range and the Wildcats playing their final regular season game on senior night had a shooting night to remember. They easily outdistanced themselves from the Coyotes who were hoping to force a play-off with the O'Donnell Eagles with a win in Lenorah. The Wildcats wasted little time in making the Coyotes realize that this was going to mean that their final game against Loop would be just that, the

final game of the season as the Wildcats raced out to a 41 to 12 halftime lead over the Borden County and never looked back. The final score ended at 74 to 34.

Scoring for the Coyote JV in their game was Tristen Benavidez with 7 points, Matt Proulx with 6 points, Sean Tucker with 5 points, Riley Herridge with 3 points and Ricky Torres with 2 points. Also contributing was Matt Ham, Mason Coor, Zach McMeans, Jaden Huse, Cayden Vaughn, and Nathan Ham.

Scoring for the Coyotes in the varsity game was Tanner Richey with 10 points, Collin Telchik with 6 points, Quint Shafer with 4 points, Riley Smith added 5 points, Kurt Shafer had 4 points, Jared Smith 3 points, and Austin Tyler 2 points. Also contributing was Helio Rosales.



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# Borden County JV Drops Close Game in O'Donnell

By Coach Richey

The Borden County JV battled back and forth with the O'Donnell Eagles, but a slow 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and some untimely misses proved to be costly for the Coyotes.

After seeing the two teams battle to a 6 to 6 first quarter, both teams put together their best quarters in the 2<sup>nd</sup> where the visitors tallied 15 points, but the Coyotes were able to put up 16 points of their own as 6 different Coyotes contributed on the score board.

In the 3<sup>rd</sup>, the offense was again hard to come by as both teams only managed 7 points each. In the decisive 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, the inability for the Coyotes to finish near the basket

resulted in another tough scoring quarter. As a result with the 11 to 7 advantage in the 4<sup>th</sup> for the home town Eagles the Coyotes found themselves on the short end of a 39 to 36 score as a final 3-point shot rimmed out for the Coyotes.

Leading the way for Borden County was Sean Tucker with a season high 14 points, Riley Herridge added 8 points, Matt Proulx had 6 points, Mason Coor had 3 points, Ricky Torres and Tristen Benavidez had 2 points and Matthew Ham had 1 point. Also contributing was Zach McMeans, Jaden Huse, Cayden Vaughn and Nathan Ham.

# JV Coyotes Dominate the Dragons in Their Final Home Game

By Coach Richey

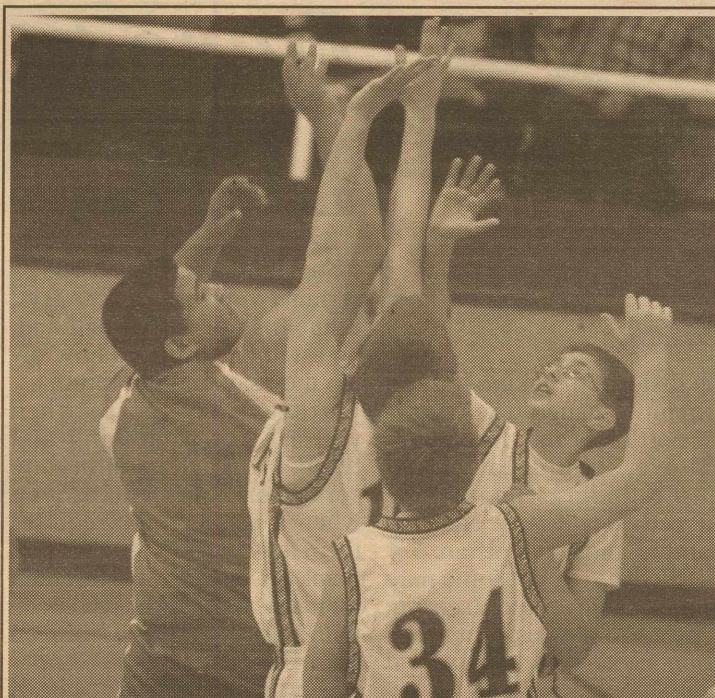
The Borden County JV playing their final home game of the 2011-2012 campaign got back to their winning ways with a convincing 40 to 16 final.

The Coyotes got points from 4 different players in the opening quarter to take an early lead and a lead they would never relinquish at 11 to 4. Borden County scored 10 points in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter to extend their lead to 21 to 8 heading into the locker room.

The Coyotes came out in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and put the game away with their best effort of the evening as they put together a 14 to 4 quarter to build an insurmountable lead at 35

to 12 heading into the final period. Scoring was tough for both teams in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, but the body of work done for the Coyotes in the first 3 quarters was too much for the visitors. In the end the Coyotes had a nice final home game with the 40 to 16 victory.

Leading the way for the Coyotes was Matt Proulx had 16 points, Sean Tucker added 8 points, Matt Ham and Tristen Benavidez had 4 points each, Ricky Torres added 3 points, Riley Herridge and Nathan Ham had 2 points each and Cayden Vaughn had 1 point. Also contributing was Mason Coor, Zach McMeans, and Jaden Huse.



Borden County Pup, Joel Andrade (#40) scores for the Pups against the Klondike Cougars.

# BC Pups Come Up Short in Final Game

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Pups closed their season with a very impressive effort as they played one of the better junior high teams in not only our district, but in West Texas.

The Borden Pups traveled to Klondike to play the Cougars in the final game of the season. After spotting the home team a quick 11 to 0 lead the Pups finally put together some nice defensive work and enough offense to close the gap a bit during the remainder of the first half outscoring the Cougars 14 to 10. By the time intermission arrived the Pups trailed 21 to 14.

The Pups continued their solid play as they got within 3 points in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. They actually had the ball with several quality opportunities to trim that lead even more, but

could not capitalize. Heading into the 4<sup>th</sup> the home town Cougars regained a six point lead at 28 to 22. Klondike then turned more missed opportunities in the 4<sup>th</sup> by the Pups into a double digit lead in the end as the Klondike Cougars survived the scare by the visiting Pups in the final game of the season dropping the Borden County Pups 37 to 27.

Leading the way for the Pups was Thomas Harrison with 10 points, Joel Andrade added 7 points, Hunter Jones had 6 points and Colby Pennell and Nathan Souder had 2 points each. Also contributing in this contest was Merrik Valentine, Rhaden Bland, Dillon Murphy, Kace Lott, Samuel Raborn, Kale Yarbrow, Jayton Lewis, and Robert Jordan.

## School Lunch Menu

February 20-24, 2012

**Monday** - Breakfast: French Toast, Fruit Juice & Milk. Lunch: Chicken Fajitas, Refried Beans, Corn, Sherbet Cup and Milk.

**Tuesday** - Breakfast: Kolache, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Spaghetti, Salad, Mandarin Oranges, Texas Toast and Milk.

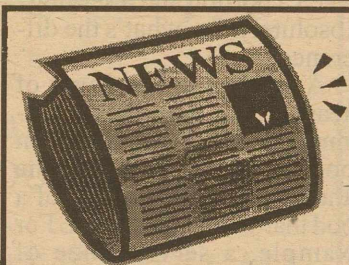
**Wednesday** - Breakfast: Sausage, Biscuit & Gravy, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Country Style Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Strawberry Shortcake and Milk.

**Thursday** - Breakfast: Cheese Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pizza Burger, Garden Salad, Tater Tots, Fresh Grapes and Milk.

**Friday** - Breakfast: Pizza Bagel, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pig in a Blanket, Western Beans, Baked Chips, Snowball Salad and Milk.

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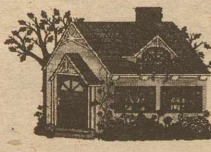
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### Portion Sizes

Are you like millions of workers who dine out frequently for lunch? Are you faced with too much food and not enough willpower at the buffet line? As a result, do you set out to eat a little bit of everything only to discover that you have to loosen your belt or skirt button? Moderation and watching portions are critical when dining out.

If you know that you cannot handle the temptation of a buffet meal, why go? Instead, go to a restaurant that you can order from the menu. This strategy really works - it allows you to be more mindful of eating behaviors and portion size. Most restaurants will limit serving sizes. Of course, there will be a few that will serve huge portions instead of an actual serving, so be on guard.

Research shows that portion sizes have gotten larger over the years. Waistlines have expanded and children and adults are now more obese than ever - in part due to excess food. Think about the last time you were served a large portion. Did you eat more than you planned or more than you thought you should have? I am sure most of you did. We have been served large portions for so long that we have come to see bigger portions as normal.

Is there a difference between a portion and a serving? Absolutely. So, what's the difference?

A serving size is a unit of measure that describes a recommended amount of a certain food. A portion size, on the other hand, is the amount of a food that you choose to eat. For example, a serving size of Fritos corn chips is 1 ounce, or 32 chips. Your portion size, however, might be more like 3 ounces (similar to three handfuls), or close to 100 chips.

This trend has led to por-

tion distortion making it more difficult to gauge what a normal portion is and the amount that we should eat. Most people underestimate how much they actually eat. For example, most cereals are 3/4 to 1 cup serving but some may eat up to 3 cups. And a serving of meat is 3 ounces - not the 5-6 ounces served on a typical plate.

So, you say you don't know what makes up a serving? Well, the key may be in your own hand. Yes, you can use your own hand to help you estimate several different serving sizes. A fist or cupped hand = 1 cup; a thumb = 1 ounce of cheese; a handful = 1-2 ounces of snack food; the palm of your hand = 3 ounces of meat; the tip of your thumb = 1 teaspoon.

When dining out, here are a few strategies you can use to watch portions.

\* Order lunch portions, half portions or appetizers at restaurants, instead of entrées.

\* Order an entrée and take half home for another meal, which will also save you money. Ask for a "take out" container when your meal is served.

\* Order an entrée and share it. The "plate charge" is usually cheaper than another entrée.

\* Ask for sauces and dressings "on the side" so you can control the amount eaten.

Watching portion sizes is just as important as choosing the foods you eat when trying to maintain a healthy weight. Eating too much of even a healthier food can add unwanted fat and calories to your diet, so remember to be mindful the next time you decide to eat out.

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# Dare to Live...

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stranger you pass on the street, in the hall, or in the mall and, you will be surprised how often they say hello in return.

Always say please when you ask for something and thank you when someone serves or helps you. Even when a person's job requires them to attend to you, a sincere thank you will always brighten their day. Whenever you speak with someone, keep a smile on your face.

Be aware of the needs of people around you. Hold doors open for others. Open the door for someone whose arms are full of packages or for someone pushing a stroller and let them go ahead of you. Thank those who hold a door for you.

While shopping, when you have a lot of items, let someone who has only a thing or two get in front of you in the register line. On the road, allow other drivers to pull in front of you when trying to merge onto the road. Be courteous and take care not to cut off other drivers.

Break the cycle of indifference. Set an example for others. Always be on the lookout for ways to be kind. Do more than you have to. Do the unexpected. Do whatever you can to make someone else feel good.




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### 4-H Photography Project

4-H Photography project will begin meeting on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:45 to 5:00 p.m. in the Home Economics Lab. We will also meet on Tuesday, March 6 and Tuesday, March 20 from 3:45 to 5:00 p.m. For more information contact Julie Smith at the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or e-mail at [julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu](mailto:julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu)

### 4-H Fashion Design

Youth interested in learning about Fashion Design and how to enter the Fashion Storyboard competition should make plans to attend our meeting on Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> after school until 5:30 in the Home Ec Lab. More details will be given at this meeting about the project and competition. If you are unable to attend because of a conflict, we will make plans to meet another time. For more information contact Julie Smith at the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or e-mail at [julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu](mailto:julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu)

### County Educational Presentation Contest, Share-the-fun and Public Speaking Project

4-H'ers and parents interested in learning more about the Public Speaking Project should contact the Extension Office as soon as possible. Information is available to assist 4-H'ers and their parents in writing, presenting and preparing visuals for educational presentations (method demonstrations); as well as covering information about the public speaking contest and share-the-fun's. Share-the-fun categories include: Celebrate 4-H, choreographed routines, poet, vocal, band and musical. This project provides youth an excellent opportunity to develop public speaking skills, even if they hate to talk in front of others. 4-H'ers will present their prepared presentations at County 4-H Roundup. Participants will advance to District 4-H Roundup, which will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup> at Levelland Middle School in Levelland. **The deadline for entering a Public Speaking Contest is Wednesday, April 11.** For more information contact Julie Smith at the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or e-mail at [julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu](mailto:julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu)

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### 4-Hers Shine in Odessa

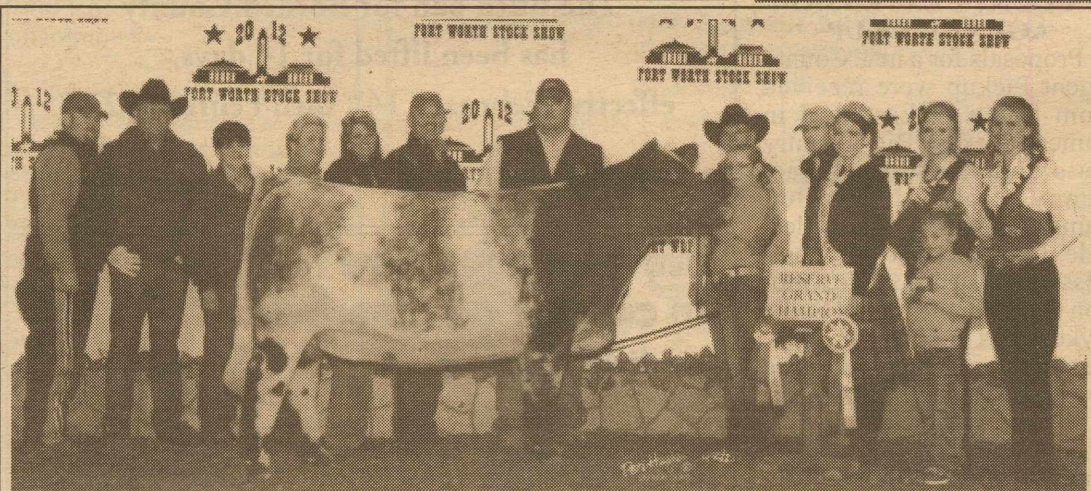
Borden County 4-Hers competed in the Hereford Show in Odessa January 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Competing were Flint Roberts-3<sup>rd</sup> place Hereford; Payton Merket-4<sup>th</sup> place and 15<sup>th</sup> place Hereford. Congratulations to the outstanding 4-Hers.

### 4-Hers Are Successful in Cowntown


Borden County 4-Hers traveled to Ft. Worth Stock Show January 30<sup>th</sup>-February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 to compete with their steer projects. 4-Hers competing were: Myka Blissard-Reserve Grand Champion Jr. Shorthorn Heifer; Dylan Murphy-1<sup>st</sup> place middle weight Poll Hereford; Payton Merket-6<sup>th</sup> place Heavy weight European; Myka Blissard-8<sup>th</sup> place Shorthorn; Thomas Nix-8<sup>th</sup> place American and Flint Roberts-15<sup>th</sup> place Shorthorn. Congratulations to all exhibits.



Pictured is Borden County 7th grader, Dylan Murphy with his 1st Place middle weight Poll Hereford at the Ft. Worth Livestock Show.



Myka Blissard, Borden County 5th grader recently competed in the Ft. Worth Livestock Show winning Reserve Grand Champion Jr. Shorthorn Heifer. She also placed 8th with her Heavy weight Shorthorn Steer.



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## Obituary

**Don A. Jones**  
1933 - 2012

Don A. Jones life-long resident of Fluvanna, TX, passed away Thursday evening February 09, 2012 at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock, Texas after a battle with cancer.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at 2:30 PM at East Side Church of Christ with Mr. Tom Holcomb officiating. Burial will be immediately following at Fluvanna Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Don was born on October 09, 1933 in Snyder, TX to Mert Jones and Ruby Sims Jones. He grew up east of Fluvanna moving to Borden County in 1950. He married Nelva Ruth Herring of Dermott, TX in 1952. He was a member of the Fluvanna Church of Christ and served as deacon and elder for many years.

Don graduated from Fluvanna High School and attended Texas Tech. He was a farmer and rancher, and was actively engaged in the oil and construction business from time to time. He served a term as county commissioner for

Borden County. He was a member of the Fluvanna Young Farmers and served on the board of First Ag Credit. He also served in the signal corp during the Korean War.

Survivors include: His Wife- Nelva of Fluvanna, TX  
Son - Max Jones & his wife Jane, Fluvanna, TX  
Daughters - Donelle Hensley & her husband Randy, O'Donnell, TX & Carla Sandusky & her husband Grant, Roscoe, TX  
Also surviving is a sister - Janie Sue Willard, Longview, TX  
He had 9 grandchildren, 3 Great Grandchildren and many friends and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mert Jones and Ruby Sims Jones in 1967.

Visitation will be Friday, February 10, 2012 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

The family has requested donations to the Fluvanna Cemetery Fund, Fluvanna, TX or the Borden County EMS, Gail, Texas.

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## Commissioners' Court



**WHEREAS**, On this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

**ROSS D. SHARP**, County Judge, Residing; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner, Precinct N. 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: Billy Gannaway, Sheriff/ Present: Rich Anderson and John Anderson, and Don Stephens, Auditor.

### CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the January 24, 2012 Special Session of Borden Co. Commissioner Court to order at 8:45 a.m.

### MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of January 10, 2012 were read. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### ROADS

Mr. John R. (Rich) Anderson and Mr. John Anderson met with the court concerning roads. No action was taken.

### BORDEN COUNTY AUDIT

Mr. Don Stephens, CPA presented his audit to the Borden County Commissioners Court. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to accept the Audit and Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### 2011 SHERIFF PROFILING REPORT

Borden County Sheriff Billy J. Gannaway met with the Court and submitted the 2011 Sheriff Profiling Report.

### HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

A discussion was held to select a Chairperson for the Historical Committee. Commissioner Belew made a mo-

tion to table the selection. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

### APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to appoint Ross Sharp, Monte Smith, Ernest Reyes, Joe Belew and Van York as representatives to the Borden County Appraisal District Board of Directors. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

### COUNTY AGENT PICKUP

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to table the proposals for the purchase of a pickup for the County Ag. Agent. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### FIRE PROTECTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to enter into a Fire Contract with the city of O'Donnell for 2012 Fire Fighting Service in Borden County in the amount of \$2,000.00 taken from the General Fund. Motion carried.

### FACILITY MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE

Applications for Facility Maintenance Employee were received from George Ebersol, Juve Balaque, and Andrew Pigford. After consideration of the applicants, Commissioner Adcock made a motion to hire Andrew Pigford. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Voting for: Commissioners Adcock, Reyes, Belew, Judge Sharp. Voting against: Commissioner Smith.

### HOUSING ALLOWANCE

Commissioner Smith made a motion to set the IRS Benefit Housing Allowance for county-owned housing at \$375.00 per month. Motion seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

### BURN BAN

A discussion was held concerning the lifting of the Burn Ban. No action was taken.

### ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

No applications were received.

### SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

No applications were received.

### ACCOUNTS

### ALLOWED

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

### DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No new items were presented.

### ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF February 2012.

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**WHEREAS**, On this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

**ROSS D. SHARP**, County Judge, Residing; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner, Precinct N. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOYCE HERRIDGE** County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court, with Commissioner Belew, Commissioner Precinct No. 4, absent, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

Cody Hill, Borden County Ag. Agent, present.

### COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT PICKUP

Proposals for a new County Agent Pickup were received from Spike Dykes Ford in Lamesa, Texas; Big Country Autoland, Snyder, Texas; Benny Boyd Chevrolet, Lamesa, Texas; Pollard Fleet Sale, Lubbock, Texas; Commissioner Adcock made a motion to accept the bid for Spike Dykes Ford in Lamesa, Texas. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF February 2012.

## Legal Notices

### Notice of Availability of Electronic Communications

(Gail)—Under a new law, chief appraisers of county appraisal districts, appraisal districts, and appraisal review boards may communicate electronically through email or other methods with property owners or their designated representatives. Written agreements are required for notices and other documents to be delivered electronically in place of mailing.

How does it work? Certain guidelines must be followed for this local option communication:

Written agreements with the county appraisal district must be entered first, ensuring what electronic means of delivery are acceptable. If you are interested in receiving communications in electronic format, you should contact your local appraisal district.

Public notice regarding

the availability of agreement forms authorizing electronic communications may be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the district on or before Feb. 1 each year, or agreement forms may be delivered on or before Feb. 1 each year to property owners shown on the certified appraisal roll for the preceding tax year.

The chief appraiser may determine the medium, format, content and method to be used for electronic communications other than notices required by Section 25.19 of the Tax Code, which are prescribed by Comptroller rule.

A decision by the chief appraiser not to enter into agreements may not be the subject of an appraisal review board protest, a lawsuit or a complaint to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

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## Borden County Burn Ban Lifted

The Burn ban for Borden County  
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## Borden County ISD Board Meeting

### *Regular Board Meeting January 16, 2012*

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 Conference 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. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas and principal, Bart McMeans were also present. The only guest present was Mr. Dale Newberry, the Borden County I.S.D. School Auditor.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 P.M. by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. Mr. Dale Newberry presented the Borden County I.S.D. Audit Report for the 2010-2011 school year. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the 2010-2011 Borden County I.S.D. Audit Report. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2011 board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the January 2012 bills. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Dennis Poole to set the regular February board meeting for February 20, 2012, at 7:00 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joe Harding to Adopt a resolution determining eligibility for tax credit pursuant to Texas Tax Code 313.104 for Bull Creek Wind LLC. The motion carried unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve a legal services retainer agreement for Bi-County Shared Services Agreement with Walsh, Anderson, Brown, Gallegos and Green, P.C. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded

by Joe Harding to approve EIA and EIAB Local Policy Updates pertaining to grades, class ranking, and STARR Testing, and approve a resolution to suspend portions of EIE Local Policy only for the 2011-2012 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to appoint members of the Borden County I.S.D. Board of Trustees as directors to the Borden County Appraisal District for a two year period to begin on January 1, 2012, and conclude on December 31,

2013. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Mr. Thomas reported that 211 students were enrolled as of January 11, 2012, gave a construction report, and gave a financial report, and gave a student failure and honor roll report. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Dennis Poole to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.



*Jessica Scallan*

## Borden County ISD and FFA Program Welcome Student Teacher

Jessica Scallan, a senior Agricultural and Consumer Sciences major at Tarleton State University, arrived recently at Borden County High School and will be working with the students and teachers in the Agricultural, Food, and Natural Resources department and the FFA program for the next 11 weeks.

Scallan is working under the guidance of cooperating teacher Buddy Wallace to learn all aspects of a successful program at the high school level. Jessica will strive to become proficient in teaching a variety of classes in the career and technical education area, as well as in assisting students

with leadership development in the FFA organization and with career-focused experiential programs.

Upon completion of the student teaching experience, Scallan will return to Stephenville to participate in commencement exercises at Tarleton where she will earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural and Consumer Sciences.

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Joyce Herridge and Jana Underwood will help you accomplish this.

## Thought for the Day

*Anyone can devise a plan by which good people may go to Heaven. Only God can devise a plan wherby sinners, who are His enemies, can go to Heaven.*  
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Ft. Worth Stock Show-Thru February 4, 2012  
San Antonio Stock Show - February 9-25, 2012  
San Angelo Stock Show - February 16-26, 2012  
\* Denotes District Basketball Game  
National FFA Week - February 18-25, 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 OAP Practice-6:30	3 *BB vs. Dawson Here, 4:00 gGbB	4 Idalou UIL Meet  CX and LD Meet @ Seminole
5	6 OAP Practice-6:30	7 *BB vs. Grady There, 4:00 gGbB	8	9 District CX Debate @ BHS  OAP Practice-6:30	10	11
12	13 <b>HOLIDAY</b>  OAP Practice-5:00  Baseball Scrimmage TBA	14   	15 Drug Free Assembly- 10:30	16 Baseball Scrimmage TBA  OAP Festival @ Post 4:00	17 <b>End of 4<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks</b>	18
19	20 Baseball vs. Loraine Here 4:00  OAP Practice-6:30	21	22	23 OAP Practice-6:30	24	25 FFA San Angelo Livestock Show CDE  Baseball vs. Sundown There, 12:00
26	27 Baseball-Open  OAP Practice-6:30	28 Baseball-Open				