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## FSA County Committee Elections Begin

Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committee elections opened on Monday, Nov. 5, when ballots were mailed to eligible voters. The deadline to return the ballots to local FSA offices is Dec. 3, 2012.

The role and input of our county committee members is more vital than ever. County committee members provide input and make important decisions on the local administration of disaster and conservation programs. With better participation in recent years, we have seen promising increases in the number of women and minority candidates.

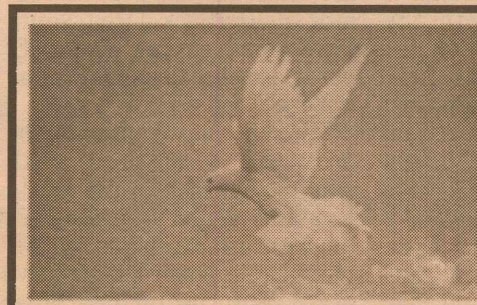
Eligible voters who do not receive ballots in the coming week can obtain ballots from their local USDA Service Center. The last day for voters to submit ballots in person to their local USDA Service Center is Dec. 3, 2012. Ballots returned by mail must also be post-marked no later than Dec. 3. Newly elected committee members and their alternates will take office Jan. 1, 2013.

To be an eligible voter, farmers and ranchers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program. A person who is not

of legal voting age, but supervises and conducts the farming operations of an entire farm may also be eligible to vote. Members serve three-year terms and committees consist of three to 11 members that are elected by eligible producers.

More information on county committees, such as the new 2012 fact sheet and brochures, can be found on the FSA website at [www.fsa.usda.gov/elections](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections) or at a local USDA Service Center.

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## Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

### *Are You the Captain or the Passenger?*

*"I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving — we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it — but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor."*

Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.

Time passes. Life moves on. You will get older. You are on a journey, an adventure. The route traveled, the course set, is up to you. Whether you are active or passive is your choice. Either way, the journey will continue.

Captains have greater responsibilities and benefits than passengers. Although it may be more work to be a captain, it also generates greater rewards. Captains plot their own journeys while passengers are just along for the ride.

Let's compare job descriptions for a captain and a passenger. The following are analogies. The ship represents life and ports are goals.

**Job title:** Captain

**Responsibilities:**

The captain is in charge of evaluating various ports and

selecting the most appealing destinations. He plots a course to each objective. The captain weathers storms. He/she must be able to adjust course in response to known or unknown obstacles.

The captain handles any and all emergencies that arise. He makes repairs as needed. When necessary, he improvises while utilizing whatever tools and materials are at hand. He must be considerate of crew and passengers. The captain encourages the crew to realize their potential. He helps others who are in need.

The captain maintains the ship in good working order. He fixes any leaks that occur. He is prepared for the unexpected. The captain keeps abreast of changes in the weather while making sure all charts are updated.

**Personal Characteristics:**

Someone who is positive and motivated. The captain needs to be innovative. He must be immune to negative criticism. The captain persists until destinations are reached. He has to understand that giving up is never an option. The captain is optimistic and willing to find the solution for ev-

ery problem. He is considerate, treating others with kindness and respect. The captain is a self-starter and works well without supervision.

**Benefits:**

The captain determines his own destiny. He picks his destinations. The captain controls the ship and can change course as needed or desired. He can leave undesirable ports at will. The captain gets the most from his ship.

**Job Title:** Passenger

**Responsibilities:**

The passenger has to take care of only himself. He has to show up for meals and stay occupied. He has to keep out of the captain or crew's way. The passenger stays in his cabin during bad weather. He trusts the captain and crew's competency.

The passenger visits whatever ports the ship docks at. If he doesn't like a particular destination, the passenger waits for the ship to leave, hoping the next destination is more desirable. The passenger goes wherever the ship takes him. He is just along for the ride.

**Personal Characteristics:**

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# Coyotes Wallop the Wildcats for Fifth Straight District Title

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes played host to the Grady Wildcats in a game that would determine the district title if the Coyotes could come away with the victory. The Coyotes seemed to come out poised and fired up to seize an early control of this game and garner their 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive district championship.

After quickly forcing a 3 and out for the visiting Wildcats a fumble on the punt return gave the visitors a first and goal at the Coyote 13 yard line, but the defense handled the sudden change of possession extremely well and after a tackle on 4<sup>th</sup> and goal from the 10 yard line, the home team took possession at their own 2 yard line. Two plays later, senior Tanner Richey followed some nice blocks by senior center Matt Roberson, senior Guard Helio Rosales, senior quarterback Jared Smith, junior fullback TJ Basquez and rotating ends, juniors Kurt Shafer and Matt Proulx, as Richey sprinted 75 yards to pay dirt and an early lead. After a Rosales' kick, the Coyotes grabbed a lead they would not give up all not at 8-0. After another defensive stop forced another Wildcat punt, Richey found pay dirt again, this time from 45 yards out and with the Rosales kick Borden County had a 16-0 lead.

The visiting Wildcats looked as though they were going to turn the ball back over to the Coyotes as they faced a 4<sup>th</sup> and 22, but a 23 yard completion kept the drive alive and ultimately put the Wildcats on the board trailing the Coyotes 16-8 with 1:28 left in the first period. With :02 left in the opening quarter, Richey found a wide open TJ Basquez on a 26 yard pass and catch to extend the lead to 22-8 heading to the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. The Wildcats would not disappear as they scored on their very next offensively play to cut the deficit to 6 points at 22 to 16. Basquez got into the scoring column again, this time with his brut strength as he muscled his way to the endzone from 18 yards out and with the

Rosales kick the Coyotes were back up by 14 points at 30-16.

On the next defensive possession, the pressure by spread rushers Steven Howard and Matt Ham forced an errant throw that was intercepted by Richey and returned 45 yards for the defensive score and the Coyotes now widened the gap a bit with a 38 to 16 lead. Jared Smith got into the action as he returned his second interception of the season covering 35 yards for another defensive score and again with the Rosales extra point kick the home team was up 46 to 16.

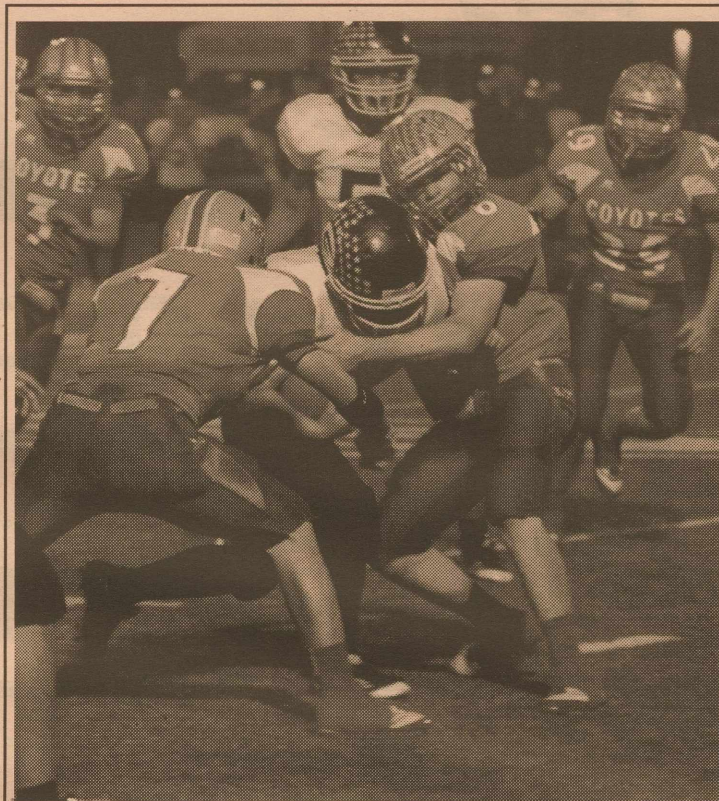
The Coyote defense forced another turnover on downs and on the final play of the first half, Richey sprinted 58 yards to give the Borden County a commanding 52 to 16 lead. The missed extra point was huge as the Coyotes could have ended the game by the mercy rule on their first series of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half as they would take possession of the second half.

On that first series of the half, Richey scampered 50 yards for the score to push the lead to a 60 to 16 advantage following the Rosales kick. At this time, the Coyotes used this opportunity to play the younger boys and give them some much needed experience. The Wildcats meanwhile would not go away quietly as they managed another score of their own to cut the Coyote lead to 60-24. The home team would answer right back as Richey had his second throwing touchdown as he hit Matt Proulx from 4 yards out to regain the 44 point advantage at 68 to 24. The Wildcats would come right back as they mounted another drive to make the score 68-32 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> period. With this score, the Coyotes would answer quickly as Richey set sail on another long run, this time from 34 yards out to make the score 74 to 32. The Borden County defense got another stop and the Coyotes looked poised to end the game, but a couple of penalties contributed to the drive stalling. The Coyotes chose to try a long field goal to prepare Helio Rosales for this moment in the

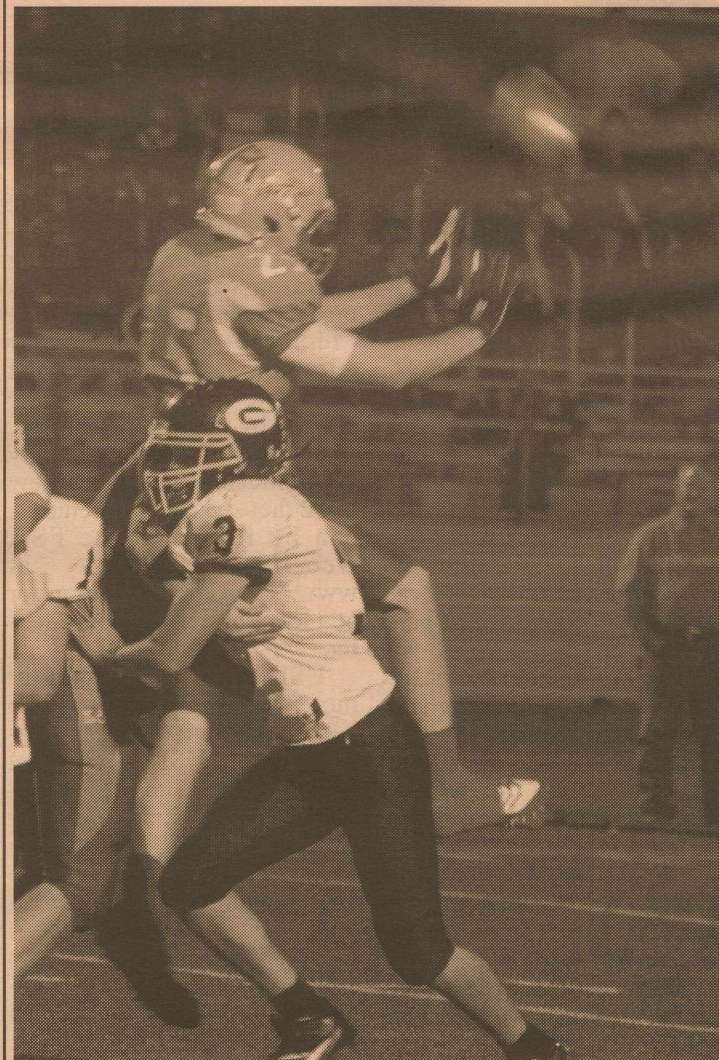
future. The 40 yard field goal attempt which had plenty of leg was just a bit wide and the game would continue. The Wildcats this time managed their final score of the game to cut the Coyote lead to 74 to 38. Steven Howard and the 2<sup>nd</sup> team offense got the points right back as Steven set loose on a 43 yard sprint to make the score 80-38. The Coyotes got one more possession and hoping to prepare for the future they called a pass play and senior quarterback Jared Smith hit Kurt Shafer on a nice 42 yard pass play to end the game at 86 to 38.

The Coyotes would now be crowned with their fifth straight district title and would be able to begin preparing for the Meadow Broncos, the Bi-District opponent for the Coyotes. With unfinished business, the Coyotes will travel to O'Donnell for their final district game of the 2012 season.

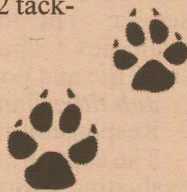
Leading the way for the Coyotes was Tanner Richey with 22 carries for 440 yards and 5 scores, 3 of 3 passing for 64 yards and 2 scores and had an interception return for a score while piling up 16 tackles. TJ Basquez had 9 carries for 74 yards and a score and a couple of catches for 60 yards and was in on 7 tackles. Steven Howard had 10 tackles and 2 carries for 48 yards and a score. Matt Ham had 4 tackles, Frank Banman had 6 tackles and two pass break ups. Kurt Shafer had 5 tackles and a sack and a 42 yard touchdown reception. Matt Proulx had 4 tackles and a 4 yard touchdown reception. Korbin Martinez had 3 carries for 2 yards and 3 tackles. Tristen Benavidez had 7 tackles. Helio Rosales was 7 of 9 on kicks and was in on 11 tackles had a sack a tackle for loss and a caused fumble. Matt Roberson had a tackle and blocked well, and Luis Andrade had 2 tackles.



Borden Coyotes, Frank Banman (#7) and Matthew Ham (#6) stops a Grady opponent in last Fridays' game against Grady.



Matthew Proulx (#25) tries to block a Wildcat kick. The Coyotes went on to capture a win over the Grady Wildcats. The game was called due to six-man's 45 rule. The Coyotes next take on the O'Donnell Eagles in O'Donnell.





# Pups Stay Perfect With Win Over the Wildcats of Grady

By Coach Richey

The Borden county Pups stayed perfect on the season improving to 8-0 with a very convincing 48-7 victory in Lenorah, Texas beating the Grady Wildcats. The Pups seemed a little sluggish tonight but the quick strike offense did just that as Jayton Lewis scored on his second straight first play by the way of a 45 yard reverse play. Trace Richey connected with the first extra point kick of the season and his young career. Moments after, the defensive group of Kace Lott with 9 tackles, Kale Yarbrow with 6 tackles, Ryan Wilborn with 7 tackles, Trace Richey with 5 tackles, Hunter Jones with 8 tackles, Jayton Lewis with 10 tackles, and Korbin Sumners with 3 tackles forced a quick 3 and out. Trace Richey hit Hunter Jones with a 48 yard screen pass/run to push the lead to 14-0. Richey hit Diego Bernal for the extra point with the rest of the 2<sup>nd</sup> team providing the protection, Braxton Barnes, Hunter Huse, Ryan Wilborn and Brian Torres to make the score 15-0. The defense forced another 3-out only to turn the ball over with a fumble deep in Coyote territory.

The Pups defense bowed up and did not allow a first and goal situation for the hometown Wildcats turn into a score. Borden County took control of the ball at their own 5 yard line and used a very disciplined ball control offense to move the ball into scoring position before Hunter Jones reached pay dirt from 2 yards out. This gave the Pups a 21-0 lead. They stopped the Wildcats again as Kale Yarbrow caused a fumble and recovered the ball as well. Corbin Sumners then saved the Pups as a bad snap was picked up by Sumners and as he scrambled around he found a wide open Trace Richey for a 4 yard scoring play. It appeared Hunter Jones had a defensive touchdown with an apparent interception return but a penalty on Borden County

negated the play all together. The Pups took over the ball after a punt and with :12 left in the half, Richey set sail on a 25 yard scoring jaunt. After a nice pass from Morgan Wilson to Thadd Basquez netted them another point, they took a convincing 35 to 0 lead into the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of play.

During halftime the group of Brian Torres, Dylan Murphy, Braxton Barnes, Thadd Basquez, Nick Proulx, Morgan Wilson, Clayton Addison, Thomas Nix, and Kable Kleck continued the pups domination as they outscored the Wildcats 4-0, getting two scores from Torres, a score by Proulx and a nice pass from Proulx to Addison for a score.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, the Pups made quick work of the Wildcats using a rotating offensive line to go with the backfield. The linemen were Lott, Yarbrow, Lewis, Bernal, Huse, and backfield was Richey, Jones, Wilborn and Corbin Sumners. This group got a quick 30 yard run by Richey and then followed the lone Grady score with a 25 yard Corbin Sumners run. On one of the extra points, Morgan Wilson hit Hunter Huse for the point after to make the score 48-7.

The 2's and 3's played the rest of the game and the score did not change as the Pups completely dominated the play on the field. This group got interceptions from Nick Proulx to thwart a Wildcat drive followed by another defensive stop as Thomas Nix intercepted an errant pass to stop another drive. As a result the final score of this contest remained the same as it was with 48-7 halfway thru the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

The Pups will next play O'Donnell starting with a younger group starting at 4:30, followed by the older group quickly after this game. Thank you all for a supporting this fine young group of Borden County Coyotes.



Photo by Kim Lott  
Kace Lott storms a Wildcat opponent in last Thursdays' game against Grady. He had a total of 9 tackles for the game.

## Gail FFA Competes at Lone Wolf District LDE Contest

By Adam Parker

The Gail FFA chapter traveled to WTC in Snyder on November 5<sup>th</sup> to compete in the Lone Wolf district LDE contests. Thirty-three students represented Borden County on thirteen teams or in individual events. The teams that competed and the members of each are as follows.

Senior Chapter Conducting:  
1<sup>st</sup> place - Jordan Day, Matthew Roberson, Nathan Ham, Steelie Sanders, Sydnie Day, Tristen Benavidez, Zach McMeans

Junior Chapter Conducting:  
2<sup>nd</sup> place - Lexi Cheatham, Thomas Harrison, Kyrsten Rebeles, Nathan Souder, Rhaeden Bland, Robert Jordan, Samuel Raborn.

Senior Skills:  
1<sup>st</sup> place - Meaghan Herridge, Matthew Ham, Taylor Gass

Junior Skills:  
1<sup>st</sup> place - Cheyenne Tucker, Holly Bradbury, Korbin Martinez

Radio:  
4<sup>th</sup> place - Kylie Voss, Jared Smith, Steven Howard  
10<sup>th</sup> place - Mollie McMeans, Cayden Vaughn, Teryn Soto

Junior Quiz:  
3<sup>rd</sup> place - Karly Etheredge,

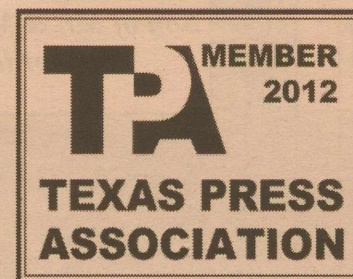
Colby Pennell, Flint Roberts, Caelan Thuett

Senior Quiz:  
3<sup>rd</sup> place - Mollie McMeans, Kassie Gaines, Tj Basquez, Kalyn Massingill

Senior Creed:  
2<sup>nd</sup> place - Zach McMeans  
4<sup>th</sup> place - Tye Basquez  
10<sup>th</sup> place - Jordan Day

Junior Creed:  
2<sup>nd</sup> place - Nathan Souder  
3<sup>rd</sup> place - Lexi Cheatham

All of these students represented their school and their chapter very well and should be proud of their accomplishments. The following teams and students will be advancing to the area contest on November 17<sup>th</sup> at Howard College: Senior Chapter Conducting, Junior Chapter Conducting, Senior Skills, Junior Skills, Senior Creed - Zach McMeans and Junior Creed - Nathan Souder.



## School Lunch Menu

Menu Subject to Change

Nov. 12-16, 2012

**Monday** - Breakfast: Pancake Pup, Fruit Juice and Milk.  
Lunch: Beef & Bean Chalupas, Salsa, Garden Salad, Refried Beans, Applesauce, Tortilla Chips (9-12 grade only) and Milk.

**Tuesday** - Breakfast: Sausage & Biscuit, Fruit Juice and Milk.  
Lunch: Turkey & Dressing, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Strawberry Cup and Milk.

**Wednesday** - Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Fajitas, Charro Beans, Seasoned Corn, Orange Smiles, Salsa, Tortilla Chips (9-12 grade only) and Milk.

**Thursday** - Breakfast: Kolache, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Spaghetti, Garden Salad, Apple Slices, Breadstick, Baby Carrots and Milk.

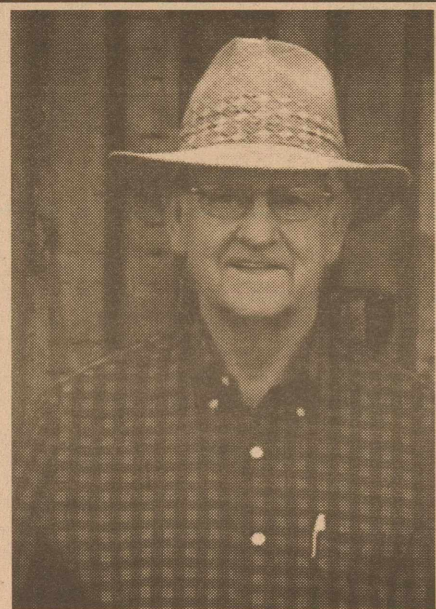
**Friday** - Breakfast: Pizza Bagel, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Fish Taco, Sweet Potato Fries, Coleslaw, Salsa, Sliced Peaches and Milk.

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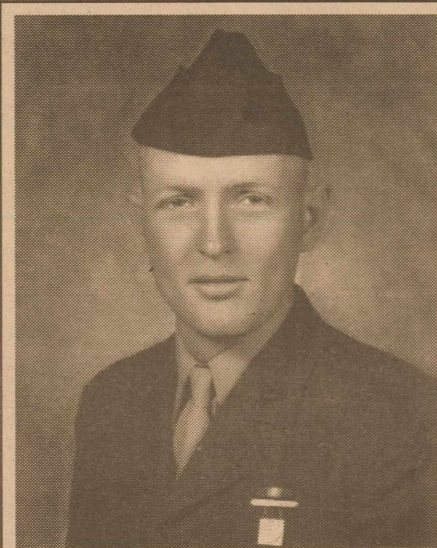
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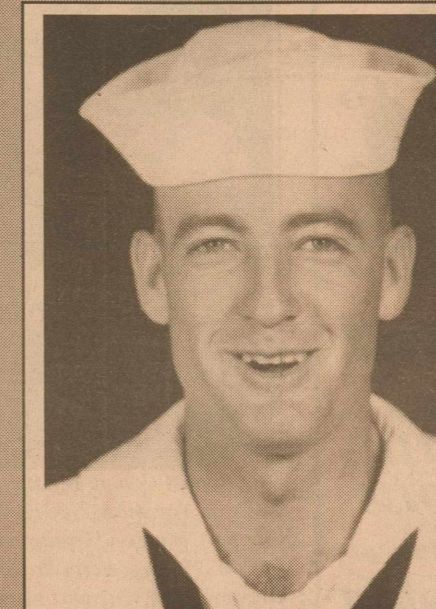


**Jim Campbell**  
Korean War  
Grandfather of McKenna Campbell

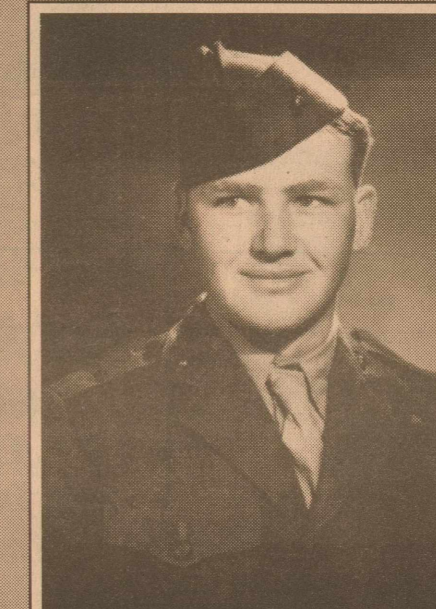


**Danny Dempsey**  
World War II  
Great Uncle of Taylor Gass

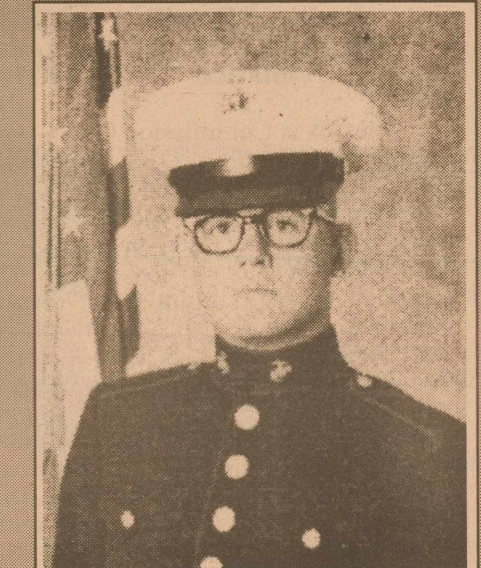
**Johnney C. Currey**  
World War II  
U.S. Army  
Husband of Edythe Currey  
Father of Shirley Garrett, Sherry Terry  
& Johnney Caloway Currey (deceased)  
  
**Joe Burkett**  
World War II  
Son of Mr. & Mrs. John Burkett of Borden County



**Norman Edward Rinehart**  
Navy  
1955-1957  
Father of Eurdist, Travis & Jym Rinehart



**Joe Frank Currey**  
World War II  
Son of Mr. & Mrs. John Currey of Borden County  
Husband of Wilma Currey  
Father of Diana Mitchell & Donna Barnes



**Johnney Caloway Currey**  
U.S. Marines  
1974-1978  
Son of Edythe Currey  
Brother of Shirley Garrett & Sherry Terry



**Eddy Simpson**  
World War II  
Great Grandfather of Taylor Gass



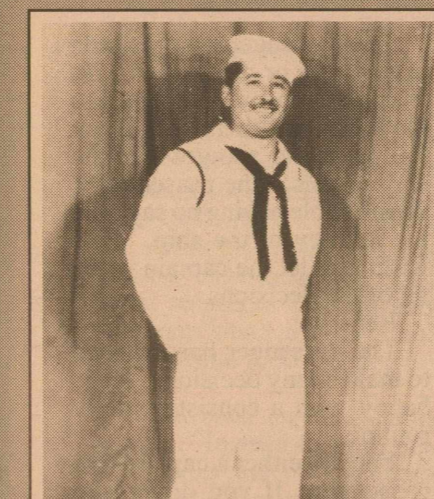
**James Henry Currey**  
U.S. Army  
World War II  
Son of Mr. & Mrs. John Currey of Borden County



**Jimmy L. Garrett**  
U.S. Marines  
1960-1964  
Husband of Shirley Garrett



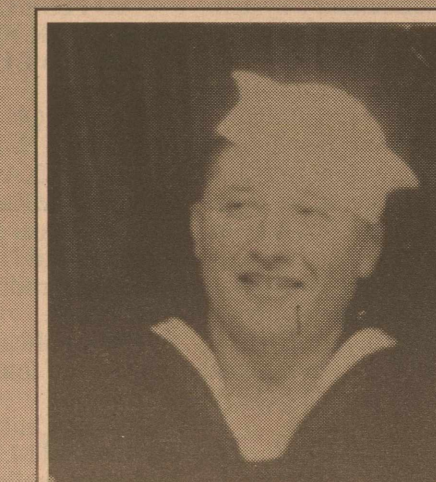
**Richard Simpson**  
World War II  
Great Great Uncle of Taylor Gass



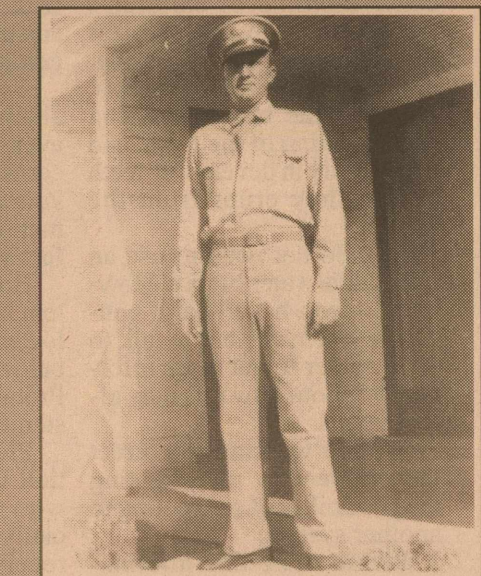
**T.C. Jones**  
Navy  
World War II  
Great Uncle of Taylor Gass



**Jym Hendricks**  
U.S. Army  
World War II  
Step-Father of Melba Canon



**L.R. Jones**  
World War II  
Great Uncle of Taylor Gass



**Lanis Barton McMeans**  
World War II  
Great Grandfather of Zach, Mollie & Mallory McMeans



## Notice

### Notice of Drinking Water FLUORIDE Violation

The Texas Commission On Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the Borden County Water System that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for FLUORIDE. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL FLUORIDE at 4 mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for FLUORIDE indicates a level of 5.3mg/L in the 4th quarter of 2011 and a level of 5.3mg/L in the 1st quarter 2012. The running annual average is 5.3 mg/L.

This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing FLUORIDE in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Fluoride in drinking water at half the MCL or more may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than nine years old. Mottling, also known as dental fluorosis, may include brown staining and/or pitting of the teeth, and occurs only in developing teeth before they erupt from the gums.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

We are working to correct the problem by investigating the possibility of connecting to another system.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For further information contact the County Judge's Office, Borden County Courthouse, 117 E. Wasson, Gail, Texas 79738, phone 806/756-4391  
Ross D. Sharp, County

Judge  
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### Notice of Drinking Water ARSENIC Violation

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This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing ARSENIC in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have increased risk of getting cancer.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

Borden County Water System has installed equipment to lower the level of ARSENIC to below the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) standards.

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ext. 275

## And the Winner Is...



The Borden County Booster Club ended their golf cart raffle fundraising event on November 2, 2012. The excitement took place at the halftime of the Borden County and Grady football game. Brooke Gray drew out the winning tickets. The first ticket drawn was the winner of the Golf Cart. It went to Trevor Thuett. The next two tickets drawn were for \$100 and the winners were Barry Cribbs and Joe Barnes. The final two tickets drawn were for snug bugs. The winners of the snug bugs were Donna Forbes and Mike Raney.

A big thank you goes out to everyone that helped support this very successful event. Let's continue to support our Borden County Coyotes! Go Big Blue! Pictured are (back row l to r) Lee Ann Hudson, Penny Forbes, Trevor Thuett, Amanda Blissard, Jeanie Coor, (front row l to r) Sydnie Coor, Brooklyn Gray and Kaci Hudson.

## Legal Notice

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

CHEVRON U. S. A., INC., #15 SMITH ROAD, MIDLAND, TEXAS 79705, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to injection fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Spraberry formation.

Jo-Mill Unit Lease (60465), Well No. 7114. The proposed injection well is located 7.5 miles NE from Vealmoor in the Jo-Mill (Spraberry) Field in Borden Co. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from approximately 6500 to 7800 feet.

Jo-Mill Unit Lease (60465), Well No. 7134. The proposed injection well is located 8 miles NE from Ackerly in the Jo-Mill (Spraberry) Field in Borden Co. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from approximately 6500 to 7800 feet.

Jo-Mill Unit Lease (60465), Well No. 7211. The proposed injection well is located 17 miles SW of Gail in the Jo-Mill

(Spraberry) Field in Borden Co. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from approximately 6500 to 7800 feet.

Jo-Mill Unit Lease (60465), Well No. 7231. The proposed injection well is located 7 miles NE from Ackerly in the Jo-Mill (Spraberry) Field in Borden Co. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from approximately 6500 to 7800 feet.

**LEGAL AUTHORITY:** Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show that they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 - Telephone (512) 463-6792.

## Dare to Live...

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The passenger requires little or no drive or motivation. He is content to put his fate into the hands of others. He is not too particular about where the ship travels. The passenger is comfortable having no say over the journey of the ship. He's willing to let the captain make all of the decisions.

**Benefits:** The passenger has no need to make many decisions. He is happy with a consistent daily routine.

You are either a captain or a passenger. If you don't take steps to become a captain, you will remain a passenger by default. Captains tend to be more satisfied. Anyone can be the captain of their life. It makes no difference what your occupation, education, or financial situation is. All that's required is a willingness to do whatever it takes. If you are not already there, why not promote yourself to captain today?

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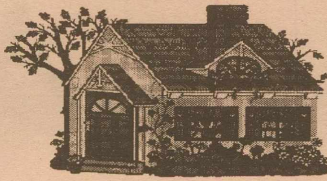


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## Heart and Home ...

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### And May All Your Christmas Budgets in the Black

People can't do much to assure a white Christmas, but they can avoid going further into the red.

Don't dip into savings or max out credit cards just to purchase gifts, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service family economics specialists recommend. Instead, think of creative ways of gift-giving and to celebrate the season.

"When people have traditions, they do things the way they always have done them without giving thought as to whether that is a sustainable and affordable way for them to have a holiday," said Nancy Granovsky, A&M AgriLife Extension family economics specialist.

This may be the year for a change.

"This year might be the year when gifts come from the heart instead of the pocketbook," Dr. Joyce Cavanagh, A&M AgriLife Extension family economics specialist, said.

\* Have a yard sale. "People may have things that they no longer need or use," Cavanagh said. "That could be an income producing opportunity — having a yard sale or a garage sale and selling what they have that they no longer need. The additional resources can help provide some small gifts for a family or special foods for holiday meals.

\* Cut back on the number of gifts. "Instead of each person buying each of nine adults a gift, draw names for one person each. Then make it a game to guess who gave that particular gift," Granovsky said. "Start a new tradition. It is not exactly the same as the previous one but may bring more happiness and fun to a gift exchange. Plus, our homes would not be filling with as many things as they tend to."

\* Make gifts. "Think about how families probably celebrated the holidays during the Great Depression," Cavanagh

added. "Make things for each other. Children might draw pictures for their grandparents or their aunts and uncles."

Granovsky agreed. "A lot of children have special hobbies," she said. "If we could reinforce in children the fact that what they are producing with their hands, with their abilities is going to be valued by somebody else, they may never have thought of it as a giftable skill. It is a gift to receive something that comes from another individual."

\* Offer services. "What is it that someone could really use?" Cavanagh said. "Perhaps coupons for a free night of babysitting. Children might give to their parents a coupon that they will do some chore that their parent does. Adults might figure out what is it that their friends and family members enjoy. So think about what is it that you can do for someone else and give a homemade gift certificate."

\* Think ordinary. "If you have an older relative who likes to write letters to people, some nice cards and stationary and postage stamps might be a good gift," she added. "Things that get at the every day kinds of things for people whose budgets might be tight make good gifts. That saves them the money that they might otherwise be spending on medication and food but also gives them that uplift of continuing to be able to do something that is important to them."

\* Spend time. "In many circumstances, the best gift that can be given is the gift of time," Granovsky added. "One good idea for someone who may be experiencing difficulty would be a greeting card, a very happy holiday greeting card with a special certificate that says 'I'm bringing dinner to you on such-and-such a day' or 'The week of such-and-such

you don't have to cook because we're going to bring over supper each evening. That might be good for an elderly neighbor, a single mom struggling or certainly for parents of young children."

\* Teach a skill. "We are seeing the trend toward more and more people starting to cook at home again, and in many cases cooking at home for the first time in a long time," Granovsky said. "So it is a time of skill-building for children. Holidays would be a perfect time to build a new family custom. Children can develop a new way of understanding food preparation that can be fun as well as save money for people."

Overall, the family economists noted, be open and honest with the family's expectations for gifts and financial reality.

"If you know that it is going to be a tough year at Christmas for your family, it's probably a good idea to begin to have some conversations with your kids about what their realistic expectations for the holiday might be," Cavanagh said. "If you are a family where in the past the kids have gotten a lot of things, and this year you know that's not going to happen, do some preparations about not having the same kind of gift Christmas as in the past, but it doesn't mean we can't enjoy Christmas."

Whatever the decisions are about gifts, the specialists said, watch spending.

"Don't overuse credit cards to maintain the kind of Christmas from the past," Granovsky said. "Every year we encourage people to budget for their expenses and limit what they spend on their credit cards. This year it is going to be even more important for people to exercise additional restraint in using that credit."

## Obituary

Juanda Hancock

1927 - 2012



Juanda Hancock of Belton, TX, formerly of Borden County passed from this world at 11:20 p.m. on October 15, 2012 at the age of 85 years. She was born in Seagraves, Texas on January 3, 1927, to James W. and Nancy Elizabeth (Duncan) Taylor. Juanda graduated from Lubbock High and attended Texas Tech University. On March 8, 1947, Juanda married Weldon Hancock and moved to start a family on a cotton farm in Borden County. She actively participated in farming, school, community, and church activities. Juanda and Weldon were members of square dance clubs in Lamesa, Brownfield, and Lubbock. They also traveled with RV clubs in West Texas.

With the passing of her husband of 52 years (Weldon Hancock) Juanda moved to Belton, TX, in 1999. During her 13 years in Belton, Juanda was an active participant in New Beginnings, Newcomers,

the Belton Senior Center, activities at the First United Methodist Church, and volunteered at the Scott & White Memorial Hospital and Park Place Manor Nursing Home. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Belton.

Those left to cherish her memory are two daughters: Sandra Cunningham (and Rick) of Ranger, TX, Sue Brown (and Ron) of Belton; two sons: Tommy Hancock (and Stacy) of Cloudcroft, NM, Joe Hancock (and Melissa) of Manhattan, Kansas; Sister-in-law Helen Taylor of Marble Falls, TX; six grandchildren, Keith Hancock (and Jennifer), Cammy McGuire (and Pat), Mandy Scott (and Brad), Lynsey Coker (and Brian), Clint Brown and Whitney Brown; seven great-grandchildren, Garrett Hancock, Susan and Christi McGuire, Drew and Carly Coker, Nolan and Brooke Scott.

Juanda is preceded in death by her parents; husband Weldon; two sisters and two brothers.

A memorial service is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Thursday, October 18, 2012, at First United Methodist Church in Belton, TX. Visitation will be from 7:00 - 8:30 at Combest Family Funeral Home in Tahoka on Thursday, October 18. Graveside Services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, October 19, 2012, at Gail Cemetery in Gail, TX.


Please join us in celebrating the life of Juanda by visiting [www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com)





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 **Borden County 4-H News** 

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## *Borden County 4-H Food Show Results*

The Borden County 4-H Food Show was held on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 in the Borden County Event Center. Five youth competed: Brad Thomas received first place with his Banana Pudding in the Junior Dairy category; Haddie Flanigan received first place in the Junior Fruit and Vegetable category with her Fall Fruit Parfait; placing first in the Junior Grains category was Morghan Oaks with Marilyn's Rice; Kennedy Tucker placed first with her Chicken Salad in the Junior Protein category; and Kelby Kleck received first place in the Intermediate Grains category with her Banana Bread. All youth are eligible to advance to the South Plains District 2 4-H Food Show in Levelland on November 17<sup>th</sup>. We are proud of these 4-H'ers for their hard work and dedication to the Food and Nutrition project, and for exhibiting their knowledge of nutrition, MyPlate, food safety and basic food preparation skills.



*Pictured above are members of the Borden County 4-H who recently competed in the County Food Show are (left to right) Brad Thomas, Morghan Oaks, Kelbie Kleck, Haddie Flanigan and Kennedy Tucker.*

## **Fuzzy Ninny's BBQ**

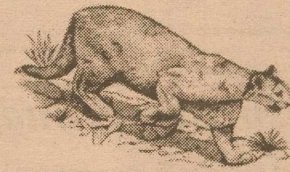
**Will be open**

**Saturday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>  
From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
(or later)**

**At the Rock Station in Gail  
Call 759-3461 or 759-3460  
Hope to see ya there!**

**Order for Thanksgiving!  
Jibber, Cindy, Fuzz & Becky**

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## **Predator Awareness Workshop Borden County Event Center**

**Gail, TX**

**November 13, 2012**

3 CEU's will be offered

\$20.00 Registration Fee

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### *Morning Session*

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| 8:30        | Registration  |
| 9:00        | Appreciating Predators????<br>(Ken Cearley, Extension Wildlife Specialist)  |
| 9:10        | Interpreting Physical Evidence of Predation Lab Practical<br>(Cearley)  |
| 10:00       | Break   |
| 10:15       | Predator Biology<br>Coping with Coyotes (Cearley)<br>Mountain Lions (Cearley)<br>Coping with Feral Hogs (Cearley) |
| 11:30       | Predator Control and Wildlife Management<br>(Cearley)   |
| 12:00-12:45 | Lunch at Borden County Event Center   |

### *Afternoon Session*

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| 12:45 | Demonstrations of control alternatives<br>(Rick Gilliland, Extension Wildlife Services)<br>Non-Lethal Approaches<br>Traps and Snares<br>M-44s and LPCs<br>Aerial Gunning and Calling |
| 1:45  | Evaluation and CEU Presentation  |
| 2:00  | Adjourn  |