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## How It All Began, the History of Borden County Schools Part Three in a Series: The Fairview School

*Editor's note: This is the second of three installments on the Fairview School. The following recollection written by Irvin Clayton was published in the March 1972 Borden Citizen, Vol. VII—No. 3*

Fairview School—one cannot forget it ever, but as for memories, it does vary. I associate it with a poem once read: "School Days."

Some things stand out rather vividly. One is the distance from our house to the school: about three and a half-miles and four gates! We had a "play" in school that called for a red wagon as a prop, and since I had one, I pulled it the entire distance, there and back (probably with Leta Gray in it part of the way).

The blackboard was not a misnomer. As I remember it, each year the cracks grew wider. The "Jack Knives" carved initials were also in evidence. One year, I remember a line cut from the inkwell down, dividing the double desk. "You stay on your side, and I'll stay on mine." Also unforgettable was the teacher's desk on the podium and the recitation bench or desk. I

know it all had a purpose and a sound philosophy for its day. Other items—the access door to the attic. Once or twice, some of us pulled chairs up and looked in to see what was up there. Just darkness. However, the darkness was a setting for many of my dreams such as ghosts coming out of the attic and chasing me over the hills, or sometimes I was too "skered" to move. The grave yard might have prompted some of the dreams. When I first came to Fairview, the older boys would see that the younger ones were taken there and would throw a rock down in the hole beside a tombstone. The resounding "klunk" was the rock hitting the casket, they would tell us. As you probably remember, ghost stories were the rage then. Oh, yes, the cistern. Always drink out of a cup and then you couldn't see the water lice swimming around in the water. We were a hearty breed, though, and survived it.

My horse's name was Joe. "Ol Black Joe," a stud, that took a dim view of being tied up all day, would pace back and forth as the rope would al-

low and sometime react rather violently when I first got back in the saddle in the afternoon. The other horse, "Helen," was more docile and seemed to enjoy the rest of each day [while I was at school].

I have often wondered where the ones I knew have gone: the Skeens, Henrys, Clawsons, and others. I suppose Leta Gray lives there now. J. Homer Beal ("Swiggles") lives in Lamesa, and I see him occasionally. I will never forget him riding the mini-Shetland pony and how they came bouncing out of the mesquite northwest of the school. The Clawsons always rode donkeys. That was something to do at noon: try to ride one!

I am glad that Fairview School is in the news again, as it does have a warm place in my heart.



## Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

### Helping Others

We all depend on others. Everyone is happy to receive help when they are in need. But far fewer people are ready to offer help. Helping others is one of the best ways to help yourself. As with most things, there has to be a balance. It's self-destructive to be so focused on the needs of others that you neglect your own well being.

Help can take many forms and range from minor to major significance. Perhaps your action is as routine as rushing to open the door for a stranger pushing a stroller or as significant as having an aging parent move in with you.

There are numerous ways to provide help. You can interact on a one to one basis or you can work with a volunteer organization. Much of the impact you will have on others will be on an interpersonal basis.

You can be there when someone needs to talk. You can offer your time to help a friend with chores around their house. You can baby-sit for a neighbor who is in a pinch. You can give a ride to someone whose car is in the shop.

Although you can offer assistance, you can't fix someone else's problems. Each person is responsible for his or her own life. When others turn to

you rather than taking responsibility for their own situation, you have to draw a line as to how much time and effort you want to devote.

Some people may be grateful for your help. Others may actually be resentful and can even turn against you. If someone becomes bitter, it's not your fault. Resentment results when a person feels guilty about being helped or they feel they can't repay you.

Whether or not to help someone financially is not an easy decision. Money issues have the potential to cause rifts among family members or the closest of friends. If you loan someone money, they may not feel an obligation to pay it back in a timely fashion or may think there is no need to repay it at all.

You, on the other hand, may not be comfortable asking for repayment because you don't want to create a problem. Or, if you do mention it, it's informally. The result is you feel taken advantage of. In the end, the relationship suffers and may even end.

In addition to the potential problems associated with helping financially, the recipients rarely use the money to solve their problems. Rather, they

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# Coyotes Win Back to Back District Games With Victory Over the Klondike Cougars

By Coach Edwards

Another fast start for the Coyotes against Klondike helped the them to win back to back district games on the turn. The Coyotes jumped out to a 16-2 lead after one quarter of play using their pressure defense. Borden added to their lead in the second quarter taking a 31-13 into the half.

The Cougars played tough in the second half, but it wasn't enough and the Coyotes won their seventh district game of the season. Borden improves their overall record to 18-4 on the season and holding on to the third spot in district.

Tanner Richey lead the team in scoring with 18 points followed by Helio Rosales with 15 points. Kurt Shafer finished the night with eight points while T.J. Basquez and Matt Proulx each scored six points. Jared Smith chipped in

two points and Korbin Martinez with a point.



Coyote, Jared Smith guards a Klondike player in last Fridays' bout. The Coyotes beat the Cougars improving their record to 18-4.

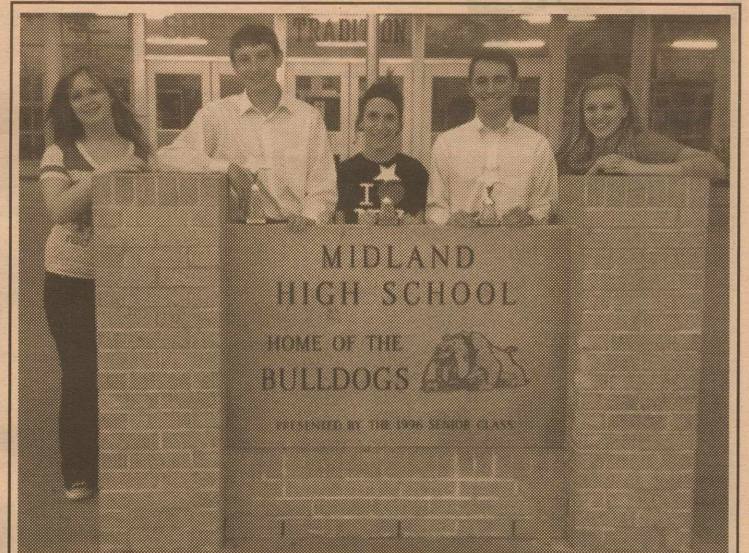
# Lady Coyotes Get Off to Slow Start Against the Klondike Cougars

By Coach Skelton

The Lady Coyotes started out missing shots early, forcing the ball, and bad execution led to them being down four 11-7 on the road at Klondike. In the second quarter however they settled down and exploded with a sixteen point quarter and shot 6/7 from the free throw line. The first half closed with the Lady Coyotes up six 23-17. However one thing that was troubling the Lady Coyotes was foul trouble, and early in the starting point guard Junior Taylor Gass received her fourth foul. This meant the kids were going to need to step up, and boy did they. Senior Kylie Voss scored 9 of her 20 points in the third going 6/6 from the free

throw line. Freshmen point guard Tatum Richey, and sophomore shooting guard Tye Basquez and small forward Clair Shafer combined for 7 assists 6 steals and just 2 turnovers while the starter was sidelined with foul trouble. "You have got to love it when girls are thrust into a situation and choose to thrive in it." The bench which scored 18 points and forced numerous turnovers is what it will take to make a deep run. Teryn Soto's three in the fourth quarter pretty much was the nail in their coffin tonight. The fourth quarter belong solely the Lady Coyotes who outscored the Cougars 23-12, and ended the game with a final of 60-35

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The BHS speech team traveled to compete in the Midland TFA speech tournament. Members competing were (left to right) Cassie Gaines, Robert Jordan, Mollie McMeans, Zach McMeans and Tatum Richey.

# Freshman Poetry Reader Takes Second at Midland TFA Speech Tournament

Five members of the BHS speech team combined for several points in Saturday's competition held at Midland High

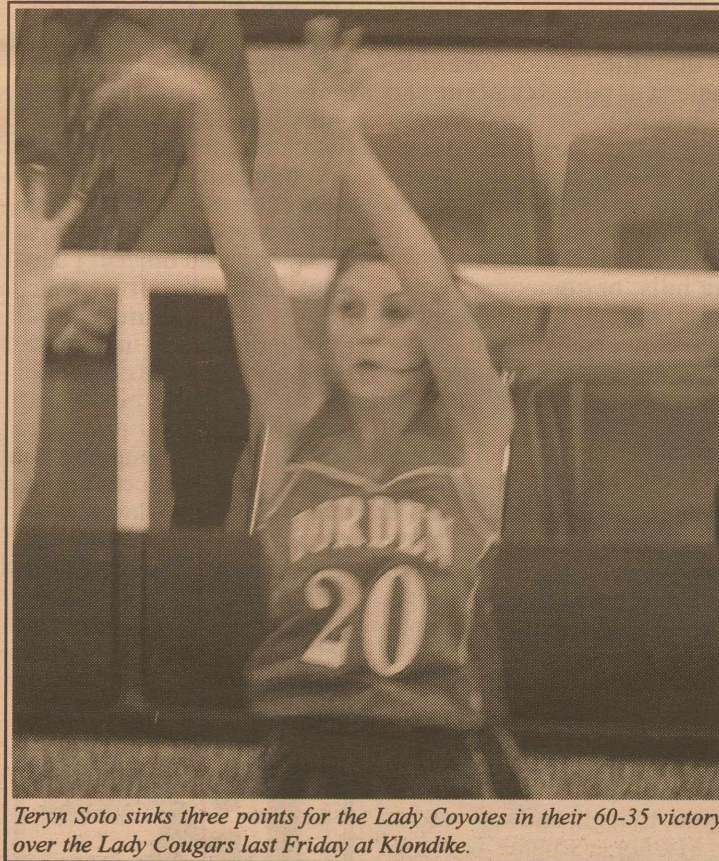
School.

Freshman Robert Jordan, competing in his first ever high school tournament, advanced to the final round where he defeated upperclassmen from several powerhouse schools on the speech circuit. Robert was second in his preliminary round, first in the semi-finals, and then was ranked first, second, and third by a panel of judges in the last round—the cumulative score earned him the second place trophy.

Robert also competed in impromptu speaking where he ranked fifth in his preliminary round.

Junior Cassie Gaines competed in both poetry interpretation and foreign extemp. Freshman Tatum Richey also read poetry at her first high school meet.

Junior CX debaters Mollie McMeans and Zach McMeans went 3-0 in their prelim rounds before losing a ballot to San Angelo Central. The two have one more tune-up tournament this weekend before facing a strong O'Donnell team for the district title February 7. O'Donnell recently won third place at the Sudan Speech Tournament. OHS will be bringing two teams to Gail for the district tournament.



Teryn Soto sinks three points for the Lady Coyotes in their 60-35 victory over the Lady Cougars last Friday at Klondike.

Scorers: Kylie Voss 20, Teryn Soto 10, Tye Basquez 8, Clair Shafer 7, McKenna 2, Campbell 6, Taylor Gass 4, Kaylyn Dean 3, Tatum Richey 2

# Coyote JV Defeats Klondike 56-16

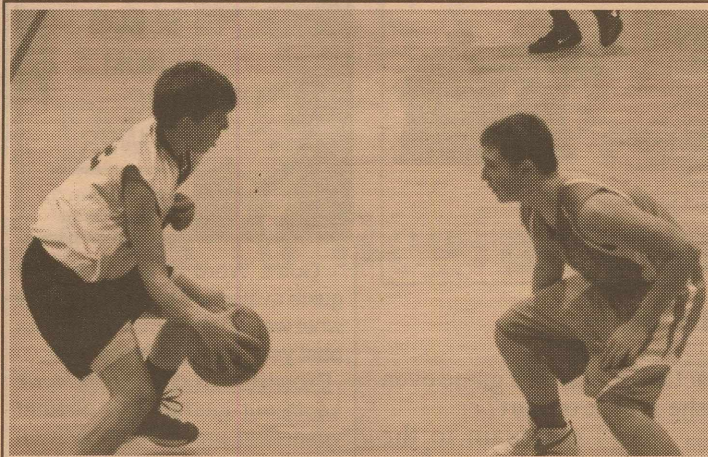
By Coach Edwards

The Borden County Junior Varsity squad caught on fire last Friday night defeating the Klondike Cougars, 56-16.

The Coyotes exploded for 16 and 22 points in the first two quarters of play going into half with a 38-6 advantage. They continued to stay hot and outscored the Cougars 18-7 in the second half.

Matt Ham lead the team in scoring with 17 points followed by Riley Herridge with 13 points. Tristen Benavidez added 10 points while Colby Pennell finished with eight points. Frank Banman chipped in seven points and Jordan Martinez with two points.

Borden Junior Varsity improves to 9-6 on the season.



Kale Yarbrow tries to keep his Klondike opponent from the goal. The Pups won the championship at this past weekends' Sands tournament defeating Klondike and Dawson

# Missy Coyotes Take 3rd in Sands Tourney

By Coach Skelton

The first round pitted the Junior High Lady Coyotes against Sands Lady Mustangs. The first half didn't fair very well for the Ladies of Borden County, as the score reflected 21-0. However to their credit the young ladies responded better in the second half and were only outscored by one point 10-9. The battle for 3<sup>rd</sup> place would have a rematch from earlier this season with the Ladies of Dawson. The last time these two schools met the Dawson Lady Dragons took home a four point win. The Lady Coyotes looking to build on the 2<sup>nd</sup> half effort verses Sands came out playing great defense and found themselves up one at the end of the first half.

"I thought they battled hard, and never quit. They basically found a way to win which is something all coaches like to see from their team. We had two girls foul out which really is the core for this group, and girls had to step up," said Coach Skelton. Step up they did. "I call a timeout with

something like a minute or so left in the game and we are down two. These you ladies don't really press and I haven't overly taught it to them. However we do it just enough and we had nothing to lose so we jump into it. We manage to get a couple of steals that led to free throw opportunities which we couldn't capitalize on, but we stayed with it," he said. "The girls then get a steal and work the ball and Preslea Hall gets open on the right wing and nails a three to put the Missy Coyotes up one with 30 or 40 seconds to go. The girls manage to force another turnover, and we inbound the ball something happens we lose it, and press to get it back, and force the final turnover. It was pretty cool to see them battle back like that."

Scorers Sands: Savanna Herridge 3, Ashlyn Tucker, Harley Merrill, Carley Bell 2

Scorers Dawson: Savanna Herridge 8, Sydnee Jordan 5, Preslea Hall 4, Madison Benavidez 2

# Coyote JV Battle and Gain Victory Over Warriors

By Coach Edwards

The Borden Junior High hoopsters brought home the championship trophy last weekend at the Sands Junior High Tournament by defeating Klondike in the first round and Dawson in the finals.

In the first contest, the Coyotes exploded for 28 halftime points and holding Klondike to only three points. The Pups went on a 14-0 run in the third quarter to secure a 47-5 victory over the Cougars.

Trace Richey scored a team high 12 points followed by Corbin Sumners and Hunter Jones with 10 points. Kale Yarbrow knocked in five points while Kace Lott chipped in four points. Hunter Huse, Jayton Lewis and Diego

Bernal contributed two points.

The fans got their money's worth in the championship as the Dawson Dragons gave the Pups a tough fight.

Dawson jumped out on Borden County and had a lead as many as eight points in the first half. The Pups fought hard to close the gap as the Dragons led 12-8 at the half. They changed defenses in the second half holding Dawson to only five second half points and scoring 14 of their own to win the championship 22-17.

Richey led all scorers with 13 points with Bernal finishing with five points. Lewis and Jones scored two points. The Borden Junior High squad improved to 10-0 on the season.



Missy Coyote, Maddie Benavidez (#30) blocks out a Dawson Lady Dragon at this past weekends Sands Jr. High tournament.

## School Lunch Menu

Feb. 4 - 8, 2013

Menu Subject to Change

**Monday** - Breakfast: French Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken & Broccoli Penne, Garden Salad, Baby Carrots, Apple Slices, Breadstick and Milk.

**Tuesday** - Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Ulitimate Taco Salad, Spanish Rice (9-12 grade only), Seasoned Corn, Fresh Fruit, Sherbet Cup (9-12 grade only) and Milk.

**Wednesday** - Breakfast: Cinnamon Raisin Bagel, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Steak Fingers, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Apple-Pineapple Delight, Roll (9-12 grade only) and Milk.

**Thursday** - Breakfast: Ham & Biscuit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Quesadilla, Black Beans, Baby Carrots, Orange Smiles, Salsa and Milk.

**Friday** - Breakfast: Blueberry Muffin, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pizza, Garden Salad, Fresh Veggie Cup, Mixed Fruit and Milk.

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**Heart and Home ...**

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### Take Him Out!

We've all been there – cheering at the game and having fun watching the kids play. Then somewhere out of the stands comes that loud voice yelling, "What are you thinking, take him out," or "Ref, how could you miss that call?" Then the tirade continues for the entire game alternately aimed at the coach, kids, and referees or umpires. Embarrassing – yes. Helpful to anyone – no.

Let's tackle the sensitive topic of adults and sportsmanship. It's easier and safer to focus on the kids. But the truth is that adults can become overly involved. This discussion includes all adults, not just parent. There's no age limit, gender, or relationship that precludes an adult from "losing it" at a sporting event.

So what's an overly involved parent or adult? Here are some questions to ask yourself.

Do I get in arguments at my child's sporting event?

Do I object to calls and possibly cuss at the referees or umpires?

Do I insist my child go to

practice or play in a game even if she is sick or hurt?

Do I complain to the coach about the amount of my child's playing time?

Do I insist my child is much better than others on the team?


Do I tell or show my child how to play dirty?

Do I show more approval when my child plays well?

Ok, it's gut check time. Did any of these questions make you squirm just a little? Did some of them hit close to home? We're not perfect and it's easy to get caught up in an intense game.

But remember, as a parent you are ALWAYS a role model for your child. Sports help character development and what are you teaching your child when you lose control of your emotions and actions. What do you do to keep calm at your child's games?

Source: Iowa State University Extension and Outreach blog 'The Science of Parenting' <http://blogs.extension.iastate.edu/scienceofparenting>



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## Dare to Live...

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continue with the same behavior that caused the monetary difficulty in the first place. After the money you provided is gone, they are in exactly the same position as they were originally and in need of more money.

Problems that require help can be unexpected, short term, temporary, and easily solvable. Providing help for people in this category provides immediate relief. More deep-seated problems are based on specific conduct. An effective way to help these people is to show them ways to help themselves. But remember that many people see themselves as victims rather than the cause. These people are difficult to help.

Providing help to those in need is a great thing to do. Help should be given for the sake of helping and not because you want something in return. Whenever you make a difference, no matter how small, in someone's life, both you and they will feel good.

Do what you can, whenever you can, to help. Offer without being asked and don't expect anything in return. Some may not appreciate your efforts but many will. Remember how you felt when someone helped you.

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### Thank You

The family of Maurine Hanks would like to thank you for the cards, prayers, flowers, food, and memorials in her honor. Turning 100 years old last July, "Granmommy" left behind four generations of children and grandchildren. We continue to receive memorials to the Borden County EMS and several children's homes. We are trying to thank each of you personally, and hope that we don't miss someone. We appreciated all of the kind gestures. It is a blessing to be a part of such a caring community.

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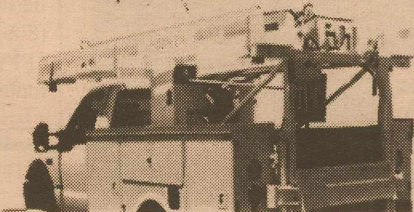
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Borden County 4-H News


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### 4-H Food Challenge Teams

Future practices will be held after school until 5:00 p.m. in the Borden County Event Center on:

- Monday, January 28
- Tuesday, February 5
- Tuesday, February 12
- Friday, February 15
- Tuesday, February 19
- Friday, February 22

Since this is a team event, in order to participate in the contest we ask that youth attend 4 of the 6 practices. 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 Clothing Project


Youth interested in learning about fashion design, clothing selection, care, and basic construction techniques are invited to participate in the Clothing Project. We will begin meeting on Monday, February 4 after school until 5:00 p.m. in the Extension Office. 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 Photography Project

4-H Photography project will begin meeting soon. 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 4<sup>th</sup> at Levelland Middle School in Levelland. **The deadline for entering a Public Speaking Contest is Wednesday, April 10.** 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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# USDA FSA Announces 2013 DCP/ACRE Program Sign-Ups to Begin February 19

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The extended programs include, among others: the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program (DCP), the Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE), and the Milk Income Loss Contract Program (MILC). FSA is preparing the following actions:

FSA will begin sign-ups for DCP and ACRE for the 2013 crops on Feb. 19, 2013. The DCP sign-up period will end Aug. 2, 2013; the ACRE sign-



up period will end June 3, 2013.

The 2013 DCP and ACRE program provisions are unchanged from 2012, except that all eligible participants in 2013 may choose to enroll in either DCP or ACRE for the 2013 crop year. This means that eligible producers who were enrolled in ACRE in 2012 may elect to enroll in DCP in 2013 or may re-enroll in ACRE in 2013 (and vice versa).

All dairy producers' MILC

contracts are automatically extended to Sept. 30, 2013. Eligible producers therefore do not need to re-enroll in MILC. Specific details regarding certain modifications to MILC will be released soon.

FSA will provide producers with information on program requirements, updates and signups as the information becomes available. Any additional details will be posted on FSA's website, <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

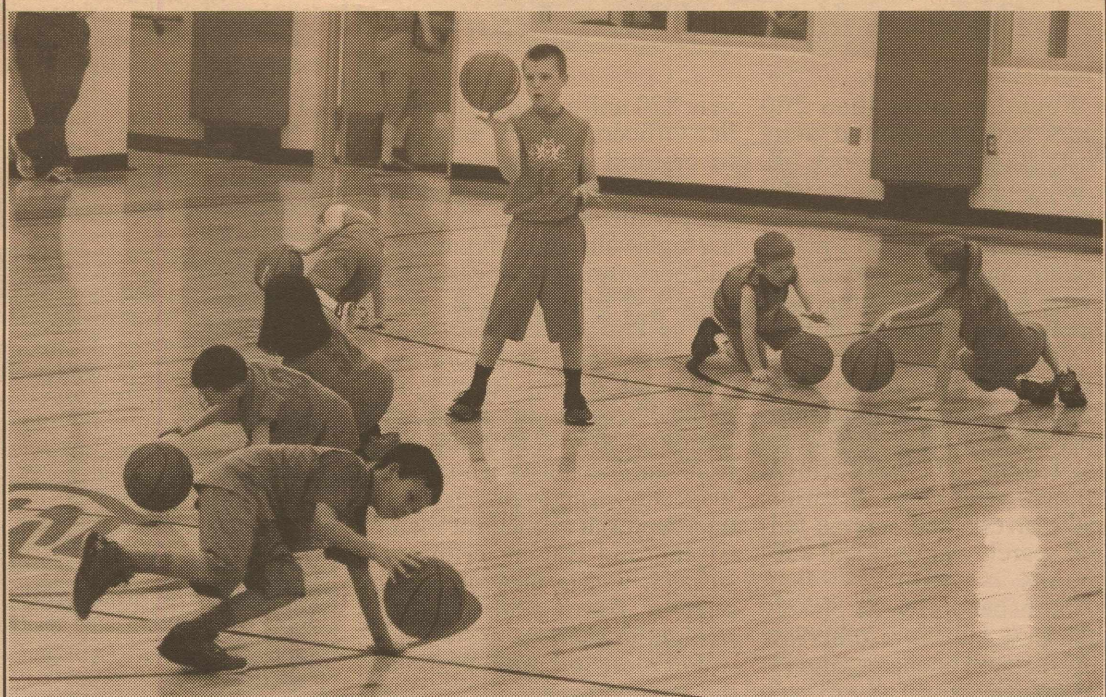



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## Coyote Camp Performs for Fans



Approximately 80 members of Borden County's Coyote Camp recently performed before fans. Coyote Camp is a basketball performance group consisting of boys and girls, kindergarten through sixth grade. The group focuses on ball handling skills, drills and tricks to help develop skills needed for Little Dribblers. It is the instructors goal to try to help each Coyote develop responsibility, discipline and confidence while working hard, but still having fun. Instructors for the camp include Kim Lott, April Morris, Karen Stephens, Deha Miller, Rhonda Kingston, Cassidy Carpenter, Cassie Lewis, Shelly Snell, Kaci Edwards, Leslie Murphy and Laurie Etheredge.

## Public Notice

### 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

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## ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS

Property owners have certain rights that may reduce their property tax burden.

### HOMEOWNERS

Persons who own their residence on January 1, 2013, may claim their home as a residential homestead. The filing of this document is only necessary if the homeowner has changed homesteads since January 1, 2012, or has become eligible for additional exemptions since last year. Homeowners may also defer the portion of the tax on their residence homestead if the value of the home was raised more than 5% above the previous year. Although the tax collection is deferred, interest continues to run on the unpaid portion of tax at a rate of 8% per annum and the deferred tax remains a lien on the property. To apply for the deferral, the owner should contact the appraisal district and complete an application.

### DISABLED PERSONS

Persons who are disabled under Social Security law are entitled to additional exemptions on their residential homestead. Disabled applicants must apply with the appraisal district and furnish a determination letter from Social Security. Disabled persons now receive all benefits on their home that are available to over 65 persons (see below).

### PERSONS WHO ARE OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE-EXEMPTIONS AND DEFERRAL

Persons who are over 65 years of age or disabled persons may file for additional exemptions and a ceiling on school taxes for their residential homestead if they become 65 during 2013. Over-65 persons should apply for this exemption at the appraisal district office in their county. Over-65 persons are also eligible to defer paying the tax on their residential homestead if they wish. The taxes continue to accrue during the deferral along with an interest rate of 8% annually, but no attempt will be made to force payment during the deferral. Details and an application may be obtained from the appraisal district or the State Comptroller.

### DISABLED VETERANS

Persons who have been declared disabled by the Veteran's Administration are eligible for additional exemptions on property they own. The declaration letter from VA is mailed annually, but the appraisal district only needs a copy in the first year of eligibility or if the percentage of disability changes. In certain situations where the disabled vet is 100% disabled and unemployable, their homestead can be completely exempt.

### FARM AND RANCH OWNERS

Farmers and ranchers may be entitled to receive an alternate method of appraisal determined by the farm income to the property. This method is available to farms and ranches commercially raising crops or livestock or which are used as a wildlife habitat under State guidelines. An application for agricultural use value and additional information is available from Borden County Appraisal District. Re-filing is only necessary if requested to do so by the Chief Appraiser.

### EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

Exemption applications for all property tax exemptions including total exemptions for charitable, religious, and other total exemptions may be obtained from the Borden County Appraisal District or through the State Comptroller's Office at 1/800-252-9121 or at their website at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/02-forms.html>

### BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNERS

State law now requires the filing of a rendition declaring what types of business personal property that a person or company owns. Failure to file the rendition will result in a 10% penalty. If a fraudulent rendition is filed, a 50% penalty is mandated. A rendition can be obtained from the appraisal district office where the property is located. Deadline-April 15. A 30 day filing extension is available by written request. If you have any questions or would like a copy of any of the exemption, special appraisal, rendition, or tax deferral forms, please contact:

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## Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
Tumbleweed Smith

### New Year's In Rio

Brazilians have a wonderful way of celebrating the beginning of a new year. They dress in white, go to the beach, jump seven waves, bounce up and down on one foot and throw white gladiolas into the ocean. It is a beautiful sight. We felt special to get to witness it. We heard about the unique celebration while staying at Cibolo Creek Ranch near Marfa. A group was there from the Guggenheim Museum in New York. One member of the group was from Brazil and when we told her we were going to be in Rio over New Year's Eve she just bubbled and started telling us about the custom. We made sure to pack some white clothes especially for the occasion.

We were staying at the Sheraton, one of the few ocean front hotels in Rio de Janeiro. It has a private beach. On the last day of 2012, we visited the statue of Christ the Redeemer and Sugarloaf Mountain. We returned to our room at the hotel to find a plastic see-through bag containing a bottle of champagne and two champagne glasses.

Alongside were two white t-shirts with 2012-2013 written on them. Way to go, Sheraton! What a wonderful surprise.

We heard about all the expensive parties going on in hotels and restaurants and asked the hotel concierge about them. We also wanted to know if the hotel had any outdoor plans to celebrate the New Year.

He told us the hotel had planned a small fireworks show, but the big event was at Copacabana Beach, about five miles away. A million and a half people were expected to be there. The closest public beach to us was one called Leblon. Further down were Ipanema and Copacabana.

The cab ride to and from Copacabana was going to cost \$400 and all the parties we inquired about cost around \$500 per person and were all sold out. I was relieved. We ate dinner that night in the hotel's casual dining area. It was a cabana-type building, half under a roof and half open to the

sky. While we dined on pizza and a salad, we saw people elegantly dressed in white going to a party at the hotel.

After dinner, we went to our room, put on our white t-shirts and shorts, grabbed our champagne and headed to the beach. It was about 11 PM. Access to the beach was closed at the time, so we lounged by the pool for a while. We asked someone passing by to take our picture and we took our own pictures of the champagne, the glasses and some chocolates we had saved from the night before. It was a sweet time.

At midnight, as crowds of people lined the balcony above the beach, there was a terrific explosion. The fireworks show had begun. It was elaborate and filled the sky with patterns of fire. Since the fireworks were lit very close to the people, tiny shards of flame sprayed the crowd. Made it really exciting. After the fireworks show people were free to go to the beach. We could see the fireworks from Copacabana and other beaches. We joined the Brazilians in jumping the waves, making sure to leave the ocean walking backwards, which is part of the custom. We kissed, drank our champagne and experienced a New Year's Celebration that we'll remember for a long time.



Helio Rosales (#42) stretches to score for the Coyotes. The Coyotes defeated the Longhorns 63-25.

# Coyotes Move a Step Closer After Defeating the Longhorns

By Coach Edwards

The Borden Coyotes, ranked #19 by TABC, moved a step closer in securing a play-off spot by defeating the Loop Longhorns, 63-25.

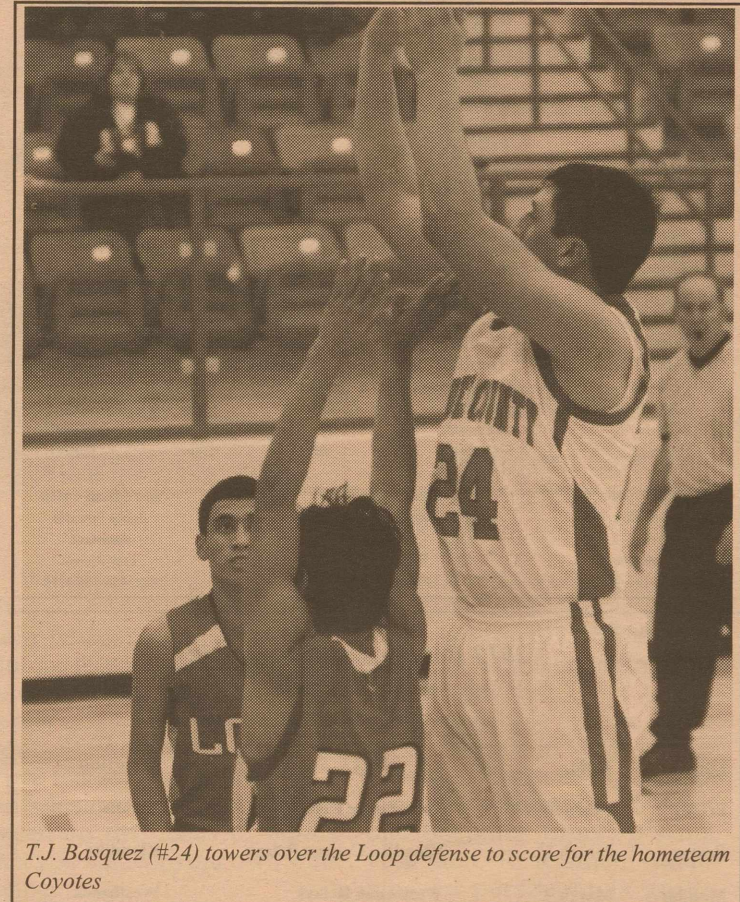
The Coyotes started the game with 22 unanswered points and ended the first quarter with a 25-2 lead. Borden extended the lead to 39-7 at the half. Loop hit a couple of shots behind the arc in third, but Borden seemed to answer back. Another strong defensive fourth quarter allowing the Longhorns only five points sealed the deal as the Coyotes picked up their sixth district win of the season.

The Coyotes were led by Tanner Richey with 22 points followed by T.J. Basquez with

13 points. Kurt Shafer added eight points and Helio Rosales with six points. Jared Smith contributed five points while Sean Tucker chipped in four

points. Matt Proulx finished with three points and Korbin Martinez with two points.

Borden improves to 17-4 on the season.



T.J. Basquez (#24) towers over the Loop defense to score for the hometown Coyotes

## Coyote JV Adds Another Win to Win Column

By Coach Edwards

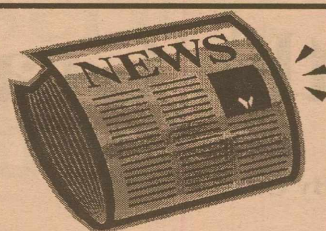
The Borden County sub- varsity added another win to the win column on Monday night defeating the Forsan Buffaloes freshmen squad, 42-32.

Borden jumped out to a 17-8 lead after one quarter of play, but the Buffaloes battled back in the third quarter to close the gap to two points. Forsan took their first lead in the fourth quarter, but the mighty Coyotes used a 12-0 run late in the

game to secure the victory.

Frank Banman and Tristen Benavidez lead the team in scoring with 11 points each followed by Riley Herridge and Jordan Martinez with seven points. Matt Ham added six points.

The Coyotes improved to 8-6 on the season.



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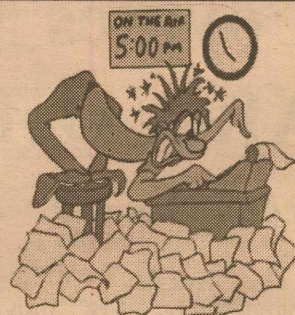
Coyotes and Lady Coyotes Basketball 2012-2013

Date	Opponent	Time	Location	Teams
27-Oct-12	Roscoe	1:00	There	JVG/VG
TBA	Post/Lamesa	TBA	There	JVG/VG
6-Nov-12	Spar	5:00	There	JVG/VG
9-Nov-12	Roby	6:00	There	JVG/VG
13-Nov-12	Ropes	4:00	Home	ALL
16-Nov-12	Ira	4:00	Home	ALL
20-Nov-12	Garden City	4:00	There	ALL
27-Nov-12	Seagraves	4:00	There	ALL
Nov 29-Dec 1	Post Tourney	TBA	There	VG/VB
Dec 6-8	BC Tourney	TBA	Home	VG/VB
11-Dec-12	Wellman*	4:00	Home	JVG/VG
11-Dec-12	Hamlin	5:00	Home	JVB/VB
14-Dec-13	Grady*	4:00	There	JVG/VG
14-Dec-13	Blackwell	5:00	There	JVB/VB
18-Dec-12	Loop*	4:00	There	ALL
21-Dec-12	Klondike*	4:00	Home	ALL
Dec 27-29	Jayton Tourney	TBA	There	VG/VB
Jan 3-5	Forsan JV Tourney	TBA	There	JVG/JVB
4-Jan-13	Dawson*	4:00	There	ALL
8-Jan-13	O'Donnell*	4:00	Home	ALL
11-Jan-13	Sands*	4:00	There	ALL
15-Jan-13	Wellman*	4:00	There	ALL
18-Jan-13	Grady*	4:00	Home	ALL
22-Jan-13	Loop*	4:00	Home	ALL
25-Jan-13	Klondike*	4:00	There	ALL
29-Jan-13	Dawson*	4:00	Home	ALL
1-Feb-13	O'Donnell*	4:00	There	ALL
5-Feb-13	Sands*	4:00	Home	ALL
8-Feb-13	Wellman*	4:00	Home	JVB/VB
12-Feb-13	Grady*	4:00	There	JVB/VB

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## Ladies vs. Loop



Lady Coyote, Lexi Peterson (#22) sweeps past Loop opponents to the goal. The Ladies defeated the Lady Longhorns stepping closer to the playoffs.

# Junior High Girls Battle the Grady Wildcats

By Coach Skelton

Last Thursday the Missy Coyotes traveled to Grady try and redeem an earlier loss this season.

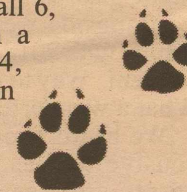
In their first match up the Junior Girls lost 32-7, but everyone in attendance on this night knew things were looking differently early. The girls played great defense and was handling the full court press applied by Grady with great poise.

On the offensive end they were making open shots and working the ball around to find open players. The first half closed with the Lady Coyotes up three 13-10. However in the third quarter the Lady Coyotes lost that early edge and was outscored eleven points. They did man-

age to improve their play in the final quarter, but in the end lost 37-23.

"I couldn't have been more proud of their effort. They have shown so much improvement this season words can't put into words how exciting that is for me.", Coach Skelton

said.  
Scorers: Sydnee Jordan  
11 Preslea Hall 6,  
Savanna  
Herridge 4,  
Madison  
Benavidez 2



Tentative Schedule: Updated 12/27/13

### 2013 Borden Track Schedule High School

Day	Date	Meet	Location
Friday	February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Long Sleeve Relays	Hamlin
Friday	March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Klondike Cougar Relays	Klondike
Monday	March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Westbrook Relays	Westbrook
Friday	March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sands Mustang Relays	Ackerly
Saturday	March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Piper Relays	Hamlin
Friday	March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Rolling Plains Relays	Jayton
Friday	March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Double Mountain Relays	Aspermont
Saturday	March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Looking for the baseball players	TBA
Thursday	April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Borden County Relays	Gail
Thursday	April 11 <sup>th</sup>	District Meet	Gail
Tuesday	April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Area Meet	TBA
Fri./Sat.	April 26 <sup>th</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup>	Regional	Levelland: SPC
Fri./Sat.	May 10 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup>	State Meet	Austin: UT

### Junior High

Day	Date	Meet	Location
Thursday	February 28 <sup>th</sup>	Cougar Jr. High Relays	Klondike
Thursday	March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sands Mustang Relays	Ackerly
Thursday	March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Rolling Plains Relays	Jayton
Monday	March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Double Mountain Relays	Aspermont
Thursday	April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Borden County Relays	Gail
Tuesday	April 9 <sup>th</sup>	District Meet	Ackerly



## Little Dribblers



Emma Key (left) plays tough defense against the Eagles last Saturday at the Little Dribblers games in O'Donnell.