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## Coyotes Let Early Lead Get Away to State Ranked Dragons

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes traveled to Welch Friday night to take on their 4<sup>th</sup> state ranked team out of their 5 games played this year. The Coyotes knew in order to have success, they would have to play a near perfect game as they were starting their fifth different lineup in five games as leading rusher and a young man that had 270 yards last week in Corbin Sumners would be forced to join fellow varsity freshman Kale Yarbrow, and sophomore Thomas Harrison by watching this contest from the sidelines without pads. As has been the case for this young Coyote football team, they seem to continue to rally behind each other and go out and compete with the guys that can play and battle their hearts out. Friday was no exception as these young men battled for 4 quarters without their latest casualty, Sumners.

After giving up a couple of 4<sup>th</sup> down conversions to the home town Dragons, newly inserted starter sophomore Colby Pennell stripped the ball from the Dragon runner and Frank Banman picked up the

loose pigskin and rumbled 64 yards to the 10 yard line. Three plays later quarterback Riley Herridge found Banman in the endzone with a 2 yard pass and a Coyote score to give the visitors a quick 6-0 lead. Herridge kicked the extra point after the Michael Taylor snap was placed on the tee by Hunter Jones to give Borden County an early 8-0.

Unfortunately, the lead would not last long as the Dragons returned the ensuing kick-off 77 yards and with the extra point kick the score was right back where it started, all even, but now at 8's. The Coyotes, as has been the case all season long with their touch-down drives, wasted very little time answering as Jones found Banman with a nice pass play to get the Coyotes deep in Dragon territory before Jones followed blocks by Tristen Benavidez, Nathan Ham, Korbin Martinez, Banman and Herridge to reach pay dirt and regained the lead at 14 to 8 and then 16 with the Herridge kick. The Coyote defense forced a turnover on downs, but the offense came up just short on a

pass to the endzone that was just off the fingertips of Pennell's. After another defensive stop by the Coyotes, the offense put together a nice drive that culminated with a Herridge to Banman hook up from 10 yards out. With this score Borden County had a 22-8 lead just before half. The Coyotes kept the Dragons out of the endzone, with a huge hit by Jayton Lewis that highlighted the defensive series.

In the second half, the Coyotes would be forced to go into the stiff wind, but with an emerging ground game this would prove to not be a problem for the visitors as they put together the longest drive of the season, covering 50 yards in 8 plays ending with an 11 yard Jones run. Herridge again made the extra point kick to increase the lead, the largest of the game for the Coyotes at 30-8. On the kick-off, Herridge kicked it high into the wind and the Dragons had a difficult time catching the ball and the Coyotes were able come away with the ball. Borden County

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## Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

*The Things You Avoid Are Sources  
of Potential Strength*

People avoid certain things for a variety of reasons. Fear is a significant cause of avoidance. It could be fear of failure, fear of criticism, or fear of hurt. Difficulty is another reason people avoid something. It's much more appealing to take the path of least resistance than to struggle. Lack of time is also used to justify avoidance. An easy way out is to say you're too busy.

Regardless of the reason, whenever you avoid something, you deprive yourself of an opportunity to grow and become stronger. When you develop a behavior pattern of constant avoidance, you forfeit an active role in your life in exchange for a passive one.

Suppose you want to improve your physical condition. You will have to exercise, which is a lot of work. It's certainly easy to avoid exercise by sitting on the couch watching TV. You can tell yourself you'll start tomorrow. Or you can use the excuse of not having enough time.

The bottom line is that you will not get in shape until you start working out. Exercise is effective because it forces your muscles to be active. By avoiding it, you gain nothing. The

longer you avoid it, the longer it will take you to get in shape.

Avoidance may come into play when you want to go back to school. There are many job opportunities available only to those with a college degree. If you are interested in pursuing such a career path, but don't have the necessary schooling, it is incumbent for you to obtain the required credentials.

It's normal to be tired at the end of a day of work. The most appealing option is to go home and relax. It takes a lot of time to go to class and then put in many hours studying. That's why many people avoid continuing their education.

You won't benefit from an education unless you do whatever it takes to get one. Although many successful people have a limited formal education, education is never a limitation. An education is an example of something people avoid although it would make them stronger.

A person may avoid personal responsibility by maintaining a dependence on others. One can become deluded into a false sense of security believing someone else will take care of

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# Borden JV Faces Tough Test

By Coach Benavidez

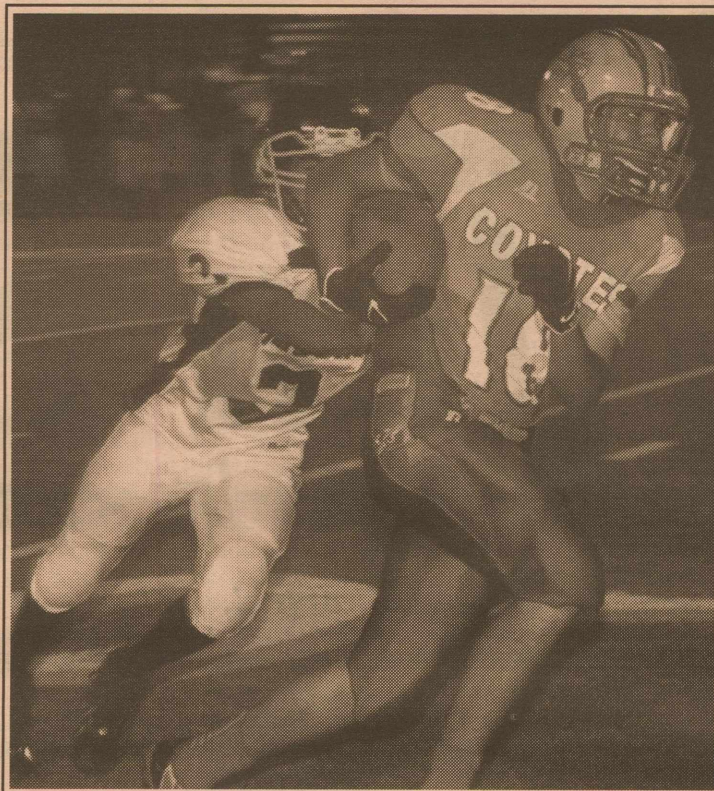
The Borden County JV faced a strong team in the Grady Wildcats this past Thursday. Once again, the young Coyotes were faced with being low in numbers and took on a traditionally strong JV team. The Wildcats had enough players to field two teams. As always the Coyotes gave it everything they had and fought hard.

The game started with Grady taking a commanding 26-0 lead through the middle of the second quarter. A fumble and not being able to take advantage offensively is much to blame for this. With :24 seconds left to play in the half, Mason Coor hooked up with Nathan Souder on a 24 yard pass to avoid the halftime shutout. The PAT failed. Then, with :23 seconds left, the Coyotes kicked off to the Wildcats and recovered a mishandled kick. Braxton Coor wrestled the ball away from a Grady receiver. However, the Coyote offense was able to take advantage of the opportunity. The score stood at 26-6, Grady.

The offensive woes continued for the Coyotes as they fumbled in the first possession of the second half. Grady took advantage as they drove the ball down the field and punched it into the endzone from 5 yards out. The PAT failed making the score 32-6. Grady scored twice more on runs. The Coyotes again found the endzone on a 28 yard pass from Mason Coor to Diego Bernal. The PAT failed. Borden County and Grady traded scores to end the game. The Coyotes found paydirt on a 5 yard pass from Mason to Dylan Murphy with the PAT failing. The final score was 18-62.

The stats for this game are as follows. Rushing leaders for the Coyotes were Nathan Souder with 37 yards. Mason Coor had 29 yards on the ground. Steven Carrillo added 2 yards. The quarterback for the Coyotes, Mason Coor added 160 yards through the

air with 5 different receivers. He hit three receivers with touchdown passes. The leading receiver was Dylan Murphy with 58 yards and a touchdown. Both Diego Bernal and Nathan Souder were tied with 44 receiving yards and each had a score. Steven Carrillo had 8 yards while Braxton Coor added in 6 yards. Leading the team in tackles was Mason Coor with 10, 7 solo, 3 assisted and 1 pass breakup. Diego Bernal was second with 9 tackles, 2 solo, 7 assisted. Steven Carrillo had 8 tackles, 4 solo, 4 assisted, 1 pass breakup. Nathan Souder also had 8 tackles, 4 solo, 4 assisted. Dylan Murphy added 3 tackles, 2 solo, 1 assisted, 1 pass breakup. Hunter Huse had 3 tackles on the defensive line with 2 solo, 1 assisted. Braxton Coor added 2 tackles with both being assisted. Great job of fighting to the last horn. Proud of you, guys.



Nathan Souder (#18) carries the ball for a total of 44 yards in last Thursday's bout with the Grady Wildcats.



## Players of the Week



Coyote Players of the Week are (left to right) Sophomore Colby Pennell (runningback/cornerback/end), Freshman Hunter Jones (runningback/quarterback/safety), Freshman Corbin Sumners (runningback/cornerback), Junior Mason Coor (end/safety), Junior Frank Banman (center/linebacker), Sophomore Korbin Martinez (runningback/cornerback/safety) and Senior Tristan Benavidez (end/linebacker).

## School Lunch Menu

Oct. 8 - 11, 2013  
Menu subject to change

**Monday** - NO SCHOOL

**Tuesday** - Breakfast: Cereal & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Fajitas, Tortilla Chips (9-12 grade only), Charro Beans, Corn, Salsa, Mandarin Oranges and Milk.

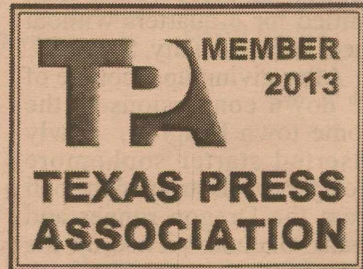
**Wednesday** - Breakfast: Pancake & Bacon, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Spaghetti, Garden Salad, Baby Carrots, Apple Slices, Breadstick and Milk.

**Thursday** - Breakfast: Sunrise Sandwich, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Beef & Cheese Chalupas, Tortilla Chips (9-12 grade only), Salsa, Garden Salad, Refried Beans, Applesauce and Milk.

**Friday** - Breakfast: Cinnamon Pastry & Yogurt, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Strawberry Cup and Milk.

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# Coyotes Upset by Dragons...

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looked poised to extend the lead and even put this contest away if they could maintain their momentum and extend the lead, but the turnover bug bit the Coyotes in the second half. They fumbled the ball on the first play giving the Dragons a little spark. Then a Coyote defense, that did not allow a touchdown in the first half, had a coverage mix up that led to a Dawson touchdown and basically awakened the sleeping Dragons. The Coyotes seemed to be poised to regain the momentum after Jordan Martinez stepped in for a dinged up Jones and carried the ball 4 consecutive times to the Dragon 2 yard line. At this time, the Coyotes chose to go with their heavy package and punch the ball into the endzone, but just as it appeared Benavidez was easily crossing into the endzone to help regain the momentum a Dragon grabbed his arm and forced the ball to squirt lose at the goal line. The Dragons recovered for a touchback and one play later all momentum had switched to the home town Dragons as they cut the once insurmountable Coyote lead to 30 to 24 with 3:42 left in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Borden County again drove deep into Dragon territory, but a couple of penalties forced them to make up some extra yardage and as a result a 4<sup>th</sup> down play ended 1 yard short and forced the ball back over to the Dragons. Dawson continued the momentum swing scoring a 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive time and with the extra point pass had their first lead of the game 21st 8:51 left in the contest at 31-30.

The Coyotes seemed to regain some life, driving deep into Dragon territory but at the end of a nice run another Coyote turnover would be the disappointing result and the Dragon momentum grew. Moments later the now fast charging Dragons would extend their lead to 37-30 with the point after kick to come. Coyote Michael Deax broke through and blocked the point after attempt to keep the team a score behind. The Coyotes had no luck on their next offensive possession as a couple of runs and a couple of passes netted only 5 yards and Borden

County were forced to give the ball back to a very confident Dragon Offense. Dawson continued their offensive onslaught and extended the lead to 43-30 with just over 2 minutes to play in the game. With a sense of urgency now upon the Coyotes the offense finally got some positive results as Herridge found a wide open Benavidez for a 33 yard score and with the Herridge kick the Coyotes were down 43-38 with 1:34 left. The Borden County defense would have to force a 4-out to give themselves a chance, but on the second offensive play the Coyotes were called for a horse collar which resulted in an automatic first down. After 3 quick stops, the Dragons did not have to run a 4<sup>th</sup> down play and as a result snatched away a victory from the Coyotes with a final tally of 43-38.

Leading the way for the Coyotes was Hunter Jones with 25 carries and 161 yards and two scores, while passing 11 times completing 5 of them for 44 yards and being in on 5 tackles. Riley Herridge was 3 of 3 passing for 48 yards and 3 scores and a couple of tackles. Tristen Benavidez had 2 carries for 4 yards and 2 catches for 40 yards and a score and

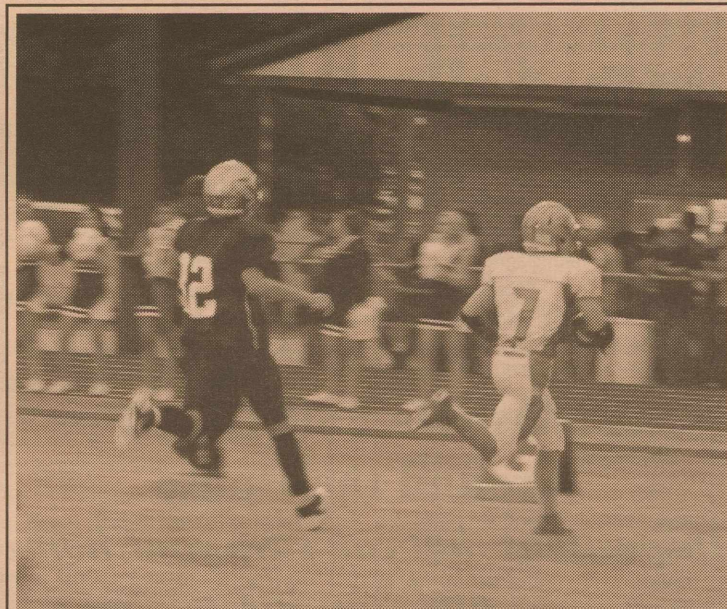
15 tackles, 2 for loss. Frank Banman had 4 catches for 44 yards and two scores and was in on 8 tacks, one for loss and a fumble recovery. Jordan Martinez had 6 carries for 36 yards and was in on 7 tackles. Korbin Martinez blocked well at fullback and was in on 6 tackles. Nathan Ham blocked extremely well again and was in on 2 tackles. Colby Pennell had 8 tackles, one for loss and a caused fumble. Jayton Lewis had 5 tackles including a big hit. Michael Deax and Michael Taylor also contributed with some nice blocks and on some special team play.

Thank you all for your support and for making the trip to Dawson, I really thought the guys fought hard, just a bit of bad luck turned the game around and we all got to witness what momentum can do for and to a football team. I really am proud of our kids and believe we are improving weekly. The Coyotes will next host yet another top ranked opponent in the Water Valley Wildcats next Friday. Please come support them and help support Breast Cancer awareness. T-shirts for this Cancer awareness are on sale and will be on sale at the game. Thank you again.

## Coyotes vs. Dragons



Coyote players, Tristen Benavidez (far left) and Frank Banman (#7) show the work of the Coyote defensive line in last weeks game against the Dawson Dragons.



Coyote junior, Frank Banman sprints in to the Coyote endzone to add a touchdown to the scoreboard for the team.

# Pups Slay the Dawson Dragons

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Pups playing full strength for the first time this season hosted the Dawson Dragons hoping to improve to 3-0 on the season. After a slow start defensively, the Pups starting defense of ends Ryan Willborn and Brian Torres, linebacker Braxton Barnes, corners Nick Proulx and Morgan Wilson and safety Trace Richey, completely dominated the game giving up only a few yards and no first downs after giving up two on the first drive. Their dominance on the field allowed the

Pups to play everyone in this contest early and often. When this first team defense got the initial stop, the first team offense of the same six players wasted little time scoring when they had the ball. In fact, the first team offense was only tackled twice the entire time they were in the game.

On their first offensive play of the contest, Trace Richey sprinted 48 yards for the 6-0 lead. A lead they would never relinquish. The second group of Clayton Addison, Cable

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## October Game Change

The varsity October 17<sup>th</sup> football game has been moved to Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Schedule for Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>

Lubbock Titans @ Borden County Jr. High 5:30  
Plainview Christian @ Borden County Varsity 7:00

October 17<sup>th</sup> will now be an open date.

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## Six Must-Do Fall Tune-Ups

### Around the House

#### *Inspections that can save your home and your life*

Jack Frost may not be nipping at your nose yet, but early Fall is the perfect time to inspect your home for winter. Tackling outdoor Fall maintenance now could save you thousands of dollars and hundreds of headaches later on.

When it comes to home maintenance, the cost of restoring often exceeds preventative care, according to certified home inspector Keith Swift, PhD, author of the *Manual for a Happy Home*. And that's because what may be only a small problem now could become a big one later. Neglecting to clear a leaf-choked gutter could result in wood rot and spread mildew. A poorly maintained heating system may eventually spew toxic fumes or stop working entirely on a cold day. And cracks in walls and windows (besides creating nasty drafts) are an open invitation to pests and water.

Annual fall maintenance is more than convenience; it's also a smart investment strategy. According to Nick Gromicko, founder of National Association of Certified Home Inspectors (NACHI), many homeowners are getting their homes professionally inspected in the fall and keeping a running record. "Everyone needs a history of their home," says Gromicko, "and when you go to sell, having one could make or break the deal. It helps prospective buyers see evidence of the repairs you've made over the years." Every time you make repairs or renovations, it's a good idea to take a video or photo of the results and save the details in your computer. NACHI provides an online database where custom-

ers can store the results of yearly inspections.

Although you should call a specialist for certain jobs (Swift recommends getting heating systems checked annually by an expert), here are jobs you can do yourself.

Clean gutters and drainage spouts. Protect yourself first by always wearing gloves—animals or insects can hide in gutters. A gutter scoop is a convenient tool for removing leaves and other debris. Then place the garden hose in the downspout to flush it out.

Inspect your roof. Look for signs of deterioration (loose shingles, rotting wood, cracks, etc.). Carefully trim heavy branches that are hanging over your roof. (A falling branch could hurt someone, cause a blackout or damage your roof. If you're using your chimney, flying sparks could possibly ignite overhanging branches.) If the branches are near power lines, call a professional tree-trimming company to do the trimming; they may need to ask your power company to temporarily disconnect your power before they start working.

Check all windows and doors. Remove summer screens and install storm windows and doors. Inspect and repair any loose or damaged windows or door frames. Install weather stripping or caulking around windows and doors to reduce drafts too. If you discover signs of deterioration such as moisture on surrounding walls or dry-rot damage, call a certified home inspector or restoration specialist immediately.

Clean your heating system. Replace the filters in your fur-

nace. (Swift recommends doing it monthly if you have allergies.) Check for air leakage around the joints. And consider having an air-conditioning and heating specialist check your entire system before winter sets in. If you don't already have one, install a carbon-monoxide detector near all appliances that burn fossil fuel, but be sure you install it in an area where you'll hear the alarm if it's triggered.\*

Check the smoke detector. Some people wait until they reset their clocks during Daylight Savings Time to inspect their smoke detectors, but if you missed it in the spring, don't wait another month—check them now. Press the button to make sure it beeps and replace batteries if necessary. Most smoke detectors signal with an automatic beep when the battery gets low, but it's always good to check on an annual basis. Smoke detectors should be replaced every 10 years; batteries should be replaced every six months.

Secure the cracks. From skunks to insects to other critters, your home can fall prey to unwanted invaders. Before they start seeking shelter from the cold, inspect the perimeter of your house for cracks or holes where they could enter and then seal well. Clean and lubricate the garage-door hinges, rollers and tracks to make sure the door closes securely. If you detect evidence of animal activity, such as urine odors, unexplained gnaw marks, feces or footprints, consult an exterminator.

\*Safety Tip: Experts—from fire chiefs to home inspectors—advise investing in stand-alone smoke and carbon-monoxide detectors. (That is, avoid buying them as a combo unit.) The reason? Both smoke and carbon-monoxide detectors, especially the more sensitive units, could go off falsely and unfortunately, annoyed homeowners may disable them. In the case of combo units, disabling one detector also disables the other, thereby eliminating protection against both fires and carbon monoxide. Always investigate an alarm even if it seems false; the detector may be picking up on threats which may not be easily visible to you. On the other hand, too many false alarms from a unit may indicate a need to replace it.

Taken from *SC Johnson Clean Home Journal*

## Dare to Live...

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them. The someone else can be an employer, the government, a parent, a spouse, a friend, or any other person.

When you presume someone else is responsible for your well being, you can never be at fault for anything that goes wrong. It's then easy to assign blame for your predicament. However, those who look into the mirror and take personal responsibility for their situation, have much more strength to solve problems and overcome adversity.

People who assume personal responsibility don't blame others, rather they seek to discover the cause of a problem and fix it. Personal responsibility can be scary, but the benefits are substantial. Those who take personal responsibility have direct control over the quality of their lives.

Surprisingly, there are people who will avoid persistence by giving up at the first

sign of adversity. They erroneously assume they have failed and are therefore justified in abandoning their quest. Future failures can then be avoided by not attempting anything new.

When you don't avoid persistence, you pick yourself up whenever you stumble and keep going. In so doing, you have the strength to overcome obstacles and ultimately succeed.

Next time you are tempted to avoid something, first consider what you may be losing through your avoidance. You will become much stronger and have a more rewarding journey by embracing challenges rather than evading them.

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## Borden County Museum

The Borden County Museum  
will be open on  
**Saturday, October 12th**  
from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## Evangelist David Crain to Return to First Baptist Church

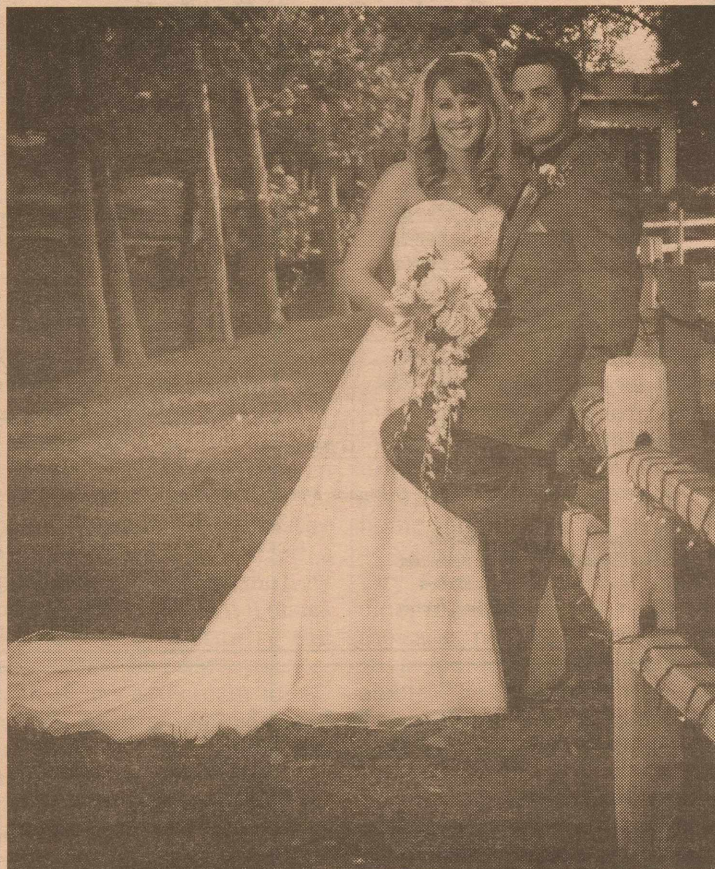
First Baptist Church of Gail would like to announce the return of Evangelist David Crain for revival on October 13-16. Services will begin on Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and Monday through Wednesday starting at 7:00 p.m.

There will be a church-wide

potluck meal following the Sunday evening service.

Also Monday night will be youth night starting at 6:30 p.m. There will be pizza in the fellowship hall for all youth.

Everyone is invited for a time of exciting fellowship and worship.



Mr. & Mrs. Quentin Shafer  
nee...Krystal Hobson

## Hobson, Shafer Exchange Vows

Krystal Hobson of Gail and Quentin Shafer of Fluvanna were married at the Spirit Ranch in Lubbock, Texas on September 1, at 5:30 p.m.

The Rev. Randy Hardman, pastor of First Baptist Church of Gail, performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Danny and Renee Hobson of Gail. She is the granddaughter of Helen Hobson and the late Abner Hobson of Lamesa, Texas and the late Buddy and Margaret Sharp of Gail.

The groom is the son of Bodie and Sheila Shafer of Fluvanna, Texas. He is the grandson of Bill Rawlings and the late Betty Rawlings of Snyder, Texas and the late Fred and Dot Shafer of Fluvanna, Texas.

The ceremony was held outside under large trees. The aisle was lined with Sheppard's hooks with mason jars filled with flower arrangements hanging from them. The archway was square and made out of old wood and decorated with grapevine and flower arrangements.

The sand ceremony was performed underneath the archway on top of an old whiskey barrel.

The bride's nephew, Zane Hobson and the groom's cousin, Rodie Rawlings ushered the family and friends to their seats. They each wore black slacks with a white button up long sleeve dress shirt.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

She selected an elegant gown of ivory organza and tulle from the designers of Allure. The gown featured a sweetheart neckline and a ruche organza dropped waist. The bodice was detailed with an embroidered floral motif accented with rich embellishments of Swarovski crystals, pearls and rhinestones. The tulle skirt echoed the look of the bodice with beaded embroidery delicately cascading down into a chapel length train. To complete the bride's ensemble, the bride selected a beautiful organza and satin floral clip accented with rhinestones and finished with a veil of ivory illusion, edged with metallic embroidery and crystals.

The bride had a cascading style bouquet, which consisted of stargazer lilies, sangria carnations, white roses, freesia and white dendrobium orchids that was wrapped in ivory satin ribbon.

The bride's sister-in-law, Amanda Hobson of Early, Texas was the Matron of Honor.

Attending the bride were the groom's sister Brandy Shafer of Fluvanna, Texas, Shylo Rinehart and Baylee Benavidez, both of Gail.

Each bridesmaid wore a sangria knee length strapless dress with a sweetheart neckline made out of chiffon material. They carried bouquet's consisting of shades of pink and yellow gerber daisy's and green cushion mums wrapped in ivory satin ribbon.

The bride's niece, Syndey Hobson of Early, Texas served as the flower girl. She wore a long ivory dress with a sangria sash and carried a silver galvanized bucket filled with light pink rose petals.

The bride's nephew, Wyatt Hobson of Early, Texas, served as the ring bearer. He wore a dark grey tux with light grey and silver vest and a silver tie, matching the groom. He carried an old family bible wrapped in raffia and sangria ribbon.

The groom wore a dark grey tuxedo with a black shirt, grey and silver vest, and a silver tie. His boutonniere consisted of a white spray rose, white wax flowers and a sangria carnation wrapped in silver deco wire.

The groomsmen were Josh Hobson, brother of the bride of Early, Texas, Miller Valentine and Miles Valentine of Fluvanna, Texas, friends of the groom and Jake Cooley of Gail friend of the groom. They wore a dark grey tuxedo, black shirt, sangria vest, and a sangria tie. Their boutonnieres consisted of a yellow daisy, mini white carnations and purple wax flowers.

Guests were registered by Kagan Benham of Rotan, Texas, friend of the bride.

The registry table was covered by a quilt that the bride's grandmother (Margaret Sharp) had made, on top set pictures of the bride and groom, a flower arrangement and the guest book.

### Reception

The couples family and friends joined them for a wedding reception that took place at a building on the same location.

The bridal table was covered with a white table cloth that was over laid with white tulle. The top of the table was covered by

a piece of sheer sangria material that then had pictures of the bride and groom, mirrors on either side of the cake that had three crystal candle holders sitting on top of them and diamond shaped crystals scattered around the table. At night, the table was lit up from lights that were strung underneath the table.

The cake, which was made by the bride's mom, was a four tiered vanilla and chocolate cake that was covered in white fondant. The bottom of each layer was wrapped with a sangria ribbon and rhinestones. The cake was separated in the middle with four pillars that contained assorted flowers in the middle of the platform. The cake was topped with a silver rhinestone embedded heart with an "S" in the middle.

The groom's table was covered with a white table cloth with rustic décor. There was a burlap runner down the center of the table with a large "S" at the end of the runner. The groom's cake was centered on the table with cookies, cheesecake bits and fruit placed around the table.

The groom had a two layer chocolate cake iced with chocolate icing and decorated with strawberries along the side of each layer.

The couple traveled to Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic for their honeymoon.

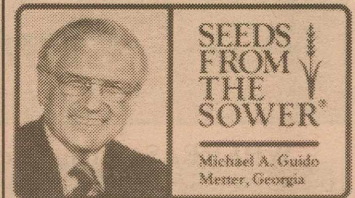
They will reside in Gail.

The bride graduated high school from Borden County High School in 2009. In 2012, she graduated from South Plains College with her Associated Degree in Nursing. In 2013, she graduated from Texas Tech with a Bachelors of Science in Nursing degree. She is employed at UMC in Lubbock, Texas.

The groom graduated high school from Borden County High School in 2008. In 2011, he graduated from South Plains College with a degree in diesel mechanics. He is employed at Kinder Morgan in Snyder, Texas.

### Courtesies

A bridal shower was held in Gail at the First Baptist Church on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The hostesses were Amy Rinehart, Shylo Rinehart, Amanda Hobson, Holly Benavidez, Baylee Benavidez, Valerie Sharp, Nelva Hones, Helen Patterson, Cindy Massingill, Cindy Herridge, Dewey Faye Miller, Debra Hardman, Jerri Sturdivant, Cheryl Robertson, Sarah Sharp, Tammy Valentine, Kim Thomas and Mary John Phinizy.



It was a crowded Sunday morning worship service when the pastor reminded his congregation of the church prayer meeting. Unfortunately, only two members came: the pastor and the three-hundred pound church janitor.

The next Sunday the pastor informed his flock that there was a "large and enthusiastic crowd" at prayer meeting. The janitor became upset and accused the pastor of lying.

"But," protested the pastor, "I did not lie. You're large and I'm enthusiastic."

There are times when we twist the truth to make ourselves or others look good or bad. Sometimes we offer a lie as an asset but it always proves to be a liability. There are times when we stretch the truth but it will always snap back and hurt us.

One translation of the Bible puts it this way: "Stop lying to each other; tell the truth...when we lie to each other we are only hurting ourselves."

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## Thank You

The Borden  
County Jr. High  
cheerleaders  
would like to  
thank everyone  
who supported  
them at the  
recent bake  
sale. Your  
generosity is  
greatly  
appreciated.

## Commissioners' Court

**WHEREAS**, On this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2013, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular 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 No. 1; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE** County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court, with Randy Adcock, Commissioner Precinct No. 2 absent, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

Other officers present: Benny Allison, Sheriff/Tax Assessor-Collector; Sharlot Stone, County Treasurer, and other persons in attendance: Sadie Ludecke.

At 8:25 a.m. Judge Sharp called the September 10, 2013 Regular Sesion of Borden Co. Commissioners Court to order.

### MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of September 3, 2013 were read. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### ARCHIVE PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Smith made a motion to recess Commissioners Court Meeting and to open the Archive Plan Public Hearing. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

Joyce Herridge, County and District Clerk presented the Archive Plans for the County Clerk Office and the District Clerk Office.

Commissioner Reyes made a motion to close hearing and reconvene Commissioners Court. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### COUNTY CLERK ARCHIVE FEE

Commissioner Belew made a motion to adopt the proposed 2014 County Clerk Records Archive Plan. Motion carried.

### DISTRICT CLERK ARCHIVE FEE

Commissioner Reyes made a motion to adopt the proposed 2014 District Clerk Records Archive Plan. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### COUNTY OFFICE REPORTS

After examination of the County Offices' Reports, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve, accept and file submitted Reports in the County Clerk's Office. Extension Ag Agent, Cody G. Hill, report was not submitted. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### ANNUAL ROAD REPORTS

Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve Annual Road Reports as submitted by Precinct No. 1, Precinct No. 3 and Precinct No. 4 as filed in the County Clerk's Office and to be presented to Grand Jury. Motion carried.

### PRECINCT 4 ELECTION OFFICIALS

Commissioner Belew made a motion to appoint Carrie Hart as Election Judge and Jackie Hendricks as Alternate Election Judge for Precinct No. 4. Motion was seconded by Smith. Motion carried.

### BORDEN COUNTY BUDGET-2013

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment Line Item transfers for the Sheriff's Office as submitted by Sheriff Benny Allison. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES

Commissioners Court accepts Co. Budget Officer, Judge Ross Sharp, recommendation to issue Tax Anticipation Notes to finance the purchase of water Rights..

### BORDEN COUNTY WATER

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve Order Expressing Intent to Utilize tax Anticipation Notes for the purpose of purchasing water rights and to finance such purchase by Tax Anticipation Notes. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ried.

### PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

No applications were received.

### SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the application for Soil Conservation Construction from Billie Hamilton in Precinct No. 2. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### FUTURE AGENDA

Work on Budget, consider Borden County Water, trapper.

### CURRENT ACCOUNTS

Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve and pay said current accounts. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and was approved unanimously. Motion carried.

### ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013.



## Borden County Football 2013 Schedule

Week #	Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
Scrimmage	Aug. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Ropes	Ropes	10:00
Scrimmage	Aug. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday	Lorenzo	Here	6:00
#0	Aug. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	New Castle	Jayton	6:00
#1	Sept. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Garden City	Here	7:30
#2	Sept. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Rankin	There	7:30
#3	Sept. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Hermleigh	Here	7:30
#4	Sept. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Dawson	There	7:30
#5	Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Water Valley	Here	7:30
#6	Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Open	TBA	TBA
#7	Oct. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Plainview Christian	Here	7:00
*#8	Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Klondike	There	7:30
*#9	Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Friday	Grady	There	7:30
*#10	Nov. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	O'Donnell	Here	7:30

\*\* District Opponents for 2012 - 2013: O'Donnell, Klondike, and Grady

Head Coach: Trey Richey  
Assistant Coaches: Peter Benavidez, Mike Skelton, Bubba Edwards

## Voting Machine

The Constitutional Amendment Election will be held on November 5, 2013. Counties with a population of less than 2,000 are exempt from the requirement of the use of electronic voting systems in which a federal office is not on the ballot (House Bill 556, passed 80<sup>th</sup> Legislature). A voter with a disability may request an accessible electronic voting system (the Auto-Mark) by the 20<sup>th</sup> day before election with Joyce Herridge, the early voting clerk.

## CALENDER FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION NOVEMBER 5, 2013

- September 6 First day to submit application for early voting by mail.
- October 7 Last day to register to vote
- October 21 Early voting by personal appearance begins
- October 25 Last day to receive application by mail
- November 1 Last day to vote early by personal appearance
- November 5 ELECTION DAY

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## Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
Tumbleweed Smith

### Care For a Drink of Sarsaparilla?

Ricky Atkins of Vega has started a company called Wild West Sodas. He makes old-fashioned soft drinks. "We have sarsaparilla, a root beer, a cream soda which is outstanding, a black cherry and an orange cream and we also do specialty drinks. One of the favorite drinks is called a rattlesnake. People ask me how it tastes and I tell them it tastes like chicken. Actually the rattlesnake has sarsaparilla, black cherry and cream soda." He sells his drinks from a stand that looks like an old western saloon. He pulls it behind his pickup and calls it a mobile saloon. It has a counter and glass enclosures on either side of it that contain all sorts of interesting items. "There is a rataconurtle, which is a rattlesnake and turtle with raccoon feet. When I go north I tell people it's a Texas tick. His name is Willie, for will he bite.

Ricky takes his mobile saloon and old-fashioned soft drinks to fairs and festivals all over the country. "I personally do forty-three shows a year. I start out in Texas then go to Colorado and Wyoming. I go as far as Rapid City, South Dakota."

Ricky was a restaurant owner and toy salesman before starting his soft drink enterprise. He is a sarsaparilla entrepreneur. "I've sold units in Indiana, New Mexico, Arizona and Texas. So we're scattered across the country. It's just short of a franchise. They've bought their units from me and of course they buy their cups and formulas from me."

Ricky is a popular attraction at annual events and is invited to be in the same spot every year. His drinks are pricey, but people don't seem to mind. "I have a 32-ounce collectible mug that sells for seven dollars. The customer gets to keep it and for the life of that mug the customer can bring it to any festival where we are and get a refill for three dollars. We have a 32-ounce tumbler that we sell for five. There again, if you bring it back you get a refill for three dollars. We also offer our drinks in a one-liter

bottle that they can take with them. We try to use only American products. All of our soda is homemade, made with pure cane sugar instead of corn syrup. That's what makes our drinks so good. We also sell our syrup so people can take it home and put it on ice cream."

Sarsaparilla has quite a history. "It started out as a medicine, made from the roots of the sassafras tree. They added sugar to it to make it more palatable. The difference between that and root beer is root beer has ginger and wintergreen in it."

Ricky started out selling his stuff from a covered wagon, then switched to a stagecoach. He made both of those. "So I figured we needed a saloon. That's what I made for this year. I try to have something different every year." Before he got his saloon, his drink ingredients were outside, exposed to the elements and bees swarmed around the sweet stuff. "They don't come in the saloon," says Ricky. "Bees are not allowed in here. This is a no-bee zone."

Tumbleweed Smith lives in Big Spring and is a folklorist, after dinner speaker and producer of THE SOUND OF TEXAS syndicated radio show. Contact him at [tumbleweedsmith.com](http://tumbleweedsmith.com)

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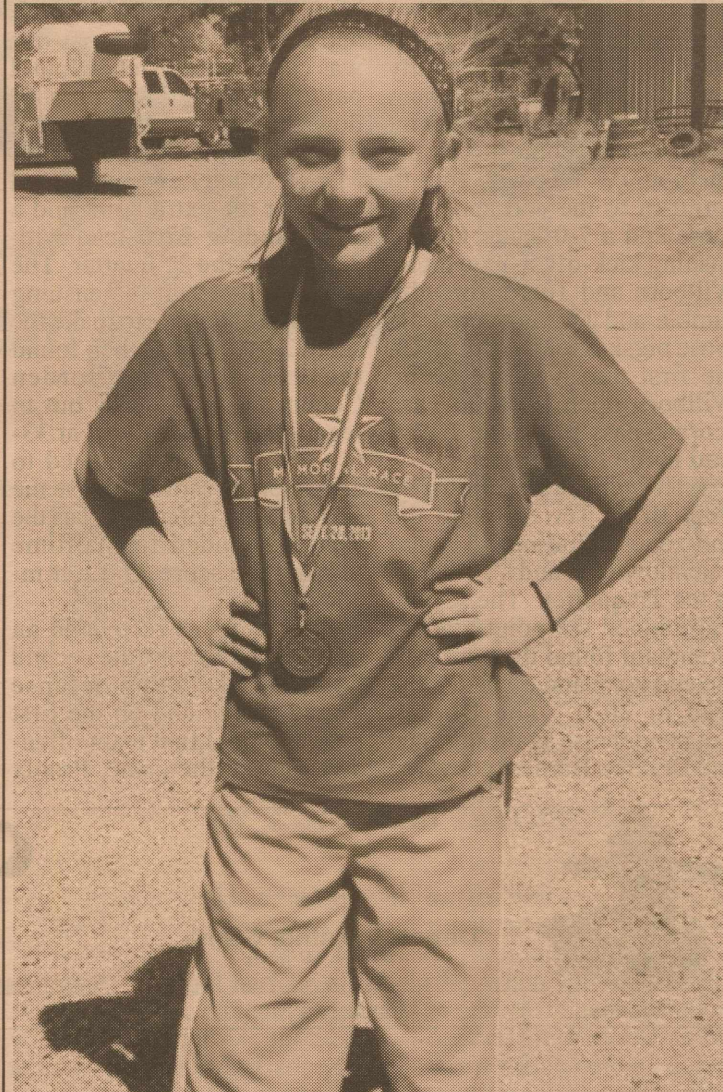
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## Trooper John McDonald Memorial 5K Run



Borden County 5th grader, Haddie Flanigan recently competed in the 3rd Annual John McDonald Memorial 5K run held in Post on September 28th. Haddie placed 1st running a time of 27:11. Texas Highway Patrol Trooper John McDonald was killed in the line of duty in November of 2010.

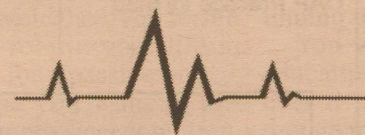
### Borden County Football Junior High 2013 Schedule

Week #	Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
#2	Sept. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Rankin	Here	5:30
#3	Sept. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Hermleigh	There	5:30
#4	Sept. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Dawson	Here	5:30
#5	Oct. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Thursday	Water Valley	There	5:30
#6	Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Lubbock Titans	Here	5:30
#7	Oct. 17 <sup>th</sup>	**Thursday	Jayton	There	6:00
**#8	Oct. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Klondike	Here	5:30
**#9	Oct. 31 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday	Grady	Here	5:30
**#10	Nov. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	O'Donnell	There	5:30

Coaches: Trey Richey  
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# Pups Pull Off Win Against Dragons...

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Kleck, Thomas Nix, JW Nix, Riley Lewis and Payton Merket and subs for this group are Thomas Harrison, Jeremy Souder and Lukas Grantham got to attempt every extra point attempt in the contest. On this attempt, JW Nix was able to sprint in to the end zone and score and a 7-0 lead. On the ensuing kick-off, a huge hit by Willborn and Torres forced a fumble and JW recovered the loose pigskin for the Pups. On the first play, Richey found Willborn open for a 34 yard scoring pass play and a 13-0 lead in the first quarter.

After another defensive stop, Brian Torres found the end zone with a nice 31 yard touchdown run and a 19-0 lead in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. The second team added the point after as Grantham found the corner of the end zone and extended the lead to 20-0. The Borden County defense again stiffened and Braxton Barnes recovered

a fumble for the Pups. After a Nick Proulx carry for 11 yards and then another run to pay dirt was called back, Richey found pay dirt for the Pups on a 4<sup>th</sup> down play from 46 yards out to increase the lead to 26 - 0. Merket found Lewis in the end zone for the extra point and a commanding 27-0 lead with 2:45 left in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. The Dragons returned the ensuing kick-off for a score to make the score 27-0. Proulx then found the end zone for Borden County from 25 yards out to regain the 27 point lead at 33-6. The Dragons managed to add another score against the second team defense just as the buzzer sounded for halftime making the score 33-12 at intermission.

The Dragons recovered an onside kick to start the second half, but the Pups defense forced a punt and on the first play, the final first team offensive play of the game, Proulx

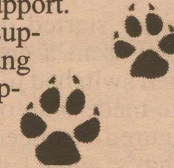
sprinted 56 yards untouched to the end zone for a 39-12 lead. On the point after attempt, Lewis hit Kleck in the corner of the end zone with a nifty pass and catch for the point and a 40-12 advantage. The Dragons answered back to cut the lead to 40-18, but this time on the onside kick, Barnes made up for the early muff by picking the ball up and rumbling 44 yards for the pups touchdown and regaining the momentum. Thomas Nix added the point after run to push the lead back to 47-18. After another stop by the mixture of defensive groups by the Pups, Willborn sprinted 29 yards to pay dirt and increased the Borden County lead to 53 to 18.

Grantham and the second team got into the end zone again for the point after attempt and a 54-18 lead. The second teamers again made a defensive stop and then they also managed a touchdown of their

own following a couple of nice pass plays from Merket to Lewis, JW Nix covered the final 9 yards for a 60-18 Pups lead. The Dragons returned the kick-off to make the score 60-24 only to have the Pups answer as the dragons attempted another onside kick, this time Willborn returned the slow roller 44 yards. Lewis hit JW in the end zone for the final points of the contest bringing the final tally to win number 3, 67-24.

The Pups will have a tremendous challenge next week as they take their act on the road as they travel to Water Valley to take on the Wildcats. Congratulations guys on the great win and good luck next week. Thank you to everyone for your support.

Please come support these young men in this upcoming battle.



## Booster Club Meeting

The Booster Club will hold a meeting on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. It will be at the Activity Center at 6:30 p.m. The Fall Festival is going to be October 19, 2013. Many fun and exciting ideas will be discussed.



\*Denotes District Game

# OCTOBER 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Coyote JH & JV @ Water Valley 5:30/7:00	4 End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Six Weeks  Coyotes vs. Water Valley-Here 7:30	5 Speech Tournament @ Muleshoe
6	7 HOLIDAY	8 Beginning of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Six Weeks	9	10 Coyote JH vs. Lubbock Titans-6:00  Coyotes vs. Plainview Christian-7:30	11	12
13	14 OAP Practice @ 6:30	15	16 PSAT Test (10 <sup>th</sup> )	17	18 Coyotes Football-Open Speech Tournament @ Midland Lee	19 Fall Festival @ BC Event Center  Speech Tournament @ Midland Lee
Senior Scholastic Book Fair October 14-18						
20	21 District CC @ Lamesa  OAP Practice @ 6:30	22	23	24 Coyote JH & JV vs. Klondike, 5:30/7:00	25 Progress Reports  *Coyotes vs. Klondike-There 7:30 Speech Tournament @ Big Spring	26 GB Scrimmage @ Roscoe  Speech Tournament @ Big Spring
27	28 OAP Practice @ 6:30	29	30	31 Coyote JH & JV vs. Grady, 5:30/7:00		