

Coyotes Wallop the Grady Wildcats in District Opener

By Coach Richey

their district opener as junior Torres needing to sit one game Grady Wildcat football team. Steven Carrillo and senior to make sure they are under the The Coyotes dominated in ev-Colby Pennell were sidelined 10 game limit, needed only a (Continued to Pg. 2)

The Borden County Coy-otes playing shorthanded for Morgan Wilson and Brian make quick work of a depleted (Continued to Pg. 2)



An Experienced Military Convoy Rolls

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit **Tumbleweed Smith**

cities where the convoy stops for a meal or to spend the night, mation so people are able to see them up close.

tion Association and is traveling the entire length of the Bankhead Highway, which will be 100 years old next year. from Washington DC to San Diego. "Right now we've got 45 historic military vehicles Army Corps of Engineers built along with 5 or 6 in our sup-port unit," says Dennis Boots

In communities of all sizes, of Denton, Convoy Com-the turnout to see a convoy of mander. "We left the DC area vintage military vehicles is amazing. School kids join vet-erans to see them pass by. In years to plan.

This is the third convoy of the vehicles are parked in for-mation so people are able to years. "We started doing these convoys to drive historic mili-The convoy is a project of tary convoy routes. The first the Military Vehicle Preserva- one we did in 2009 was to follow the Lincoln Highway from Washington DC to San Fran-cisco, some 3,300 miles. We did that in about a month. It It was the first all-weather road was the 95th anniversary of the to cross the country and runs highway, the first one across the

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Coyotes Defeat the Wildcats...

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ery phase of this district opener at home and on offense used only 13 offensive plays to score 7 touchdowns on the evening. They mixed in some huge hits on the defensive side of the ball and almost perfect extra point kicking and a punt return. It all spelled a huge win, a short night and a 1-0 record in district play as they beat the visitors from Grady 62-6. The Coyotes had one busted assignment on defense is all that kept this from being a near perfect evening.

The Coyotes first drive took 3 plays, a nice 33 yard pass play from Hunter Jones to Di-ego Bernal, a nice run by Corbin Sumners and then culminated with a perfectly ex-ecuted screen play from Sumners to Jones and a quick 6-0 lead. The Borden County defense that limited the Wildcats to 15 yards rushing and 80 yards receiving gave up two long pass plays all night. One of which ended up in the endzone, but that didn't occur until the offense already had two more scores on the board as the Coyotes got back to back one play drives on runs of 45 yards and 24 yards by Corbin Sumners. The offense, again using its usual rotating fashion on the line, used several dif-ferent combinations in this short time, from starters Korbin Martinez at center, Braxton Coor at guard and Diego Bernal at end to Nathan Souder at center, Noah Mo-rales at guard and Kale Yarbro, mixed in with Trace Richey, Ben Justice, Ryan Willborn and Jayton Lewis at fullback.

The Wildcats got a score after the third Borden County touchdown, which incidentally had 2 extra point attempts made as Easton Edwards had his first kick blocked before making the next two here and eventually making 7 in a row. After the Wildcats cut the lead to 22-6, the Coyotes again used a one play drive as Hunter Jones set sail on a 72 yard jaunt. The Edwards kick increased the lead to 30 to 6. Defensively, Trace Richey had two big hits setting the tone for the much improved physical play by the Coyote defense. Corbin Sumners also had a big hit as did Hunter Jones with a blocked extra point, 2 pres-

ball loose on a pass and catch attempt. After forcing a punt, Jones added another score for Borden County as he raced 39 yards to the endzone getting some nice blocks by Ben Jus-tice and Jayton Lewis. The Edwards kick made the first quarter score 38 to 6. They kept things rolling in the second quarter as Corbin Sumners again capped another one play drive from 54 yards out. After another defensive stop, the Coyotes finally had to use more than one play to score as a couple of pass attempts were off mark, Trace Richey finally found Corbin Sumners for a 27 yard strike and with another

kick had a 54 to 6 lead. The Coyotes got the ball back one last time and again, in one play they had almost the perfect ending to a perfect game as on this particular play, Korbin Martinez, Diego Bernal, Braxton Coor, Trace Richey and Hunter Jones all domi-nated their man with their block and Sumners made the only unblocked man miss set-ting sail on a 33 yard run and the final score of the half for either team and when the time finally ticked off the remainder of the half the game would come to a close by the 45 point rule as the Coyotes won 62 to

Leading the way for the Coyotes was Corbin Sumners with 161 yards on 5 carries and 4 scores, was one of one passing for 13 yards and a score and had a 27 yard touchdown re-ception while being in on 2 tackles. Hunter Jones was 1 of 2 passing for 33 yards, had a 13 yard touchdown reception and 1 carry for 72 yards and a score while being in on 3 tack-les with a huge hit. Diego Bernal had a reception of 33 yards, some nice blocks and a tackle. Easton Edwards was 7 of 8 on extra points had a tackle and a fumble recovery. Ryan Willborn had 2 carries for 14 yards and was in on 8 tackles with 2 for loss and a pressure. Noah Morales had 5 tackles and a caused fumble and some nice blocks. Braxton Coor had some very nice blocks and was in on a tackle. Ben Justice was in on 7 tackles, with a sack, a

bone jarring hit knocking the ball loose on a pass and catch Yarbro had some nice blocks and was in on 3 tackles. Nathan Souder had some nice blocks and was in on 3 tackles and a pressure. Trace Richey was 1 of 2 passing for 27 yards and a score and was in on 10 tackles with two big hits, a tackle for loss and a pressure. Jayton Lewis was in on 8 tackles with a tackle for loss and a pressure. Korbin Martinez had some nice blocks and was in on 6 tackles with 2 tackles for loss and a pressure.

The Coyotes will next host Klondike in a game that would all but guarantee a district championship with a win.

port, great job, keep working and best of luck next week.

Thank you all for your sup-MEMBER 2015

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Borden Coyotes, Nathan Souder (#18) and Noah Morales (#2) take a Grady player down during Friday's home game against the Wildcat's. The Coyotes devestated the visiting Wildcats 62-6



Junior Hunter Jones runs into the endzone to score for the Coyotes last Friday. The Coyotes will next host the Klondike Cougars at 7:30 this Friday



The Borden defensive line waits on the snap of the ball. Making up the line are (left to right) Nathan Souder (#18), Jayton Lewis (#21), Braxton Coor (#5), Ben Justice (#13), Kale Yarbro (#17) and Noah Morales (#2)

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Borden Pups Open District Play With Win Over Grady

By Coach Richey

traveled to Grady Tuesday to play an early week game with the Grady Wildcats in the district opener for both teams. This game went back and forth early, but the precision passing of quarterback Trey Edwards mixed with a solid ground game, the Pups took over offensively and then as they continued to pound the Wildcat runners on defense the Pups took control of this game toward the end of the half and then sealed the deal early in the 3rd quarter with some nice defensive stops and punishing running attack as Will Yarbro and Tommy Kingston reached the endzone with some nice runs behind the blocking of Keigan Benavidez, Jake Avey, Mason Cole, Colbin Briley and Olivia Reyes.

The Pups got on the board first using a methodical drive, mixing some runs by Yarbro with some pass plays and ultimately culminated with a nice pass and catch of 14 yards from Edwards to Cole. Trey hit Mason on the point after attempt to give Borden County a quick 7-0 lead. The home town Wildcats wasted little time answering and ultimately tying this contest at 7. Borden County came right back and in one play answered with a beau-tiful play-action pass from Trey Édwards to Tommy Mack Kingston for a 46 yard touch-down. On the point after, Trey made a great side step and de-cision to find Will Yarbro for the point after and a 14 to 7 lead in the first quarter. The Pups got a stop defensively, but they had a bad snap, a missed pass play and a penalty to end the threat. The Pups however got another stop and this time, facing a 4th down situation,

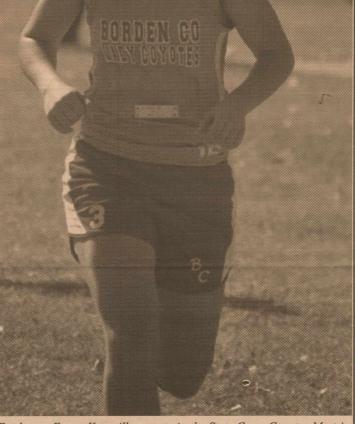
The Borden County Pups Trey Edwards hit Will Yarbro with a nice long pass to set up them up deep in Wildcat terri-tory. Yarbro did the rest get-ting a nice block by Mason Cole, Jake Avey and Edwards on a sweep play to give the Borden County a 20 to 14 lead. Yarbro and the Pups ran the same play for the extra point with success and a 21 to 7 lead. The Wildcats would not go away as they answered with a few minutes left in the half. The visiting team got a nice 28 yard touchdown run by Will Yarbro with less than 30 sec-onds left in the half to push the Pups halftime lead to 27 to 14.

During halftime the Pups B team played a 12-15 play scrimmage. This team of Brad Thomas, Jason Robinson, Latham Huckaby, Junior Gray, Trent Lewis, Justin Willborn, Miles Wilson, Quentin Freeman. Blane Justice, Klancy Kleck, Gunner Shofner and William Partney rotating freely on both sides of the ball did not allow a single first down. Each young man listed above was in on at least one tackle a piece as well during this dominating display of defense. Then offensively, Trent Lewis set sail for a 60 yard score behind a crushing block by Junior Gray, Justin Willborn, Gunner Shofner, Quenting Freeman and Brad Thomas. Unfortunately this would be the only score for this group, but they did come away with the 1-0 victory.

Now back to the game, the Pups defense again stiffened getting the ball back and on the very first play, an audible by quarterback Trey Edwards culminated with a long 32 yard touchdown run by Yarbro as

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Freshman, Emma Key will compete in the State Cross Country Meet in Roundrock on November 7 after finishing in 17th overall at the Regional meet this past Monday in Abilene.

Key Advances to State Cross Country Meet November 7th

By Coach Skelton

Yesterday was a bitter try meet in Abilene for the resweet moment for me personally, and professionally. When we invest so much time into kids it's hard to watch those last few moments regardless of what the outcome is come to a close. I have had the privilege of being around 3 seniors who have done a lot for me, this school, and this community; they give everything they had during their final cross coun-

gional competition trying to get to State. I just wanted to say thank you to Zoie Key, Tatum Richey, and Korbin Martinez for these last four vears

The girl's team really gave it a great effort yesterday finishing 74 points out of advancing as a team. We battled hard,

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School Lunch Menu

Nov. 2 - 6, 2015

Menu subject to change

Monday - Breakfast: Sausage Kolache & Cheese Stick, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Fish Strips, Texas Toast, Coleslaw, Pinto Beans, Orange Smiles and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Breakfast Taco, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk. Lunch: Meatloaf, Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Pears and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: French Toast Dippers, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Meatball Sub Sandwich, Garden Salad, Carrot Coins, Apple Slices, Cookie and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Strudel & Cheese Stick, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: SpicyThai Chicken w/Rice & Eggroll, Steamed Broccoli, Tomato-Cucumber Cup, Snowball Salad and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Mini Pancakes & Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Hamburger w/ Garnich, Oven Fries, Salad, Baby Carrots w/Ranch, Mixed Fruit and Milk.

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Be Mindful of Healthy Options

from the heat of the summer months. Autumn also offers the opportunity to participate in celebrations such as Halloween where kids and parents often take advantage of the opportunity to wear costumes, go to parties, and eat sweets after

a night of trick-or-treating. The excitement, however, is often met with concern on the part of parents who worry about the things their children will be eating after a night of collecting candies. Fortunately, there are ways to enjoy a healthier Halloween.

Try setting the tone in your neighborhood by handing out healthier treats for party guests and trick-or-treaters. Items like cereal bars, dried fruits, mini boxes of raisins, individual packets of snack crackers, and fruits are all healthy alternatives to candy and other sugary treats.

Non-food treats are also popular alternatives for children. Items such as things that normally go well in a birthday goodie bag can be used as Halloween treats. Bookmarks, themed erasers, and stickers are just a few items that can be used in place of candy.

Of course, kids will want to have some candy and it's okay to have a fun-sized candy occasionally, but it's important that parents use Halloween as a time to discuss and demonstrate the importance of eating sweets in moderation. Try to model the right behavior to your kids. For example, if your

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Autumn provides a respite kids are hungry and want om the heat of the summer candy, have them eat a healthy snack (a piece of fruit) firstthen let them enjoy a fun-sized candy. Achieving a healthy balance is the key to enjoying a healthier Halloween.

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for the Day

A good exercise for the heart is to bend over and help another up. -Janet Veaudry

Welcome!

First Baptist Church, Gail

We would like to invite our friends and neighbors

to come join us for Worship Services

Sunday, November 1st.

We are excited to worship in our new church building

and want to welcome you to join us!

Sunday School class begins at 10:00 a.m.

We have new classes forming for all ages,

Nursery, children, youth and adults.

Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.

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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit **Tumbleweed Smith**

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in 1942 from Dawson Creek, along the way. In Fort Worth, British Columbia to just out- two tanks cars with gasoline British Columbia to just outside Fairbanks, about 4,100 miles. We went on up to the Arctic Circle while we were there. All the vehicles made it fine. We generally don't exceed 30 miles an hour."

The organization gets no outside funding. The owners (half of them veterans) maintain the vehicles and buy their own gas. Some communities help with food and lodging

filled up the vehicles and gave the participants two banquets. "The small towns along the way percentage-wise are giving every bit as much as Fort Worth did, maybe more. They've received us well everywhere we've gone. We en-joy meeting people, especially veterans. School kids wave flags and hold hand-made banners. People who think America is going to hell in a hand basket need to ride with me.

Dennis, who was an Army Captain in Viet Nam, drives a 1970 Jeep made by American General Corporation. "It's similar to what I drove in Nam in '69 and '70. It is the last model Jeep the military had in use before going to the Humvee.

The convoy contains ambu-lances with Red Crosses painted on them, trucks with box vans on them used for electronic warfare, the ever-popular 2 and half-ton trucks, and a tractor-trailer rig. One was a recovery room in a field hos-pital. "They're all unusual. There's not a vehicle here that is not historically significant. They have all played a part in our nation's history. Many of them are 75 years old but they are working vehicles that can make 225 miles a day for 3,400 miles." In addition to Americans from all over the country, the convoy has men from Australia, New Zealand, and the Belgian Congo.

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

Drive

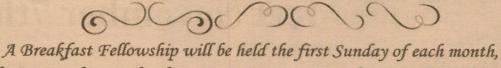
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beginning this Sunday from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. in the Activity Building. Make plans to come and join us

for breakfast the Worship service.

For where two or three gather together in my name, There am I in the midst of them. Matthew 18:20





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District 4-H Food Challenge Results

What a great day BC 4-H had at the District 2 4-H Food Challenge Contest in Levelland at the Mallet Event Center! The 4-H Food Challenge is a competition in which youth work as a team (3-5 members) during a 40 minute period of time to: prepare a dish with a set of ingredients (which are a surprise) and prepare a presentation with information related to how the dish fits in MyPlate, key nutrients the dish provides, what the nutrients do for the body, healthy substitutions, steps of preparation, food safety practices and kitchen safety, as well as determine the cost of the dish and cost per serving. They then present their information to a panel of judges. It is a real-life, practical competition.

Twelve young ladies from Borden County competed on their respective teams against 23 total junior teams. Congratulations to each of them for all of their hard work! Competing in the Junior Nutritious Snacks category - Callie Edwards, Dallie Miller, Agatha Skelton and Kenzie White placed FIRST! In the Junior Bread and Cereal category -Tyler Cole, Kenli Curtis, Haven Hill, and Tynslee Horton tied for fourth place. Competing in the Junior Main Dish -Kassi Collins, Jenna Holbrooks, Rexie Sanders and Laney Stansell received fourth place. Special thank you to food and nutrition project volunteer leaders, Esther Stansell and Kristy Horton for their time and dedication as well!



Placing first in the Nutritious Snack catagory were (left to right) Dallie Miller, Agatha Skelton, Kenzie White and Callie Edwards.



Placing fourth in the Junior main dish division were (left to right) Laney Stansell, Jenna Holbrooks, Rexi Sanders and Kassi Collins.



(Left to right) Kenli Curtis, Tynslee Horton, Tyler Cole and Haven Hill tied for fourth place.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month Donation



The Borden County Senior Class of 2016 sold pink t-shirts for October's Breast Cancer Awareness month. A portion of the proceeds from the sale was donated to the Dawson County Medical Foundation in Lamesa, Texas. Shayla Cozart (left), the coordinator from the Women's Clinic, attended the BC Pink Out pep rally to recieve the \$500 donatio. This money will be used to ehlp provide mammograms in our area. Also pictured is Tatum Richey, senior class representative.

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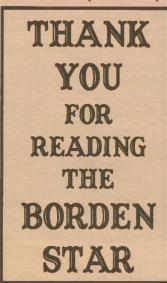
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DATE.

Blood Drive Wednesday, December 3rd

Borden County School contact, Holly Martinez at 806/756-4313 ext. 111 for more information



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Commissioners Court

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BORDEN

WHEREAS, on this the 13TH day of October, 2015, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas the following members of the Court being present to-wit: ROSS D. SHARP, COUNTY JUDGE, PRESIDING; MONTY SMITH, COMMIS-SIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1; RANDY ADCOCK, COM-MISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2; ERNEST REYES, COMMISSIONER, PRE-COMMISSIONER, CINCT NO. 3; JOE BELEW, COMMISSIONER, PRE-CINCT NO. 4; BRANDE BUCHANAN DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO OF THE COMMIS-SIONERS COURT, constituting a quorum, when the following business and other proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda: Other officers present: Benny Allison, Sheriff and Tax Collector; Shawna Gass, County Treasurer. Jana Underwood County Clerk absent due to onded the motion. Motion carcontinuing education classes.

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the Oc-tober 13, 2015, regular session of the Commissioners Court to order at 8:40 A.M. COMMUNITY INPUT

None **APPROVE MINUTES**

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the minutes of September 22, 2015. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY OFFICER MONTHLY REPORTS

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve reports. Commissioner Reyes carried.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve Lubbock County Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases Pro-gram. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WORKERS COMPENSA-**TION BENEFITS**

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve Workers Compensation ben-

sioner Reyes seconded the mously motion. Motion carried.

BORDEN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT **LEASE FOR FY 2016**

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

INDIGENT CASE 001-2015

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve pending final approval by County Judge. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

> **INDIGENT CASE 002-**2015

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve pending final approval by County Judge. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried

CONTRIBUTION TO TEXAS PLAINS TRAIL REGION

ANNUAL MARKETING PACKAGE

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve. Commissioner Belew secried.

PRIVATE ROAD CON-STRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

None SOIL CONSERVATION

WORK Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the

following application: Mike Hull, PCT 2; Bill Phinizy, PCT 2.

Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Departmental Credit Cards **CURRENT ACCOUNTS** Commissioner Smith made seconded the motion. Motion a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN UTES READ AND AP-Commissioner Belew made PROVED THIS THE 27th a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Reyes seconded the

efits for volunteers. Commis- motion and approved unani-

THE FOREGOING MIN-UTES READ AND AP-PROVED THIS THE 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015.

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BORDEN WHEREAS, on this the 21st

day of October, 2015, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioner's Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas the following members of the Court being present to-wit: ROSS D. SHARP, PRESID-ING JUDGE; MONTE SMITH, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1; RANDY ADCOCK, COMMIS-ADCOCK, COMM SIONER PRECINCT ERNEST REYES, COMMIS-SIONER PRECINCT 3; JOE BELEW, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4; JANA PRECIŃCT 4; JANA UNDERWOOD, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT Constituting a quorum, when the following business and other proceedings were had in accordance with the posted agenda: CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the special session of the Commissioners' Court to order at 8:07 A.M.

2015 SEALCOAT PROJECT

Commissioner Adcock made a motion approve the payment of \$826,809.10 to Ronald R. Wagner & Co., L.P. for sealcoat of county roads. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. All agreed unanimously. THE FOREGOING MIN-

DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015





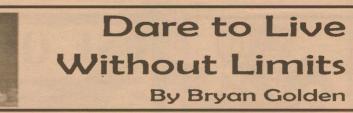
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Borden County Football 2015 Schedule

| Week # | Date | Day | Opponent | Site | Time |
|-----------|------------------------|---------------|---------------------|--------|-------|
| Scrimmage | Aug. 14th | Friday | Garden City | There | 5:00 |
| Scrimmage | Aug. 20 th | Thursday | Robert Lee | Here | -6:00 |
| #1 | Aug. 28th | Friday | Crowell | Jayton | 8:00 |
| #2 | Sept. 4th | Friday | Lueders Avoca | There | 7:30 |
| #3 | Sept. 11th | Friday | Rankin | There | 7:30 |
| #4 | Sept. 18 th | Friday | New Home | Here | 7:30 |
| #5 | Sept. 25th | Friday | Knox City | There | 7:30 |
| #6 | Oct. 2nd | Friday | Ropes | There | 7:30 |
| #7 | Oct. 9th | Friday | Water Valley | Here | 7:30 |
| #8 | Oct. 16th | Friday | Open | TBA | 7:30 |
| *#9 | Oct. 22nd | Thursday | Grady | Here | 7:30 |
| *#10 | Oct. 30 th | Friday | Klondike | Here | 7:30 |
| *#11 | Nov. 5th | Thursday | O'Donnell | There | 7:30 |
| *District | Opponents for 2 |)14-2015: Gra | dy, Klondike, O'Don | nell | |
| | ming game | | | | |
| lead Coac | h: Trey Riche | y | | | |

Assistant Coaches: Peter Benavidez, Mike Skelton and Bubba Edwards

Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted



Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by drought are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Lamesa, Kevin Girdner said today.

Dawson County is one of 170 in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Thomas J. Vilsack eligible for loans to cover part of actual production and physical losses resulting from the drought.

Kevin Girdner said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of crop production or suffered any physical loss to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan under this disaster designation", Kevin Girdner said. Producers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their production loss. Additionally, any insurance proceeds received by producers as a result of the physical loss will have to be considered in determining their total loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until June 21, 2016 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season", Kevin Girdner said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations, or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in Lamesa is open from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Additional Information regarding Disaster Assistance Programs may be found online at http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov.

USDA is an equal opportu-nity provider, employer and lender.

Too many people have what I call a lotto mentality. They want to hit the big score, but are willing to spend only a dollar to do it. Granted, at some point, there will be one or more people who win the jackpot. But the odds of success are miniscule, with many millions

of people getting nothing. They desire success but don't want to be inconve-nienced to get it. They would rather just do the things they like while avoiding anything distasteful. These people do themselves a great disservice. They fail to understand that only those who are willing to do whatever it takes achieve success.

It is certainly preferable to get whatever you want, without much exertion. However, if achieving success were easy, everyone would attain it. Anything worthwhile requires effort. Only those who are willing to pay the price are able to reap the rewards.

There are no shortcuts. You must be willing to do whatever it takes, whenever necessary. Bringing your dreams to reality takes tenacity. People grow complacent when they are comfortable. Excuses are used to justify taking the path of least resistance in order to minimize exertion.

Unfortunately, this results in being unprepared for deal-ing with adversity. When you are within your comfort zone, there is no impetus for the honing of your mental resolve. Without significant challenges, your level of motivation can drop precipitously.

Imagine being on a cruise ship without knowing how to swim. Although you are surrounded by water, you don't feel at risk since the large ship is very stable. Plus, you have been on board many times without any mishaps.

You may have been advised that learning how to swim is prudent if you were going to be on the water. But you never bothered because it seemed like so much work. Besides, what kind of emergency could there be on a modern ship?

Whatever It Takes

expected lurching to one side. You loose your footing and fall overboard. Now what do you do? Although you can see land, all you can do is try to through. This mindset sepakeep your head above water and hope help arrives before it's too late. You wish you had stantly suffer. learned to swim before there

one has the potential to do everyone taps into it when your accomplishments. needed.

through, a willingness to do The action required may be 2008 Bryan Golden inconvenient, unappealing, or

One day, while walking difficult. It doesn't matter. around the deck, there is an un-Failing to do what you have to leads to prolonging problems. You must be determined to reach your destination regardless of what you have to go

When you are willing to do was an emergency. If you whatever it takes, you don't knew how to swim now, you make excuses. You start to take could easily make it to shore. the necessary action without Encountering adversity is like falling overboard. You don't expect it, but you have to deal with it. Being willing to do whatever it takes is the key to your survival. This is an attitude, not a skill. Everywilling to do whatever it takes, whatever is necessary, but not there won't be any limits to

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compare. Your kindness and generosity was such a blessing to our family. While the food was amazing, the

conversations shared during this time will leave a lasting imprint on our hearts. It was such a joy to catch a glimpse into the unique relationships each one of you had with

Kenneth.

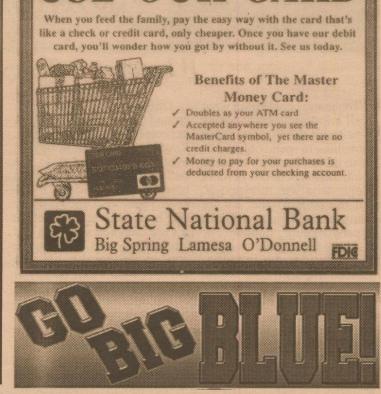
Our family would like to say thank you for celebrating his life alongside us and making his celebration one he would have certainly been proud of.

Thank you, The Bennett Family



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Winter and the Holiday Season are approaching rapidly!

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

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Every penny stays right here at home, in the counties we serve.

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

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Pups Win District Opener 46-20...

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vided crucial blocks on the play. Edwards hit Mason Cole for the point after attempt and the Pups suddenly had a commanding 34 to 14 lead. After another defensive stop, the Pups used some nice runs by Avey and Yarbro to set up another nice play fake as Edwards hit Cole for a 23 yard scoring strike and a 40 to 14 lead. They used their 2nd team for the extra point, but the try failed leaving the score at 40 to 14.

The Home town Wildcats would not go away easily as they finally got back on the board cutting the Pups lead to Coyotes dominate in Grady. 40 to 20. Tommy Mack

Kingston and Edwards pro- Kingston quickly got the Pups back in control as he used a nifty run covering about 60 yards but officially 37 to push their lead back up to 46 to 20. The Pups at this time started making sure that all 8th graders were on the field at the same time. In the end, the Wildcats got a late score but, the damage was done as the Pups moved to 5-1 on the season and more importantly 1-0 in district play

The Pups will next travel to Klondike to take on the Cougars on Thursday. Thank you to everyone who came out on a Tuesday to watch these young

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enough girls out between our team mates. The sweet part which were a few was Freshmen Emma Key finished 17th overall, and qualified for the 10th spot advancing her to the State Meet on November 7th. Other small victory to be taken away from this meet was the team make up of 2 seniors, 2 sophomores, and 3 freshmen. I think that bolds well for the future. Freshmen Katie Gray finished 37th, senior Zoie Key 39th, sophomore Harley Merrill 60th, freshmen Rayme Jones 63rd, sophomore Preslea Hall 65th, senior Tatum Richey 86th. The team total was good enough to finish 8th overall out of 23 schools.

I've never had a freshmen make it to State before as a runner so I am super pumped for Emma, and can't wait to

but we just couldn't squeeze see her compete in Round Rock on November 7th. The boy's team of Korbin

Martinez, Dylan Murphy, Trace Richey, Easton Edwards, Jer-emy Souder really went out there and competed well I thought. These guys don't get enough credit for playing football, and turning around the next day to go run 3 miles. K-Mart had a great start put himself in a great chance to compete for a shot at another State bid, but unfortunately it wasn't to be. I couldn't more proud of these young men and how they represent this school, and this community with their 15th place overall finish.

I just wanted to say thanks again to the seniors for all they have done over their careers. You have given me as well as others a lot of great memories.