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Enrollment Period for USDA Safety Net Coverage Began Dec. 7

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) has announced that producers who chose coverage from the safety net programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill, known as the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs, can begin visiting FSA county offices starting Dec. 7, 2015, to sign contracts to enroll in coverage for 2016. The enrollment period will continue until Aug. 1, 2016.

Although the choice between ARC and PLC is completed and remains in effect through 2018, producers must still enroll their farm by signing a contract each year to receive coverage.

Producers are encouraged to contact their local FSA office to schedule an appointment to enroll. If a farm is not enrolled during the 2016 enrollment

period, producers on that farm will not be eligible for financial assistance from the ARC or PLC programs should crop prices or farm revenues fall below the historical price or revenue benchmarks established by the program.

The two programs were authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill and offer a safety net to agricultural producers when there is a substantial drop in prices or revenues for covered commodities. Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice (which includes short grain and sweet rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat. Upland cotton is no longer a covered commodity. For more details regarding these programs, go to www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc.

For more information, producers are encouraged to visit their local FSA office. To find a local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

Writing While Walking

Patrick Dearen of Midland has written a shelf full of books. One of his recent ones, *THE BIG DRIFT* won a Spur award from the Western Writers of America Association. The award is presented annually to the author of what the judges consider to be the best western traditional novel. The book is about cattle drifting south during a blizzard of 1884 and 1885. He has an unconventional way of putting words on paper.

"On my last three novels," he says, "Including my Spur award for the *Big Drift*, I did these on my daily walks. I walk four and a half miles every day and I literally wrote them, start to finish, while I'm walking along."

On his walks, usually to a park and back, he will take three or four sheets of typing paper, fold them to give him a good writing surface and he goes along writing.

"I think better when I'm on the move. On *THE BIG DRIFT* I put in eighteen hundred and fifty miles. I developed a new method for writers: WPM words per mile. I average about thirty-five words per mile, WPM."

He doesn't just jot down notes. He writes complete sentences. The first part of his walk he'll write. The last part

he'll make corrections. He says usually there aren't many things to correct.

"I measure my progress in terms of miles. Someone will ask me how long it'll be before I finish a project. And I'll tell them, 'o, about six hundred miles.' I work every day when I'm on a project. I wrote on *THE BIG DRIFT* three hundred ninety-five days straight."

Sometimes he gets so absorbed in his writing he forgets where he is. He has been lost a few times when he is in unfamiliar places doing research.

"The real trick is when I cross a busy street. I have to drag myself out of the period I'm writing about, say the eighteen hundreds, where there were no cars, long enough for me to get across the street and not get run over. That's one of the hazards you have to look out for when you're writing while walking."

He started writing while walking to honor a fellow

writer, Elmer Kelton.

"On the way home from his funeral services, I asked myself how could I best honor this special man. I decided to write a novel set in the country we both have loved, and dedicate it to him. The trouble was I was in the middle of a massive research project and I had no time to write. But every day I made an hour and twenty minute walk. So two days after I got home I got my paper and pen and headed out. When I came back from my walk I had wordage. I realized it works."

Patrick says he tried to win a Spur award for thirty-four years and finally won it after he started writing while walking. *THE BIG DRIFT* has won other awards as well.

Tumbleweed Smith has traveled nearly 2 million miles on Texas highways finding all kinds of folks with all kinds of stories.

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Borden UIL Literary Students Kick Off 2016 *Students Attend Morton and O'Donnell Meets*

Borden County students will be very busy in January and February as they begin serious preparations for the April 4 district meet. The Coyotes are the defending district champs and hope to repeat last year's success.

Attending the second semester's first invitational meet were Carley Bell (sophomore), Blane Culver (sophomore), Josh Murphy (sophomore), MJ Van derBank (sophomore), Angelina Wilson (sophomore), Madi Cole (freshman), and Katie Gray (freshman).

Carley won 1st Place in Ready Writing and News Writing and 2nd Place in Feature Writing. Blane placed 3rd in Science and 4th in Calculator. MJ won a 4th Place ribbon in Ready Writing. Katie won the gold medal in Feature Writing.

Angelina competed in two speaking events: Persuasive Speaking and Poetry. She ranked first in her opening round of Poetry and fourth in the next two rounds. Madi also competed in extemporaneous

speaking, earning ranks of 3 and 4.

The first-year CX debate team consisting of Madi and Katie debated four rounds, winning two. In LD Debate, Josh went 1-3.

O'Donnell UIL Meet Results

Over 20 students attended the January 23 practice meet at O'Donnell. The results are as follow: **Speech**—Madi Cole, 3rd Place in Informative Speaking; Lexi Cheatham, 5th Place in Poetry; Savannah Herridge, 6th Place in Persuasive Speaking. **Academic Events**—Trent Collins, 1st Place Social Studies; Harley Merrill, 2nd Place Accounting; M.J. VanderBank, 3rd Place Accounting; Hayley Gray, 3rd Place Current Issue and Events; Katie Gray, 3rd Place Ready Writing; Maddie Benavidez, 4th Place Feature Writing; Ashlyn Tucker, 5th Place in Number Sense; Zoie Key, 5th Place in Current Issues and Events; Carley Bell, 6th Place Ready Writing; Nathan Souder and Sam Raborn, T-6th Place in Science.



Students receiving awards at the O'Donnell UIL Meet are (top l to r) Samuel Raborn, Nathan Souder, Jamyaleigh Gray, (middle l to r) Ashlyn Tucker, Zoie Key, Angelina Wilson, Harley Merrill, Carley Bell, MJ Van der Bank, (front l to r) Madi Cole, Katie Gray, Maddie Benavidez, Savannah Herridge, Trent Collins, Lexi Cheatham and Hayley Gray.

Coyotes Stand at Top in District With Back to Back Wins Against Lorraine and Ira Bulldogs

By Coach Edwards

The Borden County Coyotes picked up a couple district victories last week putting them at the top in the district standings.

Borden County defeated Lorraine 94-24 in the first game of the week. The Coyotes jumped out to 25-7 first quarter lead and never looked back. After leading 51-9 at the half, Borden outscored Lorraine 43-15 in the second half. Six Coyotes finished in double figures.

Trace Richey was the leading scorer with 16 points followed by Korbin Martinez with 13 points. Hunter Jones added 12 points and Easton Edwards with 11 points. Diego Bernal and Nick Proulx poured in 10 points each. Ben Justice, Morgan Wilson, and Braxton Barnes chipped in six points while Corbin Sumners finished with four points.

The Ira Bulldogs came to town with hopes to stay in the district race. However, the Coyotes had an answer.

Borden's defense smothered the Bulldogs allowing only five first quarter points and scoring 22 of their own using seven different scorers. The Coyotes led at the half, 37-15.

Again, the Coyotes used

seven different scorers to score 24 points in the third quarter and allowing only nine points. Borden won the contest 79-28.

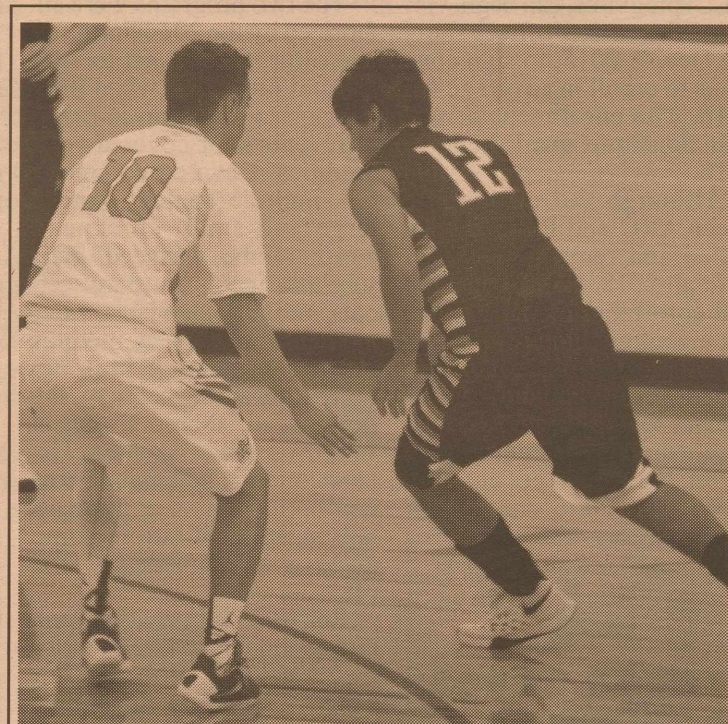
Braxton Barnes and Easton Edwards led the team in scoring with 12 while Korbin Martinez and Hunter Jones added 11 points. Diego Bernal

poured in 10 points with Trace Richey scoring nine points. Ben Justice contributed six points and Morgan Wilson with four points. Corbin Sumners and Nick Proulx chipped in two points.

The Coyotes are 12-3 on the season and 3-0 in district play.



Seven students competed at the Morton UIL Practice meet including (back l to r) Blane Culver, Angelina Wilson, Carley Bell, Josh Murphy, (front) MJ Van der Bank and Madi Cole.



Senior Coyote, Kmart Martinez (#10) plays defense against Ira Bulldog.

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Lady Coyotes Battle It Out With #10 Ira

By Coach Skelton

The Lady Coyotes hosted the #10 team in the state last Friday night in the Lady Bulldogs of Ira. The Lady Coyotes came out fired up as Senior Zoie Key was the first to score hitting a deep three which sparked an early run for the Lady Coyotes.

The defense was focused and I thought played about as good as we have played defense here in quite some time. They held the top ten team to just four points in the first quarter to take an early eight point lead.

The second quarter was a stale mate as each scored nine points. Senior Tatum Richey hit her second of four three point baskets and scored seven of her team high eighteen in that quarter. Senior post Kylee Dean and Freshmen Rayme Jones held last's year second team All-State Post from Ira scoreless in the first half of play.

The Lady Coyotes came out in the third and ready to go, but soon found themselves in foul trouble early but still managed to take a ten point lead heading into the fourth quarter. Ira backed up against the wall amped up things on both ends of the floor, and as good as we were playing just simply got speed up. We started getting anxious in some areas and then shoots weren't going in, and turnovers started happening and before you know it's tied up. The Ira Bulldogs took the lead for the first time in the ball game with just four seconds to go in the game.

I hate it when kids sell out and play unbelievable yet don't get to reap the benefits from it.



I couldn't have been happier with the effort and the guts they showed and told them this game ranks as one of the all-time best I have had here in five years. They showed everyone what it means to be a Lady Coyote, and what happens when you constantly bust your tail day in and day out. As a coach and a fan of theirs I couldn't have been prouder of them.

Stats are as follows: Tatum Richey-18 points, Kylee Dean-2 points, Zoie Key-5 points, Braylee Walker-2 points, Preslea Hall-10 points and Emma Key-2 points.

JV Girls Make Strong Showing

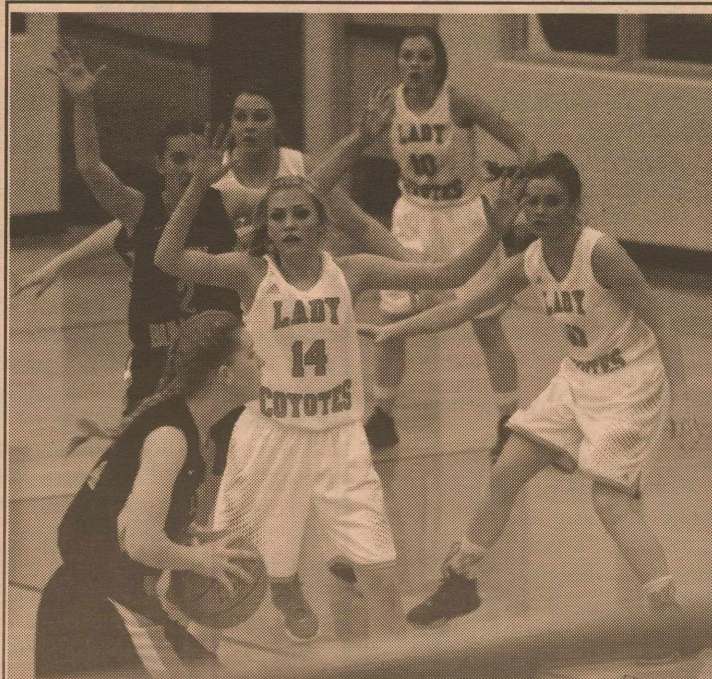
By Coach Benavidez

The Borden County JV Lady Coyotes have had an impressive run on the court. These ladies traveled to Westbrook on January 12 to take on the Westbrook Wildcats.

The Lady Coyotes took the early advantage in this one on a strong 1st quarter offensive output as they led 10-5. Madi Cole hit two 3 pointers and a field goal while Kami Key added two free throws. At the end of the first half the score increased to 16-11 in favor of Borden County with Cole adding two more field goals and Katie Gray added two points.

A slow third quarter on the offensive side saw the Wildcats tie the score as they came on strong. Four free throws from Paige Holbrooks helped keep the Lady Coyotes in the game. A wild 4th quarter ensued as the Lady Coyotes were able to hold off the Wildcats and outscore them by one point on an inbounds play with 4 seconds left where Madi Cole sank a 3 pointer from the corner. This final score helped give the Lady Coyotes the last second win by a score of 30-29. The 4th quarter saw Kami Key sink a free throw. Madi Cole hit two free throws before her game-winning 3 point shot. Katie Gray put in two points while Paige Holbrooks also sank two more free throws.

The scoring totals for this



The Lady Coyotes play tough defense against the Ira Lady Bulldogs at home last Friday night. Pictured are (back left) Kylee Dean and Preslea Hall, (front left) Tatum Richey and Braylee Walker.

game are as follows; Madi Cole 17 pts, Paige Holbrooks 6 pts, Katie Gray 4 points, and Kami Key 3 points. These scores would not have been as successful without great defensive stands by Kaile Hernandez, Brooke Swaffar, Reina Hernandez, Kenley Dean, and Hailey Wilborn.

On January 15, the Lady Wildcats from Grady came to Borden County to play the BCJV Lady Coyotes. Grady

has traditionally been a powerhouse in both varsity and JV basketball. This year they met a tough opponent in the Lady Coyotes.

From the start the Lady Coyotes took control and never looked back. Katie Gray led the scoring in the 1st quarter with 2 three pointers while Kami Key chipped in one 3 pointer and 1 field goal. Both

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Kami Key (#12) sinks a 3 pointer in last weeks game against the Ira Lady Bulldogs.

School Lunch Menu

Feb. 1 - 5, 2016

Menu subject to change

Monday - Breakfast: Sausage Kolache & Cheese, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Fish Strips, TX 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, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: CHicken Alfredo, Breadstick, Garden Salad, Carrot Coins, Apple Slices, Cookie and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Studel & Cheese Stick, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Ham & Cheese on Pretzel Bun, Steamed Broccoli, Tomato-Cucumber Cup, Snowball Salad and Milk.

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

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Midday Snacks, All Grown Up

Graham crackers and peanut butter. Carrot sticks with ranch dressing. Cheese and crackers. Here's how to take these old snacks and make them new again. Everyone had a favorite snack while growing up. But now that you're an adult, the appeal of the tried-and-true may feel a little, well, tired. New varieties of your favorite foods (or new foods) can 'jazz up' common snacks. Read on for ideas that can satisfy cravings for more sophisticated fare.

Spread Beyond Peanut Butter. If you love something smeared on crackers and breads but are bored with peanut butter, take heart; there are options.

* Meet the other butters. Almond and cashew butters have a smooth texture and great flavor. Spread either on crackers made with whole grain, or top a slice of 100% whole wheat bread. Remember to exercise portion control, and watch the fat and calories.

* Choose garbanzo beans. Low-fat hummus, made of mashed garbanzo beans, is not only nutritious but also delicious. Spread on whole wheat pita wedges or dip with spears of carrots, cucumbers, and bell peppers.

* Top that muffin. Spread 100% fruit jam or jelly onto one half of a low- or fat-free muffin made with whole grain.

Freshen Your Veggies It's not the idea of veggies and dip that's tired; it's that we have a hard time seeing beyond creamy-dressing dips. So get inventive!

* Fill from a different well. Pack celery sticks with almond butter, guacamole, hummus, or low-fat bean dip.

* Dip in this. Dunk interesting vegetables—grape tomatoes, zucchini spears, jicama and red bell pepper strips, and cauliflower florets—into plain yogurt turned exotic. Just add a dash of curry

or some other favorite herbs or spices.

Dial Up Low-Fat Dairy
 Can't think of an alternative to cheese and crackers but want to make sure your snack contains some calcium? Try these alternatives.

* Add toss-ins. Top low-fat yogurt with granola or cereal made with whole grain and fresh berries, or blend the yogurt with a variety of fruits to make a smoothie.

* Remember spreadable cheeses. Try fat-free cream cheese on a rice cake or crispbread made with whole grain.

Graduate Your Grab 'n' Go
 Your busy schedule might not allow for a lot of planning or prep time, but that doesn't mean you're stuck without options as you're headed for the door. Fill your ziplock bags ahead of time.

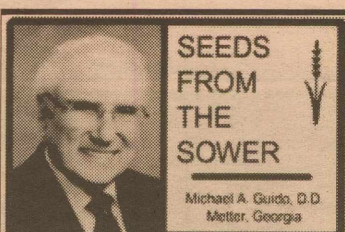
* Pack a punch. Choose small fruits that deliver big taste—like kumquats or dried cranberries.

* Go for crunch. Reach for a handful of nuts such as almonds or pistachios, or try edamame soybeans. Make your own trail mix using nuts, cereal made with whole grain, and dried fruit. (Dark chocolate bits are optional!)

* Reach for the prepackaged. Monterey Jack or mozzarella cheese sticks, and Mandarin orange or applesauce cups can help the truly time-challenged. Don't forget fat-free vanilla soymilk, and you're good to go.

Source: *Eat Better America* by General Mills <http://www.eatbetteramerica.com>

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"I don't want to die. Please don't let me die," he whispered in desperation. He was a world leader - loved by many, dreaded by some, questioned by others. He was a prominent figure on the world's stage having great power and prestige, wealth and control that could not be denied. But in his final moments everything that he had or had accomplished could not extend the life of Hugo Chavez one moment nor release him from his fear of dying. David wrote of a life that could end this way. "Here now is the man who did not make God his stronghold."

Another man came to the end of his life who was also a world leader. His résumé describes him as a ruler with great power and authority, vast wealth and owner of beautiful buildings, a soldier, a poet, one who cared deeply for others and was "a man after God's own heart." When he faced death he said, "When I walk through the dark valley of death I will not be afraid."

Two different men, two different destinies because of two different choices. One lived his life with no fear of God. He sought fame and the favor of man. The other lived his life in fear of God and sought His favor, often His forgiveness but always His approval.

All of us have these same choices. We can live for ourselves, as Hugo Chavez did, seeking recognition and power and die in fear as he did. Or, we can choose to live for God as David did, serve Him faithfully with great love and passion and die as he did in peace.

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The Borden County Booster Club would like to say a big "Thank You" to Kessie Avey. Kessie held a Unique makeup party fundraiser on behalf of the Booster Club. During this fundraising party she was able to sell enough merchandise to be able to donate \$540 to the Booster Club.

Thank you to each and every one of you who made this possible.



Members of the Borden County Booster Club are presented a check from Borden County resident Kessi Avey. Pictured are (l to r) JJ Williams, Kessi Avey, LeeAnn Hudson, Penny Cribbs and Brandi Smith.

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Jared Tusa/Kalli Poole Exchange Vows in Double Ring Ceremony

On one of the rainiest weekends in Texas history and following a year-long engagement (because Jared proposed on Kalli's birthday in October and she wanted a fall wedding), Kalli Poole and Jared Tusa were married on October 24, 2015, in Reagan, Texas.

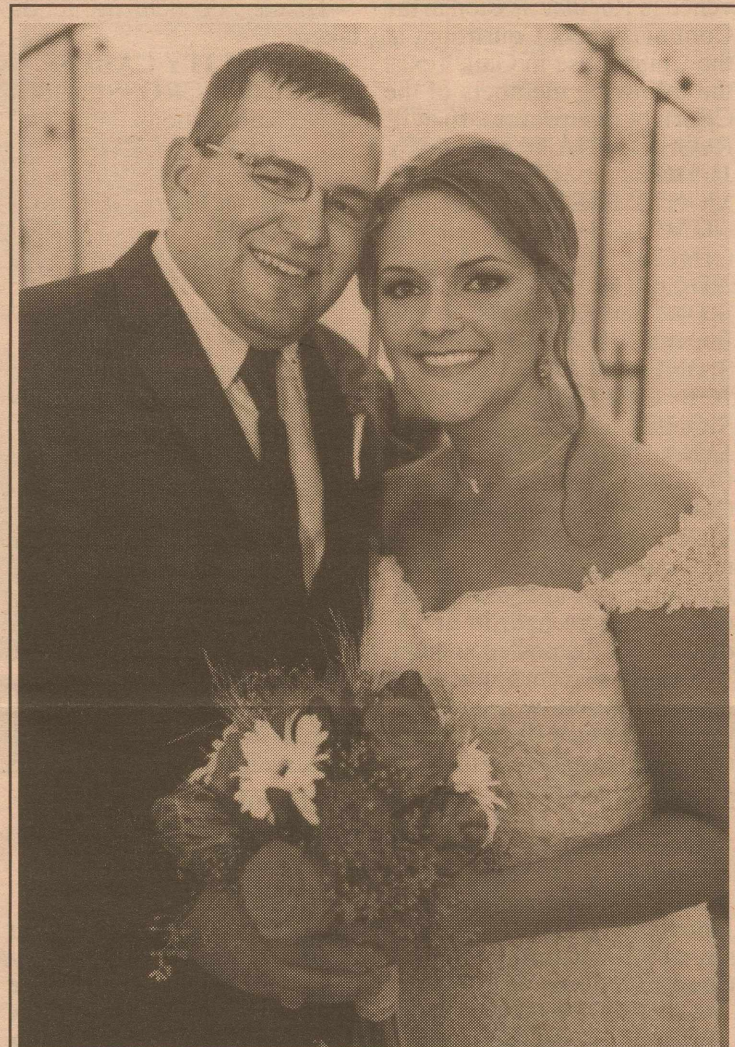
Parents of the bride are Dennis and Sheri Poole of Gail. The groom's parents are Frank and Sandy Tusa of Reagan. Grandmother of the bride is Laurie Eubanks of Abilene. Jack and Jo Stem of Marlin are grandparents of the groom. Neil Bond and Mark Childs performed the ceremony and special music was provided by Mark Brown.

Kaci May, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor. Kalli's wedding party consisted of her brother, Tanner Poole, and close friends, Mallory Newsom, Jessica Chesshire, and Kelsey Cash. Junior bridesmaid was Jaylee Poole, niece of the bride.

Jacob Tusa, brother of the groom, served as best man. Jared's wedding party included his sister-in-law, Ingrid Tusa, and close friends, Josh Rekieta and Matt Alston. Usher was Slate May, brother-in-law of the bride.

Flower girls were Sawyer & Sutton May, Jozee Poole, and Georgia Tusa, nieces of the couple. Nephew Charlie Tusa was the ring bearer. The house party was made up of several close friends and family members which included Candice Poole, Brooke Strube, Reagan Kelly, Alex Lopez, Roslyn Schneider, Blayne Harris, and Brady Black.

Instead of the traditional unity candle or mixing of sand, the couple chose to mix dirt—Gail dirt and Reagan dirt. It was a symbol of where they came from and where their roots are planted. These roots from the dirt have shaped them into the people they are today. Several personal vows were exchanged by the couple before exchanging the traditional



Mr. and Mrs. Jared Tusa
(nee Kalli Poole)

vows. Following the ceremony, family and friends enjoyed a nice dinner, lots of dancing, and a not-so-traditional father/daughter dance that turned out to be one of the highlights of the evening. Following a honeymoon in Cancun, the couple are making their home in Reagan, Texas.



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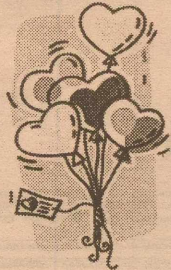


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Commissioners Court

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BORDEN WHEREAS, on this the 12th day of January, 2016, 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, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1; RANDY ADCOCK, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2; ERNEST REYES, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3; JOE BELEW, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 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:

Other officers present: Marlo Holbrooks, County Attorney; Benny Allison, Sheriff and Tax Assessor/Collector; and Shawna Gass, County Treasurer

Others present: Joel Dennis
CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the January 12, 2016, regular session of the Commissioners Court to order at 8:55 A.M.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the minutes of December 22, 2015 as presented. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY OFFICER MONTHLY REPORTS

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve officer reports as presented. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT REGULAR MEETING TIME AND DATES

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to set the Regular Commissioner Court meeting date on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and the Special Commissioner Court meeting date on the 4th Tuesday of each month and all meetings will start at 8:30 A.M. Commissioner Belew seconded the

motion. Motion carried.
COUNTY-OWNED BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY CONCEALED CARRY/ OPEN CARRY POLICY
Discussion held no action taken

UTILITY CABLE/ PIELINE CROSSINGS
No Applications
PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE
No Applications
SOIL CONSERVATION WORK
No Applications

COMMUNITY INPUT
Joel Dennis visited with the court about the predator control program.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None
CURRENT ACCOUNTS
Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

Motion carried.
ADJOURN
Commissioner Adcock made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion and approved unanimously.



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Public Notice

Notice of Drinking Water FLUORIDE Violation

DECEMBER 2015
The Texas Commission On Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the Borden County Water System that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for FLUORIDE. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL FLUORIDE at 4.0 mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for FLUORIDE indicates a compliance value in quarter four, 2015 of 5.4 mg/L for EP001.

This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing FLUORIDE in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Fluoride in drinking water at half the MCL or more may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than nine years old. Mottling,

also known as dental fluorosis, may include brown staining and/or pitting of the teeth, and occurs only in developing teeth before they erupt from the gums.

An alternate source of water should be provided to the affected population, which consists of children less than nine years old. The alternate water should be used for drinking and cooking only. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

We are taking the following actions to address this issue: water vouchers are available to families with children 14 years of age or younger, also we are working to correct the problem by investigating alternative solutions.

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

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MARCH 1, 2016 PRIMARY ELECTION CALENDAR

First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (NEW LAW: first day of calendar year for ABBM* and FPCA**)	Friday, January 1, 2016*
*ABBM - ANNUAL BALLOT BY MAIL **FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION	
Last Day to Register to Vote	Monday, February 1, 2016
First Day of Early Voting	Tuesday, February 16, 2016* *First business day after Presidents' Day
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)	Friday, February 19, 2016 (NEW LAW: 11th day before election day; ABBM and FPCA)
Last Day of Early Voting	Friday, February 26, 2016
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, March 1, 2016 (election day) at 7:00 p.m. (unless overseas deadline applies)

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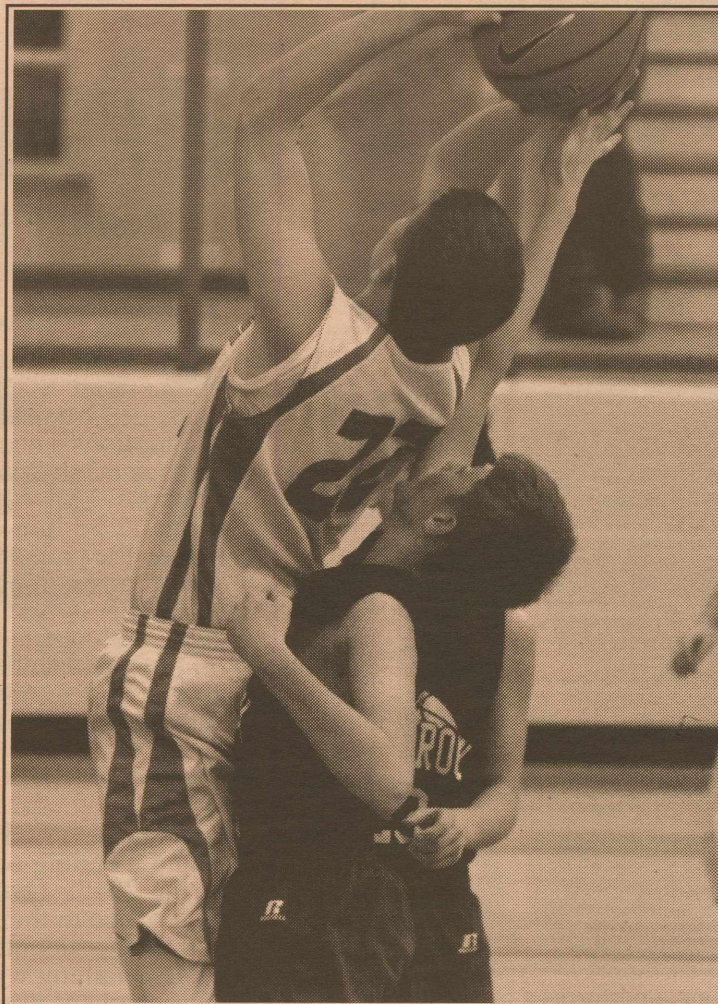
JV Ladies Come Up Short Against the Lady Bulldogs

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Kenley Dean and Madi Cole sank two buckets to give the Lady Coyotes a 15-8 lead. The second quarter would be no different as the scoring continued with Kami Key adding in another 3 pointer and 1 field goal while Madi Cole sank a 3 pointer. Katie Gray got in on the scoring as well with a field goal. This gave the Ladies the lead at halftime with a score of 25-10. The defensive efforts by Kaile and Reina Hernandez, Brooke Swaffar, Paige Holbrooks, Kenley Dean and Hailey Wilborn helped stifle any Wildcat offense. The third quarter has been a tough one this year for the Lady Coyotes as they lost this quarter by a 6-9 point disadvantage. These six points were provided by Katie Gray who sank a 3 point

shot while Paige Holbrooks put in a field goal and one free throw. The fourth quarter saw the Lady Coyotes gain the advantage on the offensive side again as they outscored the Lady Wildcats by an 8-4 advantage. Both Kami Key and Madi Cole dropped 3 point shots while Hailey Wilborn sank a field goal.

The final score was Borden County 39 Grady 23. The scoring totals are as follows; Kami Key led all scorers with 13 points. Katie Gray added 11 points while Madi Cole had 8 points. Paige Holbrooks followed with 3 and both Kenley Dean and Hailey Wilborn had two points each.



Coyote, Will Yarbro reaches to score for the Pups against Westbrook.

JH Boys Blue Team Defeat the Wildcats

By Coach Edwards

The Borden County Blue Jr. High squad remained undefeated on the season defeating the Westbrook Wildcats, 54-9.

Borden outscored the Wildcats 30-2 in the first half. The Coyotes added on to the lead winning the second half 24-7.

Cam Edwards led all scorers with 18 points followed by Trey Edwards and Will Yarbro with eight points. Mason Cole and Anthony Lopez each finished with six points and Tommy Kingston with five points. Jake Avey chipped in three points.

The Jr. High hoopsters are 8-0 on the season.

The Borden Red squad picked up another victory against the Snyder 7th B team.

The Coyotes jumped out to a 12-4 first quarter lead. Borden extended its lead to 19-8 at the half. Both teams battled to a 9-9 second half score securing a 28-17 victory.

Blane Justice led the team in scoring with eight points followed by Gunner Shofner with six points. Quinten Freeman added four points while Trent Lewis and Miles Wilson chipped in three points. Latham Huckaby finished with two points.

JH Boys Red Earns 3rd at Sands Tourney

By Coach Edwards

The Borden Red squad earned third place at the Sands "A" Team Tournament.

Tied at six after the first quarter against Sands, the Coyotes struggled to score the remainder of the game. Sands outscored Borden 7-0 and 4-0 in the second and third quarters. Borden battled back in the fourth, but lost the contest, 21-12.

Blane Justice led the Coyotes in scoring with eight points. Jason Robinson and Quentin Freeman both scored two points.

In the third place game, Borden faced the mighty Dragons from Dawson.

Jake Avey scored seven points in the first quarter to give the Coyotes an 11-6 first quarter lead. Blane Justice scored six points in the second frame giving Borden a 21-8 halftime lead.

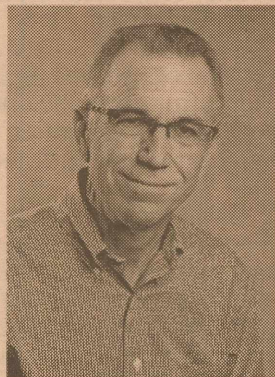
The Dragons outscored Borden 13-3 in the second half, but it wasn't enough as the Coyotes won the contest 24-21.

Justice finished with eight points to lead the Coyotes in scoring. Avey added 7 points and Justin Willborn with four points. Ryen Ramos added three points and Miles Wilson chipped in two points.



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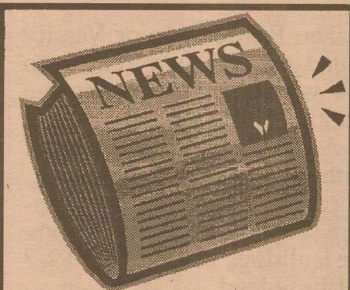
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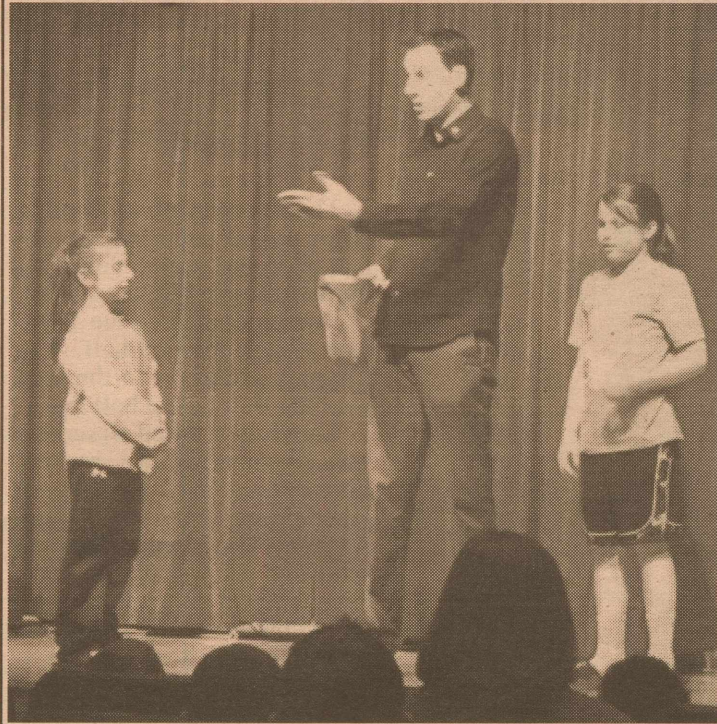
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Darrin Collins currently from Kenya performs a presentation to Borden County Kindergarten through 2nd grade courtesy of Community Recovery Center in Post. The Post Rotary Club donated an animatronics lion named Lionel T. Lion with a site license for software and capabilities to be linked to our teachers computers to sing short songs and teach everything from Fire Safety, Health, Personal Safety and Respect.

Coyote JV Defeats the Loraine Bulldogs

By Coach Edwards

The Borden Junior Varsity squad evened their season to 4-4 with a victory over the Loraine Bulldogs.

After a close first quarter with the Coyotes on top 6-2, Borden put together an offensive second quarter outscoring the Bulldogs 13-5 to take 19-7 halftime lead.

The Coyotes did not let

Loraine score in the third period and only gave up three points in the final period to secure a 41-10 victory.

Payton Merket led all scorers with 16 points followed by Ryan Willborn with 13 points. Riley Lewis added seven points and Noah Morales with three points. Trent Collins chipped in two points.



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

HOMEOWNERS

Persons who own their residence on January 1, 2016, 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, 2015, 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 2015. 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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