

# The Borden Star

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## Ports-to-Plains, LEDA to Host Energy and Ag Summit

The Ports-to-Plains Alliance and the Lubbock Economic Development Alliance will co-host the 2016 Ports-to-Plains Energy and Ag Summit March 30-31 at the Arbor Hotel and Conference Center in Lubbock.

"This is quite a volatile time for energy and agriculture, which are the industries that are critical to the economies throughout the Ports-to-Plains Corridor region," Ports-to-Plains President Michael Reeves said. "That is why we think it is so important for business and community leaders to learn as much as possible about the key issues we are facing so that we can overcome challenges, identify opportunities and thrive economically."

"The dynamic changes in our energy sector right now are of major interest to Lubbock businesses, as those changes drive business decisions both short-term and long-term," Lubbock Economic Development Alliance CEO John Osborne said. "Likewise, agriculture continues to be the cornerstone of our community and an industry that will continue to drive Lubbock's economy for years to come."

The two-day conference will feature speakers from throughout the Ports-to-Plains region that stretches from Alberta, Canada to Mexico. Former House Ag Committee

Chairman Larry Combest will give an overview of critical issues in agriculture. PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett will discuss the cotton industry's impact on the Ports-to-Plains region. Representatives from Monsanto and Continental Dairy Facilities Southwest will give updates on their recently announced projects that will be significant job creators on the South Plains.

Energy presentations will showcase the region's diverse and productive energy production portfolio from oil and gas to renewable sources such as wind and solar. Consul General of Canada Sara Wilshaw will discuss trade opportunities with the United States largest trade partner and northern neighbor, while presentations from Ports-to-Plains partners in Mexico will share the developments in Texas' largest foreign trade market.

A strong transportation infrastructure is critical to moving the region's ag and energy products to market, and these issues will be featured as well. Lubbock Mayor and Ports-to-Plains Treasurer Glen Robertson will give an update on efforts to extend Interstate 27. Carolyn Mays, Manager of the Freight Transportation Planning Branch of the Texas Department of Transportation will speak on the Texas Freight Mobility Plan and what it

means for the Ports-to-Plains Corridor.

"We are putting together a great agenda that can provide critical insights for our region," said Reeves.

Registration is required and information and full details about the Energy and Ag Summit are available on the Ports-to-Plains website at <http://www.portstoplains.com>.

Ports-to-Plains is a grassroots alliance of more than 275 communities and businesses, including alliance partners Heartland Expressway, Theodore Roosevelt Expressway and Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor Coalition, whose mission is to advocate for a robust international transportation infrastructure to promote economic security and prosperity throughout North America's energy and agricultural heartland including Mexico to Canada. Additional information on the Ports-to-Plains Alliance is available at <http://www.portstoplains.com>.



## Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
Tumbleweed Smith

### The Man Who Wrote "Pistol Packin' Mama"

Albert Poindexter was a housepainter who lived around Troup and Jacksonville.

"Jacksonville people always said Poindexter was from Troup. The people in Troup said Poindexter was from Jacksonville," says Barnwell Anderson, a music historian who lives in Jacksonville.

Albert Poindexter owned a bar in the 1930's and helped promote honkytonk music. He made his first recording in 1936 for ARC Records. It was a song called "Honky Tonk Blues." He was the first to use the term honkytonk in a country song.

Barnwell Anderson says Poindexter could play the guitar and sing his original songs, but didn't know much about musical notes or arrangements or promotion, so he teamed up with a publisher of gospel songs, James B. Paris. Poindexter wrote the song, "Pistol Packin' Mama" in 1943 and Mr. Paris helped get it before the public and published a copy of the song on sheet music.

The song was an instant hit. It became the theme song of the New York Yankees. A Republic Pictures movie bearing the name of the song was made in 1943, giving Poindexter

\$250,000 in royalties. One of his hits from the 1940's was titled "Guitar Polka" which was on Billboard's list of Most Played Juke Box Folk Records for sixteen weeks in 1946. He had other hits which were popular in the US and Europe.

When he started getting some notoriety as a performer, he shortened his name to Al Dexter. He was the first country singer to perform on Broadway and in 1971 was inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame. He died in Lewisville, Texas in 1984.

"Pistol Packin' Mama" has been performed by Bing Crosby and the Andrews Sisters (which was the number one single in the US in 1944), Hank Thompson, Willie Nelson, Tex Ritter and dozens of others. The song is featured in the video game "Fallout 4." Here are some of the lyrics:

Drinkin' beer in a cabaret and was I havin' fun. Until one night she caught me right and now I'm on the run.

Chorus (which follows every verse): Lay that pistol down, babe, lay that pistol down. Pistol Packin' Mama, Lay that pistol down. Other verses go like this:

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## National Speech and Debate Association Recognizes McMeans/Souder With Awards

Senior Nathan Souder will make history when he attends the NSDA National Tournament in June, being the first BHS student to attend this prestigious speech event comprised of students from across the United States. He will compete in World Schools Debate.

In 2014, Mollie McMeans and Zach McMeans won CX Debate in this same tournament but were unable to attend because Mollie won the Big County Co-Op trip to Washington, D.C., which took place at the same time as NSDA Nationals.

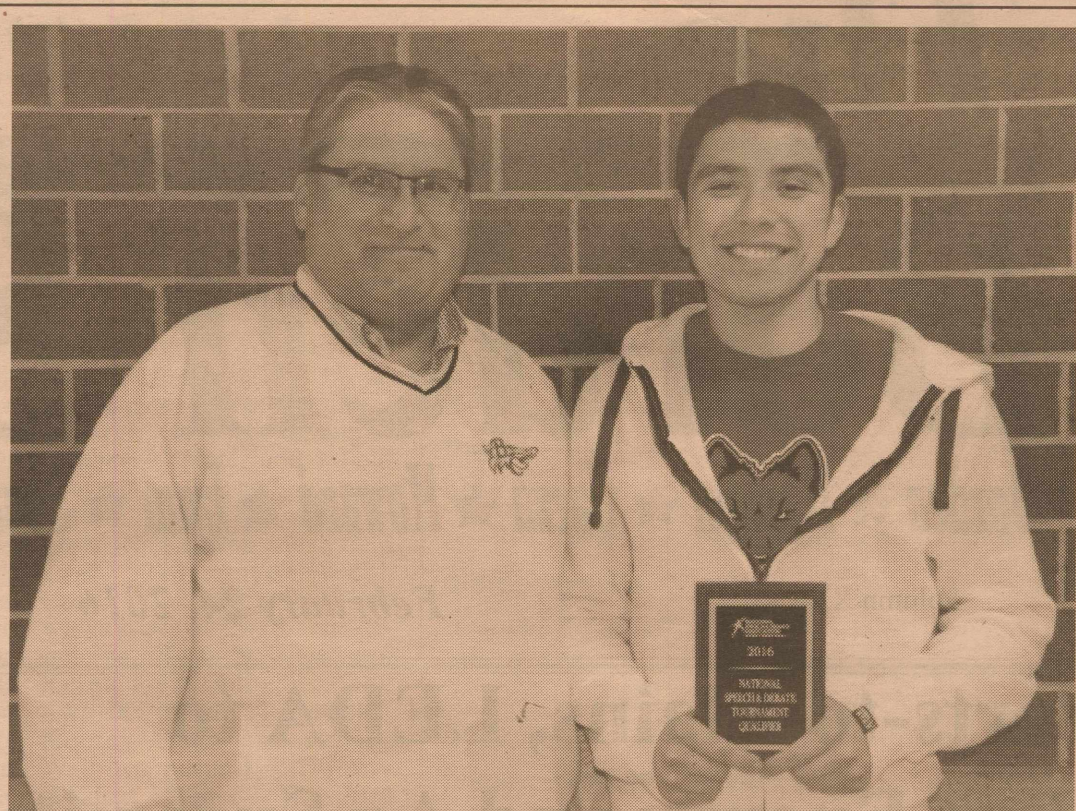
Souder earned the advancement on the merits of his four years of competing in NSDA tournaments, his merit points

(967 to date, more than any other BHS student), and by virtue of a selection vote taken by Tall Cotton District coaches.


Along with four other students from, Souder will be on a team representing the Tall Cotton Chapter of NSDA in an event which features a dynamic format combining the concepts of "prepared" topics with "impromptu" topics. World Schools Debate encourages debaters to focus on specified issues rather than debate theory or procedural arguments. This highly interactive style of debate allows debaters to engage each other, even during speeches. This challenging format requires good teamwork and in-depth quality argumentation.

Freshman Trent Collins competed in the national-qualifying tournament at Tech also. He finished just out of a qualifying spot, scoring 31 points in his House. He was elected to serve as Presiding Officer and finished the day's competition as 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate to Nationals in Congressional Debate, an event in which he participated at State UIL in Austin.

Principal Bart McMeans also attended Saturday's awards ceremony at Texas Tech. He was named the High School Principal of the Year for the Tall Cotton District of NSDA. Mr. McMeans was nominated for his continued support of BHS's speech and debate programs. In his twelve years as principal, BHS has brought home three state Extemporaneous Speaking gold medals, two state champions in Poetry, one state team speech championship, three state CX championships, one LD state championship, and one Congressional Debate state championship—not to mention numerous state medalists and qualifiers.



Borden County principal, Bart McMeans (left) and senior, Nathan Souder were recently recognized with awards from the NSDA. Mr. McMeans was awarded Principal of the Year and Nathan received the NSDA award as a qualifier.



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## You Just Never Know...

By Sue Jane Sullivan

When some of Bart McMeans's former teachers or classmates read this paper, they may chuckle a bit at the type of award and the source of the award: Principal of the Year. Principal of the Year from a speech association. What the heck?

Fair enough. In high school when I taught Bart, he excelled at two things: sports and girls.

Life is just so darn funny sometimes. And I am so thankful it is because seeing our current principal honored this way reveals so much about what being a teacher and being a student involves:

We cannot underestimate others and their potential.

We cannot just applaud potential; we must develop it.

We develop potential by investing in our students on a daily basis.

Bart would be the first to say that many people invested in him, and at somewhere along the way, he began to invest in himself. Everyone doing his or her part—teachers, students, parents, community—is what leads to a successful outcome.

There are many 1A schools who employ two principals. We have one. Mr. McMeans serves as negotiator, mediator, organizer, disciplinarian, fire-putter-outer, and monitor.

He must also encourage and motivate and look for the good.

And in so doing, this Principal of the Year Award from speech teachers across this region is a well-deserved honor for Mr. McMeans.

I can now forgive him for sleeping in my class 36 years ago, and he can forgive me for not really knowing the difference between macro-economics and micro-economics.

# Coyotes Finish Regular Season With Win Over Westbrook Wildcats

By Coach Edwards

The Borden County Varsity finished the regular season with a 100-44 victory over the Westbrook Wildcats and remained undefeated throughout district play.

The Coyotes put together one of their best performances of the season by jumping out to a 35-12 first quarter lead. Trace Richey sparked the big quarter with a couple of three point field goals, a couple two points field goals, and a couple of free throws. Hunter Jones found the hot hand in the second period scoring seven of the teams 24 points. The Coyotes defense only allowed six points to go into the half with a 59-18 lead.

Borden nailed three buckets from behind the arc in the third quarter to extend its lead to 84-30. With about three minutes remaining in the game, Borden reached the 100 point mark with a field goal by Nick Proulx. Borden led at that time, 100-34.

"Man, we played extremely well throughout the ballgame," Coach Edwards exclaimed. "Our defensive energy was great, our offensive transition was fun to watch, and we made tons of shots."

Richey was the leading scorer with 25 points followed by Jones with 22 points. Corbin Sumners added 10 points and Ben Justice with eight points. Korbin Martinez, Easton Edwards, and Braxton Barnes chipped in seven points. Morgan Wilson contributed six point and Diego Bernal with five points. Proulx finished with three points.

The Coyotes finished 10-0 in district play.

As the second season is about to begin, the Coyotes traveled to Fort Worth to play in the Fort Worth Playoff Preview. The preview featured several of the top teams in the state in single matched games to prepare for the playoff run. The #18 ranked Coyotes faced #11 Calvert Trojans. The Trojans lost in the state semi-finals a year ago to the Grady Wildcats in overtime.

Calvert used their speed and

athleticism early in the contest. The Coyotes found themselves down 9-2 but managed to tie the game 13-13 late in the first quarter. The Trojans, however, finished on a 7-0 run to lead 20-13 after one quarter of play. Calvert outscored Borden 17-12 in the second period to take a 37-25 halftime lead.

Borden's defense came out clawing in the third frame allowing only 10 points to the Trojans. However, the Coyotes only scored seven points and trailed 47-32. The Coy-

otes trailed as many as 19 points in the fourth period. Borden kept fighting and chipping away at the deficit. Late in the final period, Borden had cut the Calvert lead to eight points and had possession of the ball. The Coyotes had a three point field goal hit front iron and fall short which halted any Coyote comeback. Calvert finished with a couple of late buckets to win the contest 64-52.

"Sometimes you have to play games like this," Coach Edwards stated. "When you

roll through district like we did, it could get you in trouble early in the playoffs. We got a lot out of this game. It will definitely help us throughout our playoff run."

Braxton Barnes led all scorers with 18 points followed by Trace Richey with 11 points. Diego Bernal added nine points and Easton Edwards with six points. Hunter Jones chipped in four points. Korbin Martinez and Morgan Wilson finished with two points.

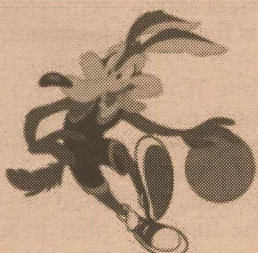
The Coyotes are 19-4 on the season.

## District Champs!



The Borden County Coyote basketball team went 10-0 to win the District title for 2016. The Coyotes will play Grand Falls-Royalty in the Area title game in Andrews this Thursday at 6 pm. Pictured are (l to r) Coach Trey Richey, Ben Justice, Corbin Sumners, Nick Proulx, Morgan Wilson, Hunter Jones, Korbin Martinez, Easton Edwards, Trace Richey, Braxton Barnes, Diego Bernal and head Coach Bubba Edwards.

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**COYOTE  
BASKETBALL**

## School Lunch Menu

Feb. 29 - Mar. 4, 2016  
Menu subject to  
change

**Monday** - Breakfast: Cinnamon Pull a Part & Cheese, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Fajitas, Salsa, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fresh Fruit and Milk.

**Tuesday** - Breakfast: Blueberry Juffin & Yogurt, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pesto Chicken Flatbread, Baby Carrots w/ Ranch, Steamed Broccoli, Pineapple, Sugar Cookie and Milk.

**Wednesday** - Breakfast: Pancake Wrap, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pulled Pork Slider w/Chips, Cole-slaw, Tomato Cup, Hot Cinnamon Apples and Milk.

**Thursday**-Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Hamburger, Oven Fries, Western Beans, Diced Pears and Milk.

**Friday**-Breakfast: PBJ, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Parmesan, Breadstick, Green Beans, Salad, Apple Slices and Milk.

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## Healthy Eating for a Healthy Weight

A healthy lifestyle involves many choices. Among them, choosing a balanced diet or healthy eating plan. So how do you choose a healthy eating plan? Let's begin by defining what a healthy eating plan is. According to the Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2010, a healthy eating plan:

- Emphasizes fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and fat-free or low-fat milk and milk products

- Includes lean meats, poultry, fish, beans, eggs, and nuts

- Is low in saturated fats, trans fats, cholesterol, salt (sodium), and added sugars

- Stays within your daily calorie needs

*Eat Healthfully and Enjoy It!* A healthy eating plan that helps you manage your weight includes a variety of foods you may not have considered. If "healthy eating" makes you think about the foods you can't have, try refocusing on all the new foods you can eat.

**Fresh, Frozen, or Canned Fruits** - don't think just apples or bananas. All fresh, frozen, or canned fruits are great choices. Be sure to try some "exotic" fruits, too. How about a mango? Or a juicy pineapple or kiwi fruit! When your favorite fresh fruits aren't in season, try a frozen, canned, or dried variety of a fresh fruit you enjoy. One caution about canned fruits is that they may contain added sugars or syrups. Be sure and choose canned varieties of fruit packed in water or in their own juice.

**Fresh, Frozen, or Canned Vegetables** - try something new. You may find that you love grilled vegetables or steamed vegetables with an herb you haven't tried like rosemary. You can sauté (panfry) vegetables in a non-stick pan with a small amount of cooking spray. Or try frozen or canned vegetables for a

quick side dish — just microwave and serve. When trying canned vegetables, look for vegetables without added salt, butter, or cream sauces. Commit to going to the produce department and trying a new vegetable each week.

**Calcium-rich foods** - you may automatically think of a glass of low-fat or fat-free milk when someone says "eat more dairy products." But what about low-fat and fat-free yogurts without added sugars? These come in a wide variety of flavors and can be a great dessert substitute for those with a sweet tooth.

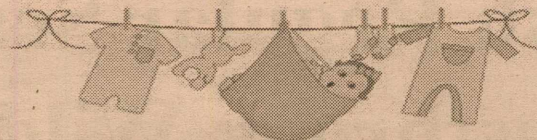
**A new twist on an old favorite** - if your favorite recipe calls for frying fish or breaded chicken, try healthier variations using baking or grilling. Maybe even try a recipe that uses dry beans in place of higher-fat meats. Ask around or search the internet and magazines for recipes with fewer calories? you might be surprised to find you have a new favorite dish!

*Do I have to give up my favorite comfort food?* No! Healthy eating is all about balance. You can enjoy your favorite foods even if they are high in calories, fat or added sugars. The key is eating them only once in a while, and balancing them out with healthier foods and more physical activity. Some general tips for comfort foods:

- Eat them less often. If you normally eat these foods every day, cut back to once a week or once a month. You'll be cutting your calories because you're not having the food as often.

- Eat smaller amounts. If your favorite higher-calorie food is a chocolate bar, have a smaller size or only half a bar.

- Try a lower-calorie version. Use lower-calorie ingredients or prepare food differently. For



Paizlee Gass is proud to announce the birth of her little sister

### Josey McCrae Holliday

Born December 28th at 1:59 pm  
in Lubbock, TX.

and weighed 7 lbs 8 ozs and was 20 inches

Proud parents: Jarett & Sharelle Holliday

Grandparents: Stanley & Sherry Gass of Gail

Kerry & Michelle Holliday of Gail

Great-Grandparents: Johnny & Melba Dempsey  
of O'Donnell

Sam & Sharon Mensch of Nowata, OK



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example, if your macaroni and cheese recipe uses whole milk, butter, and full-fat cheese, try remaking it with non-fat milk, less butter, light cream cheese, fresh spinach and tomatoes. Just remember to not increase your portion size.

The point is, you can figure out how to include almost any food in your healthy eating plan in a way that still helps you lose weight or maintain a healthy weight.

Source: *Center for Disease Control Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity* [http://www.cdc.gov/healthyweight/healthy\\_eating/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/healthyweight/healthy_eating/index.html)



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**Election DAY Polling Places for REPUBLICAN**

| PRECINCT             | LOCATION  |
|----------------------|---|
| 1A                   | GAIL BAPTIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL               |
| 1B                   | PLAINS COMMUNITY CENTER                           |
| 2A&2B (CONSOLIDATED) | BORDEN COUNTY COURTHOUSE DISTRICT COURTROOM       |
| 3A&3B (CONSOLIDATED) | PRECINCT 3B VOTING HOUSE FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY       |
| 4                    | BORDEN COUNTY COURTHOUSE COMMISSIONERS' COURTROOM |

**Election DAY Polling Places - DEMOCRATIC**

| PRECINCT      | LOCATION                                       |
|---------------|--|
| ALL PRECINCTS | BORDEN COUNTY COURTHOUSE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE |

*Thought  
for the  
Day*

*I count all that  
part of my life lost  
which I spent not  
in communion  
with God or in  
doing good.  
-John Donne*

vote

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for

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Republican Candidate

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vote

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**STEP UP  
SCALE DOWN**

**Lunch and Learn 12 Lesson Series**

Tuesdays from  
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(Beginning March 8th)

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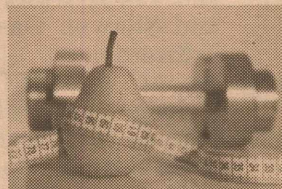
Bring your lunch!

\$20 course fee

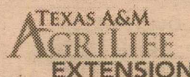
RSVP by Friday, March 4th!

**Step Up & Scale Down Objectives:**

- Prevent and/or reduce overweight and obesity through improved eating and physical activity behaviors.
- Control total calorie intake to manage body weight. For people who are overweight, this will mean consuming fewer calories from foods and beverages.
- Increase physical activity, and reduce time spent in sedentary behaviors.
- Learn to make healthful and realistic choices based on an individual's life-style, with the goal of creating an eating plan that can be followed for a lifetime.



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DISTRICT 8A Rule 37

Case No. 0299597

DATE OF ISSUANCE: Feb 8, 2016 Status/Permit No. 812313

NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Mar 14, 2016

Address: Railroad Commission of Texas

ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit  
P. O. Box 12967

Austin, Texas 78711-2967  
Fax: (512) 463-6780

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the O'BENCO, INC., [RRC Operator No. 617512] has made

application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission

Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the

DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 518, Bk. 97, H&TC RR

CO / JONES, D A Survey, A-1172, FLUVANNA Field, BORDEN County, being 3 miles NW direction

from FLUVANNA, Texas. PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may

be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the

deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and

tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A

Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear

at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of

evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing

procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848.

If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth

in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37

(512)463-6751.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST

BE RECEIVED IN THE R A I L R O A D COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR

E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Mar 14, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED

WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE

**GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.**

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: FLUVANNA

Lease/Unit Name :  
FLUVANNA (MISSISSIPPIAN) UNIT

Lease/Unit Well No. : 108H  
Lease/Unit Acres : 1320.0

Nearest Lease Line (ft) :  
660.0

Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :  
1107.0

Lease Lines : 620.0 F S L,  
509.0 F W L

Survey Lines : 620.0 F S L,  
509.0 F W L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

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Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines: 860.0 F W L,  
660.0 F S L

Terminus Location  
BH County: BORDEN

Section: 535 Block: 97 Abstract: 945

Survey: H&TC RR CO / JONES, D A

Lease Lines: 860.0 F W L,  
660.0 F N L

Survey Lines: 860.0 F W L,  
660.0 F N L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

FLUVANNA : OIL Special Rules 660/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 8200 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's

representative, Heather Haynes, at (318)8658568, x118.

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BORDEN

WHEREAS, on this the 9th day of February, 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; MONTE 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

**CALL TO ORDER**  
Judge Sharp called the February 9, 2016, regular session of the Commissioners Court to order at 8:35 A.M.

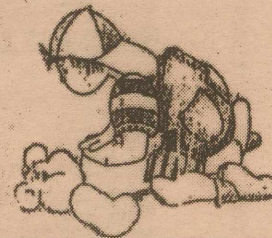
**APPROVE MINUTES**  
Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of January 26, 2016 as presented. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

**COUNTY OFFICER MONTHLY REPORTS**  
Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve of-

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ficer reports as presented. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### DIVISION ORDERS

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve division orders for the Borden County Permanent School Fund mineral interests in the Echols "7",

Well #1, Martin County and Well #2, #3, #4, Dawson County. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion

carried.

### LEASE AGREEMENT

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve lease agreement with Nancy L Pearce Trust for a site used for

placement of Borden County Communication equipment. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion

carried.

### BURN BAN

No action taken

### INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Commissioner Belew made a motion to participate in an Interlocal Agreement with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper to participate in the 2016 Seal Coat Program. Commissioner

Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the contract agreement for Professional Services with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper to provide consulting services for the 2016 Seal Coat Program. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion

carried.

**UTILITY CABLE/ PIPELINE CROSSINGS**

No Applications  
**PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE**

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the following applications:

Clifton D. Smith – Precinct 1 – work performed as needed

Tommy Cooley – Precinct 2 – work performed one time only

Gary Sturm – Precinct 3 – work performed one time only

Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### SOIL CONSERVATION WORK

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the following applications:

Chad Beaver – Precinct 4  
Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### COMMUNITY INPUT

None

### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Consolidation of precincts and Burn Ban.

### CURRENT ACCOUNTS

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.



# Big Country Electric Cooperative Urges Consumers to Be Aware of Scam Targeting Utility Customers

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Big Country Electric Cooperative (BCEC) received notice from a member who was recently contacted one evening by someone calling from a toll-free number who fraudulently identified themselves as Big Country Electric Cooperative, claiming that the member's account was past-due and would be disconnected if not paid immediately. The following day, the same member received another call demanding payment for a remaining balance.

This is the work of a scam that has occurred in many locations nationwide.

Please know that anytime BCEC contacts members:

- All of our office phone numbers are local, and a local number will display on your Caller ID when BCEC contacts you. Some of our employees may call from cell phones when working in the field outside of the office, but this will generally be limited to when they may be doing work near you and will not be related to billing for your BCEC account.

- Employees of Big Country Electric Cooperative will identify themselves by name as employees of Big Country Electric Cooperative, not as "your electric company". Example: "This is with Big Country Electric..."

- BCEC adheres to the most stringent data security practices in order to protect our members' information. We will NOT ask you for personal information such as bank account, social security numbers, PIN numbers, birthdates, or

any other sensitive information. We will only ask for limited identifying information for verification purposes on a call that is initiated by the member. Our billing employees can only see very limited personal information. • We will NOT ask you to wire money, to use or send a pre-paid money card.

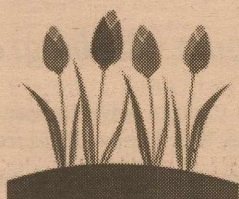
- Most calls to members are made during business hours. Some automated payment reminder calls may occur after hours, but will show BCEC's local number.

Our payment reminder calls do not demand immediate payment, but state that we have an important message about the account asking you to contact the cooperative by a specific time and date.

We do not schedule disconnects for delinquent accounts after our regular business hours.

We urge you to be vigilant and protective of your personal information. If any contact claiming to be BCEC seems suspicious or inappropriate, or if you would like to verify the validity of any communications from BCEC, please contact our offices at (325) 776-2244.

If you have been the victim of such a scam, please contact your local law enforcement and BCEC. Big Country Electric Cooperative will alert law enforcement to any instances of misrepresentation and fraud.



## Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

### Adversity Makes You Stronger

"If you can find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere." - Frank A. Clark

"If you're going through hell, keep going." - Winston Churchill

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." - Martin Luther King Jr.

"A smooth sea never made a skillful mariner." - English Proverb

"If I had a formula for bypassing trouble, I would not pass it round. Trouble creates a capacity to handle it. I don't embrace trouble; that's as bad as treating it as an enemy. But I do say meet it as a friend, for you'll see a lot of it and had better be on speaking terms with it." - Oliver Wendell Holmes

There are some people who are afraid of adversity and try to avoid it at all costs. They do themselves a disservice. Without adversity there is no learning, no growth, and no discoveries. An athlete must push himself or herself in order to achieve peak performance. The muscles grow in strength and stamina only when challenged.

A pilot spends many hours training in a flight simulator to develop exceptional skills. In the simulator, a pilot encounters every conceivable adverse situation he may experience in the air. There would be no point to a pilot training for flying in only perfect conditions with no mishaps.

In the same way, the best sailors are those who have learned to master storms, fog, unfamiliar waters, and boat or equipment malfunctions. How much would a mariner learn if every day on the water was perfect?

A surgeon spends many years of training after medical school under the direction of a skilled specialist. Through this process the new doctor can learn what to do when complications develop and proce-

dures don't go as planned.

Outdoor enthusiasts learn basic survival skills and carry first aid kits along with emergency rations. A seasoned camper is one who can handle whatever adversity is encountered. People with excellent survival skills have survived unimaginable hardships under severe conditions.

Even in nature we see instances of the positive effects of adversity. For example, coal is transformed into diamonds only as a result of heat and pressure. Protect a piece of coal from "hardship" and it will remain unimproved.

From the above examples it should be clear how adversity makes people stronger in every way. You benefit in the same manner. Since you can't avoid adversity, you may as well learn to appreciate its benefits. When you recognize the vital role adversity plays in your success, your mental outlook becomes more positive and your frustration level drops.

The next time you face adversity, treat it as an opportu-

nity rather something to loathe. Doing so will enable you to use it as a stepping stone instead of feeling crushed by it. With each adversity you overcome, you will gain invaluable knowledge while growing stronger.

People who fear adversity allow themselves to become worn down by it. As they do everything they can to avoid adversity, they actually seem to attract more of it into their lives. This is because fear induces us to dwell on what we don't want which results in our drawing it to us.

Appreciate adversity rather than becoming disheartened. It takes constant vigilance to avoid becoming discouraged. Again, since adversity is an unavoidable part of life as well as being essential for success, you may as well have a positive attitude about it.

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## Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
Tumbleweed Smith

(Continued from Pg. 1)

Drinkin' beer in a cabaret and dancing with a blonde. Until one night she shot out the light. Bang! That blonde was gone.

I'll see you every night, Babe. I'll woo you every day. I'll be your regular daddy if you'll put that gun away.

Now down there was old Al Dexter. He always had his fun.

But with some lead she shot him dead. His honkin' days are done.

The song was very popular with soldiers during World War Two.

*Tumbleweed Smith is never desperate for an interview, but he's always looking for a good story. Contact him at ts@tumbleweedsmith.com.*



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# Lady Coyote JV 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 the Lady Coyotes with Madi 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 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 1<sup>st</sup> quarter with 2 three pointers while Kami Key chipped in one 3 pointer and 1 field goal. Both 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 Borden County 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.

## 2016 Borden Track Schedule High School

| Day           | Date                                      | Meet                               | Location         |
|---------------|---|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Friday        | February 26 <sup>th</sup>                 | Long Sleeve Relays                 | Hamlin           |
| Friday        | March 4 <sup>th</sup>                     | Cougar Relays                      | Klondike         |
| Thursday      | March 10 <sup>th</sup>                    | Sands Relay                        | Ackerly          |
| Friday        | March 18 <sup>th</sup>                    | Kenneth Rasco Relay (spring break) | Robert Lee       |
| Thursday      | March 24 <sup>th</sup>                    | Blackwell Relay                    | Blackwell        |
| Thursday      | March 31 <sup>st</sup>                    | Coyote Relay                       | Gail             |
| Thursday      | April 7 <sup>th</sup>                     | TBA                                | TBA              |
| Fri./Sat.     | April 14 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> | District/Area 11-12 Track Meet     | Hermleigh        |
| Thursday      | April 20 <sup>th</sup>                    | Regional Qualifiers Meet           | Gail             |
| Fri./Sat.     | April 29 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> | Regional                           | San Angelo (ASU) |
| Thur/Fri/Sat. | May 12 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup>   | State Meet                         | Austin: UT       |

## Junior High

| Day      | Date                                      | Meet                 | Location |
|----------|---|----------------------|----------|
| Thursday | February 25 <sup>th</sup>                 | TBA                  | TBA      |
| Thursday | March 3 <sup>rd</sup>                     | Cougar Relays        | Klondike |
| Thursday | March 8 <sup>th</sup>                     | Sands Mustang Relays | Ackerly  |
| Mon-Tue  | March 22 <sup>nd</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup> | TBA                  | TBA      |
| Thursday | March 31 <sup>st</sup>                    | Coyote Relay         | Gail     |
| Thursday | April 7 <sup>th</sup>                     | District Meet        | Highland |

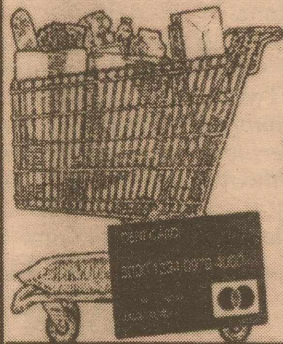
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