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## AgriLife Research Looks at Practicality of Drone Use in Ranching

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SAN ANGELO – They may not replace the pickup, horse or 4-wheeler, much less a good sheep dog, anytime soon, but a Texas A&M AgriLife Research scientist thinks drones have practical ranching applications that will expand in the near future.

Dr. John Walker, resident director of research at San Angelo, said the small unmanned aircraft have gotten pretty popular recently and he wanted to explore their practical application in ranch settings.

“So I went and bought one,” he said. “The first advice someone gave me, and it was good advice, was to buy a cheap one, a toy, and learn to fly it before buying an expensive one.”

Dr. John Walker, Texas A&M AgriLife Research resident director at San Angelo, demonstrates moving a small group of lambs with a drone. (Texas A&M AgriLife Research photo by Steve Byrns)

Walker said neophytes should plan to spend at least \$1,000 or a bit more for a

drone, as units in that price range have what is needed for any real practical application.

But what can you do with one other than take aerial photos and video?

“Right now, out of the box, you can use it to check things,” he said. “You can locate lost stock and eventually check fences and waterings. One of the neat things with the more expensive ones is you can program them to run a route, so if you want to check fences, do it once and save that route into the drone. The next time you want to check that fence, you don’t really have to fly it, but just tell it to run that route and it will.”

“I’ve used it to herd sheep. It’s fun, but you have to watch where you’re going.”

“You can move sheep very gently and that’s really impressed me. I thought as soon as they saw the drone, they’d take off running, but they really don’t. Now goats will a bit at first, but sheep will just move along slow and easy.”

Walker said there are currently plenty of limitations.

Battery life is the major one with batteries only lasting about 25 minutes. Obstacles, especially trees and brush, also pose problems, though he said there are models on the market designed to avoid trees and other hazards.

Sun-glare on the screen of a smartphone or iPad used as a monitor on the controller is also a problem, though Walker will soon test the practicality of a pair of “virtual flight” goggles. He said they are worn by the operator for a real-time “drone’s eye view” thus dispensing with the need for the clamped-on screen.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=soGdG35K6Lo>

He said the future of using drones on the ranch is bright with a plethora of possibilities.

“I think as the technology improves you’ll be able to do a whole lot of other things,” he said. “What I’m looking forward to is a new type of radio frequency identification ear tag or RFID tag that’s evolving.”

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## Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
Tumbleweed Smith

### My Favorite News Story

I did radio and television news for nine years when I was just out of the Army and getting ready to start a life. One Friday morning in November of 1961 Bruce Frazier, the farm broadcaster at the station where I worked, told me he had heard that a woman was coming to Big Spring the next day to launch a hot air balloon. Like any novice reporter, I put it on the air, not really knowing if it was a joke or a real story. Saturday morning the San Angelo newspaper carried a story that said “there’s a report that a balloon is going to be launched from Big Spring but we have contacted the FAA and it has no knowledge of any balloon flight.”

Well, now I had to prove that I was right. I called Cecil Hamilton at his flying field where the launch was to take place. He told me the lady with the balloon had arrived at 3 AM and was in a local motel. I called the motel and did a phone interview with Constance Wolf, the lady balloonist. She asked me if I could take her out to Hamilton field. I of course said yes.

She is the most fascinating

woman I have ever known. She was a technical adviser for the movie *AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS* and her balloon was the vehicle that took Cantinflas and David Niven on their journey. She was the first woman to balloon over the Alps. She and her husband Abby Wolf started the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. They lived on an estate called Wing-over at Blue Bell, Pennsylvania near Philadelphia. They were known in social circles as an exciting and romantic couple famous for their parties. Attendees had to arrive by plane and sometimes there would be 150 private planes parked on their runway.

When I met Mrs. Wolf she was dressed in a flight suit and wearing a thin mesh veil. She said the veil was to hold her head on. She was 56 years old, the epitome of grace and daring. She was launching her balloon to take away some of the attention the Soviets were getting after Yuri Gagarin became the first man in space. Besides that, a Russian woman had set an endurance record

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# Tough Second Half Leads to First Regular Season Loss in Three Years

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes for two quarters looked like not only the best team on the field against a very athletic and talented Calvert Trojans, but some could argue the best team in the state for those same two quarters. The Coyotes again playing shorthanded as four varsity football players would miss this contest as Dylan Murphy was recovering from a concussion, Braxton Barnes was recovering from knee surgery, Ryan Willborn was recovering from a knee injury and Nick Proulx awaits shoulder surgery. In spite of these injuries, the Coyotes seemed to be firing on all cylinders as they built an early 40 to 6 lead scoring on their first 5 drives and would actually score on the first 6 drives of the game leading 48 to 14 late in the first half.

The offense which includes starters center Braxton Coor, Guard JW Nix, End Diego Bernal, fullback Ben Justice, Quarterback Hunter Jones and Tailback Corbin Sumners, Trace Richey and Jayton Lewis would come in and play several plays at fullback and the second group would include Steven carrillo at center, Morgan Wilson at Guard, Kale Yarbrow at End, Payton Merket, Lewis, Richey and Justice would also play in the backfield with this group. The 6 scoring plays of the first half would then be followed by a perfect start in the extra point department as well as Easton Edwards nailed all 6 kicks in the first half. Hunter Jones hit Braxton Coor on the second play of the game on a pass play covering 38 yards. Corbin Sumners would then hit Diego Bernal from 24 yards for another scoring strike. Jones would add a 16 yard touchdown run to cap the first quarter and a 24 to 6 lead. Sumners would score the next two touchdowns from 8 and 2 yards before Jones would cap the first half scoring with a 19 yard run. The Trojans would

score late in the second quarter to make the score 48 to 22. For the first time, a miscue on a deep pass that could have potentially answered the Trojans to end the half was missed and the score would be 48 to 22 to start the second half with the Trojans getting the ball.

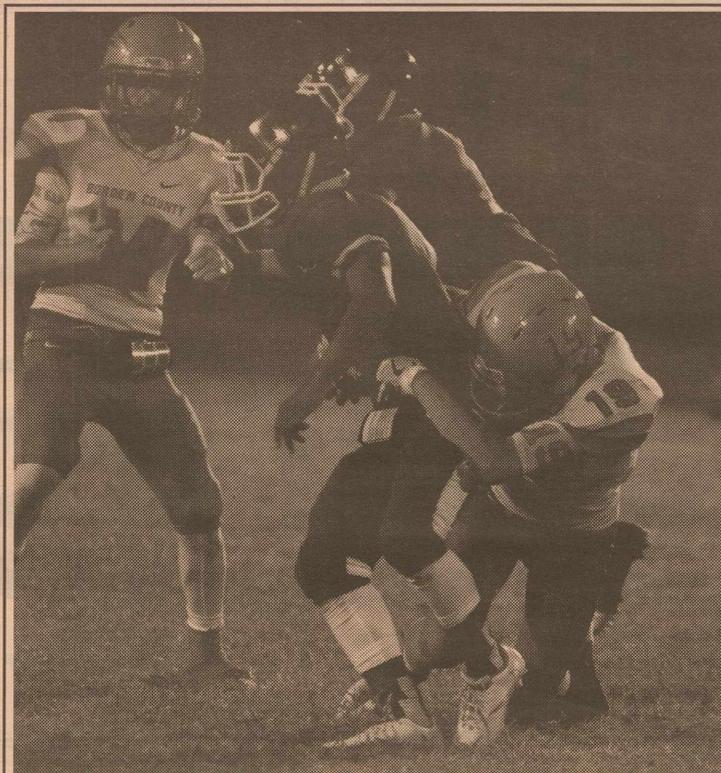
The Trojans continued with the momentum they gained just before half and with a quick touchdown the lead was down to 48 to 28. The Coyotes came down and just missed scoring on several plays and on a 4<sup>th</sup> down play Borden County elected to attempt to kick a 29 yard field goal, but the kick was just left and momentum remained with the Trojans. Calvert continued their good play and another score cut the lead to 48 to 36. The Coyotes would answer immediately as Sumners sprinted 39 yards for the score, but the snap on the kick was high and the lead would only be 54 to 36. The Trojans wasted very little time to get back on the board to end the quarter making the score 54 to 42 heading to the final quarter. The Borden County offense, which seemed like a machine early now, struggled to move the ball and a 4<sup>th</sup> down stop gave the ball back to the Trojans and after a quick score the score was 54 to 50. The Coyote offense would finally get some things going again which would cap off with another Sumners run, this time a very tough 21 yard sprint. The extra point was blocked, but the Coyotes had a 60 to 50 lead. After a nice kick and coverage the Coyotes seemed to regain the momentum, but on the first play a pair of Coyotes knocked each other off the tackle and as a result the receiver squirted free and raced 70 yards for the score to make the tally 60 to 56.

On the next offensive possession the Coyotes seemed to seal the deal as Sumners broke a nice 39 yard score, but a penalty wiped the game

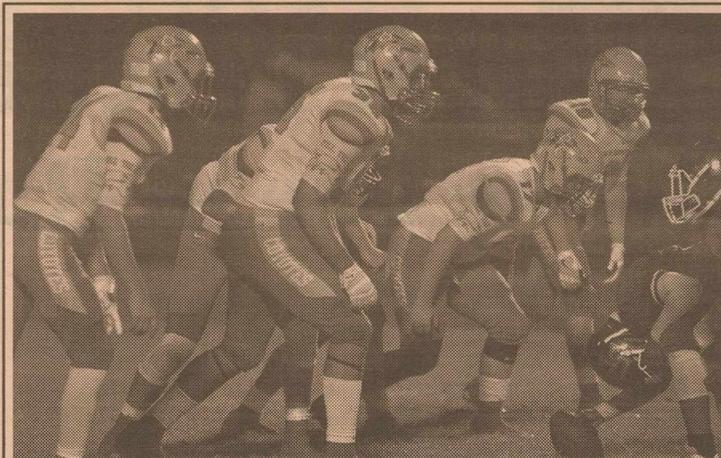
winner off the board and after failing to get a first down, Borden County gave the ball back to Calvert. The Trojans moved the ball down to the 1 and with a trick play on the 1 they had their first lead of the game with: 07 left. The Coyotes had one last shot, but the pass was tipped away just as it appeared they might sneak away with a touchdown on the last play. As a result of a tough second half for the Coyotes the Borden County Coyotes had their first regular season loss in three years.

Leading the way for the Coyotes statistically was Will Yarbrow with a tackle, Braxton Coor with 2 tackles and a tackle for loss, 4 receptions for 116 yards and a score, Payton Merket with 2 tackles, Corbin Sumners with 11 tackles, 2 tackles for loss, 2 big hits, a caused fumble and a pass break up and 31 carries for 306 yards and 4 td's, 3 receptions for 40 yards and 1 of 1 passing for 24 yards and a score. Ben Justice had 7 tackles and a caused fumble and 3 carries for 32 yards. Morgan Wilson

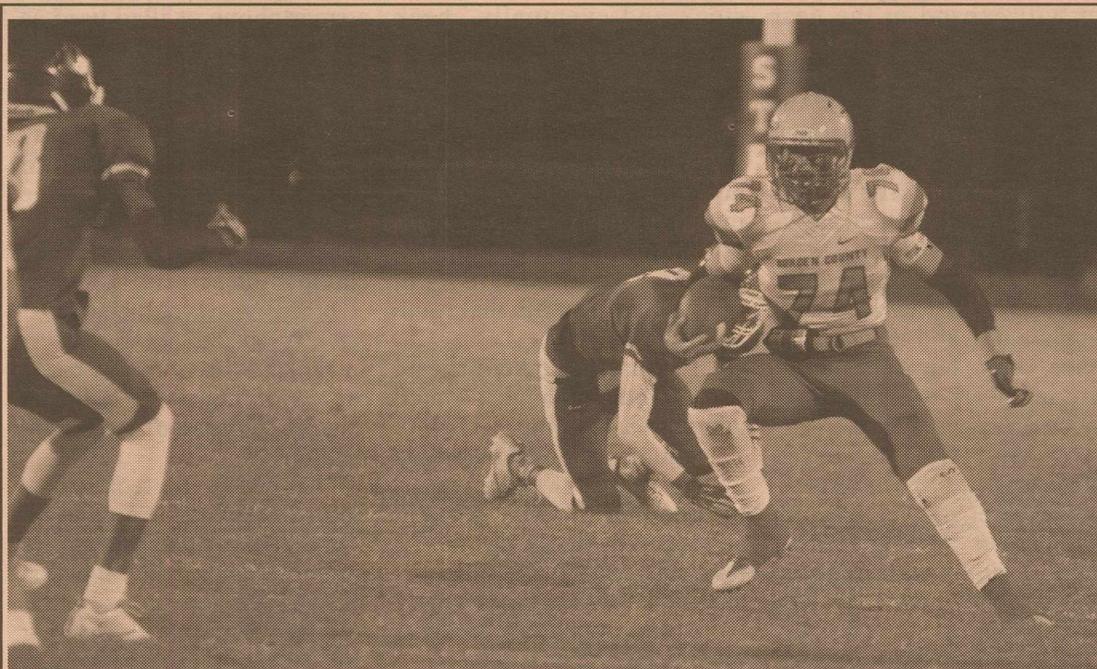
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J.W. Nix (#19) tackles a Trojan ball carrier in last weeks' game against Calvert.



The Coyote defensive line stands ready to shut the Trojan offense down in the 1st quarter of play.



Coyote quarterback, Hunter Jones (#74) looks for an opening downfield in hopes of scoring for the Coyotes.

# Turnovers Trigger Opening Loss for The Pups

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Pups hosted the New Home Leopards Thursday for their opening game of the 2016 season. The Borden County Pup defense started the game with a quick 4 and out. This starting group included 8<sup>th</sup> graders Mason Cole, Keegan Benavidez, Trey Edwards, Trent Edwards, Quentin Freeman, Justin Willborn, William Partney and Tommy Kingston. This group definitely had some high moments throughout the contest and this opening series was their best moment of the game. After forcing the quick 4 and out this same group rotated in along with Gunner Shofner to produce a quick score as Mason Cole sprinted 36 yards for the Cubs score to make it 6 to 0 with 3:06 left in the first quarter. The Leopards would answer to tie the game at 6 with 1:37 left in the first. Borden County put together a long drive, but facing 4<sup>th</sup> down, Tommy Kingston found Mason Cole open and with pass and catch the Pups regained the lead. Ky Edwards, following

the footsteps of his older brothers split the uprights with his kick and a 14 to 6 lead. With 1:35 left in the second quarter the Leopards answered to cut the lead to 14 to 13. The Pups couldn't do anything with the ball just before half and on the last play of the half the Leopards scored on a 36 yard pass play to take a lead that they would not relinquish the rest of the game. The Leopards led 20 to 14 at intermission.

The Pups would get the ball to start the second half, but on the very first play, the turnovers began as a fumble resulted in great field position for the visitors. Moments later the Leopards extended their lead to 26 to 14. The Pups fumbled again on their very next possession and just like that 3 minutes into the second half another Leopard score made the score 33 to 14 for the visitors. On the next offensive possession the home team threw an interception moments after dropping a touchdown pass. The Leopards again made the Pups pay for the turnover to

extend the lead to 39-14. The Pups finally took care of the football and as a result they got back on the scoreboard as Mason Cole followed some nice blocks by Shofner, Edwards, Kingston, Benavidez, and Freeman to pay dirt from 32 yards out to cut the lead to 39-20. After a defensive stop the Pups again turned the ball over and again the visitors made them pay as they scored their final touchdown of the evening with :56 left to make the final 45 to 20.

At halftime the rest of the Pups played a 10 play scrimmage, this group consisted of 8<sup>th</sup> graders Blane Justice, Ky

Edwards, Miles Wilson, Ryen Ramos and 7<sup>th</sup> graders Thomas Snell, Jose Zorola, Christian Torres, Ethan Stephens, Justin Willborn. This group gave up one touchdown but managed to stop the Leopards the rest of the time. Christian Torres forced a couple of fumbles, one of which was recovered by Willborn. This group managed a score as well as Willborn hit Ky Edwards with a nice pass play that covered 50 yards as Edwards made a couple of nice moves and Miles Wilson provided a big block down field.

The Pups will be in action again Thursday against the Garden City Bearkats at 5:30.



Coyote Pup, Mason Cole (#5) sprints 36 yards to a touchdown against the New Home Leopards.

## Coyotes Suffer Loss at Strawn...

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had 4 tackles. Easton Edwards had a tackle and was 6 of 7 on extra points. Steven Carrillo had 2 tackles. Kale Yarbro had some nice blocks. JW Nix had 2 tackles and some nice blocks. Diego Bernal had some nice blocks and a reception for 24 yards and a score. Trace Richey had 17 tackles a caused fumble, two fumble recoveries, a tackle for loss, and two big hits and was 3 of 4 passing for 31 yards and one reception for 17 yards. Jayton Lewis had 4 tackles, a tackle for loss and 5 pressures. Hunter Jones had 8 tackles, 2

for loss, 2 pressures and a sack and was 7 of 13 passing for 161 yards and a score and 7 carries for 83 yards and 2 scores.

Thank you all for making the long trip to Strawn, the guys played hard but the heat and humidity seemed to take its toll. The Coyotes were supposed to play Tioga, but they cancelled so Borden will be open this week with the forfeit, so it appears the coyotes will take a gift victory into their next game against the Nazareth Swifts here on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September.

## School Lunch Menu

Sept. 19-23, 2016

Menu subject to change

**Monday - Breakfast:** Cinnamon Pull Apart & Cheese, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. **Lunch:** BBQ on a Bun, Coleslaw, Pinto Beans, Mandarin Oranges and Milk.

**Tuesday: Breakfast:** Muffin & Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. **Lunch:** Popcorn Chicken w/Gravy, Roll, Corn, Apple-Pineapple D'Lite and Milk.

**Wednesday: Breakfast:** Pancake Wrap, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Alfredo w/Breadstick, Tuscan Veggies, Carrots, Apple Slices Cookie and Milk.

**Thursday: Breakfast:** Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. **Lunch:** Asian Bowl w/Eggroll, Tomato-Cucumber Cup, Garden Salad, Snowball Salad and Milk.

**Friday: Breakfast:** PBJ, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. **Lunch:** Pizza, Broccoli Bites, Baby Carrots, Mixed Fruit and Milk.

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**IT IS 4-H ENROLLMENT TIME!**



STRIKE A MATCH... LIGHT THEIR FIRE

It is time to enroll in 4-H for the 2016-17 4-H Year!! Go to <https://texas.4honline.com> or go to our Facebook page and click on the 'Sign Up' button! Members who are re-enrolling will need to update their profiles. New members will need to create a family profile and add members. If you need assistance with passwords, contact the Extension Office - we can help!!

Please note that there is a participation fee of \$20 per 4-H'er through the end of October (after November 1 it will be \$25). We also invite parents to enroll as volunteers - **our goal is to have ALL parents be a screened volunteer!** [Note that there is a volunteer enrollment fee of \$5 volunteers.]

Please contact the Extension Office for assistance. We look forward to an awesome year for Borden County 4-H!!

ALL YOUTH AND VOLUNTEERS THAT ENROLL BY MIDNIGHT ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 WILL RECEIVE A BORDEN 4-H T-SHIRT!

4-Hers MUST be enrolled to participate in ANY 4-H contest, camp, activity or stock show or area fair!!!

4-H is for all youth who like action, learning, and FUN!

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## Healthy Eating on a Budget

These days, we're all looking for ways to keep our budget in check. While you may think you can't eat healthy and save, think again! Try a few of our tips to stretch your grocery dollars:

1. Trim the sales. Shop what's on sale or in season—whether it's produce, poultry, fish or local fare. Build your weekly menu around good deals advertised in grocery circulars—but refrain from buying what you won't use.

2. Can it. Choose canned or frozen veggies over fresh to keep foods bills in check. Stock up when your favorites are on sale—and rotate foods so the first in is the first out. And, there's no waste if you forgot about it!

3. Cool refuel. Dilute beverages such as lemonade or fruit juices with sparkling mineral water and a twist of citrus. Better yet, drink tap water or use refillable water bottles and save more calories and cents.

4. Go meatless. Meat can be the most expensive part of a meal. Instead, serve up beans, tofu, and whole grains for a less expensive source of protein. Add in some fruits, veggies or salad and round out the rainbow of nutrients.

5. Economize. Buy family packs only if you use that amount. It makes sense to buy big and save, if you have

storage space or can share—especially for paper goods or items with long shelf lives.

6. Minimize. Limit shopping trips to just once weekly. You'll save on time and gas, cut out impulse purchases and take advantage of fresh sale items. Good deal!

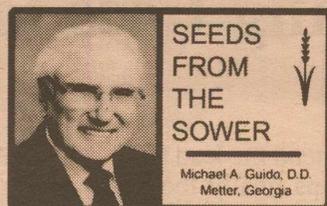
7. Make cents. Download and clip coupons regularly for items you typically buy. But check prices at the shelf. Sometimes another brand may be less expensive—even without a coupon.

8. Do the math. Look at the price per ounce details on store shelves to be sure you're getting a good deal. Buying in bulk is often cheaper but be sure the numbers support your purchase decisions.

9. Mother of invention. Include an "innovation day" in menu planning and create a meal from what you have on hand. Experiment with new combinations—and use up what's in cabinets, fridge and freezer.

10. Fill'er up. Eat before you shop. Shopping when hungry (or with ravenous tag-a-longs) can distract you—making it difficult to stick to your shopping list. And it could cause you to fill the cart with unplanned food purchases. Ouch!

Source: *Eat Better America* web site <http://www.eatbetter-america.com>



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER

Michael A. Guida, D.D.  
Metter, Georgia

A fierce tornado destroyed his home. Finally, when the rains stopped and floods subsided, he returned to look at the damage. All had been destroyed. His home was gone. His belongings had been washed away. There was little more than the foundation and piles of rubble.

But as he stood at the site, dazed and discouraged, he noticed something shining in the midst of a pile of debris. As he looked closely at the glimmering object, he discovered it was a large piece of gold bullion. He did his best to find the owner but to no avail. No one knew where the gold came from or who it belonged to.

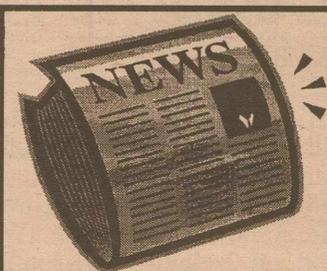
After waiting for weeks for an owner to come identify the gold he was told by his attorney and the police department to keep what he had found. What the flood destroyed and took from him also brought him wealth.

Many of us have stories that are similar to this one. What we once viewed as a tragedy turned into a triumph. What we once believed was a trial and time of testing eventually turned into a gracious gift of God's grace as He protected us from being destroyed by the Enemy.

Beethoven, the great musician lost his hearing but became a great composer and his music still lives. John Bunyan was thrown into prison and forgotten for years. But through his adversity he glorified God by writing *Pilgrim's Progress*. Fanny Crosby lost her sight but wrote over 6,000 Christian songs.

"We went through fire and water," wrote the Psalmist, "but you brought us to a place of abundance!"

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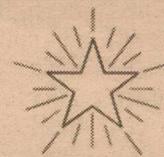
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## Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain

### PLANNING MEETING



Monday, September 19, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.

In the Courthouse in Gail

Anyone wishing to be involved in the Lights for Gail is invited to attend this planning meeting! We welcome everyone! There are many opportunities to volunteer and become involved!! Hope to see YOU there!

If you would like to be involved, but cannot attend - please contact Julie Smith at (806)773-7388 or email us at [lightsforgail@yahoo.com](mailto:lightsforgail@yahoo.com).

Be sure to check out our Facebook page:

*Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain!*



Please join us for a special evening of food, prizes, speakers, exhibits, resources, and fun! Local breast cancer survivor Rhonda Ward, Vanessa Arwino, PA with Cogdell Family Clinic and Altegn Hernandez will discuss the importance of regular screenings.

This event is **FREE!** 100 spots available!

Please RSVP to 578-5423 or to [ronda.white@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:ronda.white@ag.tamu.edu) or [cmh.vmorris@cogdellhospital.com](mailto:cmh.vmorris@cogdellhospital.com)

**When:** Monday, September 26th

**Where:** Colonial Hill Fellowship Hall  
 3506 El Paso Ave.  
 Snyder, TX

**Time:** 5:30-8:00 p.m.

5:30-6:00 p.m.—Exhibits and refreshments  
 6:00-7:30 p.m.—Speakers, discussion, prizes  
 7:30-8:00 p.m.—Exhibits

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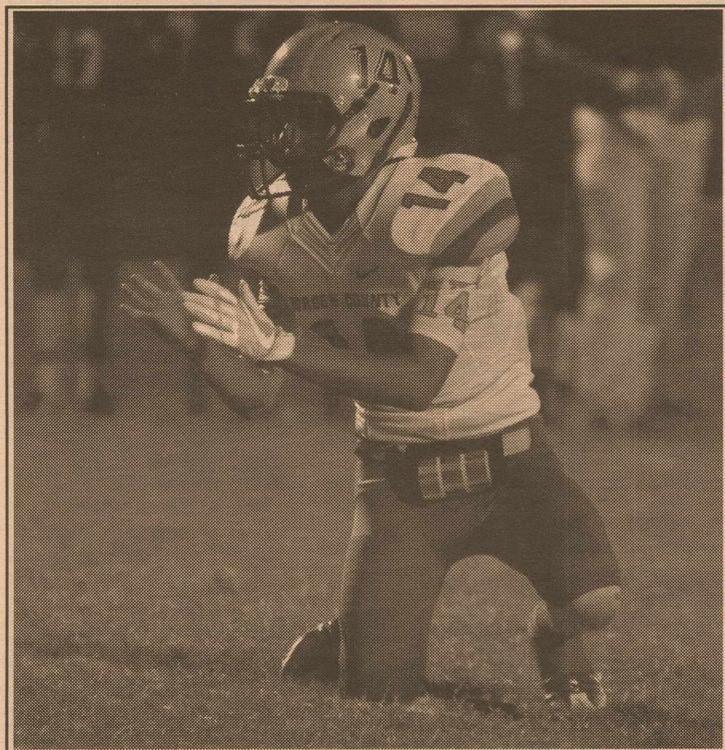
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Morgan Wilson awaits the snap for Coyote kicker, Eastn Edwards in Fridays game in Strawn.

# STEAK NIGHT

at the

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12 oz. Rib-Eye Steak-\$18.99  
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Gospel Hour with  
Gary & Judy Jones 5 pm-6:30 pm  
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Texas Country rising star Francie Kreinitz

## How Can You Help LOUISIANA?

Louisiana 4-H has requested for 4-H members and clubs across the south to help out in the collection of school supplies for youth in south Louisiana.

Many school aged youth were in the midst of planning for their school year when the flooding occurred. Now, many of them are cleaning their homes and have not thought about school, or school supplies.



### How Can Texas 4-H Help?

Start a school supply drive, promote it as your county's One Day 4-H Project for the year, and then ship your donations to:

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School Supply Flood Relief  
4161 Gourrier Ave  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808



Please make sure you sign your supply drive up at [texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/oneday](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/oneday)

## Coyote Football on KSNY

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The voice of the Coyotes are  
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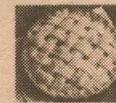
1st ticket drawn: Yeti Cooler

100th ticket: \$100 / 200th ticket: \$200

300th ticket: \$300 / 400th ticket: \$400



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# Commissioners Court

## THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BORDEN

WHEREAS, on this the 23rd day of August, 2016, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special 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 AD- COCK, 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 August 23, 2016, Special Session of the Commissioners Court to order at 8:36 A.M.

### APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the minutes of August 9, 2016 as presented. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### FISCAL YEAR 2016 PROPOSED TAX RATE

Commissioner Belew made a motion to set the proposed tax rate at 0.71750 for Fiscal Year 2016. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### RECORDS ARCHIVE FEE - COUNTY CLERK

Jana Underwood, County/District Clerk, presented the 2017 County Clerk's plan to the court.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adopt the Records Archive Fee plan for the County Clerk's Office. Commissioner Belew seconded the

motion. Motion carried.

### RECORDS ARCHIVE FEE - DISTRICT CLERK

Jana Underwood, County/District Clerk, presented the 2017 District Clerk's plan to the court. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to adopt the Records Archive Fee plan for the District Clerk's office. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### SETTING PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNTY/DISTRICT CLERK RECORDS ARCHIVE PLAN

Commissioner Smith made a motion to set public hearing for the Clerk's Records Archive Plan for September 13, 2016 at 8:40 A.M. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### SETTING PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

Commissioner Smith made a motion to set public hearing on Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2017 on September 13, 2016 at 8:50 A.M. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### DONATION TO THE EVENT CENTER

Commissioner Belew made a motion to accept a monetary donation from Lindsey Smith for Event Center maintenance. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### UTILITY CABLE/PIPE- LINE CROSSINGS

No Applications

### PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

No Applications

### SOIL CONSERVATION WORK

No Applications

### COMMUNITY INPUT

None

### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Grant for Sheriff's Office  
**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 Belew seconded the motion and approved unanimously

# Help Wanted

## BORDEN COUNTY Employment Opportunity Administrative Assis- tant to the County Judge

**Position Summary:** this position performs a variety of clerical and administrative tasks in support of the functions of the County Judge's Office.

### Education, Experience and Skill Requirements:

High School Diploma or Equivalent. Requires a working knowledge of computers and related office machines. A proficiency in Windows Operating System and Microsoft Office (Excel, Word) is desired. A working knowledge of simple accounting practices. Must be dependable, respon-

sible, detailed oriented and have good communication skills. Ability to maintain strict confidentiality. Must be bondable and competent in handling money. Must have good problem solving skills and be able to meet attendance requirements. Physical conditions commensurate with the demands of the office. Mainstream Business attire required. Background check will be conducted.

Applications are available at the Borden County Judge's Office, Borden County Courthouse, 117 E Wasson, Gail, Texas.

Return applications and resumes no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, September 30, 2016, to the County Judge's Office in the Borden County Courthouse.

## Borden County Football 2016 Schedule

Week #	Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
Scrimmage	Aug. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Garden City/Lubbock Titans	Here	5:00
Scrimmage	Aug. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Ropes	Here	6:00
#1	Aug. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Meadow	Gail	8:00
#2	Sept. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Friday	Lingleville	McMurry	7:30
#3	Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Calvert	Strawn	7:00
#4	Sept. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Open		
#5	Sept. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Friday	Nazareth	Here	7:30
#6	Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Saturday	Paducah	There	6:30
**#7	Oct. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Open		
**#8	Oct. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Klondike	Here	7:30
*#9	Oct. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Friday	Ira	There	7:30
*#10	Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Hermleigh	Here	7:30
*#11	Nov. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	O'Donnell	There	7:30

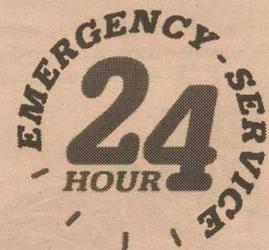
\*District Opponents for 2016 -- 2017: Ira, Hermleigh, O'Donnell, Klondike  
\*\* Homecoming game

## Borden County Football Junior Varsity 2016 Schedule

Week #	Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
Scrimmage	Aug. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Garden City/New Home	Here	6:00
Scrimmage	Aug. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Ropes	Here	6:00
#1	Aug. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Open		
#2	Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Friday	Open	Open	6:00
#3	Sept. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	TBA	TBA	7:00
#4	Sept. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Garden City	TBA	7:00
#5	Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday	TBA	TBA	5:00
#6	Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Saturday	Paducah	There	3:00
#7	Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Sterling City	Here	7:00
*#8	Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Klondike	There	7:00
*#9	Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Ira	Here	7:00
*#10	Oct. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Hermleigh	There	7:00
*#11	Nov. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Thursday	Midessa Warriors	Here	7:00

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# Practicality of Drones in Ranching...

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"Those in use now only have a range of about 3 feet; basically used with animals going down a working chute. But there are some new ones that can broadcast up to a mile or more. So if your drone was equipped with the appropriate sensor, you could send it up and find those sheep with those particular ear tags and have the drone start drifting the sheep to wherever you wanted them to go.

"I can even imagine having a grazing plan built around this technology where pastures could be divided into different sections and the drone herds the stock into that section and the next day moves them to the next and so on."

Walker concedes there are some stock-related issues that would have to be worked out, namely a way for making the sheep move once they figured out the drone can't actually make them. He said a feed reward once they reach their intended destination could well be the answer, much like a cattleman penning cows with a feed sack.

"I really do think there will be a future for drones in the

ranching industry," he said. "There's high-tech stuff like conducting vegetation inventories and even deer surveys. They could be used for things we haven't even thought about, maybe monitoring the health of individual animals on the range for example.

"But right now I think the off-the-shelf models could probably do some practical time-saving things for people, particularly if you've got a rough old ranch with two-track roads that take forever to get around on to check water. You could go up to the top of a hill and if you've gone to that trough before, you can fly that drone about 40 miles an hour and it doesn't take it long to go a mile and check that trough. You can see what that trough looks like through the drone's camera lens without worrying or spending half a day to get there and back.

"I just think they have a lot of potential," he said. "Right now they are still kind of a toy, but it's a fun and potentially useful toy. There's worse things you could spend your time and money on that have a lot less potential."

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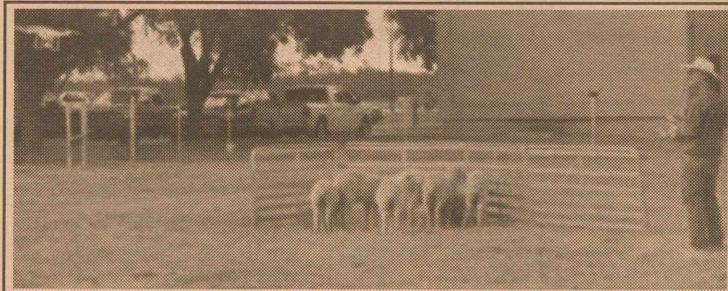
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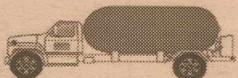


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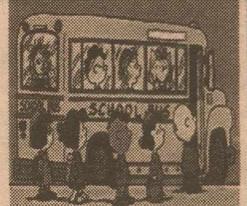
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for staying up in a balloon 34 hours. Mrs. Wolf wanted to set her own record. When her balloon took off just after midnight on Sunday, November 19, a huge crowd had gathered at Hamilton field. People cheered and horns honked. I traveled with the ground crew and sent reports back. The whole nation followed the flight. When she landed at 4 PM in Boley, Oklahoma she set 15 records for women's balloon flight. She covered 1,500 miles and had been aloft for forty hours

and eight minutes, soaring up to 13,597 feet. We were sitting in a truck stop at Boley after her flight and she had calls from major news organizations all over the country. I was a young reporter at the time Mrs. Wolf and I became friends. When Susan and I got married, she was among the very first to send us a gift and good wishes. We kept in contact and I treasure her letters written on a circular piece of stationery. She passed away in 1994 at the age of 89.  
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# SEPTEMBER 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Coyotes vs. Lingleville @ Abilene, 7:30	3
4	5 FFA Back to School Bash-6:00	6 FFA District Greenhand Mtg-Ira  Senior Summit-Coyote Room, 7:00	7	8 Coyote JH vs. New Home-Here 5:30	9 Coyotes vs. Calvert @ Strawn, 7:30  Speech Tournament @ Texas Tech  Progress Reports	10 Speech Tournament @ Texas Tech
11	12	13 Just For Juniors-Coyote Room-7:00	14	15 Coyote JH & JV vs. Garden City-TBA 5:30/7:00	16 Coyote FB-Open	17 Cross Country @ Hamlin  Speech Tournament @ WTAMU
18	19	20	21 Picture Day	22 Coyote JH vs. St. Ann's-Here, 5:30  Coyote JV-TBA	23 Coyotes vs. Nazareth Here, 7:30	24 Cross Country @ Lubbock  Speech Tournament @ Morton  Coyote Opry-BC Event Center
25	26	27	28	29	30 End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Six Weeks	