

The Borden Star

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Borden County ISD Recognized by TEA

Courtesy of Lamesa Press Reporter

Two local area school districts-Borden County ISD and Klondike ISD-are among 300 campuses across the state identified this past week by the Texas Education agency (TEA) as high-performing and/or high-progress Title I schools for 2015-2016.

Title I schools are defined as campuses with a student population of at least 40 percent low-income.

The identification of high-performing and/or high-progress is based on statewide reading and mathematics assessments under the State Accountability System in the 2014-2015 school year and graduation rates.

Borden County ISD and Klondike ISD were identified by TEA as recipients of both the high-performing and high-progress distinctions.

Billy Collins, superintendent of the Borden County ISD, expressed his appreciation to both the teachers and students of the school district as he said, "I'd like to thank all of our staff and students for the hard work it took to achieve this honor. Awards like this don't come easy and we are proud

to share this news with our parents and community.

"We will work to continue this success in the future."

Borden County and Klondike ISD's are two out of only three school from Region 17 to be named as a High-Performing School.

Rise Academy is the only other school from this region to receive the honor.

A high-performing reward school is identified as a Title I school with distinctions based on reading and math performance, as well as the highest graduation rates at the high school level.

For 2015-2016, TEA has identified a total of 93 school districts and 160 campuses in the state as high-performing.

Borden County and Klondike ISD's are two out of only five schools from Region 17 to be named as a High-Progress school.

The other three district from this region are Rise Academy, Talkington School For Young Women in the Lubbock ISD and Plains Middle School in the Plains ISD.

A high-progress reward school is identified as a Title I

school in the top 25 percent in annual improvement and/or a school in the top 25 percent of those demonstrating ability to close performance gaps (based on state accountability system safeguards in the 2014-2015 school year).

For 2015-2016, TEA has identified a total of 80 school districts and 140 campuses in the state as high-progress.

The identification of high-performing and/or high-progress Title I schools is a part of the state's conditional waiver from the U.S. Department of Education for specific provisions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (commonly known as the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001).

The complete list of 2015-2016 high-progress and high-performing schools (school district and campus names) may be viewed on the TEA website at http://tea.texas.gov/Student_Testing_and_Accountability/Monitoring_and_Interventions/School_Improvement_and_Support/Priority_Focus_and_Reward_Schools/.



Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

Some Icehouses Became Beer Joints

I was at a friend's house the other day and he was breaking up some ice cubes that had frozen together. He was using an ice pick; something that I thought had faded away. Seeing that pick made me think of the days before refrigeration when ice was delivered or bought at an icehouse.

I've interviewed older people who actually got ice from a frozen pond, covered it with newspapers and quilts and treated it like it was a treasure and used it sparingly for iced tea and making ice cream. My aunt and uncle near Canton kept milk in a spring behind their house. As I recall they had a small icebox and the

iceman delivered ice in 10, 25 or 50 pound blocks. In those days, ice customers had a card with numbers along each side. If they wanted 25 pounds of ice they would make sure the number 25 was at the top of the card. Then they would put the card in the window so the iceman could see it.

A long time ago, icemen would deliver ice by mule-drawn wagons. The mules were so familiar with the route the iceman seldom sat in the driver's seat. He usually stayed in the back of the wagon and jumped out when he reached a customer's house or busi-

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Bi-District Football Play-Off Game

Borden Co. vs. Sterling City
7:30 p.m.
in Big Spring/Howard College
Memorial Stadium
Borden Co. will be home
Adults: \$5 - Students: \$3

Coyotes Win District Title After Defeating O'Donnell

By Coach Trey Richey

The Borden County Coyotes having already clinched used the final district contest against the O'Donnell Eagles in O'Donnell as a dress rehearsal for the play-offs. The Coyotes wasted little time in establishing control of this game as they once again in district play dominated in every phase of the game. In fact, the Coyotes did not receive a kick-off the entire district schedule. After kicking the ball off, they gave up one first down on the drive which would be one of only 3 allowed all game which incidentally matched the largest total of first downs allowed in 6 weeks. The first defense of defensive ends Seniors Braxton Coor and Steven Carrillo, junior linebacker, senior corners Jayton Lewis and Corbin Sumners and senior safety Hunter Jones gave up only the one first down during their time in the contest. After getting the initial stop, the Borden County team used a quick Jones to end Kale Yarbro 41 yard pass and catch play to set up the next play, a 7 yard touchdown run by Corbin Sumners behind the blocking of Coor, sophomore JW Nix, Yarbro, Richey and Jones to take a quick 6-0 lead. Easton Edwards kicked the extra point to make it 8-0 early in the first quarter. The Eagles using the slow down tactics trying to get to the second half were snapping the ball with only seconds left on the play clock. On their second possession, Trace Richey intercepted an eagle pass and returned it to the 10 yard line and one play later Sumners found the endzone again to push the lead to 16-0 after the Edwards kick. On the next defensive possession the Coyotes forced an Eagle punt and one play later they added to their point total as a bone crushing block by Diego Bernal gave Jones plenty of time to find a wide open Braxton Coor for a 61 yard scoring strike. Another Edwards kick made the score 24 to 0 in the first quarter.

The second quarter started

with a big hit from Richey that forced an Eagle fumble which Jayton Lewis pounced on to give the Coyotes possession. Two plays later after the second unit of Braxton Barnes, Nix, Bernal, Ben Justice, Morgan Wilson and Payton Merket failed to score the first unit scored on a nice 46 yard run by Sumners. On the point after, an errant snap lead to a Morgan Wilson to Braxton Barnes point after pass and catch pushing the Borden County lead to 31 to 0. Another defensive stop moments later with Ben Justice and Ryan Willborn rotating in at end giving up one first down in the process and then on the first offensive play, the second unit got a bone jarring block by Ben Justice, a nice cut block by Morgan Wilson and a sweet finish by Barnes which allowed Payton Merket to sprint 43 yards untouched. Edwards split the uprights to make the score 39 to 0. The next defensive possession saw Justice force a fumble which Richey fell on to give the Coyotes possession at the Eagle 10 yard line. Again, another one play drive as the visiting team used the crazy 2's formation and Hunter Jones hit Corbin Sumners on a bubble route that resulted in the 5th one play drive for the Coyotes and with the Edwards kick a commanding 47 to 0 lead. The Coyote defense using several backups forced a punt and Morgan Wilson hustled back and picked up the ball at the 4 yard line and bobbed and weaved 76 yards to the endzone for a sweet punt return for a Coyote score. Edwards added his 6th extra point kick to make what would end up being the final score of 55 to 0.

The next Coyote defensive possession saw them make mass subs which included Bernal, Barnes, Yarbro, Willborn, Justice and Carrillo at defensive ends and backers and Merket, Wilson, Edwards, and Dylan Murphy in the secondary. This group gave up one first down before Wilson capped off a nice day of foot-

ball with an interception. After the interception the Coyotes had 1:37 left on the clock but instead of trying to add on, they decided to let the 8 seniors rotate in to kill the clock in victory formation as this game would represent these 8 young mens final regular season football game. Those 8 young men are Hunter Jones, Braxton Coor, Corbin Sumners, Kale Yarbro, Jayton Lewis, Diego Bernal, Steven Carrillo and Dylan Murphy. What a great career these young men have had and they have their eyes set on so much more.

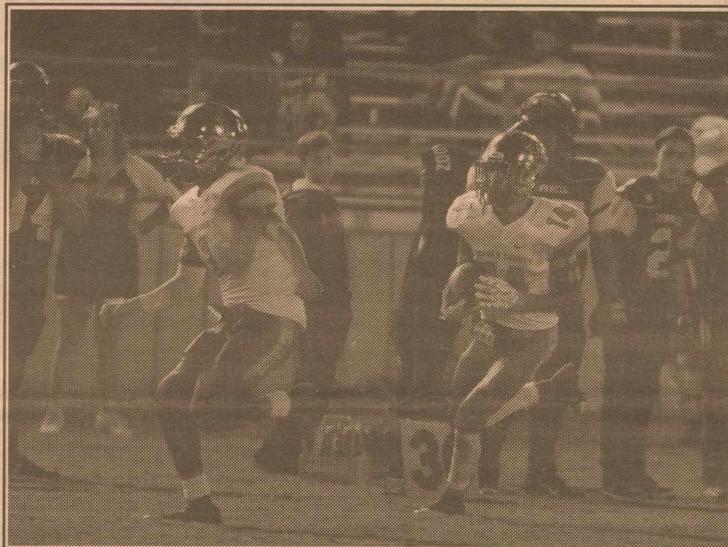
Below are the final statistics of the 55-0 Victory over the O'Donnell Eagles.

Ryan Willborn 2 tackles, Braxton Coor 10 tackles, 3 for loss, a sack and one catch for 61 yards and a score. Dylan Murhy 1 tackle, Payton Merket 1 tackle and 2 carries for 40 yards and a score. Corbin Sumners with 4 tackles and 3 carries for 63 yards and 3 scores and a catch for 10 yards and a score. Ben Justice 7 tackles, a caused fumble and 3 tackles for loss. Morgan Wilson 2 tackles, an interception, a 76 yard punt return and an extra point completion. Easton Edwards 8 tackles and 6 of 6 on extra point kicks. Steven Carrillo with 9 tackles, 4 for loss. Kaly Yarbro 1 tackle and a 41 yard reception. JW Nix 4 tackles, Trace Richey 9 tackles, 3 tackles for loss, an interception, a caused fumble and a fumble recovery. Jayton Lewis 10 tackles, 3 for loss, a fumble recovery and a pressure. Hunter Jones 5 tackles, a tackle for loss and a pressure and 3 of 3 passing for 111 yards and 2 td's. Diego Bernal 1 tackle and Braxton Barnes 1 tackle.

The Coyotes will next play Sterling City in the first round of the play-offs Friday at 7:30 in Big Spring.



Junior, Trace Richey closes in on an O'Donnell ball carrier in last Fridays' win over the O'Donnell Eagles



Morgan Wilson (#14) carries the ball for 76 yards and scores against the Eagles.

Coyote JV Crushes the Midessa Warriors in Final Game of Season

By Coach Trey Richey

The Borden County Junior varsity played host to the Midessa Warrior varsity football team. This is a homeschool team out of the Midland/Odessa area. The Coyotes put together one of their most productive offensive showings on the season and then found a way to slow down the Warrior air assault enough to come away with a very convincing 78 to 39 victory.

The Coyotes got off to a fast start as Will Yarbro followed some nice blocks from quarterback Cam Edwards, center Jeremy Souder, guard Trent Collins, fullback Anthony Lopez and end Lukas Grantham as he sprinted 48 yards untouched for the score. Edwards added the kick to make the score 8 to 0 only moments into this contest. The Coyotes would

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play shorthanded today as Jake Avey and Junior Gray were out with concussions. During the course of the game the Coyotes would lose another player, Anthony Lopez who re-injured his nagging knee, but not before Anthony was able to thwart the first Warrior drive with a nice leaping interception. Moments later Will and the Borden team had their second touchdown to take a 14 to 0 lead. The Warriors would close out the quarter with a score to cut the lead to 14 to 6. The Coyotes would start the second quarter with a nice run by Garrett Burns as he followed blocks by the same group plus the final Coyote player, end Colbin Briley. This made the score 20 to 6.

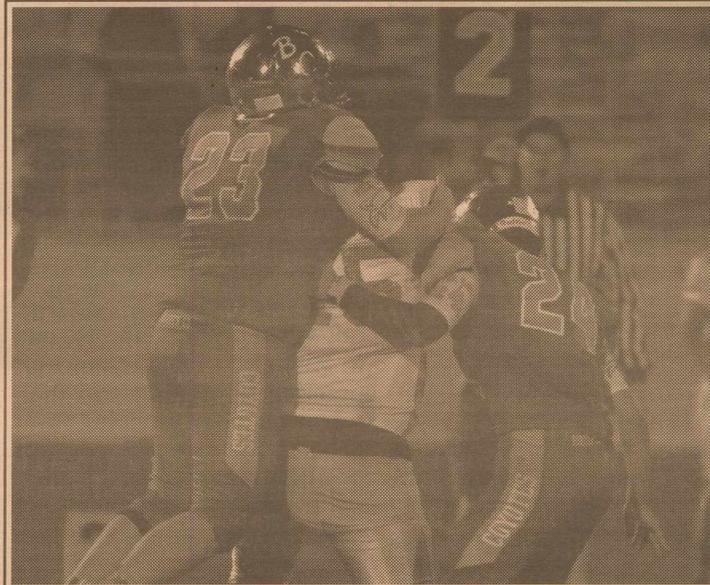
The Midessa Warriors passing game would manage to answer making the score 20 to 13, but on the next offensive possession, Garrett Burns found a wide open Cam Edwards for a nice slip pass and Cam sprinted 24 yards to pay dirt behind a bone crushing block by Trent Collins. Edwards added the kick to make the score 28 to 13. Late in the quarter the Warriors score again cutting the Coyote lead to 28 to 20, but Lukas Grantham would bob and weave his was 40 yards to answer the Warriors giving the Coyotes a 34 to 20 halftime lead.

The Warriors would get the ball to start the second half and the back and forth scoring between the two teams would continue as the Warriors answered cutting the lead to 34 to 26. Just when it looked like the home team was about to turn the ball over on downs, Garrett Burns found Trent Collins open on a deep ball and Trent made a nice comeback to the ball and the made a couple of nifty moves to cover the final yards to complete the 33 yard strike to push the lead back up to 40 to 26 and with the Edwards kick a 42 to 26 lead. The scrappy Warriors would not go away as they again answered as their passing attack continued to give the Coyotes troubles cutting the lead to 42 to 33. The Coyotes again would answer as Garrett

Burns hit Cam Edwards with a short pass that turned into gold as Edwards used some swivel hips to cover 57 yards and with his kick the Coyotes had a 3 score lead at 50 to 33. They finally went back to an old familiar defense, BASE and managed to find a comfort level for the guys and the Coyotes got a stop and then followed that with another quick score of their own as Cam Edwards again found the endzone behind the great blocks from Souder, Collins, Yarbro, Grantham, Burns and Briley. This time Edwards score was from 33 yards out and his kick extended the lead to 58 to 33 to end the 3rd quarter.

Another defensive stop gave Borden County back the ball and again the Coyotes wasted little time adding to the lead feeling very confident. The Coyotes blocking paved the way for another 23 yard Cam Edwards scoring jaunt to make the score 66 to 33 after the Edwards kick. The defense got into the action as Souder and Collins had the quarterback wrapped up he tried to pitch the ball and it hit the turf a very nice scoop by Garrett Burns resulted in a scoop and score from 32 yards out and now the Coyotes were in complete control leading 72 to 33. The Warriors finally got back on the board but again the offensive line and backfield would pave the way for Cam Edwards as he sprinted 48 yards for another Borden County score a commanding 78 to 33 lead. The Warriors would get one more score to make the final tally of 78 to 39.

Congrats guys on an awesome season. This group ended the season with a very respectful 5 and 3 record. Thank you all for your support. These young men will now continue their season as they join the varsity in their pursuit of a 4th state title for the School. Please come out and support these young men and the varsity as they begin that pursuit with a Bi-District contest Friday in Big Spring against Sterling City at 7:30.



Trent Collins (#23) and Jeremy Souder (#24) swarm a Midessa Warrior last Thursday in the last game of the season for the Coyote JV. The Coyotes defeated the Warriors 78-39.

Pups Close Out Season With Win Over the Eagles

By Coach Trey Richey

The Borden County Pups played host to the O'Donnell Eagles Thursday in the final game of the 2016 football season. The Pups completely dominated the visitors on this cool evening to finish in second place in the district race and finish the season with a very nice 7 and 2 record. They really improved throughout the season and the final game of the season was a nice culmination of all the hard work as they not only dominated the regular game with a convincing 50 to 20 final tally, but the Pups made it a perfect 9-0 in the halftime game as this group won their 10 play halftime scrimmage 4 touchdowns to 0. This group consisted of Justin Willborn, Ky Edwards, Miles Wilson, Ryen Ramos, Blane Justice, Thomas Snell,

Ethan Stephens, Christian Torres and Tyler Howard. This group pitched a shutout for the 7th time this season and then on the offensive side of the ball, they got a 50 yard touchdown run by Ethan Stephens behind some nice blocks by Justice, Wilson, Willborn, Edwards, and Ramos. The next touchdown came on a nice pass from Justin Willborn to Ethan 50 yard strike with Howard, Torres and Snell running routes Willborn dropped off a slip pass to Stephens who did the rest. The home team next touchdown run came from Ryen Ramos as he sprinted 50 yards to pay dirt for the 3rd score. The final tally came on a pass from Willborn to Edwards who used his speed to reach the

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Borden County ISD Thanksgiving Meal

Turkey & Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Cranberry Sauce and Fruit.

November 14th

11:30-12:30

\$3.50 per person

School Lunch Menu

Oct. 31-Nov. 21, 2016

Menu subject to change

Monday - Breakfast: Kolache & Yogurt Fruit, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Turkey & Dressing w/Gravy and Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Cranberry Sauce and Milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Waffles & Sausage, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. **Lunch:** Corn Dog & Tots, Baked Beans, Broccoli Bites, Apple and Milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. **Lunch:** Grilled Cheese & Soup, Cucumber Dippers, Tiny Tomato Cup, Pears, Lime Sherbet and Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: Cheese Omelet Wrap, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. **Lunch:** Hot Dog & Corn Chips, Baby Carrots, Broccoli Salad, Grapes, Cookie and Milk.

Friday: Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll & Bacon, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Sandwich & Fries, Fresh Veggie Cup, Lettuce & tomato Garnish, Mandarin Oranges and Milk.

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Worried? 10 Ways to Soothe Your Fears

Whether you worry about your career, your kids, or your personal safety, here are effective ways to ease your mind.

Think Constructively Worrywarts tend to automatically assume the worst will happen in any situation. You can head off the cascade of negative thoughts by challenging them with logic. Ask yourself questions like How do I know the situation is bad? What are other possible outcomes? Is there a more positive way to see the situation? Say you have a falling-out with your spouse. Instead of spending the rest of the day in a panic, convinced your relationship is doomed, remind yourself that the two of you have fought many times before, that your spouse loves you, and that fights are a normal part of all relationships.

Make a Plan Action is a powerful antidote to anxiety. After that argument with your spouse, make a list of what went wrong and how you could deal with it better the next time, or call a friend to discuss the spat. Likewise, you'll have less fodder for worry if you start addressing the situations that cause you stress. Come up with three specific changes you want to make that address specific worries, such as making a will if you're concerned about your estate, seeing your dentist if you fear gum disease, or cleaning out the attic if you're afraid it has become a fire hazard. Next to each item write down how and when you are going to tackle it. Once these are done, give yourself three more tasks.

Get Organized Many everyday worries grow out of disorganization. Every bit of structure you add can reduce the time spent in useless worry. For example, get in the habit of making lists or keeping a daily schedule, or set a basket by the door to hold your keys so you can avoid that frantic morning search.

Distract Yourself If you can't shake a worrisome thought, take a brisk walk or play a game with your kids, pull a few weeds or read the paper. Anything that requires some concentration is helpful. A 10-minute break is all it takes to shut off the negative cycle of rumination. Another trick: Wear a rubber band around your wrist and when the train of "what ifs" starts gathering steam, snap the band hard and tell yourself to stop. The experts say such thought-stopping techniques really work.

Schedule Your Worries Set aside a time and place — not the bedroom or anywhere else you like to relax — where you can spend 10 to 30 minutes every day worrying. That's right, just worrying. During that time, let all your worst fears rip. For the rest of the day, if a concern pops up, tell yourself to set it aside until your worry time. You can also postpone worrying into the future. If you're nervous about giving a presentation that you've been preparing for days, tell yourself to set those fears on the back burner for 20 minutes to two hours. When that time comes, either let yourself worry about it or postpone it again. This technique will help keep you more relaxed and in the moment.

Write Your Worries Away Keep a pad by your bed to jot down that vexing problem that jolts you awake at 2 A.M. You'll be able to get back to sleep knowing you won't forget about it. A worry journal can also help, though be sure to use it as a dumping ground and not a place to endlessly recycle the same concerns. You can also use a journal to work out answers to troubling problems.

Worry with a Friend Nothing brings your troubles down to size more quickly than sharing your concerns with some-

one else. Along with sympathy, you'll get a clearer perspective and help in brainstorming possible solutions.

Tame Your Tension Tension and worrying go hand in hand, but if you can relax your body, your mind will follow. Try deep breathing to unwind and root yourself in the present. (Your abdomen should go out when you breathe in, and in when you breathe out.) Or practice tightening and then releasing your muscles from head to toe to teach yourself the difference between feeling tense and feeling relaxed. Seek calm through prayer, meditation, or yoga.

Treat Yourself Well You know the drill — a good night's sleep, a warm bath, regular exercise, healthy eating, limited caffeine. Add them all up and your anxiety decreases. Although some of these techniques may feel awkward or artificial, stick with them and you'll find they work.

Let Go Easier said than done. However, many people who make a habit of worrying often become convinced their vigilance is keeping bad things at bay — like the white-knuckle flyer who is certain her anxiety is keeping the plane aloft. The truth is, we don't have control over many situations in our lives — whether it's the safety of the airplane we're riding in or our ability to have children. Try turning your worry over to God, or to fate if you don't believe in God. Accept that your worries won't make the world any different; they will only make you more unhappy. How? Try praying; try writing the worry down and putting it in a box; try anything that helps you let the worry go.

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Join us as we celebrate the

Retirement
of
Connie Stipe

Thursday, November 17, 2016
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Location:
Borden County Courthouse
117 E. Wasson - Gail, Texas

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THE LIGHTS FOR GAIL COMMITTEE CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO...

The Twenty-third Annual Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain



Borden County Museum, Courthouse and Courtyard
Gail, Texas

Friday, November 25, 2016
(day after Thanksgiving)

The Courthouse and Museum will open at 5:30 p.m.
for viewing, reminiscing, fellowship and refreshments

Santa Claus will be available to visit with the children
(Please bring your own camera for this photo opportunity.)

Join us for Christmas Music provided by local musicians,
storytime for children, ornament contest and door prizes!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!
We look forward to seeing you and your family there!

Drop Off for "Christmas for Kids" (Buckner Children's Home) will be
in the Borden County Courthouse again this year.
Toys and gifts must be dropped off by December 8th.
Children's ages: Newborn - 18 years



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Be sure to check out our Facebook page:
Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain!





BORDEN 4-H WOULD LIKE TO SAY...

Thank You

TO EVERYONE THAT CAME OUT TO TRUNK OR TREAT IN GAIL ON HALLOWEEN!



Congratulations to our trunk winners - Most Unique: Nix Family (won a free oil change donated by Dip Stix in Snyder) and Best Decorated: Walker Family (won a 4-H bag filled with goodies for the car). Our costume contest was very difficult for the judges to make a decision, but they chose the following: Best Overall 0-4 years old - Lion and Ring Mistress: Everett and Everly Valentine; Best Overall 5-12 years old: Firefighters with their dog - Caden and Cale Bessire; Best Overall 9-12 years old: Pirate Princess - Aubree Blissard; Best Overall 12 years and over: Fisherman - Shelton Teel; Overall Scariest Costume: Monster Jester - Bryson Law and Most Original Costume: Andrade siblings. The winners received a \$5 Sonic card. Naturally, we neglected to get pics of the winning costumes!

Special thanks to TXDOT for having a cool exhibit and treats and to all of the families that decorated trunks and participated! Thank you to Borden County ISD for allowing us to use the parking lot by Coyote Stadium. We would also like to give special thanks to our trunk and costume judges!!

Applications for Financial Assistance From Operation Round Up Accepted Now through Nov. 17

The Operation Round Up program, administered by volunteers on the Big Country Electric Cooperative trust board of directors, allows the cooperative and its members to partner together to provide financial assistance to those in need locally. This program is supported by cop members whose electric bills are "Rounded Up" to the nearest dollar. The "Round Up" amount goes into the Operation Round Up fund for distribution to individuals and organizations with demonstrated financial need in the counties we serve: Borden, Fisher, Garza, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall and Throckmorton. Applications are evaluated with the utmost confidence and funding decisions made by the trust's board of directors - your peers and

neighbors - who volunteer their time, hearts and consideration to make decisions that will positively impact lives in our communities. Food needs and food banks, shelter, medical bills and health needs, rescue organizations, educational projects, child care programs and other special needs are just a few of the ways this fund helps families and groups in our local communities. Every penny stays right here at home, in the counties we serve.

Applications for assistance will be accepted now through November 17 at 5:00 p.m.

Applications, instructions and FAQs are available at bigcountry.coop, just look for the Operation Round Up name or logo. Please contact Sarah McLen at (325) 776-3803 or at smclen@bigcountry.coop with any questions about Operation Roundup.

In the spirit of Christmas and the twenty-third annual Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain, we invite you to help us give to the children of Buckner Children and Family Services—Lubbock, Texas



Christmas For Kids

Inexpensive board games, educational toys, card games, books or any unopened new toy - large or small, will be greatly appreciated by these children—ages Newborn through 18!

They will also appreciate new pajamas, socks, etc. and personal hygiene items!

The drop off location for ANY donation is inside the Borden County Courthouse. Please drop off toys and gifts by Thursday, December 8th for them to be delivered to Buckner's

We appreciate your keeping with the spirit of the season by giving to these children!

The Lights for Gail Committee



STEAK NIGHT

at the

Coyote Store

This Saturday
from
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.



12 oz. Rib-Eye Steak-\$18.99
each served salad, baked potatoe, home-made hot rolls



Performing Friday night will be

Courtney Walker of Nashville, TN

and performing Saturday night will be

The Kent's of McKinney, TX

Legal Notice

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

HEARINGS DIVISION

Oil and Gas Docket No. 8A-0302121

October 28, 2016

§ THE APPLICATION OF ESTANCIA OIL & GAS, LLC FOR APPROVAL OF THE BLACKARD UNIT AS A FIELDWIDE UNIT AND SECONDARY RECOVERY PROJECT AND FOR APPROVAL OF SUCH UNIT AS AN ENTITY FOR DENSITY PURPOSES, BLACKARD (SPRABERRY) FIELD, BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE OF HEARING Date, Location, and Place

of Hearing-Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held at **9:00 a.m.** on **Wednesday, December 7, 2016**, at the offices of the Railroad Commission of Texas, (Commission) located in the William B. Travis State Office Building, at 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas, in a room number to be assigned and posted on the bulletin board in the First Floor Lobby. **In addition, please check the Weekly Hearing Schedule on the Commission website at: <http://www.rrc.texas.gov/hearing-schedules/2016/> by 5:00 p.m. the day prior to the hearing to confirm that the hearing will go forward as scheduled.** If the hearing is not concluded on the day it commences, the hearing will be continued from day to day and the location will be announced on the record of this proceeding until concluded.

Purpose of Hearing-to appear and present evidence and consider all issues of fact and law raised in or relevant to the referenced Application. The issues that may be addressed at the hearing include, but are not limited to, the following:;

The legality and effect of the Applicant's hearing request is referenced in Appendix A of this Notice of Hearing;

Any and all other issues raised in the pleadings, evidence, or argument that are necessary for the Commission to render a final decision on the merits of this case, and in regard to Conservation and Prevention of waste of Crude

Petroleum and Natural Gas in the State of Texas.

To Appear in Support or Opposition- All persons or parties supporting or opposing this Application and intending to participate in the hearing by presenting sworn testimony, documentary and demonstrative evidence regarding any issue of law or fact, shall appear in person or by his/her representative, and must complete and file with the Commission, Docket Services, the enclosed "Notice of Intent to Appear at Hearing in Protest" form at least **Five (5) working days** prior to the hearing date in this Notice of Hearing. **THIS FORM IS REQUIRED EVEN IF A PRIOR WRITTEN RESPONSE WAS SUBMITTED TO THE PREVIOUSLY ISSUED "NOTICE OF APPLICATION."** A copy of the Notice of Intent to Appear at Hearing form should be served on the Applicant and any other parties of record. Your failure to appear will not prevent the Commission from taking action on this application. If the Applicant fails to appear at the hearing, the application may be dismissed without further notice or opportunity for hearing.

Legal Authority and Jurisdiction-The Commission has jurisdiction over Applicant and over the matters at issue in this proceeding pursuant to TEX. NAT. RES. CODE ANN Title 3, Subtitles A, B, and C, Tex. WATER CODE ANN. Chapters 26, 27 and 29, and TEX. GOVT CODE, Chapter 2001.

Particular Statutes and Rules Involved- The statutes and rules applicable to this proceeding include but are not limited to the following:

All sections of TEX. NAT. RES. CODE, Title 3, Subtitles A, B, and C;

All Commission rules in 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE, Chapters 1 and 3;

Statutes and rules referenced in "Appendix A," if any, to this Notice of Hearing; and

To access the Commission's Statewide Rules, start from the Commission's Home Page, Click on "Legal" (upper right side of page) and follow

the path:

Rules, Current Rules, T.A.C. Chapter 3, Rule Number.

Continuance of Hearing -Any request for continuance of this hearing must be received no later than five (5) working days prior to the hearing date. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list. Persons planning on attending this hearing are urged to contact the Applicant listed on the attached Service List immediately prior to the hearing date to ensure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.

Hearing and Application Information-Questions regarding this application may be addressed to the Applicant's representative referenced in Appendix A. Questions regarding the hearing procedure may be addressed to the Commission, Docket Services, at (512)463-6848. Additional information about the hearing process can be found at www.rrc.texas.gov/hearings. In accordance with TEX. GOVT CODE ANN. §2001.061 and 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 1.6, ex parte communications (e.g. phone calls and emails) with the Hearings Examiners and Commissioners are prohibited.

Written Transcript of the Hearing-If any party desires a written transcript of the hearing by a Court Reporter, that party should notify the Commission, Docket Services, at (512)463-6848 at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. If the Examiner or a party requests a written transcript, the Commission may assess the cost to one or more parties.

Hearing Exhibits-All exhibits filed as part of the hearing record must be clearly marked and submitted in duplicate. If exhibits admitted in prior proceedings are offered for admission, a copy of such exhibit properly identified shall be submitted for this record.

Auxiliary Aids or Services for Persons with a Disability-Any individual with a disability who needs auxiliary aids and services in order to have an equal opportunity to

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Service List-The Applicant shall review this Notice of Hearing and the attached Certificate of Service for accuracy and completeness. The Applicant shall immediately notify the Commission's Docket Services of any discrepancy or omission.

THIS HEARING REQUIRES NOTICE BY PUB-

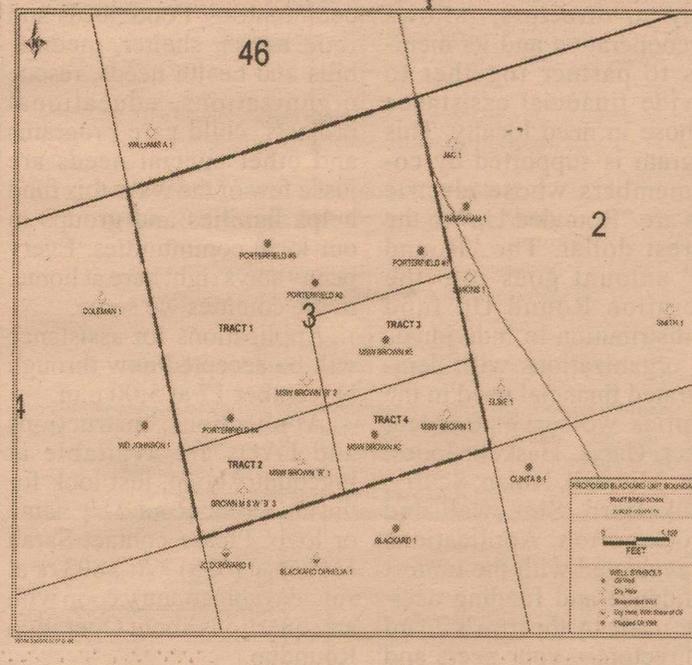
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"APPENDIX A"

The purpose of this hearing is to consider the application of Estancia Oil & Gas, LLC for approval of the Blackard Unit as a fieldwide unit and secondary recovery project, and for approval of such unit as an entity for density purposes, pursuant to V.T.C.A. Natural Resources Code Chapter 101, Blackard (Spraberry) Field. This unit contains 640 acres described as Section 31, T5+N, Borden County, Texas and located approximately 19 miles WNW of Gail, Texas as shown on the attached plat. A copy of the plat and Unit Agreement is on file at the office of Docket Services, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701.

If you have any questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Flip Whitworth, at (512)495-6300. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact Railroad Commission Docket Services at (512)463-6848.

Blackard Unit Section 3, Township T-5+N, 640 Acres Borden County, Texas



Pups Pluck the Eagles...

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endzone and a convincing 4 to 0 victory.

Now to the game, on the first defensive series, Trent Lewis tackled the Eagle runner in the endzone to give Borden County a quick 2 to 0 lead. After the free kick by the Eagles, the Pups used a methodic 8 play drive to add to their point total as Mason Cole got in from 1 yard out to push the lead to 8 to 0. After a Quentin Freeman fumble recovery, Borden County added to their point total as center Gunner Shofner, guards Freeman and William Partney, end Keagan Benavidez, backs Mason Cole, Trent Lewis and quarterback Trey Edwards paved the way for a nice hard 6 yard run by Tommy Mack Kingston. Ky Edwards added the points after kick to push the lead to 16 to 0. After an Eagle touchdown cut the lead to 16 to 7, the Pups quickly answered as Cole followed some nice blocks to pay dirt from 24 yards out to push the lead back to 22 to 7.

The Pups got a defensive stop to start the second quarter and moment's later Kingston and the pups added to their lead at 28 to 7. After a punt forced them to start deep in their own territory, it didn't take the Pups long to extend their lead as Mason Cole rumbled and sprinted 63 yards for the score and a 34 to 7 lead. Ky Edwards made another extra point kick to make the score 36 to 7 with 3:34 left in the half. On the ensuing kick, Ethan Stephens had a big hit that forced a fumble and Justin Willborn jumped on the loose pigskin giving the Pups another possession. They seemed poised to blow the game wide open, but a couple of offensive mistakes thwarted the Pups drive and the ball was turned over on downs. Moments later, Keagan Benavidez recovered an Eagle fumble and the home team were back in business, on the first play Trey Edwards hit Benavidez with a 4 yard touchdown strike to put the Pups up 42 to 7 with only seconds left in the half and this would end up being the halftime score.

In the second half, the Pups mixed and matched their offensive groups and defensive

groups and because of this along with a few mistakes the Borden offense was less effective, in fact two drives would end in fumbles before the Pups would finally get a nice powerful 5 yard touchdown run by Mason Cole to regain momentum lost after a fumble and then an Eagle touchdown. This score plus another Edwards kick made the score 50 to 13 after 3 quarters. The Pups would not score in the final quarter while the visitors would cash in on a Borden fumble deep in Pup territory to give us the final tally of 50 to 20.

Congrats Pups on an amazing season. Thank you all for your support of these young men throughout the season, please come watch these young men as they take to the next sport and play basketball.



Commissioners Court

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BORDEN

WHEREAS, on this the 25th day of October, 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; 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, Monte Smith, Commissioner Pct. 1 absent; 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 October 25, 2016, Special Session of the Commissioners Court to order at 8:35 A.M.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the minutes of October 11, 2016 as presented. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

COMMUNITY INPUT

Julie Smith, representative of Lights for Gail Committee, met with the court to ask the commissioners for the county hands to help with placing the lights on the courthouse and star for the Star on Gail Mountain festivities.

NOVEMBER 8, 2016 COMMISSIONERS' COURT REGULAR MEETING

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to move the meeting place for the Regular Meeting of the Commissioners Court that will be held on November 8, 2016 to the courthouse breakroom, located next door to County Judge's Office. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

BORDEN COUNTY

INDIGENT CASE #001-2015

Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve the application for Indigent Case #001-2015. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve revisions to the county employee handbook. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

JURY SELECTION PLAN

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the Jury Selection Plan that will be put in place for the courts associated with Borden County. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

REINVESTMENT ZONES

Commissioners' reviewed the paperwork on the guidelines and criteria for granting tax abatements in reinvestment zones for the county.

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to accept the Guidelines and Criteria for Granting Tax Abatements in Reinvestment Zones in Borden County. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioner Adcock, Reyes, and Judge Sharp; Voting Against: None; Commissioner Belew abstains.

ASSISTANT TREASURER

Shawna Gass, Borden County Treasurer, appointed Tiffany Cooley as assistant to the Borden County Treasurer to act in the name of the County Treasurer as directed and perform official acts at the discretion of the County Treasurer.

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the appointment of Tiffany Cooley as assistant to the County Treasurer, Shawna Gass. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

SURITY BOND

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve obtaining a surety bond for Tiffany Cooley. Commissioner Reyes seconded

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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

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ness. The icemen wore heavy leather vests on their backs for protection. He used tongs to grab the blocks of ice and slung them over his shoulder for delivery.

The ice was made at ice plants (always called ice-houses) in 300-pound blocks. An ice pick was used to break them into smaller chunks. The process was complicated, using ammonia, water, heaters and freezers. The ice days were great for kids. They'd

follow the iceman, who always gave them pieces of ice. They were special treats on a hot summer day.

As refrigerators came on the scene, icehouses began to decline. To combat the loss of business, some added items like bread, milk or beer and became like neighborhood grocery stores. "After a while a lot of them realized the most popular item was beer so they did away with everything else," says Jerry Markantonis,

whose family owns the West Alabama Ice House in Houston. "To be a real ice house, it has to be a place that actually sold blocks of ice." There are more than 50 icehouses listed under "taverns" in the Houston yellow pages.

Some people say today's icehouse has inadequate parking and keeps the beer cold in tubs of crushed ice. Most of them are not air-conditioned and have outside areas where customers drink. Beer is served mostly in bottles. Customers say it tastes better than beer from a can and enjoy taking a bottle that has been buried in ice. Most icehouses are casual. You don't have to dress up to go into one. Researchers of icehouses call them folk venues or ongoing performance art.

The heyday of the icehouse was between the end of World War II and 1969 when liquor by the drink became legal in Texas. Many icehouses have been victims of urbanization and rising real estate prices.

www.tumbleweedsmith.com

Public Notice

The BORDEN COUNTY WATER SYSTEM water system PWS ID 0170010 has violated the monitoring and reporting requirements set by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) in Title 30, Texas Administrative Code (30 TAC), Section 290, Subchapter F. Public water systems are required to properly disinfect water before distribution, maintain acceptable disinfection residuals within the distribution system, monitor the disinfectant residual at various locations throughout the distribution system, and report the results of that monitoring to the TCEQ on a quarterly basis.

Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water is safe from microbial contamination.

This/These violation(s) occurred in the monitoring period(s) Second Quarter 2016.

We are taking the following actions to address this issue:

Failure to submit Quarterly Report on or before July 10, 2016 was due to computer failure. Data recovery was successful and report was submitted August 2, 2016. Data back-up procedures have been implemented to aid in data recovery in the event of future failures.

Please share this information with all people who drink

this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (i.e., people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

If you have questions regarding this matter, you may contact Ross Sharp at 806-756-4391.

Commissioners Court

the motion.

Motion carried.

UTILITY CABLE/ PIPELINE CROSSINGS

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the following two applications:

Mark Nelson - Pct 2/ at or near the intersection of CR 247

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Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the following application from the following person:

Lonnie Taylor - Pct 2
Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

SOIL CONSERVATION WORK

No Applications

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Landfill attendant and Event center maintenance.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

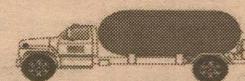
Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion and approved unanimously.

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NOVEMBER 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 BB @ Forsan-5:00, g,G	2 ASVAB Test, Grades 11-12 District UIL Congress @ Lubbock FFA LDE Contest @ TTU	3 JH Football vs. O'Donnell-Here, 5:30 JV Football vs. Midessa-Here, 7:00	4 Coyotes vs. O'Donnell-There, 7:30	5 Speech Tournament @ San Angelo Central
6 Fall Back to Standard Time	7 JH "A" Girls BB @ Sands-6:00	8 BB @ Spür-5:00, g,G	9	10 FFA Lone Wolf District Contest @ Ira	11 End of 2 nd Six Weeks	12 Varsity Girls BB Tournament @ BC State CC @ Roundrock
13	14 Beginning of 3 rd Six Weeks JH "A" Girls/Boys BB @ Loraine-6:00	15 Elementary/JH Academic UIL @ Ira BB @ Garden City-4:00, All	16 Elementary/JH Academic UIL @ Ira	17	18 BB @ Knox City-4:00, b,G,B	19 JV Girls BB @ Knox City Tournament FFA Area II Contest @ Big Spring
20	21 JH BB @ Ira-4:00	22 BB @ Klondike-4:00, All	23 Thanksgiving Holiday	24 Thanksgiving Holiday <i>Thanksgiving Blessings</i>	25 Thanksgiving Holiday	26
27	28 JH BB vs. Highland-6:00	29 Picture Retake Day BB @ Sands-4:00, All	30			