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Vealmoor exists mostly in the memories of those who lived there and a woman who watches over it

The following article was published in the Midland-Reporter-Telegram and thought it would be interesting for the local Borden Star readers.

Ms. Hanks is the grandmother of Deidre Smith and Kevva Anderson of Borden County.

by Johnnye Montgomery

VEALMOOR -- Vealmoor, named for the Moors of Scotland by Minnie Slaughter Veal, lies in a straight line 19 miles north and about five degrees west of Big Spring on Texas Transportation maps, but you won't pass through it intentionally.

Maurine Hanks, who lives there, said most strangers who come through are lost - they meant to go to Lamesa - and failed to notice that Highway 87 veered off about eight miles north of Big Spring, and continued on the straight and narrow road that at that point became FM 1584.

"They knock at my door, and ask me how to get to Lamesa, and I tell them, and they're on their way," she said. "There's nothing here anymore, since they closed the post office two years ago."

Ms. Hanks has seen six grocery stores and gas stations and a good-size school come and go since she and her husband moved there in 1932. Also, in the past is a hotel built and operated by Mae Zant, a widow from Albany who had bought land from promoter W.P. Soash in 1924.

The hotel originally was used by the prospective land buyers brought in by Soash, who found it economically feasible to pay the room rent and save the wear and tear on his

vehicle and on his prospect's sensibilities traveling back and forth from Big Spring.

But when the land deals were all done, Ms. Zant no longer had enough tenants to keep the hotel going, so she moved it to her farm. A large brick schoolhouse was built after the 1948 oil boom, but in the 1960's the school was consolidated and moved to Gail, so the schoolhouse was torn down and the bricks used to build the Giant Food Store in Big

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Maurine Hanks stands out side of her home in Vealmoor.



Reagan Smith



Bobbie Womack

Two BHS Graduates selected to receive Bert Dennis Memorial Scholarship

Two Borden County graduates have been chosen to receive the Bert Dennis Memorial Scholarship for 1999. Reagan Smith a 1997 graduate and Bobbie Womack a 1995 graduate.

Reagan Smith is the daughter of Monte and Deidre Smith of the Plains Community and is currently attending Texas Tech University. She is currently a biology major and plans to earn a Bachelor's degree in biology and then pursue a Master's in Physical therapy at the Allied Health Science Center in Lubbock. She would like to specialize in pediatrics upon completion of her degree.

Reagan has completed 49 hours and has a current GPA of 3.75.

Bobbie Womack (Armstrong) is the daughter of Sheila and David Armstrong of Vealmoor. She is attending West Texas A&M in Canyon and plans to graduate December 1999, with a teaching degree. She would like to teach Biology and coach girl's basketball.

Bobbie has completed 97 hours and has a current GPA of 3.24

Both of these young ladies are examples of why this scholarship was created which is to recognize and assist former students of BHS who contributed to the athletic program while in high school.

Congratulations Reagan and Bobbie, continue on with your goals.

Lady Coyotes upset Lady Bulldogs with big victory of 79-41

The third game of district play saw the Lady Coyotes at home facing the Lady Bulldogs of Ira on January 19, 1999. The Lady Bulldogs came in missing one of their starting five, but they were ready to play the Lady Coyotes. The Lady Coyotes got the beginning tip and started off with a field goal to start the ballgame. With those 2 points the Lady Coyotes put on their press and caused the Lady Bulldogs to turn the ball over to them. The Lady Coyotes connected with another field goal and the offense was on fire. The Lady Coyotes scored 24 points by putting in 1 three, 10 field goals and 1 of 4 free throws. Those 24 points and the excellent defense for the Lady Coyotes determined the outcome of the game. The great Lady Coyote defense held the Lady Bulldogs to 2 field goals in the first quarter. The Lady Coyotes full

court press and the good defensive and offensive boards made the 24 points come easy for the Lady Coyotes.

The Lady Bulldogs started the second quarter with the ball in their possession. A quick turn over gave the Lady Coyotes another chance to add to their 20 point first quarter production.

The Lady Coyotes scored another 3-pointer, 4 field goals and 5 of 6 from the free throw line to finish the second quarter with 16 points. The Lady Coyotes defense showed up again and allowed the Lady Bulldogs only 2 field goals in the second quarter, but did send them to the free throw line where they made 2 of 3 for 6 second quarter points. The Lady Coyotes didn't get into that much foul trouble in the first half with only seven team fouls and two girls with two apiece. The

Lady Bulldogs went in at half time with seven team fouls of their own. With the first half score the Lady Coyotes 40 and the Lady Bulldogs 10 the Lady Coyotes were pretty confident of a victory over the Lady Bulldogs. The second half was about to start and the Lady Coyotes knew they would still need to have good offensive and defensive efforts to finish the game.

The second half started with Ira having the ball in their possession and the first score of the second half. Along with the first 2 points the Lady Bulldogs also added 2 three's, 3 more field goals and shot 4 of 5 free throws for a total of 17 third period points. The Lady Coyotes knew they needed to match the Lady Bulldogs point total of the third quarter and the offense was willing to accept the challenge. With 6 of 6 from the free throw line and 6 field

goals the Lady Coyotes added 18 points in the third quarter. Scoring 1 point more than the Lady Bulldogs, which brought the score after three quarters to the Lady Coyotes 58 to the Lady Bulldogs 27. Even though the Lady Bulldogs had made a little run at the Lady Coyotes in this quarter the Lady Coyotes confidence was still strong.

The fourth quarter started with the Lady Bulldogs again with the ball. The Lady Bulldogs soon gave the ball to the Lady Coyote defense with a turnover. The Lady Coyotes took the ball and scored their first of 10 field goals and added 1 for 3 free throws for a 20 point fourth quarter production. The Lady Bulldogs were pretty well beaten. The Lady Bulldogs still tried to make a last effort come back with 2 three's, 3 field goals and 2 of 3 from the free throw line. The Lady Bulldogs ended the fourth with 14 points. With the

final score the Lady Coyotes 79 to the Lady Bulldogs 41 the Lady Coyotes kept their district record unblemished. The Lady Coyotes record now stand at 18 and 3 overall and 3 and 0 for district.

Individual Scoring:

Crystal Dye made 1 field goal for 2 points. **Staci O'Brien** made 2 field goals for 4 points. **Shaina Isaacs** made 3 field goals for 6 points. **Katie Kemp** made 1 field goal for 2 points. **Julie Mayes** made 8 field and 5 of 5 for 21 points. **Lindsey Smith** made 2 three's for 6 total points. **Amanda Watts** made 2 field and 4 of 6 free throws for 8 total points. **Kaci Poole** made 1 field goal for 2 total points. **Hailey Adcock** made 1 field goal for 2 total points. **Valerie Wootan** made 8 field goals and 3 of 3 from the free throw line for 19 total points. **Ky Merritt** made 3 field goals and 1 of 2 for 7 total points. **Team Totals:** There were 34 goals, 2 three's and 13 out of 19 free throws for 79 total points.

Coyotes Blast Bulldogs to Grab Lead in Tight District Race

The Borden County Coyotes played host to the Ira Bulldogs Tuesday, in a battle of undefeated district 18-A ball clubs. This would prove to be a measuring stick for both teams, as they both wanted to know where they stood as a team at this juncture of the season. Ira, was coming to town riding an emotional high as they had captured first place in two tournaments thus far this season. Their expectations were high for this contest, but the veteran Coyotes were more than ready for the upset of the Bulldogs.

The Coyotes wasted little time in establishing their supremacy, as they jumped out to an early 8-0 lead on the shell shocked

Bulldogs. The visitors did not just go away. Instead, they made a defensive switch, from a man-to-man defense, to a 1-3-1 zone defense that gave the home town Coyotes a little trouble early. With this switch the visiting Bulldogs were able to finish the opening stanza on a 10-5 run to cut the Coyote lead to 13 to 10 after one quarter of play.

In the second quarter, the Coyotes found themselves in a little bit of foul trouble, with three starters picking up their second fouls. The Coyotes bench gave the Coyotes some very valuable minutes, namely Trent Pepper and Ryan Grant. During this second quarter, the

Bulldogs cut the Coyotes lead to just 1 point before the Coyotes built a 5 point lead just before intermission. The Coyotes found themselves struggling from the floor shooting, but like a veteran team, and a championship team they picked up the defensive intensity to maintain the lead in spite of their poor shooting. The Coyotes lead 24 to 19 at half.

In the second half, the Coyotes came out with the same intensity on defense, in fact they held the visitors to only 3 field goals in this quarter. **Colt McCook** hit 8 of his high 21 points in the quarter, and **Jeff Dennis** collected 7 of his 13 points in the quarter. The only other

Coyotes to score in this quarter, was **Kevin Pinkerton** with a huge 3 point play off a beautiful assist from **McCook**. The Coyotes outscored the Bulldogs 18 to 6 to take a commanding 32 to 25 lead heading into the final stanza.

In the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs were forced to return to their man defense. The Coyotes put on a clinic during the middle of the period, executing several plays on the offensive side of the floor to build a 23 point lead. This lead allowed the Coyotes to empty their bench an allow every Coyote player the opportunity to enjoy this huge district victory. **Justin Lawrence** was the recipient of a couple great passes in the fourth while **Fernando**

Baeza got to score 2 of his own down the stretch. **Baeza**, who usually guards the opponents best player did yet another wonderful job on the Bulldog leading scorer as the held his man to only 8 points. **Jeff Dennis** held their second leading scorer to only 10 points before he picked 4 points during the waning moments of the contest to give the Coyotes a final tally of 57 to the Bulldogs 40.

Individual Stats:

Colt McCook had 21 points, 5 rebounds, 2 steals and 4 assists. **Jeff Dennis** had 13 points, 8 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 assist and 3 blocks. **Kevin Pinkerton** had 9 points, 6 rebounds, 2 steals and 4 assist. **Justin Lawrence** had 9 points, 5 rebounds, 1 steal,

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Lady Coyotes end first round of District Play with 73-35 victory

The final game in the first round of district play sent the Lady Coyotes on a road trip to Westbrook to face the Lady Wildcats on January 22, 1999. The Lady Coyotes were looking forward to the final first round game to see where they were going to be standing in district play. The Lady Coyotes had a hard time getting their minds on the game during the first few minutes. It all kind of started with the toss of the ball on the jump ball when it wasn't tossed in the air very high causing the Lady Coyotes to miss time it and the Lady Wildcats ended up with the ball. With a good offensive play by the Lady Wildcats they scored the first 2 points of the game. The Lady Wildcats then added 3 more field goals in the first quarter for a total of 18 points. After the first few minutes of the ballgame the Lady Coyotes finally settled down to play some good defense and took the ball down for some easy shots. The offense got rolling as well and the Lady Coyotes made 1 three, 9 field goals and 3 of 5 free throws for a total of 24 points in the first quarter. With the score the Lady Coyotes 24 and the Lady Wildcats 8 the Lady Coyotes settled down for some great defensive play and some good fast break opportunities.

The beginning of the second quarter the Lady Wildcats received the ball to start the quarter. With a tenacious defense the Lady Coyotes caused a turnover and scored the first points in the second quarter. They added to this basket 6 more field goals and 2 of 4 from the free throw line for 16 points. The Lady Wildcats added 9 points in the

second quarter to the 8 in the first quarter by making 4 field goals and 1 free throw. With the score at half time the Lady Coyotes 40 to the Lady Wildcats 17 the Lady Coyotes were again going in at half with a lot of confidence. The Lady Coyotes stayed out of first half foul trouble with five total fouls in the half. The Lady Wildcats had seven total team fouls going into half time.

The second half started with the Lady Wildcats taking the ball out of bounds and again the Lady Coyotes defense showed up and stole the ball from the Lady Wildcats. The Lady Coyotes had another excellent quarter in the third quarter with 21 total points. The Lady Coyotes made 2 three's, 7 field goals and 1 of 2 from the free throw line. With the great offense the Lady Coyotes were having now, it was up to the defense to do their job. The defense held the Lady Wildcats to 3 field goals and 2 of 4 fouls to the Lady Wildcats 13 for the entire game. With the final score the Lady Coyotes 73 and the Lady Wildcats 35 the Lady Coyotes finished the first round of district play with an unblemished record. The Lady Coyotes overall record now stands at 19 and 3 and the district record at 4 and 0.

Individual Scoring: **Shaina Isaacs** made 1 field goal for 2 total points. **Katie Kemp** made 1 three and 2 field goals for 7 total points. **Julie Mayes** made 7 field goals and 3 of 4 free throws for 17 total points. **Lindsey Smith** made 1 field goal, 4 three pointers and 1 of 2 for 15 total points. **Amanda Watts** made 2 field goals and 0 of 2 free throws for 4 total points. **Valerie Wootan** made 11

field goals and 3 of 3 free throws for 25 total points. **Ky Merritt** made 1 field goal and 1 of 2 free throws for 3 total points. **Team Totals:** The Lady Coyotes made 25 field goals, 5 three's and 8 of 13 free throws for a total of 73 points. from the free throw line for 8 total points in the third quarter. With the power of the Lady Coyotes defense and the great rebounding and up-tempo game the Lady Wildcats were running out of steam. With the score after three quarters of play the Lady Coyotes 61 the Lady Wildcats 25.

The fourth quarter the Lady Coyotes had the ball first and the first opportunity to score the first points. The Lady Coyotes made 2 three's, 2 field goals and 2 of 2 from the free throw line for 12 points in the fourth quarter of play. With the defense backed off of the Lady Wildcats, the Lady Coyotes allowed the Lady Wildcats 2 field goals in the fourth quarter, but sent them to the free throw line where they connected for 6 of 8. The Lady Wildcats had stayed with the Lady Coyotes in the fourth quarter with 10 total points in that quarter. The Lady Coyotes had 16 total team

Coyote J.V. Wallops Ira Bulldogs

The Borden County Boys Junior Varsity basketball team defeated the Ira Bulldog J.V. team last Tuesday in Gail. The Coyotes took an early lead and outscored their opponent in the first half 26-15. The Coyotes were outscored in the third period 9-12, but came back in the fourth, outscoring

Lady Coyote JV Run Past Westbrook

On January 22nd, the Lady Coyote J.V. team traveled to Westbrook for a 4:00 p.m. game. The Ladies won their fifth game in a row to run their season record to 8-7, and 3-0 against District opponents. the final score was 66-12.

Seven of the eight players broke into the scoring column. **Bekah Hensley** lead the way with 19 points, including 2 three's. **Kaci Poole** hit 3 three's and totaled 15 points. **Rika Copeland** had 12 points while **Hailey Adcock** had 8, **Holly**

Thomas 6, **Rebecca Garcia** 4 and **Jessica Ellison** completed the scoring with 2 points.

Noemi Galvan played well defensively, but did not score.

Westbrook could manage only 2 points in the first half and only 6 field goals in the entire game. The Lady Coyotes hit on 28 field goals plus 5 three pointers.

COMMENTS:
by **Coach Wootan**

This is an excellent team victory. we shot the ball extremely well.

Coyote J.V. Boys Drop one to Westbrook

The Borden County Boys J.V. team lost a close one last Friday to the Westbrook Wildcats. The Coyotes outscored the 'Cats in the first quarter, 15-11, but was outscored in each of the next three. The Coyotes trailed by only one point at the half, 25-26, and they were down two points after the third period, 35-37. In the fourth period the Coyotes were outscored 15-8 and lost the game by 9 points, 52-43.

Scoring for the Coyotes were, **Dale Grant** with 8 points, **Payton**

Brown with 4 points, **Philip Abalos** with 6 points, **Lee Pepper** with 4 points, **Tom Griffin** with 5 points, **Ed Rodriguez** with 4 points, **Cody Nowlain** with 11 points, and **Robert Stamper** with one point. Also playing in the game was, **T.C. Stipe**, **Ryan Sanders**, **Joe Castillo**, **Javier Galvan**, **David Wright**, **Rowdy Dunlap**, and **Jacob Zant**.

This was the first game these guys have lost to a district opponent this year. Westbrook is now undefeated in District play. The Coyotes will have one last chance at the 'Cats as they will come to our house next.

the Bulldogs 15-9 to seal the victory, 50-36.

Scoring for the Coyotes were, **Philip Abalos** with 4 points, **Lee Pepper** with 12 points, **Tom Griffin** with 4 points, **Ed Rodriguez** with 11 points, **Cody Nowlain** with 9 points, **Javier Galvan** with 2 points, and **Robert Stamper** with 8 points.

Also playing in the game was, **Dale Grant**, **Payton Brown**, **T.C. Stipe**, **Ryan Sanders**, **Joe Castillo**, **David Wright**, **Rowdy Dunlap**, and **Jacob Zant**.

The Victory puts the Coyotes undefeated in district play with a game against Westbrook to complete the first half of District play.

Missy Coyotes win Three Remain undefeated

Borden County Missy Coyotes defeat Lubbock Christian

The Missy Coyotes played at home on January 21 and notched another victory against the Lubbock Christian Lady Eagles.

The first quarter was the only contested quarter as the Missy Coyotes held a 9-5 advantage. From then on it was all Borden with 17-3, 11-4 and 15-3 advantages in the next three quarters, with the final score Borden Co. 52, Lubbock Christian 15.

The Kempf twins lead all scores with Dalene hitting for 13 points and Bobbie throwing in 10. Pati Rodriguez and Kyla Culp each had 7 points. Carolina Arellanos had 6, Micah Hensley 4, Michele Bond 3 and Shayla Gass had 2 to complete the scoring.

Laura Stamper, Oralia Galicia and Tabitha Grant also contributed to the win.

Missy Coyotes win Championship in Ira tournament

The Missy Coyotes traveled to Ira to claim their second tournament Championship on Saturday, January 23rd.

The Missy Coyotes opened the tournament with an impressive win over Abilene Christian, that saw Abilene go scoreless in the first and fourth quarters. The Missy Coyotes had a great second quarter offensively, pouring in 20 points, and winning the game by a score of 56 to 7.

Mikah Hensley led the scoring parade with 14 points. The rest of the scoring was very balanced. Bobbie and Dalene Kempf each had 8 points, Kyla Culp and Shayla Gass had 7 and Laura Stamper and Carolina Arellanos had 6 points each.

Pati Rodriguez and Michele Bond also played well for the Missy Coyotes.

The win advanced the Missy Coyotes to the Championship game against Ira.

In the final game, the Missy Coyotes survived the first test of the season against Ira in the Ira Tournament. Ira trailed by only a 21-25 margin at the

half. The Missy Coyotes answered the challenge and outscored the young Bulldogs 26 to 6 in the second half. The final score of 51 to 27, did not reflect how close the first half was.

Bobbie and Dalene Kempf were double figure scores with 18 and 10 points respectively. Kyla Culp had 9 points including 1 three. Mikah Hensley 6, Pati Rodriguez 4, Laura Stamper 2, and Michele Bond 2 rounded out the Borden scoring.

Tabitha Grant, Shayla Gass and Carolina Arellanos played well, but did not score.

The win raises the Missy Coyotes record to 12-0 with 2 games remaining against Ira on January 28 and Westbrook on February 4.

COMMENTS: by Coach Wootan

The girls continue to play well with the entire team having a hand in the victories. The girls are averaging 49.0 points per game while allowing only 16.6. The girls turn heads and get many compliments on their fine playing,

Menu

Lunch: \$1.00 K-6th
\$1.25 7th-12th
Breakfast: .50c

February 1st - 5th

MONDAY: Tacos, Beans, Salad, Cake & Milk

Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit, Juice & Milk

TUESDAY: Lasagna, Baby Carrots, Green Beans, Garlic Toast, Pudding & Milk

Breakfast: Donuts, Fruit, Juice & Milk

WEDNESDAY: Vegetable Soup, Grilled Cheese, Pickles, Fruit, & Milk

Breakfast: Sausage Gravy, Biscuits, Juice & Milk

THURSDAY: Chicken, Sweet Potatoes, Salad, Hot Rolls, Jello & Milk

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice & Milk

FRIDAY: Cheeseburger, French Fries, Salad Cup, Cookies & Milk

Breakfast: Oatmeal, Toast, Juice & Milk

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and 2 assist. Fernando Baeza had 5 points, 6 rebounds, 2 steals 5 assist and 1 block. Trent Pepper had 2 steals. Ryan Grant had 1 rebound, and 1 steal. Also playing and adding to the Coyote victory were Nick Flanigan and Preston Sharp.

COMMENTS: by Coach Richey

This was a huge win for the guys, Ira had been talking very confidently about this game, but the Coyotes just went out and took care of business. We did not shoot a great percentage, but we played one of our best defensive games this season. Championship ball clubs find ways to win and that's just what these young men did Tuesday. Congratulations on the victory guys. Good luck down the road. It will be very interesting when we go to Ira.

wherever we go. It is fun to coach such a talented group of young ladies.



1999 Borden County EMS Officers: (L. to R.) President - Kent Holmes; Vice President - Mike Valentine; Treasurer - Shirley Bennett; Reporter - Danita Roe.

Next Basketball Games

Thursday, January 28th

Borden Jr. High vs. Ira Bulldogs
6:00 p.m. - There

Friday, January 29th

Borden County vs. Sands
5:00 p.m. - Here.

Tuesday, February 2nd.

Borden County vs. Cross Plains Varsity
6:00 p.m. at Merkel

Thursday, February 4th

Borden Jr. High vs. Westbrook
6:00 p.m. Here

Friday, February 5th

Borden County vs. Ira
5:00 p.m. - There

Tuesday, February 9th

Borden County vs. Westbrook
5:00 p.m. Here

Keep Up the
Good Work!

Coyotes &
Lady Coyotes



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Vealmoor: Old school sign now front step of home

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Spring.

Ms. Hanks kept the cement "Vealmoor" sign that sat in front of the school and now uses it as a step for her front porch. Several years ago, a reporter from Big Spring came out, took her picture with the sign and named her "The Mayor of Vealmoor."

Ms. Hanks and her husband, Porter, built a grocery store at Vealmoor in 1932. "We sold the crop, the house and 80 acres for \$500, and built the store and stocked it and had money left over," she remembers.

"We built the store in front of a place for us to live in the back. When it was all finished, my husband told me to go look in our pantry and make a list so we'd know what stock to order, so I did. But neither one of us drank coffee.

"The day we opened, our first customer was Carl McKee, and he asked for a pound of coffee. That's how we lost our first sale."

The Hankses milked a cow and sold the milk, and raised chickens for eggs to sell, and during the Depression, maintained an informal chearinghouse for food stamps.

"People were always trading sugar stamps for shoe stamps, coffee stamps for gasoline stamps. We had a regular stamp bank where we kept up with things like that. We had the post office in the store, with 16 mail boxes."

In the early days they also sold ice that was brought from the icehouse in Big Spring in 300-pound blocks. The store's first refrigerator was a kerosene-powered Electro-lux.

Ms. Hanks said people were always asking them

to reopen the store after hours or to open early.

"They'd come knocking on the door and say, 'I'm out of gas. Can you open up and sell me some?' and my husband would do it."

The store became a social center for the community. They set up a table in the store and games of 42 and Chinese checkers would go on for hours, especially during bad weather.

Ms. Hanks said the oil boom in 1948 and the post-war agricultural boom helped business, but it came with its share of problems.

"With so many people coming in the store at one time, we had more theft," she said. "They'd steal things that we knew they didn't need, or couldn't even use."

Her husband dealt with the five-finger discounters in his own unique way.

"One day he saw this fellow stick a bottle of hand lotion in his pocket and walk out with it. He followed him outside, and said, 'You owe me \$2 for that hand lotion you walked out with.' The man said, 'But that hand lotion only cost 49 cents.' And my husband said, 'No, that's what it would have cost you if you'd paid for it inside. Out here it costs \$2.' And the man paid him."

In 1936, the Hankses, who were still farming in addition to running the store, sold their cotton for enough to buy lumber to build a house separate from the store. Hanks built the house himself, and the family moved in just in time for their second daughter, Howard County's first baby of 1937, to be born in the house.

In 1964, after running the store for 32 years, the couple decided enough was enough. They sold the store and planned to take

it easy for a while.

Hanks went to Big Spring to sign the papers, and began to feel sick as he drove home. He died later that night.

Ms. Hanks still lives in the house that her husband built. She watched the town dwindle to a present population of seven - people died or moved away, while she stayed, content with where she is, and with her life as she lives it.

She said it's a good life.

She goes to church in Ackerly, and every Saturday, she and three other women in her Sunday school class get together to play gin rummy or 42.

She plays piano by ear, and for her 85th birthday, bought a new Baldwin piano.

"I'd had in mind I wanted a baby grand, so my granddaughter and I went to Midland to the music store, and I bargained and bargained with the man, and finally we came to an agreement on the price and he was going to deliver it the next Monday.

"Well, that Monday, I woke up early, and realized that a baby grand just wouldn't look right in this house, so I called him. He laughed and said, 'You mean after all that bargaining you did to get me to come down on the price, you're not going to take it?' And we started talking about Baldwins. I bought this Baldwin over the telephone, and didn't even bargain him down on it.

"I love it. I wake up every morning and go straight to that piano and play, 'Thank God for Saving My Soul.'"

Ms. Hanks doesn't spend all her time sitting at home, however. She has visited Europe, and will

soon leave on a cruise with a friend. For her 80th birthday, she bought herself a new car.

"I don't know what I'll buy for my 90th birthday," she said. "Maybe roller blades."

Kylan Chase Reynolds would like to introduce and welcome his new little sister,



Addie Elisabeth

Born: January 9, 1999
Weight: 7 lbs - Length: 20"

Parents:

Daman & Karri Anne Reynolds

Grandparents:

Charlie & Pat Reynolds, Snyder
Cole & Jackie Farmer, Morton

Honorary Grandparents:

Doug & Donna Nehring, Borden County

Thank You

Thank you to all my friends and neighbors for the visits, calls, food, and prayers during my recent illness and hospital stay.

I am feeling much better now and appreciate everyone's thoughtfulness.



Sincerely,
Verna Fay Ogden

Thank You.

The family of Dollie Smith would like to express our heartfelt thank you for the numerous cards, flowers, calls, and words of sympathy after the loss of our Mother, Grandmother, and "Little Grammy".

Van and Barbara York
Van Lee, Kris, and Kaitlin York
Cathy and Marc Amonett

Coyotes Stay Atop District Race after win against the Wildcats 79-62

The Borden County Coyotes traveled to Westbrook Friday night to battle the Wildcats in district 18-A play. With a win the Coyotes would remain in sole possession of first place after the first half of district play. The Coyotes wasted little time in seizing control in this contest, as they proved early that the hometown Wildcats were no match for the visiting Coyotes. All five Coyotes starters contributed on the score board in the initial quarter as the Coyotes raced out to an early 9 point lead at 19-10 after one period of play.

In the second quarter, the Coyotes continued their onslaught as they used a

variety of methods of scoring in the quarter that produced a game high 24 points. The Coyotes got fast break lay-ups off of several great steals. Kevin Pinkerton was the recipient of 2 of these baskets. The Coyotes also used the long range bomb, as Colt McCook hit 2 of his game high 5 three point shots in the period. The Coyotes also got 1 of 2 Jeff Dennis dunks in that very explosive period. Dennis' dunks both came off of just a drop step move which made them all the more impressive. And lastly in the period, the Coyotes scored on mid-range jumpers from Fernando Baeza and Pinkerton before finishing the half on a beautiful

assist and lay-up from McCook to Trent Pepper. As a result the Coyotes built a very comfortable 43-19 lead at intermission.

The Coyotes just continued more of the same in the fourth quarter as the visitors built as much as a 32 point lead before emptying the bench to allow the subs to gain some very valuable experience. Jeff Dennis showed his versatility in the 2nd half as he followed his dunk with a 3 point shot before exiting the contest. McCook hit for 10 of his 21 points in the 3rd before finishing the fourth quarter watching the young Coyotes gain the much needed experience for the future. Senior

Preston Sharp connected for 3 points in this quarter for the Coyotes, which was a career high for Sharp. The Wildcats did manage to outscore the Coyotes in the fourth period to make the final score appear much closer. Final score Borden 79, Westbrook 62.

Coyotes Stats:

Jeff Dennis 12 points, 8 rebounds, 1 steal, 3 assist and 4 blocks. **Colt McCook** 21 points, 8 rebounds, 4 steals, and 6 assists. **Kevin Pinkerton** 16 points, 7 rebounds, 4 and steals, 3 assists. **Justin Lawrence** 8 points, 9 rebounds, 1 steal, and 1 block. **Fernando Baeza** 6 points, 14 rebounds, 5 steals, 4 assists and 1 block. **Preston Sharp** 3 points. **Trent Pepper** 2 points, 1 rebound, 2 steals and 1 assist. **Ryan Grant**

1 rebound, 1 steal and 1 assist. **Nick Flanigan** 2 rebounds.

COMMENTS:

by Coach Richey

I was very pleased with our intensity in this game. I thought even though we did not shoot particularly well we still made a lot of good things happen which enabled us to score 79 points. This was a big win for us, especially, since this could have been a big let down game after winning such a huge game on Tuesday. Congratulations guys on a very good victory. Keep up the good work and let's continue to improve each day out onto the lead by a margin of 33-29.

Pups Lose heart breaker to Bulldogs in Ira Tournament Final

The Borden County Pups traveled to Ira Saturday to participate in the Ira Junior High tournament. The Pups played two very exciting games. In the first contest, the Pups played a very good Abilene Christian Junior High team.

This contest was a very tight contest in which neither team ever had more than a 4 point lead during the first four quarters of the game.

This game was a very low scoring game, but it did not lack for excitement. The Pups lead 8-6 in the first quarter.

In the second, the Eagles outscored the Pups 8-7. The Pups took a 15-14 lead into the dressing room at half-time.

The two teams matched scores in the third to give the Pups a 21-20 lead heading into the final stanza.

In that fourth quarter, the Eagles outscored the

Pups 6-1 to take their largest lead of 4 points. Evan Winegarner hit a 3 point shot to cut their lead to 1 point. The Eagles hit another basket to stretch the lead back to 3 points. With only a few seconds remaining T.J. Sharp hit a shot to cut the lead back to 1. Shortly after 2 missed Eagle free throws. T.J. penetrated and was fouled while trying to give the Pups the lead. T.J. hit the first free throw, with only 28 seconds left to tie the score. The Pups rebounded a missed Eagle shot and then took 2 shots at the buzzer, coming up short: "Overtime" As a side note, T.J. Sharp and Talin Pepper played most of the fourth quarter and overtime with 4 fouls.

In the overtime, the Pups won the jump and Talin Pepper hit Brionne Jackson on a nice pass and Brionne Jackson hit the shot to give the Pups a quick lead in overtime. A

lead they would not release. T.J. made a lay-up, Tanner Poole hit a basket for a 4 point lead to give the Pups some breathing room. All-in-all, the Pups executed perfectly in overtime for an exciting win 38-33.

Scoring for the Pups:

T.J. Sharp 19, **Brionne Jackson** 5, **Talin Pepper** 4, **Evan Winegarner** 3, **Tanner Poole** 3, **Dwain Wright** and **Kyle Pinkerton** each added 2.

Also contributing were Clay John Anderson, John Stamper, Andy Lozano and Kevin Ellison.

In the Championship game, the Pups played the host team Ira Bulldogs. The Pups got baskets from Dwain Wright, Brionne Jackson, Talin Pepper, Tanner Poole and Kyle Pinkerton to give the Pups 11 points. The Bulldogs also scored 11 points to tie the Pups. In the 2nd quarter, T.J. scored 9 of his game high 19 points to help the Pups outscore the host Bulldogs 14-9. To give the Pups a 25-20 lead at half.

In the third quarter the Pups built as much as an 11 point lead before foul trouble and several missed scoring opportunities. The Pups did manage to hold

The Pups, however went cold in the final few minutes until Talin Pepper hit 3 big baskets to keep the Pups in the contest. But in the end, the Pups missed several short jump shots and four straight free throws that played major rolls in the loss. With the Pups trailing by only 1 point, 3 straight turnovers sealed the Pups fate, as they fell to the Bulldogs by a final score of 46-43.

Scoring for the Pups:

T.J. Sharp 19, **Talin Pepper** 8, **Kyle Pinkerton** a career high 6, **Evan Winegarner** 5, **Brionne Jackson** 3, **Dwain Wright** and **Tanner Poole** 2 each.

Also contributing were Clay John Anderson, John

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Ira Tournament

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Stamper, Andy Lozano and Kevin Ellison

COMMENTS:
by Coach Richey

What a hard fought tournament. I am so proud of these guys. They have improved so much. They showed a lot of character and heart in this tournament. They should be proud of their efforts. Congratulations on a very fine tournament. Good Job!

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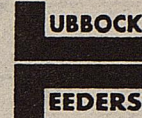
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The Borden County I.S.D. Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposed bids, to waive any and all technicalities, and to accept the proposals that will best serve the needs of the District.

Questions regarding bid specifications and additional information shall be directed to Jimmy Thomas by writing the above address or by calling 806/756-4313. Transmissions by fax may be sent to 806/756-4310.

By Order of the Board of Trustees
Borden County Independent School District
Joel Dennis, Secretary

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The Superintendent's office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive bids for Interior Decorating for the School Resource Center.

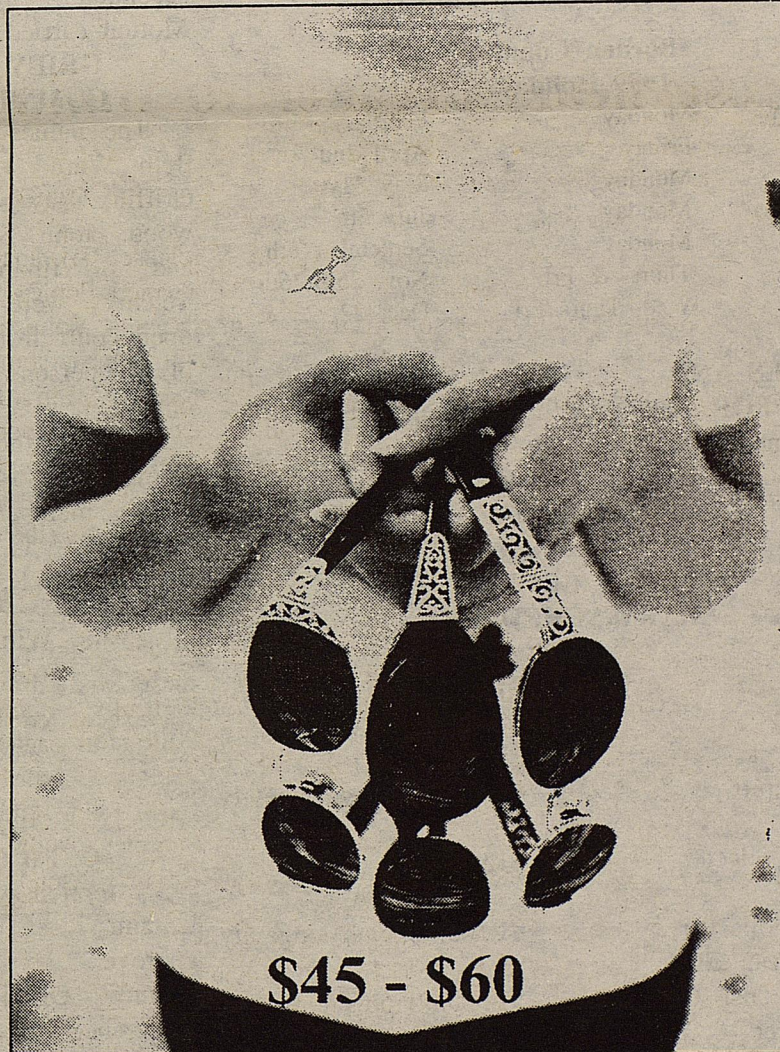
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COURTHOUSE NEWS

WHEREAS, On this the 11th day of January, 1999, 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:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge, Presiding; **DOUG ISAACS,** Commissioner, Prec. #1; **LARRY D. SMITH,** Commissioner, Prec. #2; **VERNON WOLF,** Commissioner, Prec. #3; **HURSTON LEMONS, JR.,** Commissioner, Prec. #4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE,** County Clerk and ex-officio of the Commissioners Court.

constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda:

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting of December 21, 1998, were read. Commissioner Wolf made a motion to approve said minutes and motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaacs. Motion carried.

COUNTY HOLIDAYS SET

A motion was made by Commissioner Lemons to set the Holidays for 1999 as per the following list. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

Borden County 1999 Holidays

President's Day	Monday	February 15th
Good Friday	Friday	April 2nd
Memorial Day	Monday	May 31st
Independent Day	Monday	July 5th
Labor Day	Monday	September 6th
Thanksgiving	Thurs. & Fri.	Nov. 25th-26th
Christmas	Wed. Thurs./Fri	Dec. 22, 23 & 24

SALARIES AND POLICIES FOR 1999 1999 as advertised in the 1999 Budget and stated as follows. Motion was made a motion to set salaries and wages for 1999 as advertised in the 1999 Budget and stated as follows. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lemons. Motion carried.

BORDEN COUNTY SALARY SCHEDULE

	<u>PER MONTH</u>
County Judge	\$1,775.00
State Supplement	\$ 416.66
Courthouse Employee Sheriff,	\$1,505.00 plus longevity
Tax Assessor-Collector Deputy Sheriff,	\$1,935.00
Tax Assessor/Collector	\$1,505.00 plus longevity
County & District Clerk	\$1,775.00
Deputy Co. & Dist. Clerk	\$1,505.00 plus longevity
County Treasurer	\$1,775.00
County Commissioners	\$1,335.00 plus \$ 209.64 vehicle
Justice of the Peace	\$ 535.00 plus \$ 15.49 travel
County Agent -AG	\$1,255.00
County Agent - FCS	\$ 145.00 plus \$ 100.00 vehicle
Housing Allowance	\$ 151.28
Secretary/County Agent Official Travel	\$1,505.00 plus longevity

(Outside of Co. in private vehicle) .20 per mile

PER HOUR

Courthouse Maintenance Employee	\$ 8.38 plus longevity
Hourly Wage Employees - Road Work	\$ 8.58 (Max) plus longevity
Use of Pickup for Co. per day	\$ 5.78

Longevity Schedule - For Continuous Employment

See Borden County Employee Manual
Vacation Pay - Hourly Wage Employees
 See Borden County Employee Manual
Sick Leave - Hourly Wage Employees
 See Borden County Employee Manual

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to approve the annual assistance to the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District in the amount of \$500.00. Commissioner Lemons seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

The names of Shawwna Beth Ward, Thomas Lane Griffin, Ray Don Underwood, John Stephens, Jr., and William Adolph Telchik were drawn in open court from the names of all persons who served on the last Grand Jury, to serve on the Grievance Committee for 1999 with other members of the Committee as created by Article 3912K. A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve these as drawn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaacs. Motion carried.

BONDS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf to approve the Bonds of County Officials elected November, 3, 1998. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Bonds are recorded in the Bond Records, County Clerk's Office, Borden County Texas. Motion carried.

BONDS FOR APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve

the Bonds for Appointed Officials. Commissioner Lemons seconded the motion. Bonds are recorded in the Bond Records, County Clerk's Office, Borden County, Texas. Motion carried.

TOBACCO SETTLEMENT MONEY

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to dedicate the Tobacco Settlement Money for Borden County Indigent Health Care and place same in a C.D. in the County Depository Bank. Commissioner Lemons seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

An application for Soil Conservation Construction of Fireguards was received from Danny Stone in Precinct No. 2. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the application at the rate of \$35.00 per hour for the Motor Grader and \$65.00 per hour for a dozer. Commissioner Isaacs seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Judge Van L. York absent at 10:05 A.M. due to death in family.

PRESIDING OFFICER

In the absence of Mr. Van L. York, county Commissioner Smith made a motion that Vernon Wolf, Commissioner Precinct No. 3, be the Presiding Officer. Commissioner Lemons seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioners Isaacs, Smith and Lemons
Voting Against: NONE
Abstain: Commissioner Wolf. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined and Commissioner Isaacs made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lemons and approved unanimously.

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