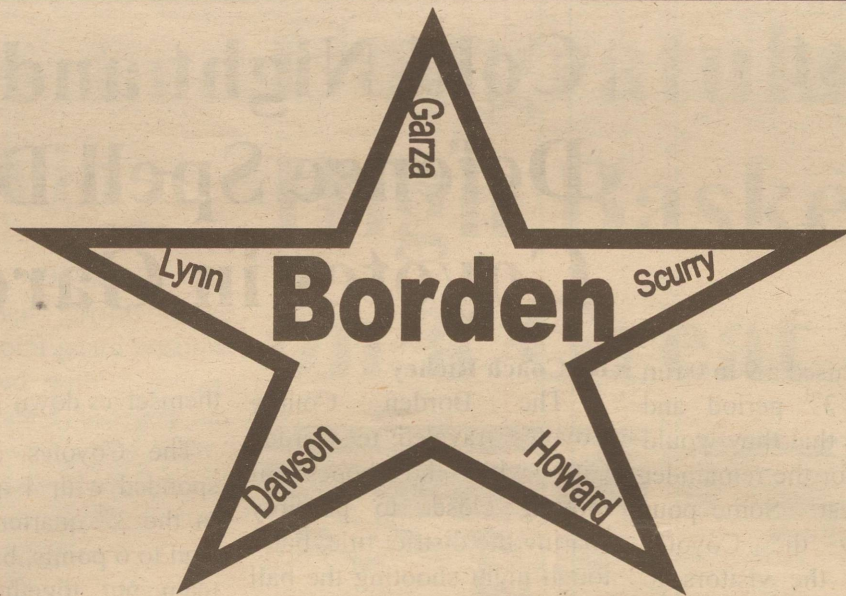


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Skywarn Spotter Training Course to be Held in Gail

On Tuesday, February 28th, a representative from the National Weather Service will be in Gail, at the community room on Wilburn Street, conducting a Skywarn Spotter Training Course. This is a free training course and is open to the public.

The course covers important severe weather safety rules, severe thunderstorm signatures, wall cloud and tornado characteristics, and a lot of other important information that is key to the success of a Skywarn spotter. Interesting tornado footage will be included in the two hour presentation.

This weather course also provides an opportunity for families to prepare for the upcoming severe weather season by providing information that can be used to develop a severe weather safety plan. Additionally, by completing the two hour course, attendees become Skywarn spotters. This important group of people relays ground truth information about thunderstorms to local officials and to the National Weather service. The NWS uses this vital information in conjunction with radar and satellite information during severe weather operations

The training class this year will also coincide with Severe Weather Awareness Week across the state of Texas, which is planned for February 26-March 4. During this week, the National Weather Service in Midland will be issuing helpful public information statements to educate the public about the dangers of severe weather. This information can be accessed off the NWS Midland Internet homepage at weather.gov/midland. WFO Midland will also be conducting an area-wide tornado drill on the morning of February 28th, to assist schools and other organizations who wish to prepare for the upcoming severe weather season.

The severe weather season is just around the corner and there is no better time to prepare for severe weather than during nice weather.

Tarleton 'Oxidizes' Opponents

Eighth grader named BC Spelling Bee Champion

Take twelve students, ten rounds, and seventy-two words, and one has this year's Borden County I.S.D. Spelling Bee wrapped up in a nutshell.

When the final word – "oxidize" – was spelled, Borden County eighth grader Brendan Tarleton emerged from the group as the contest's champion.

Winning the contest allows Tarleton to now advance to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's Regional Spelling Bee on March 4th, 2006. The winner of that contest wins a trip to Washington, D.C., to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Tarleton is the son of Bill and Sheryl Tarleton of Gail and Tarey Tarleton of Big Spring.

Twelve Borden County Elementary and Junior High Students participated in the contest. Runner-up to Tarleton was seventh grader John Hensley, son of Randy and Donnelle Hensley of the Plains



community.

Second runner-up was eighth grader Karl Lamming,

son of Barbara Bush-Lamming, also of the Plains community.

Also participating were third graders Sean Tucker and Cayden Vaughn, fifth grader Mattie Turner, and sixth grader Blake Turner.

Seventh grade participants were Bailey Anderson, Michael Froman, and Taylor Richey. Other eighth grade participants were Eric Espinoza and Rachael Payne.

Congratulations, Brendan, and good luck in Lubbock!

Community Prayer Gathering

Matthew 18:19-20 – "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in Heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

As a farming and ranching community we depend on the rains to help the crops and grass to grow and to fill the tanks for the cattle. Our economy is affected by the ranches and farms surrounding our community.

We have had more than 100 days without significant rainfall.

I would like to extend an invitation to those of you who are concerned about our land to join me on Saturday, February 11th, at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church, Gail, to pray for rain. And every Saturday until God answers our prayers for rain.

God's word tells us in *II Chronicles 7:14* – "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will heal their land."

God Bless You! I look forward to seeing you there.
Bro. Randy Hardman

REMINDER: BURN BAN IN EFFECT!

All of Borden County is under a BURN BAN. All trash barrels must have an appropriate covering before burning. Please take Special Precautions with any Fire during this time for the Safety of You and Your Neighbors.



Coyotes Outlast Determined Dragons

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes kept their play-off hopes alive with a hard fought victory over a very determined Dawson Dragon basketball team. The Coyotes used a big 1st quarter to create some separation from the visitors and then played even for the next 3 quarters to hold on to a very crucial district ballgame. J'Ryan Gicklhorn put together his best half of the season to keep the Coyotes on top of the Dragons as he scored all of his 11 points in the first half. Meanwhile, Austin Tarleton continued his hot shooting as he poured in half of his 24 points during the same stretch to help the Coyotes build a 29 to 22 halftime lead.

In the 2nd half, the Dragons came out on fire and for a moment actually took the lead in this game at 32 to 31.

The Coyotes used a 9 to 0 run to end the 3rd period and regain a lead that they would not give up for the remainder of this contest. Some poor shooting by the Coyotes would allow the visitors to stay within striking distance, but the Coyotes hit just enough baskets to keep the Dragons at bay and in the end the Coyotes had their 17th victory of the season and their 6th district victory.

Scoring for the Coyotes was Austin with 24 points, J'Ryan added 11 points, and Aaron Pigford scored 10 big points. Matthew Tatum added 5 points and Jacob Froman pitched in 4 points, while Trey Soto rounded out the scoring with 2 point. Also contributing to the hard fought victory was Asa Rutherford, Quentin Shafer, Clint Chapman, Michael Bullinger and Andrew Lamming.

Cold Night and Stingy Defense Spell Doom for Coyotes in Garden City

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes traveled to Garden City with the hopes of moving closer to possibly sharing the district title, but a tough night shooting the ball and a very stingy defense by the home town Garden City Bearcats was just too much for the Coyotes to overcome. The Coyotes had little success during the first 16 minutes of this contest, as they missed shot after shot and then found themselves in unfamiliar territory, FOUL TROUBLE. The Coyotes had at least 3 starters on the bench during the first half that were forced there due to foul issues. The Coyotes had a few defensive lapses throughout the contest, but overall, defense is what kept the visitors in the game. The Coyotes in spite of only scoring 11 points in the entire first half, only found

themselves down 10 points.

The Coyotes quickly responded with 4 quick points in the 3rd quarter to cut the lead to 6 points, but the home team put together back to back baskets to regain their 10 point lead. The only other basket in the 3rd quarter came from the Coyotes leading scorer on the year, Austin Tarleton who hit a shot and the foul shot that followed to cut the lead to 7 points heading into the final frame. Unfortunately for the Coyotes, that 3 point play was almost half of Austin's total on the game, as he suffered through a rare tough shooting night.

In the 4th quarter, the Coyotes got down 30 to 18 with only a few minutes remaining. At that time, with foul trouble hindering the rally, which cost the Coyotes starter J'Ryan Gicklhorn early in the quarter, forced the coyotes to do a lot of subbing. The defensive group of Andrew Lamming, Michael Bullinger, Clint Chapman along with Matthew Tatum and Trey Soto applied pressure to the home team that forced several turnovers and began the Coyotes on a furious rally. In the process, starters Austin, Aaron Pigford and Jacob Froman would re-enter on the offensive side and as a result this group scored 10 points as Jacob Froman had 4 points in this stretch, Austin had 2 points and Matthew Tatum had 4 points. Matthew added the final 2 for the Coyotes on a steal and lay-up which he was fouled in the process. Matthew stepped to the line trailing by only 2 points at 30 to 28 and an opportunity to cut the lead to one point. Unfortunately, the free throw rolled in and out and the Coyotes were

forced to foul again and this time the home team was able to hit 3 free throw in the end to pull out the victory. The Coyotes only got points from three men in this contest which was a season low, as Jacob led the way with 13 points and Matthew tossed in 8 points and Austin finished it up with 7 points.

The Coyotes now must win on Tuesday to enter the play-offs as the 2nd place team. The Coyotes will host Sands on Tuesday with a winner take all format. Good luck guys.

School Lunch Menu

Feb. 13th - 17th, 2006

MONDAY - Breakfast:

Pancake pup, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Frito pie, salad, pinto beans, pears and milk.

TUESDAY - Breakfast: Biscuit & gravy, ham, fruit juice and milk;

Lunch: VALENTINE DAY! Friendship Rings (breaded chicken rings), Cupid's Arrows (French fries), All Mixed UP! (Tossed salad), One And Only (assorted fruit, Love Potion (milk).

WED. - Breakfast: French toast, fruit juice and milk. **Lunch:** Lasagna, carrots, salad, garlic toast, fresh fruit and milk.

THURSDAY - Breakfast: Muffin, fruit juice and milk.

Lunch: Bar-B-Q sandwich, beans, French fries, Surprise cookies and milk.

FRIDAY - HOLIDAY!

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Borden Jr. High Win Thriller at Home Over Garden City

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Pups played their final home game on Monday, January 23rd, and may have played one of the more exciting games of the season. The Pups came out very slow as they fell behind a much improved Garden City ball club in the 1st quarter by 7 points at 11 to 4.

In the 2nd period, Brendan Tarleton made some big baskets to keep the Pups in the game. The Pups outscored the Bearcats 9 to 7 in the period, but still trailed the visitors by 5 points at intermission 18 to 13.

In the 3rd period, it was Flynn Chapman's turn to give the Pups a lift as he poured in 6 of his team high 13 points in the period as the Pups

knocked off one more point as they slowly began to close the gap.

As the 4th quarter started, it was now Michael Cooley's turn to give the Pups a lift, as he scored 6 of his 12 points in the period to enable the pups to close the gap. But, the Pups would still need one more point to even the score with only a few seconds remaining in the contest, and the Pups would have to do it with out Flynn as he fouled out midway through the 4th period. Karl Lamming and Brendan both made big baskets in the period, but after Brendan missed 2 free throws to tie or take the lead late in the game, fellow classmate Karl was put in the

same position with only a few seconds left. Karl missed the first free throw, but was able to tie the score at 35. But the dramatics were not over yet as the Pups needed a tremendous defensive effort in the end by Karl, Brendan, Michael, Tony Soto, Miles Valentine and John Hensley to turn away three last ditch shots to force overtime.

In overtime, the Pups behind a nice shot by Michael took the all important lead to begin overtime. Michael would add a free throw to give the Pups 3 points in the extra

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Missy Coyotes End Congratulations Jr. High Basketball Team on a Great Season!

By Coach Turner

The Borden Missy Coyotes closed their 2005-06 season in style last Monday night in Ackerly with a 34-24 win over Sands. The win gave the Missy Coyotes a 12-3 season record and a second place finish in district 7. Garden City finished first with their only loss of the season coming two weeks ago to the Missy Coyotes.

Taylor Richey led all scorers with 17 points and Olivia Key was right behind her with 14. Olivia was 6-6 from the free throw line in the fourth quarter to help BC

pull away. D'Nae Johnson had another terrific game from her point guard position and finished with 2 points. Rachael Payne wrapped up the scoring with a free throw.

Team members who played but did not score include Chellsie Pigford, Lacey Roberts, Shylo Rinehart, Marla Crenshaw, Chasiti Rutherford, Raylea Underwood, Bailey Anderson, Krista Tarleton, and Phyneshia Rutherford.

The Missy Coyotes should be congratulated on their fine season.



2005-06 Missy Coyote Basketball Team: (back row) L. to R. Coach Benavidez, Marla Crenshaw, Chasiti Rutherford, Raylea Underwood, Kristasha Benavidez, Rachael Payne, Shylo Rinehart, and Coach Turner. Middle row: Mandi Hudson, Bailey Anderson, Chellsie Pigford, Krista Tarleton, Taylor Richey, Olivia Key and Vivian Hernandez. Bottom: Phyneshia Rutherford, Stefanie Cooley, Lacey Roberts and D'Nae Johnson.

Pups lose Close Game in Season Finale in Sands

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Pups did not end the season quite like they would have preferred as they had a very tough shooting night in Ackerly. The Borden Pups also found out that it is very tough to beat a team three times in one season.

The Pups started out very slow as they fell behind early 7 to 2. After subbing the entire second unit for a few minutes, the 1st group came back on the floor fired up and put together an 6 to 0 run to regain the lead at 8 to 7. But as would be the theme for the day, the Mustangs scored a last second shot to take the lead after one period of play.

The Pups continued their slow play and also continued to miss several short shots as the mustangs again used a buzzer beating shot to increase their lead at halftime to 17 to 12.

In the 3rd period, the Pups cut some into the Mustangs lead a little as they outscored the home team 8 to 5, but in the end, the Pups missed too many shots and also found

themselves in an 0 for 12 slump from the free throw line. These two obstacles in the end were too much for the Pups to overcome. Final score Sands 30 Borden Jr. High 26.

Scoring for the Pups was Flynn Chapman had 10 points, Brendan Tarleton had 8 points, Michael Cooley added 4 points and Tony Soto and John Hensley each scored 2 points. Also contributing was Karl Lamming, David Rodriguez, Drew Tyler, Miles Valentine, Eric Espinoza, Michael Froman, and Skylar Williamson.

The Pups ended their season at 7 wins and 7 loses.

Thriller

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period while the group of six players along with Drew Tyler, Eric Espinoza, Michael Froman, and Skylar Williamson would hold the visitors to only 2 points and give the home team a dramatic 38 to 37 victory.



2005-06 Coyote Pup Basketball Team: (back row) L. to R. Coach Avery, John Hensley, Shane Howell, Flynn Chapman, Brendan Tarleton, Eric Espinoza, Miles Valentine and Coach Richey. Middle row: Chance Taylor, Austin Fields, Skylar Williamson, Austin Tyler, Michael Cooley, and Blake Turner. Kneeling: Garrett Thomas, (coaches aide), Michael Froman, Tony Soto, Chris Teel, Karl Lamming, Drew Tyler, David Rodriguez and JRyan Gicklhorn (coaches aide).

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Scoring for the Pups was Flynn with 13 points, Michael with 12 points, Brendan with 8 points, and Karl with 5 points. Good Job guys!

Attention All Borden County ISD Exe's
If you have not done so, please log onto the alumni website at www.bcisd.net and register your information



Let Me Get My Hat!

By Dennis Poole,
Borden County CEA-Ag,

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Ft. Worth Stock Show Results:

Borden 4-H and Gail FFA had several exhibitors showing lambs and steers at Ft. Worth. Results are as follows:

Lambs:

Miles Valentine - 5th Place
Heavy Weight Southdown

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LEGAL NOTICE

Borden County Commissioners' Court will consider bids for the purchase of two Pickups to be used by Borden County Precinct 2 & 4. Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m., February 13, 2006 in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Borden County Courthouse in Gail, Texas.

Specifications may be obtained at the offices of the County Judge or Commissioner, Randy Adcock, 806/756-4378 or Commissioner, Joe Belew, 325/573-7718.

BY ORDER OF THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT
Van L. York,
County Judge
Borden County

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT
Chaparral Energy, LLC, 701 Cedar Lake Blvd., OKC, OK 73114 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid in the San Andres Formation, Rock Canyon Lease, Well Number 509. The proposed injection well is located 5.2 miles NW of Gail, Texas in the Mesquite Creek (Miss.) Field, in Borden County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3489 to 5834 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Drawer 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 Telephone (512)463-6792.

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Calendar for Upcoming Primary Election

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February 20th Early Voting by Personal Appearance Begins
February 28th Last Day to Receive Applications for Ballot by Mail
March 3rd Last Day to Vote Early in Person
March 7th **PRIMARY ELECTION**

Sale of Surplus Equipment

Borden County will accept sealed bids for the following used equipment. Bids will be opened February 27th, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Borden County Courthouse.

Equipment can be inspected in Gail, Texas. Equipment is as follows:

- One 1983 Ford F600 6yd. dump truck (Prt. #4)
- One 1984 Ford F600 6yd. dump truck (Prt. #3)
- One John Deere 15' Shredder (Prt. #2)

For further information contact Randy Adcock, Commissioner Precinct 2, phone 806/756-4378, Joe Belew, Commissioner, Precinct 4, phone 325/573-7718 or Van York, County Judge, phone 806/756-4391.

Mail bids to P.O. Box 156, Gail, Texas 79738. All bids should be marked "BID" on outside of envelope.

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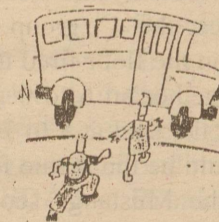
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