

# Pups Back to Winning Ways With Victory Over Sands

By Coach Richey

The Borden County Pups rebounded from their first loss in 4 years, by pounding long time rival, Sands in Ackerly.

The Pups came out of the gates looking to get back to their winning ways and dominating play. The Pups would have to do this without starting center/defensive end Tristen Benavidez (sick with the flu). The Pups wasted little time establishing control of this contest as their 1<sup>st</sup> team defense of TJ Basquez, Brady Dowds, Zach McMeans, Matthew Proulx, Matthew Ham and Kurt Shafer completely dominated the first 3 plays of the contest, forcing the home team to punt the ball to the Pups.

The Pups first team offense of the same six guys and Ricky Torres rotating in took only 3 plays to travel 45 yards to pay dirt. Torres covered the final 20 yards for the Pups score and a quick 6 to 0 lead with 3:42 left in the first period. The second team offense of Caden Vaughn, Sean Tucker, Torres, Frank Banman, Michael Taylor, Michael McClain, Nathan Ham, Jaden Huse, and

Hurrikane Van Kirk took their turn on the extra point try and Tucker was able to connect with Vaughn on a bootleg pass to extend the lead to 7 to 0.

The Pups defense had a busted play result in a first down for the Mustangs, but that would be the only first down the home team would get on the Borden County first team defense. Shafer, knocked down a sure interception on 4<sup>th</sup> down, making a very smart play, realizing they would have better field position taking the ball at the original line of scrimmage.

The Pups 2<sup>nd</sup> offensive possession resulted in a fumble, but the defense quickly forced a 3 and out to regain possession of the ball. Three plays later, the Pups had their 2<sup>nd</sup> score of the evening as Basquez rumbled in from 6 yards out to make the score 13 to 0 for the pups with 4:36 left in the first period. The Pups defense again forced the Mustangs to punt the ball. With only a few seconds remaining in the half, Proulx connected with Basquez on a nicely executed screen pass for a 38

yard touchdown pass. The 2<sup>nd</sup> team offense added the extra point as Banman scooted into the endzone for a 20 to 0 lead for the Pups with :36 left in the half.

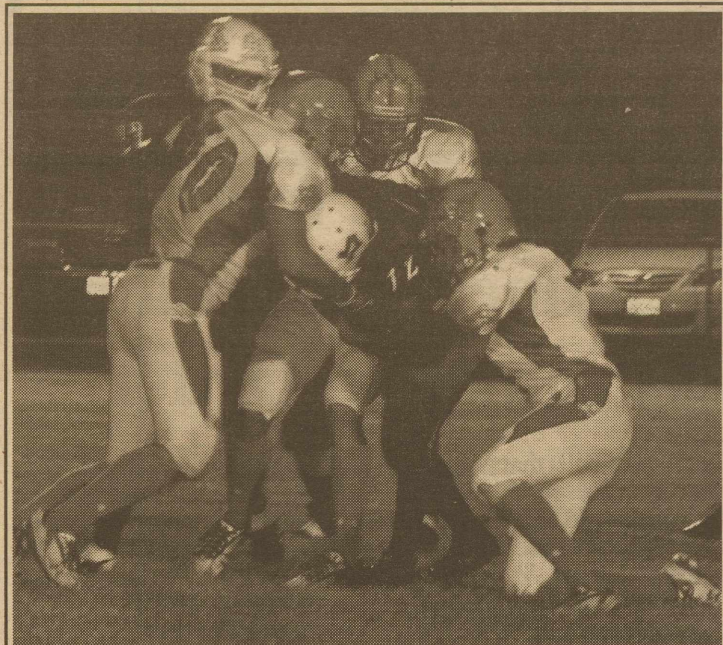
The Pups got the ball to start the 2<sup>nd</sup> half and they took only one play to extend their lead as TJ Basquez scored from 38 yards out with 5:40 left in the 3<sup>rd</sup> period. TJ would only play 2 defensive plays in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half and only one more play on offense, this play was well worth it as Basquez scored on a 44 yard run answering a Mustang touchdown which was scored on the Pups 2<sup>nd</sup> team defense, with 3:30 left in the game.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> team offense and defense played the rest of the game. The offense did not score, but did have several nice plays.

The Mustangs managed a touchdown on the last play of the game to make the final score 32 to 13. The score did not represent the dominance of the Pups first team over the Mustangs, but it did allow the younger Pups an opportunity to showcase their improving skills against the Mustangs first unit.

The win improves the Pups to 6 and 1 on the season and they will next travel to Westbrook, and then will play host to Garden City the following week for the Pups season finale. Both contests are scheduled to start at 5:30.

During halftime, the 2<sup>nd</sup> team got to play a little 10 play scrimmage against the 2<sup>nd</sup> team Mustangs. The Pups for the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in a row completely dominated the other teams 2<sup>nd</sup> unit. The defense of these previously mentioned 9 players did not give up a first down on defense. When they turned to offense, the Pups got 60 yard touchdown runs by Banman, Torres and Tucker. These touchdowns came on back to back plays. Tucker then hooked with Vaughn on a 48 yard pass, followed by a 12 yard touchdown pass to Nathan Ham and a 4 to 0 victory for the 2<sup>nd</sup> unit.



Several Coyotes pull down a Sands' opponent. Pictured (left to right) are Flynn Chapman (#30), R.T. Shafer (#8) and Austin Fields (#24).

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## JV Dominates Sands

By Coach Baëza

The Coyote J.V. traveled to Sands on last Thursday and improved their record to 8-1 as they dominated the Mustangs 25-0.

The Coyotes got on the board early as Steven Howard scampered around the right side for a 35yd touchdown. The PAT was no good making the score 6-0. The Coyotes played excellent defense in the first quarter not allowing the Mustangs to move the ball, but the Coyotes also had trouble moving the ball and did not find the end zone for the rest of the quarter.


The Coyotes responded offensively in the second quarter as Austin Cope took a pitch 76yds for a touchdown with 2:06 left in the half. On the PAT Collin Telchik hit Luis Andrade in the end zone making the score 13-0. The Coyotes however were not finished as excellent defense by Helio

Rosales, Kobie Benham, Michael Froman, Austin Cope, Steven Howard, and Austin Tyler forced the Mustangs to punt with 1:05 left in the half.

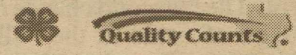
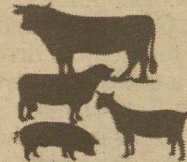
After a couple of plays Collin Telchik scrambled from the quarterback position 34yds for a touchdown with 5 seconds left in the half making the score 19-0.

The third quarter was slow offensively as neither team was able to find the end zone. The Coyotes however did play good defense as Jared Smith, Matt Robinson, Brent Davis, Luke Burkett, and Brady Bybee all contributed defensively.

The Coyotes did get their offense moving in the fourth quarter as Austin Cope found the end zone a second time following some good blocking with 2:31 left in the game making the final score 25-0. Good job Coyotes!

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Refreshments and lunch will be provided. RSVP requested by Wednesday, November 11th.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Texas AgriLife Extension Service-Borden County at (806)756-4336 or borden-tx@tamu.edu

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# Coyotes Claim District Championship...

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put together a nice 3 and out to force a Mustang punt. The Coyotes appeared to have their 2<sup>nd</sup> touchdown on the very first play, but the official ruled that Cooley stepped out of bounds on the play. But, the Coyotes would not be denied as they used a time consuming drive of their own that was capped by Cooley's 2<sup>nd</sup> touchdown pass, this time connecting with RT Shafer. Flynn Chapman kicked the extra point to tie the game with 3:47 left in the half.

The Mustangs appeared to be stopped again, but for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time on the evening, the Mustangs converted a 4<sup>th</sup> down play to keep a drive alive. The Mustangs gained another first down, their 8<sup>th</sup> of the game, but just before the end of the half, the threat was stopped as John Hensley got his 2<sup>nd</sup> sack of the game as he was joined by Chapman this time as RT helped him the first time to end the Mustang drive and bring us to the half time the same way the game started, tied.

The Coyote defense after giving up 14 points and 8 first downs in the first half, only allowed the Mustangs 3

first downs and one touchdown. The touchdown was almost stopped as Hensley appeared to have his 4<sup>th</sup> sack of the day, only to have the Mustang quarterback squirt loose and then when the coverage broke down and the blitz did not come, the Coyotes were exposed and allowed the only completion the Mustangs would get on the evening to get the ball inside the Coyote 5 yard line. But, that was the only score the Mustangs would get, and this score came after the Coyotes had managed to capture their first lead of the game on a Michael Cooley 1 yard touchdown run. This touchdown was set up by a beautiful pass and catch from Miles Valentine to Quint Shafer that covered 38 yards. But, all of this happened after the Coyote defense followed a quick 3 and out to start the half, by having to put together a goal line stand after the Coyotes fumbled on the very first play of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half for the Coyote offense, this time inside their own 10 yard line. The Coyote defense put together 4 great plays, getting a nice stop by the

Shafer brothers, Cooley and Chapman and was capped with a nice play by Tony Soto on 4<sup>th</sup> down to make what may have been the biggest series of the contest.

The Coyotes took the lead on Cooley's touchdown and Chapman's kick to make the score 22 to 14 with 2:54 left in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. When the Mustangs managed their score, Karl Lamming appeared to tip the kick and force it wide to keep the Coyotes on top at 22 to 20 on the first play of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. The coyotes managed to maintain possession of the ball on the Mustang onside kick and forty three seconds later Cooley had his 2<sup>nd</sup> touchdown run to push the lead back to 8 points at 28 to 20. Chapman drilled the huge extra point to give the Coyotes a two score lead at 30 to 20.

The defense again flexed their muscles, and with good pressure by Hensley, Soto intercepted a pass and gave the Coyotes possession of the ball and hopes of taking complete control of the game. The Coyotes looked to have the knock out blow, but Derek Tatum was ruled just short of the goal line on a 4<sup>th</sup> down pass play from Valentine.

Again, the defense stepped up and when Lamming, Chapman and Hensley met the Mustang runner in the backfield they tackled him in the end zone for a Coyote safety. This made the score 32 to 20. The Coyotes recovered the onside kick and 3 plays later, Richey had his second touchdown, this time on a nice 30 yard run following some nice blocks from Cooley, Valentine, Shafer, Tatum and Chapman. After the Chapman kick, the Coyotes had comfortable 40 to 20 lead with a little over a minute left in the contest.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> team defense then got to contribute to the victory and they did not disappoint as Tatum forced a fumble and David Rodriguez sealed the victory by recovering the Mustang loose ball. The Coyotes could now line up in what we call victory formation to take a knee and put a capper on the first back to back district championship in over 12 years. The final score was a hard fought 40 to 20 victory.

After spotting the home team Mustangs 14 points, the Coyotes managed to outscore the Mustangs 40 to 6 and the 6 was inches away from not happening. The Coyotes also appeared to have another score, but it was ruled short, so, the Coyotes actually dominated both sides of the ball from that opening sequence.

Leading the way for the Coyotes was Michael Cooley as he had 156 yards on 20 carries and 2 touchdowns, was 3 of 4 passing for 82 yards and two more touchdowns and was in on 17 tackles. Miles Valentine had one tackle and was 2 of 6 passing for 43 yards and had a huge carry for 12 yards and a first down. David Rodriguez had a tackle and a fumble recovery. Skyler Dear had a tackle. Quint Shafer had a catch for 38 yards and came in defensively to have 11 tackles. Zach Telchik had 13 tackles. RT Shafer had a catch for 21 yards and a touchdown and was in on 14 tackles and 2 sacks. Brendan Tarleton had 4 touchbacks on kick-offs which were huge and had 2 tackles. John Hensley had 10 tackles and 3 sacks. Tanner Richey had one catch for 44 yards and a score and had 3 carries for 38 yards and a score and was in on 2 tackles. Tony had 15 tackles and an interception. Austin Fields had a tackle before he left with a dislocated finger. Karl Lamming had 9 tackles and a huge blocked extra-point. Derek Tatum had a nice 6 yard catch and a tackle and Flynn Chapman had a 17 yard catch and was in on 13 tackles and a sack and was 4 of 5 kicking extra-points.

The Coyotes will next play host to Westbrook in the season finale and their home finale. Game time is Friday at 7:30. Congratulations guys on the victory and district championship. Thank you all for your support, the Coyotes will now finish the regular season and prepare for the play-offs for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. Good luck, stay focused and dreams can come true.

## School Lunch Menu

November 2 - 6, 2009

**Monday** - Breakfast: Oatmeal & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chili con Carne w/beans, Crackers, Salad, Peaches and Milk.

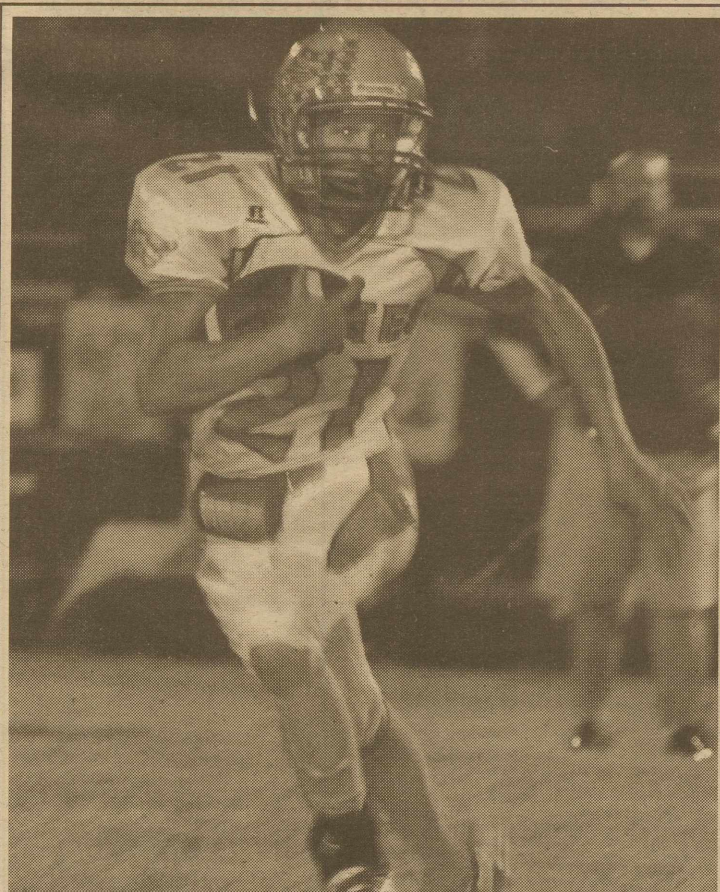
**Tuesday** - Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Popcorn Chicken, Potatoes, Corn, Hot Roll, Apple Slices and Milk.

**Wednesday** - Breakfast: French Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Fajitas, Salad, Pinto Beans, Pear and Milk.

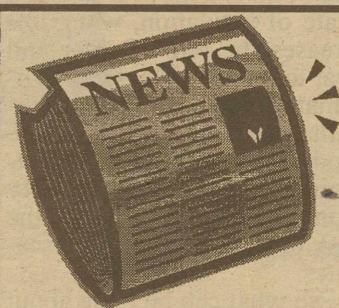
**Thursday** - Breakfast: Ham, Egg, Biscuit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Meat & Gravy, Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Cobbler and Milk.

**Friday** - Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Cheeseburger, French Fries, Salad, Yellow Cake w/ Frosting and Milk.

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Borden County running back, Michael Cooley, gains yardage in the fourth quarter of Friday night's game against the Sands' Mustangs. The Coyotes grabbed the District Championship by defeating the Mustangs.



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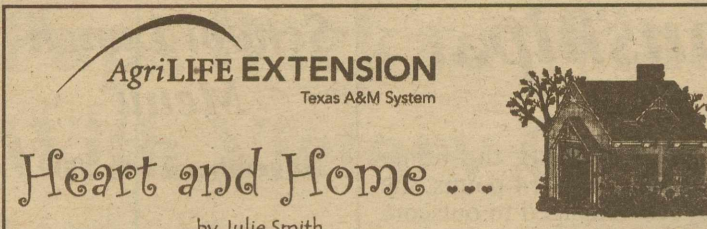
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## Responding to Stress

According to the American Psychiatric Association "one-third of Americans are living with extreme stress, and nearly half of Americans (48 percent) believe that their stress has increased over the past five years. Stress is taking a toll on people – contributing to health problems, poor relationships, and lost productivity at work." Some short-term stress can be positive – causing us to deal constructively with daily problems or meet challenges or deadlines. But, when stress remains long-term – chronically or continuously – it can be damaging both emotionally and physically.

When we become stressed, it's like an alarm goes off in the brain, and our body prepares to deal with the stress by going into a biological "fight or flight" response. The nervous system is aroused, and hormones are released to sharpen the senses, quicken the pulse, deepen respiration, and tense the muscles. This response is positive when it helps us defend against threatening situations. When stressful situations go unresolved, however, the body is kept in a constant state of activation, which increases the rate of wear and tear to biological systems. Ultimately, fatigue or damage results, and the ability of the body to repair and defend itself can become seriously compromised. As a result, the risk of injury or disease escalates.

So what can be done about stress in our lives? First, we need to identify what is causing the stress. Take time to really think about what causes your stress. If it is shopping with your spouse or going to an office party, you may be able to just choose not to participate (of course, with your spouse, this requires communication, but you may be able to say "no thank you" to the occasional office gathering). Think about whether your

stressors are:

- major or minor (e.g., lost keys or lost job),
- temporary or permanent (e.g., giving a speech or a poor marriage relationship),
- relational (e.g., uncomfortable living situation or stressful work relationship), or
- internal (e.g., unrealistic expectations, perfectionistic or pessimistic attitude, or low self-esteem or self criticism).

Once you identify the cause(s), it may be easier to choose strategies to help alleviate the stress. Below are four approaches that may help.

**Emergency Stress Stoppers**  
When you need to deal with stress on the spot, try these strategies: count to 10 before you speak; take 3-5 slow, deep breaths; go for a walk; walk away from the situation and say you'll handle it later; say "I'm sorry" if you make a mistake; drive in the slower lane or avoid busy roads (if possible) to stay calm while driving; and begin the day by breaking bigger problems down into smaller ones.

**Wellness Approach**  
The healthier you are, the better able you are to manage stress.

**Try to get 30 minutes of exercise most days of the week.** Exercise not only helps you get in shape, but it also helps you relieve pent up tension, sleep better, and burn up some of the chemicals that are released with the bodily response to stress.

**Get enough sleep.** Not getting enough sleep increases stress and can make you less able to handle stressful situations. Regardless of age, most adults need about 8 hours of restful sleep a night.

**Eat a healthy diet.** A healthy diet includes lots of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains, as well as choosing lean meats and eating less refined sugar, processed foods, and saturated fats.

**Have a healthy attitude.**

Changing the way you think can help you manage stress. Most people who are resilient to stress do two important things: they focus on immediate issues – what needs to be done right now, and they have an optimistic explanatory style – assuming their troubles are temporary ("I'm tired today") rather than permanent ("I'm washed up"); specific ("I have a bad habit") rather than universal ("I'm a bad person"); and crediting themselves when things go right, while externalizing their failures ("That was a tough audience," not "I gave a wretched speech"). Frame the words you say to yourself about the situation in a positive way – "I can do this if I take it one step at a time" or "things will work out," rather than "I can't do this, I hate it when this happens" or "everything is going wrong."

**Find enjoyment in life.** Doing things you enjoy is a natural way to fight stress. Try to find one thing to do each day that you enjoy – even if it's just for 15 minutes.

**Prepare, Prioritize, Realize, and Organize.**

Prepare to the best of your ability for events you know may be stressful. Prioritize what needs to be done. Be realistic. Realize your limitations, and say "no" if you need to. Take small steps to get organized. Getting organized can take time, but it can go a long way in reducing stress.

**Avoid, Communicate, and Resolve**

Avoid controllable stressors, like saying "no thank you" to a stressful gathering. Communicate by listening, smiling, admitting wrong, giving compliments, and expressing thoughts and concerns assertively. Seek resolution by being willing to negotiate, compromise, or seek outside help (mediation or counsel). Understanding how our bodies respond to stress; identifying our personal stressors; using strategies such as emergency stress stoppers, the wellness approach, and organizational and interpersonal skills can be useful tools for reducing the stress in our lives and keeping us healthy in mind and body. Left alone, stress can be bad for both your physical and mental health. The time and energy you spend managing your stress will pay off in the long run.

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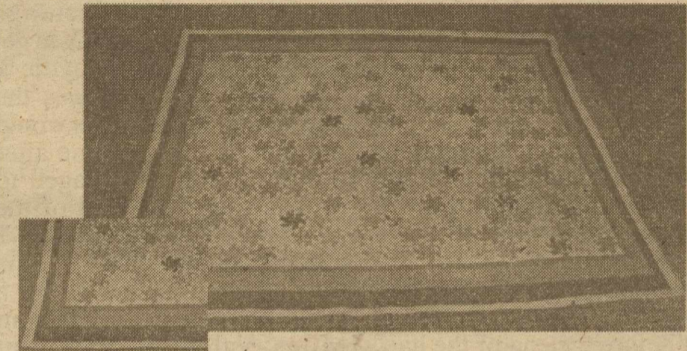
office at 806-756-4336. For more information on dealing with stress, please see our *HealthHints* newsletter at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/health/healthhints/2009/jan/stress.pdf>.

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# On The Bright Side

## Borden County Graduate Remains Grateful Despite Medical Mystery

By Sue Jane Mayes

.....those who participate in this life with an attitude of Thanksgiving will receive its full promise.

*John McQuiston II, Always We Begin Again*

Feeding tubes.  
Hospital stays.  
Special diets.  
No medical answers.

Not exactly situations that generate attitudes of Thanksgiving.

It takes a special heart to see the positives when faced with so many negatives. Maggie (Flanigan) and husband Craig Bigham have such hearts, and along with family and friends, want that spirit of Thanksgiving to be the message that stems from their ten-month-old daughter's illness.

Brynne Bigham is a beautiful, happy baby. Always has been, according to Mom.

"She smiled about two seconds after she was born and hasn't quit since," Maggie said.

But at ten weeks, Brynne was vomiting constantly. The first of many hospital stays began. For twelve days in March of 2009, the Bigham Family began a medical mystery tour that remains unsolved.

"She's been tested for everything under the sun," said Maggie. "She had multiple biopsies of several different organs and all tests came back normal. She just wouldn't gain weight."

Seven months since that first visit, Brynne is still smiling even though doctors are still stumped.

"We're consulting with a doctor from UCLA and have enrolled her in his research project at Mattel Children's Hospital in LA," said Maggie. "Look for us on 'Mystery Diagnosis' once we figure this thing out. That's what they call her....Mystery!"

It is no mystery where Maggie, a Wayland Baptist University graduate, and her

crew get their optimism. A strong faith is a family hallmark, and this trial only makes that more evident.

"We know that God has a plan in all of this. God has blessed us with wonderful doctors, an awesome family and support system and communities of people who love us," said Maggie.

Those support groups are joining forces to help the Bigham Family with the obvious drove of medical expenses they have incurred since last March.

On November 14, the Post community will sponsor a benefit meal (see flyer in The Borden Star) with proceeds going towards to a medical fund in the Bigham's name.

Brynne's condition requires around the clock care. In addition to a feeding pump that is attached 20 hours out of a 24-hour day, a Broviak tube is checked weekly by home health care personnel to keep an eye on blood levels. And Brynne has not one but two men in her life who diligently take care of her every need. Dad Craig, who has stepped away from his work at the Garza County Juvenile Detention Center, and brother Koda make for an especially unique pair by devoting their time and energy to Brynne's constant care.

"Craig (a West Texas A&M graduate and former collegiate athlete) stays home with Brynne and (big brother) Koda because of her medical needs," said Maggie. "He's awesome at it!"

Craig changes the dressing on the tube sites, and according to Maggie, is so "highly skilled" that Brynne utters not a peep. Koda comes through by knowing exactly what toys make her happy.

And as for granddads, well, Brynne has a couple of fellows who go by PaPaw and Biggie wrapped up in her sixteen-pound frame.

This journey the Bigham family is on doesn't really take

them anywhere but home. Brynne's immune system is so low that the family has to be careful where they go and who's around.

"Even a simple cold can affect her negatively. The tube is in her chest and pumps the nutrition directly into her blood stream so the risk of infection is high," said Maggie.

After seven hospital stays averaging a week per stay, the Bighams would be excused if morale were low and spirits dimmed. Who keeps them upbeat?

The little culprit herself. "It has made our journey so much easier to have a happy baby," said Maggie. "She really loves people."

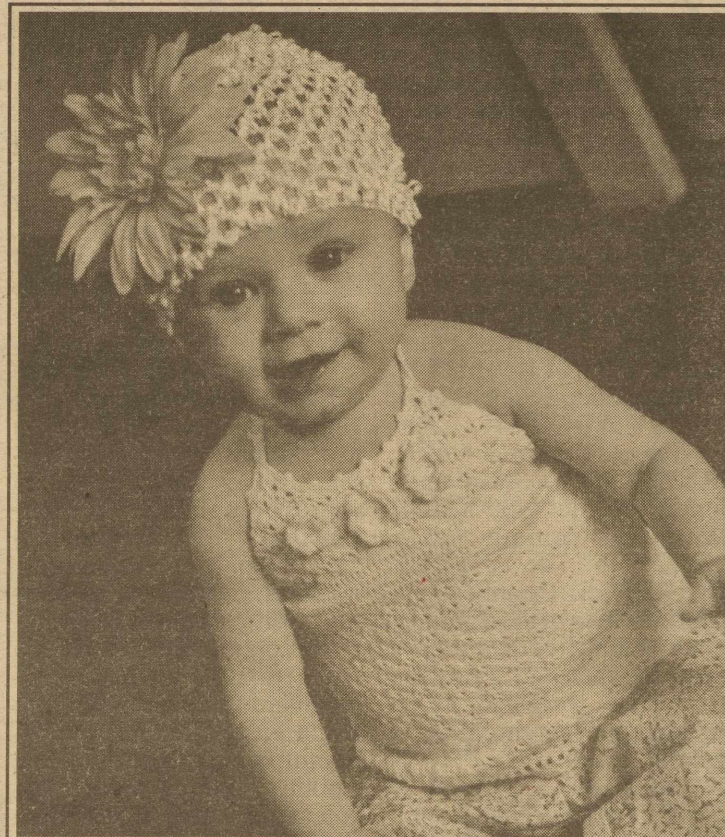
That trademark Flanigan smile known to Borden County friends since Maggie and her siblings began attending school here in the early to mid-1990s has been passed on to Brynne and Koda. It is no surprise that optimism and love for people are in Brynne's DNA, too.

Hopefully, doctors will soon determine what else lurks in that DNA and find a way to ditch the tubes so that Brynne and family can make a few more public appearances in these parts.

Through all of this, though, what Maggie wants people to hear is this: we are blessed.

"We know that some families that were in the hospital during our first stay are still there. God has truly blessed us with not having to go through that."

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**Brynne Bigham**  
daughter of Craig & Maggie (Flanigan) Bigham

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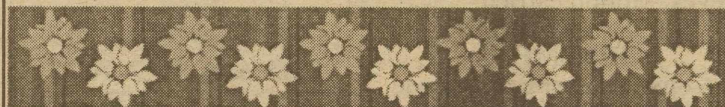
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## Commissioners Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 13th day of October, 2009, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge; MONTE SMITH, Commissioner, Precinct N. 1; RANDY ADCOCK, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; ERNEST REYES, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; JOE BELEW, Commissioner, Precinct No. 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.

### BORDEN COUNTY EVENT CENTER

Craig W. Ray with Grimes & Associates met with the Court discussing plans for the Borden County Event Center.

### MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of September 8, 2009 were read. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### COUNTY OFFICE REPORTS

After examination of the County Offices Reports, Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve submitted August, 2009 County Offices Reports consisting of Treasurer's Office-Past Month's Financial Report and Investment Report; Tax-Assessor-Collector Office-Report of Tax Collections for Current Tax Year; Extension Office Report-Report of Past Month's Activities and Programs, Texas Wildlife Damage Control-Year to Date Activity (10/1 to present). Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### SPECIAL BUDGET

Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the Special Budget for Unexpected Funds and Expenditures for the Borden County Events Center and Rodeo Arena. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

### CIRA SERVICE AGREEMENT

Commissioner Belew made

a motion to approve the CIRA Service Agreement and Service Package at the rate of \$350.00 per year. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

Commissioners' Annual Road Reports were submitted.

### ROAD CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE

Applications for Road Construction were received from Tony Isaacs and Jon Harrison in Precinct No. 4 Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve applications. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

An application for Soil Conservation Construction of Fireguards was received from Brice Key, Precinct No. 4. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve the application at the rate of \$35.00 for a motor grader and \$65.00 per hour for a dozer. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

### ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

### DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No new items were presented.

### ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 27th day of October, 2009.

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## NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the registered voters of the County of Borden, Texas:  
(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Borden, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., November 3, 2009, for voting in an election to adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendment as submitted by the 80<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas. (Notifíquese, por las present que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abiran desde las 7:00 a.m. hast alas 7:00 p.m. el 3, 2009, de Noviembre 2009 para votar ella eleccion, para adopter o rechazar la enmiendas propuestas constitutional asi como fueron sometidas por la 81a Legislama Sesion Regular, de la Estado de Texas.)

LOCATIONS(S) OF POLLING PLACES  
(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

No. 1 at Plains Community center  
No. 2A-2B at Borden County Community Building  
No. 3A-3B at Fairview Election Building  
No. 4A-4B at Borden County Courthouse  
Absentee at County Clerk's Office, Gail Courthouse during normal office hours.  
No. 1 en Plains Community Center  
No. 2A-2B en community room de Gail  
No. 3A-3B en la sitio de votacion Fairview  
No. 4A-4B en Courthouse de Gail  
Para los que se encuentran ausentes, para eldia propuest pueden votar en oricina del County Clerk en Gail, Texas durante las horas normales.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:  
(La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)  
County Clerk's Office (oricina del Secretatio del Destrito y Condado) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on October 19, 2009 (entre las 8:00 de la manana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 19 de Octubre, 2009 and ending on 30 de Octoberbré, 2009 (y terminando el 30 de Noviembre, 2009.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:  
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan enviarse a:)  
Joyce Herridge  
PO Box 124  
Gail, Texas 79738

Applications for ballots by mail must be received on later than the close of business on:  
October 27, 2009  
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el: Octubre 27, 2009)  
Issued this the 1<sup>st</sup> of October, 2009  
(Emitada este dia 1 de Octubre, 2009)  
Van L. York,  
County Judge (Firma del Juez Condado)

## NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

### CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene  
Contract 6074-88-001 for MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY in BORDEN County, etc will be opened on November 19, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$50, 280.00.  
Contract 6115-88-001 for SEALING CRACKES in HOWARD County, etc will be opened on November 18, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$144,765.50.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available form TxDOT's website at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.  
NPO: 31053

#### State Office

Constr./Maint. Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540

#### Dist/Div Office(s)

Abilene District  
District Engineer  
4250 N. Clack  
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150  
Phone: 325-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

## Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
Tumbleweed Smith

### Jackson Goes to College

My grandson Jackson has been mentioned a few times in this column. Some people say they have watched him grow up by reading my columns about him. He is a good subject. He is now a freshman at Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois studying drama (with an emphasis on acting) and creative writing. By the end of his first six weeks he was BMOC (Big Man On Campus), the Prince of the University. We visited him over parents weekend and were amazed at his easygoing, comfortable attitude. He is so at home. As we walked with him on campus, crowds of people called out his name in greeting. When we went to restaurants off campus, his fellow students dining out would wave enthusiastically and call his name. He would quickly respond with, "Come meet my family." You can't beat that.

I interviewed Jackson and he told me about college life. "I really like college. I'm being challenged and having a great time with it. It's hard, but I'm really having fun. I've made some great friends already and all my professors call me by my first name. I really feel like I'm growing here, as a person and intellectually."

Jackson hopes to get a part in the Neil Simon play, *Brighton Beach Memoirs* to be produced in the spring. He is taking a course in Tanka poetry, which originated in Japan about 1200 years ago. It differs

from Haiku, which has three lines. Tanka has five. "I carry around a journal so I can write down Tanka whenever I get an idea," says Jackson. "You want Tanka to be one moment in time, one experience in time. You want it to tell a story as quick as possible in five lines." He shared a poem he wrote in Tanka.

"Head hung low.  
A desperate love song.  
Humming from his guitar.  
As the bright sun sets  
Behind the pink clouds."

The university has some ghosts. One is called Rail Girl and haunts a theater. "She was the daughter of one of the construction workers and while she was playing on a lighting rail above the stage she fell and died. Now, before each show, everyone who has anything to do with the show has to leave candy for Rail Girl or something will go wrong."

Another ghost is a former girls' dorm. "A female student allegedly killed herself in this dorm. Her ghost would push girls down the stairs. When the girls that were pushed talked about falling down the stairs, they swore they were pushed, although there was no one around. It ceased being used as a dorm because of so many girls being pushed down the stairs."

Still another ghost walks around a gym at night. Maybe Jackson will write about the campus ghosts in Tanka verse.

#### CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

Make your plans now to enter your home and/or yard in the Christmas Decorating Contest sponsored by Lyntegar Electric Co-op. Entries will be judged on originality, quality and visual impact by an impartial party from Lyntegar. Prizes provided by Lyntegar Electric Co-op will be awarded to the top three winners and will be announced at the Lighting of the Star. Lyntegar is awarding cash prizes again this year: \$150 for first place, \$100 for second place, and \$50 for third place!!!

Join in the fun! Complete and mail the entry form below and help decorate Gail for the Holidays!

#### CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Directions to home: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your entry to "Lyntegar & Lights for Gail - Christmas Decorating Contest", P.O. Box 312, Gail, TX 79738. All entries must be received by November 23, 2009 at 5:00 pm, and the location of the entry must be within a five-mile radius of Borden County Courthouse. Judging will be done on Wednesday, November 25th between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

## LIGHTS FOR GAIL

Sixteenth Annual  
Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain

Borden County Museum and Courthouse Courtyard  
Gail, Texas

Friday, November 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.  
(day after Thanksgiving)

The Courthouse will be open at 5:00 p.m. serving refreshments  
Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will arrive at the Courthouse at 5:30 p.m. and will be taking special requests

Children's photos made with Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus  
Winners of Christmas Decorating Contest, sponsored by  
Lyntegar Electric Co-op will be announced  
Winners of Christmas Ornament Contest, sponsored by Poka Lambro, will be announced, all entries will be on display

~~~~Register to win a child-sized stocking full of fun prizes~~~~

~~~~Drawing for Door Prizes~~~~

The Museum will open at 5:00 p.m. for viewing, reminiscing,  
and serving refreshments

Hayrides throughout the evening

**EVERYONE COME!!!!!!**

Drop off for "Christmas For The Kids" at Buckner's Children's Home  
will be in the Borden County Courthouse again this year.  
New toys and gifts must be dropped off by December 10.  
Also including New Pajamas, Socks, Etc. and personal hygiene products  
(toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.)  
Children's ages Toddler - 18 years.



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# Veterans Day Assembly Set for November 11th

Borden County Schools will once again host a special assembly at 10 a.m., Wednesday, November 11. The community is welcome to attend this special event in the school's auditorium.

This year's keynote speaker will be Mr. Tommy Doyle, retired Snyder High School educator and coach. Mr. Doyle's father, Jimmie Doyle, was shot down on September 1, 1944, during a World War II mission in the Western Pacific. Jimmie Doyle's remains were located and returned for military burial last spring in his hometown of Lamesa. His son will tell his father's story, sharing how the recovery mission took place to bring his father home.

Class presidents will conduct the assembly with special readings by UIL Speech students. Special guests will include any local veterans who would like to join us for recognition on stage. Also, organizers are hopeful that plans for a military representative from Dyess Air Force Base will fall into place, but as of press time DAFB officials in

Abilene have not confirmed.

Community members and students who wish to have their relatives' photos in the slide show can send their photos via e-mail to [ssmayes@bcisd.net](mailto:ssmayes@bcisd.net) or have them delivered to Mrs. Mayes at the school. They can also be sent to P.O. Box 55, Gail, Texas, 79738. Please include the names of the serviceman/woman, their branch of service, and the relative associated with BCISD or community as we want to try and acknowledge that information in the slide show or in a program.

At this time, we are aware of only one Borden County graduate who is on active duty in the War on Terror. Lance Corporal David Adam Carter, son of Denise Carter and grandson of William and Jean Shaw, is currently on active duty in Afghanistan. Carter was home on leave last year and attended the Veterans Day Assembly after his tour of duty ended in Iraq. He is scheduled to return to the United States in December.

If other community members know of any other Borden County connections serving in the War on Terror, please contact *The Borden Star* to make us aware of this so that we can include that information in our program.

## USDA...

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<http://www.ams.usda.gov/cotton>.

The final referendum rules and the proposed rule and referendum order will be published in the Oct. 5, 2009, *Federal Register*, and can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.regulations.gov>. For more information, contact Shethir M. Riva, Chief, Research and Promotion Staff, Cotton and Tobacco Programs, AMS, USDA, Stop 0224, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 2639-S, Washington, D.C. 20250-0224, telephone (202)720-6603, facsimile (202)690-1718, or email at [Shethir.Riva@ams.usda.gov](mailto:Shethir.Riva@ams.usda.gov).

### Sixteenth Annual Lighting of the Star LIGHTS FOR GAIL

P.O. Box 312  
Gail, Texas 79738

DONATION BY \_\_\_\_\_  
(Your Name)

To have your name in the program we must have your list by Friday, November 20, 2009.

Nights available will be from November 28 through December 31, 2009. The Star on the Mountain burns continually from the day after Thanksgiving until January 2 each year.

Bulbs @ \$5.00 total, per person,  
per bulb for the season

Nights @ \$25.00 total, per person or  
couple, per bulb for the season.

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Total Bulbs \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Nights \$ \_\_\_\_\_

To be fair to all please limit each bulb or night to one of the following examples:

John Smith  
Mr. & Mrs. John Smith  
John Smith Family

If you want to list John, Jane, Joe & Julie Smith  
Please list them on separate lines at \$5.00 for  
each name listed.

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Your donation is greatly appreciated.  
(A receipt will be sent when requested)

Please note below if you wish to have the name listed above "In Honor of..." or "In Memory of..."  
For example if you listed Joe Jones for a night, note here that it is in memory of, or any special notation you wish.

Buy your chances to win a  
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\$1 per ticket

Raffle tickets will be on sale  
through October 31<sup>st</sup>  
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