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## Borden County ISD Receives Exemplary Rating Third Year in a Row

Courtesy of Lamesa Press Reporter  
By Regina Cutcher

Borden County Independent School district administrators were flying high, following the news of their districts' Exemplary ratings I the 2011 sate accountability rating.

Those ratings were released to the public by the Texas Education Agency o Friday afternoon.

State ratings are based on high school completion rates, drop-out rates and passing rates on the state test—TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills).

"Our school board makes sure that we have what we need to make us successful. Or teachers just shut the doors and teach." said Borden County

Principal Bart McMeans. "I can't say enough about the quality teachers that we have on our campus.

"I'm very proud of this for our kids and our teachers. They've risen to the challenge."

This is the third year in a row that Borden County ISD has scored in the uppermost percentage.

According to the TEA press release only 61 districts in the state of Texas received an Exemplary rating and only 5 schools in Region 17 received the top rating which included Borden County ISD.

With this being the last year for the TAKS test in Texas,

these ratings will follow these schools for two years.

The State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR™) test will be administered in 2011-2012 as a bench mark to set the standard for the 2013 school year when accountability ratings will again be taken.

More information about the individual school district and campus ratings, plus the 2011 accountability manual that details all the accountability procedures, may be found at: <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/account/2011/index.html>

## Cotton



## News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

## Drought Conditions Force Critical Decisions

Outside of a tropical rainfall event, the remainder of the growing season continues to look bleak for High Plains cotton producers as drought conditions force them to determine whether to keep watering or call it quits o the year.

With approximately two million acres of dryland cotton already written off, further losses on irrigated acreage could set the state for one of the highest abandonment rates for the area in the history of Plains Cotton Growers. About 53 percent of acreage was abandoned in 1992, and 2011 could bring an even higher number.

Jason Woodward, plant pathologist with Texas Tech and Texas AgriLife Extension, said that the current status of this year's crop is all over the map, depending on the location. He said some fields have already reached cutout, blooming through the top of the plant. But others, he said, are at seven to nine nodes above white flower, which means that yield potential is still there as long as the water can hold out.

However, water availability is becoming more of a limiting factor each day without rain. Many producers have

been gradually scaling back operations as water demand increases and supply decreases.

"The losses from this drought are already staffing, and the failure of this dryland crop is causing the business community to miss out on a tremendous amount of economic activity that typically is generated by producers from planting through now," PCG's Executive Vice President Steve Verett said. "This is only the beginning of the financial effects of this year that we're going to experience for quite some time."

Hope remains in isolated areas to the north of Lubbock where some rainfall has occurred. Some locations received up to 5 inches of rain, although hail pummeled crops in northern Floyd and some Briscoe counties.

Source: PCG Cotton News

**Borden County Independent School District**  
(Percentage of all students who met testing standards)

	2011	2010	Actual change
Reading/ELA	97 percent	95 percent	*2 percent
Writing	98 percent	97 percent	*1 percent
Social Studies	99 percent	96 percent	-3 percent
Mathematics	95 percent	88 percent	*7 percent
Science	90 percent	93 percent	-3 percent

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# Coyotes Enter 2011 Football Season in Familiar Position

Courtesy of Lamesa Press Reporter

By Dwight Hines

Pressure!  
Borden County, winners of two state six-man titles in the last three years, is picked to win its third crown in for years—its' fourth overall—by Dave Campbell's Texas Football.

Borden County, which only lost two games in the last three years and that was by a total of just three points last season against Garden City last year's Division 1 state six-man champs, as well as the rest of the area's six-man football teams began preparations for the 2011 season Monday—the first day of high school football practice.

"It's pretty nerve wracking," Richey said of that top billing.

"In my opinion, we're

ranked too high. We've got some holes to fill defensively for sure."

Borden County has to replace four starters in last year's starting defense.

Two key returnees for the Gail Gang are senior Quinton Shafer and junior Tanner Richey. Both are returning two-way starters: Shafer at end and middle linebacker and Richey at running back and safety.

The only other two returning starters at Gail are senior tailback Austin Fields and sophomore T.J. Basquez.

The Coyotes scrimmage against Loop and Ropes on August 13 at Ropes before hosting Dawson on August 20 at Gail in their second tune-up before kicking off 2011 on

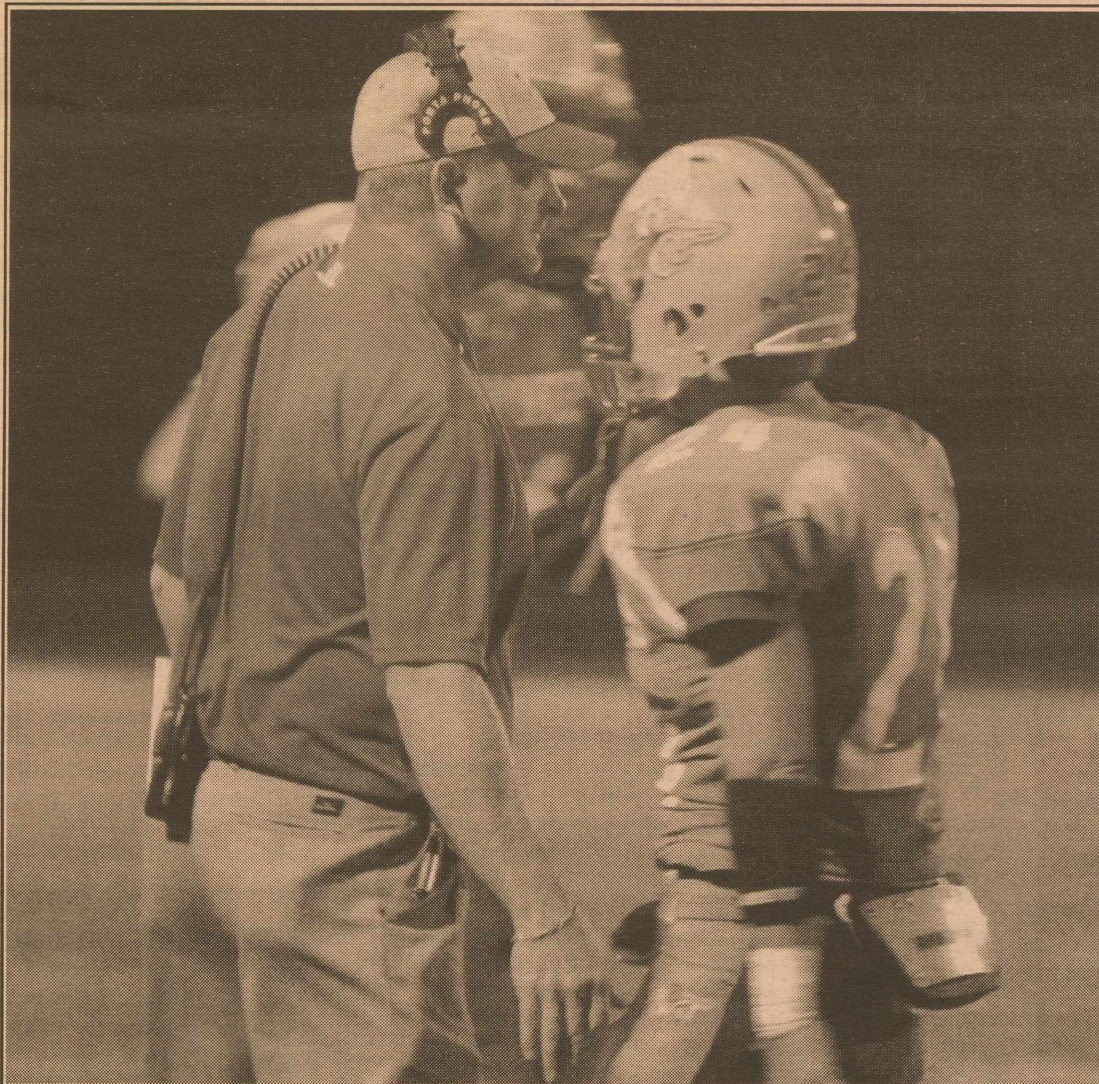
August 27 by taking on Rankin in McCamey.

"It's an opportunity to get back on our feet again after hopefully fixing the little hiccups we had last year," Richey said of 2011's outlook.

If the Coyotes are to be there at the end come December, they will have to find a way to survive what should be another tough District 5 six-man race.

Richey always has had a great deal of respect for the job the Wayne Henderson had done at Ackerly with his Sands Mustangs, while he looks for O'Donnell and Klondike to field better teams this fall.

"It should be a tough one to get out of again. It'll definitely take us being on our toes every Friday night," Richey said.



Trey Richey, Borden County head coach, heads into the 2011 football season ranked No. 1 in Division 1 according to Dave Campbell's Texas Football magazine. The Coyotes lost only two games in the past three years to Garden City with a total of only 3 points.

## Attention Borden Co. Parents New Immunization Requirements

All students entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade need to bring a copy of their updated immunization record upon entering the first day of school.

New immunization requirements are meningococcal vaccine #2 varicella and a Tdap.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kim Thomas at 756-4313 ext. 230

# Borden County Elementary School Supply List 2011-2012

**Kindergarten:** Elmer's school glue (not past), 2-glue sticks, 2-boxes of 16 Crayons, Scissors (Fiskars for kids), 4-#2 pencils, 2-Folders w/pockets, Big eraser, Supply box (cigar box size), Towel for nap time, Baby wipes/wet wipes (1 box), 1 box-Kleenex, Gym Shoes.

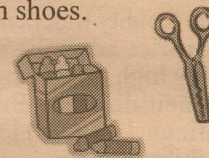
**First Grade:** 2-Boxes of 16 Crayons, 12-#2 Pencils, Supply box, Scissors (Fiskars for kids), 2 Medium sized bottles Elmer's Glue, 2-Glue sticks, 1-One subject spiral notebook (wide ruled), 4-Boxes Kleenex, Pink eraser, Gym shoes, 1 box baby wipes.



**Second Grade:** 12-#2 Pencils, Crayons, Colored Pencils, 2 Bottles Elmer's Glue, 2 Glue sticks, 1-one subject spiral notebook (wide ruled), Scissors (Fiskars for kids), Erasers, flexible ruler, small supply box, 1-Blue pocket folder (no brads), 1-Green pocket folder (no brads), 1-Yellow pocket folder (no brads), 2-boxes Kleenex, 1-box Wet wipes, gym shoes.

**Third Grade:** 1-Wide ruled spiral notebook, 1-Ruler (metric & standard), 4-Red pens, 1 Bottle school glue, 2-

Glue sticks, 3-Pocket folders (no brads), 24-#2 Pencils, 1 Pkg. notebook paper (wide ruled), Crayons, Scissors, 1 Box Kleenex, 1 Box wet wipes, 1-3 ring binder (no zippers), 1 Pkg. 3X5 index cards, Gym shoes.



**Fourth Grade:** Crayons, 1 Box #2 Pencils, 3-Red grading pens, 3-pocket folders (no brads), Notebook paper (wide ruled), 1-Ruler (metric & standard), 2-Glue sticks, 1-Eraser, Scissors, 1-Bottle Elmer's school glue, 1-Box Kleenex, 1-Large, inexpensive box-baby wipes, Index cards, Gym shoes.

**Fifth Grade:** 1-Box #2 pencils (may be mechanical), 1-Pkg. wide ruled notebook paper, 1-Pkg. colored copy paper, 4-Red grading pens, 1-Black sharpie, 2-Large glue sticks, 1-Bottle Elmer's school glue, 1-Box 24 Crayons, Colored pencils, Highlighters, 2-Boxes of Kleenex, Scissors, 1-1 inch 3-ring binder, 1-set of dividers with tabs (4), 1-pocket folder of choice, Crayola Washable markers, Ruler w/both inches and centimeters, 2-composition notebooks (not spiral notebooks), Gym shoes.

## Coyotes Begin Practice



The Borden County Coyotes began their football season this week with daily workouts. Because of the danerously high temperatures in the afternoon, Coach Trey Richey has moved practice to early morning when possible.

### BANK DEPOSITORY BID NOTICE/REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE BORDEN COUNTY ISD BOX 95 GAIL, TEXAS 79738

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive bids/requests for proposals to serve as Depository for the purpose of assisting with the banking functions for all funds of the Borden County Independent School District.

Pursuant to existing provisions of Chapter 45, Subchapter G, School District Depositories, Texas Education Code, it is the intention of the Board of Trustees of the District to select a Depository through soliciting bids and/or proposals for a Depository services contract for a term of two years beginning September 1, 2011, and ending August 31, 2013, or until such time as a successor Depository is selected and qualified agrees to a depository agreement based on either fees or compensating balances.

The District and the Depository may agree to extend this contract for two additional two-year terms in accordance with Section 45.205 of the Education Code. This section requires that the contract and any extension of this contract coincide with the District's fiscal year. In the event the District changes its fiscal year, the term of the contract may be shortened or extended no more than one year by mutual agreement to coincide, provided that this contract is to remain in effect until its successor is selected and been qualified. If the parties cannot agree, the District may at its option change the term of this contract.

The resulting contract and any extension(s) shall become binding upon the District and the Depository only upon acceptance by the Texas Education Agency.

The legal provisions providing for the naming of a Depository of the District are set forth in Subchapter G, School District Depositories, Sections 45.201 through 45.209, of the Texas Education Code. Investments by the District will be governed by the Government Code, Chapter 2256, Public Funds Investment. Securities pledged as collateral to secure District deposits will be governed by the Government Code, Chapter 2257, Collateral for Public Funds.

#### Bidders Conference

A bidders conference/pre-proposal conference will not be held. Bank representation is not required for submitting a bid or proposal; however, the submission of a bid or proposal shall be prima facie evidence that the bidder has full knowledge of the detailed requirements as outlined in this bid and proposal notice.

Bids and Proposals shall be addressed to Jimmy Thomas; Borden County Independent School District; Box 95; Gail, Texas 79738, and shall be delivered in a sealed envelope marked appropriately as "Borden County ISD Depository Bid"/ "Borden County ISD Depository Proposal". Bids and/or Proposals will be received up to but no later than 2:00 P.M. on Friday, August 12, 2011. Bids and/or Proposals will be opened and read as they are received. Banks submitting bids and/or proposals should be careful to see that the appropriate form is used. Bids and/or Proposals will be tabulated, researched, and selected by the Board of Trustees at the regular meeting on August 22, 2011. Bids and/or Proposals received after the specified date will not be considered.

The Borden County ISD Board of Trustees or its designee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposed bids and/or proposals, to waive any and all technicalities, and to accept the bid and/or proposal that will best serve the needs of the District.

Questions regarding bid and/or proposal forms, and additional information shall be directed to Jimmy Thomas by writing the above address; by fax at 806-756-4310; or by e-mail to [jthomas@bcisd.net](mailto:jthomas@bcisd.net).

By Order of the Board of Trustees  
Borden County Independent School District  
Mike Valentine, Secretary

# Borden Co. ISD Registration Set for August 9th

With July winding down, it is just a few weeks before the start of the 2011-2012 school year at Borden County Schools, where classes resume on Monday, August 22nd.

Borden County I.S.D. junior high and high school students should plan to register for the upcoming school year.

BCISD Registration has been set for Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All Junior High and High School students will register on this day.

If your child is unable to attend on August 9<sup>th</sup>, please contact Mr. McMeans at 806/756-4313.

Elementary students new to the district - anytime

All students new to Borden County I.S.D. will need the following items for registration: Social Security card, birth certificate, and shot record.

BJH students (grades 6-8) will receive their class schedules and will select their lockers. The process should be completed in about 5-10 minutes.

BHS students (grades 9-12)

will pick up their class schedule and select their lockers. Mr. McMeans will meet with all high school students to update or create their four-year graduation plan during tutorials once school is in session.

On a special note, football players should arrive early enough to finish registration prior to their workout time. Additionally, all college-bound seniors interested in taking the first administration (August 12, 2011) of the ACT college entrance exam should register online prior to August 6<sup>th</sup>. They will need to use a credit card to pay for the test online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). The BHS school code requested when you register is 442-650. The test costs \$49.50 with writing (suggested) and \$34 without the writing test. Contact Mr. McMeans at the number below if computer access is needed to register.

If you have questions concerning registration, please do not hesitate to call Mr. McMeans or Mrs. Stansell at the school during regular office hours (8-5) at (806) 756-4313.

## Cheer Camp

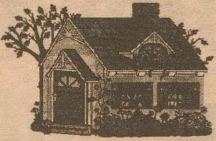


The Borden County High School and Junior High cheerleaders attended their annual cheer camp held here in Gail this week. Those attending were (back row left to right) Clair Shafer, Taylor Gass, Tye Basquez, Hanna Forbes, Stefanie Cooley, Kylie Voss, (front row left to right) Sydnee Jordan, Savannah Herridge, Cheyenne Tucker, Zoie Key and Tatum Richey.

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by Julie Smith  
Borden County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences



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### Stock Up For School!

It is hard to believe that the first day of school is just around the corner! Many of you have already bought pencils, backpacks and a stack of notebooks. However, you should consider adding these items to your shopping list for a more organized school year.

**As you're shopping for all the back-to-school basics, pick up a few unexpected additions when stores are fully stocked to make for a smoother, more organized year for everyone.**

**Easy storage.** Older kids and teens can use zippered plastic storage bags for everything from toting dirty gym clothes home to protecting an art project.

**Double up.** When your school sends home a list of required pens, pencils, paper and rulers, pick up a duplicate set

to help establish consistency and familiarity.

**Lunch backup.** Buy two lunchboxes instead of one. Inevitably your kids will forget theirs at school, and you'll be prepared with an extra.

**Clean hands.** Use a travel-sized hand sanitizer and/or hand wipes to help protect your kids when colds make the rounds.

**Spare set.** Prepare for rips, spills and the awkwardness of another child wearing the same shirt, with an extra set of clothes tucked into the backpack.

With a little pre-planning, you and your children will be prepared for a great first day of school and an outstanding school year!

Source: *Right at Home*  
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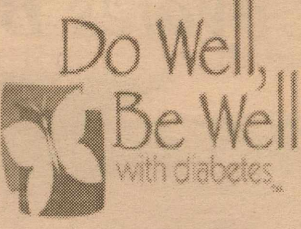


**Got News?**  
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Pre-registration required  
Registration deadline-August 5



Educational program for people with Type 2 Diabetes. Participants will learn how to manage their meal plan and self-care to maintain their blood glucose in the ranges recommended by the American Diabetes Association.



Cost: \$10 per person

Class dates: August 8, 9, 11, 16 and 18

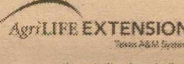
5:30pm-7:30pm

Senior Citizen Center, 2603 Ave. M


Call Belinda Kerr at 574-7182 to register or for more information. Course will be taught by Julie Smith with the Borden County Extension office.

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**Do YOU have what it takes to be a teen babysitter?**



**What:** We are offering a Teen Babysitter's Certification Course for all Borden County and area youth! This workshop will be open to youth ages 11-18. To receive the basic training, you will need to complete the one day workshop. Once you complete this workshop you are eligible to take the CPR/First Aid training which will be held at a later date yet to be determined (it will also be an 8 hour course).

**When:** Thursday, August 18, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
*NOTE A DATE CHANGE (the date has been changed to accommodate those that had conflicts)!!*

**Where:** Borden County Events Center

**Cost:** \$20 (this will cover supplies and lunch)

**RSVP:** Tuesday, August 16, 2011 by 5:00 p.m. to (806)756-4336 or [julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu](mailto:julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu)

This event is being offered by Julie Smith, County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences with Texas AgriLife Extension Service-Borden County. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in Extension sponsored programs are encouraged to contact Texas AgriLife Extension Service - Borden County at (806)756-4336 to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.

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**Thank you for reading the Borden Star**

# Union Specific's Tyler Wallace Another Borden County Musician Hits the Road

While in Austin this summer, I joined Buddy and Kip Wallace one evening to go hear their son Tyler (BHS 2005 graduate and 2009 Austin College graduate) who was playing with his band, Union Specific. The live performance displayed Tyler's inherited musical abilities—both vocal and instrumental—and also gave audience members a glimpse at his trademark humor and storytelling gift.

Union Specific completed a 19-city US tour in June, with stops in Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and Alabama before returning to Texas June 26.

*In an e-interview, Tyler answers some questions for The Borden Star.*

**Did your dad teach you to play?** Dad is certainly the one who taught me to play guitar. Growing up, there were always guitars lying around the house. When I got to the age where I thought I needed to impress girls, I inevitably asked Dad to show me a few chords. However, I didn't start writing my own songs until early in college, when I met a group of talented songwriters who were a few years older than me. I thought those guys were so good, and that they would without a doubt be big Texas songwriters someday. They made it look so easy, I thought, "I could do that." Interestingly, most of them are now lawyers, teachers, and government workers. Ha-ha. I'm the only one who tried to do anything serious with it. However, Union Specific still plays some of their songs, and as far as I know those guys still write music. It doesn't make them any less the artist. I still seek their advice.

**Do you have any memories of your dad playing with Prairie Fire?** I can't remember when the band folded. Although, I was a little kid running around playing in the dirt

during most of those nights when Dad was playing a dance, anytime an 80's-90's era country song is played on a jukebox, I am immediately taken back to those days. I am usually compelled to turn to the person next to me (even if they are a complete stranger) and let them know that "my Dad's band used to play that song exactly how it sounds right now to a tee." Dad left the band sometime around the time that I was in early junior high. I think he just got too busy with his other passion of teaching. I know he once entertained the idea of getting back together for a sort of reunion, but you know how busy he is, so I don't think it ever happened.

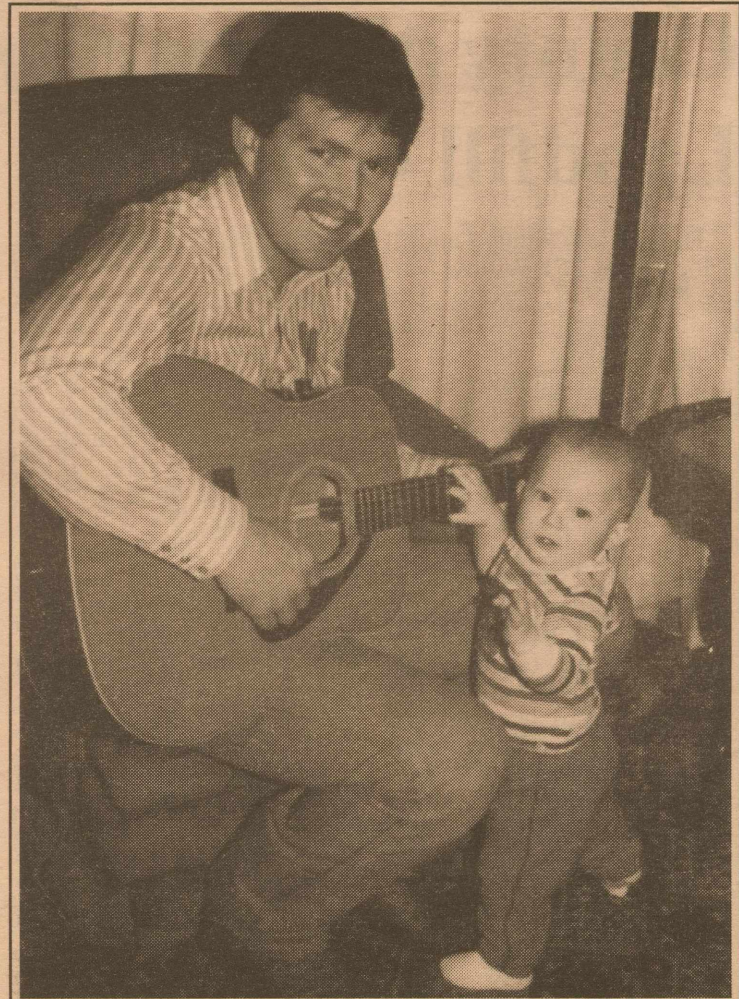
**What did your dad's band experiences teach you? Does he share that wealth of experience, or have you tried to go this alone?** I seek Dad's advice commonly; mostly I consult with him on inner band issues. I have been privileged to work with a wide variety of musicians and all kinds of different people. They have all been great to work with, but each one brings a unique personality. And let's just say that sometimes this causes issues to arise that take a little pragmatism to handle. Dad was one of the driving forces behind his band, so naturally he dealt with a lot of that, and he usually knows exactly what I'm talking about when I bring some of these issues to him. However, outside the band, the landscape for trying to do music has immensely changed since the Prairie Fire days. I've had to essentially learn the business side from scratch. In Dad's day, a band recorded a demo, and then hoped to get "discovered" and signed by a label. That era is essentially over thanks to the Internet. It's now on the shoulders of the artists to work hard and build up a big enough "buzz" in order to become financially viable. So in that respect, I have had to do my own research and come up with my own plan.

However, if I have had to learn it on my own, I haven't had to do it alone. Mom and Dad have always been tremendously helpful. They know that this isn't some kind of hobby. It's like any startup business. First you have to learn it, and then you have to do it.

**What life lessons are you learning from being in a band and being one of the leaders in the band (from financial aspects to social aspects)?**

What's that saying? "It's not the years in your life but the life in your years?" Ha-ha, I can't really fit the number of life lessons you learn doing something like this into one paragraph. I will say that many of them are learned the hard way, but I think many times that's the only way. Being successful in music means throw-

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*Pictured is Buddy with Tyler around a year old. Tyler took an interest in the guitar and music at a young age.*



*At last year's Coyote Opry, Buddy and Tyler played together with one of Tyler's fellow band members. The father and son have always enjoyed playing together at the annual event.*

# County Announces Landfill Guidelines

The Borden County Landfill is located at 851 Willow Valley Road, Gail, Texas. The landfill is open on Wednesday afternoons from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday mornings 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. This landfill is for Borden County residents only. There is a Borden County attendant on duty to assist you with your load during these hours.

The landfill can accept used oil and oil filters. Used oil must be put in the special recycling container located inside the landfill. Herbicide containers will be accepted only if they have been rinsed out three times and the bottom of the container has holes punched in it. Household waste, any waste or trash that is generated in a home will be accepted along with burn barrels that trash has been burned at home and barrels are no longer smoldering. Household appliances maybe unloaded at the attendants discretion, appliances that use freon will have

to be tagged by a HVAC Technician before it will be allowed inside the landfill. Tree limbs and garden and grass cuttings can be stacked in a designated area on the backside of the landfill containers, please do not put these in the containers. Construction waste, small, short pieces of wood, dry wall, wallpaper or glass will be accepted into the containers. Paint cans/buckets must be empty and the remaining residue must be completely dry. This does not include paint thinners, or like chemicals. No asbestos or roofing tar.

The Borden County Landfill cannot accept oilfield waste nor industrial waste. No tires, batteries, free liquids or materials classified as hazardous or special waste can be placed into the containers at any time.

These guidelines are required by Borden County and Duncan Disposal. Please call 806/756-4391 if you need further information.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

On July 13, 2011, Sharyland Utilities, L.P. ("Sharyland"), a regulated electric utility company, filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") entitled *Application of Sharyland Utilities, L.P. to Approve Retail Plan Pursuant to the Commission's Order in Docket No. 37990 for Customers in the Stanton, Colorado City, Brady and Celeste Divisions* ("Application").


The Application describes an obligation from a stipulation in Docket No. 37990 that requires Sharyland to file on or before July 13, 2011, a proposal regarding whether to move Sharyland's former Cap Rock Energy Corporation's customers to retail competition and includes a proposed Retail Plan. The Retail Plan analyzes whether Sharyland's Brady, Celeste, Stanton and Colorado City divisions should move to retail competition and proposes that they should do so on or before January 1, 2014. The Retail Plan provides the necessary provisions and steps to achieve retail competition for the affected divisions, and outlines the activities that must be accomplished before commencement of competition. The Application asks that the Commission (1) determine that Sharyland has complied with its Docket No. 37990 obligation to submit a Retail Plan and (2) approve the transition to retail competition of Sharyland's Stanton, Colorado City, Brady and Celeste divisions in accordance with the Retail Plan.

This Application has been assigned Docket No. 39592. Interested persons will be afforded the opportunity to participate in this proceeding. The deadline for intervention in this proceeding is **August 29, 2011**, and a letter requesting intervention should be received by the Commission by that date.

A complete copy of Sharyland's Application is available for inspection at Sharyland's offices located at 511 West Ohio, Suite 600, Midland, Texas 79701 and 1900 North Akard Street, Dallas, Texas 75201, and at the office of Sharyland's legal representative, Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, at 701 Brazos Street, Suite 970, Austin, Texas 78701.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should mail their requests to intervene or their comments (along with 10 copies of your letter) to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas, 78711-3326 with reference to Docket No. 39592. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. All communications should refer to Docket No. 39592.

## WATER CONSERVATION




got water?  
Do your part, be water smart!


Borden County Fun with 4-H Day

**Who:** Youth entering Kindergarten—3rd Grade  
**When:** Wednesday, August 10 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Borden County Events Center in Gail  
**Cost:** \$5 per child to cover supply costs  
**Activities:** It will be filled with many fun activities related to water conservation! We will be making crafts and playing fun games.


For more information, or to let us know that you will be able to attend, please call or e-mail the Extension Office at (806) 756-4338 or borden-b@tamu.edu.  
 NOTE: You do not have to RSVP to participate, but it helps let us know how many to plan for.



We will seek to provide all reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for any Extension program. We request that you contact the Texas Agrilife Extension Service office as soon as possible to advise of auxiliary aid that you will require.



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# Another Borden County Musician...

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ing everything you have at it. However, you have to allot time in your life for obtaining resources so that you can do that. (day jobs, etc) One of the reasons Mom and Dad have been supportive is because I'm not calling them every three weeks asking for rent money. There is a common mentality, if you tell someone that you play music for a living that you must be a lazy, guitar picking, pot smoking hippie. They assume you just lie around all day and then play your show at night, and that you should probably get a "real job." So I've learned not to say what I really do. I wake up at the same time as my daytime coworkers, but when they get home they go to bed; my workday is just getting started. A lot of music business stuff takes place at night. I guess one of the social aspects that I have always found interesting is that in these early stages you have to do your business with the night people, so that eventually you can reach the day people. These worlds seem so separate from each other, and I get to see both of them. Sometimes it's funny to me how disappearing one is of the other. But, I'm certainly not complaining. I spend most of my life awake, during the day and the night, dealing with both kinds of people so.... "more life in my years."

**What about your small town roots? Any influence?** Sure, sure. You know it's funny. I was talking to Jeff Dennis last year at SXSW (we were both watching the Thriftstore Cowboys play), and he made the remark about how interesting it was that not only did two serious bands come out of Borden County, but neither of them went a mainstream route with their music. That is odd considering what is played on the radio out there. Must be something in the lack of water. (These are the only two bands that I am aware of, but I'm sure there are more). The Thriftstore Cowboys were crafting their own original music when I was still struggling to make a G chord. By the time I got old enough to be influenced by them, they had forged their unique sound that has definitely always been

an influence on the music I have tried to make. Gregg and I are constantly listening to those records, and we played that stuff for our bass player, Kim who I think goes to more Thriftstore shows now than I do. As for the small town of Gail, TX itself, I think it is always indirectly influencing what I write. As a songwriter, I try to tell people what I think I know about a lot of things, and I also like to make up stories. Naturally, many of these subjects are rooted in lessons learned in a small West Texas town.

**How did playing at the FFA State convention in 2004 and 2005 with your band The Gail Bunch prepare you for this part of your music life?**

It's like having a one hit wonder. You get together a group of friends like Shane (Tarleton), who you heard play once, Garrett (Thomas), who owned a bass, Ben (Griffin), who didn't play an instrument but I wanted my best friend to be in it so I made him the lead singer, and finally we put together a jumble of old Borden County band hall drums and put Kyle (Pinkerton) on them. We practiced for a week. We played to a handful of judges at the district level, and then we got to advance to the area level where we played the same song, a little better this time, for about 250 people, our age, who voted to send us to the state level. Even though we only knew two songs, we kind of started to feel like rock stars. And then we went to all the camps and told all the girls we were in the Gail Bunch, and they thought it was pretty neat, and we started to feel like we were famous in our own right. We then played at the state convention in front of a crowd of ten thousand yelling kids, and we convinced ourselves that they were all there to see us! Then, you're done...it's over just like that. So in reality it is absolutely nothing like being in a real band. All it really does is give some people the experience of being the Beatles for a month, and then for some like me, it has the dangerous effect of making one feel like it is what one wants to do with their life. I have yet to play to a crowd of

real life fans, that large in size, but the crowds are getting a little bigger with each show.

**What about your recent US tour?**

The tour lasted an entire month with only about four nights where we didn't have a show. So....long enough to feel like a tour. The lesson we learned is that at this point in our existence as a band there is no reason to go out that long or cover that much ground. We found a lot of new markets where people were certainly supportive. We plan to go back, but next time we'll probably only do about two weeks up into the Midwest and back down. Then we might wait a few months and do the same thing. You save more money that way, and you can narrow your focus a little bit. It's all about cultivating markets wherever you go. Nobody remembers who you are if you don't go back.

**Favorite tour venue, favorite tour memory?**

It seemed that every venue that we played in the Midwest was as awesome as the last. The people up there were so nice to us and so hungry to hear our music. In Sioux City, Iowa, we played to a crowd of somewhere around 250-300 people. Afterwards we did a meet and greet at the merchandise table and so many people came up to tell us how much they appreciated us "going out of our way to come and play in little old Sioux City." It was like that pretty much everywhere we played. Maquoketa, Iowa, is about the size of Gail. We played on a farm that belonged to a couple who had turned their basement into an honest to goodness music venue. I had never seen anything like it. We were out in the middle of nowhere, and when we pulled up to the farm, they immediately began feeding us mounds of food, and people came in from apparently all over the county. Even after we finished playing the set, they wanted to hear more, so they kept us up until about 3 or 4 in the morning taking turns playing sing-along on the acoustic guitar. Then they put us up for the night and fed us one of the biggest breakfasts I can remember having in awhile. And after all that, they insisted on paying us more that

had been originally agreed. That kind of stuff happened a lot on the trip, but we are definitely going back to Iowa! Small town rural people just like where I grew up!

**Tell us about your "day" job of tutoring.**

Ahhh, the ever looming day job. Well, I am fortunate to have found employment at the Austin Learning Center. One of the hardest things for an artist to do is to find a job that pays enough to support you while you do what you love, but that also gives you the amount of time you need to do what you love. I've already talked about the hard work aspect, but I have to say that playing a show is about 1% of all the time you dedicate to making art for a living. But it's not only that. Another part of the equation is doing something that you enjoy to make money while you chase doing what you love. I get a lot of fulfillment out of tutoring young people and being a positive influence in their lives. I'm sure that's the same answer Dad might have given back in his band days. But, tutoring doesn't put the time constraints

on me like full time teaching must have put on Dad. I don't know how he did it; they used to play everywhere. I am always looking to improve that balance in my life but for now the tutoring lets me do what I want to do and has the added plus of being rewarding. There is an overall life improvement that happens when you like what you do. But in the end, I guess that is the whole reason I'm trying to play music.

Union Specific's website, which has more biographical information on all band members, photos, and tour dates, is [www.unionspecific.com](http://www.unionspecific.com). Another site with band information is [http://www.sonicbids.com/epk/epk.aspx?epk\\_id=189982](http://www.sonicbids.com/epk/epk.aspx?epk_id=189982).

Note: The Thriftstore Cowboys are still playing and touring after more than ten years together. Borden County graduates Clint Miller and brother Colt Miller are two members of this popular band. More information on their latest recordings and tour dates can be found on [www.thriftstorecowboys.info/](http://www.thriftstorecowboys.info/)

## Ladies Attend SPC Team Camp

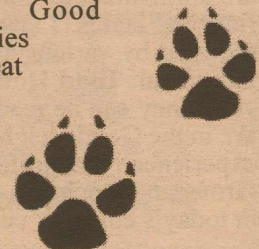
By Chris Cooley

Ten girls traveled to Levelland to take part in the South Plains College Lady Texan Team Camp. The girls attending were Stefanie Cooley, Aubree Lester, Raegan Belongia, Kylie Voss, Teryn Soto, Lexi Peterson, Taylor Gass, Kalyn Massingill, Clair Shafer and Tye Basquez. Kaylyn Dean was signed up to go but came up ill so could not make the trip.

The camp started Sunday July 24 and continued through Tuesday July 26 with the team playing nine games during that period. The team didn't win as many games as was hoped but was still very successful. Their record for the camp ended up 3-6 with wins against Coahoma, Floydada and

Ropes. The Lady Coyotes played well in all the games just couldn't find the basket in some of those games.

I would like to thank the parents for letting their daughter attend the camp and all their help. I would also like to thank Coach Skelton for being at all the games and giving the girls word of encouragement after games and at the end of camp. I look forward to watching the Lady Coyote basketball season. Good luck ladies on a great season.



## *Business & Professional Good Neighbor Review of Lamesa*

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**Wal-Mart** located at 2406 Lubbock Hwy, on Lamesa is known as this section's leading discount store. Phone 872-9576. Visit them on your next trip to Lamesa. This merchandising center offers the highest quality ladies, mens and childrens clothing, jewelry, household products, appliances, electronic equipment, hygiene products, lawn and garden supplies, sporting goods, auto supplies and many others. When a store is able to satisfy the most exacting demands of all classes of people, then it must be acknowledged that it has reached an enviable position in it's trade. Such is the case of this prominent firm for this section. People of every class have found that merchandise from this store is made from the best of materials and is moderately priced. They make a specialty of catering to those of moderate means and each department of this store is under the supervision of people well trained in the needs of the department and all merchandise is arranged for the convenience of the customer. So stop and shop at **Wal-Mart**.

### *Scarborough Drilling*

Scarborough Drilling in Lamesa is completely equipped to drill or repair a water well properly and efficiently. Phone 872-3285 for free estimates and information on any water well you want drilled or repaired. They are located at 2001 S. Hwy. 87 and have had years of experience in drilling and repairing wells. Many in this community have had an occasion to call on them many times in the past. They have always offered efficient and reliable service at a reasonable rate. When you think of drilling a new water well or repairing an old one, always think of Scarborough Drilling. In this "Good Neighbor Review", we feel we can highly recommend the reliable services offered by this water well driller, and suggest that you call them and ask for any information and estimates before having any well drilled or repaired. Also, you will find that they carry any size submersible pumps for all your resident or irrigation needs. We feel you will be highly satisfied with their quality work.

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The reputation of Britt Trucking & Construction Co. has been built upon its excellent service, the satisfaction and good will of its many oilfield customers. One of the leaders of its kind in this section, this business is under the management of a man who knows the demands of his customers and furnishes quality service at fair prices. People throughout this section prefer trading with Britt Trucking & Construction Co. located on the Seminole Hwy in Lamesa because they are assured of fair treatment and courteous dependable service. It has often been said that business goes where it is invited and stays where it is well treated. This fact accounts for the success and popularity of this firm among oilfield people of this area. In this review of reliable trade concerns in our trade territory we wish to recommend Britt Trucking & Construction Co. to all of our many readers. Their years of satisfactory service in the oilfield and fair prices are your assurance that this is the best place to trade for all your oilfield trucking or construction work. Phone 806/872-353.

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### *B.E. Implement Ryan Webb-Manager*

When is the market for farm implements, be sure to go to **B.E. Implement** located at 1605 N. Hwy 87 in Lamesa. Phone 872-5474. **B.E. Implement** features the famous *John Deere* farm machinery, which has stood the years of rugged usage and has proven satisfactory in every phase to the farmers of this area. To be efficient, a piece of farm machinery must be built to stand the rugged use necessarily involved in the working of farm land and *John Deere* is just that equipment. **B.E. Implement** also features a complete parts and repair department, so that when your equipment needs overhauling and renovating, as all machinery must at various times they can give you the best possible service in the shortest possible time and at the least expense to you. Be sure to contact **B.E. Implement** first when in the market for any type of farm equipment. Just phone for information or stop in the next time you are in Lamesa and let one of their representatives show you the advantages of using *John Deere* equipment to put your farm on a really paying basis. "*Nothing Runs Like a Deer*".

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## *Business & Professional Good Neighbor Review of Snyder*

### *E.D. Walton Construction Co.*

This well-known firm is located on the old Lubbock Hwy, phone 573-0146. In this particular field of endeavor there is no company more worthy of extended mention in this review than this well known institution. Under the direction of men and women thoroughly conversant with every feature of this industry, it has become a very important asset to this area. By reason of the fact that the management has had wide experience in every area of this business and because of their comprehensive knowledge of every branch of the trade, this firm has continued to witness an increase in the number of their patrons. We in this Good Neighbors Review issue highly recommend **E.D. Walton Construction** as being an asset to this community. For over 50 years, they have added to the progress and prosperity of this entire section. The management and assistants are men and women of practical experience in this type of business.