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## Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

### *Live in Day Tight Compartments*

Do you get distracted by the past? Do you fret over what may happen in the future? Does today get the least of your attention? Are you frustrated by stress from the past and the future? One solution is to live in day tight compartments.

This concept is derived from the function of watertight compartments on a ship. On a ship, each room (compartment) has a watertight safety door that can be sealed to prevent water from entering. In the event of a leak in the ship's hull, the doors can be sealed to prevent water from filling the entire ship causing it to sink. With this system, the damage from any hole is limited to a small, contained area.

Without watertight compartments, even a small leak would eventually sink the largest ship. The watertight compartments allow a ship to remain afloat even if impaired. The influence of your past and uncertainty of the future are like leaks in your life.

The effects of bad experiences or fear of the future can sink your life, if you let it. If the impact of your past constantly affects each day, it is impossible to move forward. Left unchecked, this can sink you. In the most extreme cases, a person can wind up with a mental breakdown.

Worry and fear about the future also allows water to seep in. Apprehension about what will happen tomorrow impedes your progress just like a boat taking on water. Obsessive worry about the future causes mental paralysis where someone is afraid to take any proactive action.

When this happens, a person's life is affected by the decisions of others rather than by intention. Both the influence of the past and anticipation of the future can have a debilitating impact on your life.

The ideal situation is one where you function exclusively in the present. You want to protect yourself from the encumbrance of the past and the uncertainty of the future.

This is treating each day as a day tight compartment. You focus exclusively on today and block out diversions from yesterday and tomorrow. Each new day begins when you wake up and ends when you go to sleep for the night.

Your conscious time is your day tight compartment. It is insulated from all else. Each day has two doors. One protects you from the past and the other prevents you from fretting

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## Texas Rangers Winter Caravan to Make Stop in Gail America

By Sue Jane Mayes

Mark your calendars.

On January 25, the a contingency from Major League Baseball's Texas Rangers organization will make a quick stop in Gail to promote the upcoming 2012 baseball season.

The Rangers released the following press announcement this week.

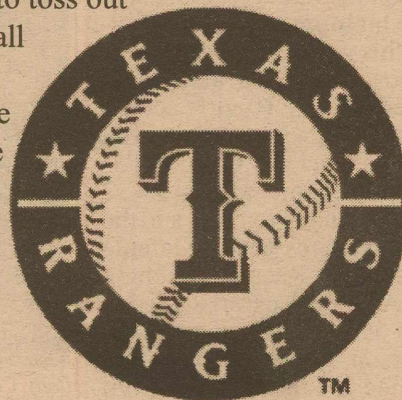
Arlington (January 5, 2012) — Plans have been finalized for the 2012 Texas Rangers Winter Caravan. Presented by Academy Sports and Outdoors, Rangers executives, players, coaches, and alumni will make over 50 appearances at schools, civic clubs, and military installations over the next month in Texas and Oklahoma.

The 2012 caravan will travel to Austin, Abilene, Corpus Christi, Gail, Killeen, Kingsville, Longview, Lubbock, Round Rock, San Antonio, Sherman, Tyler, Waco, and Wichita Falls in Texas and Oklahoma City,, Oklahoma well as numerous locations in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.

Tentative plans are for the Rangers representatives to first meet at the new Borden County ISD baseball field at 8:30 a.m. Here, Head Baseball Coach Trey Richey, Assistant Coach Peter Benavidez, and the Coyote baseball team will greet the Rangers reps. The Rangers group will be invited to toss out the "First Pitch" to officially dedicate the new baseball field.

Following this, an assembly will be held in the school. County Judge Ross Sharp will present the team representatives with the "Keys to Borden County." Other presentations will follow.

More information will be provided in next week's Borden Star as details of the visit are finalized.



## Coyotes Suffer Loss to O'Donnell Eagles

By Coach Baeza

The varsity boys took on the O'Donnell Eagles on Jan. 6 and suffered a disappointing loss 48-36.

The Coyotes were able to win the first quarter 9-8 but still were not shooting the ball as well as they had the first two games. In the second quarter the Eagles took advantage of second opportunities to have their biggest quarter of the game of 17 points and took a 25-17 lead into half.

The Coyotes responded

well after half time and played some great basketball but were unable to put a major offensive run together. The Coyotes did a better job of blocking out but still struggled from the field and were not able to close the gap on the eagles.

Scoring for the Coyotes: Quinton Shafer 16, Tanner Richey 7, Austin Tyler 6, Jared Smith 3, Riley Smith 2, and Helio Rosales 2. Also contributing were Collin Telchik, and Kurt Shafer.

## Lady Coyotes Cage the Lady Eagles

By Coach Skelton

The Lady Coyotes jumped out to a 24-8 halftime lead over the O'Donnell Lady Eagles last Friday night. "I really thought we started out sluggish, but we found our stride and really did some good things tonight." Coach Skelton stated after the game.

"I was really happy with the effort on the defensive end of the floor tonight." "They have a really good post player, and Raegan and Deano both did a fantastic job against her tonight holding her scoreless in the first half."

Coach Skelton also was happy to see more of a concentrated effort by everyone tonight. "I thought after the Klondike game we kind of hit a funk." However Coach Skelton mentioned on several occasions that everyone had a little bit more fire in their bellies this game.

Coach Skelton also mentioned that all 10 girls scored to go along with that renewed energy. The Lady Coyotes finished the game with a 54-32 win O'Donnell tonight, and the leading scores were: Stefanie Cooley 14, Raegan Belongia 12, Aubree Lester 8, Kylie Voss 5, Taylor Gass and Lexi Peterson 4, Tye Basquez and Kaylee Dean 2, and Kalyn Massingill 1.

This moves the Lady Coyotes to 17-4 on the year, and 4-1 in district play. Coach Skelton stated also that this coming week's games will be huge for the Lady Coyotes. Klondike losing to Loop on Friday puts the Ladies right back into the hunt for a district title.

The girls would also like to tell Mrs. Mayes thank you for everything she does for them, and to let her know they are thinking about her.



Lady Coyote, Taylor Gass shoots to score against the Lady Eagles in last Fridays match against O'Donnell.



Junior Borden Coyote, Tanner Richey (#20) guards an Eagle opponent in last weeks game against O'Donnell. The Coyotes came up short against the Eagles with a final score of 48-36.

## Lady Coyote JV Dominates O'Donnell Lady Eagles!

By Coach Benavidez

January 6, 2012 was a great day for 6 young ladies that play for the Borden County Coyotes

JV squad. These young ladies are Bailey Robinson, Clair Shafer, McKenna Campbell, Shea Burkett, and the McMeans sisters, Mollie and Mallory.

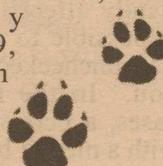
This game was no cake walk as some of O'Donnell's girls were players that were brought down from the varsity team to gain experience. This was not the experience that they were looking for, however. The ladies in red, white and Columbia Blue came out on a mission.

As I have stated before, confidence is doing some great things for these young ladies. They showed it as they came out on fire on Friday. The Borden County girls scored a season high 56 points. The game was neck and neck until the third quarter. The Lady Coyotes had a two point advantage at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter with a score of 12-10.

The second quarter saw the Lady Coyotes extend their lead to 6 points with a score of 24 to 18.

Shea Burkett broke loose in the third quarter for two - 3 point, nothing- but- net shots. Everyone got in on the scoring in the third quarter which opened the flood gates as the Lady Coyotes outscored the Lady Eagles 17-4 making the score 41-22. The same continued in the fourth quarter as the Lady Coyotes kept the hot hand and outscored the Lady Eagles 15-4. The final score was 56-26.

The scoring for this game is as follows; McKenna Campbell 15, Mollie McMeans 11, Shea Burkett 11, Mallory McMeans 9, Bailey Robinson 6, and Clair Shafer 4. Great job, ladies!



# Lady Coyotes Tame the Lady Mustangs

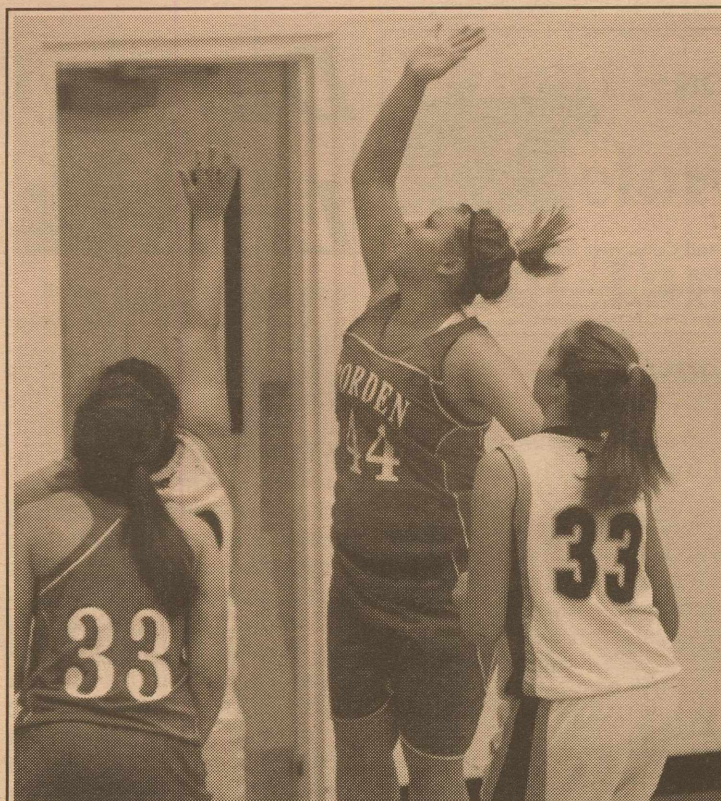
By Coach Skelton

The Lady Coyotes proved to be too much early for the Lady Mustangs of Sands. Two early three pointers from Aubree Lester spurred the Lady Coyotes to a 15 point first quarter while the defense held Sands scoreless. "We knew going into this game that it was important to get off to a fast start, and I'm glad we did." Coach Skelton also stated "I like the fact we came out looking for things we had talked about early in the week on the offensive side."

The offense and defense both were in full force and at half time it was 29-3 in favor of the Lady Coyotes.

Stefanie Cooley also

chipped in two threes, while Raegan Belongia and Kyle Voss each had 9 rebounds while Teryn Soto contributed with 4 defensive rebounds. Coach Skelton was really proud of the bench players who combined for 9 points, 8 steals, 8 rebounds, and 6 assists throughout the course of the game. The defense led by Talyor Gass with 6 deflections, 4 steals, Aubree Lester 6 deflections, 4 steals; Stefanie Cooley 4 deflections and 2 steals Kalyn Massingill, Tye Basquez, and Lexi Peterson each with 1 steal. The Ladies won the game 51-15 and move to 16-4 on the season and 3-1 in district play.



Raegan Belongia (#44) scores two points for the Lady Coyotes.

# JV Lady Coyotes Battle at Forson Tournament to Take Consolation

By Coach Benavidez

The Lady Coyote JV team gained some very valuable experience this weekend as they travelled to Forsan Thursday and Saturday to play in the Forsan JV Tournament. The girls battled in three games that all went down to the wire against teams that came from bigger schools and ended up winning consolation in a tournament where they were the smallest school present. Mollie and Mallory McMeans, Shea Burkett, McKenna Campbell, Clair Shafer, and Bailey Robinson all contributed a great deal.

The first game was against the Seagraves Lady Eagles, which is a team that we played against back on November 29, 2011 and lost a 28 -39 game here in Gail. The Lady Coyotes were determined to play better and they did. In fact, the lady Coyotes held a 13-5 lead at halftime. That lead vanished in the third quarter as the Lady Eagles came out and pressured us really well. However, once the shock of the comeback was over the Lady Coyotes held together well and were only down 2 points at the end of the

third with a score of 19-21. The Lady Coyotes fought hard but found themselves on the short end of 25-31 score. This was definitely a game that could have gone either way and was a valuable learning experience. The scoring for this game is as follows; Mallory McMeans 9, McKenna Campbell 8, Bailey Robinson 5, Mollie McMeans 3.

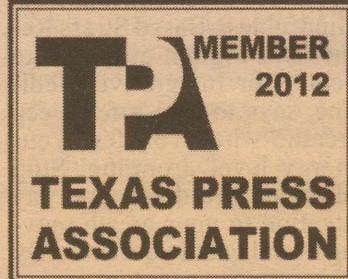
The next day the Lady Coyotes JV had a district game against the O'Donnell Eagles in which they took out their frustrations and beating the Lady Eagles 56-26.

Early the next day the Lady Coyotes travelled back to Forsan to avenge their loss from Thursday. Playing a 9:00 game is not easy and playing it against a bigger school in the form of the Coahoma Lady Bulldogs is not the best way to earn a win. The Lady Coyotes showed a lot of stubbornness and resolve in this game as they gained an early advantage in the first quarter of 6-2, held on to it in the second with a score of 10-6 and finished the third quarter with a 17-10 lead. The Lady Bulldogs did every-

thing they could to deter the Lady Coyotes but just could not overcome the lead. The final score was 21-19. The scoring for this game is as follows; Mallory McMeans 14,

Bailey Robinson, McKenna Campbell, and Mollie McMeans each had 2, Clair Shafer 1.

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## Consolation Winners



The JV Lady Coyotes won Consolation at the recent Forsan JV tournament. Pictured are team members (left to right) Shea Burkett, Mollie McMeans, Claire Shafer, Mallory McMeans, Bailey Robinson and McKenna Campbell.

## School Lunch Menu

January 16 - 20, 2012

Menu subject to change

**Monday** - Breakfast: Cereal/Graham Cracker, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Oven Crispy Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Fruity Gelatin and Milk.

**Tuesday** - Breakfast: Sausage & Biscuit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Corn dog, Western Beans, Carrot Dippers, Sparkly Apple, Pudding Cup and Milk.

**Wednesday** - Breakfast: Omelet & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Cheeseburger Mac, Garden Salad, Corn, Cornbread, Cherry Fruit Bar and Milk.

**Thursday** - Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Nacho Grande, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomato, Orange Smiles, Sugar Cookie and Milk.

**Friday** - Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pizza, Broccoli Salad, Corn on Cob, Rosey Applesauce and Milk.

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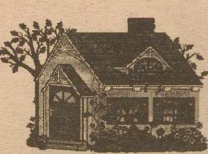
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**Heart and Home ...**

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



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## Energy Boosters

Grab an apple. Flutter your eyelashes. Take a deep breath. Touch your toes. What do these things have in common? They're all ways to keep your energy going throughout the day.

What are the secrets to enjoying each day to the fullest—and with the most energy you can muster? We polled the experts for some quick, easy, energy-boosting tips that can help you and your family make the most of each day.

**Try a little mini-yoga together.** As soon as everyone gets up and out of bed, gather the family together to greet the new day. Edward Vilga, a leading New York City yoga teacher and author of *Yoga in Bed and Yoga for Suits* (both Running Press), suggests a simple stretch like slowly reaching for your toes. (If your hamstrings are tight, just bend your knees a little.) Everyone will experience a lengthening of the spine, a release of the lower back and a gentle flow of fresh blood to the brain. To make it more fun, have young kids swing their arms like elephant trunks.

**Eat right.** Try to make breakfast a family meal at home. Be sure it has some protein going for it (yogurt, cottage cheese, peanut butter, eggs), whole grains (cereal and bread) and fruit. Unlike donuts and pastries, a healthy, low-fat meal won't bring on an energy crash as the morning wears on.

**Buy blooms.** Or grow them in your own home garden. A study at Harvard Medical School shows that flowers not only make a room look prettier but also lift the mood of everyone around.

**Be a flirt.** Sit back in your favorite chair and flutter your eyelashes for three seconds, and then blink three times. You'll get an energy boost thanks to a brain reflex that the light-to-dark sequence sets off, says Kay Porter, PhD, author of *The Mental Athlete* (Human Kinetics Publishers).

**Snack healthy.** Keep a bowl of fruit on the kitchen counter so every member of the family can grab an apple, pear or banana instead of a cookie for a snack. You'll enjoy a burst of energy that doesn't create a crash later on (just the opposite effect of sugary snacks!). Plus fruit requires no preparation or cleanup and is easy to eat on the go.

**Take a deep breath.** That age-old adage still holds true. Jeffrey Brantley, MD, an author and founder/director of the Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Program at the Duke Center for Integrative Medicine, says to take a few deep breaths when you feel your energy level dropping. Stop what you are doing and pay attention to your breath moving in and out of your body. By taking time to pause instead of rushing, hurrying and worrying, you give yourself a chance to rest and recharge.

**Get into togetherness...and the great outdoors.** Studies at Santa Clara University in California show that the energizing effect of exercise is boosted when done with a partner. Ditto when exercise occurs outdoors. You might get more out of raking leaves with your kids in your own backyard than jogging on a treadmill. And you can make it fun for your kids by racing to see who can bag the most leaves in 15 minutes.

**Break up the routine.** Another way to get out of an energy-zapping rut is by having family members do things they don't usually do. If your daughter normally sets the table and your son makes the salad, have them switch tasks.

**Lastly, think positively.** Encourage everyone in your family to end each day recalling something good each one did, no matter how small, or something he or she was grateful for that day.

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<http://www.rightathome.com>

# Dare to Live...

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about the future.

In a ship, water is always trying to find its way into the hull. Constant inspection and maintenance is required to ensure that a ship remains seaworthy. In your life, negative influences and thoughts are constantly trying to permeate your thinking.

Although you can't eliminate the force of negative influences, any more than a sailor can eliminate the strength of the sea, you can close your safety doors when they begin to seep in. When you find yourself being pulled into the past or diverted by the future, close your safety doors and create a day tight compartment.

Each day the challenge to stay focused begins anew. One day you can be perfectly on track and the next day you find leaks starting to spring up. Each day you must be aware of your thoughts and feelings

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### 4-H Food Challenge Teams

We will begin practice for the 4-H Food Challenge contest on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:45 to 5:00 in the Home Economics Lab. Please plan to attend if you wish to be on a team. The Food Challenge contest is made up of a team of 3-5 members work to prepare a dish with a set of ingredients in 40 minutes along with a brief presentation on nutrition, food safety, steps of preparation and cost per serving. Future practices will be held on Tuesday, January 31, Tuesday, February 7, Tuesday, February 14, and Tuesday, February 21 after school in the Home Ec Lab. The District Food Challenge contest will be held Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> in Lubbock. For more information contact Julie Smith at the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or e-mail at [julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu](mailto:julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu)

### 4-H Clothing Project

Youth interested in learning about fashion design, clothing selection, care, and basic construction techniques are invited to participate in the Clothing Project. Please bring \$10 for supplies (all materials will be provided). We will be meeting Monday, January 30, Monday, February 6 and Monday, February 13 from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. in the Home Economics Lab at school. For more information contact Julie Smith at the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or e-mail at [julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu](mailto:julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu)


### 4-H Photography Project

4-H Photography project will begin meeting on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> after school. For more information contact Julie Smith at the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or e-mail at [julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu](mailto:julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu)


### County Educational Presentation Contest, Share-the-Fun and Public Speaking Project

4-H'ers and parents interested in learning more about the Public Speaking Project should contact the Extension Office as soon as possible. Information is available to assist 4-H'ers and their parents in writing, presenting and preparing visuals for educational presentations (method demonstrations); as well as covering information about the public speaking contest and share-the-fun's. Share-the-fun categories include: Celebrate 4-H, choreographed routines, poet, vocal, band and musical. This project provides youth an excellent opportunity to develop public speaking skills, even if they hate to talk in front of others. 4-H'ers will present their prepared presentations at County 4-H Roundup. Participants will advance to District 4-H Roundup, which will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup> at Levelland Middle School in Levelland. **The deadline for entering a Public Speaking Contest is Wednesday, April 11.** For more information contact Julie Smith at the Extension office at (806)756-4336 or e-mail at [julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu](mailto:julie.smith@agnet.tamu.edu)

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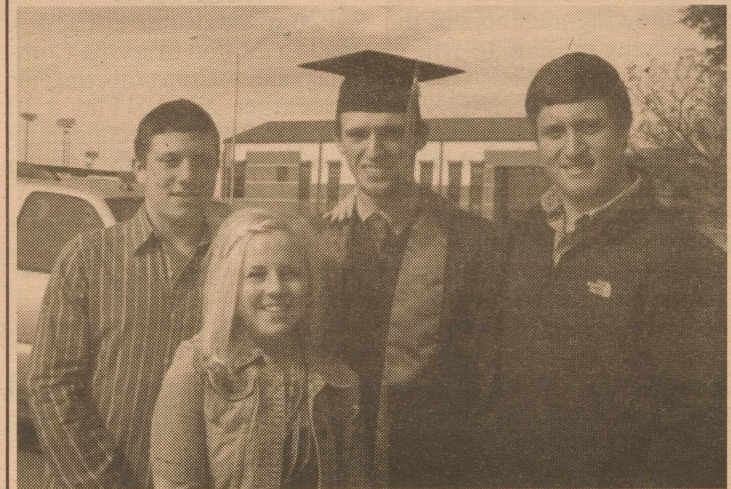
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## Valentine Receives Bachelor Degree from Tarleton State



Miller Valentine, son of Mike and Tammy Valentine of Fluvanna, graduated from Tarleton State University in Stephenville on December 17, 2011.

Miller received a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Services and Development with an emphasis in Agricultural Extension and Industry.

Miller is pictured with his brothers Merik (left) and Miles and his fiance Jessica Scallan.

## 2012 BORDEN COUNTY JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW



Thursday, January 12  
Steer Show - 6:00 p.m.

Friday, January 13  
Lamb Show - 8:30 a.m.  
Goat Show - after Lamb Show  
Swine Show - after Goat Show

Saturday, January 14 - 7:00 - 9:00 a.m.  
Complimentary Chuckwagon Breakfast

Awards Ceremony - 9:00 a.m.  
Premium Sale - 9:30 a.m.

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# Commissioners' Court

**WHEREAS**, On this the 22<sup>ND</sup> day of November, 2011, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

**ROSS D. SHARP**, County Judge, Residing; **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.

Other Officers Present: Ben Smith, County Attorney.

### CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the November 22, 2011 Special Session of Borden Co. Commissioner Court to order at 8:40 a.m.

### MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of November 8, 2011 and November 21, 2011 were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### BURN BAN

Commissioner Smith made a motion to extend the Borden County Public Burn Ban for 90 days. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

### COUNTY POLICY FOR ROADS AND SOIL CONSERVATION

After a discussion, Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the proposed revisions to the Policy and Procedures for Soil Conservation and Private Roads Construction and Private Road Maintenance work performed by Borden County. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### OFFICIAL COUNTY HOLIDAYS FOR 2012

A motion was made by

Commissioner Smith to set the Eleven County Holidays for the year 2012 as listed. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### DECEMBER SPECIAL MEETING

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to set the Commissioners' Court meeting for December 27, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

### EVENT CENTER AND RODEO ARENA

A discussion was held.

### ROAD

### CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

No applications for Road Construction/Maintenance were received.

### SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

Upon consideration of Kenneth P. Bennett's application for Soil Conservation in Precinct No. 2, Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve application. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

### ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

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

### DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Borden County Employee Handbook concerning Firearms in Courthouse and County owned equipment.

### ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF December 2011.

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**WHEREAS**, On this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas,

the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

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Other officers present: Ben Smith, County Attorney.

### CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the December 27, 2011 Special Session of Borden County Commissioner Court to order at 8:40 a.m.

### MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of December 13, 2011 were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

### PLAINS COMMUNITY CENTER

A discussion was held concerning needed repairs for the Plains Community Center. No action was taken.

### STREET/ALLEY CLOSURE

A discussion concerning the partial closure repairs for the Plains Community Center. No action was taken.

### EVENT CENTER AND RODEO ARENA

Plans for the January 12, 13, and 14, 2012 Stock Show were discussed.

### ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

An application for Road Maintenance As Needed was received from Mike Valentine in Precinct No. 4 and from Carl Pepper in Precinct No. 1. A motion to approve applications was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

### SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

No applications were received.

### ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were

examined. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve said accounts and Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No items were presented.

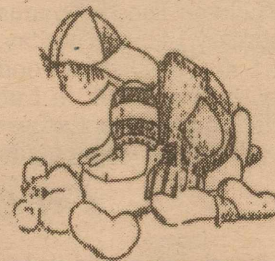
### ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2012.

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## Legal Notices

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bi-County Shared Services Arrangement (SSA) and formerly known as Bi-County Special Education Cooperative, is hereby giving notice of the destruction of inactive student records. This is being done in accordance with local, state, and federal guidelines. Records designated to be destroyed are: 1) Special education Student Records from Borden County ISD, Dawson ISD, and Klondike ISD; and 2) dated on or before May 31, 2002. Any persons wishing to obtain their individual records from Bi-County SSA, must contact Becky Nix, director, at 806/756-4313 ext. 3. Fax requests can be sent to 806/756-4335. Bi-County SSA is located at 315 W. Kincaid/P.O. Box 95, Gail, Texas 79738. The date of this notice is January 3, 2012.

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### Employment Opportunity

Borden County is seeking applicants for a Facility Maintenance Employee. This employee will be performing

maintenance duties on County owned facilities. A basic knowledge in plumbing and electrical systems is required. Candidates should be energetic with a willingness to learn and be able to work with minimal supervision. They must be willing to work overtime hours, including some weekends, and in various weather conditions when required. They must have the ability to lift 60 lbs. and work at heights not to exceed 16 ft. This individual will be assisting in the maintenance of the County owned water system and will be required to attend the training necessary to obtain certification as a Class D water system operator from TCEQ in the first year of employment. They must have a valid Texas driver's license. A pre-employment drug/alcohol test and background check is required. Salary is competitive and benefits include health insurance, retirement, and more. Applications are available in the Borden County Judge's Office located at 117 East Wasson, Gail, TX, 79738. Inquiries are welcome. You may contact the County Judge's Office at 806-756-4391. Borden County is an equal opportunity employer.

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## Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
Tumbleweed Smith

### Bob Never Loved Picking Cotton

When Bob Caffey of Sidney was growing up, his daddy was a peanut farmer. Bob made fun of all the kids who had to help their families pick cotton. Word got back to Bob's dad about his son's smart remarks and one day when Bob came home from school he saw a brand new cotton sack on the front porch. He ignored it and walked on in the house. His daddy asked, "Did you see your new cotton sack out on the porch?" Bob said he didn't own a cotton sack. His dad said, "You do now. And you're going to the cotton fields tomorrow when you get out of school."

Bob said one of the most embarrassing moments in his life was when he got on that school bus with his cotton sack. The kids made fun of Bob and said things like, "Look who's got a new cotton sack. Peanut boy." After school the kids went to the cotton patch, Bob among them. His fellow students said bad things to Bob all the way to the field. He started trying to put his cotton sack over his shoulder. "It's hard to get it where it's comfortable," says Bob. "They told me which two rows to pick on and I went to work. It didn't take me long to realize I wasn't doing too good 'cause everybody else was way ahead of me. I decided right then that if I was going to have to spend some time in the cotton fields doing hard labor, something good ought to come from it."

Bob racked his brain and came up with a plan. Perry's Five and Dime Store was on the south side of the square in Comanche. The store

sold BB guns, and Bob wanted one real bad. It cost \$6.95. He looked at those guns every time he went to town.

He worked all that week picking cotton and Friday afternoon he was paid \$6.65, thirty cents short of his goal. He asked his boss if he could stay and pick until dark. The man said it would be OK, that Bob would get the \$6.95 now and when he had weighed out thirty cents' worth of cotton he could just leave his sack on the scales. So Bob went back to the field and worked into the night. He weighed his sack and still didn't have enough cotton. He went back the next morning and picked until he had the required amount. He went home just as his parents were leaving for town. He climbed in the car with them Bob went right over to Perry's and pointed to gun he wanted. The clerk handed over the display model. Bob said, "O, no. I don't want that one. It has fingerprints on it. I want a brand new one in a box. He put his \$6.95 down and walked out the door with his purchase under his arm and suddenly had a sick feeling. No BB's and no more money. Bob didn't go to his daddy. He went to his mother.

"Boys can work mothers and I told her my sad story and really poured it on that I had worked extra hard all week to earn enough to pay for the gun, but needed some ammo. She felt sorry for me and handed over a dime. That bought two boxes of BB's. I was one happy boy."

Bob never did learn to love picking cotton.

## Borden County ISD Board Meeting

### Regular Board Meeting December 19, 2011

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas, met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Borden County I.S.D. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, and Mike Valentine. Dennis Poole arrived at 7:15 P.M. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas and principal, Bart McMeans were also present.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. A public hearing pertaining to a resolution by The Borden County Independent School District to tax tangible personal property in transit which would otherwise be exempt pursuant to Texas Tax Code, Section 11.253 was conducted. Mr. Thomas explained the ramifications pertaining to this law, and a public hearing was conducted. No action was taken to adopt the resolution to tax tangible personal property in transit.

4. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the

minutes of the November 14, 2011 board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the December 2011 bills. The motion carried unanimously.

6. The school superintendent's annual evaluation was conducted by the board of trustees.

7. It was reported that Carol Lewis had obtained 11.5 hours of board training since the last report of board training was given. No other board members had any training hours to report.

8. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the 2011-2012 District Improvement Plan and Academic Excellence Indicator System. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joel Dennis to take action to join the National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance Cooperative In order to obtain reduced pricing for the purchase of furniture for the new school. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to purchase furniture for the new school

from Contrax Furnishings as recommended by the District Site-Based Committee at a preliminary price of \$214,290.44 for phase one and \$173,339.79 for phase two with this price being reduced for eliminating paw prints on chairs in the new cafeteria and eliminating inscriptions on some of the tables in the cafeteria. The motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Mike Valentine to approve the amendments for the 2011-2012 Borden County I.S.D. Budget as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to set the regular January board meeting for January 16, 2012, at 7:00 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

13. Mr. Thomas reported that 211 students were enrolled as of December 14, 2011, gave a construction report, and gave a financial report. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

14. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.



Borden County 4-H would like to thank all those that donated to the Canned Food Drive. Together, we collected 700 items!

These items were delivered to families in Borden County the week before Christmas.

We appreciate your donations of time and resources.

Happy New Year!



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# Extra FFA Cookie Dough and Meat Items Available

By Buddy Wallace

The Gail FFA Chapter has several extra cookie dough and meat items available from their fall sales. Anyone wishing to purchase extra items can contact Buddy Wallace at 806/756-4313 (School) or 806/543-2118 (Cell) or email at [bwallace@bcisd.net](mailto:bwallace@bcisd.net).

The Gail FFA Chapter once again thanks the community for all their fund-raiser support!

**COOKIE DOUGH ITEMS:** (All items are \$14): Red Velvet Roll (1), Pumpkin Roll (3), Apple Dumplings (2), Cinna-

mon Rolls (1), Peach Cobbler (6), Snickerdoodle (2), Chocolate Chunk (2), Chocolate Chunk Pecan (2) and Sugar Cookies (2).

**MEAT ITEMS:** Spiral Sliced Ham (2)-\$28, Smoked Pork Loin (2)-\$16, Tailgate Party Pack (2)-\$16, Peppered Bacon (1)-\$16, Chicken Fajitas (2)-\$15, Beef Fajitas (2)-\$15, Peppered Turkey Breast (2)-\$18, Pretzel Dogs (2)-\$14, Southwest Chicken Veggie Rolls (1)-\$14, Pit Ham (2)-\$25, Pork Tamales (2)-\$18 and Pencil Sausage (1)-\$15.

# Lady JV Win Consolation...

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This game put the Lady Coyotes in the Consolation game against the Miles Lady Bulldogs. The Lady Coyotes trailed the entire game with scores of 2-6 to end the first, 6-8 to end the half, 7-13 to end the third. The fourth quarter was a wild one. With less than 1 1/2 minutes to go and down by two, Clair Shafer got a defensive rebound and went coast to coast with an awesome layup and tied the game at 15. The defense by the rest of the Coyotes allowed them to send the game into overtime. To start overtime, each team had a possession with no results before the Lady Coyotes set up their own offense. With the second possession in overtime, Shea Burkett found herself wide open at the three point line. She was passed the ball and with ice-water-in-her-veins coolness, sunk a nothing-but-net three point shot. We were sure that this was the game winning shot but to their credit the Miles Lady Bulldogs came down and worked the ball around in their offense.

Knowing that it was a do-or-die possession, #23 shot a desperation three pointer and sank it with very few seconds left on the clock. We were headed to double overtime. The second overtime saw Mollie McMeans take charge on the offensive side of the ball and again with a calm sure shot from the 3 point line, sank the points that would put the Lady Coyotes ahead. Mollie kept them there by sinking the back end of a pair of free throws. These points were enough to give the victory to the Lady Coyotes JV team. These young ladies had come out with a Consolation victory after having trailed the majority of the game. The scoring for this game is as follows; Mollie McMeans 8, McKenna Campbell 7, Clair Shafer 4, and Shea Burkett 3.

Both Coach Skelton and I were beyond proud of these girls. They showed tremendous courage and determination by taking the last game into double overtime and winning a hard fought contest. Keep it up Lady Coyotes!



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# Coyotes Struggle Against the Sands Mustangs

By Coach Baeza

The varsity boys took on the Sands Mustangs in their first game back from the holidays and were a little rusty losing 56-32.

The Coyotes were ice cold from the field as they only managed nine points in the first half. The Coyotes played tough defense but the Mustangs were shooting well as they hit four three pointers in the first half to take a 26-9 halftime lead.

The Coyotes continued to play hard in the second half but still struggled from the

field as they never got into an offensive rhythm while the Mustangs continued shooting well. The Mustangs had a big third quarter that put the game out of reach for the Coyotes. The boys played with great effort but just could not get rolling against a seasoned Mustang team.

Scoring for the Coyotes: Quinton Shafer 13, Austin Tyler 8, Tanner Richey 5, Riley Smith 3, and Helio Rosales. Also contributing were Collin Telchik, Jared Smith and Kurt Shafer.



Borden Pup, Jayton Lewis (#23) steals the ball from a Sands player and heads for the goal.

# Pups Fall to Grady 40-26

By Coach Baeza

The Coyote Pups took on the Grady Wildcats on Jan. 5 and lost 40-26. The Pups were in the game early facing tough full court pressure by the Wildcats but fell behind in the first quarter 11-7. In the second quarter the Pups really got shook up by the pressure of the Wildcats and allowed a 14-3.

In the second half the Pups did a much better job of breaking the press and had some success offensively. Playing better defense and not turning the ball over they were able to play the Wildcats to one in the second half which was a great accomplishment. Good Job Coyotes!

Scoring for the Coyotes:

Colby Pennell 7, Thomas Harrison 6, Merik Valentine 5, Hunter Jones 4, Kace Lott 2, and Jayton Lewis 2. Also contributing were Rhaeden Bland, Dillon Murphy, Samuel Raborn, Kale Yarbrow, Robert Jordan, Nathan Souder, and Braxton Coor.