

The Borden Star

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November 16, 2016

USDA Invests \$1.7 Billion to Protect Sensitive Agricultural Lands Through Conservation Reserve Program

More than One Half Million Americans Involved with Protecting 24 Million Acres

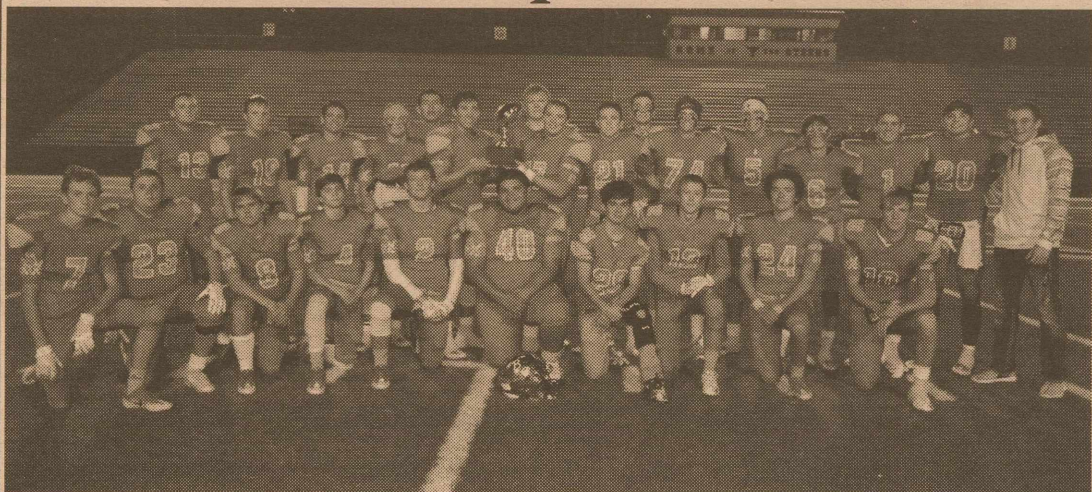
USDA will issue nearly \$1.7 billion in payments to more than half of a million Americans who have contracts with the government to protect

sensitive agricultural lands. The investment, part of the voluntary USDA Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), will allow producers to protect almost 24 million acres of wetlands, grasslands, and wildlife habitat in 2016.

CRP provides financial assistance to farmers and ranchers who remove environmentally sensitive land from production to be planted with certain grasses, shrubs and trees that improve water

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Bi-District Champions!



The Borden County Coyotes defeated the Sterling City Eagles 56-6 Friday night for the Bi-District title. Pictured are members of the Coyote team including (back l to r) Ben Justice, J.W. Nix, Morgan Wilson, Corbin Sumners, Diego Bernal, Steven Carrillo, Braxton Barnes, Kale Yarbro, Jayton Lewis, Easton Edwards, Hunter Jones, Braxton Coor, Dylan Murphy, Ryan Willborn, Trace Richey, Nick Proulx, (front l to r) Colbin Briley, Trent Collins, Lucas Grantham, Garrett Burns, Will Yarbro, Leandre Gray, Anthony Lopez, Camden Edwards, Jeremy Souder and Payton Merket.

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

Pecan Goodies From Lamesa

Jeanne's Fancy Pecans in Lamesa makes pralines, patties and other items. "We make small pecan pies, called minis," says Gene DeFee, who owns the place with her sister Nan Ellis. "Around Christmas time we sell chocolate covered toffee, pecan brittle, peanut brittle and Texas Treasures, which is a chocolate covered praline."

Gene will make you a special Christmas gift basket of goodies, and ship it to wherever you want it to go. "Our baskets go all over the country," says Gene. "I'm sure there's a few state that are missing, but our stuff goes pretty far and wide."

A seven-inch basket in the

shape of Texas has 5 chewy pralines and sells for \$17.75. A basket with five Texas Treasures sells for \$22.75. If you want to go smaller, a six-ounce bag of flavored pecans sells for \$8. A six-ounce bag of chocolate toffee sells for \$8.

I asked Gene if she ships out every day. She was quick to respond. "We only work three days a week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We ship out at least two of those days. We usually ship out on Wednesday so we can leave early on Thursday."

And it gets even better. "My sister Nan and I trade out. She works on Tuesday and I work

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Area Football Play-Off Game

Borden Co. vs. Buena Vista
7:30 p.m.
in Andrews, Tx. at AISD Stadium
Borden Co. will be home
Adults: \$6 - Students: \$4
Passes accepted

Coyotes Pounce on the Eagles in Bi-District Showdown

By Coach Trey Richey

Coyotes Pound the Eagles in Bi-District Showdown

The Borden County Coyotes and Sterling City Eagles met in the first round of the play-offs in a rare matchup between two top ten teams. The Coyotes coming in as the favorite in this contest showed a few signs of rust after playing some different type teams during the district portion of the football schedule. They needed a few plays offensively and defensively to understand the speed of the game and to get themselves acclimated to play-off football, but when they did the Coyotes left no doubt in who was the higher ranked team as they easily outdistanced themselves from the Sterling City Eagles in this game played in Big Springs.

The Eagles got the ball to start the game with and after a quick 3 and out forced by the Coyote defense that started seniors Braxton Coor and Steven Carrillo at defensive ends and junior Trace Richey at linebacker, along with senior corners Corbin Sumners and Jayton Lewis and classmate Hunter Jones as safety. Later on, this group would be joined by Morgan Wilson in place of Jones who is nursing his hurting knees. Ben Justice and Ryan Willborn rotated in some at defensive ends as well. When the Coyotes got the ball to start on offense, it appeared as though they would score easily as a long run set them up deep in Eagle territory, but they had some blocking issues against the speed of the Eagles and it forced their offense to see a down they haven't seen much in the last two months, 4th down. The Coyotes converted and then quickly scored on the next play as Corbin Sumners followed blocks by center Coor, fullback Richey, guard sophomore JW Nix, end seniors Kale Yarbro or Diego Bernal and quarterback Jones, to score from 2 yards out. On the next Sterling City possession the home team forced a turnover on downs and one play later, Sumners and they had their second touchdown from 21 yards out. Edwards nailed both extra-point kicks to give the Coyotes a 16 to 0 lead

with 3:45 left in the quarter. Sterling City answered quickly as an Eagle broke a Coyote tackle and rumbled to pay dirt, but on the extra point, the block team of Dylan Murphy, Payton Merket, Ben Justice, Will Yarbro Cam Edwards and Lukas Grantham did their job as they kept the Eagles from adding points and kept the game a two possession game which is huge as the Coyotes move forward.

The Coyotes answered as Jones hit Richey with a nice 24 yard pass, catch and run that ended with a flip into the endzone and a 22 to 6 lead before Edwards made it 24 with the point after kick. The Eagles mounted what would be their final threat of the evening as they got inside the Borden County 10 yard line only to see a couple of nice defensive plays that were culminated with a nice interception by Corbin Sumners. The Coyotes would then march down the field and after several running plays, executed a nice bootleg pass from Hunter Jones to Trace Richey that ended in the endzone from 35 yards out to give the home team a comfortable 30 to 6 lead that would stretch to 32 to 6 with the extra point kick.

At this time, the Coyote defense would completely take over this contest as defensive pressure by Coor, Carrillo and Lewis allowed Trace Richey to pick off an Eagle pass and with a couple of nice blocks Richey would reach pay dirt again from 44 yards out. With another Edwards kick, who incidentally was perfect today, the Coyotes had a commanding 40 to 6 lead with 4:00 left in the half. On the next defensive series Borden County got yet another turnover and defensive score as Corbin Sumners stepped in front of an Eagle receiver and raced 42 yards to the endzone and again with the kick the Coyotes had complete control of this bi-district contest at 48 to 6. Now the Coyotes started using some of its second defensive group, but the results remained the same as they forced a 4 and out and gaining control of the ball with under 2 minutes to play a

chance to end this game at half. Using the second offensive unit of Braxton Barnes, Diego Bernal, Ben Justice, Morgan Wilson, Payton Merket, Dylan Murphy and Easton Edwards along with rotating the first group in, the Coyotes marched inside the 10 yard line. At that point the Coyotes jumped into their crazy 2's set and Jones hit Sumners on a swing pass which he turned into a 7 yard scoring strike for Borden County and the Edwards kick made it 56 to 6 with a little less than a minute left. Again, playing some second unit guys, the Coyotes managed to keep the Eagles out of the endzone and bring a close to the 2016 Bi-District game and a berth in the Area round game against the Buena Vista Longhorns. This game will take place Friday at 7:30 in Andrews.

Leading the way for the Coyotes was Ryan Willborn with 7 tackles, Will Yarbro with a tackle, Braxton Coor 4 tackles and a pressure and a reception of 16 yards. Dylan Murphy with a tackle,

Lukas Grantham on the extra point block. Payton Merket 2 tackles and a carry for 5 yards. Corbin Sumners with 5 tackles, 2 interceptions, one for a td, 2 pass break ups a 7 yard touchdown pass, 1 of 1 passing for 16 yards, 12 carries for 171 yards and 2 td's. Cam Edwards a tackle, Ben Justice 3 tackles, Morgan Wilson with 3 tackles and a big block. Easton Edwards 7 of 7 on extra point kicks and a tackle. Steven Carrillo 7 tackles and 3 pressures. Kale Yarbro with some nice blocks. JW Nix with 3 tackles, Trace Richey with 8 tackles an interception a big hit and 4 catches for 74

yards and 2 td's. Jayton Lewis 5 tackles, a tackle for loss and a pressure. Hunter Jones with 5 tackles a tackle for loss and a big hit and 5 of 6 passing for 81 yards and 3 scores. Diego Bernal and Braxton Barnes with some nice blocks. Nick Proulx again missed because of his shoulder injury.

Thank you all for your support. The Coyotes will next face a tough team in the Buena Vista Longhorns. The guys need and love your support so please come out to Andrews Friday. Congrats guys and good luck as we move forward in your journey and dream.

Early Release

Borden County ISD will have an early release on Tuesday, November 22nd for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

School will be released at 12:30 and buses will run at that time.

Classes will resume on Monday, November 28th at 8:00 a.m.



Junior running back, Trace Richey (#20) flies into the endzone during Friday nights' big Bi-District 56-6 win over the Sterling City Eagles.

Lady Coyotes Open Up the Season Against #22 Spur Spurettes

By Coach Michael Skelton

The Lady Coyotes travelled to Spur to take on the #22 ranked Spur Lady Spurettes. The Lady Coyotes came out firing hitting two three point shots (Madi Cole and Katie Gray). The girls took an early 15-6 point lead. The second and third quarters Spur found a groove and out-scored us 37-17. The Ladies rallied and managed to outscore Spur 18-15, and close the gap by the end of the game.

Junior Braylee Walker had a career high of 17 points in the game. It was a great effort, and we showed improvement from a scrimmage with Forsan. This year we will be young, and there are going to be a few growing pains. These young ladies are really busting their tails every single day to be their very best. The Lady Coyote roster for this season

for the Varsity: #11 Braylee Walker, Jr.; #00 Emma Key, Soph.; #13 Madi Cole, Soph.; #15 Katie Gray, Soph.; #22 Rayme Jones, Soph.; #23 Paige Holbrooks, Soph.; #40 Kenley Dean, Soph. and #33 Brittney Walker, Fr.

Scorers: Braylee Walker-17, Madi Cole-8, Rayme Jones-8, Katie Gray-6, Paige Holbrooks-5, and Brittney Walker-2.

More stats will be forthcoming as soon as we are trying to replace our team statistician.



Coyote Pups Defeat the Saints in Season Opener

By Coach Bubba Edwards

The Borden County Junior High basketball squad hit the court last Thursday in the season opener against St. Ann's Catholic School in Midland.

The Borden Red squad defeated St. Ann's 7th grade squad in the first game, 40-21. The Coyotes jumped out to a 13-5 first quarter lead and never looked back. A 12-5 third quarter run by the Coyotes took away any hope for the Saints.

Blane Justice led all scorers with 16 points followed by Ethan Stephens with 14 points. Justin Willborn added four points. Thomas Snell, Ryen Ramos, and Gunner Shofner all chipped in two points.

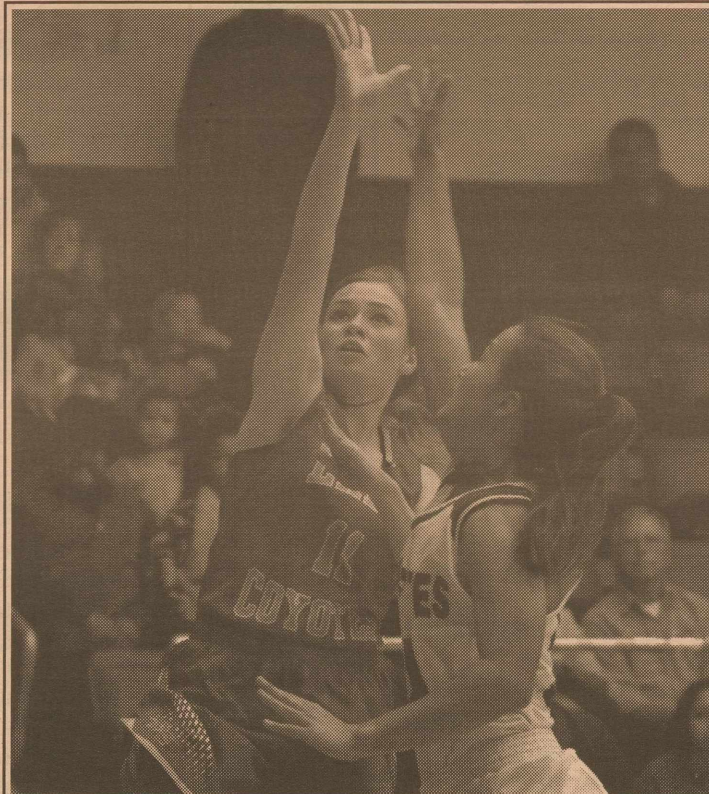
Borden Red are 1-0 on the season.

In the night cap, the Borden Blue squad smashed the Saints 8th grade team, 46-15.

The Coyotes jumped out to a 25-7 halftime lead led by Ky Edwards' seven point first quarter and Mason Cole's six point half. Borden outscored St. Ann's 21-8 in the second half behind Trey Edwards' eight points to secure the victory.

Trey Edwards led all scorers with 12 points followed by Mason Cole with 11 points. Ky Edwards added nine points while Tommy Kingston chipped in eight points. Keigan Benavidez knocked in four points and Trent Lewis with two points.

The Borden Blue team is also 1-0 on the season



Junior, Braylee Walker (#11) reaches for the goal to score for the Lady Coyotes last Tuesday. The Spurettes outscored the Lady Coyotes 37-17 in the game to begin the 2016-2017 season.

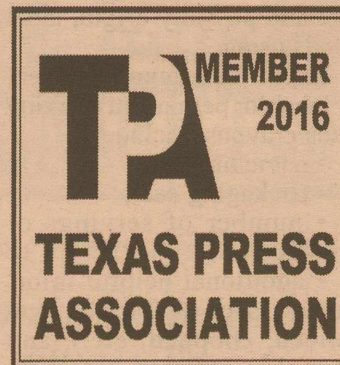
Lowery Competes at State Cross Country Meet

By Coach Michael Skelton

Freshmen Hailey Lowery competed last Saturday in Round Rock at the State XC meet. She was understandably a little nervous right before the race. She had set some goals for herself all season long and had accomplished many of them. I ask runners where they won't me during race, and she wanted me at the mile marker for her race. We said a quick prayer, and off I went to the other side of the course.

We tell our kids all the time that races are often won early in races if kids don't get out with the intent to compete. Like I mentioned earlier, she had a specific goal in mind, and she went for it. I saw her about 700 meters into the race and I could tell she was getting after it, and then I look at my watch and I thought wow this is fast. She came by the mile maker with her fastest split of the year running a 5:42 and setting in about 18th place. To

put that into perspective her fastest mile time to that point was roughly 6:01 just running one mile. To her credit she keep battling thru the last 800 meters, and she finished 45th and ran a 13:25. She was visibly upset when I finally got to her, but I told her that was great time for her first State meet, and you can't put a price on the amount of experience you got from this. Super proud of her effort, and her competitive attitude all year long.



School Lunch Menu

Nov. 21 - 25, 2016

Menu subject to change

Monday - Breakfast: Pancake Wrap, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Country Fried Steak w/Gravy, Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Strawberry Cup and Milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: Muffin & Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. **Lunch:** PB&J Sack Lunch, String Cheese, Baby Carrots, Celery Sticks, Animal Crackers, Sliced Apples, Fruit Juice and Milk.

Wednesday - Friday: No School Thanksgiving Holiday

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Chill Out Over the Holidays by Freezing Foods Ahead

Do you feel like you're in a holi-DAZE during the holidays? A simple quick cooking technique is to make extra food at one meal for future meals. Or, to prepare food ahead and freeze for a later time. This can free up valuable time for you when cooking for family and friends over the holidays. One easy method of freezing foods — including liquid foods such as soups and stews — is to freeze them in freezer bags. Following are some general freezing tips, followed by specific tips for freezing in freezer bags.

- If you're making extra food at one meal for future meals, separate and refrigerate the portion to be served later BEFORE you put the food on the table. This keeps food quality higher by preventing "planned-overs" from becoming "picked-overs." It also helps keep food safe.

- Keep an appliance thermometer in your refrigerator and in your freezer to assure they stay at 40°F or lower (refrigerator) and 0°F or lower (freezer).

- Refrigerate perishable foods so the TOTAL time they're at room temperature is less than two hours (or one hour in temperatures above 90°F). At room temperature, just ONE bacterium in perishable foods could grow to 2,097,152 bacteria in seven hours! As a general guideline, eat perishable foods within four days or freeze them. Perishable foods include:

- meat, poultry, fish, eggs, tofu
- dairy products
- pasta, rice, cooked vegetables
- fresh, peeled and/or cut fruits and vegetables
- Freeze foods in portion sizes you'll need for future meals. For example, if there are two in your family and you each

eat a cup of rice for a meal, freeze in two-cup portions.

Step 1. Cool Foods "slightly" at room temperature before refrigeration. It is not necessary for a food to be completely cool before it is refrigerated. To help food cool slightly before refrigeration:

- Place a shallow container of food on a cooling rack to allow air to circulate all round the pan for about 20 to 30 minutes.
- Limit depth of food to 2 inches.

Step 2. Complete cooling of foods in the refrigerator

Cool foods to refrigerator temperature before bagging them for your freezer. It is OK to refrigerate foods while they're still warm. LOOSELY cover food upon refrigeration. This allows heat to escape and protects the food from accidental contamination from other foods during cooling.

Step 3. Pack foods into freezer bags

Use "freezer" bags, not "storage" bags for storing food in the freezer. Freezer bags are thicker than storage bags and will keep the food fresh longer. Speed freezing and hasten thawing by freezing foods in a thin, flattened shape in freezer bags. A rounded shape takes longer to thaw through to the middle. Flatter packages also will stack better in your freezer.

Step 4. Label foods

To avoid mystery meats and other foods of unknown age and possibly origin, label foods using

- freezer tape, gummed freezer labels or permanent marking pens/crayons. Include:
 - name of food;
 - packaging date;
 - number of servings or amount;
 - additional helpful information, such as form of food (sliced, chopped, etc.), any special ingredients.

Step 5. Put in freezer

It is helpful to place filled freezer bags on a flat surface in your freezer, such as a metal pan. Do not stack freezer bags until frozen so they will freeze faster. After they are frozen solid, the bags may be removed from the pan and stored, stacked, directly on the freezer shelf. Or turn them on their edge and store them vertically. This is an especially good idea when freezing liquid foods, such as soups and stews.

Step 6. Thaw and cook frozen foods

DO NOT thaw perishable foods at room temperature. If perishable foods are left at room temperature too long, bacteria may grow and produce heat resistant toxins that can cause food-borne illness. Cooking may not be able to destroy these toxins. It's best to plan ahead for

slow, safe thawing in the refrigerator. Small items may thaw overnight in the refrigerator. Up

to 5 pounds of food should thaw in about 24 hours. If there is the possibility a thawing package might leak, you may want to thaw it on a plate or a pan. If food is thawed in the microwave, finish reheating it right away. Unlike food thawed in a refrigerator, microwave thawed foods reach temperatures that encourage bacterial growth. Cook immediately to kill any bacteria that may have developed and to prevent further bacterial growth.

- Food may be transferred from a freezer bag to a microwave safe container for thawing in the microwave.

- If the freezer bag manufacturer says it is OK to thaw foods directly in their freezer bag,

follow manufacturer's directions for such things as venting, recommended heat settings,

types of foods suitable for microwave-thawing, etc. for the specific bag. Also, follow manufacturer's directions for your microwave.

- While you may be able to satisfactorily defrost food in some freezer bags in the microwave

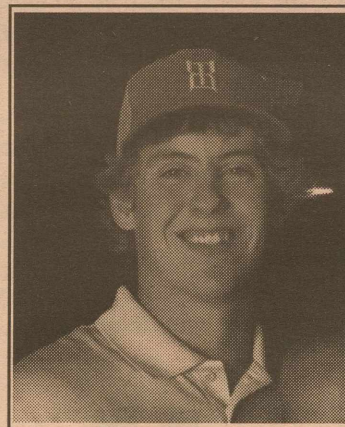
(check manufacturer's directions), DO NOT cook the food in the freezer bag — unless recommended by the freezer bag manufacturer. At

the higher temperatures used in the microwave cooking process, it is possible for the plastic to reach melting temperatures.

Source: *Nebline* November/December 2015

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Huse Named to SPC's Phi Theta Kappa



Jaden Huse of Lamesa was among 75 students recently inducted into the South Plains College's Kappa Mu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.

The induction ceremony was held on Oct. 20 in Level-land.

To be eligible, students must attend an institution offering an associate degree, complete at least 15 hours, be a full-time student and maintain at least a 3.25 GPA.

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THE LIGHTS FOR GAIL COMMITTEE CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO...

The Twenty-third Annual Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain

Borden County Museum, Courthouse and Courtyard
Gail, Texas

Friday, November 25, 2016
(day after Thanksgiving)

The Courthouse and Museum will open at 5:30 p.m.
for viewing, reminiscing, fellowship and refreshments

Santa Claus will be available to visit with the children
(Please bring your own camera for this photo opportunity.)

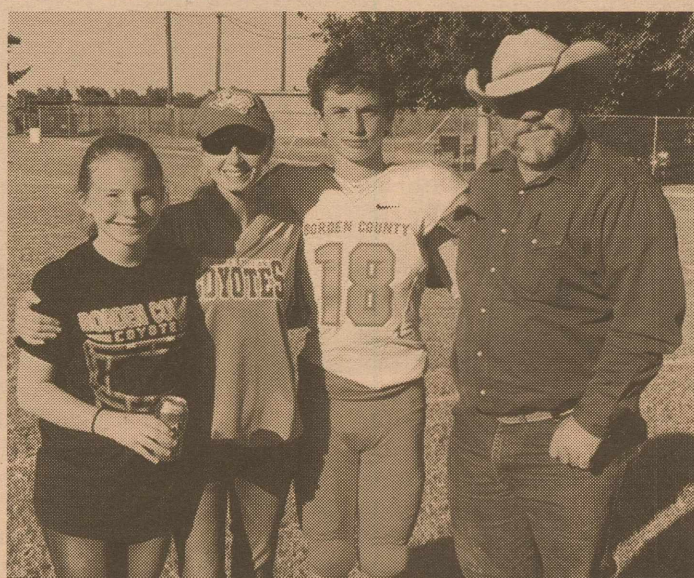
Join us for Christmas Music provided by local musicians,
storytime for children, ornament contest and door prizes!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!

We look forward to seeing you and your family there!

Drop Off for "Christmas for Kids" (Buckner Children's Home) will be in the Borden County Courthouse again this year.
Toys and gifts must be dropped off by December 8th.
Children's ages: Newborn - 18 years

For more information, please e-mail us
at lightsforgail@yahoo.com.
Be sure to check out our Facebook page:
Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain!



Thank you

I would like to thank the citizens of Borden County who voted for me in the recent school board election. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Mr. and Mrs. Tyrell Massingill

Westlund, Massingill Exchange Vows

Kaycee Westlund and Tyrell Massingill exchanged wedding vows in a double ring ceremony September 26, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. on the Miller Ranch in Fluvanna, Texas overlooking the caprock.

Kaycee is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Lisa) Westlund of Midland and Mrs. Kaye Westlund of Snyder. She is the granddaughter of Jack and the late Sid West

of Snyder and Bessie and Dan Westlund of Odessa.

Tyrell is the son of Roscoe and Cindy Massingill of Fluvanna, Tx. He is also the grandson of Jesusa Balaque and the late Juventino Balaque of O'Donnell and Velma Massingill and the late Don Massingill of Snyder.

The couple plan to make their home in Fluvanna.

In the spirit of Christmas and the twenty-third annual Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain, we invite you to help us give to the children of Buckner Children and Family Services—Lubbock, Texas



Christmas For Kids

Inexpensive board games, educational toys, card games, books or any unopened new toy — large or small, will be greatly appreciated by these children—ages Newborn through 18! They will also appreciate new pajamas, socks, etc. and personal hygiene items!

The drop off location for ANY donation is inside the Borden County Courthouse Please drop off toys and gifts by Thursday, December 8th for them to be delivered to Buckner's

We appreciate your keeping with the spirit of the season by giving to these children!

The Lights for Gail Committee



STEAK NIGHT

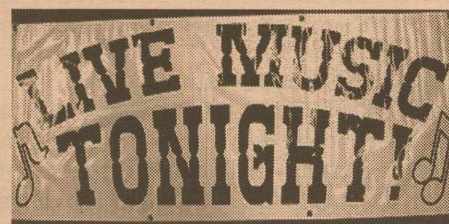
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Coyote Store

This Saturday
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12 oz. Rib-Eye Steak-\$15.99
each served salad, baked potatoe, home-made hot rolls



Performing Friday night will be

Monty Dawson
of Bowie, Tx

Legal Notice

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
HEARINGS DIVISION
 Oil and Gas Docket No. 8A-0302121

October 28, 2016

§ THE APPLICATION OF ESTANCIA OIL & GAS, LLC FOR APPROVAL OF THE BLACKARD UNIT AS A FIELDWIDE UNIT AND SECONDARY RECOVERY PROJECT AND FOR APPROVAL OF SUCH UNITS AN ENTITY FOR DENSITY PURPOSES, BLACKARD (SPRABERRY) FIELD, BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date, Location, and Place of Hearing-

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held at **9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2016**, at the offices of the Railroad Commission of Texas, (Commission) located in the William B. Travis State Office Building, at 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas, in a room number to be assigned and posted on the bulletin board in the First Floor Lobby. **In addition, please check the Weekly Hearing Schedule on the Commission website at: <http://www.rrc.texas.gov/hearing-schedules/2016/> by 5:00 p.m. the day prior to the hearing to confirm that the hearing will go forward as scheduled.** If the hearing is not concluded on the day it commences, the hearing will be continued from day to day and the location will be announced on the record of this proceeding until concluded.

Purpose of Hearing-to appear and present evidence and consider all issues of fact and law raised in or relevant to the referenced Application. The issues that may be addressed at the hearing include, but are not limited to, the following:

The legality and effect of the Applicant's hearing request is referenced in Appendix A of this Notice of Hearing;

Any and all other issues raised in the pleadings, evidence, or argument that are necessary for the Commission to render a final decision on the merits of this case, and in regard to Conservation and Prevention of waste of Crude

Petroleum and Natural Gas in the State of Texas.

To Appear in Support or Opposition- All persons or parties supporting or opposing this Application and intending to participate in the hearing by presenting sworn testimony, documentary and demonstrative evidence regarding any issue of law or fact, shall appear in person or by his/her representative, and must complete and file with the Commission, Docket Services, the enclosed "Notice of Intent to Appear at Hearing in Protest" form at least **Five (5) working days** prior to the hearing date in this Notice of Hearing. **THIS FORM IS REQUIRED EVEN IF A PRIOR WRITTEN RESPONSE WAS SUBMITTED TO THE PREVIOUSLY ISSUED "NOTICE OF APPLICATION."** A copy of the Notice of Intent to Appear at Hearing form should be served on the Applicant and any other parties of record. Your failure to appear will not prevent the Commission from taking action on this application. If the Applicant fails to appear at the hearing, the application may be dismissed without further notice or opportunity for hearing.

Legal Authority and Jurisdiction-The Commission has jurisdiction over Applicant and over the matters at issue in this proceeding pursuant to TEX. NAT. RES. CODE ANN Title 3, Subtitles A, B, and C, Tex. WATER CODE ANN. Chapters 26, 27 and 29, and TEX. GOVT CODE, Chapter 2001.

Particular Statutes and Rules Involved- The statutes and rules applicable to this proceeding include but are not limited to the following:

All sections of TEX. NAT. RES. CODE, Title 3, Subtitles A, B, and C;

All Commission rules in 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE, Chapters 1 and 3;

Statutes and rules referenced in "Appendix A," if any, to this Notice of Hearing; and

To access the Commission's Statewide Rules, start from the Commission's Home Page, Click on "Legal" (upper right side of page) and follow

the path:

Rules, Current Rules, T.A.C. Chapter 3, Rule Number.

Continuance of Hearing -Any request for continuance of this hearing must be received no later than five (5) working days prior to the hearing date. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list. Persons planning on attending this hearing are urged to contact the Applicant listed on the attached Service List immediately prior to the hearing date to ensure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.

Hearing and Application Information-Questions regarding this application may be addressed to the Applicant's representative referenced in Appendix A. Questions regarding the hearing procedure may be addressed to the Commission, Docket Services, at (512)463-6848. Additional information about the hearing process can be found at www.rrc.texas.gov/hearings. In accordance with TEX. GOVT CODE ANN. §2001.061 and 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 1.6, ex parte communications (e.g. phone calls and emails) with the Hearings Examiners and Commissioners are prohibited.

Written Transcript of the Hearing-If any party desires a written transcript of the hearing by a Court Reporter, that party should notify the Commission, Docket Services, at (512)463-6848 at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. If the Examiner or a party requests a written transcript, the Commission may assess the cost to one or more parties.

Hearing Exhibits-All exhibits filed as part of the hearing record must be clearly marked and submitted in duplicate. If exhibits admitted in prior proceedings are offered for admission, a copy of such exhibit properly identified shall be submitted for this record.

Auxiliary Aids or Services for Persons with a Disability-Any individual with a disability who needs auxiliary aids and services in order to have an equal opportunity to

effectively communicate and participate in the hearing must request such aids or services at least two weeks prior to the hearing by notifying the Human Resources Department of the Commission by mail at P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 or by telephone at (512)463-6981 or TDD No. (800)735-2989.

Audio/Visual Computer Set-up Presentation-All requests for setting up a presentation will need to be in writing no less than three business days prior to the hearing date. **Please contact the Commission's Docket Services, at (512)463-6848, to complete a Presentation Setup Help Desk Questionnaire Form.**

Service List-The Applicant shall review this Notice of Hearing and the attached Certificate of Service for accuracy and completeness. The Applicant shall immediately notify the Commission's Docket Services of any discrepancy or omission.

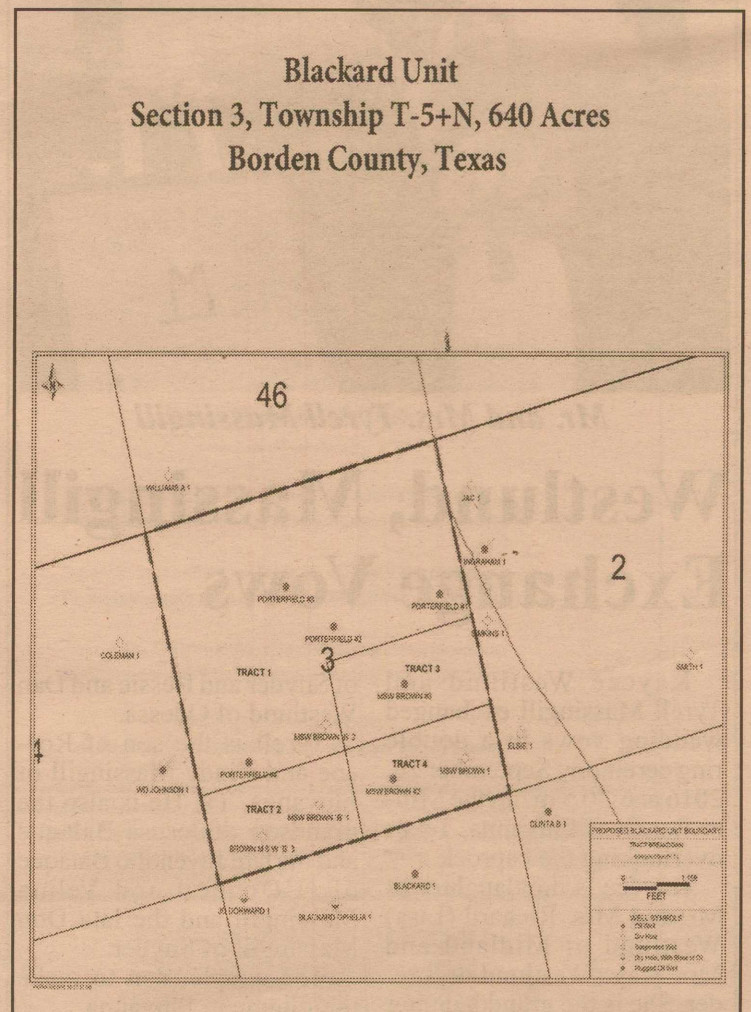
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"APPENDIX A"

The purpose of this hearing is to consider the application of Estancia Oil & Gas, LLC for approval of the Blackard Unit as a fieldwide unit and secondary recovery project, and for approval of such unit as an entity for density purposes, pursuant to V.T.C.A. Natural Resources Code Chapter 101, Blackard (Spraberry) Field. This unit contains 640 acres described as Section 31, T5+N, Borden County, Texas and located approximately 19 miles WNW of Gail, Texas as shown on the attached plat. A copy of the plat and Unit Agreement is on file at the office of Docket Services, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701.

If you have any questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Flip Whitworth, at (512)495-6300. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact Railroad Commission Docket Services at (512)463-6848.



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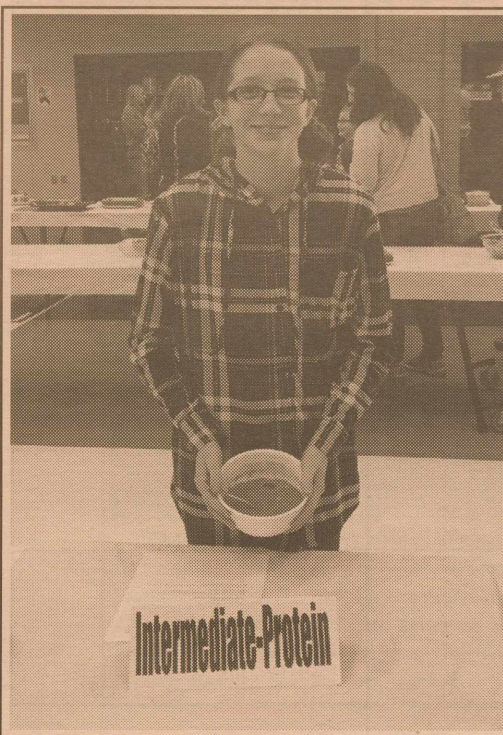
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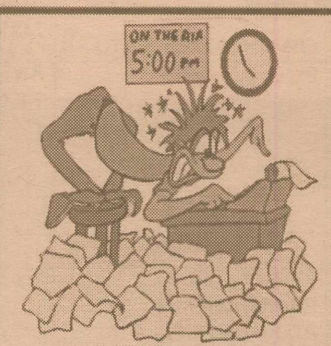
Congratulations to BC 4-H'er, Erin Nix, on competing in the District 4-H Food Show in Levelland Saturday, November 12th! She did a wonderful job telling about the nutrition and preparation of her Taco Soup which was in the Intermediate Protein Category. There were approximately 100 4-H'ers from across the District that participated in the food show today. Way to go, Erin, for representing Borden County - we are proud of you!!

Intermediate-Protein

Gail FFA Competes at Lone Wolf District LDE



The Gail FFA chapter was well represented with 33 members competing at the Lone Wolf District LDE Contest last Thursday. There were 6 teams and 29 of the 33 members qualified for the Area contest to be held this Saturday in Big Spring. Here are the results for the contest: Junior Chapter Conducting-1st Place (advance to Area)-Kaitlyn Cribbs, Callie Hargrove, Kaylee Walker, Taylor Horton, Lindsay Brantley, Camden Edwards and Maegen Bland; Senior Chapter Conducting-2nd Place (advance to Area)-Madi Cole, Katie Gray, Paige Holbrooks, Rayme Jones, Jeremy Souder, Myka Blissard, Trent Collins, Avery Price and Braxton Barnes; Junior Quiz team #1-1st Place (advance to Area)-Kaylee Walker, Callie Hargrove, Hailey Lowery and Junior Gray; Junior Quiz Team #2-11th Place-Jake Avey, Colbin Briley, and Anthony Lopez; Senior Quiz Team #1-1st Place (advance to Area)-Braxton Coor, Carley Bell, Hayley Gray and Tori Huckaby; Senior Quiz Team #2-2nd Place (advance to Area)-Madi Cole, Myke Blissard, Jeremy Souder and Thomas Nix; Radio Broadcasting Team #1-4th Place-Reina Hernandez, Kenley Dean and Kaile Hernandez; Radio Broadcasting Team #2-2nd Place (advance to Area)-Hailey Lowery, Tatum Treadwell and Brittany Walker; Junior Creed-6th Place-Olivia Reyes; Junior Creed-Kaitlyn Cribbs and Callie Hargrove Senior Creed-Haylee Willborn, Jeremy Souder and Avery Price.



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quality, prevent soil erosion, and increase wildlife habitat. In return for enrolling in CRP, USDA, through the Farm Service Agency (FSA), provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Landowners enter into contracts that last between 10 and 15 years.

More than 1.3 million acres were newly enrolled in CRP in fiscal year 2016 using the continuous enrollment authority, double the pace of the previous year. In fiscal year 2016, FSA also accepted 411,000 acres through its general enrollment authority, plus 101,000 acres in the new CRP-Grasslands program, which balances conservation with working lands. More than 70 percent of the acres enrolled in CRP-Grasslands are diverse native grasslands under threat of conversion, with more than 97 percent of the acres having a new, veteran or underserved

farmer or rancher as a primary producer.

CRP has sequestered an annual average of 49 million tons of greenhouse gases, equal to taking nine million cars off the road, and prevented nine billion tons of soil from erosion, enough to fill 600 million dump trucks.

Find more information about CRP at your local FSA office or online at www.fsa.usda.gov/crp. Visit www.fsa.usda.gov/crpis30 or follow Twitter at #CRPis30 for program anniversary background and success stories. To locate your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

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on Wednesday then we trade out on Thursday. Whoever doesn't work on Thursday has to deliver to Midland, Odessa or Lubbock."

I'd call that a sweet kind of a deal: work less than half the time and have a wonderful business making and selling candy. Nan agrees. "Well, we're all old and none of us want to work full time."

The pecans come from Comanche. "We get about forty thirty-pound boxes of pecans every two weeks."

The company, located across the street from Lamesa's Chamber of Commerce, started in 1998. It has no internet presence. "People just look at the label, get our number and call us. We take orders over the phone."

Susanna Valenzuela has worked there sixteen years and

turns out 1,800 pralines a day. She likes working there.

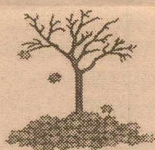
"It's not a stressful job," she says, while laughing. "We enjoy each others company and love working just three days a week, really two and a half."

Susanna and a helper start making pralines at seven AM. Gene and/or Nan come in about nine. "We all leave at four. Christmas time we work five to seven days a week."

Before buying the company, Gene had other jobs. "Dental hygienist, insurance agent, secretary and county treasurer. This is the most fun job I've ever had."

She loves to see people enjoy her products, but she doesn't partake. "I don't eat candy because I don't like nuts and stuff."

www.tumbleweedsmith.com



NOVEMBER 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 BB @ Forsan-5:00, g,G	2 ASVAB Test, Grades 11-12 District UIL Congress @ Lubbock FFA LDE Contest @ TTU	3 JH Football vs. O'Donnell-Here, 5:30 JV Football vs. Midessa-Here, 7:00	4 Coyotes vs. O'Donnell-There, 7:30	5 Speech Tournament @ San Angelo Central
6 Fall Back to Standard Time	7 JH "A" Girls BB @ Sands-6:00	8 BB @ Spur-5:00, g,G	9	10 FFA Lone Wolf District Contest @ Ira	11 End of 2 nd Six Weeks	12 Varsity Girls BB Tournament @ BC State CC @ Roundrock
13	14 Beginning of 3 rd Six Weeks JH "A" Girls/Boys BB @ Loraine-6:00	15 Elementary/JH Academic UIL @ Ira BB @ Garden City-4:00, All	16 Elementary/JH Academic UIL @ Ira	17	18 BB @ Knox City-4:00, b,G,B	19 JV Girls BB @ Knox City Tournament FFA Area II Contest @ Big Spring
20	21 JH BB @ Ira-4:00	22 BB @ Klondike-4:00, All	23 Thanksgiving Holiday	24 Thanksgiving Holiday <i>Thanksgiving Blessings</i>	25 Thanksgiving Holiday	26
27	28 JH BB vs. Highland-6:00	29 Picture Retake Day BB @ Sands-4:00, All	30			