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Borden County ISD Receives Top State Accountability Rating

On August 7th, the Texas Education Agency released school accountability ratings for the 2014-2015 school year for more than 8600 campuses, and 1200 school districts and charter schools in Texas.

For 2014-2015, the Borden County School received a rating of "Met Standard" and received a "Designation Distinction" in all 7 of the possible academic measures in the evaluation system.

School districts were rated on a variety of criteria, some new for the 2014-2015 school year. The following is a brief description taken from the TEA press release: "The 2015 ratings are based on a system that uses a range of indicators to provide greater detail about the performance of

a district or charter and individual campuses throughout the state. The performance index framework includes four areas:

• **Student Achievement** – Provides a snapshot of performance across all subjects

• **Student Progress** – Measures year-to-year student progress by subject and student group

• **Closing Performance Gaps** – Emphasizes the academic achievement of economically disadvantaged students and the lowest performing racial/ethnic student groups

• **Postsecondary Readiness** – Emphasizes the importance of earning a high school diploma that provides students with the foundation necessary

for success in college, the workforce, job training programs or the military"

All campuses and districts received a rating of either "Met Standard," "Met Alternative Standard," or "Improvement Required."

In addition to the rating, districts and campuses could earn the afore-mentioned "Distinction Designations" for exemplary performance in a number of areas. Those areas include "Academic Achievement in Reading/ELA," "Academic Achievement in Mathematics," "Academic Achievement in Science," "Academic Achievement in Social Studies," "Top 25 Percent Student Progress," "Top 25 Percent Closing Performance Gaps," and "Postsecondary Readiness". These are measured in relation to campus groups comprised of similar student composition. According to the TEA press release "In 2015, 4,388 campuses that achieved the "Met Standard" rating earned some type of distinction designation. However, only 153 high schools, middle

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Borden County Sluggers Earn All-State Mention

Courtesy of Lamesa Press Reporter
By Dwight Hines

After making it to the state playoffs on the high school diamond two out of the past three years, the Borden County Coyotes continue being recognized on a statewide level.

Over two months ago after this year's state tournament, the Texas Sportswriters association released its 2015 Class 2A All-State Baseball Team.

Five Borden County sluggers were recognized on that elite list with senior third baseman Hurrikane Richter, senior second baseman Mason Coor, sophomore shortstop Hunter Jones, freshman designated hitter Ryan Willborn and freshman outfielder Trace Richey each making honorable mention all-state.

"It's always good any time you see your kids recognized on this level," Borden County Coach Bubba Edwards said.

"One of the neatest things about these guys is how they're all multi-sport athletes. These guys really do a lot during a school year for our program."

Two trademarks that each of these honorees has on the diamond are reliable bats and dependable gloves.

"They're all pretty consistent at the plate. If we remember right, they all hit for over .400 on the year," Edwards said.

"All of these guys were pretty awesome when it comes to putting the bat on the ball.

"Defensively, most of these guys were also position players who kept their mistakes to a minimum. As a team, we did a good job of keeping our errors down."

For Richter this was the sec-

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August 14th Football Scrimmage Time Change

The Borden County football scrimmage at Garden City on Friday, August 14th will start at 5 p.m.

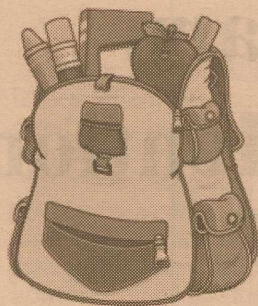
The JV will play first

Borden County 2015-2016 Borden Co. Elementary School Supply List 2015-2016 School Dress Code

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Kindergarten: Elmer's school glue (not paste), 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 (2 box), 1 box-Kleenex, Gym Shoes.

First Grade: 2-Boxes of 16 Crayons, 12-#2 Pencils, Scissors, 2 bottles Elmer's Glue, 2-Glue sticks, 4-Boxes Kleenex, 2-Pink eraser, Gym shoes, 1 bottle of sanitizer. NO FOLDERS AND NO SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS PLEASE!



Second Grade: 24-#2 Pencils, 2 boxes of 16 ct. crayons or more, 2 Bottles Elmer's Glue, 2 Glue sticks, Flexible ruler, Scissors (Fiskars for Kids), Erasers, Colored pencils, 2 Boxes Kleenex, 1-Composition notebook, 1-Box Wipes, Gym shoes. **No folders or pencil sharpeners, please.**

Third Grade: 1-3-ring binder, 1-Ruler (metric & standard), 4-Red pens, 1 Bottle school glue, 2-Glue sticks, 2-Pocket folders (no brads), 10-

#2 Pencils, Crayons, Scissors, 1 Box Kleenex, 1 Box wet wipes, 8 dividers, 1 Pkg. notebook paper (wide ruled), 1 Pkg. 3X5 index cards, Composition book, Gym shoes.

Fourth Grade: 1-1" 3 ring binder, 1-Pkg. notebook paper, 1-Set of subject dividers, 1-pocket folder of choice, 1-Spiral notebook, Markers, 1 box 24 Crayons, 1 box #2 Pencils, 2-red grading pens, Colored pencils, 3-Composition book, 1-Ruler (metric & standard), 2-large Glue sticks, Scissors, 1-Bottle Elmer's school glue, Scotch tape, 1-Box Kleenex, Gym shoes.



Fifth Grade: 1-1 inch 3 ring binder, 1-set of dividers w/tabs (5), 1-Pocket folder of choice, 3-Composition notebooks (not spiral notebooks), 1-Box #2 pencils (may be mechanical), 1-Pkg. wide ruled notebook paper, 1 package colored copy paper, 4-Red grading pens, 1-Black sharpie, 2-Large glue sticks, Tape dispenser and Scotch tape, Colored pencils, Crayola Washable Markers, Ruler w/ both inches and centimeters, Scissors, Highlighters, 1-Boxes of Kleenex, Gym shoes.

The Borden County School's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

Borden County's students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health and safety hazard to themselves or others. Clothing and grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operation is prohibited.

The Borden County School prohibits pictures, emblems, or writing on clothing that

1. Is lewd, offensive, vulgar, or contains obscene language

2. Advertises or depicts tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited by the school

3. Refers to satanic, cult, prison wear or gang activities

The following guidelines will be used to determine appropriate dress:

1. Dresses, skirts, split skirts and shorts should not be shorter than two inches above the knee. A student will lose the privilege of wearing shorts for the school year upon a third offense. Parents will be notified when the second offense occurs. Shorts must be tailored (hemmed with no frayed edges). No spandex biker shorts or wind shorts are allowed (loose-legged, athletic running shorts) and shorts shall not be too tight.

2. Wearing of oversized or baggy pants and/or jeans is prohibited at school or at any school-sponsored activity on or off campus. No "saggin, baggin, or draggin." Pants must be an appropriate length and not drag the floor. Boys' pants will be worn at the waist and properly fit the waistline. No excessively wide legged pants will be allowed. No trench coats, dusters, jail attire

or para-military attire will be allowed. No chains will be allowed on school property or at school sponsored functions.

3. Shirts and blouses must be buttoned appropriately with midriff and back covered at all times. (Tops must be long enough that skin does not show when arms are lifted.) Clothing shall be designed, constructed, and worn in a manner that is not suggestive or indecent, and that shall promote proper decorum. The opening on any type of shirt shall not exceed the equivalent of the first button below the collar of a dress shirt.

Tank tops and "see-through chiffon blouses" will not be allowed unless they are worn with a crew neck T-shirt underneath it or a shirt worn over them during all school hours and activities. Tailored shirt shirttails must be tucked in unless you have a crew T-shirt underneath the shirt. (All tailored shirts will be buttoned and tucked into the pants or skirt when representing Borden County in any extracurricular activity.)

Sleeveless blouses are permissible but must be in good taste. Appropriate undergarments must be worn and must not be exposed at any time.

4. Footwear shall be a part of regular attire. House shoes are not acceptable footwear. No metal cleats or plates on the soles of shoes shall be worn in the building.

5. Hair shall be clean and well groomed at all times while attending school, school functions, and school sponsored activities. It will be styled in a manner that will keep it out of the student's eyes and not obstruct one's vision. No unnatural or bizarre hair colors or haircuts will be permitted. Eyebrows must not be notched or shaved in an unnatural manner. Male students' hair may be worn no longer than the top of the collar. In addition: geometric or unusual patterns will not be allowed to be shaved or cut in the hair, and boys may not wear ponytails, rat-tails, or

braids.

Students are to be clean-shaven at all times. Mustaches and beards are not allowed. Sideburns shall not be worn lower than the bottom of the ear lobe and no wider than one inch at the base.

6. Boys will not wear piercing jewelry. Girls may not wear exposed piercing jewelry other than earrings. No tongue piercing will be allowed for boys or girls.

7. Sunglasses may not be worn in the building during school hours or events inside the building unless prescribed by a doctor.

8. Students may not wear hats, caps, bandanas, or hoods inside the building during the school day unless approved by the school administration. In addition, they may not wear such headwear when participating in basketball games, whether actively participating or sitting on the bench.

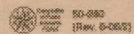
9. Any clothing or grooming not listed above that is determined by the school administration to pose a disruption, interference, or safety concern to the normal school operation or Borden County School Community will be prohibited and addressed as appropriate.

10. Students may not wear gloves or arm sleeves in the school building.

A student who violates the dress code shall be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student shall be assigned to in school suspension either for the remainder of the day or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeat offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action. The principal, in cooperation with the sponsor, coach, or other person in charge of an extracurricular activity, may regulate the dress and grooming of students who participate in the activity (for example: cheerleader uniforms may vary from normal requirements according to principal/sponsor approval). Students

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Borden County Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 31st in the Borden County ISD Admin Building

240 West Kincaid, Gall, TX. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ <u>1.04</u> /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$ <u>0.28</u> /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	% increase	or	<u>12.4612</u> % (decrease)
Debt service	% increase	or	<u>11.5879</u> % (decrease)
Total expenditures	% increase	or	<u>12.2851</u> % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ <u>1,255,468,344</u>	\$ <u>1,137,300,608</u>
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ <u>478,870</u>	\$ <u>3,282,770</u>
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ <u>940,792,000</u>	\$ <u>816,993,910</u>
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ <u>467,770</u>	\$ <u>2,811,180</u>

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 19,185,000

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.28000 *	\$ 1.32000	\$ 33,793	\$ 1,483
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.07491	\$ 0.21248 *	\$ 1.28739	\$ 24,913	\$ 6,022
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.28000 *	\$ 1.32000	\$ 24,579	\$ 6,022

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 16,336	\$ 15,941
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 13,408	\$ 15,123
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.32	\$ 1.32
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 178.99	\$ 199.62
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 22.63

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.04. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.04.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 8,688,708
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 3,334,023

Meet the Coyotes

The 2015 Meet the Coyotes is scheduled for August 20th immediately following the football scrimmage vs. Robert Lee. The football scrimmage begins at 6 p.m.

The event will take place at the Football Pavilion

The 2015 Coyotes football players and cheerleaders will

be introduced to all attending.

The cheerleading sponsors ask that parents and/or fans please bring or sweets for all to enjoy. Please contact Darby Key or Kaci Edwards for additional questions.

The cheerleaders will have a small concession stand during the scrimmage.



Dress Code...

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who violate these standards may be removed or excluded from the activity for a period determined by the school administration or sponsor and may be subject to other disciplinary action.

Violations of the Borden County Dress Code may be handled through the Student Code of Conduct.

ATTENTION BORDEN COUNTY PARENTS

All 6th grade students entering the 7th grade during the 2015-2016 school year are required to show evidence of new vaccinations upon entering school in the fall.

Two doses of Varicella, one dose of Meningococcal and a TDAP booster are the new requirements for this grade level.

You may choose to have your child immunized at the health department or by your family physician during the summer; however, evidence of completed vaccinations will be required upon the first day of entry into the 7th grade.

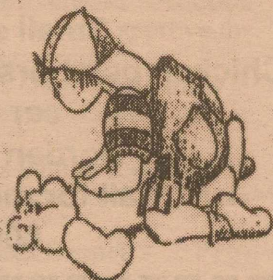
Please present an updated copy of your child's immunizations to the school secretary of school nurse upon entering the first day of school.



Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
 Holly Martinez, R.N.

We're always here for you in case of an Emergency! Just Call Us ...

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Heart and Home...


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Back to School Safety for Drivers, Bicyclists and Pedestrians

Just when summer is really starting to heat up in Texas, it is almost time for children to go back to school. Soon motorists will be sharing the roads with school buses, pedestrians, bicycle riders, and lots of new teen drivers taking their first car to school. According to the National Safety Council, teen car crashes spike in September when they are driving to and from school. Drivers young and old need to be vigilant because child pedestrians can be very unpredictable. They're easily distracted and can often run into traffic or out from behind parked cars. Looking out for children rather than expecting them to look out for us is our best defense as drivers.

Distracted driving is always dangerous, but it is especially dangerous in and around school zones. According to the Texas Department of Transportation, crashes in school zones are most commonly due to driver inattention, failure to control speed, and failure to yield the right-of-way at stop signs. As responsible drivers, we need to put down the phone and pay attention in school zones. In fact, it is illegal to use a cell phone in a school zone.

Whether your oldest is just starting kindergarten or taking that first trip to school in his or her own car, parents can play an important role in keeping their children safe. For young children, make sure they know the rules about school bus safety when it comes to boarding and getting off the bus. If you are transporting children to school, remember that children under 13 should always ride in the back seat in a car seat (including a booster) or seat belt depending on whether they fit properly in the seat belt. Teen drivers and their parents should be aware of the Texas Graduated Driver License Law and the restrictions it puts in place, including no cell phone use at

all and no more than one passenger under 21 in the vehicle unless the passenger is related to the driver. And, most importantly, always stress buckling up on every trip – even on those short trips to and from school!

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service reminds drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians to follow these safety tips from the Texas Department of Transportation to prevent needless tragedies.

Tips for Driving in School Zones

- Put away your cell phone. Cell phone use is banned in active school zones, and violators face fines from \$200 to \$500.

- Always obey school zone speed limit signs. Remember, traffic fines usually double in school zones.

- Drop off and pick up your children in your school's designated areas, not the middle of the street.

- Keep an eye on children gathered at bus stops.

- Be alert for children who might dart across the street or between vehicles on their way to school.

Tips for Bicyclists

As a bicyclist, you should wear a helmet and obey all traffic laws, including the following:

- Stop at red lights and stop signs.

- Pay attention to lane markers.

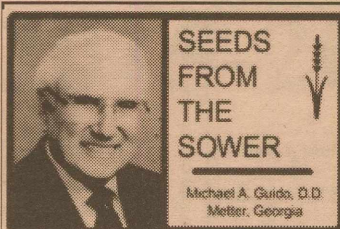
- Ride near the curb, traveling in the same direction as traffic.

- Use a light on the front and a red reflector or red light on the back of your bike while riding at night.

Tips for Pedestrians

- When there is a sidewalk, use it! Most pedestrians involved in traffic crashes due to walking in the roadway.

- Remember, texting or listening to mobile devices can



Following a lengthy and dangerous surgery, the doctor took aside the patient's fretting and talkative wife to instruct her as to his care. "Your husband must have peace and quiet," he told her as he handed her a bottle of pills. "Here are some sleeping tablets."

"What time am I to give them to him?" she asked.

"Oh," said the doctor, "they're not for him, they're for you."

When I am anxious, I cannot bring peace to others.

When I am afraid, I cannot bring comfort to others.

When I am filled with hate, I cannot bring love to others.

When I am worried, I cannot bring joy to others.

When I am discouraged, I cannot bring hope to others.

When I am in doubt, I cannot bring faith to others.

Jesus said, "Come to Me and learn of Me."

If we want to bring peace and comfort, love and joy, hope and faith to others, we must first learn them from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He is the Teacher from whom we learn the important gifts of life to give others.

Visit us at: SowerMinistries.org

distract you from your surroundings.

Always cross at intersections and pay attention to the control signal. Look left, then right, then left again before proceeding and try to make eye contact with drivers before you cross the street. If a crossing guard is available, wait for the guard to lead you across.

- Look for traffic when stepping off a bus or from behind parked cars.

- As a passenger, get in or out of a car on the curb side of the street.

Motorists can make a big difference by remembering to drive with extra caution when driving in and around school zones. Your slower speed and extra attention may very well save a life!

Visit <http://www.txdot.gov/driver/kids-teens/school.html> more information on back to school driving safety.

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YEARS OF LOVE!

Please join us to celebrate the anniversary of

Sharty and Barbara Farmer

August 16, 2015

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Borden County Event Center

Willow Valley Road & Hwy 180

Gail, Texas

Please come help us celebrate

60 years of life together!

BORDEN COUNTY BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

The Borden County Booster Club will hold their 1st meeting for the 2015-2016 school year on August 24th in the Coyote Room at 8:05 following the bell. We hope to see everyone there!

House for Sale

NW Borden County, Texas property for sale by owner.

3BR house, barn with concrete floor, Small storage house.

Chicken pen, horse stalls, panelled railroad car on 10 acres

Borden County school.

Call for more information at

806/759-2587

Commissioners' Court

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BORDEN
WHEREAS, on this the 28th day of July, 2015, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas the following members of the Court being present to-wit: ROSS SHARP, County Judge, Presiding; MONTE SMITH, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1; RANDY ADCOCK, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; ERNEST REYES, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; JOE BELEW, Commissioner Precinct No. 4 and JANA UNDERWOOD, County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agendas. Other officers present: Marlo Holbrooks, County Attorney and Shawna Gass, County Treasurer.

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the July 28, 2015, special session of the Commissioners Court to order at 8:40 A.M.

COMMUNITY INPUT

None

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting of July 14, 2015 were presented. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said minutes as presented. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Commission Reyes made a motion to advertise for bids for county surplus property with bids to be opened at 9:00 A.M. on September 1, 2015. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OPTIONAL FEES FOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Commission Adcock made a motion to make no change and will charge the same fees for 2016. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTION POLLING PRECINCTS FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION

Commissioner Smith made

a motion to consolidate voting precincts for the November 3, 2015 Constitutional Amendment Election as follows:

Precinct 1A & 1B voting at Precinct 1A First Baptist Fellowship Hall

Precinct 2A & 2B voting at Precinct 2A Borden County Courthouse

Precinct 3A & 3B voting at Precinct 3B Fairview Voting House

Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION JUDGES

Commission Belew made a motion to appoint the following persons as election judges and alternate judges for the November 3, 2015 Constitutional Amendment Election:

Precinct 1A & 1B-Debra Hardman and Joyce Herridge; Precinct 2A & 2B-Pam Cooley and Shelly Snell; Precinct 3A & 3B-Patsy Anderson and Thomas Covington and Precinct 4-Carrie Hart and Jacquie Hendricks/

Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Commission Belew made a motion to approve the change to employee handbook concerning longevity schedule. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

UTILITY CABLE CROSSINGS

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the following application from:

Mahmoud Khalifa - Precinct 2

Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

No applications.

SOIL CONSERVATION WORK

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the following applications:

Travis Dimler for Tim Wilson / Munger Ranch - Precinct 2

Travis Dimler for Tim Wilson / Rocker Ranch - Precinct 1

Kenneth Bennett - Pre-

cinct 2

Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

Work session held on 2016 budget

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Budget, Water Project and Event Center

CURRENT ACCOUNTS

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 11th DAY OF AUGUST, 2015.

Accountability Rating...

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schools and junior high schools earned a "Distinction Designation" in all seven categories that were evaluated for that campus."

"Earning any type of distinction under the state accountability system is commendable and should be a source of pride in that community," said Texas Education Commissioner Michael Williams. "Achieving all seven distinctions on a campus or a district-level postsecondary readiness distinction reflects extraordinary work while affirming a strong commitment to students."

"The teachers, staff, students and parents at Borden County School should be very proud of this rating and the Distinction Designations earned. It also speaks volumes about the commitment and support from the Board of Trustees and the community of

Gail and Borden County," said BCISD Superintendent Billy Collins. "Our rating is indicative of the tradition and commitment to excellence that Borden County is known for. We start over next week to begin our work in 2015-2016. Congratulations to everyone that worked so hard for this rating."

School starts again for BCISD students on Monday, August 24th.

Baseball State Honors...

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ond time this summer to be recognized on a statewide level. He also was named second team all-state at third base by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association.

Earlier this summer, Coor also played in the Greater West Texas Baseball Coaches Association's All-Star game.

"It was good to see these guys go out with a bang," Edwards said of his graduated seniors.

With the likes of Jones, Richey and Willborn, do not be surprised to see the Coyotes back in playoff contention on the diamond again next spring.

Help Wanted

Borden County Sheriff's Office is Accepting Applications for the Position of Full-Time Administrative Assistant/Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector

Position Summary: This position performs a wide variety of clerical, support and administrative tasks in support of the functions of the Office.

Education, Experience and Skill Requirements: High school diploma or GED, and valid Texas Driver's License. Requires knowledge of computers and proficiency in Windows environment, database management strategies, Excel, PC Hardware, printers, word processing, a working knowledge of scanning process and other customary office equipment. Must have effective communication skills. Must be dependable, responsible, personable and detailed oriented. Must be able to maintain strict confidentiality, be competent in handling money and must be bondable. Must have good problem solving skills and be able to meet attendance requirements. Physical conditions commensurate with the demands of the office; Mainstream Business attire required. Must pass background investigation and pass drug screening.

Benefits: Paid holiday, sick time, vacation, TCDRS retirement and health insurance.

Interested applicants should submit a resume to the address or email below. Upon receipt of the applicants resume an application/background investigation packet will be provided and must be returned to the Sheriff.

Return application/background investigation packet and resume lo later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, August 14, 2015 to the Borden County Sheriff's Office

Contact: Sheriff Benn Allison, Borden County Sheriff's Office, PO Box 115, Gail, Texas, 79738 or email benny.allison@co.borden.tx.us

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Mesa Irrigation Co.

Zimmatic, Center Pivot Irrigation

This modern up-to-date establishment has done much to modernize farming methods. **Mesa Irrigation Co.** Features the Zimmatic system of irrigation, a center pivot system which can save you 25 percent or more than some other types of irrigating, while helping you maximize yields. Through these savings alone the system can pay for itself in 5 to 7 years. Crops grow better with pivot irrigation. As you know, the right amount of water at the right time can significantly reduce the stress on your crops. Farmers who have switched from gravity flow to Zimmatic center pivot irrigation have reported increased yields between 10 and 20 percent. This system allows you to use only the water your crops need, there saving the expense of pumping and can save you as much as 70 percent of the amount of water you use. They also maintain complete repair and service department for your convenience. For the best, this Good Neighbor Review recommends **Mesa Irrigation** located at 1609 N. Hwy. 87 in Lamesa. Phone 872-5479 or 872-2611.

Hill Insurance Agency



For all kinds of insurance call Hill Insurance Agency located at 218 N. Austin in Lamesa. This firm represents one of the largest companies and they are ready to serve you in your every insurance need. They are now serving a great number of people in this section with auto, property, accident and life insurance. There are so many things over which we have no control, both of a personal and property nature, that you owe it to yourself and your family to insure against these things which do happen. When you think of insurance, think of Hill Insurance Agency. Go over your needs with them and they will be able to assist you in selecting the kind of insurance suited to protect you adequately. Once Sandra Barker has made a study of your problems, you will be advised how best you can meet that need at a minimum cost. You are invited to come in and discuss insurance with no obligation on your part and see for yourself if your protection is sufficient for all your needs. In this review of the businesses of Lamesa we feel a sense of satisfaction in recommending this firm to all our many readers for insurance of all kinds. Phone 806/872-5413 for any information.

Spike Dykes

Ford-Lincoln-Mercury

Spike Dykes is the Ford dealership in Lamesa. The dealership is located at 1207 So. Lynn. You can call toll free 1-800-658-6230. Spike Dykes is dedicated to proving that they are the very best in quality sales and service. You will find a large inventory of new Ford, Lincoln and Mercury cars and trucks along with a great selection of low mileage, late model used cars and trucks. Customer satisfaction is the number one priority at Spike Dykes, with quicker turn around time for parts and service, the factory-trained technicians can usually get your car out the same day, or shortly after, this Ford dealership promises to offer a professional, courteous, friendly atmosphere to take care of all your vehicle needs.

If you need special financing they are connected with Ford Motor Credit as well as many other financial institutions to handle your financing needs. If you bought your cars or trucks from some of the area town dealers, they invite you to discover the way Spike Dykes has of doing business. You won't get a better deal or a better price for your trade in at any other dealer. They will treat you fairly, with no hassles, no pressure and with a sincere effort to earn and keep your business. You are invited to come by anytime for a test drive, an appraisal on your car or truck or just a cup of coffee and a friendly visit. Your welcome anytime and they will answer any questions you might have about these Ford Products.

Lamesa Concrete

Cope Sand & Gravel

Lamesa Concrete and Cope Sand & Gravel located on the Big Spring Hwy. south of Lamesa, offers prompt and dependable service in ready mixed concrete and sand and gravel service. This up-to-date concern furnishes a complete service of high quality ready mixed concrete for building construction. They are prepared to supply out of town orders, real estate men, sub-dividers and home builders on short notice. They have a fleet of modern trucks for transporting and mixing concrete in any quantity desired. This is a real convenience in building as it eliminates delay and assures a high quality, hard setting concrete. The best of service is provided the public of this community. No matter whether you have a large or small amount of concrete work to be done, you will find it more convenient and economical to use the service of this well-known established concern. We wish to say that **Lamesa Concrete and Cope Sand & Gravel** has more than justified its' existence as its' service in this field has proven an essential necessity to this area. Phone 872-7356.

Lamesa Tire & Battery

Frieddie Vargas and Freddie Vargas, Jr.-Mgrs.

Lamesa Tire & Battery located at 107 N. Dallas Ave. in Lamesa is your dealer for the world famous Kelly Springfield. When you purchase tires for your automobile, truck or farm equipment, you want tires that will give you the greatest safety. For longer wear and the best in tire quality, buy Kelly Springfield tires. Motorists have praised these tires for years and they have proven to be the best tire you money can buy. At Lamesa Tire & Battery, you will find tire experts who will be glad to advise you on your tire needs. Here they realize that quality is as important to everyone as price. They stand behind their service and products and you can be assured that the tires handled by this firm will be the best. You will also find they have a tire repair department where you can have hour old tires repaired by experienced workmen, along with a complete wheel alignment service. In this Good Neighbor Review issue, we take great pleasure in recommending such a firm as this to all our many readers. See them for all your tire needs in auto, turck or farm equipment. 872-6702 or 1-800-817-6802.

Sonic Drive-In

This excellent drive-in is located at 401 N. 4th in Lamesa. Be sure to stop here for a cold drink and a bite to eat the next time you are shopping in Lamesa for the day. They provide curb service for your convenience. Just drive up to the **Sonic Drive-In** and you will be pleased with the excellent service they give you right in your own car. You will find they have easy in and out access and you will find a menu right by your window when you drive in. One of the most important points a person considers when he eats away from home is the sanitary conditions of the kitchen from which his food comes from. In this Good Neighbor Review we wish to commend the management of **Sonic Drive-In** on keeping such a clean kitchen and serving really good food. When they moved to their new and larger facility it was with the idea that it would be greatly appreciated by the people of this area and this has been proven by their ever increasing business. The management wishes to take this opportunity to thank all his Borden County customers for their past and future patronage. Phone 806/872-5943.

State National Bank

This prominent bank is located at 801 N. 4th Street in Lamesa. Phone 872-8808. The **State National Bank** is an institution of financial strength and safety and may well be termed "The Friendly Bank". It was founded by men of character and integrity who were very prominent in business and commercial activities and is progressing at this district itself is growing and progressing. Under the management of efficient and capable men and women they invite accounts of business men, women, farmers, laborers or all people who desire profitable connections with a modern banking institution. At this bank you will find strength, seasoned judgement, dependability, accuracy in handling details and breadth of vision—all to be applied to the management of your personal or commercial affairs. In making this "Good Neighbor Review" of the firms in Lamesa we wish to make the statement that at this bank you may at all times save with safety for the area FDIC member bank. Drop in and visit with them for any information on your banking needs.

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Branon Funeral Home Serving in this area since 1922

Time and service have honored the name **Branon Funeral Home** located at 403 N. Austin Ave. in Lamesa. Phone 806/872-8335. Since 1922 this reputable firm has served the people of this section. They relieve you of all worry and responsibility and by sympathetic cooperation bring comfort in the hour of distress. Their service supplies the consoling thought that the final tribute to your loved one has been beautiful and fitting. They have in their employ only those who have a natural fitness for this profession. When a funeral director must be called may we suggest that you place this firm in charge. They will relieve you of all the many details that must be taken care of and at the same time see that everything is done according to your wishes. In this Good Neighbor Review, we unhesitatingly refer all our many readers to this reliable firm and suggest that you call them when in need of a funeral director.

Rick's Paint & Body Shop Ricky Minjarez-Owner

Rick's Paint & Body Shop is one of the best body shops in Lamesa. Phone 872-6735 for service. This enterprising shop specializes in auto painting and repair of auto bodies and fenders. They have a wide selection of paints from which to choose, or they can blend paint so it will match your car perfectly. This firm has the finest in equipment and experience and is capable of giving your car a paint job equal to the one it had when it came from the factory. There is an art to repairing and painting an automobile and making it look new again. The owner of this firm supervises work done on every car so you may be sure that your car will receive personal attention. For a very reasonable price you can make your old car look new again. You will find all the charges very reasonable at **Rick's Paint & Body Shop**. Stop in the next time you are in Lamesa and have them estimate the cost of making your car look new. There is no obligation. They are located at 314 North 1st Street.

Claiborne's Supermarket Lamesa's only home owned supermarket

This enterprising dealer is located at 710 N. 4th Street in Lamesa. This is the store to which you will want to come if you are interested in keeping that grocery bill within range. They sell on a close margin of profit to give you the advantage of lower prices. Folks in this section have found the values to be as great here as any place in town. You sure won't go wrong by trading at this store. It is a great help to know that you can stop at one grocery and get everything you need. It is no small problem to keep shelves stocked with desirable foods. But, this grocery in Lamesa has done a marvelous job in the past and will continue with their progressive business policy. We are happy to recommend this prominent grocery store in Lamesa and suggest you drop in and look over their many bargains. Phone 872-7011.

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.

Reid Bethel Tire Goodyear-Bridgestone/Firestone Dealer

This firm is one of the leaders of it's kind in this district and they have built their reputation upon the service, satisfaction and good will extended to their many customers. Having been in the tire business for a number of years, Gary Culp the manager provides the demands of his customers with quality tires and service at reasonable prices. The people of this area prefer trading with **Reid Bethel Tire** for all their tire needs because they know they will be treated fairly. It has often been said "That business foes where it is invited and stays where it is well treated". Through constant vigilance and execution of this policy they have attained success and popularity among the people of this district. In their service department they have experienced people who will be glad to take care of all your tire service needs, such as tire repair, wheel alignment and computerized balancing. Also, they have mobile equipment for on the farm service. In this review of the reliable concerns in our trade territory we recommend Reid Bethel Tire Co. located at 310- S. Dallas Ave. in Lamesa, phone 872-8886.

B.E. Implement Jerry Jaquess-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".



Capital Farm Credit is located at 101 N. 22nd Street, phone 872-5415. This firm has a complete loan service for farmers and stockmen for agriculture purposes at reasonable rates of interest. It is our purpose in this review to give our readers throughout this district a list of prominent firms in our trade territory. We wish to bring to your attention, **Capital Farm Credit** in Lamesa. The management has a reputation far and wide for honest business dealings and is anxious to please every customer alike. Their position among the people of this district is evidence of well-placed confidence and in this review we take pleasure in recommending this loan association to the farmers and ranchers of this and surrounding areas. During their years of operation they have done everything in their power for the improvement of the community. You too will find this a most desirable firm with which to do business. Phone 872-5415 for information on any farm or ranch loan.

Jones-McCall Pharmacy

Jones-McCall Pharmacy is located at 1605 N. Bryan in Lamesa, phone 806/872-5453. Here professional pharmacists accurately fill prescriptions from quality drugs. The relationship between the professional pharmacist and the physician is very close. The people should have confidence in the doctor, and the doctor must have implicit confidence in the pharmacist, for he is unable, without a chemical analysis, to determine whether all the ingredients called for in his prescription are contained in the compound and if they are pure and fresh. Moreover, the pharmacist, in many cases is the medium through which the physician gains of his knowledge. To be progressive he is expected to know all the newer preparations that are available. As soon as any biological or medical discovery is proved of worth, he will have a supply on hand for the doctors and the public use. We in this Good Neighbor Review recommend this pharmacy for your drug needs.

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Paul Wade Insurance Agent for State Farm Insurance

The reputation of **Paul Wade Insurance** has been built upon its excellent insurance service, the satisfaction and good will of their many satisfied policyholders. One of the leaders of its kind in this section, this firm is under the management of a man who knows the insurance business and needs of his customers and furnishes a quality insurance service at fair prices. If you will come by his office, Paul Wade will be glad to go over your coverage with you and advise you on what additional insurance you might need. Or you may phone his office at 872-8069 and he will be glad to visit with you at your home or place of business and go over your insurance needs with you. After going over your insurance coverage and needs, he will advise you on how to meet any additional needs at the most economical price to you. At the present time he is serving a large number of people throughout this section in their insurance needs, whether for auto, life, property or medical. Also, another service they are furnishing the people throughout this area with a complete banking and financial service for all your retirement and educational needs. In this review of the business and professional concerns of this section, we highly recommend **Paul Wade Insurance**, located at 101 Main in Lamesa. Phone 872-8069 for any information or for an appointment.

Shannon Forbes Insurance Agency Famer Insurance Group Companies

The reputation of **Shannon Forbes Insurance Agency** has been built upon its excellent insurance service, the satisfaction and good will of their many satisfied policy holders. One of the leaders of its kind in this section, this firm is under the management of people who knows the insurance business and needs of her customers and furnishes a quality insurance service at fair prices. If you will come by her office, Shannon Forbes will be glad to go over your coverage with you and advise you on what additional insurance you might need. Or you may phone her office at 872-9467 and she will be glad to visit with you at your home or place of business and go over your insurance needs with you. After going over your insurance coverage and needs, she will advise you on how to meet any additional needs at the most economical price to you. At the present time she is serving a large number of people throughout this section in their insurance needs, whether for auto, life, property or medical. In this review of the business and professional concerns of this section, we highly recommend, **Shannon Forbes Insurance Agency**, located at 807 N. Dallas Ave. in Lamesa. Phone 872-9467 for any information or for an appointment.

Brock Veterinary Clinic Dr. Bo A. Brock-D.V.M.

Foremost among the professional men is this popular veterinarian, located at 1204 S. Dallas Ave., phone 806/872-3183. In every community there are individuals who, because of specialized services are an indispensable factor in the community. Foremost among these, especially in a rural community, is a good veterinarian, who saves thousands of dollars for the farmers and ranchers. He has proven capable and is ready to serve those who call upon him. He has fitted himself with years of study and experience, so that you may call upon him day or night and be assured that he will be there as soon as it is humanly possible. He will do everything that can be done for the pet or any other animal. So, in this review and directory of reliable business and professional people in our area, we wish to compliment Dr. Bo. A. Brock and suggest that if you are in need of service of this kind, that you get in touch with this reliable veterinarian.

First United Bank of Lamesa A Locall Owned Bank

First United Bank has 13 Banking Centers in West Texas, from Lamesa north to Amarillo. First United is a FDIC member bank, located at 602 N. 1st Street in Lamesa, You may phone 872-8311 for any information about your banking needs, or you may visit them on their website at www.firstunited.net. Be sure to visit the bank for your financial needs and take advantage of their Drive thru teller windows, open 8:30 till 4:00 p.m. The inside lobby is open from 9:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Also, you may want to use their convenient ATM services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our readers will find this a friendly bank, willing to help you with all of your financial need, taking a personal interest in each customer. They ask you to come by the bank and sign up for their convenient Online Banking and Check Card. All of your banking services are available at the First United Bank, Lamesa Banking Center or any of the other 13 locations in West Texas. This Bank has been a leader in helping with Agricultural development and other interest in this area. The employees of this bank are fine, public spirited people who believe in West Texas and feel that there are better days ahead for the energetic farmer, rancher and business person who work with a plan backed by sound judgement. We are pleased to recommend to our readers this fine bank.

Lyntegar Electric Cooperation

In this particular field of endeavor there is no organization more worthy of extended mention in this review. Under the direction of man thoroughly conversant with every feature of electricity they furnish an abundant and dependable source of electric power to the people of this area. They have contributed much by furnishing low cost power and light to local and rural area for as such purposes as residential, mill and shop operation, irrigation, refrigeration, pipeline, pumping, water well pumping, ginning and many others. They are continually striving to find new methods of helping you in your everyday needs. Because of their progress they have become a most important and industrial asset to this community. By reason of the fact that the management and their assistants have a wide experience in every field of electricity and its use and because of their comprehensive knowledge of your needs, **Lyntegar Electric** has continued to increase the number of their patrons. **Wesley Turner** is the **Branch Manager** with Jerry Bennett-Crew Forman; Johnny Antu-Journeyman Lineman; Bud Todd - Journeyman Lineman; Brent Fowler-Journeyman Lineman; Ty Smith-Journeyman Lineman; Jessie Cruz-Journeyman Lineman; Britt Rebber-2nd Class Lineman; Aaron Pigford-Journeyman Lineman; Stef White-2nd Class Lineman; Cody Hogg-2nd Class Lineman; Albert Vara-ground equipment operator; and Julie Stacha-Service Branch Clerk. We of this Good Neighbor Review wish to congratulate this firm located at 2103 S. Hwy 137 in Lamesa on their efforts to serve the electrical needs of this area at a low cost, making this a better and more prospectus place in which to live. Phone 872-2632 or toll free 1-877-218-2308 for any information or service.

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