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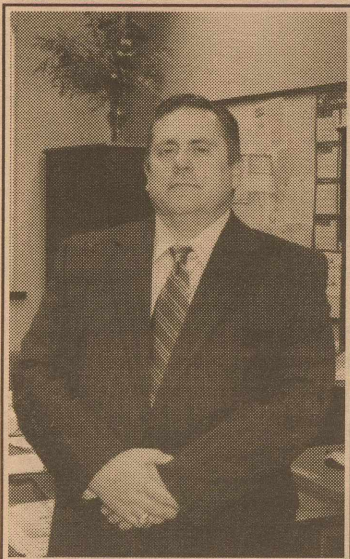
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## 2015-2016 School Year to Begin on August 24th

*Dear Students, Parents and Borden  
County School Community:*



**Billy Collins**  
Superintendent

It is my pleasure to welcome all of you back to a new year at Borden County School. While many of our students have already been busy with extra-curricular activities, the school year will begin on Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Classes will begin at 8:05 a.m. and end at 3:33 p.m., which is the same schedule as last year.

It is with great enthusiasm

that I begin the 2015-2016 year. Many lay claim to being the best school in the state, but Borden County is one of a very few that can make that argument and have the evidence to support it. When the Texas Education Agency released school ratings for 2014-2015 last week, Borden County received the highest marks possible – Met Standard with 7 out of 7 Distinction Designations in the measured areas of school achievement – and was one of only a few schools in the state to accomplish that. Along with that success, students achieved high levels of success in virtually all extra-curricular activities from athletics to FFA to UIL academic competitions. As I observed and got to know students, staff, parents and community members here, I was not surprised by that rating, nor the success enjoyed in extra-curricular activities. High academic standards, outstanding student achievement, exceptional facilities, and school and community pride are evident everywhere, and our school board and staff are committed to continuing those

traditions.

It is that type of academic performance - along with the goal of competing at the highest levels in all of our extra-curricular programs - that we again will seek in 2015-2016.

We will welcome three new staff members to our outstanding faculty this year. Mr. Less Huff will be serving as a teacher and band director, Christi Collins will be joining the staff, also serving as a teacher, and Keitha Hill will be an instructional aide.

The fine academic programs that provide an outstanding educational and school experience for our students will continue. Dual Credit college programs for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will continue to help our students prepare for post-secondary education. Advanced academic courses and Career & Technology electives will be available for our students as well. Music and Band, featuring our new band director, will provide fine arts experiences and performance opportuni-

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## Wild Pig Management Video Series Released August 18th

COLLEGE STATION – The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is aggressively taking steps to keep landowners abreast of the state's ever-increasing feral hog population. A recent step is The Wild Pig Management Video Series.

Mark Tyson and Josh Helcel, AgriLife Extension associates with the Wildlife and Fisheries unit at College Station, collaborated with Texas Wildlife Services personnel in compiling the series. Tyson said it consists of an all-inclusive trailer and the following five videos: How to Corral Trap Wild Pigs; Corral Trapping Wild Pigs: A Success Story; How to Box Trap Wild Pigs; Shooting Techniques for Wild Pigs; and How to Snare Wild Pigs.

The five videos will be released individually over the course of five days beginning Aug. 18 and go public on YouTube at: [http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL10QCALWCnPRucKHEcdnfn\\_oT9HklyN](http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL10QCALWCnPRucKHEcdnfn_oT9HklyN)

YG or at <http://bit.ly/1NqUdKW>

Tyson said his unit came up with the idea when they realized the need for a comprehensive video resource on feral hog or "wild pig" management.

"With feral hogs in 99 percent of Texas counties now causing upwards of \$52 million in annual agricultural damages, managing their expanding populations is a real challenge," Tyson said. "Our job is to provide landowners with the tools they need to get the job done, and we trust this will be another very useful tool in their feral hog management toolbox."

Tyson said his department is confident the videos will clarify many management points not always easily understood through other media. Doing so should help land managers effectively manage this destructive nuisance species to reduce their impacts on native habitat, wildlife, livestock, water quality and agricultural production.

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# 2015 Coyote Football Season Underway With First Scrimmage in Garden City

By Coach Richey

The 2015 football season for the #1 ranked Borden County Coyotes got underway as they traveled to Garden City for the first of two scrimmages before opening the season with two-time defending state Champs the Crowell Wildcats.

The Coyote JV started things off going two segments of 15 offense and defensive series. In those 30 offensive plays, the younger Coyotes outscored the home town Bearkats 6 touchdowns to 1. This group of sophomores Nick Proulx, Morgan Wilson, Braxton Barnes, and Easton Edwards along with freshman Payton Merket, Ben Justice, JW Nix, Jeremy Souder, Trent Collins and Lukas Grantham. These young men played some awesome defense limiting the Bearkats to one touchdown and very few yards while executing well on the offensive side.

Nick Proulx scored first for the Coyotes from 47 yards out and then Nick connected with Payton Merket for a 36 yard pass play to end the first offense and defensive sessions with a 2-0 advantage. In the second 15 series, the Coyotes managed 4 scores, Payton Merket had 3 of them following some nice blocking from Barnes, Collins, Justice, Wilson, Nix and Souder. His runs were from 35 yards, 19 yards and 60 yards. Morgan Wilson connected with Ben Justice for the final score from 15 yards out to give the Coyote JV a very impressive 6 to 1 victory.

The Varsity would take the field following the JV. The varsity team consisted of 2015 captains, senior Korbin Martinez, juniors Hunter Jones and Corbin Sumners and sophomore Trace Richey. Other varsity members for the first scrimmage are seniors Colby Pennell, Nathan Souder, juniors Braxton Coor, Diego Bernal, Kale Yarbro, Jayton Lewis, Noah Morales and injured Steven Carrillo. Sopho-

mores Ryan Willborn and Brian Torres round out this group.

The varsity would get the ball to begin the scrimmage and use 5 plays to reach pay dirt for the first time as Trace Richey rumbled in from 7 yards out for the Coyotes first score. Moments later, Richey would connect with Colby Pennell for a 60 yard scoring strike. Ryan Willborn would reach the endzone from 37 yards out for the Coyotes 3<sup>rd</sup> score and then sophomores would connect as Richey hit Willborn with a 26 yard strike to end their first 15 plays with 4 scores. The Borden County defense, a big focus for the 2015 season would come out and stop the first 3 series of the Bearkats before to breakdowns in the secondary would lead to back to back scores for the home town Bearkats and finish the first series 4 to 2 in favor of the Coyotes.

In the second series, the Coyotes again got 4 scores in their 15 plays. Corbin Sumners squirted lose on a 50 yard jaunt for the first score. Richey then hit Korbin Martinez on a 34 yard touchdown pass play. Hunter Jones scrambled to pay dirt from 60 yards out to give the Coyotes a 3<sup>rd</sup> score. Trace Richey then capped off the series with a 3 yard run. The Borden defense gave up a touchdown on the first play but then didn't give up a first down the next 14 plays to win the second series 4 to 1. The two teams would plan on going at least one more series of 10 plays. The Coyotes got three scores in those 10 plays, the first coming on a 6 yard run by Sumners, which was followed by a nicely executed screen pass from Sumners to Jones that covered 26 yards and then on their final play, Jones returned the favor hitting Sumners with a 36 yard pass and catch to end their offensive day.

The Bearkats would only

get 4 plays of their 10 before the weather brought a halt to the opening scrimmage. The Coyotes were extremely tough in those 4 plays allowing only a couple of yards. As a result, the shortened final of the scrimmage was 11 to 3 in favor of the Coyotes. The Borden defense showed that it was going to be much improved and the offense proved to remain very explosive.

Some statistical leaders are as follows: Corbin Sumners had 171 yards on 10 carries and 2 td's. He had a catch for 36 yards and a score and was 1 of 3 for 26 yards and a score passing.

Hunter Jones had 126 yards on 4 carries and a touchdown, a reception for 26 yards and a score and was 4 of 6 passing with 79 yards and a td.

Trace Richey had 16 yards on 3 carries and 2 td's and one reception for 9 yards and was 4 of 5 passing for 147 yards and 3 td's.

Ryan Willborn had 104 yards on 6 carries and a td and a 26 yard td reception.

Brian Torres had 35 yards on 2 carries.

Jayton Lewis had a yard on a carry

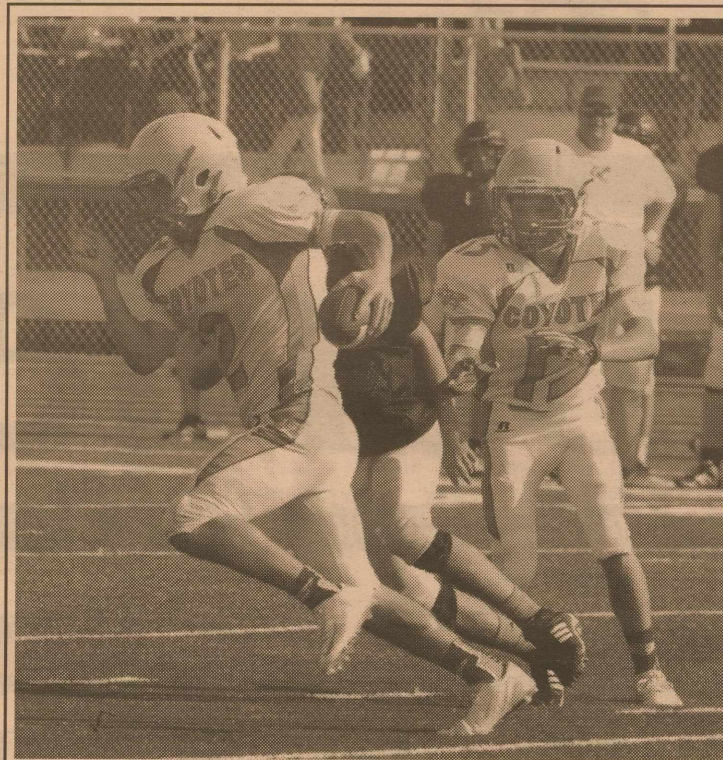
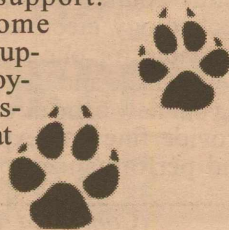
Colby Pennell had 73 yards and a score on two receptions.

Korbin Martinez had 55 yards on 2 catches and a td.

Ben Justice had 27 yards on a catch.

The Coyotes will next face #3 Robert Lee in their final scrimmage of the 2015 season here as we will also have Meet the Coyotes following the game. Thank you all for your support.

Please come out and support the Coyotes Thursday night at 6 p.m.



Coyote JV player, Payton Merket makes a run for the Coyote endzone last Friday and scores for the team.



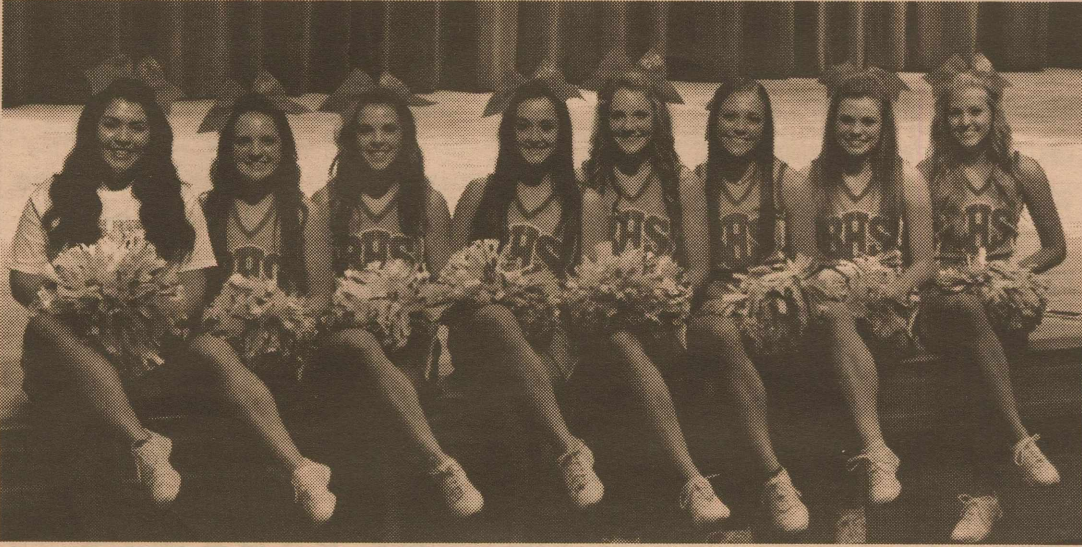
Varsity quarterback, Hunter Jones looks for an open Coyote receiver in Friday's scrimmage win against the Garden City Bearcats.



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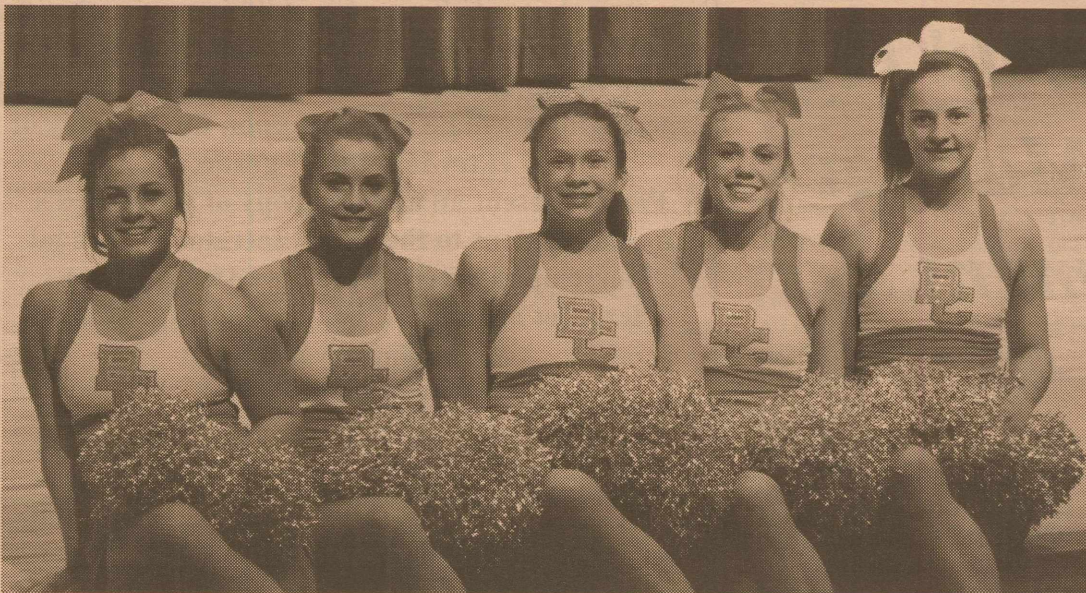


## 2015-2016 Borden County Varsity Cheerleaders



Cheering on the Coyotes! The 2015-2016 Borden County Varsity cheerleaders are (left to right) Maddie Benavidez, junior-mascot, Katie Gray, freshman; Emma Key, freshman; Maddison Cole, freshman; Rayme Jones, freshman; Preslea Hall, sophomore; Braylee Walker, sophomore and Tatum Richey, senior.

## 2015-2016 Borden County Jr. High Cheerleaders



The 2015-2016 Borden County Jr. High cheerleaders are (left to right) Tatum Treadwell, Fallon Forbes, Kylie Barnes, Brittany Walker and Kaci Hudson.

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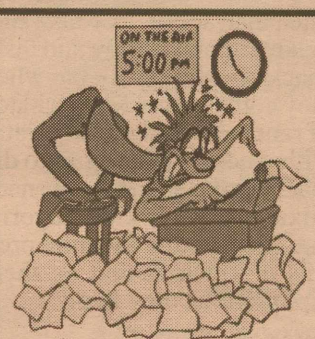
## School Year to Begin...

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ties. The wide variety of extra-curricular activities in which so many of our students participate and excel will continue. Again, our goal is that every Borden County student from Kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade will be successful, particularly in the classroom, as well as in the extra-curricular activities of their choosing.

The excellent reputation and student achievement at Borden County has been the result of much effort and teamwork. As we begin a new school year, we once ask again our parents and community to join us, support our staff and students, and continue to be the positive force they always have been for this wonderful school district. We encourage all parents to contact your child's teachers, sponsors, coaches and administrators if you have problems or if you just have questions.

Best Wishes,  
Billy Collins



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## School Lunch Menu

Aug. 24-28 2015

Menu subject to change

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

**Tuesday** - Breakfast: Cheese Omelet Wrap, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk. Lunch: Meat & Cheese Tostadas w/ Salsa, Spanish Rice, Salad, Refried Beans, Applesauce and Milk.

**Wednesday** - Breakfast: Sausage Kolache & Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Spaghetti, Breadstick, Salad, Vegetable Medley, Apple Slices and Milk.

**Thursday** - Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll & Bacon, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Frito Pie, Baby Carrots w/Ranch, Mexicali Corn, Salsa, Orange Smiles, Cookie and Milk.

**Friday** - Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Rings, Tex. Toast, Zesty Cucumbers, Sweet Potato Fries, Sliced Peaches and Milk.

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## Fast, Fun Food for School Days

On the one hand, the start of school means no more long afternoons of listening to the 'Mom, I'm bored!' chorus. On the other hand, it means life's about to get a little more hectic as, once again, everyone has a more rigid schedule to keep to. It means having to make quick breakfasts and pack well-balanced bag lunches that will actually get eaten. Here are some ideas to help you and the kids ease into the school year deliciously!

**Quick breakfasts.** It can be hard to make time for a nutritious breakfast on weekday mornings, but it's vitally important that children start the school day with a little something under their belts. Once every couple of weeks, let the kids help you bake a big batch of muffins or quick bread loaves. When they've cooled, wrap them in individual portions and freeze them. Each morning, you can toss as many servings as you need into the microwave, and voila! — fresh, warm bread! Other ideas: a sandwich of toast spread with peanut butter, honey and banana slices; hard-cooked eggs (made in advance) chopped and rolled up in a tortilla with a sprinkle of cheese and a dollop of salsa; or, give your blender a workout by zipping up colorful smoothies of yogurt and frozen fruit.

**Fun lunches.** It's a struggle as old as time itself:

you want your children to eat nutritious lunches, they want lunches full of little store-bought packages of sweet and salty things. Aiming for a compromise? Remember that small is fun. A sandwich cut into pieces (especially if you take a cookie cutter to them) is more likely to get eaten than a whole sandwich. Chunks of melon, orange wedges or grapes go over better than a whole apple. Two or three teeny-tiny cookies or brownies are more satisfying than one big one. For a refreshing break from sandwiches, whip up a pasta salad with fun pasta shapes and a few cubes of meat, cheese and veggies. Take a trip to the party supply store before school starts and surprise your kids by slipping fun napkins into their lunches, and every once in awhile, some small party favor toys.

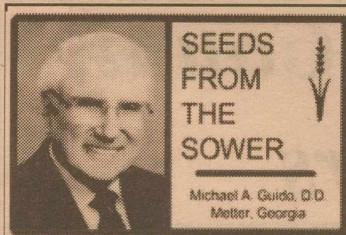
**Satisfying after-school snacks.** Besides expending a great deal of energy during the day, kids have smaller tummies and therefore need to eat more often than adults do. Make sure to have some healthy and tasty snacks readily available when they come home. Keep a batch of ranch dip in the refrigerator with crackers or veggies to dip in it. Also keep on hand a snack mixture of your kids' favorite nuts, dried fruits and mini pretzels or crackers and let them dip into it as they like.



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"Work hard," says the Living Bible, "and with gladness all the time." Then you'll reflect glory on your work and bring glory to God.

## Wild Pig Management...

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Tyson said the video series came about after he and Dr. Jim Cathey, the unit's associate department head, applied for and received a Renewable Resources Extension Act Grant. The grant was funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture and was administered through the Texas A&M Institute of Renewable Natural Resources.

Additional information on feral hogs and their management is available on the Coping with Feral Hogs website at: <http://feralhogs.tamu.edu>.

For more information, contact Tyson, at 979-845-4698, [mark.tyson@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:mark.tyson@ag.tamu.edu).

# Thank You!

We would like to thank the Borden County EMS for their quick response and kindness shown to Brad when he was snake bit. We also want to thank all are friends and neighbors for their prayers.

Thank You  
The Thomas Family

## ATTENTION BORDEN COUNTY PARENTS

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

Two doses of Varicela, 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

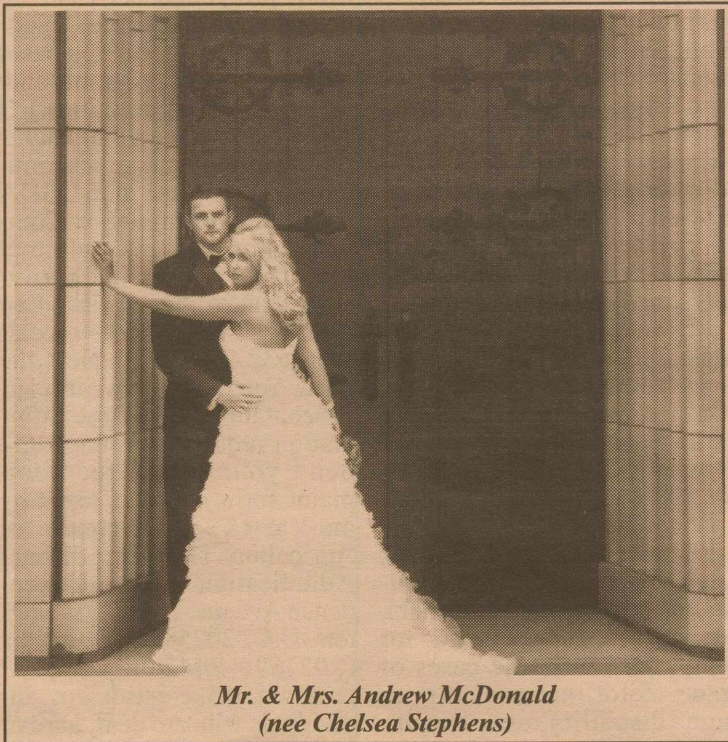
## BORDEN COUNTY BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

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!



## Stephens, McDonald Exchange Vows in Double Ring Ceremony



Mr. & Mrs. Andrew McDonald  
(nee Chelsea Stephens)

Chelsea Jordan Stephens and Andrew Tyler McDonald, both of Lubbock, were united in a double ring ceremony on Saturday, June 13, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the historical Baker Building in Lubbock, with Bro. Scott Hensley of Rural, Texas officiating.

The bride is the daughter of John and Lori Stephens of Lubbock, and the granddaughter of Rinehard and Lenda Vogler of Lamesa and Steve and Carolyn Stephens of O'Donnell. The groom is the son of Jimmy Ross and Kimberly McDonald of Seguin, and the grandson of Richard and Marcia Whitley of Tahoka, Jim and Martha McCarter of Corsicana, and the late Sandra McCarter.

The bride wore a strapless, pure white trumpet style wedding gown. It had a sweetheart neckline and a long train that barely brushed the floor. Her dress included a white veil, and she carried a bouquet of fuchsia roses. She was escorted by her father and given away in marriage by her parents.

Serving as honor attendants were friends of the bride Morgan Lemon of Nocona, Shayda Daneshfar of Amarillo and Amanda Fuhrman of Iowa Park.

The bridesmaids all wore identical black tea-length taffeta strapless dresses and pink

heels matching the brides. They each carried a bouquet of fuchsia roses.

The groom was attired in a black tuxedo with a black vest and black tie. Best man was Will McCallister of Roosevelt. Groomsmen were Tanner McDonald of Seguin, brother of the groom, and Austin Melton of Corsicana, friend of the groom. They all wore black tuxedos matching the groom.

Serving as ushers were Colton Stephens, brother of the bride, Dylan Stephens, brother of the bride, and Tucker McDonald, brother of the groom.

A reception and dance followed the ceremony at the Baker Building. The guests enjoyed a variety of food bars.

The bride's table consisted

of a 5-tiered, stacked white cream wedding cake decorated with silver bands and a silver M on top. The groom's table contained a 4-tiered, stacked chocolate cake with a Texas Tech double T symbol on top, courtesy of Denise Dorman Mott.

The couple departed in a Rolls Royce limousine.

Following a wedding trip to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, the couple resides in Lubbock.

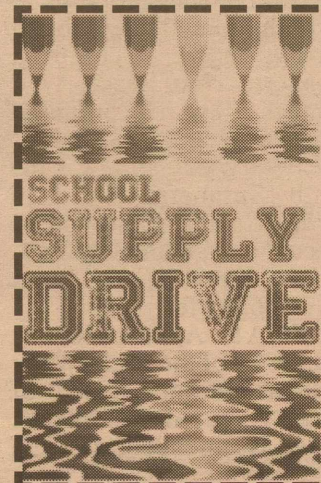
The bride is a 2010 graduate of Frenship ISD. She received a Bachelors of Sciences Degree in Human Sciences from Texas Tech University in 2013. She will complete her Master's Degree in Clinical Practice Management from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in December 2015. She is employed as a Pharmaceutical Sales Representative at Daiichi Sankyo Inc.

The groom is a 2010 graduate of Blooming Grove ISD. He graduated from Texas Tech University in 2014 with a Bachelors Degree in Business Management. He is currently working as a Farmers Insurance Agent.

### COURTESIES

Following the wedding rehearsal on Friday evening, June 12<sup>th</sup>, the wedding party and guests were treated to a rehearsal dinner at Cagle Steakhouse at Lubbock. Hosting the event were Jimmy and Kimberly McDonald, parents of the groom.

On April 18, 2015 Chelsea was honored with a miscellaneous bridal shower in Lubbock.



### Borden County 4H Community Service Project


Date: Saturday, August 22

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: Meet at the Extension Office

We will go to Snyder to pick up school supplies, bring them back, and sort them to donate to students in need at Borden County.





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## Beef Cattle & Range Challenges

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### Agenda

8:30-9:00 a.m. Registration

9:00-10:00 a.m. The Good, Bad & Ugly of  
Prescribed Burning  
Dr. Morgan Russell

10:00-10:15 a.m. Break  
Capital Farm Credit

10:15-11:00 a.m. Relationships Between Wildlife  
and Cattle  
Dr. John Tomecek

11:00-12:00 p.m. Nutritional Changes in Forage  
Plants Based Upon Time of Year  
or Plant Maturity Stage  
Dr. Ted McCollum

CEUs will be offered

\$10 Registration fee

## Public Notice

The Borden County Independent School District today announced an amendment to its policy for serving meals for children served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the 2015-2016 school year, which would allow for all children at all schools/sites to be served meals at no charge.

For additional information please contact the following person:

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Who exactly is a child with "special needs"? We know that all children have needs and that every child is special. However, the needs of some children are greater than or different from those of the "typical" child. The special need might be in the area of mental, social, emotional, or physical development. If you are the parent or a friend of a child that might qualify for individual services, call Becky Nix, Special Education Director of Borden County ISD, Dawson ISD and Klondike ISD at 806/756-4313 ext. 3 or contact the Child Find Coordinator at the Education Service Center at 806/792-4000.

## Legal Notice

### Notice of Application for (Commercial) Fluid Injection well Permit

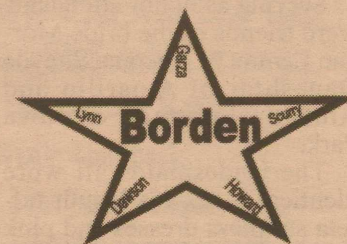
Estancia Oil and Gas, LLC., PO box 162284, Austin, Texas 78716-2284 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Spraberry Formation, Creighton Spraberry Unit Lease, Well Number 701W. The proposed injection well is located 12 miles WNW of Gail, TX in the Lamb (Spraberry) Field, in Borden County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the sub-surface depth interval from 6367 to 6383 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the

Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).





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## 4-H Achievement Trip

Borden County 4-H started an Awards Trip for 4-Hers who excelled in areas of Community Service, Leadership, and Project Excellence. The trip was designed to be Fun and Educational and reward 4-Hers for outstanding achievements. This year 4-Hers, Adult Chaperones, and County Extension Agents traveled to Canyon, Texas July 29-30. The first stop on this trip was to view the Panhandle Plains Museum in Canyon, Texas located on the Campus of West Texas A&M University. This Museum was "Awesome" said one of our 4-Hers. It truly was an exciting and educational museum. 4-Hers enjoyed it so much they spent Four hours touring through the museum. It truly was a magnificent place, that show cases Texas History and so much more. Later that afternoon, the group enjoyed swimming and pizza before traveling to the Palo Duro Canyon to watch the musical play TEXAS. This year was the 50<sup>th</sup> year for the musical play. WOW!! Was the words that come to mind after seeing this awesome musical. The next day 4-Hers toured the Palo Duro Canyon and learned the history behind this dynamic place. Then it was time to Zip Line across the Palo Duro Canyon. Yes, I mean Zip Line across the Canyon!!! They did it and it was a memory they will never forget!!! 4-Hers attending were Brooklyn Gray, Hayley Gray, Katie Gray, Garrett Hill, Jenna Holbrooks, Ben Nix, Erin Nix, JW Nix, Thomas Nix, Ryann Phillips, Rexie Sanders, Tres Spencer and Laney Stansell. Adult Chaperones were Glenn Gray, Lisa Gray, Becky Nix and County Extension Agent Cody G. Hill.

(Right) Erin Nix and Rexie Sanders stand in front of a nearly century old car at the Panhandle Plains Museum in Canyon.



4-H members and parents attending the Achievement trip included (back row l to r) Glen Gray, Lisa Gray, Becky Nix, (middle row l to r) Rexie Sanders, Erin Nix, Hayley Gray, Thomas Nix, J.W. Nix, Garrett Hill, Ryann Phillips, (front row l to r) Laney Stansell, Tres Spencer, Jenna Holbrooks, Brooklyn Gray and Ben Nix.



(Above) Ben Nix and Jenna Holbrooks study a gun display at the Panhandle Plains Museum.



## Borden County Summer League Basketball



The Borden County Summer League team participated in a tournament held at Premier Sportsplex this past Saturday. The girls lost their first two games, but in turn won two very exciting games against Extreme Elite of Lubbock. Pictured are (left to right) Emma Key, Kylee Dean, Tatum Richey, Braylee Walker, Rayme Jones and Preslea Hall.

## USDA Announces Sign-Up for Cotton Research Promotion Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has scheduled a sign-up period for the Cotton Research Promotion Program for August 3, 2015, through August 14, 2015, to provide eligible cotton producers and importers of cotton and cotton-containing products an opportunity to request a referendum on whether to continue the Cotton Research and Promotion Program.

USDA issued a decision that a referendum was unnecessary in the May 29, 2013, Federal Register. However, the 1966 Cotton Research and Promotion Act also provides an opportunity for producers and importers to request a referendum through a sign-up period.

The sign-up period will be open to all eligible producers and importers. No action is necessary if a referendum is not desired. Eligible cotton producers can sign-up to request a continuance referendum in person at their local county Farm Service Agency

(FSA) office.

Producers also may request a sign-up form online or via the mail from their local FSA office.

**Producers can return their forms to their FSA office or by mailing them to:**

USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service  
Cotton and Tobacco Program,  
Attention: Cotton Sign-Up  
P.O. Box 23181  
Washington, DC 20077-8249

Eligible importers can sign-up to request a continuance referendum through the AMS Web site listed above, or they can request a sign-up form by contacting CottonRP@ams.usda.gov or (540) 361-2726.

**Importer forms can be returned to:**

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Cotton and Tobacco Program,  
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P.O. Box 23181  
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An announcement with more details about the sign-up

period was published in Federal Register on June 24, 2015. <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2015/06/24/2015-15423/cotton-research-and-promotion-program-procedures-for-conduct-of-sign-up-period>

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## Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
Tumbleweed Smith

### Don Warren Entertains by Hypnotizing People

When I first heard about The Cowboy Hypnotist I really didn't know what to think. Was it a joke? Was he a real cowboy? A professional psychologist? All the questions were answered when I interviewed him after one of his performances. I saw two of them and they are amazing. He is very good at what he does.

His shows are two hours long. Once he was on stage four hours at a high school after graduation party where the graduates spent the night in the school gymnasium heavily chaperoned by school officials and parents. At that event, he hypnotized about 200 students. "Some are real easy. I just look at them and they go under," says Don.

His fascination with the unusual form of entertainment came when he saw a hypnotist in Las Vegas. "It was the funniest thing I had ever seen," says Don. "I couldn't believe that this guy just with his voice could make people do crazy things." He went home and started studying hypnosis from books, the internet and Utube. He attended a five-day seminar on how to become a stage show hypnotist. When it was over, he called his wife. "I told her this is me. This is my true calling. This is what I want to do."

Don graduated from Permian High School in Odessa in 1977, went to work for Phillips Petroleum in 1980 and is within a few years of retiring. He used to have a band and played in honky tonks and beer joints in West Texas, so he's not new to show business. But he had this epiphany about hypnosis. He gathered up friends and family and rented the community center in Gardendale and put on a hypnosis show. He called about 75 people on stage and hypno-

tized 3 of them. "I was scared to death because I wasn't sure I could do it," says Don, "but the show was hilarious."

With his first show under his belt he decided to rent the banquet room at the Barn Door Restaurant in Odessa, invite the public and charge for tickets. That was on Valentine's Day of 2013. That show was a success, too and Don knew he was on to something. He has done nearly 40 shows since then and now hypnotizes about 60% of his volunteers. "I love doing it," he says. "I have more fun than anybody." He is looking forward to retirement so he can do his hypnosis fulltime, perhaps on cruise ships.

Don bills himself as the Cowboy Hypnotist. He looks more like a cowboy than a hypnotist. He wears blue jeans, a white shirt, boots and a western hat on stage and moves his 300-pound frame with ease. When he performs outdoors, his booming voice can get rid of a barking dog or coax a timid cowboy to wave his hands in the air like everybody else in the audience is doing. On stage, the people under his spell laugh, cry, get scared on a roller coaster and do dozens of things Don commands them to do. I saw a young man think he had given birth to a baby. Yes, a man. He even nursed the little one.

Don is a real cowboy. He and his wife have five horses on their property in Weatherford and they help neighbors do cow work. Don says he has always lived the western life. His website is [thecowboyhypnotist.com](http://thecowboyhypnotist.com).

When Tumbleweed Smith is not on the road looking for characters, he lives in Big Spring with his wife Susan. Contact him at [ts@tumbleweedsmith.com](mailto:ts@tumbleweedsmith.com)

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