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Borden County School Nominated for 2016 National Blue Ribbon Honors

The Texas Education Agency recently announced the nomination of 26 Texas public schools for national 2016 Blue Ribbon Schools recognition. Borden County School is one of the schools on that elite list.

Founded in 1982, Blue Ribbon Schools is a U.S. Department of Education program that recognizes public and private elementary, middle and high schools where students perform at very high levels. While there are a number of campuses nominated with specific grade levels, Borden County School is the only nominee that includes grades K-12.

"It is a great honor for the students, staff, parents and community," stated Borden County Superintendent Billy Collins. "Borden County has always embraced high standards in all academic and extra-curricular activities. This is a result of much hard work done by our staff and students,

and it also affirms the support the school receives from our board of trustees, our parents and our community. We are honored by the nomination." The nominated schools in Texas include the following:

- Alief ISD – Alief Early College High School
- Alief ISD – Kerr High School
- Azle ISD – Cross Timbers Elementary School
- Belton ISD – Leon Heights Elementary School
- Bishop CISD – Petronila Elementary School
- Borden County ISD – Borden County School
- Brownsville ISD – Brownsville Early College High School
- Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD – Rosemeade Elementary School
- Dallas ISD – George Bannerman Dealey International Academy
- Dallas ISD – George Bannerman Dealey Montessori

Vanguard
Dallas ISD – School of Health Professions at Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Center

Edinburg CISD – Canterbury Elementary School
Edinburg CISD – Norma Linda Trevino Elementary School

Fort Worth ISD – Young Women's Leadership Academy

Garland ISD – Hillside Academy for Excellence
Houston ISD – Lovett Elementary School

Houston ISD – Oak Forest Elementary School
Lubbock ISD – Margaret Talkington School For Young Women Leaders

Malakoff – Tool Elementary School
Miles ISD – Miles Elementary School

Panhandle ISD – Panhandle Elementary School
Pittsburg ISD – Pittsburg Intermediate School
United ISD (Laredo) – Trautmann Elementary School

Van Vleck ISD – Van Vleck Elementary School

Vista Del Futuro Charter School – Vista Del Futuro Charter School (El

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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
Tumbleweed Smith

A Budget Trip Around the World

Jim Glendenning is originally from Scotland but found a home in Alpine. It's like he was planted there. He had a bed and breakfast for a while and has a travel company that takes people to Mexico to visit the area around Copper Canyon. He says it's safer now than it has been in previous years mainly because the Mexican government has made it a priority tourist destination.

Jim has written books about personalities in the Big Bend, a Big Bend Guidebook that is in its 4th printing and a book about his personal travels. Jim, who got his education at Oxford, has little demands when it comes to traveling. He is single and looks for bargains. He has become an expert at budget travel, something he has practiced for fifty years. Late last year he treated himself to a trip around the world, saying he deserved it since he had a good year with his tours and book sales.

"I needed to see my sisters in England," says Jim, "and thought well, I'll just travel around the world. I was gone 26 days and covered 23,600 miles, stopping in five places. My total transportation cost was \$1,800."

Jim lives just a few blocks from the Amtrak station in Alpine. He walked there from his

house and got on an overnight train to Los Angeles. The ticket cost \$100. At the Los Angeles airport he boarded a plane.

"LA to London. \$330 with Norwegian Airlines, a newcomer on the transatlantic air scene. It's a budget airline out of Norway. Three of its planes left LA at the same time. One went to London, one to Oslo and one to Copenhagen."

Jim says when you're traveling on a budget, you don't expect planes to leave at a reasonable hour like 11 AM. They leave at 2 AM. And you don't go to fine restaurants or hotels. I asked Jim where he traveled.

"I went to Oxford, England to see my sister who lives there, I then went to Tbilisi, Georgia. That's not the Georgia that we know. It's an independent country that used to be Soviet and is now free of the Soviets. Saint George is their patron saint. Then I went on to Calcutta, India up in the northeast corner to see the India I remembered from many years back. I needed to relax a little because this type of travel is hard work. So I went down to Kuala Lumpur and indulged a little with air conditioning and getting a massage and that sort of thing. And then it was a long haul, seventeen hours back

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Bronze medalists at last weeks district debate contest Freshmen Madi Cole (left) and Katie Gray.

Highland Takes Top Two Spots in District 12-A CX Debate

Gray-Cole Debate Team Take Bronze Medal

For the second year in a row, the State CX Tournament will take place without a team from Borden County.

After winning its seventh

state championship in CX debate in 2014, BHS continues to rebuild, and the future looks very bright.

In the District 12-A Meet held at Highland High School, the host team took the top two slots with records of 5-0 and 4-1 in the round robin tournament.

Borden County's freshmen team of Katie Gray and Madi Cole, who will serve as alternates to State, brought home bronze medals with a record of 3-2. The girls outscored the Highland A team in their matchup but lost the decision (called a low-point win for the opponent).

Also representing Coyote UIL Academics were sophomore Carley Bell and freshman Trent Collins. This team finished fifth overall.

Trent and Madi will continue their speaking competition in Extemp and in TFA Congress while Carley and Katie turn their attention to UIL writing events (Ready Writing and Journalism).

The next speech tournament will be in Idalou where the 3A school will host a combination UIL speech and academic meet on February 13.

Lubbock-Cooper will host the last speech and debate only tournament on February 27 followed by the final practice meet of the season at Plains on March 5.



Preslea Hall makes a lay-up against the Hermleigh in last weeks win against the Cardinals. Hall made a record persnal high of 33 points in the game.

Coyotes Edge Closer to District Title With Wins

By Coach Edwards

The Borden County basketball squad inched a little closer to a district title with a couple of district wins last week.

Earlier in the week, Borden hosted the second place team, Hermleigh. The Coyotes jumped out an early 16-10 first quarter lead. Borden would extend their lead at the half, 32-21.

In the second half, Borden tightened their defense allowing only 12 points in the second half. The Coyotes scored 12 points in the third frame and 20 points in the fourth period to win the contest, 64-33.

Braxton Barnes led all scorers with 14 points and had three assists. Trace Richey added 11 points along with eight steals and six assists. Nick Proulx also scored 11 points for the Coyotes. Ben Justice chipped in seven points followed by Easton Edwards with five points. Corbin Sumners, Hunter Jones, and Diego Bernal contributed four points. Korbin Martinez and Morgan Wilson finished with two points.

Later in the week, Borden

hosted the Loraine Bulldogs. The Bulldogs came into the game winless in district play, but had closed the gap on its district opponents in the second round.

However, the Coyotes quickly scored 24 unanswered points to open the game and never looked back. Borden finished the first quarter with a 34-2 lead. Hunter Jones scored 12 points in the quarter. Borden won the second period, 27-3, to go into the half with a 61-5 lead. Diego Bernal scored 16 points in the quarter.

The Coyotes outscored Loraine 35-18 in the second to secure a 96-23 victory.

Bernal led all scorers with 24 points. Jones finished with 16 points and Richey with 14 points. Martinez knocked in 10 points followed by Proulx with nine points. Wilson contributed seven points. Sumners and Barnes added six points. Edwards chipped in four points.

The Coyotes are 16-3 on the season and 7-0 in district play.

Lady Coyotes Clinch Playoffs

By Coach Skelton

The Lady Coyotes have secured a playoff spot again for the 9th straight year. The Lady Coyotes hosted Hermleigh last Tuesday night. It was a bitter sweet moment as we played our last home game with seniors Lexi Cheatham, Kylee Dean, Tatum Richey, and Zoie Key. It's hard to believe that they were my first 8th grade class here at Borden and their number of games is dwindling and this being their last home game.

There was some definitely some high emotions running at the start of the game, and by the end it was very tough. The Lady Coyotes started off a bit shaking, but managed to rally

in the first quarter finishing 18-13. Sophomore, Preslea Hall led the charge for the Lady Coyotes on the offense end scoring 18 of her career high 33 points in the first half. The Lady Coyotes took a commanding lead of 35-18 into the locker room at the intermission. All in all I thought we played strong defense, and was really reacting to the ball well as the Lady Coyotes forced 18 turnovers scoring on 12 of them.

Games like these are always tough when the final horn goes off. I've truly enjoyed watching this group of seniors grow up and become the young ladies they are today, and I can't

wait to see what their futures hold.

Stats for the game are as follows: Tatum Richey had 3 points, 6 rebounds, 4 steals and 4 assists; Kylee Dean had 5 points, 6 rebounds and 2 steals; Zoie Key had 8 points, 2 rebounds, 2 steals and 2 assists; Lexi Cheatham had 2 rebounds; Braylee Walker had 4 points, 4 rebounds and 1 assist; Preslea Hall had 33 points, 3 rebounds, and 4 steals; Harley Merrill had 2 rebounds and 1 steal; Emma Key had 7 points, 2 rebounds, 5 steals and 2 assists and Rayme Jones had 5 points, 4 rebounds and 2 steals.

Coyote JV Captures 2nd in JV Tournament

By Coach Edwards

The Borden Junior Varsity squad won three out of four games this past week and capturing second place in the Borden J.V. Tournament.

The Coyotes remained undefeated in district play defeating the Hermleigh Cardinals, 29-20. Borden trailed 13-12 at the half, but used outstanding defense in the third quarter to regain the lead. The Coyotes outscored Hermleigh 6-1 in the quarter. Borden also outscored the Cardinals 11-6 in the final stanza to hang on to the victory.

Ryan Willborn led all scorers with 12 points followed by Kale Yarbro with eight points. Noah Morales added four points and Riley Lewis with three points. Trent Collins chipped in two points.

The Coyotes faced the Plains Cowboys in the first round of the Borden County Tournament.

Borden led 10-8 after one quarter of play, but went on an 11-0 run in the second period to lead at the half, 21-8. The Cowboys outscored Borden in the second half, but the Coyotes held on to a 34-24 victory.

Ben Justice led all scorers with 16 points. Yarbro added seven points and Morales with five points. Willborn chipped in four points while Lewis finished with two points.

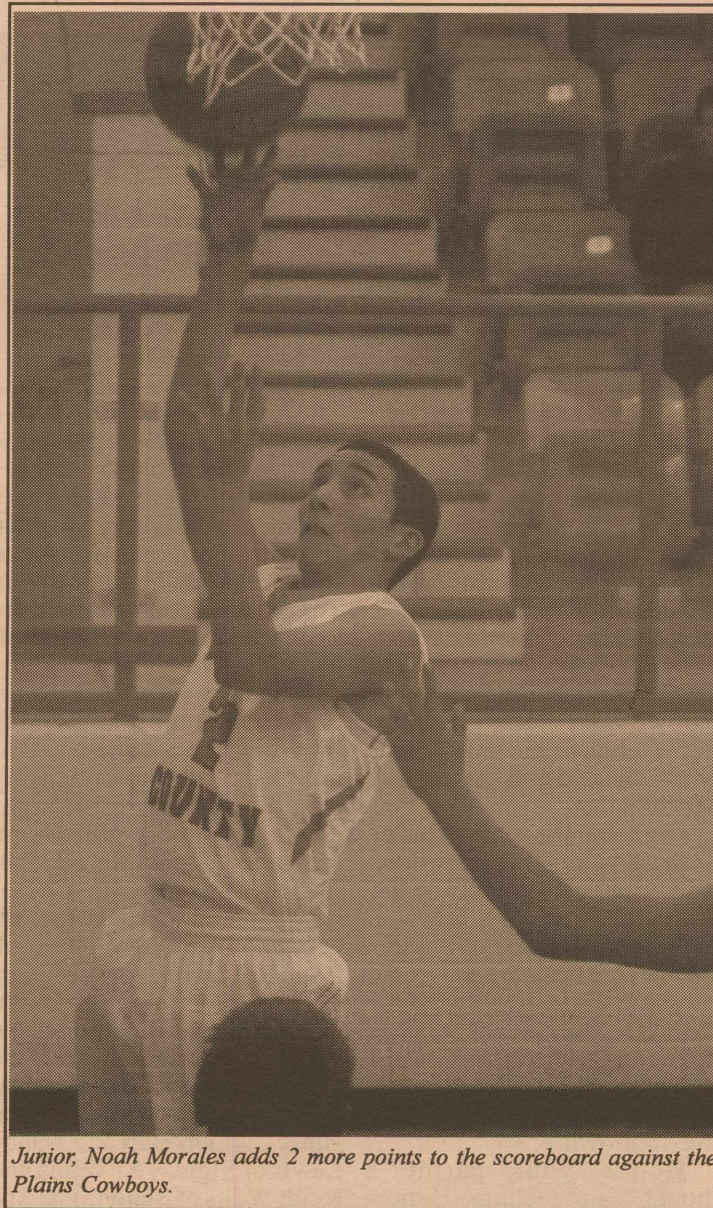
Borden faced the Midessa Warriors varsity squad in the second round. Justice scored 11 of the teams 16 points in the first quarter to take an early 16-10 lead. Midessa hit a couple of three point field goals in the second quarter to close the Coyote lead to 22-20 at the half. Borden made 9 of 10 free throws in the second half to win the contest 42-37, and secured a spot in the championship game.

Justice finished the evening with 21 points followed by Morales with 10 points. Lewis added seven points and Yarbro chipped in four points.

In the championship game, Borden faced a very tough Lubbock Titan squad who had defeated the Coyotes earlier in the year, 39-22. The Titans brought a couple of reinforcements off their varsity for the tournament. The Coyotes struggled early with their offense and trailed 24-8 at the half. The Coyotes fought back the second half making the second half score at 29 all, but lost the contest 53-37.

Justice led all scorers with 26 points followed by Morales with three points. Lewis, Willborn, Collins, and Yarbro finished with two points.

The Coyotes are 9-5 on the season and remain undefeated in district play.



Junior, Noah Morales adds 2 more points to the scoreboard against the Plains Cowboys.

Junior High Girls Make It 2 In a Row

By Coach Skelton

This makes two years in a row that the Junior High girls have gone undefeated on their season. The Lady Coyotes traveled to Ira to finish out their district play.

The Lady Coyotes came out of the gates firing outscoring the Lady Bulldogs 12-3. The second quarter saw a cool down as Lady Bulldogs outscored the Lady Coyotes by two points, but the Lady Coyotes took a 14-7 lead into the locker room at the half. The second half the Lady Coyotes didn't drop a quarter and won the game 27-14.

I really thought a lot of girls grew up this season, and after the class that graduated last year they rose to the occasion to secure back to back district

championships. They said after the game they were looking forward to three-peating as district champs next year.

Scorers: Maddy Sumners had 9 points, Maeghan Bland had 6, Kaci Hudson had 4, Gabriella Skelton had 4, Brittany Walker had 2 and Sydni Coor had 2.



School Lunch Menu

Feb. 8 - 12, 2016

Menu subject to change

Monday - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday - Breakfast: Cheese Toast or Cereal, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk. Lunch: Meat & Cheese Tostadas w/Salsa, Spanish Rice, Garden Salad, Refried Beans, Applesauce and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Biscuits, Gravy & Eggs, Fruit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pizza, Garden Salad, Vegetable Medley, Apple Slices and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Oatmeal & Cinnamon Toast, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Soft Tacos, Baby Carrots w/Ranch, Mexicali Corn, Salsa, Orange Smiles, Cookie and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Hamburger w/Garnish, Zesty Cucumber, Sweet Potato Fries, Sliced Peaches and Milk.

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BCISD Receives Blue Ribbon Award...


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Whitehouse ISD - Gus Winston Cain Elementary School

All schools that have been nominated for the 2016 honor were selected as exemplary high performing schools as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests. Each school has an economically disadvantaged population of 20 percent or

greater."The nominated schools must now complete a rigorous application process through the U.S. Department of Education. Announcements of the national award winners will be made in September 2016. Schools that receive the award are recognized at the Blue Ribbon Schools awards ceremony in Washington, D.C.

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION Heart and Home... 

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Money Talks: Using Communication Skills to Discuss Finances

Have you and your partner ever fought over money? You are not alone — most couples have experienced an argument or regular conflict about money. Regardless of income, money is one of the most common issues of conflict in a relationship. When money gets tight, the chance for conflict is even higher. Having to decide priorities of spending when money is tight is not an easy endeavor. However, there are some tips that can help when talking about issues that cause conflict. When bringing up a topic that is likely to be a source of conflict, use the SPEAK/HEAR skills to help.

Start with a positive. Start by saying something positive about your concern, such as “I know that it is important for our family to be financially safe” or “I’m glad that we agree that the bills must be paid first”. We are all more eager to listen when the tone for the conversation starts with a positive.

Pay attention to what you say and how you say it. Be careful about the words you use, your tone of voice and your body language. You are more likely to be listened to if you speak in a gentle, non-threatening way.

Explain how you feel, using details. Share how something makes you feel and what specific situations have upset you. Use an “I” statement to take charge of your own feelings. Name the specific behavior that concerns you and how that behavior makes you feel. For example, “I feel frustrated when you say you will save money and instead you spend money on expensive coffee-house drinks.”

Avoid trigger words, like always and never. Trigger words are words that can quickly turn a conversation into a fight. These include words like always and never.

Everyone has their own set of trigger words as well. Recognize these words and avoid using them.

Keep it brief, then give your partner a chance to talk. Briefly share your concerns with your partner, then allow your partner a chance to paraphrase what you said and share his or her thoughts.

Once you have had a chance to share your side of the story, give your partner a turn to use the SPEAK skills while you listen using the HEAR skills. Use HEAR skills when you are listening to your partner share thoughts, feelings, or concerns. When using the HEAR skills, you are only listening to your partner’s viewpoint, not sharing your own.

Honor your partner’s thoughts and feelings. Honoring your partner is about making your partner feel valued and showing respect for his or her thoughts and feelings. Show your partner that you value him or her by listening and focusing on what your partner is saying, not what you want to say next.

Empathize: Put yourself in your partner’s shoes. Empathizing with your partner means that you understand and can imagine how your partner might be feeling. Show your partner that you respect his or her feelings as being real and valid.

Allow a difference of opinion. Even if you disagree with your partner, your job as the listener is only to listen to what your partner is saying and to repeat back what you hear. Don’t judge your partner or share how you feel.

Repeat respectfully. After your partner is done sharing his or her feelings, repeat what your partner said as closely to his or her words as you can. Repeating your partner’s words helps you to really focus on what your partner is

Obituaries

Thomas Elliott “Tom” Lewis 1946-2016

Thomas Elliott “Tom” Lewis died unexpectedly on Thursday, February 4th in Grand Prairie, TX at the age of 69.

Services were held today Wednesday February 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Midlothian Bible Church in Midlothian, Texas with Pastor Bennie Leonard officiating. Burial followed at Midlothian Cemetery.

Tom is survived by his children: son Bobby and Darcy Lewis of Los Angeles, CA; daughter Jenny and Tony Leone of Haughton, LA; daughter Tammy and Dixon Bautista of Honolulu, HI, son-in-law Nick Adkison of Midlothian, TX, and grandchildren Van Lewis, Jacob Bautista, and Keira Adkison. He is also survived by brothers and sisters: Leo Lewis, Jr. of Denver, CO; Dr. John and Sophie Lewis of Pineville, LA; Yvonne and Dwayne Capps of Hunt, TX; Dr. Bob and Nancy Lewis of Elgin, TX; Velma and Keith Wilks of Slaton, TX; Sue and Jim Dennis of Des Moines, IA; and Tina Lewis of Dallas, TX. He was dearly cherished by his many nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and friends. He also left behind a beloved dog and constant companion, Missy.

saying.

Couples that use these skills when talking about tough issues are often able to do so with less conflict. If you think you are going to have a discussion about a difficult topic, plan a time and a place where you can talk and use these skills to help you have a positive conversation with your partner.

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He is joined in death by wife Carolyn Glenney Lewis of Oak Point, TX and daughter Carolyn Lewis Adkison of Midlothian, TX.

Tom was born on October 13, 1946 in Houston, TX to the late Dr. Leo Lewis and the late Sharmel Elliott Lewis. Tom received a B.S. at Texas A&M University and a Master’s in Education at Texas Tech University and proudly served America in the U.S. Army Reserves. Tom married Carolyn Glenney, his college sweetheart and soul mate, in 1971. Tom served and guided thousands of children across the state of Texas as everyone’s favorite science teacher in Post, Ore City, Ralls, Southland, and Gail.

Tom was a deeply learned and devoted scholar of Bible prophecy, recently self-publishing his life’s work in book form, *Studies in Bible Prophecy—Signs of the End of the Age*. He was a steadfast servant of the Lord. He was a bold evangelizer, and in Tom’s front pocket he never failed to carry gospel tracts, along with his well-worn checkbook and oversized reading glasses. Tom shared his love of God with everyone he met, in both word and deed. He was an active member of Denton Bible Church. Tom’s life would be honored by any and all reading and sharing his prophecy work.

His humble kindness and his tender spirit were only ever shelved when his children’s well-being was at risk in any way. A fierce defender of his children, he considered his role as a father to be his greatest honor and responsibility, and he was most proud of his four children and three grandchildren, the people they were and

their many accomplishments. He was a source of support and guidance to them in more ways than can be counted. Tom’s love for family extended to his brothers and sisters and their children, as well, and many have remarked of how he was “the glue that held us all together.” In lieu of flowers, please send donations to a fund established for Tom’s son-in-law and granddaughter, Nick and Keira Adkison, at <https://www.gofundme.com/baby-keira-fund>. Condolences can be sent to <http://www.midlothianfh.com/obituaries/Thomas-Lewis-9/>. The family would like to thank hospital staff at Children’s Medical Center for their support and dedication to Keira’s recovery.

Carolyn Marie “Doll” Lewis 1948-2016

Carolyn Marie “Doll” Glenney Lewis died unexpectedly on Thursday, February 4th in Grand Prairie, TX at the age of 67.

Services were held today Wednesday February 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Midlothian Bible Church in Midlothian, Texas with Pastor Bennie Leonard officiating. Burial followed at Midlothian Cemetery. Carolyn is survived by her children: son Bobby and Darcy Lewis of Los Angeles, CA; daughter Jenny and Tony Leone of Haughton, LA; daughter Tammy and Dixon Bautista of Honolulu, HI; son-in-law Nick Adkison of Midlothian, TX; and grandchildren Van Lewis, Jacob Bautista, and Keira Adkison. She is also survived by broth-

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3rd & 4th generations still serving this area.

The Lewis Eulogy

By Sue Jane Sullivan

*What I lost was an ocean
Now I'm drifting through
without you
What I lost was an ocean
And I'm rolling right behind
you — from "A Boat Lies
Waiting" by David Gilmour*

The Lewis Family wrote their own eulogy.

Few words written here or spoken in the years to come could be as eloquent as their lives were.

But for posterity's sake, we must try.

We must write.

We must speak.

We must share.

For Keira.

At the heart of our sadness we mourn for this infant who will never experience firsthand what we did. Even while grief grips our throats, it is imperative we somehow find a way to tell her about her gentle and timid mother, about the genuine soft nature of her kind grandmother, and her uniquely honorable and noble grandfather.

We must do this.

Over the past few days, Facebook posts reveal the impact of Mr. Lewis on the students whom he encountered for 37 years:

"My memories instantly went back 15-20 years ago to all of the fun times we shared with him and the nuclear football, but it wasn't until I was able to read all of the wonderful tributes written by his former students and colleagues that I really understood the impact he had on so many and the lasting legacy he left behind. That kind of impact is the mark of a truly remarkable person." — Ross Aten, Class of 2001

"One of the greatest men I have ever known. Tom Lewis impacted the people around him wherever he was. Because of his tutelage, I was never the same in my faith or my life. He had a hand in shaping the man I am today. He cared about all and never failed to show it. Now that he is gone, the world he knew feels it and mourns him. No one can dispute that he or his own are in the arms of Jesus." — John Hensley,

Class of 2011

"Two years were enough to see his sweet heart, amazing man, teacher, father and friend. I am deeply sorry Borden High school for your loss. God give you peace." —

Noemi Galvan Zeledón, Class of 2001, Humble High School and former BHS student

"He was a great man who left huge footprints on the hearts of many." — Denice Bradbury, former BC teacher

"During football season, Mr. Lewis invited me over to his house to pass the time before the game would start. There are three things I remember from those times; Maxwell, his dog hated me; Judge Judy was always on; and he was always talking about his kids. I was fortunate enough to meet his son (Tarzan) and one of his daughters (Jungle Jenny). Over the years after I graduated, I wanted to visit him and tell him thank you for everything, but I never made time and the clock struck midnight and he was called home. Well, if God relays messages, thank you Mr. and Mrs. Lewis for everything." — Reynaldo Hernandez, Class of 2007

"So long, my captain. Thanks for showing us the love of Christ all these years. You and Mrs. Lewis will be missed. Kids that never had anyone had Mr. Lewis. No one touched as many lives as he did." — Zach McMeans, Class of 2014

"Oh, Mr. Lewis. I'm thankful he was part of your high school experience. Happiness. Kindness. A blessing." — Judy Wootan, former BCISD teacher, to her daughter Valerie

"A few hours into the school day I get a message about one of my all-time favorite teachers passing away. In the midst of the papers I need to grade, test scores I need to be higher, & basketball games that need to be won, life is put back into perspective. Mr. Lewis, you are one of a kind. Thank you for making us all smile, laugh, and see Jesus through your gentle spirit." — Valerie

Wootan, Class of 2001, former BHS student and graduate of

Midland Christian High School, now a coach/math teacher

This is but a sampling of what we hope seven-month-old Keira will come to learn.

When she first learns to read, no doubt someone will place a small Bible in her little hands and line her fingers over the stories of Ruth, of Mary, and of Stephen.....real people who lived in ages past but whose spiritual gifts transcend time into the lives of Baby Carolyn, Carolyn, and Tom.

Humility, graciousness, and unwavering courage to speak the Word.

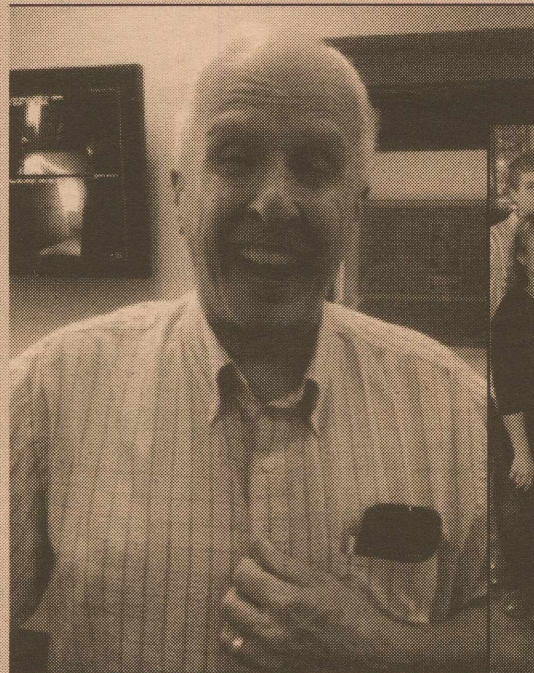
No matter how many times we attend funerals such as this—ones of untimely deaths—we somehow return to our normalcy. The Lewis Family was anything but normal. They helped us elevate our spiritual game; without trying, their presence made us look at ourselves in the mirror. They answered the call we all have received—to make ourselves and those around us bet-

ter because of Love.

We must be better. For ourselves, for each other, and for Keira.

Someday, years from now, we might welcome her to Borden County so that she can see what her family did for us by how we treat each other.

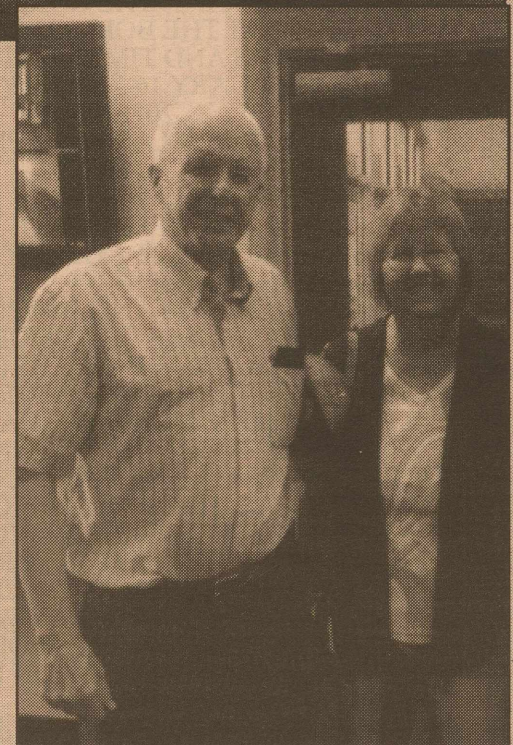
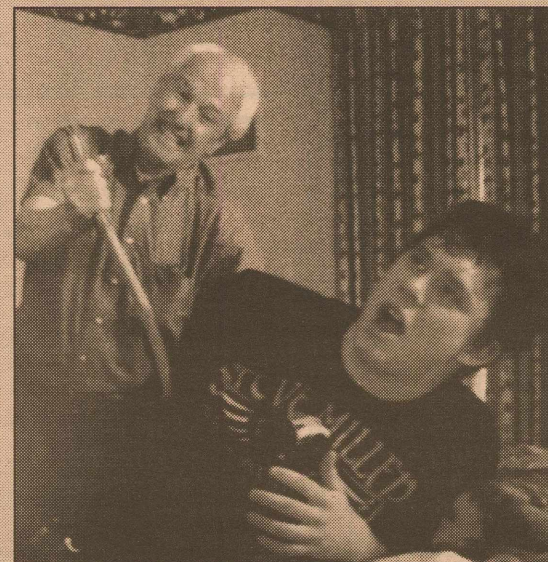
Despite the horrific way that events unfolded last Thursday, we are comforted by knowing that Jesus called them home, softly and tenderly—just as it should be for these three precious souls.



(Below) Mr. Lewis pictured with the Borden County Class of 2005.



(Above) The famous 'rat face' 2015. (Below) Pictured being the typical Mr. Lewis with Tyler Wallace, son of former Ag teacher, Buddy Wallace and Kip Wallace. (Right) On a visit to Borden County this past summer, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis take the time to pose for a picture.



Public Notice

BORDEN COUNTY LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES

<u>PRECINCT NO.</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
1A	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	124 E. Wasson, Gail, TX 79738
1B	PLAINS COMMUNITY ROOM	2300 FM 1054, O'Donnell, TX 79351
2A & 2B	BORDEN CO. COURT HOUSE	117 E. Wasson, Gail, TX 79738
3A & 3B	FAIRVIEW ELECTION BLDG	100 CR 338, Ira, TX 79527
4	BORDEN CO. COURT HOUSE	117 E. Wasson, Gail, TX 79738
EARLY VOTING	BORDEN CO. COURT HOUSE	117 E. Wasson, Gail, TX 79738

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16 – FRIDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2016
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM AND 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2016 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

MONDAY FEBRUARY 22 – FRIDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2016
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM AND 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

BORDEN COUNTY VOTER

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU OF THE OPTIONS YOU HAVE TO VOTE IN THE PRIMARY ELECTIONS TO BE HELD MARCH 1, 2016

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY WILL BE HELD AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS (PLEASE SEE LIST OF VOTING LOCATIONS ATTACHED)

IF YOU WISH TO EARLY VOTE, EARLY VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE BORDEN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE AT THE BORDEN COUNTY COURT-HOUSE. (DATES AND TIMES LISTED BELOW)
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16 – FRIDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2016

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM AND 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2016 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

MONDAY FEBRUARY 22 – FRIDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2016

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM AND 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

IF YOU ARE 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER YOU CAN REQUEST A BALLOT BY MAIL, (LAST DAY FOR EARLY VOTING CLERK TO RECEIVE APPLICATION FOR BALLOT BY MAIL IS FEBRUARY 19, 2016).

IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE OUT OF THE COUNTY DURING EARLY VOTING YOU CAN REQUEST A BALLOT BY MAIL TO BE MAILED OUTSIDE THE COUNTY (LAST DAY FOR EARLY VOTING CLERK TO RECEIVE AN APPLICATION FOR BALLOT BY MAIL IS FEBRUARY 19, 2016).

THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY WILL BE HELD SOLELY IN THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE DURING EARLY VOTING AND ON ELECTION DAY MARCH 1, 2016.

NO DEMOCRATIC BALLOTS WILL BE IN VOTING PRECINCTS ON ELECTION DAY.

NOTICE

THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY AND DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 1, 2016. THE TESTING OF THE ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM FOR THESE ELECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE DISTRICT COURTROOM ON FRIDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2016, AT 9:00 A.M. JANA UNDERWOOD, BORDEN COUNTY CLERK

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VOTANTE DEL CONDADO DE BORDEN

ESTO ES PARA INFORMARLE DE LAS OPCIONES QUE TIENES PARA VOTAR EN LAS ELECCIONES PRIMARIAS A REALIZARSE EL 01 DE MARZO DE 2016

PRIMARIAS REPUBLICANAS SE LLEVARÁ A CABO EN LOS SIGUIENTES LUGARES (VEA POR FAVOR LISTA DE VOTAR LUGARES CONECTADOS)

SI DESEA VOTAR TEMPRANO, LA VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA SE LLEVARÁ A CABO EN LA OFICINA DEL SECRETARIO DE CONDADO DE BORDEN EN LA CORTE DE CONDADO DE BORDEN. (FECHAS Y HORARIOS A CONTINUACIÓN)

MARTES 16 DE FEBRERO – VIERNES, 19 DE FEBRERO DE 2016 8:00 – 12:00 Y 13:00 – 17:00

SÁBADO, 20 DE FEBRERO DE 2016 9:00 – 15:00

LUNES 22 DE FEBRERO – VIERNES, 26 DE FEBRERO DE 2016 8:00 – 12:00 Y 13:00 – 17:00

SI USTED TIENE 65 AÑOS DE EDAD O MÁS PUEDE SOLICITAR UNA BOLETA POR CORREO, (19 DE FEBRERO DE 2016 ES EL ÚLTIMO DÍA DE VOTACIÓN ADELANTADA RECIBIR SOLICITUD DE BOLETA POR CORREO).

SI VAS A ESTAR FUERA DEL CONDADO DURANTE LA TEMPRANA VOTACIÓN LE PUEDE SOLICITAR UNA BOLETA POR CORREO PARA SER ENVIADO FUERA DEL CONDADO (ÚLTIMO DÍA PARA LA VOTACIÓN ADELANTADA AL RECIBIR UNA SOLICITUD PARA PAPELETA POR CORREO ES 19 DE FEBRERO DE 2016).

LA PRIMARIA DEMOCRATA SE CELEBRARÁ ÚNICAMENTE EN LA OFICINA DEL SECRETARIO DEL CONDADO DURANTE LA VOTACIÓN TEMPRANA Y MARZO DÍA DE ELECCIÓN 1, 2016. NINGUNA VOTACIÓN DEMOCRÁTICA ESTARÁ EN RECINTOS DE VOTACIÓN EN LA JORNADA ELECTORAL.

Obituaries

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ers and sisters: Mary Beth Glenney Kielbasa of San Antonio, TX; George and Eileen Glenney of Georgetown, TX; and Richard and Susan Glenney of Duncanville, TX. She was greatly adored by her many nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and friends. She is joined in death by husband Tom Lewis of Oak Point, TX and daughter Carolyn Lewis Adkison of Midlothian, TX.

Carolyn was born on December 30, 1948 in Wichita Falls, TX to the late Julius Glenney and the late Elizabeth Martin Glenney. Carolyn studied sociology at Angelo State University. During her college years, she was introduced to the love of her life, Tom Lewis, the roommate of her brother George at Texas A&M University. Carolyn and Tom married in 1971. Carolyn took great pride in her life's work as a faithful and steadfast homemaker, raising four children that she took thousands of pictures of (and with). As Tom forged a career as a schoolteacher throughout Texas, Carolyn ran a loving and nurturing household, providing a space of respite and warmth from long schooldays and chaotic bus routes with her characteristic wit and gentle pats on the shoulder.

Carolyn was powerful in prayer, supporting all she knew with her quiet strength and positive spirit. With never an unkind word for anyone, she lived a life of grace in which she found great delight in the small things: treating her kids to a hamburger, walking the Little Elm park, and her beloved hobby, shopping. Proud of her Texas roots, she continually reminded her children that she was a fourth generation Texan. That said, she also loved to travel, collecting souvenirs and sending postcards to her kids from her many destinations. Her children remember her as their emotional rock, as she exemplified the living lesson of patience and humility. She was an active member of Denton Bible Church. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to a fund established for Carolyn's son-in-law and granddaughter, Nick and Keira Adkison, at [https://www.gofundme.com/baby-](https://www.gofundme.com/baby-keira-fund)

<http://www.midlothianfh.com/obituaries/Carolyn-Lewis-7/>. The family would like to thank hospital staff at Children's Medical Center for their support and dedication to Keira's recovery.

Carolyn Elizabeth

Adkison

1981- 2016

Carolyn Elizabeth Lewis Adkison died unexpectedly on Thursday, February 4th in Grand Prairie, TX at the age of 34.

Services were held today Wednesday February 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Midlothian Bible Church in Midlothian, Texas with Pastor Bennie Leonard officiating. Burial followed at Midlothian Cemetery. Carolyn is survived by her husband, Nick Adkison, and baby daughter, Keira Lillian Adkison, of Midlothian, TX; her brothers and sisters, Bobby and Darcy Lewis of Los Angeles, CA; Jenny and Tony Leone of Haughton, LA; and Tammy and Dixon Bautista of Honolulu, HI; and her nephews Van Lewis and Jacob Bautista. She is also survived by her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ron and Debbie Adkison of North Richland Hills, TX. She was dearly adored by her many uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends.

She is joined in death by father Thomas Elliott Lewis and mother Carolyn Glenney Lewis of Oak Point, TX. Carolyn was born on December 13, 1981 in Post, TX. Carolyn received her Bachelor's of Education from Texas Tech University in 2004. She met her beloved husband Nick and fell in love with his kindness, sense of humor, and love for the Lord, and they married on August 12, 2006. She worked in business and hair styling before fulfilling her life's calling as a devoted stay-at-home mother to her little angel, Keira, in whom Carolyn poured eight months of joy, light, and pure love. Carolyn had a servant's heart and overwhelmed everyone she loved with her generosity and abundant kindness. She always put others first in all situations and loved to treat people to un-

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EARLY VOTING BEGINS FEBRUARY 16TH

Commissioners Court

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BORDEN
 WHEREAS, on this the 26th day of January, 2016, 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 D. 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; JANA UNDERWOOD, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT** constituting a quorum, when the following business and other proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda:

Other officers present: Marlo Holbrooks, County Attorney; Benny Allison, Sheriff and Tax Assessor/Collector; and Shawna Gass, County Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the January 26, 2016, special session of the Commissioners Court to order at 8:30A.M.

APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the minutes of January 12, 2016 as presented. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2015 SHERIFF RACIAL PROFILING REPORT

Benny Allison, Borden County Sheriff presented to the court the racial profiling report for year 2015.

FIREFIGHTING SERVICE CONTRACT

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the contract with City of O'Donnell for firefighting service with the cost of \$2000.00 for 2016. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ORDER TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF FIREWORKS FOR TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY (MARCH 2, 2016)

Discussion, no action taken

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

UTILITY CABLE/ PIPELINE CROSSINGS PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the following applications:

- Richard A. Smith - Precinct 1 One time only
- Barbara Farmer - Precinct 1, as needed;
- Carl Pepper - Precinct 1, as needed;
- Muleshoe Ranch - Precinct 2, as needed;
- Chris Cooley - Precinct 2, as needed
- Clay Cowart - Precinct 2, as needed;
- Gary & Connie Stipe - Precinct 3, as needed;
- Mike Valentine - Precinct 4, as needed;
- Van L. York - Precinct 4, as needed;

Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion

SOIL CONSERVATION WORK

COMMUNITY INPUT

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

CURRENT ACCOUNTS

Commissioner Belew 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 Smith seconded the motion and approved unanimously.

Obituary

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expected gifts, especially her cherished hair products. Beautiful inside and out, she was always perfectly put together but never failed to compliment the beauty and good taste of others. She was perpetually positive, and she lit up every room she entered with her gleaming smile and a twinkle in her big brown eyes. Above all, she wanted everyone to be in Heaven, and she shared her faith far and wide. She was an active member of Liberty Baptist Church in Midlothian, TX. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to a fund established for Carolyn's husband and daughter, Nick and Keira Adkison, at <https://www.gofundme.com/baby-keira-fund>. Condolences can be sent to <http://www.midlothianfh.com/obituaries/Carolyn-Lewis-7/>. The family would like to thank hospital staff at Children's Medical Center for their support and dedication to Keira's recovery. Carolyn was a radiant beam of light that will continue to shine on those she left behind.

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A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
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from Kuala Lumpur Malaysia, to Shanghai, to Los Angeles."

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