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Telchik Leads Borden County's All-State List *Coyote best second baseman in the state*

Courtesy Lamesa Press Reporter
By Dwight Hines

Teddy Roosevelt is best known for saying, "Speak softly but carry a big stick!"

The United States' 26th President must have had somebody like Borden County's Zach Telchik in mind with that famous quote.

Telchik usually does not have much to say. Instead, he often lets his bat do much of the talking whenever he is out on the high school baseball diamond.

Apparently, he still has been coming across loud and clear.

After finishing the year with one of the hottest batting averages in the state (.587) regardless of classification, Telchik is getting recognized among the state's best which he rightfully has earned.

After being recognized as one of the best second basemen in the state by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association, Telchik now has been honored as the best Class 1A high school second baseman in the Lone Star State by the Texas Sportswriters Association.

"This has all come as a big surprise. We didn't expect all this", Telchik said.

Why not? At the beginning

of this season he was not even BC's starting second baseman. After starting this past season as the Coyotes' short stop, Telchik saw time at third base, catcher and even a little playing time at first base before eventually ending up finding his home at second base in the middle of the Coyotes' starting infield.

"It's all been pretty crazy. We've always loved playing catcher—that's still our favorite spot—but we're like wherever they want to put us out there," Telchik said.

All of this success comes as somewhat of a surprise to Telchik, but not his coach.

"He's played just about every spot for us and he's such a competitor at the plate," BC Coach Trey Richey said.

"We're talking about a kid who hit .600 for a big part of our season, so this is no way any kind of fluke.

"He just had one of those kind of years where everything he hit seemed to find a gap."

With all this attention Telchik cannot help but take even a bigger liking to second.

Second's a lot different compared to playing something like third. At third, you

don't have any time at all to react," Telchik said.

Zach's younger brother, Collin plays third for the Coyotes fresh off their best season on the diamond in school history.

Telchik is not the only Coyote to be recognized among the best in the state at their respective positions.

Five other Coyotes also were recognized on the Texas Sportswriters Association's 1A All-State Baseball team.

"That's pretty cool, too," Telchik said of BC's strong all-state representation.

"That just shows what kind of year that we had."

Senior Karl Lamming got second-team all-state in the outfield.

Senior Flynn Chapman earned third-team all-state at designated hitter. Chapman also earned honorable mention all-state pitcher.

Junior catcher Miles Valentine, sophomore shortstop Austin Fields and freshman outfielder Tanner Richey also got honorable mention.

"It looks like we've got to quit coaching," BC's Coach Richey said half-jokingly.

"Having this many on this

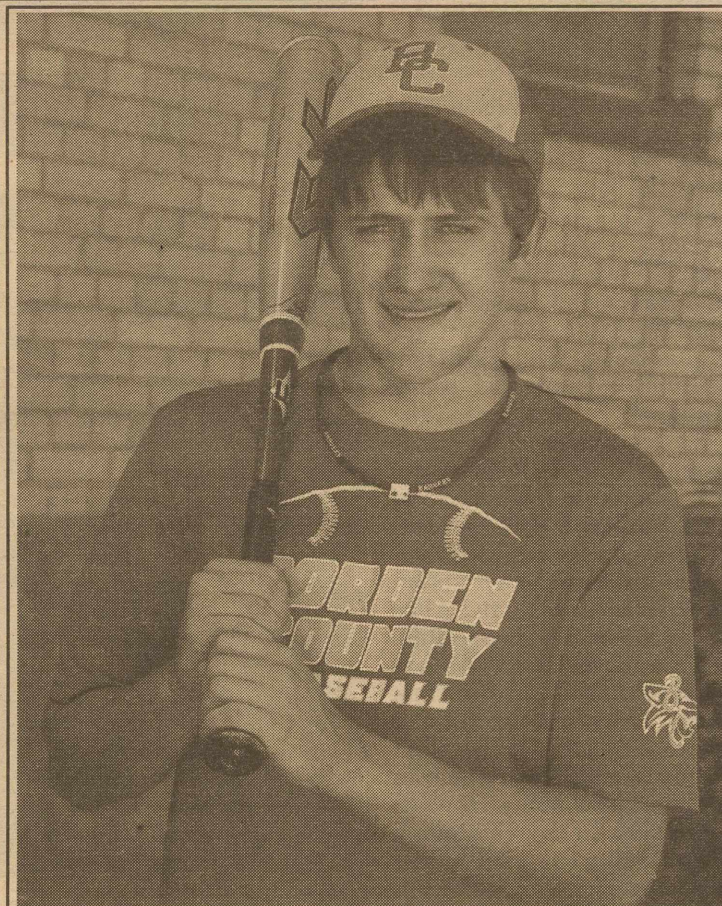


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After finishing his season with a .587 batting average, Borden County's Zach Telchik was named as the best Class 1A second baseman in the state by the Texas Sportswriters Association.

list doesn't say much for their coach who can only get them past the first round (of the playoffs). This isn't bad for a school which is still waiting for its baseball field."

Lamming, along with BC's Brendan Tarleton and R.T. Shafer, also earned academic all-state by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches' Academic All-State Team.

You've got to be a senior who averaged an A on all four

years in high school. You couldn't have a grade lower than an 85, either," Richey said of his academic all-staters.

"There's no telling what these guys could have done if they had a real baseball coach. We never dreamed that we'd see this many of our guys on these lists," Coach Richey said.

As far as he is concerned, Telchik is just fine with the

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Obituary

Sam Shoemaker 1917 - 2010

Services for Sammie Floyd Shoemaker, 92, of Ralls were held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 19, 2010 at the Ralls Cemetery Chapel with the Rev. Floyd Haddock officiating. Burial was at Ralls Cemetery under direction of Adams Funeral Home.

Visitation was held Sunday at Adams Funeral Home in Ralls.

Sam passed away on Thursday, July 15, 2010 at his home in Ralls. He was born on November 19, 1917 in Dunn, Texas to the late James A. and Mary Alice (Griffin) Shoemaker. On January 27, 1948 he married Rose Wilson in Ralls. She preceded him in death on December 31, 1989.

Sam moved to Ralls in 1925 and served in the US Army during WWII. He was a member of the VFW and the Crosby County Co-Op.

Sam is also preceded in death by two brothers, Harold Shoemaker and David Shoemaker; and four sisters, Jimmie Richardson, Elsie Brown, Kittie Lee Beck and Joann Crane.

Survivors include, two daughter, Carla Hensley and her husband Kenny of O'Donnell and Pam Bownds of Alvin; a brother, Roy Shoemaker of Ralls; two sister, Mary Hale of Ralls and Alice Maria Wilson of Escondido, CA; six grandchildren, Mendy Briley (Brian), Samantha Hunt (Rob), Laura Huchzermeyer (Erick), Karlinda Buchan (Willy), Candace Beacom (Terry), and Connie Bownds and six great grandchildren.

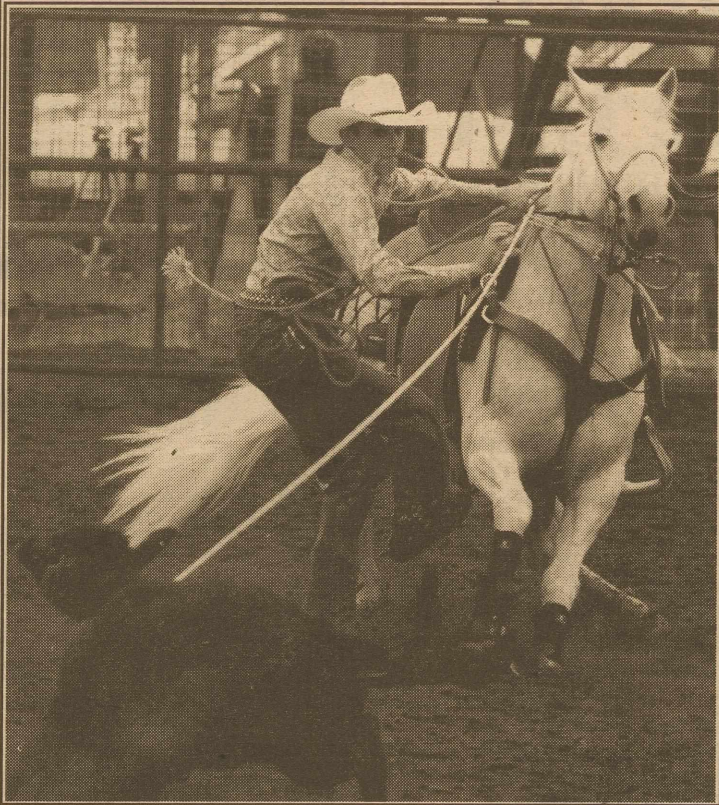
The family suggests memorials to the Kairos Prison Ministries c/o Mike Jones, P.O. Box 116, Welch, Texas 79377. www.adamsfuneral.com

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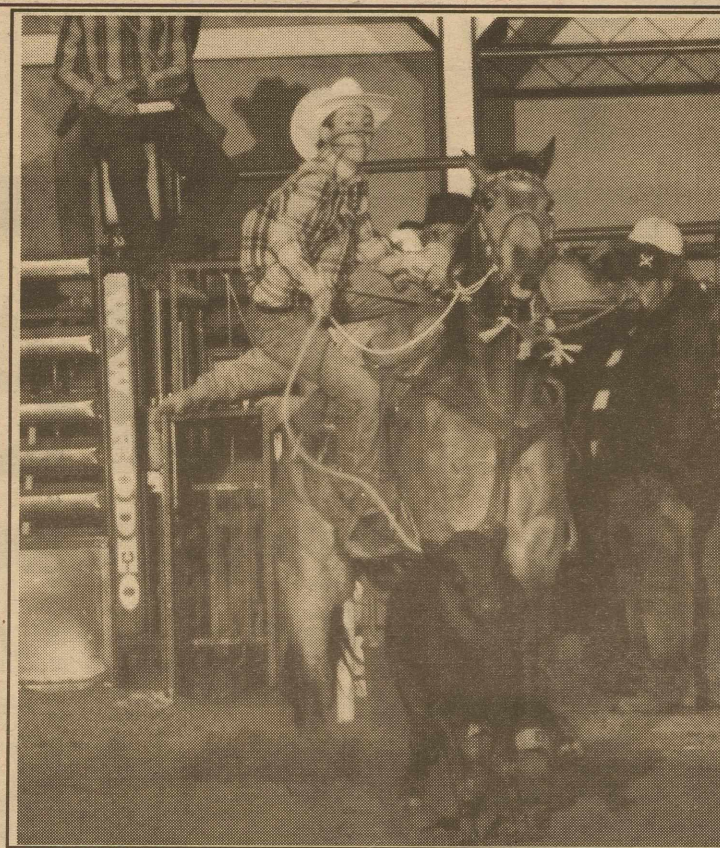
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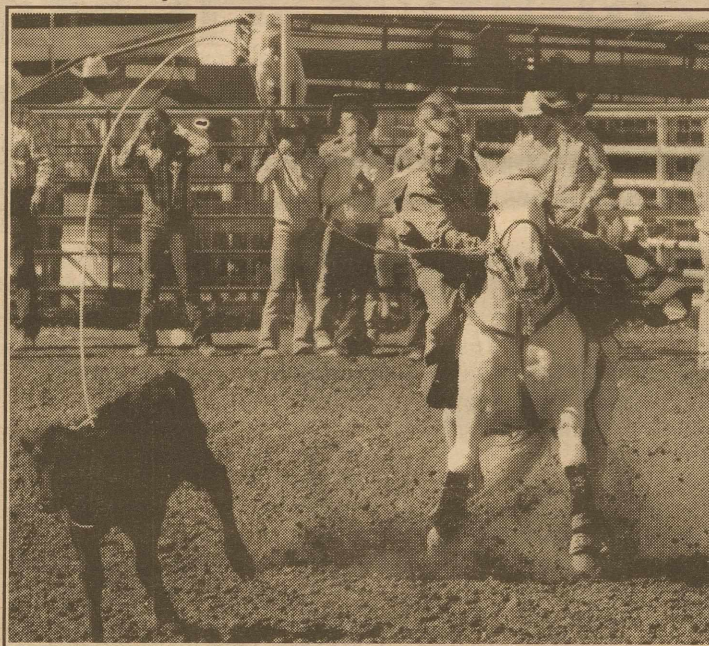
Hanna Forbes



Riley Smith



Chance Taylor



Sean Tucker

Borden County Students Compete in Texas High School Rodeo Finals

The Texas High School Rodeo schedule for the Fall and Spring semesters had Borden County ISD students traveling around Texas to accumulate points to make the top ten in their respective events for the State Finals.

In the Jr. High division, contestants competed at Gonzales May 31-June 5. Sean Tucker roped in tie-down calf roping, team roping and ribbon roping.

The Finals for the High School division were held in Abilene, June 14-19. Hanna Forbes, Chance Taylor and Riley Smith represented Region II by qualifying for the State Rodeo blazing their way to the top of the elite top ten. Chance and Riley were partners in the team roping, Hanna in barrels and Chance in tie-down calf roping.

These students must maintain a passing grade-point average to participate in the THSRA. While attending classes at Borden County, they find the time to do their homework, participate in UIL extracurricular activities and train on their horses.

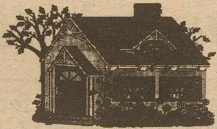
The schedule for the upcoming 2010-11 THSRA will have these cowboys and cowgirls traveling to Sweetwater, San Angelo, Andrews and Ft. Stockton.

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Heart and Home ...

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

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Summer Heat: The Silent Killer

We have been lucky to have had a fairly cool Summer so far, but lately the heat and humidity have been creeping up and making it almost unbearable! Keep in mind that with Summer we have an increase in outdoor activities and an increase in heat-related deaths and illnesses. The fact is, on average, more Texans are killed by heat each year than by tornadoes or hurricanes. Here are a few things to remember when working or playing in the scorching West Texas summer heat.

* **Slow down.** Heed your body's early warning signs. Reduce activities and stay in a cool, shady or air conditioned place as much as possible.

* **Don't dry out.** Drink plenty of non-alcoholic beverages. Water should be your drink of choice - even if you are not thirsty.

* **Dress for hot weather.** Wear lightweight, light-colored and loose-fitting clothing to help maintain normal body temperature. A wide-brim hat or cap is a must if outside. Wear sunglasses if prolonged exposure to the sun's rays and glare is anticipated, especially while driving.

* **Avoid thermal shock.** Go slow for those first few hot days. Heatstroke frequently develops swiftly with little warning. Over half of heatstroke victims become ill less than 24 hours before being

hospitalized or found dead.

* **Get out of the heat.** If your residence is not air conditioned, get to an air conditioned environment for at least a few hours a day. Visit the grocery store or Wal-Mart, or go to a shopping mall or theater. They are all excellent places in which one can escape the heat of summer. If this isn't possible, a well-ventilated shady area will do.

* **Don't get too much sun.** Sunburn makes the body's job of heat dissipation more difficult. Besides a hat, sunglasses and proper clothing, a good sun screen is recommended, no matter how fair or dark your skin is. There are also new fabric washes with sun screen in them. These products help to increase the protection your clothing provides from the sun. Check you local grocery store for these new products.

* **Beware of high humidity.** Perspiration is the body's natural way of cooling the skin. When the humidity is low, this evaporation actually "cools" the skin. Air movement, such as with a breeze, fan or air conditioner, acts to evaporate perspiration and cool your body. When the humidity is high, this evaporative cooling process is lost, and the danger of heat-related illness or death is greatly increased.

Source: Larry Peabody, National Weather Service, Austin/San Antonio

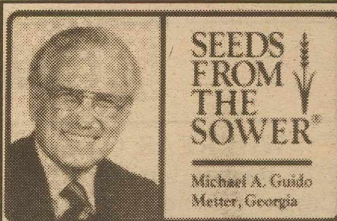
Hobson Named to President's List

Krystal Hobson, a 2009 graduate of Borden County High School and daughter of Danny and Renee Hobson, has been named to the 2010 spring semester President's List at South Plains College.

To be named to the President's List, students must be enrolled in at least 12 se-

mester hours and earn a 4.0 grade point average.

Krystal was accepted into the SPC RN program and will start in the fall semester.



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Post All-Stars



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All-State Honors...

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high school coach he has.

"Coach Richey's a lot of fun as long as you don't get him mad, since then he can also be pretty hard too," Telchik said.

In addition to owning a reliable glove, it was his red hot bat that helped him grab most of his attention.

"A lot of it's about maturing," Telchik said. "Last year, we never swung at that first pitch. Now that first pitch's usually a fast ball right down the middle and we jumped on it."

Not only does it seem that Telchik has found a home at second but, come next season, BC's baseball program will as well. After playing a majority of their home games in the past couple of seasons at Snyder, starting next year Borden County will have its first-ever high school baseball field in addition to its new school.

"Our ground's so uneven out there that it makes it hard to even take any ground balls," Telchik said. "That's why we end up having a lot of our practices on our football field—on our turf."

"They're talking about having our new field done by December. It's going to be nice—turf infield and a grass outfield."

Despite his stellar year a the plate, which helped him earn all of this attention, Telchik is not ready to rest on his laurels.

"It helps whenever you've got a love for something and we've always loved baseball," Telchik said.

He is not a bad football player either, where it has not taken him long to catch on the highly paced six-man football game. He has two state championship rings to prove it. This past season, he also was an all-state cornerback.

"It's been a lot to learn just with the rules and all," Telchik said of six-man football.

"The conditioning part's big in this game. You've got to be in a lot better shape, having to run everywhere

Graduating the likes of Michael Cooley, Flynn Chapman and Karl Lamming, all three recent BC graduates, there has been talk about next year's Coyotes dropping a little. Telchik, however, squelched a lot of that talk.

"We'll still be a playoff team."

While Telchik has his sights set on a strong senior season for next year's Coyotes, he does not appear ready to put up his bat or glove anytime soon.

After graduating at Gail next May, Telchik also is hoping to give college baseball a shot.

"We know that it's probably a lot harder when it comes to getting the exposure, but it's been done before," he said.

WHEREAS, On this the 22nd day of June, 2010, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner, Precinct N. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOYCE HERRIDGE** County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court, with Joe Belew commissioner of Precinct No. 4 was absent, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

Present were Don Nunnally and Ross Sharp.

COUNTY EVENT CENTER AND RODEO ARENA
Clifford Price of Price Construction met with update on work on the Rodeo Arena.

MINUTES APPROVED
Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meetings of June 8, 2010 were read. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SURVEY RECORDING FEES
Commissioner Smith made

a motion to set a fee of \$25.00 for filing and placement of Survey Records I the County Clerks Records. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ROAD CLOSURE
After reviewing the notice of Petition and having deemed it to be in proper order, a motion was made by Commissioner Adcock to approve the Order of the Commissioners Court Vacating a Public Road and to close 312 feet of North Apple Street in Precinct No. 2 The Petition and Order are to be recorded in Volume 313 of the Border County Deed Records. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ROAD CLOSURE
After reviewing the Notice of Petition and Petition to close a portion of Peach Street, Commissioner Smith made a motion to table Petition for further clarification. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

CRIME VICTIM SERVICES

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to contribute \$1250.00 to Crime Victim Services in Big Spring. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Indigent Health Care Case #001. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Adcock. Motion carried.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION, SOIL CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the Soil Conservation Construction of Fireguards Application from Joel Dennis for Flying D Ranch in Precinct No. 4; and from Kelvin Barkowsky in Precinct No. 2 Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED
The current accounts were examined and Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA
No-new items were pre-

sented.

ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 13th day of July 2010.

WHEREAS, On this the 29th day of June, 2010, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK, County Judge; **MONTE SMITH**, Commissioner, Precinct N. 1; **JOY BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE** County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court, with Randy Adcock Commissioner of Precinct No. 2 and Ernest Reyes, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3 absent, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

PICK-UP PURCHASE
Commissioner Belew made a motion for the purchase of a 2010 Ford Pick-Up for Precinct No. 4. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 13th day of July 2010.

BORDEN COUNTY ISD BID REQUEST

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive bids and/or quotes for propane, diesel, and gasoline for the 2010-2011 school year.

Proposals shall be addressed to Jimmy Thomas; Borden County Independent School District, Box 95; Gail, Texas 79738, and shall be delivered in a sealed envelope marked appropriately as "Propane Bid" and/or "Gasoline/Diesel Bid". Proposals may also be submitted by fax and/or by e-mail to the numbers or address listed below. Proposals will be received up to but no later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, July 29, 2010. Bids will be opened and read as they are received. Proposals will be tabulated, researched, and selected by the Board of Trustees or its designee as appropriate. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

The Borden County ISD Board of Trustees or its designee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposed bids, to waive any and all technicalities, and to accept the proposal that will best serve the needs of the District.

Questions regarding bid specifications and additional information shall be directed to Jimmy Thomas by writing the above address; by e-mail to jthomas@bcisd.net; or by calling 806/756-4313. Transmissions by fax may be sent to 806/756-4310.

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