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## Sign-Up Begins for USDA Disaster Assistance Programs Restored by Farm Bill

WASHINGTON, April 15, 2014 – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that starting today, eligible farmers and ranchers can sign up for U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) disaster assistance programs restored by passage of the 2014 Farm Bill.

"We implemented these programs in record time and kept our commitment to begin sign-up today," said Agriculture Secretary Vilsack. "To ensure enrollment goes as smoothly as possible, dedicated staff in over 2,000 Farm Service Agency offices across the country are doing everything necessary to help producers that have suffered through

two and a half difficult years with no assistance because these programs were awaiting Congressional action."

Depending on the size and type of farm or ranch operation, eligible producers can enroll in one of four programs administered by the Farm Service Agency. The Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), and the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) will provide payments to eligible producers for livestock deaths and grazing losses that have occurred since the expiration of the livestock disaster assistance programs in 2011, and including calendar years 2012, 2013, and 2014. The Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) provides emergency assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish that have suffered losses because of disease, severe weather, blizzards and wildfires.

Enrollment also begins today for the Tree Assistance Program (TAP), which provides financial assistance to qualifying orchardists and nursery tree growers to replant or rehabilitate trees, bushes and vines damaged by natural disasters.

Producers signing up for these programs are encouraged to contact their local FSA office for information on the types of records needed and to schedule an appointment. Taking these steps in advance will help producers ensure their application moves through the process as quickly as possible.

Supporting documents may include livestock birth records, purchase and transportation receipts, photos and ownership records showing the number and type of livestock lost, documents listing the gallons of water transported to livestock during drought, and more. Crop records may include purchase receipts for eligible trees, bushes, or vines, seed and fertilizer purchases, planting and production records, and documentation of labor and equipment used to plant or remove eligible trees, bushes, or vines.

Producers have three to nine months to apply depending on the program and year of the loss. Details are available from any local FSA office.

For more information, producers may review the 2014 Farm Bill Fact Sheet, and the LIP, LFP, ELAP and TAP fact sheets online, or visit any local FSA office or USDA Service Center.



## Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

### S.N.I.O.P.

Are you a S.N.I.O.P.? A S.N.I.O.P. is a person who is susceptible to the negative influences of other people. This is a common syndrome. We all desire approval from others. Everyone has grown up being conditioned to be concerned about what others think.

Many people tend to be negative, finding problems rather than solutions. So it's to be expected that the influence of other people is mostly negative. It's only when you pay attention to these negative people that a problem arises.

When you pay attention to those who are negative, a number of things will happen. First, you will alter your path to accommodate the negative input you receive. The result

will be the lowering of your ambitions or the abandon of your goals altogether.

Next, you will get frustrated because you'll be adjusting your life to fit someone else's expectations. Even though you may get approval for your accommodations, any feeling of satisfaction on your part will be short lived at best. It's virtually impossible to be happy when you give up control of your life in order to meet another's expectations.

Thirdly, you will begin to doubt yourself. Since any dreams you have are bound to be criticized, the only way to avoid negative comments is to not pursue them. Yet, there are

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## BORDEN COUNTY ONE-ACT PLAY COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE

The Borden County cast and crew will present  
a community performance of  
**"A Girl Called Opal"**  
on Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm  
at the school auditorium.  
Everyone is invited to attend.



# McMeans' Win High Point Award for District 6-A Literary Contests

Seniors Mollie McMeans and Zach McMeans have added two more awards to their 2013-2014 achievements.

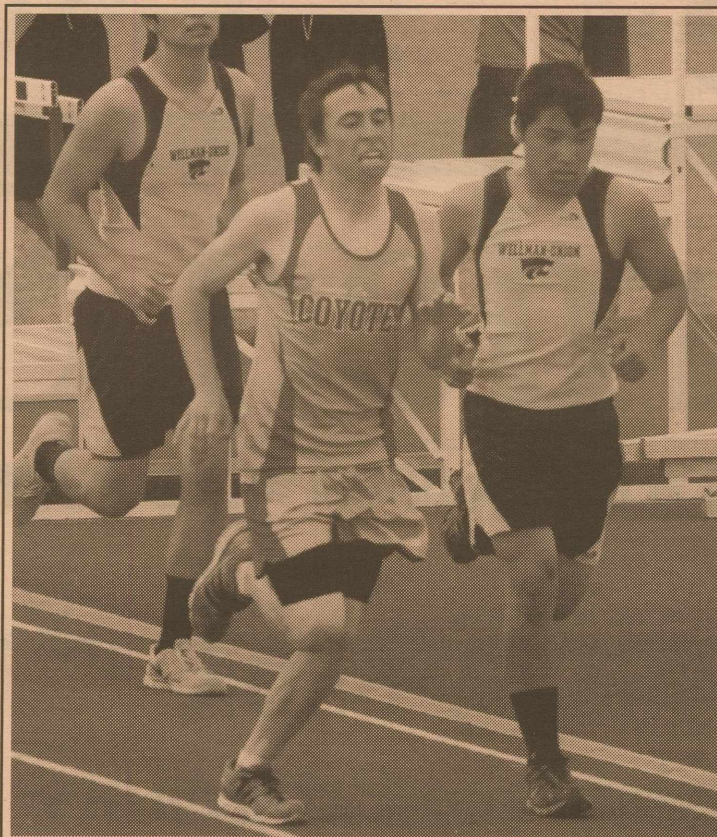
Official results posted from the District 6-A literary contests show that Mollie has been recognized as the High Point Girl (scoring 52 points) and Zach as High Point Boy (scoring 47 points).

Mollie finished first in Cross-Ex Debate, Ready Writing, and Social Studies and earned a silver medal in Liter-

ary Criticism.

Zach's points came from first-place finishes in Cross-Ex Debate and Persuasive Speaking, a silver medal in Current Issues and Events, and a bronze in Social Studies.

Both McMeans along with 11 other students are now preparing for Regional UIL, scheduled May 2 at South Plains College. The top three in every event will advance to the State UIL Academic Meet in late May.



Jordan Martinez turns in his best time of the season with a 5:10 in the mile run winning the event.

## Highs and Lows for Track Teams as Coyotes win Seventh Straight District Title

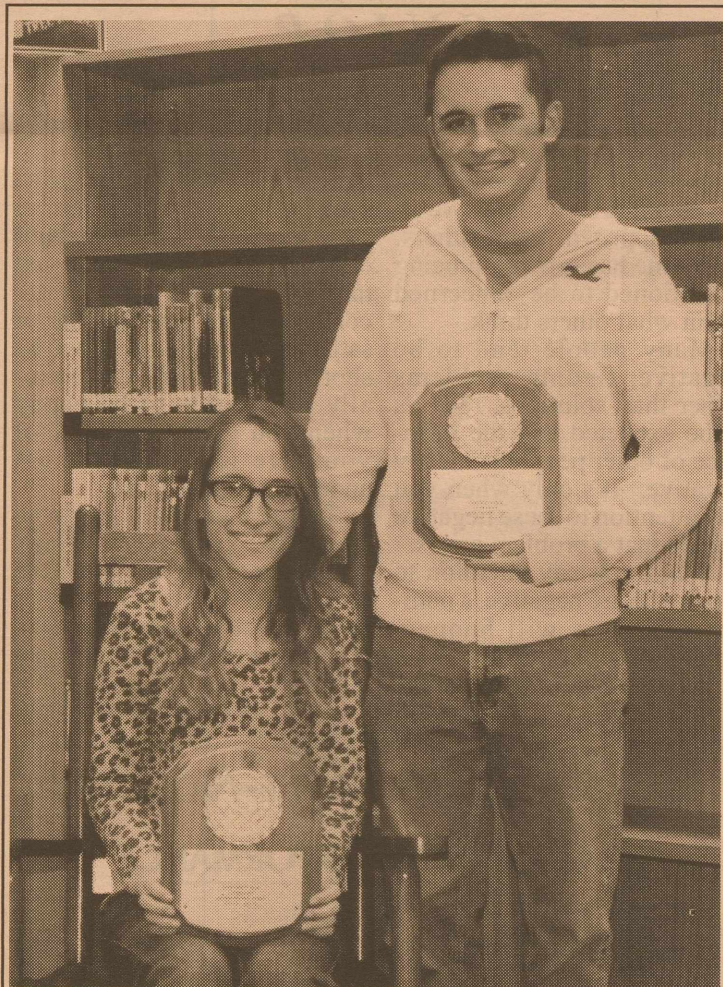
By Coach Richey

The Borden County Coyotes and Lady Coyotes had a mixed bag of emotions while hosting the district 5 and 6 track meet combined with the Area 5 and 6 track meet. Lows came in the form of Hunter Jones tying for 4th place in the long jump in the area, but missing advancing to regional by getting beat on a second best jump and ultimately finishing 5th, then because of a nagging injury and in spite of sitting 4th in the region in high jump was unable to compete in the event and ultimately did not participate on either sprint or 800 relay in the prelims which is where the district track results

came from. Teammate Tristen Benavidez was coming back from a strained hamstring and he too was unable to run on the 400 relay, but did participate in the 100 meter dash finishing 4th in the district, but not advancing to the finals for the area.

On the girls side, Kalyn Massingill a year removed from running on three relays at the state meet was coming back from an injury of her own but because of other teammate injuries we were unable to put together but one relay. As a result, Kalyn attempted to ad-

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Seniors, Mollie and Zach McMeans were recently named high point girl and boy in District 6-A literary contests.

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### School Lunch Menu

April 21-25, 2014

Menu subject to change

Monday - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday - Breakfast: Sausage & Biscuit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Salisbury Steak w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Strawberries & Bananas, Roll, Brownie Cookie (9-12 Grade only) and Milk.

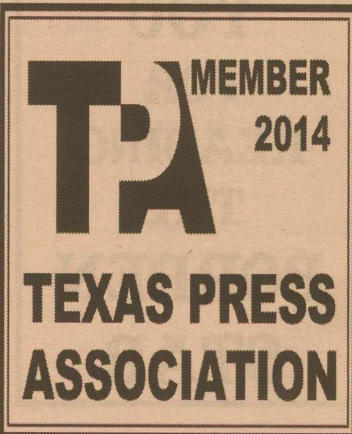
Wednesday - Breakfast: Omelet & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Crispy Taco, Garden Salad, Charro Beans, Salsa, Cinnamon Applesauce and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Cereal & Graham Cracker, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Toasted Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Baked Chips, Broccoli Bites, Orange Smiles and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Cinnamon Pasty, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Hot Dog, Potato Rounds, Cucumber Dippers, Fruit and Milk.

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## Coyotes Area Champs!



The Coyotes won their seventh District and second Area track championship last week. Members of the boys track team are (left to right) Robert Jordan, Jayton Lewis, Jordan Martinez, Matt Ham, Hunter Jones, Corbin Summers, Korbin Martinez, Nathan Souder, Matt Proulx and Riley Herridge.

# BC Coyotes Pluck the Cardinals With 11-1 Win

By Coach Edwards

Borden County Coyotes beat the Hermleigh Cardinals 11-1 Tuesday recording their second district win of the season.

Mason Coor had a hot bat getting on base three times in the game for the Coyotes. He scored two runs and had one RBI. He doubled in the second inning and singled in the fourth inning.

Coor shut down the Hermleigh Cardinals while he was on the rubber. The Hermleigh Cardinals managed just one hit off of Coor, who allowed no earned runs, walked one and struck out three during his three innings of work.

Borden County blew out the Hermleigh Cardinals thanks to 11 hits, including one extra base hits. The Coyotes scored four runs in the fourth on an RBI single by Kace Lott, an error, an RBI single by Hurricane Richter, and an RBI single by Tristen Benavidez.

Hunter Jones recorded the win for Borden County. He allowed one run over two innings. He struck out four, walked two and surrendered

one hit.

Borden County answered the Hermleigh Cardinals' top inning with one run of its own in the first. The Coyotes scored on an RBI single by Kurt

Shafer.

Borden County never trailed after scoring three runs in the second on an RBI double by Coor and a two-run single by Jayton Lewis.



Photo by Kembra Jones  
Catcher, Kale Yarbrow waits for the next pitch against the Hermleigh Cardinals in last weeks game.

# Coyotes Win Seventh Straight District Title...

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vance in the hurdles. She finished in the top 6 in both hurdles in district, but did not make the finals of the 100 hurdles for area and finished 6th overall in the 300's. Kalyn did manage to finish 3rd in district in long jump, but fell to 5th in the area and just missed qualifying to regional. The Lady Coyotes did put together a 1600 relay with Massingill, Kylee Dean, Tatum Richey and Taylor Gass, but this foursome ended up 3rd in district and 6th overall and ended the track season for Massingill, Dean and other varsity girls tracksters in Bailey Robinson who finished 7th in the area but 3rd in district in the discus, Lexi Cheatum and Sydnee Jordan.

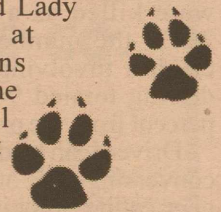
Other disappointing results were seen in the 100 hurdles as Tatum Richey who was the district champion in the event by winning the prelims found herself two hurdles away from the Area Championship when she hit the eighth hurdle and fell to the track ending her bid for a return trip to regional and ended the 3rd ranked region I 100 hurdlers dream.

Highlights for the meet come from the same hurdler who had her dreams crushed as Tatum ran her fastest time in her career by going from 4th to first and winning the 300 hurdles in Area and qualifying for regional.

Other highlights were senior Taylor Gass winning the district and Area 800 in a season best 2:31.3 and then finished 2nd in the 1600 to advance in both. Another highlight came from Senior Matt Proulx as he managed to come back from finishing 2nd in the prelims to win the 400 meter dash in a career best 52.75 and with the time he ranks number one in the region right now. Korbin Martinez turned in a career best time in winning the 800 meter run with a time of 2:05.99 which is the 2nd best time in the region. Korbin also won the 300 hurdles in the dis-

trict and area as well. Jordan Martinez finished 2nd in the 3200 earlier, but turned in his best effort as a Coyote runner in winning the 1600 meters for district and area as he came from 5th place a lap and a half into the race to win the event going away with 2 1/2 great laps and a season best 5:10. Diego Bernal had a surprise moment for the Coyotes in finishing 3rd in the district and 4th in the area with a career best put of the shot at 39'1".

Corbin Summers was a district champion in the 200 with a career best time of 23.48, but came in 3rd in the area pushing thru a nagging hip injury and advancing to Regional. In the pole vault, Robert Jordan and Riley Herridge finished 2nd and 3rd respectively in district and area with jumps of 10'6" and 10'0". The sprint relay with subs Nathan Souder and Jayton Lewis joining Summers and Matt Ham ran their best time of the season with a 45.58 in district and then ran a 45.78 in the finals to finish 2nd in district and area. The 800 relay with the same 4 ran a season best 1:36.3 to finish 2nd in district, but in the finals, Hunter Jones took Summers place as he was saving his hip for the 200 final and this foursome ran a 1:37.7 to finish 2nd in the area. The foursome of Matt Ham, Matt Proulx, Hunter Jones and Korbin Martinez ran a season best time in the 1600 relay with a time of 3:40.1 to finish 3rd in both the district and area but when the dust was settled all of these results for the Coyotes meant a 7th straight district championship and a second straight area championship. The top 4 in the area for boys and girls will represent the Coyotes and Lady Coyotes at South Plains College in the regional track meet April 25th and 26th.





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## The Myth of Multi-Tasking! April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Most of us incorrectly assure ourselves that we can multi-task! After all, we can walk and chew gum at the same time! Right? When we stop and think about those activities – chewing gum and walking, we have to admit that walking is one of those things we do that requires very little brain power; in fact, it's subconscious and nearly automatic. Unlike walking and chewing gum, both driving and using a cell phone require higher cognitive thinking. Your brain simply cannot perform two higher cognitive tasks at the same time. Instead, it must switch between the tasks, and that's where we get into problems! With technology at their fingertips, drivers are constantly faced with distractions, such as talking or texting, which places their safety and that of others at serious risk.

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is launching the *Talk. Text. Crash.* campaign to raise awareness of the dangers associated with distracted driving and to encourage Texans to put down their cell phones while driving.

Distracted driving is becoming increasingly common and dangerous, causing traffic crashes and fatalities. "The statistics in Texas are sobering," said John Barton, TxDOT deputy executive director. "One in five traffic crashes in Texas is caused by a distracted driver, and last year 459 people were killed as a result." In 2013, the number of Texas crashes involving distracted driving totaled 94,943, up 4 percent from the previous year.

Drivers can be distracted by conversing with other passengers, eating, smoking, manipulating dashboard controls,

reaching for something in the vehicle, and talking or texting on a cell phone. Among the many distractions drivers face on the road, cell phone use is one of the most common and a major cause of distracted driving traffic accidents and fatalities.

While distractions affect drivers of all ages, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has found that hand-held cell phone use is highest among 16- to 24-year-olds. This age group has the largest proportion of drivers who were distracted. In Texas, 46 percent of urban teens and 52 percent of rural teens talk on a cell phone while driving, and nearly the same percentage text while driving. (Texas A&M Transportation Institute).

Text messaging is particularly dangerous. New research conducted last year by the Texas A&M Transportation Institute showed reaction times double when drivers are distracted by text messaging. Additionally, sending or receiving a text takes a driver's eyes away from the road for an average of 4.6 seconds. At 55 mph, that's the equivalent of driving the length of a football field while blindfolded.

The *Talk. Text. Crash.* campaign aims to reduce distracted driving, not only for National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, but throughout the year. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service reminds drivers to put away their cell phones and wait until they arrive at their destination to use their phone. Although cell phone use is the most easily recognized distraction, all in-vehicle distractions are unsafe and can cause crashes or fatalities. Keep your eyes on the road and arrive alive!

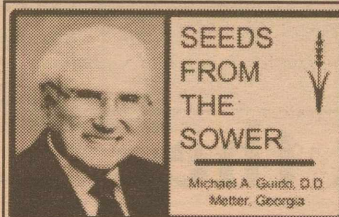
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## Annual Booster Club Egg Hunt

Friday, April 18, 2014  
10:00am at the Pavilion  
Ages 5 and under

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come hunt eggs with the  
Easter Bunny  
Refreshments to follow



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Lo, there was a great earthquake, for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it; his appearance was as lightning and his clothes were as white as snow. For fear of him, the guards trembled and became as dead men.

And the angel said to the women, "Be not afraid I know that you seek Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified. He is risen. He is not here. Why seek the living among the dead? Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered up into the hands of sinful man and be crucified and on the third day rise again.' Come now and see that place where He lay. (Then they remembered His words.)"

"Go quickly and tell His disciples and Peter that He is risen from the dead, and lo, He goes before you into Galilee. There, you will see Him as He told you."

Some went away with fear and trembling and said nothing because they were afraid. Others went away quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell the disciples.

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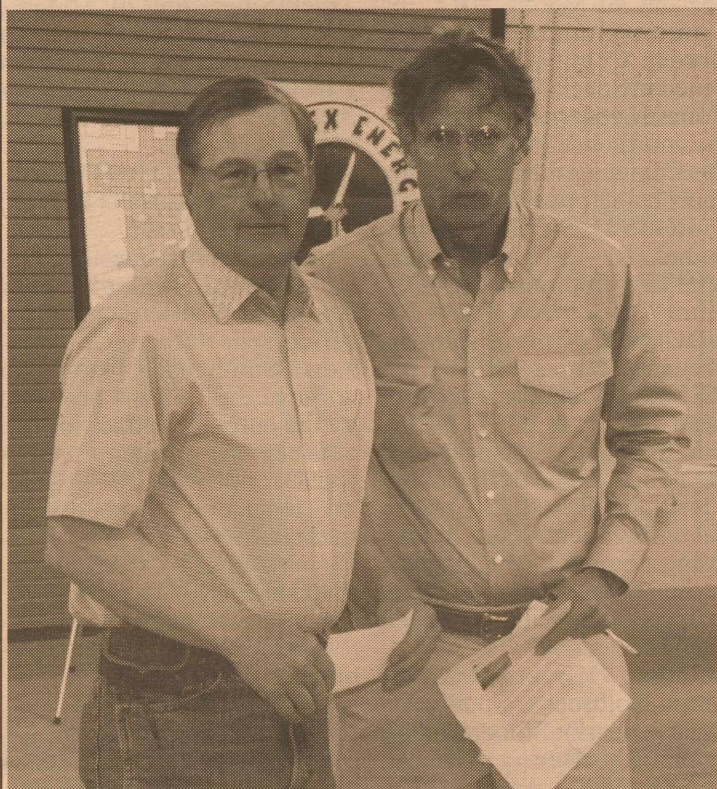
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## Wind Farm Project Providing Community Dividends



Randy Hensley (left) accepts donation on behalf of Borden Co. ISD from Steve DeWolf.

Borden County ISD and Borden County proper are recipients of recent donations made by Starwood Energy Group UC. The presentations were made April 12 at an appreciation dinner hosted by Steve DeWolf, original developer of the wind farm project in Borden County and Lynn County.

With 126 turbines in Borden County, the Starwood Energy Group's effect on the tax base is notable. A total of 45,000 acres in both counties are involved in the wind farm industry. The actual builder for this particular group, Wanzek, is based in Fargo, North Dakota.

At the dinner, DeWolf presented County Judge Ross Sharp with a \$5,000 donation to assist in the building of a helipad for Borden County. School Board member Randy Hensley accepted a \$5,000 gift for the school district which will go towards playground equipment.



County Judge, Ross Sharp accepts a \$5,000 donation on behalf of the Commissioners Court from Steve DeWolf.

## Borden County ISD Board Meeting

### Regular Board Meeting March 10, 2014

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas, met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Borden County I.S.D. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole and Mike Valentine. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas was also present.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2014, board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.


4. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the March 2014, bills. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Mr. Thomas made a recommendation to renew the contracts of all professional personnel for the 2014-2015 school year. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joel Dennis to renew the contracts of all professional personnel for the 2014-2015 school year. The motion carried unanimously.


6. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Mike Valentine to set the regular April board meeting for April 21, 2014, at 7:00 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Mr. Thomas reported that 248 students were enrolled as of March 7, 2014, a year to date financial overview was given, and a student failure and honor roll report was given. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.


8. A motion was made by Joe Harding and seconded by Randy Hensley to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.



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### Borden County 4-H News



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### 4-H Meeting

We will have the next 4-H meeting on Monday, April 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Event Center. PLEASE make plans for all 4-H members and parents to attend this important meeting to discuss upcoming Fund Raisers and Summer activities.

### District Fashion Storyboard Results

Dallie Miller and Kaylee Walker both completed a Fashion Storyboard for the District Competition which was held in March. Dallie entered a storyboard in the Junior Wearable Division and received 3<sup>rd</sup> place! Kaylee entered a storyboard in the Intermediate Wearable Division and received 2<sup>nd</sup> place! They were recognized at the District 4-H Fashion Show Assembly on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> in Lubbock.

### County Photography Contest

There was some very stiff competition at the county level, our judges had a difficult time choosing one from each group. We can only send one per category to District. These photos advanced to District on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. They will be on display during District 4-H Roundup on May 3 in Levelland.

Animals: Domestic-Dallie Miller

Animals: Wildlife-Ryann Phillips

Catch-All: Rae'Lynne Clement

Details & Macro: Ryann Phillips

Digital Darkroom: No entry

Dominant Color: Rae'Lynne Clement

Elements of Design: Dallie Millie

Food: Rae'Lynne Clement

Marine/Aquatic: Rae'Lynne Clement

Night Photography: Ryann Phillips

Nature & Landscape: Rae'Lynne Clement

Plant/Flora: Maggie Miller



People: Ryann Phillips

Storyboard: Rae'Lynne Clement

Theme: "What is Your Why?": Maggie Miller

### Educational Presentation Contest, Share-the-fun and Public Speaking

4-H'ers and parents interested in learning more about the Public Speaking Project should contact the Extension Office as soon as possible. Information is available to assist 4-H'ers and their parents in writing, presenting and preparing visuals for educational presentations (method demonstrations); as well as covering information about the public speaking contest and share-the-fun's. Share-the-fun categories include: Celebrate 4-H, choreographed routines, poet, vocal, band and musical. This project

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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Willow Bend Oil LLC, 2745 Dallas Parkway, Suite 560, Plano, Texas 75093 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 in the Upper Spraberry Formation, Nan Martin "A" Lease, Well Number 2720. The proposes injection well is located 8.8 miles NNW of Gail, Texas in the Clayton Ranch, N. (Spraberry) Field, in Borden County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5703 to 5754 feet.

**LEGAL AUTHORITY:** Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from the 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. Drawer 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 Telephone (512)463-6792.

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## Commissioners' Court

**WHEREAS,** On this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014, 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:

**ROSS D. SHARP,** County Judge, Residing; **MONTE SMITH,** Commissioner Precinct No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK,** Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES,** Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW,** Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE** County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

Other Officers Present: Marlo Holbrooks, County Attorney; Sharlot Stone, County Treasurer; Benny Allison, Sheriff and Tax Assessor.

At 8:35 a.m. Judge Sharp called the March 25, 2014 Commissioners Court Meeting to order.

**MINUTES APPROVED** Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of March 11, 2014 as presented. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BOND** Blake Morgan and Andrew Yoder with Lawrence Financial Consulting LLC met with the Court presenting the General Obligation Refunding Bond Proposal.

**GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BOND** Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the Order authorizing the issuance and sale of the Borden County Limited Tax Refunding Bond, Series 2014; levying an annual ad valorem tax and providing for the security for and payment of said bond; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

**WATER TRUCK BID** As advertised, bids for a Water Truck, Precinct No. 3, were opened at 9:00 a.m. A

bid was received from Circle D Truck Sales, Inc, of Abilene. Commissioner Reyes made a motion to accept the bid from Circle D. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### BORDEN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT LEASE

A Letter of Request was received from Borden County Appraisal District concerning office space lease. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the lease as provided by the current contract for one year beginning January 1, 2014 thru December 31, 2014. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### UTILITY CABLE CROSSINGS OF COUNTY ROADS

No applications were received.

### 2014 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

No Budget Amendments. **PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE**

No applications received for Private Road Construction/ Maintenance.

**SOIL CONSERVATION** No applications received for Soil Conservation.

**DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE AGENDA** Propane and Tank located at County Agent housing location, CETRZ Projects, Event Center.


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

**ADJOURN** A motion was made by Commissioner Adcock to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew and approved unanimously.

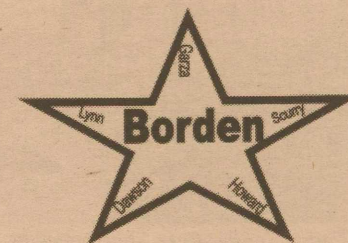
**THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2014.**

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# Junior High Boys Finish Track Season Winning District Title

By Coach Richey

The Borden County junior high track teams finished their 2014 season on a high note as the boys won the title for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row while the girls had one of their best finishes in years as they were the runner-up in the district race.

The Boys scored 195 points easily outdistancing the O'Donnell Eagles who finished with 142 points. Medal winners for the Pups were Payton Merket taking the gold in the 100 meter dash at 13.60 and he was second in the long jump with a leap of 15'6". Brian Torres brought home the gold in the 200 meter run with a time of 28.06. Lukas Grantham was second in the 400 meter dash with a time of 72.23 and was also second in the 110 hurdles with a 25.49. JW Nix finished third in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:49.82 and was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 1600 meter with a time of 6:15.99. Morgan Wilson brought home the gold in the 2400 with a time of 9:49.23 while teammate Thomas Nix was second with a time of 10:06.15. Nick Proulx garnered a gold in the 300 hurdles with a time of 54.73. Ryan Wilborn was a double gold winner in the long jump and a triple jump with jumps of 17'7" and 33'4". Braxton Barnes won gold in the discus with a throw of 109'2".

All three relay teams brought home gold, with the foursome of Brian Torres, Payton Merket, Nick Proulx and Ryan Wilborn with a winning time of 50.94. Torres, Merket and Wilborn were joined by Morgan Wilson in winning the 800 relay with a time of 1:49.32. Wilson and Wilborn were joined by Proulx and Thomas Nix in winning the 1600 relay with a time of 4:18.07. This race featured Ryan Wilborn coming from almost 70 meters behind to come back and win with a 56.7 split on his final lap.

On the girls side, the young Lady Coyotes put up a tremendous fight but came up just short scoring 173 points to Klondike's 196. Medal winners for the ladies were Emma Key in the 2400 meter run leading a Lady Coyote sweep in what would be the first of three as she turned in a 10:08.36 while teammates Maddi Cole ran a 10:34.46 for second and Paige Holbrook finished third with a 10:40.54. Another sweep for the ladies was the 1600 meter run as

Cole won the event with a 6:42.95 while teammate Harley Merrill ran a 6:43.72 for second and Katie Gray ran a 6:58.11 for third. Katie Gray and Harley would both medal in the 800 as Gray finished second with a 2:50.58 and Merrill third with a 2:55.18. The final sweep happened the long jump as Rayme Jones led the ladies with a leap of 14'4 1/2" while Prelea Hall finished 2<sup>nd</sup> with a 13'5 1/2" and Emma Key was third with a leap of 13'4 3/4". Brooklyn Cheatum finished third in the shot put with a throw of 27'1 1/2". Rayme Jones garnered a gold medal in the 400 meters winning with a time of 70.18.

The Lady Coyotes came away with the silver medal in the 400 relay with a time of 57.03 and the 800 relay with a time of 2:02.89. Running on the sprint relay was Ashlyn Tucker, Braylee Walker, Preslea Hall and Rayme Jones. The foursome for the 800 relay was Tucker, Walker, Hall and Emma Key. Braylee Walker, Preslea Hall, Emma Key and Rayme Jones ended the meet with a very impressive effort in winning the 1600 meter relay in a time of 4:43.00.

Below are the results of all of the Coyote athletes.

Boys division:

Ryan Wilborn: Long Jump-1<sup>st</sup>-17'7"; Triple Jump-1<sup>st</sup>-33'4"; 400 M relay-1<sup>st</sup>-50.94; 800 M relay-1:49.32 and 1600 M relay-4:18.07.

Thomas Nix: 2400 M run-2<sup>nd</sup>-10:06.23; 800 M run-6<sup>th</sup>-2:51.71 and 1600 M relay-1<sup>st</sup>-4:18.07.

Braxton Barnes: Shot Put-4<sup>th</sup>-34'6 1/2" and Discus-1<sup>st</sup>-109'6".

Clayton Addison: 100 M and Discus-no mark.

Morgan Wilson: High Jump-4'4"; 2400 M run-1<sup>st</sup>-9:49.23; 800 M relay-1<sup>st</sup>-1:49.32; Long Jump-14'5" and 1600 M relay-1<sup>st</sup>-4:18.07.

Kable Kleck: Shot-no mark; Discus-no mark and 1600 M run-7<sup>th</sup>-7:07.

Nick Proulx: 300 hurdles-1<sup>st</sup>-54.73; 400 M relay-1<sup>st</sup>-50.94; 800 M relay-1<sup>st</sup>-1:49.32.

Brian Torres: 400 M relay-1<sup>st</sup>-50.94; 800 M relay-1<sup>st</sup>-1:49.32 and 200 M dash-1<sup>st</sup>-28.06.

J.W. Nix: 800 M run-3<sup>rd</sup>-2:49.82; 1600 M run-2<sup>nd</sup>-6:15.99 and 110 hurdles-5<sup>th</sup>-27.51.

Lukas Grantham: 110 hurdles-

2<sup>nd</sup>-25.49; 400 M dash-2<sup>nd</sup>-72.23 and 1600 M run-4<sup>th</sup>-6:29.39.

Payton Merket: 400 M relay-1<sup>st</sup>-50/94' 100 M dash-1<sup>st</sup>-13/60' 800 M relay-1<sup>st</sup>-1:49.32; Long jump-2<sup>nd</sup>-15'6" and High jump-4<sup>th</sup>-4'8".

Tanner Harrison: B Shot Put-23'4"-3<sup>rd</sup>; B Discus-63'5"-2<sup>nd</sup>; B 100 M dash-16.83-2<sup>nd</sup> and B 200-35.43-2<sup>nd</sup>.

Riley Lewis: 110 hurdles-4<sup>th</sup>-26.26.

Girls division:

Braylee Walker: 400 M relay-2<sup>nd</sup>-57.03; 800 M relay-2<sup>nd</sup>-2:02.58 and 1600 M relay-1<sup>st</sup>-4:43.0.

Preslea Hall: Long jump-2<sup>nd</sup>-13'5 1/2"; 400 M relay-2<sup>nd</sup>-2:02.89; 800 M relay-2<sup>nd</sup>-2:02.89 and 1600 M relay-1<sup>st</sup>-4:43.0.

Harley Merrill: 800 M run-3<sup>rd</sup>-2:55.18 and 1600 M run-2<sup>nd</sup>-6:43.72.

Brooklyn Cheatham: Shot Put-3<sup>rd</sup>-27'1" and Discus-5<sup>th</sup>-57'11".

MJ Van Der Bank: 100 M dash-4<sup>th</sup>-15.17 and 200 M dash-5<sup>th</sup>-33.46.

Karly Bell: 400 M dash-4<sup>th</sup>-74.31.

Ashlyn Tucker: 400 M relay-2<sup>nd</sup>-57.03; 800 M relay-2<sup>nd</sup>-2:02.89 and 200 M dash-4<sup>th</sup>-32.86.

Maddi Cole: 2400 M run-2<sup>nd</sup>-10:34.46 and 1600 M run-1<sup>st</sup>-6:42.95.

Katie Gray: 800 M run-2<sup>nd</sup>-2:50.58 and 1600 M run-3<sup>rd</sup>-6:58.11.

Reina Hernandez: B 100 M dash-1<sup>st</sup>-15.52 and B 200 M dash-1<sup>st</sup>-33.26.

Kaile Hernandez: B 100 M dash-2<sup>nd</sup>-16.24 and B 200 M dash-2<sup>nd</sup>-34.77.

Paige Holbrook: 2400 M run-3<sup>rd</sup>-10:40.46 and 800 M run-6<sup>th</sup>-3:02.14.

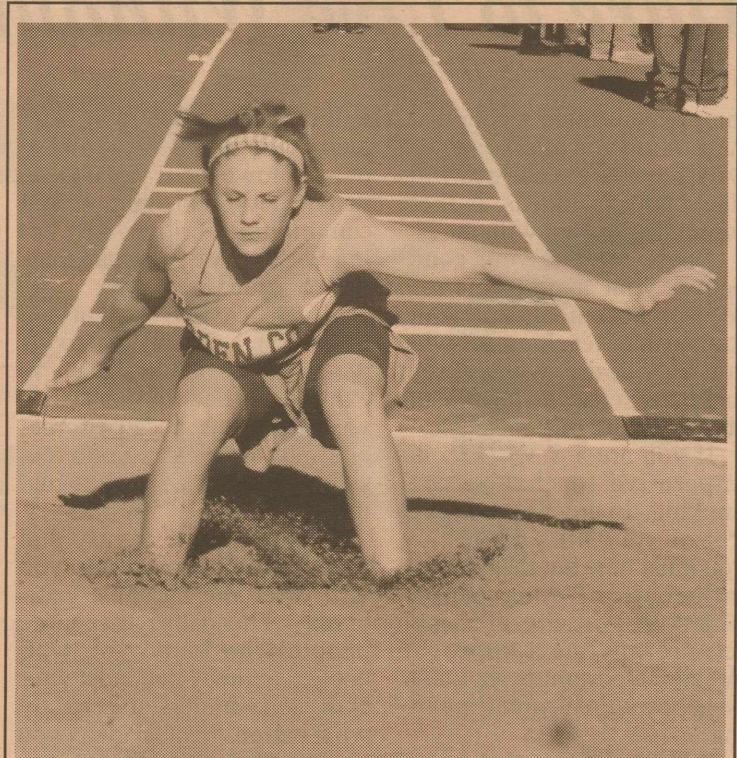
Brooke Swaffer: 400 M dash-75.55 and Shot Put-no mark.

Kenley Dean: Shot Put-5<sup>th</sup>-25'11" and Discus-no mark.

Emily Todd: B 400-1<sup>st</sup>-82.22 and B 100-4<sup>th</sup>-16.62.

Emma Key: Long jump-3<sup>rd</sup>-13'4 3/4"; 2400 M run-1<sup>st</sup>-10:08.36; 800 M relay-2<sup>nd</sup>-2:02.89 and 1600 M relay-1<sup>st</sup>-4:43.0.

Rayme Jones: 400 m relay-2<sup>nd</sup>-57.03; 1600 m relay-1<sup>st</sup>-4:43.0; 400 M dash-1<sup>st</sup>-70.68 and Long jump-1<sup>st</sup>-14'4 1/2".



Borden County 7th grader, Rayme Jones performs the Long Jump in the District track meet. She placed 1st jumping 14 4 1/2".

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# Dare to Live Without Limits...

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things you want to accomplish. A question you might yourself will be, "If everyone finds flaws with my ideas, is there something wrong with me?"

Once you lose your confidence, your aspirations will seem to become unattainable. Rather than reaching for what you truly desire, you will start making excuses to justify the abandonment of your goals.

If you are a *S.N.I.O.P.*, it's imperative to change your thinking. In order to be in control of your life and destiny, you must tune out the negative influences of other people. The path you chose doesn't require anyone's approval. What's important is for you to be happy with how you are living.

Accept the fact that everyone will have an opinion about your life. The bigger your dreams, the more criticism you

will attract. People will offer their thoughts whether you ask or not. However, if you do ask, you invite a flood of input. You can minimize criticism by being very selective when sharing your ideas.

When negative opinions are offered, it is OK for you to ignore them. You never have to explain your actions or justify your plans. Just because someone may challenge your reasoning, there is no need to justify yourself.

Ironically, the family and friends who are closest to you will offer the harshest criticism. These are the same people who know you well enough to really get under your skin. They understand exactly what buttons to push to get you to react.

It will take a lot of self-control to let people's opinions roll off your back. But you have

to do it. Engaging others will drain you of energy better spent on making good things happen. You don't have to fight with or insult anyone. Just thank them for their concern and change the subject. Remember, it takes two people to have an argument.

As you consistently refuse to become snared by other's opinions, they will stop offering them. It may take a while, but you will get to this point. Keep reminding yourself that the objective is reaching your goal, not paying attention to the negative influences of other people.

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## Pre-School Day

Pre-School Day will be Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. If your child will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2014, he/she is invited to visit the kindergarten class on this day.

After you have taken your child to the kindergarten class, please go to the library to complete your child's registration packet. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate, social security card, and immunization record.

**WE WILL BE HAVING AN EARLY DISMISSAL AT 12:30 ON PRE-SCHOOL DAY.**

Pre-School students will attend school from 8:05-12:30. The school will provide lunch. If your child would like to ride the bus, please contact the bus driver in your area.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 806/756-4313.

						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 STAAR Writing grades 4,7  STAAR Math grades 5,8  EOC English II	2 STAAR Writing Grades 4,7   STAAR Reading Grades 5,8	3 JH District Track @ Sands   HS Track @ Colorado City	4 HS District Golf @ Big Spring  CDE Judging @ Angelo State University  V Baseball vs. Midland Lee-5:00	5 CDE Judging @ Texas Tech University
6	7 District HS Tennis @ Slaton	8 District HS Tennis @ Slaton   V Baseball vs. Hermleigh-5:00	9 Area Track Meet @ BC	10 Area Track Meet @ BC	11 <b>End of 5<sup>th</sup> 6 weeks</b>	12 Area OAP @ LCU  JV V Baseball @ Ira-11:30  Area II CDE Judging @ Texas Tech University
13	14 <b>Beginning of 6<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks</b>	15 JV V Baseball vs. Crosbyton-4:00	16	17	18 Pre-K Day  <b>Early Release-12:30</b>  JV V Baseball @ Ralls-5:00	19
20 	21 <b>HOLIDAY</b>	22 STAAR Math-grades 3,4,6,7  STAAR Social Studies grade 8	23 STAAR Reading-grades 3,4,6,7  STAAR Science-grades 5,8	24 V Baseball vs. O'Donnell 4:00	25 HS Regional Track Meet @ SPC, Levelland	26 HS Regional Track Meet @ SPC, Levelland  State CDE Judging @ Texas Tech University
27	28	29	30			