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## Several Coyotes Athletes On Their Way to Austin

By Coach Richey

In a track season full of highs and lows the 2014 Regional track meet was no exception. The Coyotes and Lady Coyotes experienced a full range of emotions throughout the two-days of competition.

In the 3200 meter run which started things off for the Coyote track team, senior Jordan Martinez managed a career best time of 11:11.04 in his 4<sup>th</sup> place finish to give the Coyotes 4 big points. Moments later a high and a low occurred in the same event as Junior Riley Herridge matched a career best vault of 10'6" in placing in the pole vault for a second year in a row finishing 5<sup>th</sup> place and 2 points, while teammate sophomore Robert Jordan, who missed last year's meet due to an injury witnessed a high and a low as he cleared a career best 11'6" during the vault, but just missed 12'0" on his final attempt which would have given him a chance at qualifying for the state meet, but a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish would be his result. This gave the Coyotes another 4 points.

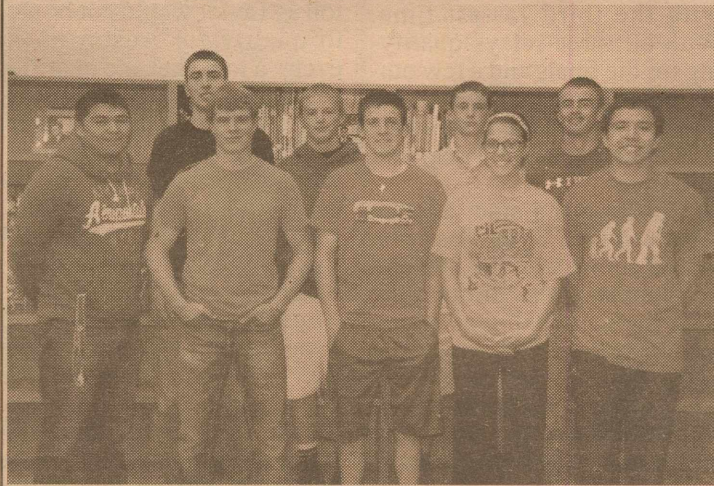
Later on, Tatum Richey would participate in the Long Jump, an event in which she had one of the top jumps in the region. Unfortunately, two scratches in her three jumps in the prelims left her a half inch

short of the finals, in fact, the third place finishing jump was less than her last two meets and the region runner-up was a young lady Tatum beat at district. Tatum also had a difficult time in the 300's as the wind would play a factor in all of the events over the course of the two day meet. Tatum finished in 10<sup>th</sup> place in the hurdles in the prelims and just missed the finals. Korbin Martinez also had difficulties in the 300 hurdles, but he did manage to qualify for the finals

although not one of his better races of the season as the wind made things difficult for him. Matt Proulx ran the 400 meter prelims and easily won his heat which gave him a good lane for the finals. The Coyotes also had all three relays in the prelims, the 400 relay with Jayton Lewis, Hunter Jones, Matt Ham and Corbin Sumners managed to win their heat and make the finals with the second best time. In the 800 relay, this same foursome would

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### State Qualifiers



Borden County track team members recently qualifying for the State track meet to be held in Austin on May 9-10 are (back l to r) Tristan Benavidez, Matt Proulx, Corbin Sumners, Hunter Jones, Korbin Martinez, (front l to r) Matt Ham, Jayton Lewis, Taylor Gass and Nathan Souder.

### Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

#### What If Nothing Works?

As a reader of this column, you are striving to improve your life. You want to attain your goals and bring your dreams into reality. You want to break through your self-imposed limitations. So you follow all of the advice in this column.

But you think nothing is working. You are doing all the right things. Your attitude is positive. You are motivated. You have specific goals and a plan to reach them. You are taking action. Yet, still you feel as if you are not making the progress you had hoped for.

Perhaps you are frustrated, discouraged, and disheartened. You see others who are successful and wonder why you can't make things work. You start to doubt yourself and wonder if your goals are unobtainable.

Have faith. Even if you have not yet seen results, you have put things into motion. It's only the timeframe that causes frustration because it is unknown. Never give up hope. Besides, what is the alternative? To do nothing or give up hope? If you regress to inaction, it's guaranteed that you will not get the results you seek.

Major goals are not realized

overnight with one simple step. The distance you have to travel on the road to success is not known. But you will never arrive if you lie down along the side or turn around and go back to where you started. With each step you take you make progress. Your journey is filled with many benefits. On your way to the big goals, you are improving your life in numerous smaller, but no less significant, ways.

You are getting rid of your mental garbage. Clearing out your mind enables you to intensify your focus. Squeezing the most out of each day becomes easier. Prioritizing how you spend your time increases your productivity.

Your ability to get through tough times improves. Every road to success is filled with obstacles, challenges, and adversity. Only those who become adept at dealing with whatever lies ahead maintain their forward motion. You are learning how to deal with conflict and to manage stress.

Controlling your thoughts becomes more of a habit. It is your thoughts that attract what you want. By keeping your mind on your destination you

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# Coyotes Pull Off 5-4 Win Over Eagles

By Coach Edwards

After four lead changes in Thursday's game at Borden County, the Coyotes finally pulled out a 5-4 win over the O' Donnell Eagles.

Borden County took the lead in the fifth inning and held on for the victory. The Coyotes scored on an RBI double by Kace Lott off A.J. Rivas, scoring Hunter Jones. An RBI double by Lott scored Jones to give the Coyotes the lead for good.

Borden County staved off the O' Donnell Eagles as they were unable to match the Coyotes down the stretch.

O' Donnell scored one run in the sixth on an RBI double by Jacob Perez. Still, the Eagles couldn't draw even.

Lott racked up three RBIs on two hits for the Coyotes.

Mason Coor recorded the win for Borden County. He allowed four runs over seven innings. He struck out nine, walked two and surrendered six hits.

Michael Rivas took the loss for the Eagles. He lasted just 1 2/3 innings, walked none, struck out three, and allowed no runs.

The Eagles jumped out to an

early 1-0 lead in the top of the first. O' Donnell got things going when A.J. Rivas singled. A stolen base then moved Rivas from second to third.

The O' Donnell Eagles pushed one run across in each of the third, fifth and sixth innings. In the third, the Eagles scored on a groundout by Brandon Rosales, bringing home A.J. Rivas.

It didn't take long for the Coyotes to answer as it scored three runs of its own in the third. Borden County scored on a bases-loaded walk by Kurt Shafer and a two-run single by Lott.

Borden County ended their season winning four of their last five games, including a three game winning streak. The Coyotes finished tied for fourth in district play with a record of 5-7. Their overall record was 10-8-1.

## Coyotes vs. Eagles



Borden County junior pitcher, Mason Coor reaches back to give it all he's got. The Coyotes defeated the O' Donnell Eagles 5-4 in their match up last week.

## Coyotes Competing at State Track Meet...

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again run a nice time in the wind and managed to garner the third fastest time heading into the finals. The 1600 meter relay team of Matt Ham, Nathan Souder (who ran the prelims for Korbin Martinez), Hunter Jones and Matt Proulx easily qualified for the finals with the third fastest time. With all three relays qualifying for the finals and a few others running in final events, the Coyotes would have a chance at winning a second regional title.

On the girl's side, all that remained was Taylor Gass who would compete in the 800 and 1600 meter runs. In the 800, with the wind being as strong as it was, Taylor did not want to get out and take the lead because of the difficulties the wind presented and the struggles it would place on the leader, but the pace forced Taylor to go to the front and being the competitor that she is she fought through the strong winds and just before the line

she fought off the challenge of the defending regional champion and managed to win the 800 title with a solid time in the wind of 2:31.2 and earn a return trip to Austin. Taylor would later run the 1600 meter run, but the struggles she endured in the 800 would take its toll as Taylor would not be able to qualify for Austin in the event, a race that she qualified in last year.

On Saturday things got off to a rough start for the boys with freshman Diego Bernal competing in the shot put. He was unable to advance to the finals. With the start of the running finals the Coyotes would have an immediate shot at advancing to Austin in the first event, the 400 relay with freshman Lewis, Jones and Sumners teaming up with Ham, unfortunately a bobbled exchange during one of the hand-offs would hinder their time and would result in the

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## School Lunch Menu

May 5-9, 2014

Menu subject to change

Monday - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday - Breakfast: Mini Pancakes & Sausage, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Mac & Cheese, Garden Salad, Green Beans, Apple Slices, Rice Crispy and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Biscuit & Sausage, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: BBQ Rib Sandwich, Corn Chips, Refried Beans, Garden Salad, Hot Cinnamon Apples and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Mini Corn Dogs, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Salad, Carrots, Fruit Cup and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Muffin, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Burrito, Corn Baby Carrots, Peaches and Milk.

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## Students Take Mushaway Peak Fundraiser Over the Top

Students in grades K-5 not only matched a donation for the new Mushaway Peak Historical Marker, they exceeded it. Actually, they tripled it.

When Coahoma resident made a \$500 donation to the Borden County Historical Commission, Borden County students were encouraged to participate in their county history by matching this amount. The Mushaway Peak marker project was begun years ago but was never completed.

Seventh Grade Texas History students organized the fundraiser, assigning themselves to a grade level, making "banks" for the change collected, and then helping count the money.

Mrs. Kaci Edwards's Fourth Grade Class brought the most change: \$316.35. They will be treated to a field trip in May to the Borden County Museum along with a sack lunch and snacks while on the trip. The runner-up class was Mrs. Shela Tucker's Fifth Graders with \$302.22 raised during the two week competition.

All grades and their teachers are to be commended for their efforts to join in the preservation of Texas and U.S. History here in Borden County. Many thanks for all the pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, half dollars, and dollar coins—it all added up to \$1,627.60. (If the 7<sup>th</sup> Graders added correctly).

Grades K, 1, 2, 3, and 5 will also get a trip to the museum before the summer break, just without the snacks.

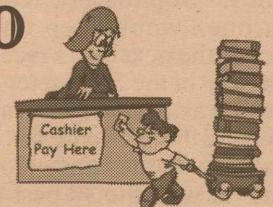


Mrs. Edwards' 4th grade class raised the most money in the recent fundraiser for the Mushaway Peak Historical marker. Pictured is (back row l to r) Mrs. Edwards, Ryann Phillips, Rae Lynne Clement, Rachel Thomas, Jadeyn Merrill, Tatum Harrison, Shelby Milhauser, Sheridan Gomez, (middle row l to r) Charli Snell, Savannah Avey, Brooklyn Gray, Ethan Stephens, Thomas Snell, Kelly Spencer, Lindy Miller, (front l to r) Paige Parker, Kenzi Meeks and Christian Torres.

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**BORDEN COUNTY SCHOOL**

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# Coyotes Austin Bound...

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Coyotes finishing just out of the advancing position of 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>, but would still allow them to get on the medal stand with a time of 45.78 and 12 big points toward the team standings with their 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish and a shot at the wildcard spot, but with the difficult winds, 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Region I would be tough to garner a wildcard with the 30-40 mph sustained winds. Sophomore Korbin Martinez would step on the track in the next boy's race and compete in the 800 meter run, but as was the case for Taylor it would be difficult for him dealing with the wind. Korbin came in with the 3<sup>rd</sup> best time but the strong wind really made it tough on the young Coyote and as a result K-mart would finish in the same spot he finished a year ago, 5<sup>th</sup> place with a time of 2:09.8.

This same relay foursome for the Coyotes would take the track in the 800 relay with hopes of rebounding and earning that elusive berth to Austin. With the wind playing such a factor the relay order was shuffled a bit from the prelims as senior Ham would move to the lead leg as it would be the leg that would have to deal with the wind the most, then he would hand the baton off to Friday's lead leg Lewis who would hand the baton off to classmate/teammate Jones all three of which ran great times setting the stage for Sumners who would fight off the Klondike anchor to cap off a solid race and a seasons best time in spite of the weather of 1:36.2 to finish second and earn a trip to Austin for this foursome, and is believed to be the first ever 800 relay to make the trip on the boys side. Moments later senior Matt Proulx would step on the track to compete in the 400 meter dash. The 6'4" senior struggled a bit with the strong winds, but he gutted it out and battled to the end and managed to finish second in a time of 53.46 to grab a return trip to Austin, but for the first time in an individual event, and believed to be the first ever 400 meter qualifier in school history for the boys.

Because of the early struggles for the Coyotes, it was evident that they were going to be a bit short in their bid for the overall team title so a

decision was made to pull sophomore Korbin Martinez out of the 300 hurdles in order to be fresher for his leg in the mile relay as the Coyotes hoped to improve on their 3<sup>rd</sup> place seeding and move into the top two and advance. But before the team took to the track, Jordan Martinez would step on the track one last time in a Coyote uniform. Jordan would find himself boxed in early and actually stayed boxed in thru 1 1/2 laps of the mile, but the competitive senior would not go away quietly as he moved from 15<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> place over the final lap and a half only to be nipped at the line for that 6<sup>th</sup> place finish, but nevertheless a very admirable effort for his final race.

Now the Coyotes 1600 relay team would take the track with hopes of making a return trip to Austin in the event. This relay would feature three of the four young Coyotes who finished 6<sup>th</sup> at last year's state meet. One of those three, Matt Ham did a super job of keeping the Coyotes close during his leg of the race before handing off to Korbin who also was a member of last year's relay. Korbin who opted out of the 300 hurdles to be fresh looked just that as he took the baton in a close 3<sup>rd</sup> place, but K-mart ran an amazing leg to not only grab the lead for the team, but managed to push O'Donnell so far back that the Eagles 3<sup>rd</sup> leg and region champion 400 meter man would have a very difficult time catching freshman Hunter Jones. Jones had the lead for most of the race, but was caught by the Grady Wildcats and gave the baton to anchor Matt Proulx. Matt would not catch the Wildcats runner, but not only would Proulx hold off the Eagle anchor he would extend the lead and guarantee the Coyotes a return trip to Austin for the 1600 relay. With the sixteen points that the Coyotes would get from the mile relay, they were able to finish as Runner-ups for the Region I-A Division II track meet. As a result of the runner-up finish, this would also mark the second best finish in school history for the Coyote track team.

Taylor Gass (800), Matt Proulx (400), 800 relay (Matt Ham, Jayton Lewis, Hunter

Jones, Corbin Sumners and alt. Tristen Benavidez), 1600 relay (Matt Ham, Korbin Martinez, Hunter Jones, Matt Proulx and alt. Nathan Souder) will next compete in the state Track meet in Austin which will take place May 9-10 on the campus of the University of Texas.

Congratulations to all of you for advancing and also for everyone that competed in the regional track meet. This has been an amazing ride this season. We have had some highs and lows, but at the end of the day, we have a great group of men and women representing Borden County. Best of luck to you all, also I would like to thank everyone who traveled to Levelland to support these young men and women.

## Dare...

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avoid becoming a magnet for undesirable situations.

You develop immunity to what others say, think, or do. On your journey you will encounter many who seek to discourage you. Regardless of their motivation, you must ignore the naysayers. You future is in your hands, not theirs.

Rather than being consumed by the past or apprehensive of the future, you are living in the present. The past is over. The action you take today determines your future. Worry is useless.

By increasing the belief in yourself, you are overcoming fear of failure and becoming more self-reliant. Within you lies more potential than you realize. You have a very deep well to tap into when the going gets tough.

Clearly, the journey to success is fueled by your self-development. We experience frustration when we focus on our destination without appreciating our growth along the way. So when you feel nothing is working, give yourself encouragement by recognizing the progress you are making.

Don't loose faith in your efforts. You don't know how long your quest will take. The reason more people fail than succeed is because so many get frustrated

## Obituary

### Carl Bacon

1937 - 2014

Carl Bacon, 77, of Coahoma, died Sunday, April 20, 2014, in a local nursing home. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 25, 2014, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, with Rick Cunningham officiating.

Carl was born March 26, 1937, in Mitchell County, Texas and married Annita Thompson June 29, 1991, in Coahoma. He worked for Weaver Services in Snyder for more than 20 years and loved cabinetry. He was very proud of his grandkids and great-grandkids. He was a Christian.

Survivors include his wife Annita Bacon, of Coahoma; one son, Glen Bacon and wife, Kambra of Prosper; four daughters, Tina Essary and husband, Glen of San Antonio,

Teresa Combs and husband, Brant Williams of Lubbock and Rhonda Thompson and Angela Hines, both of Austin; 11 grandchildren, Klayson Bacon, Kierra Bacon, Heath Gwinn, Heather Gwinn, Dustin Gwinn, Derek Gwinn, Kayla Nichols, Kara Robinson, David Aaron Childers, Ronnie Thompson and Wanda Lewis; nine great-grandchildren, Jaylee Gwinn, Cole Gwinn, Aubrey Gwinn, Jack Nichols, Jules Nichols, Abbie Robinson, Dawson Robinson, Rhili Childers and Averil Childers; one sister, Martha Wellman of Dearborn Heights, Mich.; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Mattie (Dorn) Bacon, and one brother, Willie Newton Bacon Jr.



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**CORRECTION TO WIND ENERGY**  
**ARTICLE**

In a recent *Borden Star* article, it was reported that Star Energy had made donations to the county and to the school district. The donations were instead a **personal** one made by Mr. Steve DeWolf. The *Borden Star* regrets the error.

## Borden County ISD Board Meeting

### Dear Borden County School Community:

It was brought to my attention that we had failed to publish some of the minutes from the Borden County Independent School District Board meetings. We researched the last two years and found that the following minutes listed below were not published in the Borden Star. Most of these minutes were, however, posted on the Borden County Independent School District website, so you may have already read them.

We apologize for this oversight. Minutes from the Borden County Independent School District Board meetings are normally published on the school website ([www.bcisd.net](http://www.bcisd.net), under Administration) and in the Borden Star sometime during the month following each meeting.

Sincerely,  
Jimmy Thomas,  
Superintendent  
Borden County Independent School District

### Regular Board Meeting May 21, 2012

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 and principal, Bart McMeans were also present. Guests present were Santana Gonzales and Jay Bingham of Shiver Megert & Associates and James Hicks of Wiley Hicks Inc.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 P.M. by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. A motion was made by Joe Harding and seconded by Dennis Poole To Approve Bids Presented by Wiley Hicks Inc., Shiver Megert & Associates, and Jimmy Thomas to build new restrooms, a new concession stand, new home bleachers, a pavilion in the concession area, new parking on the home side of the football stadium, parking lot improvements, and additional concrete walkways at the football stadium for a total price of \$1,884,380. The motion carried six to one with John Anderson voting against. He stated that he was not against the majority of the project, but was voting against this as a result of two of the alternates that were approved that included a covered pavilion and additional paving and concrete north of the concession stand.

4. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by

Carol Lewis to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2012, board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the May 2012 bills. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Dennis Poole to take action to approve project graduation for the class of 2012. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve a scholarship amount of \$1,000 per student for students receiving the Borden County Independent School District Scholarship Fund Award According to the by-laws for the scholarship for students in the Class of 2012. The motion carried unanimously.

8. A discussion was conducted pertaining to the possibility of selling school property to Mr. Roscoe Massingill. No action was taken until additional legal information could be obtained pertaining to legal requirements relating to selling school property.

9. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Randy Hensley to hire Adam Parker as recommended by Mr. Thomas as a professional employee for the 2012-2013 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the budget amendments to the Borden County Independent School District Budget for 2011-2012 school year as recommended by Mr. Thomas. The motion car-

ried unanimously.

11. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Mike Valentine to set the regular June board meeting for June 18, 2012, at 7:00 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Dennis Poole to approve a staff development waiver and early release waiver for a three year period to begin in 2012-2013 and extend through the 2014-2015 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

13. Mr. Thomas gave a personnel report, reported that 210 students were enrolled as of May 16, 2012, gave a student grade report for the fifth six weeks, gave a construction report, and gave a financial report. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

14. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

### Regular Board Meeting July 16, 2012

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 and principal, Bart McMeans were also present. Ross Sharp was the only guest present.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:20 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 June 18, 2012, board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the July 2012 bills. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Mike Valentine to set the next board meeting for August 20, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. The motion

carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Joe Harding and seconded by Mike Valentine to approve the TRS ActiveCare premium of \$637 per employee for health insurance and to allow the employee to use this amount to purchase individual coverage or family coverage within the options available under the TRS health insurance program for the 2012-2013 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the employee salary schedule for the 2012-2013 school year as recommended by Mr. Thomas. The motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to increase the local professional salary schedule by \$500 and approve the remainder of the schedule as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the 2011-2012 Borden County I.S.D. Budget Amendments as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve an interlocal agreement with the Texas Association Of School Board to renew the district's Workman's Comp for the 2012-213 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joe Harding to solicit bids/quotes for two 24 passenger school buses. The motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Mike Valentine to approve the Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification for the 2012-2013 school year as required by State Law in order to obtain State Supplied instructional materials. The motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the Borden County Independent School District Code Of Conduct for the 2012-2013 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

13. A discussion was con-

ducted with County Judge, Ross Sharp pertaining to renewing an interlocal agreement between the Borden County I.S.D. and Borden County.

14. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Dennis Poole to approve the bid submitted by Lamesa Butane for vehicle fuel and the bid submitted by Pinnacle Propane for propane for the 2012-2013 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

15. Mr. Thomas gave a construction report, a year to date financial overview, a personnel report, and a report of the sixth six-week grade reports for the 2011-2012 school year. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Mike Valentine to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

16. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joel Dennis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

### Regular Board Meeting April 15, 2013

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, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole, and Mike Valentine. Joe Harding was absent. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas was also present.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Dennis Poole to approve the March 25, 2013, Board Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the April 2013, bills. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joel Dennis to appoint Jimmy Thomas as the Borden County I.S.D. Representative to the Region 17 ESC Advisory Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

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## Borden County ISD Board Meeting

6. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joel Dennis to set the regular May 2013 board meeting for May 20, 2013, at 7:00 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the 2013-2014 School Calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the resignation of Deidre Smith due to retirement. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Mr. Thomas reported that 238 students were enrolled as of April 10, 2013, a year to date financial report was given, and a construction report was given. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Mike Valentine to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

### Special Board Meeting August 12, 2013

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas, met in special session in the Board Room of the Borden County I.S.D. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Joe Harding, Carol Lewis, and Dennis Poole. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas and principal, Bart McMeans were also present. Randy Hensley and Mike Valentine were absent. No guests were present.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 P.M. by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the July 15, 2013, Board Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Joe Harding and seconded by Dennis Poole to approve the proposed maintenance and operations tax rate of \$1.04 and the proposed interest and sinking rate of \$0.28 for the 2013-2014 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by

Carol Lewis and seconded by Joel Dennis to set a special meeting to conduct a budget hearing for 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, August 27, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Mr. McMeans conducted a review of the 2012-2013 results of the reading inventory instrument for grades K-2 and the 2013 TAKS Test Results and STARR test results for all other grades as appropriate.

7. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to allow Mr. Thomas to purchase and secure a scoreboard through BUYBOARD for the old gymnasium. The motion carried unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to adopt a resolution and CNA Local Board Policy pertaining to state funding for transportation of students living within two miles of the school subject to hazardous conditions. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Carol Lewis to amend the 2012-2013 Borden County Independent School District Budget as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Mr. Thomas gave personnel report, a year to date financial report, and a tentative enrollment report for the 2013-2014 school year. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joel Dennis to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joe Harding to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

### Special Board Meeting August 27, 2013

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas, met in special session at 6:30 P.M. in the cafeteria 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. Guests present were Trent Smith and Ricky Martinez.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by John

Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. The 2013-2014 Borden County Independent School District Budget and Proposed Maintenance And Operations and Interest and Sinking Tax Rates were reviewed.

4. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Mike Valentine to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

### Regular Board Meeting August 27, 2013

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. Guest, Ricky Martinez was also present.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M. by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2013, board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the August 2013, bills. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Carol Lewis to amend the 2012-2013 Borden County Independent School District Budget as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Mike Valentine to approve the 2013-2014 Borden County Independent School District Budget as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Dennis Poole to adopt the 2013-2014 Borden County Independent School District Tax Rate of \$1.04 for maintenance and operations and \$.28 for interest and sinking. The motion carried unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by

Joel Dennis to set the regular September board meeting for September 16, 2013, at 7:00 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the 2013-2014 Teacher Appraisal Calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the 2013-2014 Bus Routes and Drivers as recommended by Mr. Thomas. The motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Mike Valentine to approve the purchase of one 29 passenger bus and one 14 passenger bus from Thomas Built Buses at a total price of \$112,037. The motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Carol Lewis to take action to sell a 1986 47 passenger MCI Charter Bus at public auction. The motion carried unanimously.

13. The Borden County Independent School District Investment Policy was reviewed.

14. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the bid/quote for 90 computers as recommended by Mr. Thomas at a price of \$71,100 from ByteSpeed. The motion carried unanimously.

15. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to set meal prices for guests for the 2013-2014 school year at \$2.00 for breakfast and \$3.25 for lunch. The motion carried unanimously.

16. Mr. Thomas gave a year to date financial overview and reported that 256 students were enrolled as of August 27, 2013. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

17. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Dennis Poole to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

### Regular Board Meeting October 28, 2013

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, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole, and Mike Valentine. Joel Dennis was absent. Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas was also present.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 P.M. by John Anderson.

2. There was no community input.

3. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2013, board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the October 2013, bills. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joe Harding to accept a donation of gift deed of property and improvements from Jimmy Thomas and Kim Thomas to the Borden County Independent School District. The motion carried with John Anderson, Joe Harding, Randy Hensley, and Mike Valentine voting in favor. Carol Lewis and Dennis Poole abstained.

6. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Joe Harding to set the regular November board meeting for November 25, 2013, at 7:00 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Joe Harding and seconded by Randy Hensley to cast 5.17 votes to Donnie Reid, 4 votes to Donnie Baker, 4 votes to Dale Humphreys, 4 votes to Kathy Sayles, and 4 votes to Tim Blackshear as Board of Directors To the Howard County Appraisal District for the Year 2014-2015. The motion carried unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Mike Valentine to add, revise, or delete local policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the instruction sheet for TASB localized Policy Manual Update 98. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve a lighting upgrade of \$29,837 to the Borden County I.S.D. Auditor

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## Borden County ISD Board Meeting

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rium that was needed to finalize the new auditorium project by C.C. Electric. The motion carried unanimously.

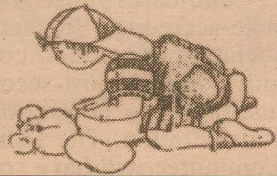
10. Mr. Thomas gave a year to date financial overview, reported that 255 students were enrolled as of October 28, 2013, gave a student failure and honor roll report for the first six weeks, reported that the construction company was still working on repairing roof leaks to the new school plant, reported that the Borden County ISD met the Cri-

teria to be classified as a Highly Qualified School, and a report pertaining to a recent survey for girls' softball was presented. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Joe Harding to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

11. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Randy Hensley to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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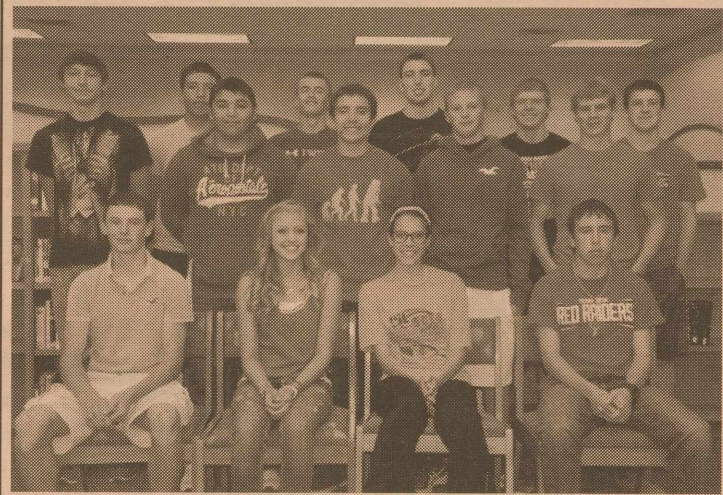
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## Regional Track Qualifiers



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On Saturday, April 19th, a group of Borden County 4-Hers participated in an archery shoot at Buffalo Springs Lake. The participants used either a compound or recurve bow to shoot at 30 3-D wildlife targets set along the caprock. Participants from Borden County were: (back row l to r) J.W. Nix, Riley Herridge, Thomas Nix, Ryann Phillips, Coach Brent Tucker, Ashlyn Tucker, Kennedy Tucker, Savannah Herridge, Hayley Gray. (front row l to r) Katie Gray, Lindy Miller, Erin Nix, Ben Nix, Brooklyn Gray, and Ethan Stephens.

# Memorial Scholarships

## **Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship**

Applications are currently being accepted for the Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship.

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 23rd, 2014.

Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 95  
Gail, Texas 79738

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an outstanding individual that is a positive representative of the Borden County School Community as evidenced by their respective moral character, service-minded attitude, dedication, and scholastic achievement.

Recipients must be a candidate for graduation or be a former graduate of Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution to be eligible for consideration. The Selection Committee will have sole authority to determine the candidate's eligibility status related to the post-secondary institution to be attended.

Financial need will not necessarily be a criterion for consideration; however, financial need may be considered by the Selection Committee.

Members of the Brandon Adcock Family will have no input into the selection process.

Complete selection authority has been delegated to the Selection Committee, and the Committee has the authority to waive all rules, regulations, and formalities in order to select the candidates that the committee feels is most deserving.

## **Caden Nowlain Memorial Scholarship**

Applications are currently being accepted for the Caden Nowlain Memorial Scholar-

ship. Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 23rd, 2014.

Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

Caden Nowlain Memorial Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 95  
Gail, Texas 79738

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an outstanding individual that is a positive representative of the Borden County School Community as evidenced by their respective moral character, service-minded attitude, dedication, and scholastic achievement.

Recipients must be a candidate for graduation or be a former graduate of Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution to be eligible for consideration. The Selection Committee will have sole authority to determine the candidate's eligibility status related to the post-secondary institution to be attended.

Financial need will not necessarily be a criterion for consideration; however, financial need may be considered by the Selection Committee.

Members of the Caden Nowlain Family will have no input into the selection process.

Complete selection authority has been delegated to the Selection Committee, and the Committee has the authority to waive all rules, regulations, and formalities in order to select the candidates that the committee feels is most deserving.

## **J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship**

Applications are currently being accepted for the J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship.

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 23rd, 2014.

Letters of application must

be sent to the following address:

J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 95  
Gail, Texas 79738

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an outstanding individual that is a positive representative of the Borden County School community as evidenced by his/her high moral character, service minded attitude, dedication and determination to succeed along with maintaining passing grades.

Potential recipients must be a member in good standing of the current Borden County High School graduating class or must be a previous graduate of Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution.

Financial need will not necessarily be a criterion of consideration; however, financial need may be considered by the Selection Committee.

Members of the Porter Family will have no input into the selection process. Complete selection authority has been delegated to the Selection Committee, and the Committee has the authority to waive all rules, regulations, or formalities in order to select the candidates that the committee feels is most appropriate.

The selection process is a subjective task that will be left to the discretion of the J. Pat Porter Scholarship Selection Committee. The award will be given to someone the committee feels is a signification of the positive attributes that were exhibited by the late J. Pat Porter.

## **John Harding Memorial Scholarship**

Applications are currently being accepted for the John Harding Memorial Scholarship.

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 23rd, 2014.

Letters of application must

be sent to the following address:

John Harding Memorial Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 95  
Gail, Texas 79738

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an outstanding individual that is a positive representative of the Borden County School Community as evidenced by their respective moral character, service-minded attitude, dedication, and participation in school activities as a student of Borden County High School.

Recipients must be a candidate for graduation or be a former graduate of Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution to be eligible for consideration. The Selection Committee will have sole authority to determine the candidate's eligibility status related to the post-secondary institution to be attended.

Financial need will not necessarily be a criterion for consideration; however, financial need may be considered by the Selection Committee.

Members of the John Harding family will have no input into the selection process.

Complete selection authority is given to the Scholarship Committee to waive all rules, regulations, and formalities in order to select the candidate(s) that the committee feels is most deserving.

## **Vernon Wolf Memorial Scholarship**

Applications are currently

being accepted for the Vernon Wolf Memorial Scholarship.

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application by 12:00 p.m. on Monday, May 23rd, 2014.

Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

Vernon Wolf Memorial Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 95  
Gail, Texas 79738

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be a resident of Borden County that is a positive representative of the Borden County School Community as evidenced by their moral character, dedication to maintaining good grades, and participation in school activities as a student of Borden County High School. Financial need will also be considered in this selection process.

Recipients must be a candidate for graduation of Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution to be eligible for consideration. The Selection Committee will have sole authority to determine the candidate's eligibility status related to the post-secondary institution to be attended.

Members of the Vernon Wolf family will have no input in the selection process.

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