

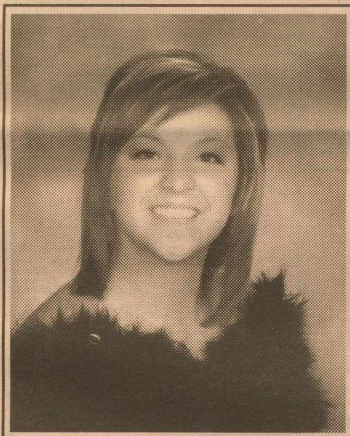
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Borden High School Class of 2014 Names Top Students



Sydnie Day
Class of 2014
Valedictorian

The administration and faculty of Borden County High School are pleased to announce Sydnie Day and Maeghan Herridge as the top students of the graduating class of 2014.

Sydnie Day, daughter of Mitch and Mistie Day, has been named as the Valedictorian of Borden County High School for the Class of 2014.

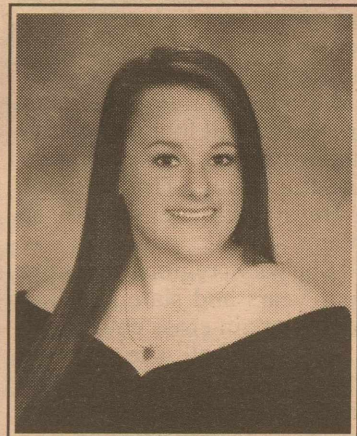
Day is a member of the National Beta Club and is a Distinguished Achievement graduate. She also completed 30 hours of dual credit college classes through Western Texas College during her high school career.

Day was an active member in FFA for four years, participating as a Lone Wolf dis-

trict officer and a member of the state qualifying Junior Chapter Conducting team.

She was a regional qualifier as a member of the UIL Science team three years. She also participated in track for two years, and basketball for one year.

Day will attend Texas Tech University in the fall, where she will major in Mechanical Engineering.



Maeghan Herridge
Class of 2014
Salutatorian

The 2014 Salutatorian of

Commencement

Commencement exercises for Borden County
High School will be held
Friday, May 30, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.
in the school auditorium.

Borden County High School is Maeghan Herridge, daughter of Maurice and Tondra Herridge of Lamesa, TX.

Herridge is a member of the National Beta Club and is a Distinguished Achievement graduate. She also completed 30 hours of dual credit college classes through Western Texas College during her high school career.

Herridge was an active member in FFA, serving as a chapter officer her junior and senior years. She is a Lone Star recipient and was a state qualifier in cotton judging for three years. She also participated in local and state stock shows.

She participated in academic UIL events for four years as well as in One-Act Play where she was named "Best Actress" at the district competition her senior year.

Herridge plans to attend West Texas A&M University in the fall, where she will major in nursing.

Borden County ISD Receives Highest Rank Among Texas Schools for 2014 By Texas Research Organization

The CHILDREN AT RISK research and advocacy organization that addresses the root causes of poor public policies affecting children began a school ranking system in 2006 for Texas schools. This organization has been in effect since 1989.

As a research and advocacy organization, the purpose of the rankings is to not only provide a tool to parents and students, but also to provide information to campuses and districts on how they perform relative to their peers and compared against successful models of high-performing public schools.

The rankings in this study dealt with Student Achievement, Campus Performance, and Academic Growth. Within each index, a percentile rank was calculated for each campus. Using these three index percentiles, a

weighted average was computed to create an overall composite index. A state or local rank was determined as the order in which campuses are listed when the weighted composite indexes are sorted from highest to lowest, relative to other schools servicing the same grade levels.

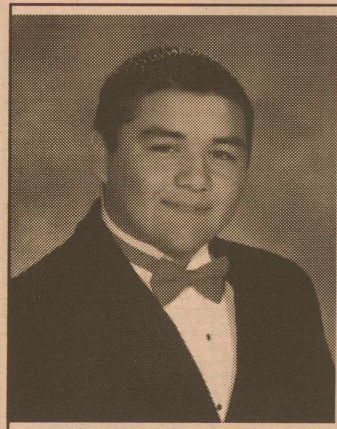
The student achievement index reflects raw performances in key achievement areas involving STAAR Reading, STAAR Math, and Graduation Rates.

The Campus Performance Index captures performance on the Student Achievement indicators using demographically adjusted values.

The Growth Index captures improvement over time in standardized testing. Growth Index is composed of gain scores in math and reading,

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**Tristen Edward
Benavidez**

Tristan is the son of Peter and Kerri Benavidez of Gail. He has attended Borden County School since kindergarten.

He plans to attend South Plains College in Levelland, Texas to study physical therapy and then transfer to Texas Tech.

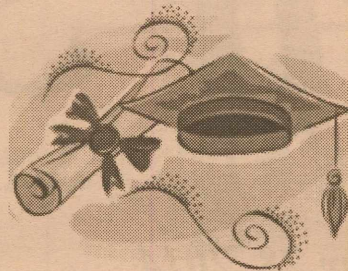
While in high school Tristan participated in football four years, basketball three years, baseball four years, track four years, tennis three years, and cross country two years. He was a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Spanish Club, competed in Literary UIL two years and was a class officer three years.

In football he received all-district honorable mention offensive lineman and defensive lineman, 2nd team all-district offensive and defensive line, 1st team fullback co-defensive MVP of District 4 Region I, 1st team all-region offensive line and 2nd team all-state linebacker. He was district all-star representative for Six-Man Coaches Association all-star game.

Baseball honors include district honorable mention outfielder, 2nd team all-district outfielder his sophomore year, 1st team all-district outfielder his junior year and all-district outfielder his senior year.

In track Tristan was a member of district championship team and in his senior year he was a regional qualifier in the sprint relay.

He was also an active member of FFA receiving the Star Greenhand award and exhibiting swine. He received the junior showmanship award his freshman year, breed class showmanship award his sophomore year, breed class showmanship award his junior year and he received the top senior showman award his senior year.



officer her junior year.



**Kassandra Michelle
Gaines**

Kassie is the granddaughter of Karen Porter of Lamesa, Texas and the great-granddaughter of Reba Dean of Lamesa, Texas.

She attended kindergarten through 6th grade in Lamesa, Texas before coming to Borden County in the 7th grade.

She plans to attend Angelo State University.

While in high school Kassie participated in UIL prose, literary criticism, poetry and extemporaneous speaking. She was a UIL regional qualifier three years.

She also participated in One Act Play for three years receiving all-star cast her senior year at the zone meet.

Kassie was an active member of FFA. She was an area qualifier her freshman year in prepared speaking and a state qualifier in chapter conducting. She also competed on the FFA quiz team.



**Sydnie Rae
Day**

Sydnie is the daughter of Mitch and Mistie Day of Post, Texas.

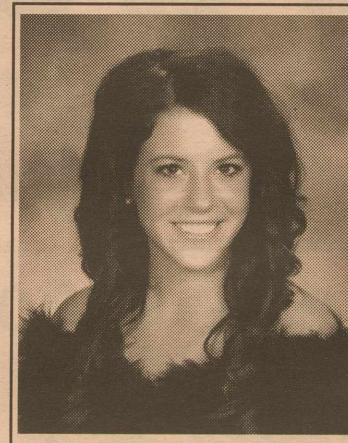
She attended kindergarten through 5th grade at Post Elementary before coming to Borden County in the 6th grade.

Sydnie plans to attend Texas Tech University.

While in high school she participated in track two years and basketball her freshman year.

She also competed in UIL four years in math and science and was a regional qualifier on the science team for three years.

Sydnie was an active member of FFA all four years. She was a state qualifier in junior chapter conducting her freshman year and was a district



**Taylor Brooke
Gass**

Taylor is the daughter of Butch Gass and Shawna Gass of Gail.

She has attended Borden County School since kindergarten.

Taylor plans to attend Hardin-Simmons University where she will major in education and run track.

While in high school she participated in cheerleading four years serving as captain her junior and senior year, cross country four years, varsity basketball four years serving as captain her senior year and track four years. She was a Beta Club member three years.

She was a regional qualifier four years and state qualifier four years in cross country.

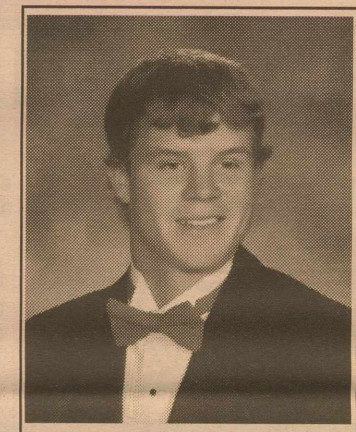
In basketball, she received 2nd team all-district her sophomore year, district defensive MVP, 1st team all-region and 2nd team all-state her junior year and district offensive MVP, 1st team all-region and 1st team all-state her senior year.

Track honors include being a member of the state champion girls team and a member of the state champion 800 meter relay her junior year.

Taylor also participated in UIL as a regional qualifier in Prose two years. She was an

active member in FFA for four years serving as chapter Treasurer and was a skills team member. She also exhibited swine two years.

Taylor was voted Most Athletic her sophomore year, Best Sense of Humor her junior year. She was a class officer for two years.



**Matthew James
Ham**

Matthew is the son of Clay Ham of Gail and Ruth Torrens of Post, Texas.

He attended Pre-K through kindergarten at First Baptist Christian School in Post and was homeschooled in 1st and 2nd grade before coming to Borden County in 3rd grade.

Matthew plans to attend West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas after graduation.

While in high school he participated in football three years, basketball three years and track four years.

While in football, Matthew received all-district corner his sophomore year and all-district utility player his junior year.

Track honors include being state qualifier in the mile relay his junior year, he was a member of the regional championship team and was a state qualifier in the 800 meter relay his senior year.

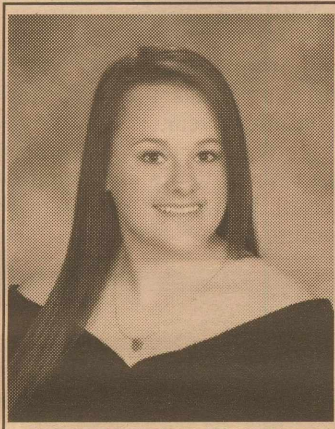
Matthew was a member of

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the Spanish Club for three years and he participated in UIL three years. He was a regional qualifier in spelling and social studies his freshman year and a state qualifier in social studies his sophomore year.



**Maeghan Alexandria-
Jean Herridge**

Maeghan is the daughter of Maurice and Tondra Herridge of Lamesa, Texas.

She attended kindergarten through 3rd grade in Borden County and 4th and 5th grade at Post Elementary in Post before returning to Borden County in the 5th grade.

Maeghan plans to attend West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas and major in nursing.

While in high school she participated in tennis two years, UIL four years and was a member of the Spanish Club three years and Beta Club four years. She served as class officer her junior year.

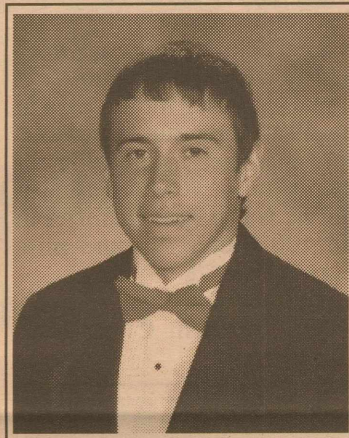
Maeghan participated in One-Act Play three years receiving the Best Actress award at district her senior year.

She was an active member of FFA for four years receiving the Lone Star Degree. She was a chapter officer two years and was a state qualifier in cotton judging two years.

Maeghan was also a member of the Borden County

Junior Livestock Association for four years exhibiting lambs and swine.

She received the Scholastic Achievement Award her junior year.



**Jordan Hightower
Martinez**

Jordan is the son of Ricky and Hollye Martinez of Gail.

He attended kindergarten through 10th grade in Spur, Texas before coming to Borden County in the 11th grade.

He plans to attend Angelo State University where he will major in history.

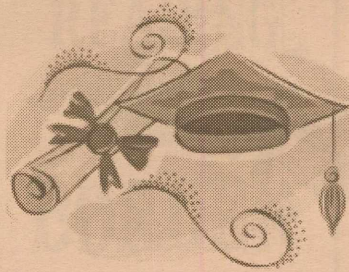
While in high school he participated in cross country four years, track and field four years, football three years, basketball three years and golf three years.

In Cross Country he was a regional qualifier all four years.

Track honors include being an area qualifier four years and regional qualifier two years.

In football Jordan was named 2nd team all-district cornerback his junior year and 2nd team all-district running back his senior year.

Jordan also was a member of the Spanish Club for two years, Business Professionals of America for two years where he was a state qualifier two years and participated in One-Act Play his freshman year.



He was an active member of FFA for two years and was a state qualifier in wool judging.

Jordan received the Departmental History Award as a sophomore.



**Kalyn Dee
Massingill**

Kalyn is the daughter of Roscoe and Cindy Massingill of Fluvanna, Texas.

She has attended Borden County schools since kindergarten.

She plans to attend Tarleton State University and major in pre-vet and biomedical sciences and then transfer to Texas A&M University to become a veterinarian.

While in high school Kalyn participated in cross country four years, track four years, basketball four years, golf four years, tennis two years and cheerleading.

In cross country she was a regional qualifier four years.

She was 1st team all-district in basketball her senior year.

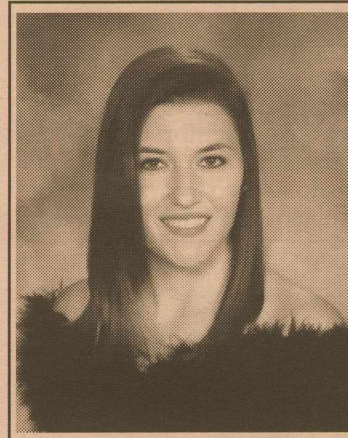
Track honors include being

a regional qualifier three years and a state qualifier her senior year winning a gold medal the 800 Meter relay and silver medal in the mile relay and was a member of the state championship team.

Kalyn also participated in UIL four years competing in number sense, mathematics, calculator and was also a member of the One-Act Play crew.

She was a member of the Spanish Club three years and a member of Beta Club and was a class officer serving as vice president and reporter.

Kalyn was an active member of FFA four years. She was a member of the horse judging team where she was an area qualifier her junior year, a member of the junior and senior quiz team and was an FFA officer her junior and senior year. She received the Lone Star Degree her junior year.



**Mallory Alyson
McMeans**

Mallory is the daughter of Bart and Vivian McMeans of Gail.

She attended kindergarten through 2nd grade at Wylie Elementary in Abilene, Texas before coming to Borden County in the 3rd grade.

She plans to attend South Plains College and then trans-

fer to Texas Tech University and major in Elementary Education.

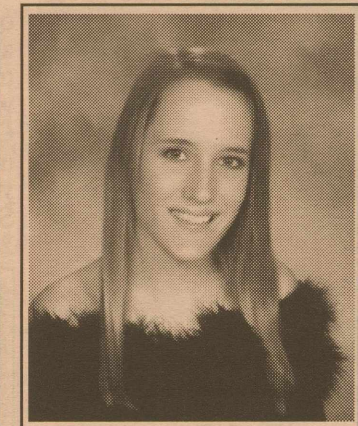
While in high school she participated in basketball four years, tennis two years, cross country two years and track.

In basketball, she was team captain and was named to the 2nd team all-district team her senior year.

She participated in One-Act Play four years winning Best Technical Crew Member Award three years.

Mallory was also a member of the Spanish Club and Beta Club. She was a class officer serving as treasurer and was on the yearbook staff her senior year.

She also participated in UIL four years where she was a regional and state qualifier in Current Events her sophomore year, was a regional qualifier in Feature Writing her junior year and was a regional qualifier in Social Studies and Feature Writing her senior year.



**Mollie White
McMeans**

Mollie is the daughter of Bart and Vivian McMeans of Gail.

She attended kindergarten through 2nd grade at Wylie Elementary in Abilene, Texas before coming to Borden County in the 3rd grade.

She plans to attend South

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Plains College and then transfer to Texas Tech University majoring in communication disorders.

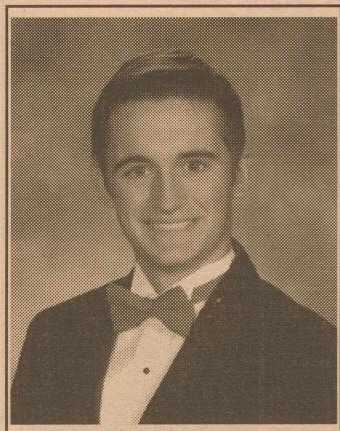
While in high school Mallory participated in cross country three years, basketball four years, track three years and One-Act Play four years.

In cross country she was a regional qualifier two years.

She was a member of Spanish Club and Beta Club.

Mollie also participated in UIL where she was a state qualifier in Social Studies her sophomore year. She competed in CX Debate three years where she was a state qualifier three years and was a state qualifier her senior year. She competed in Congress and was a state alternate her senior year.

She was an active member of FFA four years and was a state qualifier in junior chapter conducting. She received the Lone Star Degree her junior year.



**Zach Barton
McMeans**

Zach is the son of Bart and Vivian McMeans of Gail.

He attended kindergarten through 2nd grade at Wylie Elementary in Abilene, Texas before coming to Borden County in the 3rd grade.

He plans to attend West Texas A&M University and major in Agricultural Communications.

While in high school Zach participated in football two years, cross country three years, basketball three years, track two years and One-Act Play four years.

In cross country he was a regional qualifier for three years.

He was a member of the Spanish and Beta Club.

Zach also participated in UIL competing in CX Debate, Current Issues and Events, Congress, Persuasive Speaking and Social Studies.

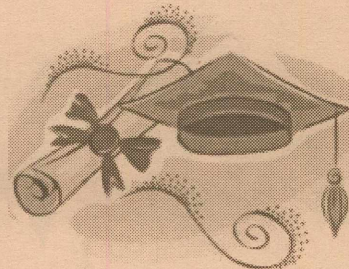
In CX Debate, he was a state qualifier four years and state champion his senior year, state champion in Congress his senior year. In Current Issues and Events he was a state qualifier four years placing 6th at state junior year. He was a state qualifier (junior year) and a state champion (senior year) in Persuasive Speaking. In Social Studies he was a state qualifier his sophomore year.

Zach was an active member of FFA four years. He served as chapter President and district officer his senior year. He was a state qualifier in Junior Chapter Conducting his freshman year, Senior Creed two years and Extemporaneous Speaking two years. He won 2nd place at state his junior year.



**Laura Elizabeth
Phinzy**

Laura is the daughter of Will



and Michelle Phinzy of Gail.

She was homeschooled and attended school in San Antonio, Texas before coming to Borden County in the 12th grade.

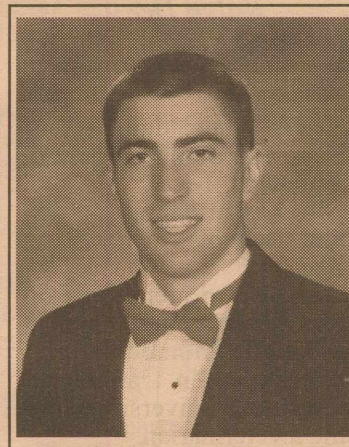
Laura plans to attend West Texas A&M University and major in nursing.

While in high school, Laura participated in volleyball three years, cross country, track, basketball and was a member of the Yearbook staff.

Laura received MVP in volleyball her sophomore year.

She also participated in One-Act Play as props and costume manager and UIL competing in Calculator her senior year.

As a sophomore she received Maxima cum Laude on the National Latin Exam.



**Gary Matthew
Proulx**

Matthew is the son of Robert and Arica Proulx of Gail.

He attended school in Killeen, Texas and Cayuga, Texas before coming to Borden County in the 4th grade.

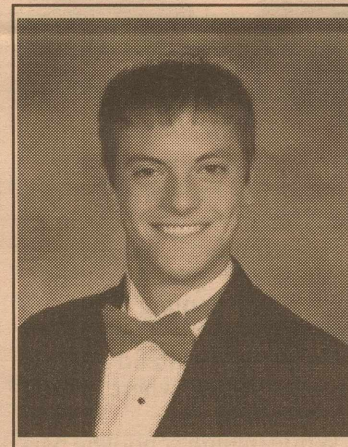
Matthew plans to join the Army after graduation.

While in high school, he participated in basketball four years, football three years and track four years.

Basketball honors include being named to 1st team All-District his senior year.

In track, he was an area qualifier four years and a regional qualifier three years in the 400 Meter run. He was a state qualifier in the mile relay his junior year and as a senior he was a state qualifier in the 400 Meter run and mile relay.

Matthew was also a member of Spanish Club three years.



**Kurt Elliot
Shafer**

Kurt is the son of Terry and Tanya Shafer of Gail.

He attended kindergarten through 6th grade in Ira, Texas before coming to Borden County in the 7th grade.

Kurt plans to attend Angelo State University and study Animal Science.

While in high school, he participated in football three years, basketball four years and baseball three years.

Football honors include All-District 1st team wide receiver and All-District 1st team utility player his sophomore year.

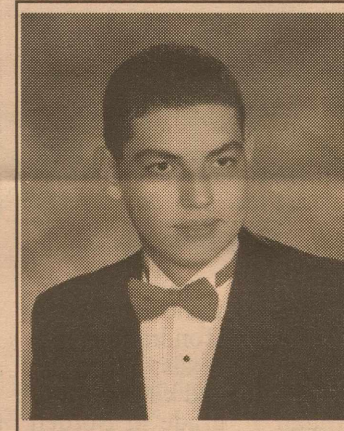
In basketball, Kurt received

All-District 2nd team his junior year and All-District 1st team his senior year.

Baseball honors include 2nd team All-District his sophomore year, 2nd team All-District his junior year and 1st team All-District his senior year.

Kurt was a class officer serving as Treasurer his sophomore and junior year and was Class Favorite his sophomore year.

He was an active member of FFA and was a state qualifier in Junior Chapter Conducting.



**Michael Christian Smith
Taylor**

Michael is the son of Brandt and Liza Taylor of Post, Texas.

He attended kindergarten through 7th grade at Post Elementary School in Post before coming to Borden County in the 8th grade.

Michael plans to join the Army after graduation.

While in high school, he participated in football four years, track four years and baseball four years.

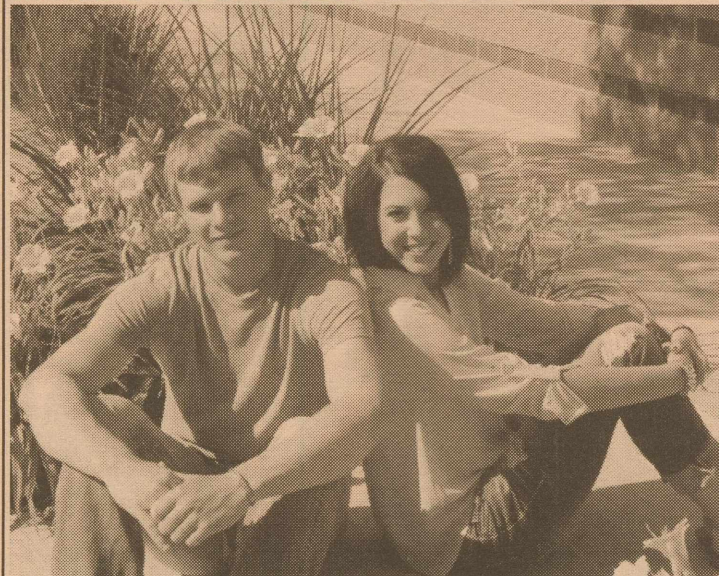
He was named to the All-District 2nd team Specialty teams his senior year.

He was a member of the Spanish Club three years.

Michael participated in One-Act Play two years.

He also participated in UIL and was a regional qualifier his junior year.

Mr. & Mrs. BHS



Borden County High School senior's Matthew Ham and Taylor Gass have been selected as Mr. and Mrs. BHS. Matthew is the son of Clay Ham of Gail and Ian and Ruth Torrens of Post. Taylor is the daughter of Butch Gass and Shawna Gass of Gail.

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Borden County Baseballers Finish Season Strong

The 2014 Borden County Coyote baseball season finished strong winning four of their last five district games which included winning their last three games. The Coyotes finished the season with a winning season with a record of 10-8-1.

The Coyotes continued their winning ways by landing nine players to the District 3-A All District Team. Mason Coor, Kurt Shafer, and Hurrikane Richter made the First Team. Kace Lott, Hunter Jones, Korbin Martinez, and Tristen Benavidez made the Second Team. On the Honorable Mention Team were Jayton Lewis and Kale Yarbro.

Shafer, Sr., was a first team outfielder for the Coyotes. He was the team's right fielder for most of district play. He batted .415 on the season with a team high .604 slugging percentage. Shafer also led the team with 21 RBI's and three triples.

Coor, Jr., made first team as an infielder. Mason played shortstop for Borden County and was in the pitching rotation. He led the team with a .418 batting average and had seven extra base hits. Coor also tied in runs scored with 23. He had an on base percentage of .562.

Richter, Jr., played several positions for the Coyotes which landed him as first team Utility. Hurrikane was a pitcher, third baseman, shortstop, and played some second base. He batted .346 on the season. Richter led all pitchers with 47 strikeouts.

Lott, Fr., was tagged as a second team catcher. He finished the season batting .295 and had 11 RBI's. Lott also was a pitcher for the Coyotes.

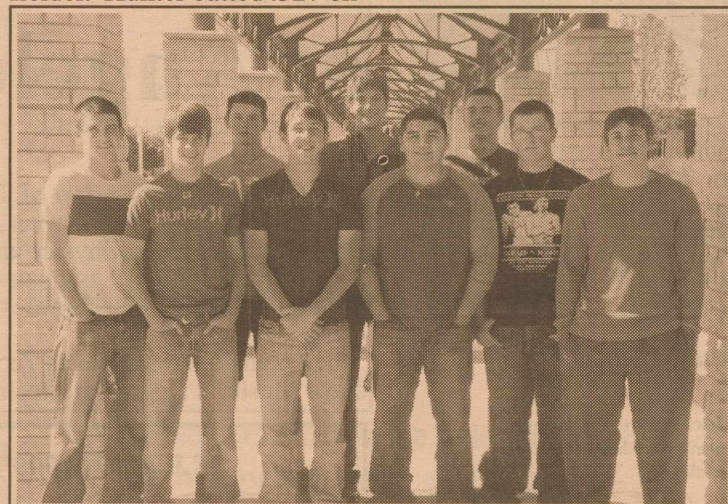
Jones, Fr., played several infield positions for the Coyotes to be a second team infielder. Hunter batted .327 on

the season. He tied with 23 runs scored and led the team with 11 stolen bases. Jones also was in the pitching rotation.

Martinez, So., and Benavidez, Sr., both made second team outfield due to their defensive play. They both had double digit putouts on the season.

Lewis, Fr., and Yarbro, Fr., came on strong midway through district play to be honorable mentioned.

All but two will return for the 2015 season.



Members of the BHS Coyote baseball team awarded All-District honors are (back l to r) Hunter Jones, Kurt Shafer, Korbin Martinez, (front l to r) Jayton Lewis, Mason Coor, Kace Lott, Tristen Benavidez, Kale Yarbro and Hurrikane Richter.

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which measure student-level performance from one year to the next, relative to others with the same past score in the subject.

For each indicator, campuses were ordered highest to lowest by their score and a percentile rank was calculated. The percentile rank indicates the percentage of scores that fall at or below that score.

Campuses at or above the 75th percentile (indicating they rank better than at least 75% of schools at that grade level) received an "A." Campuses at or above the 55th percentile, but below the 75th percentile, received a "B." Campuses at or above the 35th percentile, but below the 55th percentile, received a "C." Campuses at or above the 15th percentile received a "D", and Campuses below the 15th percentile received an "F."

To rank public schools across Texas, CHILDREN AT RISK compiled and analyzed data collected by the Texas Education Agency through the Texas Academic Performance Reports system (formerly the Academic Excellence Indicator System) and from other direct requests to TEA. The ultimate goal of CHILDREN AT RISK is to

hold schools accountable for student performance on standardized testing in addition to other measures such as graduation rates and improvement over time.

The bottom line is that the Borden County Independent School District was ranked **First** out of 953 schools in the State of Texas on the criteria discussed above. We consider this to be an outstanding honor for our school, school community, and students. This is also an indicator of the success the Borden County Independent School District has on a regular basis with the academic success of its students and programs.

Other schools making the top ten were as follows: Klondike ISD-2nd, Highland ISD-3rd, Highland Park ISD-4th, Carroll ISD-5th, Falls City ISD-6th, Lindale ISD-7th, Wall ISD-8th, Dripping Springs ISD-9th, and Frisco ISD-10th.

You can see this entire report online by logging onto childrenatrisk.org. You will click on Research and Data on the left side of the page, School Rankings on the left side of the page, and State-wide on the right side of the page. Finally, click on 2014 Texas School District Rankings.

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Descendants of Comanche Chief Quannah Parker Come to Borden County for Historic Arrow Placement

The rains came last weekend as if to signal a sign of healing and good things to come. The presence of moisture—and three special men—created a perfect backdrop to the large arrow that now rests just off Highway 180 on the west curve in Gail.

The last Comanche Chief—Quanah Parker—and his Comanche Nation history are being recognized now over a century later thanks to the art work of Mr. Charles Smith of New Home, Texas and the Texas Plains Trail, a 52-county heritage tourism region that takes in both the Panhandle and the Plains of Texas.

Borden County's arrow was placed Saturday, May 24. Attending the ceremony marking the placement were three of Quanah Parker's great-grandsons. Ron Parker and his brother Don Parker of Oklahoma were in attendance as was their cousin Bruce Parker of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Several community members assisted Mr. Smith in settling the arrow, including County Judge Ross Sharp. The efforts of Mrs. J. Pat Porter and Mrs. Lisa Dennis Mahler have been instrumental in bringing the Parker arrow to Borden County, which was the site of the campground where Quanah Parker received the final ultimatum from Col. Ranald Mackenzie.

After the arrow was placed, Don Parker sang a ceremonial Comanche song while playing a Native American drum.

Over a century later, the significance of the Comanche story to Borden County's history—and to the history of this state and country—is being retold thanks to the Quanah Parker Trail.

The Borden County Historical Commission will also lead efforts to dedicate an historical marker to highlight Mushaway Peak's role in the Quanah Parker story. Borden

County K-5 students recently raised over \$1,500 to help purchase the historical marker for their county.



Three of Quannah Parker's great grandsons along with artist Charles Smith, attended the placement of the Quannah Parker Trail arrow. The arrow was placed west of the Baptist church on Hwy 180 in Gail. Pictured are Ron Parker, Charles Smith, Don Parker and Bruce Parker.

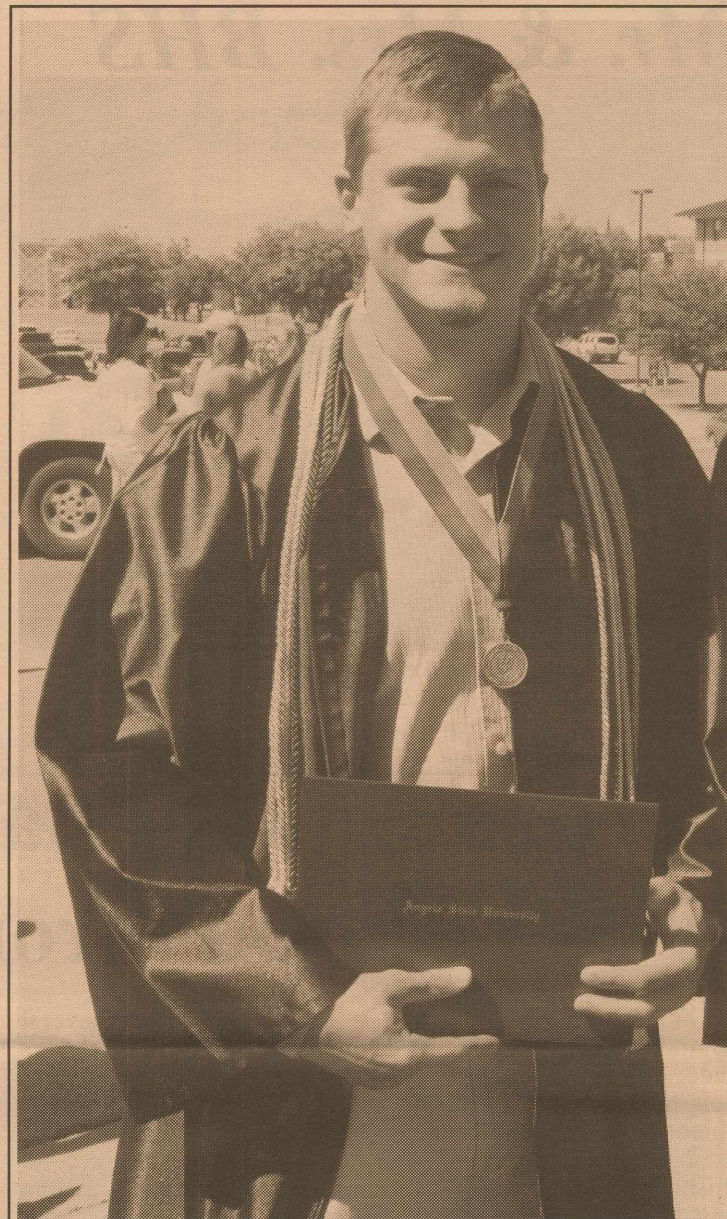
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R.T. Shafer

Shafer Earns Bachelor Degree at Angelo State

Roy Terrell Shafer, son of Terry and Tanya Shafer graduated from Angelo State University Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelors Degree in Physics and a minor in mathematics.

Mr. Shafer is a 2010 graduate of Borden County. He achieved the highest GPA in the Physics Department of his graduating class.

He plans to attend Texas Tech University in the fall to pursue a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering.

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Anthony Loves Pranks

"My favorite holiday is April first. April Fool's Day. That's a good time to go out and pull some of the best pranks you can pull," says Anthony Kusenberger of Del Rio. He is known as the best prank-puller in town. He says he got a lot of his inspiration from a friend of his named Clyde Earwood.

"One of the most famous that Clyde pulled was one day some gentlemen jumped into a vehicle to go out to the ranch and left their truck parked in a hardware store parking lot. Clyde had a mechanic go over there and pull the entire engine out and set it down beside the truck. When the guys got back, one got in the truck and tried to start it and it wouldn't turn over. He saw the engine setting there next to his pickup." That inspired Anthony and a buddy to try to pull a prank on Clyde.

"Clyde had gone to lunch and left the keys in his truck. We disconnected his battery. He got back, got in his truck and it wouldn't start. My friend and I were standing there watching and all of a sudden he flies open his door and he's got a Colt 45 in his lap and he says which one of you boys is gonna start this thing for me?"

Anthony has a friend named Gary who owns a gun shop. Once Anthony played a prank on Gary at a Lions Club meeting. He got up to the podium and said: "Y'all know Gary's reputation. You take a gun there and he's gonna fix it better than anyone else. But sometimes it may be there a little longer than expected. I've got this box right here and in it is a gun that a 12-year-old boy took to Gary to get fixed. That twelve-year old boy is here with us today. Would Mr. Jimmy Blocklinger please come up and get your gun."

Jimmy was 92 at the time. While he was attending A & M, Anthony lived in an apartment with another student. He pulled pranks on his apartment mate.

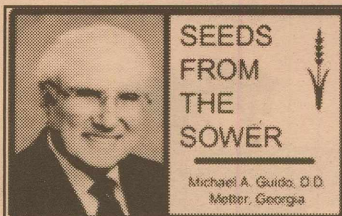
"We did all kinds of things. I guess the most unusual prank was one time he thought I was out of town. I wanted to scare

him. I knew he would be coming back from class in about 10 minutes. I took everything out of the refrigerator, put it in the pantry and climbed in the refrigerator. Sure enough, he came in and opened the refrigerator door and I jumped out. He just about fainted. I bought him some new underwear."

Anthony spent a lot of his Aggie years at the Dixie Chicken drinking beer and playing dominoes. He occasionally studied, too, enough to earn him a Master's Degree in Agricultural Economics. He says that's a major for people who couldn't make it in business school.

He honed his practical joke skills on what he calls "entry level" pranks in the dorm: painting the toilet seat with white shoe polish, covering the toilet bowl with cellophane, throwing ice water on somebody in the shower and sloshing unsuspecting fellow students with a bucket of water when they opened a door.

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A clever thief broke into a shoe store, took the shoes out of the boxes and placed the boxes back on the shelves - empty. The next morning, each time a sales person opened a shoe box for a customer, it was empty. Everyone was confused!

For so many individuals, life is like that. It seems like there should be some valuable contents on the inside, but there is only emptiness. There is space that can be filled with the good things that come from God.

A young man once cried, "I have everything to live with, but I have nothing to live for. My life is empty though I have plenty!" What initially seemed to be fulfilling became frustrating. He no longer had a purpose or passion for life.

If we want to have a life that is fulfilling and overflowing, then it must begin and end with the Lord. In Him alone will we find His generous gifts of His grace to fill the empty "boxes" in our hearts and fulfillment in our lives.

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Triple Crown It Is! McMeans Sweeps UIL Speaking Events in 2014

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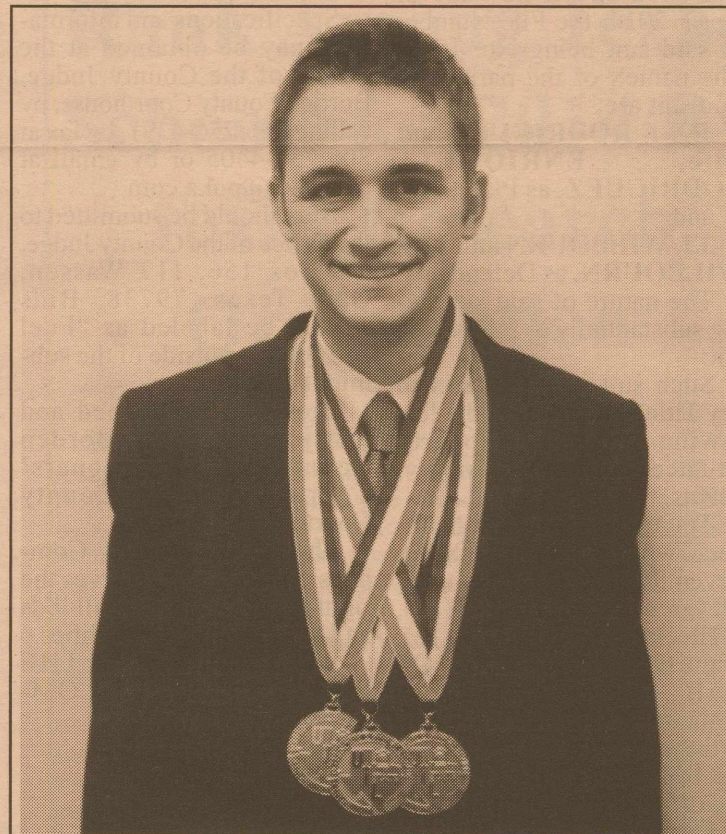
Last week at the State UIL Literary Meet on the University of Texas campus, Zach won the 1-A Persuasive Speaking contest, completing his sweep of UIL's three speaking events. He was recognized on the stage of the LBJ Auditorium in front of 500 people gathered for 1-A through 5-A speaking competition.

In January, Zach won his first gold ever by claiming the state title in Congress and was also named top Presiding Officer. He followed that gold

by winning with sister Mollie as the two swept the 1-A State Championship in Cross-Ex Debate in March.

The trifecta is especially sweet, as Zach had come up empty handed in 10 previous visits to Austin. He never missed qualifying for a state academic meet in four years of high school eligibility. Over the four-year span, Zach advanced to state in five different events: Current Issues and Events, Social Studies, Congress, CX Debate, and Persuasive Speaking.

Zach plans to attend West Texas A&M University in Canyon in the fall, majoring in Ag. Communication.



Borden County student, Zach McMeans brings home the gold.

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GREETINGS: You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiffs' petition at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being the 16th day of June, 2014, at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. before the Honorable 132nd Judicial District Court of Borden County, at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas. Said Plaintiffs' petition was filed on the 28th day of April, 2014, the File Number of said suit being No. 1248. The names of the parties in said suit are:

JOSE RODRIGUEZ and wife, ENRIQUETA RODRIGUEZ, as Plaintiffs, and

J.I. WILBOURN and L.E. WILBOURN, as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:

Such suit is a Trespass to Try Title suit covering the following-described property situated in Borden County, Texas, to-wit:

Tract 1: All of Lots Numbers Two (2), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11) and twelve (12), in Block Number Twelve (12), of the ORIGINAL TOWN OF GAIL, Borden County, Texas, as the same appears according to the map or plat of said Original Town, which is recorded in the office of the County Clerk of Borden County, Texas.

TRACT 2: All of Lots Number One (1), Two (2), and Ten (10), in Block Number Nineteen (19), of the ORIGINAL TOWN OF GAIL, Borden County, Texas, as the same appears according to the map or plat of said Original Town, which is recorded in the office of the County Clerk of Borden County, Texas.

If this Citation is not served within ninety (90) days after the date of its issuance, it shall

be returned unserved.
 ISSUED this the 1st day of May, 2014.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal of said Court, at office in Texas, this the 1st day of May, 2014

Joyce Herridge
 DISTRICT CLERK, 132ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BORDEN LEGAL NOTICE

The Borden County Commissioners' Court will receive bids until 9:30 a.m., June 10, 2014 for the purchase of the following:

1. Fuels
 - A. Unleaded Gasoline
 - B. Diesel
 - C. Off-road Diesel
2. Propane

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Bids should be submitted to the Office of the County Judge, PO Box 156, 117 Wasson, Gail, Texas, 79738. Bids should be labeled as "Fuel Bid" on the outside of the submittal envelopes.

Bids will be opened and considered in the Borden County Commissioners' Courtroom in the County Courthouse.

The Borden County Commissioners' Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive all formalities.

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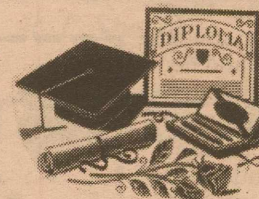
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