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## *Borden County Coyote's Win Bi-District Baseball Championship!*



*The Borden County baseball team defeated the Anthony Wildcats this past Friday in Pecos 23-0 for the Bi-District title.*

## Local Student Lands Story of Hunts in Texas Trophy Hunters Magazine

By Karly Etheredge

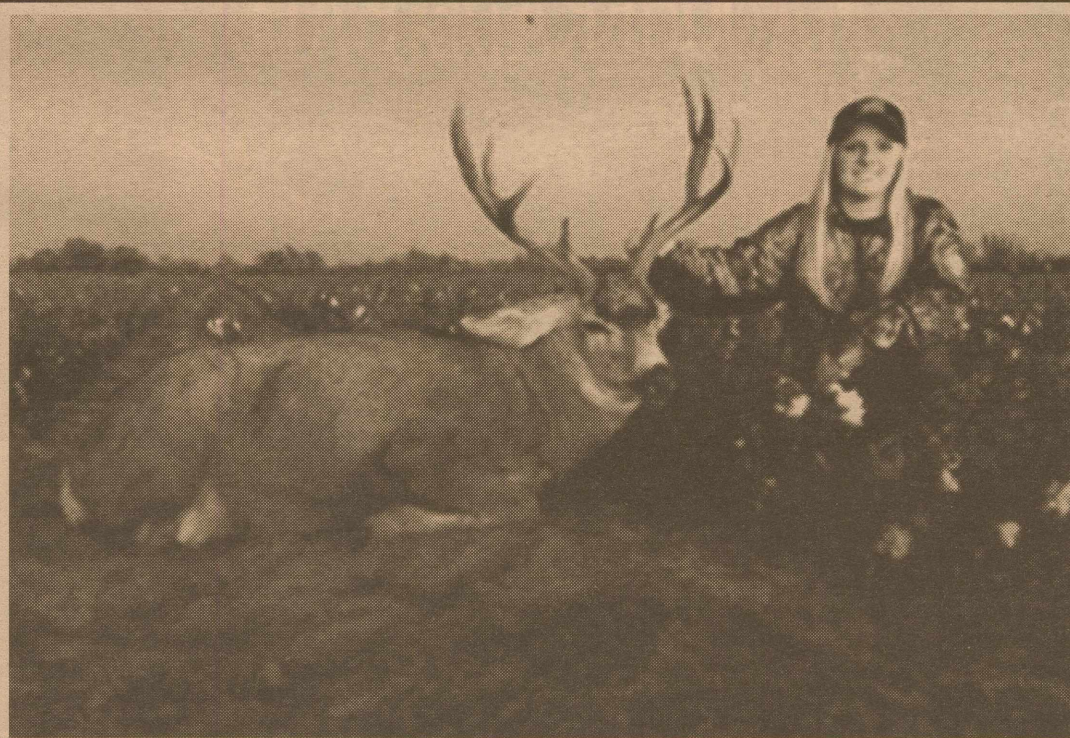
The sun bore heavily down upon their backs. Eyes were peeled for the nearest sighting of their game. The almost bare cotton plants stretched until a thicket of trees bordered the edges of the field. They finally saw it, a figure against the

white backdrop; it was so close they could count the points on its crown. They army-crawled towards the top of the berm. Getting a clear view of the proud mule deer, and just as Ashlyn was given the go ahead, she took the shot. There was

dull thud, and as it began to stand, she again took another shot.

Another one gone. Another one to help her win the Texas Slam.

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*Ashlyn Tucker is pictured with her big buck that helped her to win the Texas Slam.*

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## CHAPTER BANQUET

**When:** Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Where:** BC School Cafeteria

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**\*\*Meal provided by Danny's Fins and Hens**

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family/parents/friends/community

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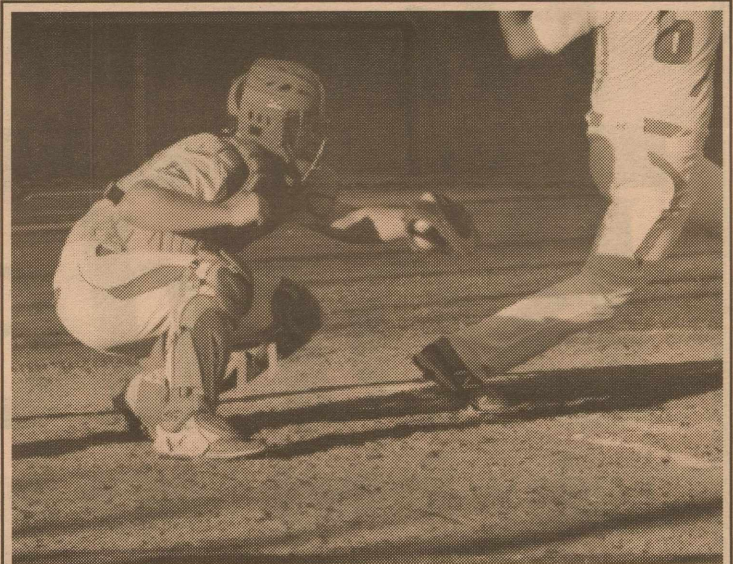
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Coyote catcher, Kale Yarbro catches a strike during the bi-district championship game last Friday against the Anthony Wildcats.

# Coyotes Bring Home Bi-District Trophy After Defeating Anthony

By Coach Edwards

The Borden Coyotes won the Bi-district game against the Anthony Wildcats, 23-0, advancing to the area round. The Coyotes will face the Hawley Bearcats in a three game series at Hardin Simmons in Abilene. Game one will be on Thursday starting at 4:00 p.m. Game two will be on Saturday at 6:00p.m. Game three will follow if needed.

Borden found the hot bats early scoring 13 runs in the top half of the first inning. Ryan Willborn had an inside the park grand slam in the inning. The Coyotes scored three runs in the second inning and followed up with five runs in the third inning. Borden added two more runs in the fifth inning and won the contest by mercy rule. The Coyotes finished the game with 20 total hits.

Hurrikane Richter recorded the victory pitching three shut-out innings. Richter allowed

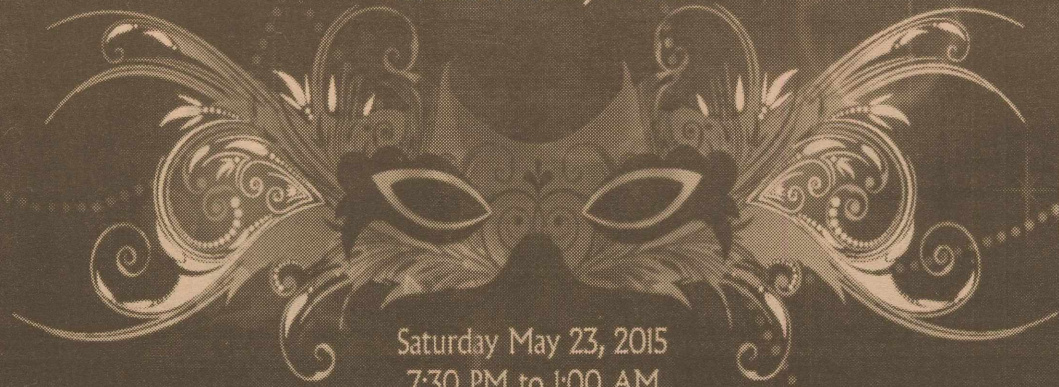
one hit and struck out four Wildcat batters. Trace Richey pitched one inning allowing no runs, one hit, striking out three, and giving up one base on balls. Kale Yarbro who had six rbi's on the night also pitched one scoreless inning. Yarbro allowed no hits, three strikeouts, and a base on balls.

Willborn finished the night with three hits, a homerun, and four rbi's. Richter added three hits, a double, and three rbi's. Yarbro had a three hit night with a double, a triple, and 6 rbi's. Korbin Martinez had a three hits including a double and two rbi's. Richey recorded two hits and two rbi's. Hunter Jones had two hits with a double and three rbi's. Braxton Coor and Jayton Lewis both slapped a couple of hits. Steven Carrillo and Clayton Addison both had a rbi.

The Coyotes improve to 12-6 on the season.

# THE MASQUERADE BALL

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## 2015 PROJECT



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Your tax-deductible gift would be appreciated by our students and parents. A list of all donors will be posted at the festivities and listed in the Thank You advertisement in the Borden Star.

Donations may be sent to:

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## Simple Machines



After studying a unit on Simple Machines, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade science class constructed their own amusement park rides. Each ride had to contain at least one type of simple machine. The students were very creative and really enjoyed applying their science knowledge to a real-world situation. Who knows, maybe one day we will actually be able to enjoy a new ride developed by one of these guys! Pictured are (left to right) Chris Bell, William Partney and Michael Brady.

## Borden County ISD Board Meeting

### Regular Board Meeting - April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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, Todd Holbrooks, Mike Valentine, Randy Hensley, Carol Lewis, and Dennis Poole. Billy Collins and Bart McMeans were also in attendance.

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 Randy Hensley and seconded by Carol Lewis to approve the minutes of the March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Todd Holbrooks to approve the April bills. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification for 2015-2016. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Todd Holbrooks and seconded by Mike Valentine to Approve the 2015-2016 BCISD School Calendar.

7. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Randy Hensley to appoint all BCISD Trustees to the Borden County Appraisal Board for a

Term Ending December 31, 2017.

8. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Carol Lewis to Extend the Depository Agreement for Borden County ISD through August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Todd Holbrooks and seconded by Randy Hensley to set the next regular board meeting for Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Todd Holbrooks to Approve Two Resolutions in accordance with BCISD Policy CKC(Local).

11. A motion was made by Randy Hensley and seconded by Dennis Poole to approve the superintendent's report: Enrollment Report, Financial Report, Student Failure and Honor Roll Report. The motion carried unanimously.

12. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Carol Lewis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

## The Borden Star



Pictured with their simple machine project are 6th graders (left to right) Maggie Miller, Sydnee Coor, Mason Cole and Ryan Ramos.

## School Lunch Menu

May 18-22, 2015

Menu subject to  
change

**Monday** - Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Breaded Pork Chop, Garden Salad,, Carrot Coins, Sliced Peaches, Breadsticks, Vanilla Pudding and Milk.

**Tuesday** - Breakfast: Breakfast Pastry, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk. Lunch: Crispy Tacos, Spansish Rice, Garden Salad, Charro Beans, Cinnamon Applesauce and Milk.

**Wednesday** - Breakfast: Cereal & Cheese Stick, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Roll and Milk.

**Thursday** - Breakfast: Breakfast Pocket, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Beef & Bean Burrito, Chips & Salsa, Broccoli Bites, Garden Salad, Orange Smiles and Milk.

**Friday** - Breakfast: Blueberry Loaf & Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Turkey & Cheese Wrap, Chips, Tomato Cup, Sarden Salad, Mixed Fruit and Milk.

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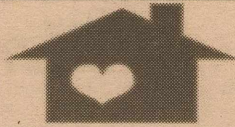
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## Still Many Myths About Wearing Seat Belts

### Click It or Ticket Campaign 2015: May 18-31

When it comes to wearing your seat belts, some motorists may believe that they are protected by the size of their vehicle, their seating position, or where they are driving. Truth is that wearing a seat belt is the best way to protect yourself and your passengers in a crash. Fortunately, most Texans now buckle up, but some groups of motorists still aren't taking the message to heart and aren't consistently using seat belts. Let's look at the myths about wearing a seat belt.

**Vehicle type:** There seems to be a misconception among those who drive and ride in pickup trucks that their large vehicles will protect them more than other vehicles in crashes. But the numbers say otherwise. Sixty-three percent of pickup truck occupants who were killed were not buckled up. That's compared to 43% of passenger car occupants who were killed while not wearing their seat belts. Regardless of vehicle type, seat belt use is the single-most effective way to stay alive in a crash.

**Seating position:** Too many people wrongly believe they are safe in the back seat unrestrained. Half of all front-seat occupants killed in crashes in 2012 were unrestrained, but 61% of those killed in back seats were unrestrained.

**Rural versus urban locations:** People who live in rural areas might believe that their crash exposure is lower, but in 2013, there were 13,038 crash fatalities in rural locations, compared to 8,079 crash fatalities in urban locations. Out of those fatalities, 51% of those killed in rural locations were not wearing their seat belts, compared to 46% in urban locations.

While 9 out of 10 Texans buckle up, too many drivers and passengers continue to risk

injury or death by not using seat belts. In 2014, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) reported 2,587 motor vehicle crashes in Texas in which unrestrained vehicle occupants sustained fatal or serious injuries. Almost 3,500 (3,497) traffic deaths occurred in Texas in 2014 - up 3% from 2013. In 2014, of all people killed in vehicles in Texas, 44% were reported as not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash.

After so many years of having seat belts standard in vehicles, it would seem that buckling your seat belt before driving off would be second nature. Fortunately, most of us do buckle up; but some, especially pickup truck drivers and their passengers, depend on their bigger pickup truck to protect them in a crash. Yet, pickup trucks are twice as likely to rollover as passenger cars, and pickup truck crashes can be especially serious - even deadly - due to their tendency to rollover and for unbelted occupants to be thrown from the vehicle.

Unbuckled passengers can also be deadly to others in the vehicle. Most people are not aware of the dangers posed by unbuckled backseat passengers. In a crash, they can become projectiles that are tossed around inside the vehicle, injuring or killing those in the front seat. Riders in the back seat who use lap and shoulder belts are 44% more likely to survive in a crash than unrestrained occupants in passenger cars, and 73% more likely to survive in passenger vans and SUVs.

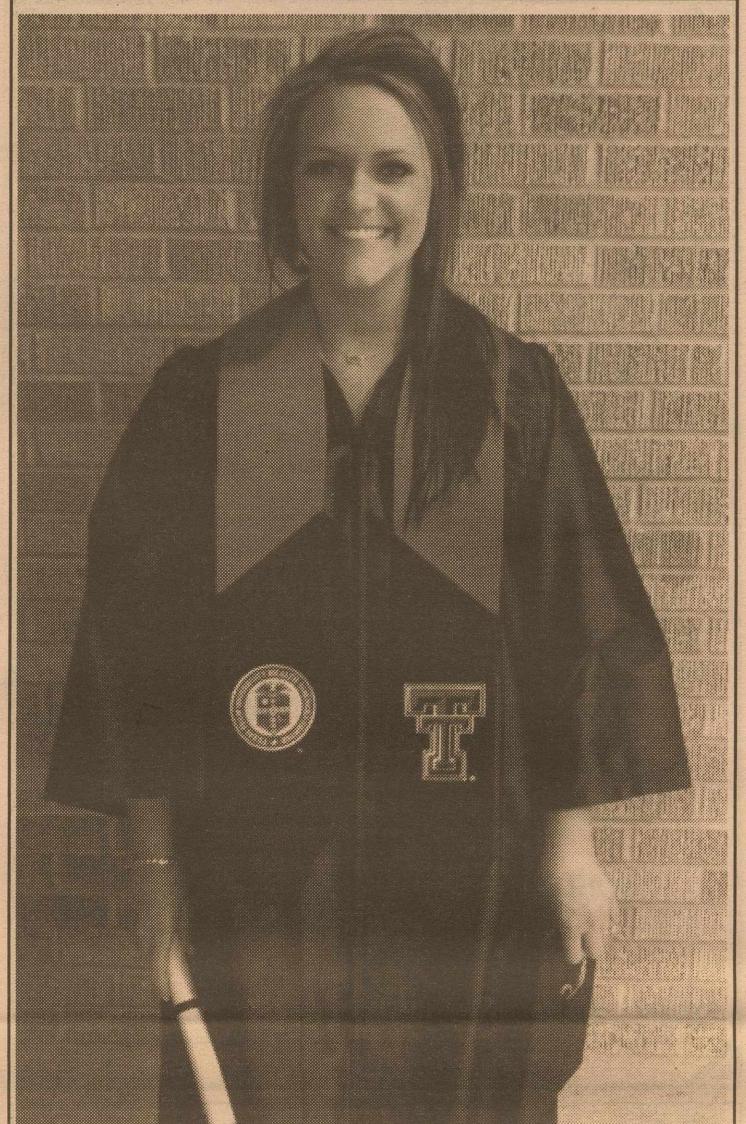
According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), young adults are dying at a disproportionate rate because they are not wearing their seat belts. In

2014, 293 teen drivers and passengers (ages 15-20) died as a result of traffic crashes in Texas. Of those fatalities, 134 (46%) were not wearing their seat belts at the time of the crash.

When the "Click It or Ticket" campaign began in 2002, just 76% of Texans used seat belts. Today, more than 90% of Texans buckle up. NHTSA estimates that from 2002 to 2014, the campaign in Texas has resulted in over 4,300 fewer traffic fatalities (4,317), while preventing almost 73,000 serious injuries (72,926), and saving \$16.7 billion dollars in related economic costs.

Here's another good reason to buckle up - it's the law! Unbelted drivers and adult passengers can face fines and court costs of up to \$200. Children younger than 8 years old must be in a child safety seat or booster seat unless they are taller than 4 feet 9 inches. Fines issued to drivers for unrestrained children in their vehicle can be as high as \$250 plus court costs.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service reminds drivers that the "Click It or Ticket" campaign this year is scheduled for May 18-31, which includes Memorial Day weekend. During this time, extra law enforcement representatives will be on the roads enforcing the seat belt and child restraint laws in an effort to save lives. Those officers are not out to write tickets but instead want to help prevent the needless tragedy from motor vehicle accidents. Remember to buckle up and save your life - not just during Click It or Ticket, but every day of the year!



Kalli Poole

## Kalli Poole Earns Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree

Kalli Poole, daughter of Dennis and Sheri Poole, graduated Saturday, May 9, 2015 with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Texas Tech University. Kalli, a 2007 graduate of Borden County ISD, received an Animal Science degree from Tech in 2011 and she became an RN in December of 2013. Kalli is currently employed by Baylor Scott & White Hillcrest Hospital in Waco.

### Thank You

To Our Borden County Friends:  
Thank you so much for your thoughts, prayers and hospital visits after my accident.  
Thank you to the Borden County EMS for your quick response. You are amazing.

Sincerely,  
Scott & Inez Clayton



# Borden County's Ashlyn Tucker Featured in Texas Trophy Hunters...

(Continued from Pg. 1)

Ashlyn Tucker, a freshman Borden County High School, had been given a surprise pronghorn permit from her father; afterwards they went out to hunt the same day not even knowing what was in store. During the hunt Ashlyn had shot a pronghorn that had been 77", and after an explanation from her dad's friend Wes the same pronghorn she had shot had met the standards for the Texas Slam.

Ashlyn explained that "when someone harvests a pronghorn that scores a minimum of 70" B&C, a mule deer that scores a minimum of 140" B&C, and whitetail, from our area, that scores a minimum of 130" B&C" they can receive the Texas slam prize.

After she had shot the pronghorn, her dad's friend, Wes helped her to go into areas where she could hunt after large mule deer to be able to get the award.

"Wes set up my antelope and mule deer hunt. My dad has been with me on every single one of these hunts. I learned from him and my grandpa. I guess the fact that I knew I could do it, and after I had gotten the antelope, Wes said he could help, and then I knew I could successfully accomplish this with his and my dad's help."

On November 22<sup>nd</sup> that very same day Ashlyn shot down her proud mule deer, her grandfather passed away. A week after the funeral, Ashlyn and her dad decided it was time for a hunt. That day she shot a whitetail deer, and from then on she called it "Granddaddy's buck". And now her hunt for the Texas Slam was over. The award was hers.

Afterwards, Wes called the editors of the Texas Trophy Hunters and explained her story to them, and then Ashlyn's dad received a call.

"I was asked by the editors after Wes had talked to them, they had called my dad and they told him that I could write an essay at a minimum of 2000 words and some pictures and it would be in their next edition."

So in the May-June edition of the Texas Trophy Hunters,

is Ashlyn's bright smiling face, her three harvested game, and her story for everyone to see.

Ashlyn explained that winning this and writing this story amazed her in so many ways and how her doing this showed her, people can do anything.

"I wrote this and submitted it to the magazine because I think it's really cool that I, a young female huntress, could accomplish something some grown men dream of achieving."

On July 10, all her hard work will be paid off, as she gets to receive a plaque, certificate and a trophy at the Texas big game awards banquet at San Antonio.

While Ashlyn is fine with all the fame she gets with this award, she expressed that not everything she won with this is in the trophy, the certificate, or the plaque.

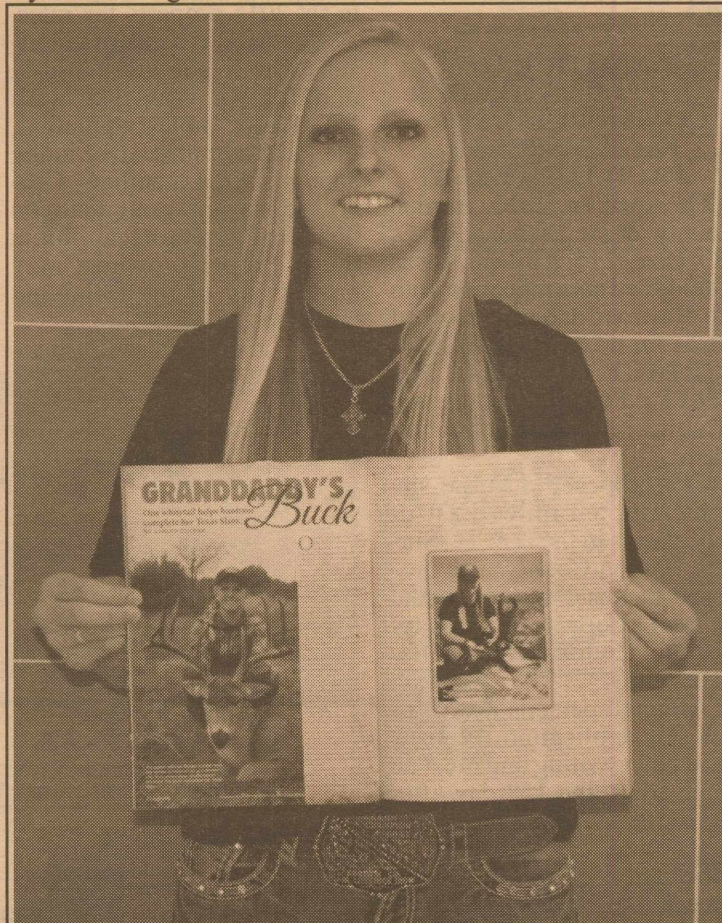
"I think this experience has influenced me to challenge myself and what I can do. Now my next life goal is to com-

plete the North American Super Slam."

Ashlyn has now set after bigger and better things after this amazing opportunity of hers, she expressed that she was just doing what she loved and will continue doing so.

"I like to hunt, and I like the idea of hunting in the future. The hunting experience itself gives me a rush, and I just get so happy and excited during and after. I just like it all."

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Borden County freshman, Ashlyn Tucker holds the Texas Trophy Hunters magazine that she was recently featured in along with the photo's of her hunts.



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## Commissioners' Court

### THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BORDEN

WHEREAS, on this the 28th day of April, 2015, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas the following members of the Court being present to-wit: ROSS SHARP, COUNTY JUDGE, PRESIDING; MONTE SMITH, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1; RANDY ADCOCK, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2; ERNEST REYES, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3; JOE BELEW, COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4; BRANDE BUCHANAN, DEPUTY, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-EFFICIO 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, Benny Allison, Sheriff and Tax Assessor and Shawna Gass, County Treasurer. Jana Underwood County Clerk was not present due to continuing education.

#### CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the April 28, 2015, special session of the Commissioners Court to order at 8:45A.M.

#### COMMUNITY INPUT

None

#### MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings of April 14, 2015 were presented. Commissioner Joe Belew made a motion to approve said minutes as presented. Commissioner Ernest Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### PROPOSED STREET OPENING

Julie Smith met with the court to discuss the opening of North Poplar Street from West Nevils Avenue to West Dow Avenue for pedestrian traffic.

#### BORDEN COUNTY WATER RATES

Discussion held - no action taken

#### UTILITY CABLE CROSSINGS

### APPLICATIONS No applications PRIVATE ROAD CON- STRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE No applications SOIL CONSERVATION WORK No applications FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Opening of North Poplar Street from West Nevils Avenue to West Dow Avenue for pedestrian traffic.

2. Water Rates

#### CURRENT ACCOUNTS

Commissioner Ernest Reyes made a motion to pay said accounts. Commissioner Monte Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### ADJOURN

Commissioner Monte Smith made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ernest Reyes seconded the motion and approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 12TH DAY OF MAY, 2015.

## Help Wanted

### Equipment Operator

Borden County is seeking an equipment operator for the Borden County Precinct 2 Road Department. Experience is preferred. Applicants are required to have or obtain upon hiring a CDL license. Drug testing will also be required.

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### STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BORDEN

Notice is given herewith that proposals will be considered from Banks and Banking Corporations desiring to serve as depository for public funds and county public school funds of Borden County, Texas. This shall be for a two (2) year period commencing June 1, 2015. Such proposals will be considered Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., and the Commissioners' Court of Borden County may, at its discretion, reject any and all bids or proposals submitted. Applications submitted should be in accordance with Article 116.021, Local Government, Vernon's Civil Statutes, and it is desired that same stipulate percent (%) interest to be paid on Time Deposits and rate of interest Borden County would pay on borrowed funds for ordinary operating expenses and borrowed funds for equipment purchases. Depository Bank would be expected to furnish printed checks and deposit slips for all accounts.

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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL SUR- FACE DISPOSAL FACILITY PERMIT

On April 14, 2015, Borden County Waste Disposal, LTD, P.O. Box 3215, Abilene, Texas 79604 filed an application with the Railroad Commission of Texas for a **COMMERCIAL SURFACE DISPOSAL FACILITY PERMIT** to dispose of solid oil field production waste.

The proposed disposal site is located ten miles East of Gail, Texas in the H & TC Survey, Borden County. The proposed disposal site is located on real property owned by Borden County Waste Disposal, LTD.

Affected persons may protest this application. Protests must be in writing and must be received by the 15<sup>th</sup> day after the last date of publication of this notice. The last date of publication of this notice is expected to be May 13, 2015 which means protests should be received by May 28, 2015.

Protests must be sent to:

## Legal Notice

Technical Permitting Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-3840).

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### PROPERTY OWNERS CAN PROTEST PROPERTY APPRAISAL VALUES

Property owners who disagree with the Borden County Appraisal District's appraisal of their property for local taxes or for any other action that adversely affects them may protest their property value to the appraisal district's Appraisal Review Board (ARB).

A property owner must file a written notice of protest before June 1, 2015 or within 30 days after the appraisal district mails the taxpayer a notice of appraised value, whichever is later. The ARB will begin hearing taxpayer protests on July 10, 2015.

After the ARB completes its hearings and approves final property tax appraisals, taxing units will use these appraisals to set 2015 property tax rates.

The ARB is a group of citizens who live in the appraisal district. In counties with 120,000 or more population, the local administrative judge appoints ARB members. Otherwise, the appraisal district's board of directors appoints them. Property owners may protest any of the following issues to the ARB:

the appraised or mar-

ket value of the property;  
unequal appraisal of the owner's property;  
inclusion of the property on the appraisal records;  
denial of a partial exemption, such as a homestead exemption;  
denial of special appraisal, such as agricultural or timber productivity appraisal;  
determination that agricultural or timber land has had a change of use and is subject to a rollback tax;  
identification of the taxing unit or taxing units in which the property is located;  
determination that the taxpayer is the owner of the property; or  
any other action of the appraisal district office that adversely affects the owner.

The ARB schedules a hearing and sends the protesting property owner written notice of the date, time and place of the hearing. The law contains specific timelines and procedures for both the owner and the ARB throughout the appraisal protest process.

These are detailed in the Comptroller's publication, *Property Taxpayer Remedies*.

Copies are available from Borden County Appraisal District at 120 E. Wilbourn (PO Box 298) Gail, TX 79738 or 806-756-4484. The publication is also available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at [comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/proptax/](http://comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/proptax/).

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## Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
Tumbleweed Smith

### Totem Poles in the Museum

Nat Shick was a person who was in love with life and expressed that love in many ways. His house was a labyrinth of passageways and rooms filled with bottles, fossils and all the things he collected. At Christmastime he tied tin can lids on trees and they whirled and sparkled. When he married his wife Holly he made a cheesecloth path among the West Texas brush to the church nearby. He twisted the trunks of two young trees together to signify their love. The trees grew intertwined.

Nat was the Big Spring postmaster. To inaugurate air-mail service, he put a horned toad named Big Jim in a cage and sent it around the country. A stack of envelopes addressed to postmasters in American cities was on top of the cage. When a postmaster in Detroit opened his letter, the instructions were to send it to the address on the next envelope.

Nat created perhaps the biggest news story ever to come out of Big Spring. One Sunday morning he put a rose on his pastor's pulpit. The preacher didn't think about it but for twenty years a single rose was delivered to him, whether he was aboard ship, traveling in another state or wherever he was. Finally the word got out that the sender of the secret rose was going to be revealed in the following Sunday service. The pastor, Dr. P. D. O'Brien, asked who had been sending the rose all these twenty years. From a rear pew, Nat stood up. "Why, Nat," the preacher asked. Nat said, "I just wanted to."

Associated Press ran the story and reporters all over the country contacted Nat. They loved the story and had fun talking to Nat. Paul Harvey used the story.

Nat carved totem poles. He made his first one in 1934 and eventually made twenty of them, some taking as long as three years to complete. They are found in several cities, Six Flags Amusement Park in Arlington and even as far away as Japan. Nat got hold of the first telephone pole in Big

Spring and used it to make a totem pole thirty feet high. It was placed in the Big Spring City Park with a Boy Scout ceremony in 1939. Nat kept it in good shape, going out every two years to repaint it and make any necessary repairs. It became a Big Spring landmark and residents were proud of it.

A few years ago, vandals chopped down the totem pole. Since Nat died in 1973, it had not had as much care as when he was alive. When the tall pole fell to the ground, it shattered because woodpeckers and termites had done their damage.

In the 60's, James Johnston was a teenager and used to go to the pole with Nat to help with the upkeep. When James, now living near Austin, learned about the vandalism, he got the pole, took it to his workshop and carefully restored it. It is in two pieces now, one about fifteen feet high and the other about half that. The poles are going on display at Big Spring's Heritage Museum on November first. Commemorative writing pens, made from the discarded cedar wood by District Judge Tim Yeats, will be for sale. Three other Nat Shick poles will also be on display.

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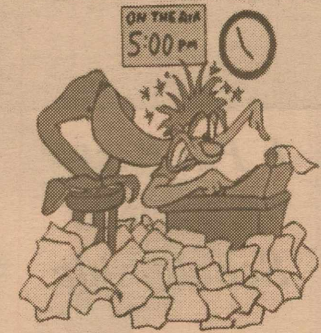
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## Thought for the Day

*The devil shapes himself to the fashions of all men. If he meets with a proud man, or a prodical man, then he makes himself a flatterer; if a covetous man, then he comes with a reward in his hand. He hath an apple for Eve, a grape for Noah, a change of raiment for Gehazi, a bag for Judas. He can dish out his meat for all palates; he hath a last to fit every shoe; he hath something to please all conditions.*  
-Will Jenkyn



# Memorial Scholarships

## ***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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015.

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.

## ***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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015.

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 Scholarship.

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015.

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.

## ***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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015.

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.

## ***John Harding Memorial Scholarship***

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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015.

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.

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.

