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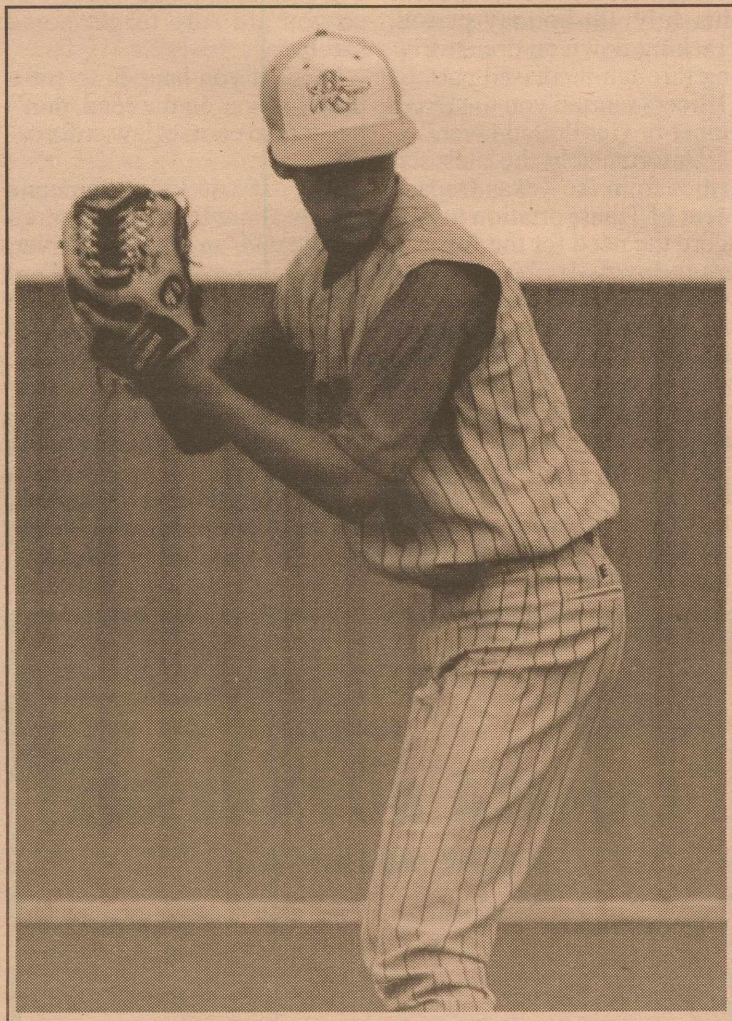
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## BC's Coor Hit as All-Star Coyote Finishes Up as Winner

Courtesy Lamesa Press Reporter  
By Dwight Hines

Mason Coor definitely was no stranger to making contact at the plate as a high school baseball hiter. This past spring Coor hit .431 en route to first-team all-



district honors, while helping Coach Bubba Edwards' Borden County Coyotes make it to the state high school baseball playoffs for the second time in the past three seasons.

Coor's final hit was last Saturday night in the Greater West Texas Baseball Coaches Association's All-Star Game at Frenship High School at Wolfforth. Coor ended up playing a role in Team Two's 2-1 GWT-BCA all-star victory over Team One.

Both of Team Two's runs came in the first inning where Team One's lone run came in the second inning.

"It was a lot of fun just getting the chance to play this game one more time. Baseball—one more time," Coor said.

Defensively, Coor started out this GWTBCA all-star game at second base, a position he has not played much his final two seasons in high school. He has spent most of his final two years playing short stop at Gail for the Coyotes.

"It felt good to be back (at second base), but I still like playing short stop better. That really doesn't matter to me since, either way, you're right

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## Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
Tumbleweed Smith

### Graduation Time

Every once in a while I'm asked to be the speaker at a high school graduation. I love doing that because I've seen some colorful and different events. The graduates are always in a good mood and make a terrific audience.

Borden County High School in Gail asked me to speak at a baccalaureate service, something I had never done before. Baccalaureate is defined as a sermon to a graduating class. The word sermon sort of scared me. Then I looked up that word. A sermon is defined as a religious discourse or a speech on conduct or duty. That made me breathe a little easier.

When I posted on my Facebook page that I was going to be speaking at a religious service, I received a note from someone telling me they could not make the baccalaureate service but wanted to know if I was going to be preaching the following Sunday.

I delivered the speech to the receptive fourteen graduates, their families and friends, who were there to let the youngsters know they are appreciated. The class of 2015 at Borden County High School has helped fill the already crowded trophy cases with awards in academics, the arts, athletics and agriculture. It was an honor to speak to such an ac-

complished class. The school campus is impressive.

I told the group to depend on divine guidance in some of their big decisions and to listen to the still small voices that come to us in strange times and places. I mentioned some of my own experiences in getting an education and heading out on life's journey.

Each graduate was given a large envelope containing my latest CD and a list of things that make for a successful life titled TUMBLEWEED'S RECIPE FOR HAPPINESS. Here are some of them: be a friend, help somebody, do what you love, don't be greedy, live in a place where you feel good, don't forget God, be thankful, whistle, smile, phone home, attend your high school reunions, make no small plans, ignore hassles and disappointments, listen, think, read, learn, be open to possibilities, concentrate on leaving a legacy of accomplishment, enjoy the view, learn another language, see as much of the world as you can, look at the big picture, meet as many people as you can, respect the rights and beliefs of others, take care of your teeth, don't interrupt, wave at children on school buses, keep your promises, guard your reputation, marry only for love,

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# A Guide to Surviving Family Reunion Season

By guest columnist Ellie Ross

The ol' family reunion. Summer months are prime time for this event.

Some people live for those hugs, that good eating, and stories of days gone by. The cynical would be just as happy if these gatherings were to go the way of the dinosaur, the flip phone, and encyclopedias.

Each of the two schools of thought has merit. Those who oppose the clan get-togethers (mostly those under the age of 25) think all the social media in place now does just fine in keeping relatives in touch. After all, 85-year-old Great-Grandmother Sally Mander not only has a Facebook account but keeps up with the Kardashians and Lawrence Welk alumni on Twitter. At

the other end of the spectrum is the four-year-old whose personal iPad allows him or her to FaceTime or Hangout with Papa who lives five states away.

Even though technology has facilitated family ties, there's still nothing quite like potato salad and barbecue served with Uncle Harry's longwinded tales. With just a little encouragement, you can not only attend this summer's reunion with a smile on your face but actually leave in anticipation of next summer's. Here are a few simple tips:

**1. Buy new clothes.** Going shopping makes most all of us feel better. If you can't shop big, just go to your lo-

cal Thriftstore. Just try not to go to a Thriftstore in the same town as any of your relatives as you don't want to show up wearing your aunt's favorite size 6 dress that she outgrew after a 30-pound weight gain. This could lead to a Hatfield-McCoy scenario, and it might get ugly.

**2. Insist that every member attending the reunion has to get a pedicure and has to clip nose/ear hair before they are allowed to come to the reunion.** For large families on a budget, discreetly send them either a gift certificate to a local nail salon or sandpaper with lotion (you can collect those little complimentary lo-

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## Coor Gets Hit in GWTBCA All-Star Game...

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in the middle of everything," Coor said.

Even the fact that this all-star game was called after the third inning due to last weekend's poor weather conditions did not put much of a spoiler on Coor's fun last Saturday at Frenship.

"It ended up getting pretty crazy up there the other night right after we left," Coor said.

Coor was one of the few athletes on his all-star team who grew up in a six-man high school. Ira's Zachary Goodwin and Kevin Sanders also played on Coor's all-star baseball team.

Other high schools represented on team Two's all-star squad were Idalou, Muleshoe, Booker, Floydada, Hawley, Littlefield, Tahoka, New Deal, Kermit and Shallowater.

After guiding Littlefield to its first state tournament appearance, the Wildcats' Mitch McNeese was Coor and Team Two's all-star coach.

"We ended up pitching only two of our guys the other night. They were both from Idalou and they both threw the ball pretty hard," Coor said of Idalou's Callen Johnson and Hayden Davie.

"Everybody wore their old (high school) uniforms the other night, which was pretty cool, too."

After sustaining his hip injury right at a month ago it's pretty cool to see this young man battle back like he has to go out in such fashion.

"We're just all tickled pink for him. No. 1 to come back from an injury like he did," BC's Coach Edwards said. "After coming back like he did there toward the end, we still had to be careful since we didn't want to re-injure anything."

"Going out there this one last time and then getting a hit on a big state which most guys at this level don't even get the chance to play on.

There's probably not a bigger stage to get your last hit on this level than what he did this weekend."

Edwards isn't surprised even in the very least to see Coor go out in such fashion.

"He's one of those kids who doesn't like losing. He's showed that a lot of times, too. He's just that competitive," Edwards said of Coor.

"But, I guarantee he's the kind of kid who's also going to make a hand in life. He already has."

This 2015 Borden County High School graduate will return to the classroom this fall at Texas Tech University at Lubbock, where he plans on majoring I mechanical engineering.


"If anybody else gets the chance to play in a game like this, we'd tell them to go ahead and do it just for the simple reason to just play this game one more time," Coor said.

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Heart and Home ...

by Julie Smith  
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## This Fourth of July, 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over'

The Fourth of July is one of America's favorite holidays. And, why not? Families and friends gather to celebrate our country with food, parades, parties, and fireworks.

But there is a very dark side to this great holiday. For many, the celebrations turn from festive to fatal when alcohol-impaired driving crashes occur because someone chose to drive after drinking. In 2013, *Forbes* magazine named the Independence Day holiday "the most dangerous holiday of the year."

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service *Watch UR BAC* program suggests that if you plan to celebrate with alcohol, you plan a safe ride home. Throughout the region, local police will be out in force this July 4th holiday period, cracking down on drunk driving through increased patrols. Officers remind you to "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over."

Unfortunately, the latest statistics from the Texas Department of Transportation underscore the need for the July 4th crackdown. In 2014, there were 1,041 fatalities in Texas involving drivers who were legally drunk at the time of the crash (having a blood alcohol concentration of .08 grams per deciliter or higher).

Fifteen alcohol-related deaths occurred in Texas during the 4th of July holiday period in 2014. Nighttime is particularly dangerous every day

of the year, and the July 4th holiday is no exception.

This Fourth of July holiday, you can show your patriotism by helping to make Texas roads safer for everyone. Remember, to *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*. It's as simple as that.

Law enforcement is not messing around this Independence Day: if you're caught driving drunk, you will be arrested. And keep in mind that aside from putting your life and the lives of others at risk, driving impaired can also lead to serious consequences.

Here are a few simple tips to avoid a drunk-driving disaster:

Plan a safe way home before the fun begins.

If you're impaired, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation so you are sure to get home safely.

If you happen to see a drunk driver on the road, don't hesitate to contact law enforcement.

If you know someone who is about to drive impaired or ride with an impaired driver, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to where they are going safely.

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Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's *Watch UR BAC* program is a free, statewide program to

promote alcohol awareness, the dangers of impaired driving, and friends watching out for friends.

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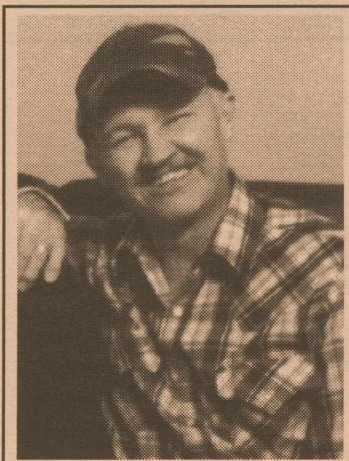
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## Obituary

**Bradley Ross Smith**  
1961 - 2015



Funeral services for Bradley Ross Smith, 53, of Iowa Park, Texas will be held on Thursday June 25, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at Branon Funeral Home Chapel in Lamesa, Texas with Ben Lauderdale officiating. Burial will follow in Gail Cemetery under the direction of Branon Funeral Home. Brad passed away on June 19, 2015 in Lubbock, Texas. Brad was born on November 23, 1961 to Jerry Ross and Dorothy (Lauderdale) Smith in Lamesa, Texas. Brad graduated from Borden County High School in 1980 and was a certified HVAC Technician. He was recently employed at Lubbock Cooper I.S.D. in the maintenance department and worked many years as a main-

tenance supervisor at Vernon Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Vernon, Texas. He previously worked for EcoLab and earned the Rookie of the Year award for the Oklahoma City Division.

He served as an assistant basketball coach with the Wichita Falls Girls Club. Brad was an avid outdoorsman. He loved animals, fishing, camping and hunting. Brad was multi-talented in mechanics, electrical, and construction and tried to always have a pleasant disposition. He was a member of the Church of Christ. Brad is survived by his mother Dorothy (Lauderdale) Smith of Vernon, Texas, brother, Clifton David Smith and wife Diane of Lubbock, Texas, sister, Lisa Smith Puckett of Vernon, Texas, Nieces; Meagan (Smith) Gilbert and Tiffany (Smith) Heatwole, Nephews; Barrett Thomas Smith, Ross Puckett and Reese Tate Puckett.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jerry Ross Smith, brother, Billy Pat Smith and his grandparents. The family suggests memorials to Wilbarger Humane Society 2801 Sullivan St. Vernon, TX 76384. To send condolences online, please visit [www.branonfuneralhome.com](http://www.branonfuneralhome.com)

## Tumbleweed...

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be community minded, be silly sometimes, don't be bashful, sing in the shower, be generous, don't gossip, don't expect money to make you happy, be forgiving, say thank you and please, dress nicely, stop blaming others, never give anyone a fruitcake, do nice things anonymously, vote, remember that peace, health and love are the real signs of success, be an example, be truthful and car-

ing, enjoy homemade cookies, take a nap, show up, laugh.

The graduating class of 2015 at Borden County High School in Gail, Texas is extremely talented and intelligent. Most of them are entering college as sophomores.

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## Family Reunion Season...

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tion bottles throughout the year to help with this).

**3. Self-medicate 30 minutes prior to arrival to the reunion.** Perform this step legally and prudently. Benadryl and green tea are safe options.

**4. Make bets ahead of time for how many times your kids will hear, "My, how you've grown!"** Kids will particularly enjoy this activity and be more willing to go up to those strange family members in order to solicit the catch phrase. (The winner of this activity gets twenty bucks).

**5. Make bets on how much food a certain person (chosen ahead of time) will eat.** For example, your dad might have three brothers-in-law, all of whom are known for their healthy appetites. Place bets and monitor the consumption of a certain food item—maybe hot rolls. (The winner of this activity will also get twenty bucks).

**6. Shake up the routine.** Rather than sit around and play dominoes or washers, suggest that the old people in the family (who have been married over forty years) play *The Newlywed Game*. If fights break out and the couple turn on each other—which you secretly want to happen—place bets on who will win.

**7. Turn on the television set.** This may seem counter-productive, but if done correctly, this can be a real crowd pleaser. Have a spit wad competition. First, put the TV on *The Weather Channel*. When the U.S. map pops up, contestants have to try and spit a wad through the straw to hit certain states. The smaller the state, the more points. Hitting Texas would not garner as many points as hitting Massachusetts. Those whose eyesight is not as keen could simply take people's bets and serve as

bookies (it's very important to make everyone feel included).

**8. Try some lip sync competition,** pairing up an older family member with one of the hip hop youngsters. Make Granny give it her best Beyoncé.

**9. Make a contest out of cleaning up.** Just tell the under-12 crowd that they will get to meet a famous Dallas Cowboy after they clean off the spit wads from the television set and pick up all the trash. When Dez Bryant doesn't show, just tell the kids that he couldn't

make it. They'll get over it.

**10. Finally, take a selfie.** Check with Guinness to see if you can't set a record for most Smiths or Ramirezes or McElroys in a photo. Send the selfie to "Ellen" and ask her to fund next year's family reunion.

Trying some or all of these suggestions might make this summer's reunion a little more enjoyable. Your family might even decide they want to meet more than once a year....but don't bet on that.

BORDEN COUNTY 4-H

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Congratulations to Borden County 4-H'er, Tres Spencer! He received the Top Hand Award at Howard College Goat Camp on Tuesday, June 16th in Big Spring. This award was sponsored by Jacoby Feeds and is given to the camper that volunteered the most and was most willing to help out in any way.

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## Commissioners Meeting

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COUNTY OF BORDEN

WHEREAS, on this the 9th day of June, 2015, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas the following members of the Court being present to-wit: ROSS D. 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; JANA UNDERWOOD, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agendas. Other officers present: Marlo Holbrooks, County Attorney; Benny Allison, Sheriff and Tax Assessor and Shawna Gass, County Treasurer.

### CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the June 9, 2015, regular session of the Commissioners Court to order at 8:40 A.M.

### MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting of May 26, 2015 were presented. Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve said minutes as presented. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### COUNTY OFFICER MONTHLY REPORTS

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve, accept and file submitted reports in the County Clerk's office with no report from County Agriculture Extension Agent and Government Trapper. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### COMMUNITY INPUT

Carrie Hart and R. D. Lewis, representatives of the Borden County Cemetery

Committee met with the court to discuss maintenance at the county cemetery.

### BORDEN COUNTY CEMETERY

Discussion was held on maintenance at the county cemetery

### 2015 COUNTY ROAD SEAL COAT PROGRAM

Judge Sharp gave an update on the seal coat program, discussion was held

### UTILITY CABLE CROSSINGS

No Applications

### PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve the following application from Shane Walker for base material for driveway only - one time application.

Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### SOIL CONSERVATION WORK

No Applications

### 2016 BUDGET

Discussion held on the 2016 budget.

### LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT 2014 AUDIT

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve Letter of Engagement from Don Stephens CPA to do outside audit. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

### CURRENT ACCOUNTS

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### ADJOURN

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

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 23RD DAY OF JUNE, 2015.

## Ladies Bible

### Study

Gail First  
Baptist Church

Starting

June 30th

6:30 - 7:30

Everyone welcome!

For more  
information, contact  
Cinty Herridge at  
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## Borden County Office

### Closings

The Borden County  
Courthouse and  
Annex Buildings  
will be closed  
Fri., July 3, 2015,  
in observance of  
Independence Day.  
The Borden County  
Landfill will be  
open on Saturday,  
July 4,  
8 am to 12 pm.

## Hunting and Fishing License

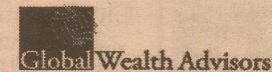
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