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## Borden County Heritage Day Slated for June 11th

By Lisa Mahler

It won't be long until the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Borden County. We may not have jittery buffalo on Highway 180 and a mile long parade such as people experienced at the 1976 celebration but there will be plenty of activities during the day for all ages.

A baseball game based on 1890 rules is scheduled for Friday night, June 10 in the Event Center arena. Popcorn, peanuts and lemonade will be the offering from the concession stand operated by the Borden County 4-H Club.

Saturday activities will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a blessing of the Quanah Parker arrow by Bruce Parker, great-grandson of Quanah. The arrow is located on the west end

of Gail.

Living historians from Fort Concho (San Angelo) will be on hand for visitors to view 1870 style uniforms, campsite and horsemanship skills. They are even bringing their cannons. Greg Bodin will portray a military Indian scout. The troops and scouts from Fort Concho were a significant part of Borden County's history in the 1870s. Military reports mention the Much-a-que (Mushaway) Valley and the Colorado River often.

Several head of longhorns from the official State of Texas herd will be present. Traylor Livery from Sonora will be bringing livestock, tack and tools that represent what our ancestors worked with and used as they settled and moved across the frontier. Kids will be able to participate in games that pioneer children would have played. Toni Bodin will be demonstrating rag rug creations and visitors will be able to try their hand at sewing on a treadle machine.

Visitors will be able to also see on Saturday the Cocklebur Camp of Sam Howell. Sam travels the country competing in chuck wagon cook offs. The event center will host art and craft booths. Local museums

will be available to discuss their county's significance in the settlement of the region. The Texas Plains Trail will be on hand to showcase the 52 county region and all the fun and educational activities available. The Borden County museum will be open and members of the historical commission will be on hand to answer questions about pioneer life. Several items will be for sale at the museum including t-shirts, brass ornaments, the 1976 history book and a special reprint of the 1976 cookbook.

The county's historic 1896 jail and Dorward Drug, both located on the courthouse square, will be open for viewing. The drugstore, established in 1901, is the oldest wooden business building in the town of Gail.

The event center will also be the location for historical presentations. Dallas Ward, a Texas Tech graduate student, will discuss the Lubbock Lake Landmark. This landmark is an archaeology and natural history preserve that contains evidence of occupation from almost 12,000 years ago. Tai Kreidler of the Southwest Col-

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## Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
Tumbleweed Smith

### Brian Found a Home in Sonora

Brian Rhodes takes care of the golf course in Sonora. He maintains the grass, watering system, the tractors, mowers and other machinery. He does a good job because the course is ranked as the 18<sup>th</sup> best course in the state. He does not play golf.

"I left the bay area of California 33 years ago," he says. "Just left everything and went for a walk. I went from coast to coast twice, back and forth. I ended up at this intersection and couldn't go anymore. So I stayed here. Got a job within two hours."

He got his job at the golf course after he saw two men trying to fix a golf cart. He told them he could fix it and did. He understands mechanical things. The golf course hired him to maintain it and he moved into some modest quarters on the premises.

"There was nothing here, just a shed. I camped out in there the first four months or so, then built a house next to it. I like building things. I like woodworking. I build rocking horses, furniture, all kinds of things."

A lawnmower used on fairways had been in a repair shop in San Antonio for more than a year. Brian arranged to get it back in Sonora and he got it running. Some time ago Brian worked for eight years repair-

ing power tools and table saws, then started building telescopes. One had a 24-inch mirror and was 12 feet tall.

"I took that telescope to national parks and monuments for years. I went to Yosemite, Grand Canyon, Death Valley, all over the place. I went to universities and schools, showing the stars to the public."

He joined a religious cult and started his walks across the country.

"I only ate what people gave me, what I asked for. I asked for beans, bread, peanut butter. I also asked for bed sheets that I cut up and sewed to make clothing. I went barefoot on my treks across the country. It hurt sometimes when I walked on the shoulders along the highway. The gravel is very big and grinds into your feet. That sojourn was something I just had to do. I just had to go find my way."

When he decided to give up that life, he got some regular clothing.

"I stopped in San Antonio at a garage sale and a woman was selling her husband's clothes. He had just died. I got some tennis shoes, a pair of pants and a shirt. She gave them to me."

From San Antonio he headed west with a new frame of mind.

"I wanted to be normal. I

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# Another History Lesson at Gail *Borden County Girls Chalk Up First-Ever Softball Win*

Courtesy of Lamesa Press Reporter  
By Dwight Hines

A couple of weeks ago, Borden County's boys re-wrote the history books in the Coyotes' athletic program by making their first-ever trip to the regional basketball tournament.

Now, the Coyote girls are making a little history of their own at Gail.

In their second go-around as a high school softball program, the Coyote softballers celebrated their first-ever victory on the diamond in that sport this past Monday night at Tahoka, where they held off the Bulldogs in a 23-21 slugfest.

Before this season it had been some nine years before the Coyote girls last played this game. Borden County also once fielded high school softball teams back in the 2006 and 2007 seasons.

"Back in our first season we played what they call an out-law schedule and we ended up going 0-10 that year. In their second season, they played in a softball district bask then but they also went 0-for that year," BC Coach Peter Benavidez said, while recalling the Coyotes' brief softball history.

"Back then, we had to play what we called our home games at Cates Field in Snyder. We've now got our own field this time. They built it back here when they put the new turf on our baseball field, so it's been up out here for a good five or six years without being used."

Bobby Avery, who coached the Coyotes to their first state six-man football championship back in 1997, was that school's first-ever head softball coach back in 2006. BC's current head softball coach, Benavidez, was also that school's second head coach back in 2007.

Outside of now having their own home field, the changes

do not stop there for the Coyotes' softballers.

"One of the biggest differences now is that it's being supported more out here. It's being pushed a lot more now, which has got to be one the biggest changes," Benavidez said. "Right now, we've got 24 girls out for softball."

"We're talking about a completely different atmosphere out here."

After celebrating their first-ever win in their short softball history on Monday night at Tahoka, the Gail girls were hoping to enjoy their first win streak on Tuesday against the Forsan Buffaloes.

But, it was the opportunistic Buffaloes who left Gail with that 18-2 victory.

"It's a strange game how things can snowball against you to where one mistake ends up leading to another until you can finally get the bleeding stopped," Benavidez said.

"But, we're also talking about the best team by far in our district. They've got quite a history in this game after going all the way to state last year."

"With that being said, we still feel like we can play ball with the rest of the people in our district."

From what Benavidez is seeing in the early going, he has every right to think like that.

"The last time we played we played it (softball) out here; only one of the girls had even played this game much before in a summer league. It was pretty much a first for all of those kids. So that season was pretty much the first time any of those kids had ever worn a glove before in their lives," Benavidez said. "This time nearly all of these girls had played in a summer league. It was pretty much a first for all of those kids. So that season

was pretty much the first time any of those kids had ever worn a glove before in their lives," Benavidez said. "This time nearly all of these girls had played in a summer league before somewhere, I guarantee that makes a big difference."

In their first game back in that sport on March 8 the Coyote girls just nearly won on opening day before coming up just short, 8-7, against Rotan.

"We had nine of our girls out that day for One-Act Play including six varsity girls, three of which are starters," Benavidez said.

The Coyote softballers ended up losing their second game last Saturday to Sundown, 15-6

"That was only a one-run game (4-3) going into the fifth inning," Benavidez said. "The wheels just fell off from there."

Monday's first-ever softball victory was big for a lot of reasons, according to Benavidez.

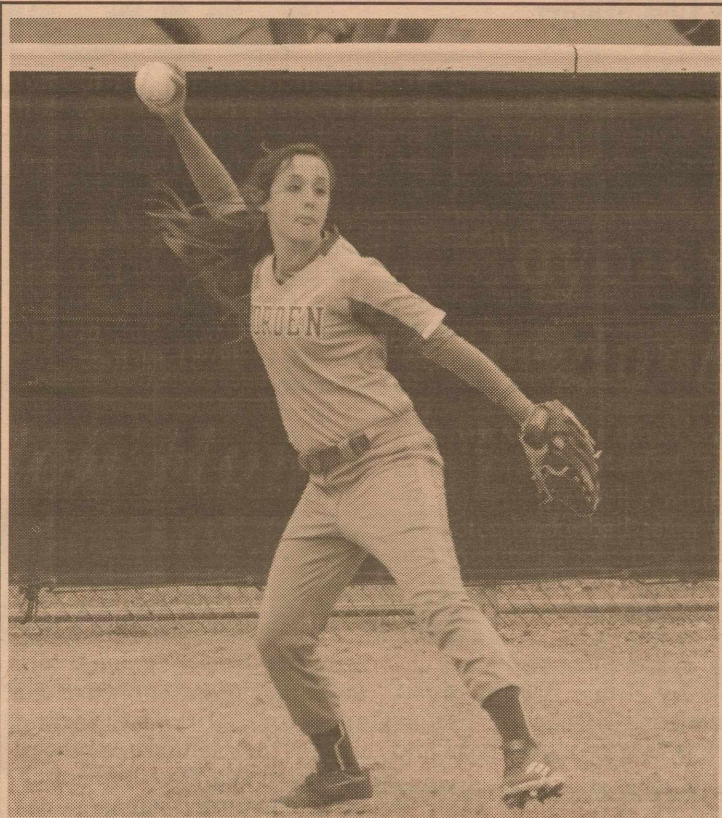
"They take the top four teams out of each district to the play-offs and right now we're pretty much in that driver's seat for that fourth spot," Benavidez said. "Tahoka's a 2A school which also makes this a huge win for our girls to get, plus also being at their place makes this win that much bigger."

Borden County's other softball league opponents are Sundown, Seagraves, Forsan, Ira and Westbrook.

BC sophomore Harley Merrill was the winning pitcher in the Coyotes' first-ever win on the high school softball diamond. After opening up on the mound, Merrill was relieved by Lexi Cheatham after a couple of innings before Merrill finished up on the mound that game.



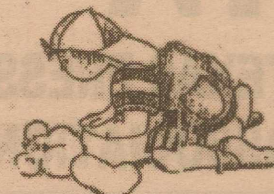
Freshman, Hayley Willborn runs to 3rd base in their game against Sundown.



Madi Cole throws the ball back into the infield after a Sundown hit.

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# Coyotes Trade Hardwoods for Diamond

By Coach Edwards

The Borden County boys left the hardwood and went straight to the diamond, and without much practice needed, found a way to win a couple of games.

The Coyotes hosted the Abilene Christian Panthers in a doubleheader (five inning games) during spring break. In the first game, the Coyotes trailed 3-0 going into the bottom half of the third inning. Ryan Willborn scored off a single by Trace Richey and later scored off a single by Korbin Martinez to cut the lead, 3-2.

The Panthers added a run in the fourth, but Borden scored two runs in the bottom half of the fourth to tie the game, 4-4.

Neither team scored in the fifth inning which led to extra innings in the shortened game. Abilene Christian was held scoreless in the top half of the sixth inning. In the bottom half, Willborn reached base on hit by pitch. He stole second

base, and he was knocked on a single by Richey to earn a 5-4 victory.

Richey pitched five innings striking out 10 batters. Kale Yarbrow recorded the victory.

In game two of the doubleheader, it was the Coyotes who jumped out to 3-0 first inning and never looked back.

Willborn started the inning with a double and scored on a single by Hunter Jones. Jones would later score on a single by Martinez. Martinez scored on a single by Steven Carrillo.

In the second inning, Richey scored on a single by Kale Yarbrow. Martinez later scored on a single from Carrillo.

The Panthers would score a run in the third inning and one in the fifth inning, but the Coyotes would record the 5-2 victory.

Hunter Jones was the winning pitcher striking out 11 batters.

The #24<sup>th</sup> ranked Coyotes are 2-0-1 on the season

# Ladies First-Ever Softball Win...

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"Back then, we really didn't have a pitcher one. Back then, we just wanted to get that ball over the plate and then anytime the umpire called it a strike it was like the gravy," Benavidez said. "Now, we've got three pitchers who've all three got pretty good stuff on the ball."

"That's another difference!"

Another plus for this year's Coyotes is a balanced hitting attack that once again was quite evident on Monday night Tahoka

"Every one of our kids put the bat on the ball, which helped keep advancing the runner," Benavidez said.

The Coyote softballers will return to the diamond on March 26 when they will host Seagraves at Gail.

"They'll be another good test. It sounds like they've always been pretty decent in the past in this game," Benavidez said. "Tahoka beat them in a dogfight something like 23-21, the same score which we beat them (the Bulldogs) by, so we'll see."

# Volunteers Requested for Borden County Track Meet

2016 Borden County Track is excited to announce that they will once again host the Borden County Invitational Track Meet. This meet will take place March 31<sup>st</sup> beginning at 3:30 on that Thursday afternoon.

The Borden County Coaching staff is asking, begging and pleading for anyone willing to help us run off a quality track meet. We will need all the help we can get, from running off a field event to raking, measuring, shagging the shot or disc, to timing and picking the races.

If anyone is interested in helping with the 2016 Borden County Invitational, please contact Trey Richey (806)759-3335 (call or text) or e-mail [trichey@bcisd.net](mailto:trichey@bcisd.net) and let us know what you would be willing to help with. I would like to thank you all for the help you have provided in the past, without your help this meet would not be possible. Thank you for your time and consideration.

## STAAR TESTING SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF MARCH 28 - APRIL 1

Monday	March 28	NO SCHOOL!
Tuesday	March 29	Grade 4 STAAR Writing Grade 7 STAAR Writing Grade 5 STAAR Math Grade 8 STAAR Math STAAR English I EOC Writing-Freshman
Wednesday	March 30	Grade 5 STAAR Reading Grade 8 STAAR Reading
Thursday	March 31	STAAR English II EOC-Sophomores

Directions will be read at 8:10 a.m. so don't be late!

As you can see we start testing on Tuesday after being off Monday so be ready Coyotes: Call or email if you have any questions!

Sincerely,  
Tracye Spencer

Testing Coordinator/Academic Counselor  
[tspencer@bcisd.net](mailto:tspencer@bcisd.net)

# School Lunch Menu

Mar. 28 - Apr. 1, 2016

Menu subject to change

**Monday** - NO SCHOOL!

**Tuesday** - Breakfast: Breakfast Bread & Yogurt, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Grilled Cheese & Soup, Tomato Cup w/ Ranch, Salad, Pears, Lime Sherbet Cup and Milk.

**Wednesday** - Breakfast: Sausage Biscuit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Salisbury Steak w/Brown Gravy & Buscuit, Roasted Potatoes, Salad, Fruity Gelatin and Milk.

**Thursday**-Breakfast: Egg & Cheese Sandwich, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pizza, Baby Carrots w/Ranch, Broccoli Salad, Fresh Grapes, Cookie and Milk.

**Friday**-Breakfast: Stuffed Bagel, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Broccoli, Apple-Pineapple D'Lite and Milk.

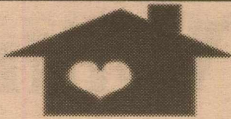
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Heart and Home...



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## Pressure Cooking-Meals in Minutes

In this fast-paced world we are constantly trying to find ways to save time in the kitchen and still prevent growing waistlines. The pressure cooker is the answer to our cry for 'help' by making it possible to create nutritious flavor-packed meals in minutes. Pressure cooking can save you time and money while producing foods that are ultra tender, low in fat, and full of flavor. Although pressure cooker have been around for a long time, they are the perfect tool for any modern kitchen. Learning to use a pressure cooker can help you to "have it all" when it comes to cooking quick, delicious, healthy meals.

### Equipment

There are many types of pressure cookers on the market today. Choosing the right one for you and your family will be determined by your budget, the amount of food you would like to make at a time, and your storage space.

There are two main types of pressure cookers; stovetop cookers and electric cookers. You can plug in the electric cookers, set the pressure and the time and leave the rest to the machine. It will automatically regulate the pressure for the set amount of time and then decrease the pressure on its own. Stovetop pressure cookers take a bit more attention, but also cost much less money. With these cookers you have to manually control the amount of pressure built up and keep a close watch on the time. Stovetop or electric, the most important thing is to read through the user manual of your specific pressure cooker since they each may work a little differently.

To properly store a pressure cooker the lid should be inverted on the pressure cooker body with the sealing ring out of the groove. The sealing ring should be removed and rinsed after each use. Allow the sealing ring to air dry before plac-

ing back in the lid. Storing the cooker with the lid locked on (incorrectly) may cause unpleasant odors and may deform the sealing ring. Check your specific owner's manual for any other storing instructions unique to your cooker.

### Tips for safe and successful pressure cooking:

When you think of pressure cooking, you may envision exploding pots of stew that ended up on the ceiling of your grandma's kitchen. You will be happy to know that today this accident is non-existent due to safety features included on each pressure cooker. With these added safety features and a few general safety tips you will be on your way to delicious foolproof cooking.

Never overfill the pressure cooker. The pressure cooker releases excess pressure automatically to keep the pressure constant inside. If the cooker is too full these parts cannot function properly.

Never fill the pressure cooker more than 2/3 full (for most foods). When cooking foods that expand significantly like rice, beans (dried vegetables), grains, and soups do not fill the cooker more than 1/2 full and follow the recommended instructions for cooking these items in your specific owner's manual.

Some food foams, froth, and sputter so much that they should be cooked with caution or not at all in the pressure cooker. These foods include things such as applesauce, cranberries, rhubarb, split peas, pearl barley, oatmeal or other cereal, noodles, macaroni, or spaghetti. If you want to cook these types of foods, use a recipe designed for a pressure cooker and follow specific instructions to safely cook these foods.

Replace the sealing ring and overpressure plug. Replace the overpressure plug if it becomes hard or when replacing the sealing ring. Replace the

sealing ring if it becomes hard or soft and sticky. If water is dripping down the sides of the cooker and it is not coming up to pressure, this is a good indication you may need to replace the sealing ring.

Always look through the vent pipe before closing the cooker to make sure it is clear. Make sure no food or particles are stuck inside it. If the vent pipe is blocked, it cannot function as it should and thus cannot relieve excess pressure. This may cause pressure to build to unsafe levels.

Keep an eye on the pressure regulator. When the pressure has built up, it will start rocking. Then turn down the heat. If you keep the heat on high the pressure will continue to build. The goal is to maintain high pressure with as little heat as needed.

Read the instructions that came with the model of pressure cooker you are using and be sure you know the proper way to operate your specific model. If you bought the cooker used or no longer have the instruction manual, check online. You most likely will be able to find it there.

Make sure pressure is released before opening the lid. (As a safety feature most modern pressure cookers will be automatically locked until pressure is low enough to safely remove the lid). You can reduce pressure by letting the pressure cooker sit (natural release), with the manual release system or by running cool water over the pressure cooker (quick release.) Pressure cooker recipes usually state which way to release pressure for that particular recipe. Be sure to follow the instructions specified by the recipe to get perfectly cooked food.

Always use cooking liquid. If an empty pressure cooker is left on a hot burner or if a cooker boils dry and is

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BORDEN COUNTY 4-H



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## Archery

Practices will be held on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. at the Archery Range (South of the Event Center). For more information about the archery project, contact Brent and Shela Tucker.

## Trap & Skeet

Practices will be held on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact Ed and Tina Walker.

## Livestock & Wool Judging

If you have not already signed up (at the 4-H meeting) for either or both judging event, please let Cody know if you are interested. The first practice is anticipated to take place after Easter.

## Photography

Please be taking photos! For details about the Photography contest, please contact the Extension Office. **The deadline for county entries will be 5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 31st!**

## Save the Dates!

"We will have the Adopt a Highway Clean up on Saturday, April 9 from 8:30-10:00 a.m. – this will be part of the Don't Mess with Texas Trash Off Day across the state.

"General 4-H Meeting – Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. (this will be our last general meeting of the 4-H year and we will be electing officers at this meeting)

## 4-H Remind Text System

We are working hard to consistently use the Remind text system to notify everyone about upcoming activities, meeting, etc. Please take a moment and text @borden4 to 81010 to receive these texts. We will also continue with posting on Facebook ([Borden County Extension and 4-H](#)), as well as sending a weekly email update.

# Borden County Heritage Day June 11th...

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lection at Texas Tech will speak about the Comanches that roamed our area for hundreds of years. Shirley Bennett and Lisa Mahler will discuss the early court cases that involve people, ranches and businesses. Then there will be a panel of storytellers from the county to tell tales about citizens, places and events.

Topping off the celebration will be a dance at the event center featuring Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. Entry into

the dance will be \$10 per person, \$15 per couple and children under 12 are free. The dance is non-smoking and non-alcoholic.

Sponsorships for this event are still available. Platinum (\$1000), Diamond (\$750), Gold (\$500), Silver (\$250), Bronze (\$100). Send checks to BCHC, c/o Borden County Treasurer, PO Box 71, Gail TX 79738.

Come join the fun on Friday night, June 10 and all day Saturday, June 11.



The Star on Gail Mountain  
will be lit from  
March 25th through March 27th  
in honor of Easter.

We wish you a  
blessed holiday weekend.

*The Lights for Gail Committee*

*Happy  
Easter*

## Pre-School Day Set for Mar. 25th

Pre-School Day will be Friday, March 25th. If your child will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2016, he/she is invited to visit the kindergarten class on this day.

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

**WE WILL BE HAVING AN EARLY DISMISSAL AT 12:30 ON PRE-SCHOOL DAY.** Pre-School students will attend school from 8:05 - 12:30. The school will provide lunch. If your child would like to ride the bus, please contact the bus driver in your area.

Please note that if you do not reside within the district, you will need to call

for prior approval in order for your child to attend on this day.

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



## BORDEN COUNTY HERITAGE DAY

~~~Need Volunteers~~~  
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Contact Lisa at  
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didn't want to go on any more. I had no desire to move another inch. I got to that intersection of the Interstate and Highway 377 and settled down."

Brian has a pet goose named Goose. He says they have bonded for life. Golf balls on the Sonora course are yellow with black stripes. Birds

pecked at the white ones. Once Goose thought the white balls were eggs and she put them in her nest.

Tumbleweed enjoys hearing good stories and sharing them with readers of his column. Contact him at [ts@tumbleweedsmith.com](mailto:ts@tumbleweedsmith.com).

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**Booster Club's Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

Friday, March 25, 2016  
11:00am  
Pavilion at the School

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The Easter Bunny will be making an appearance as well as refreshments following the hunt.

## Commissioners Court

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BORDEN  
WHEREAS, on this the 8th day of March, 2016, 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; BRANDE BUCHANAN, DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO OF THE COMMISSNERS COURT constituting a quorum, when the following business and other proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda:

Other officers present: Marlo Holbrooks, County Attorney; and Shawna Gass, County Treasurer. Jana Underwood, County Clerk, was out due to court.

### CALL TO ORDER

Judge Sharp called the March 8, 2016, regular session of the Commissioners Court to order at 8:35 A.M.

### APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of February 23, 2016 as presented. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

### COUNTY OFFICER MONTHLY REPORTS

Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve officer reports as presented Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Trappers report was not submitted.

Motion carried.

### AIRMEDCARE RENEWAL

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve AirMedCare Renewal. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

### INDIGENT CASE

No Application

### INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Commissioner Belew made

a motion to approve Interlocal Agreement with Borden County Volunteer Fire Department. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

### UTILITY CABLE/ PIPELINE CROSSINGS

No Applications

### PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

No Applications

### SOIL CONSERVATION WORK

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to approve an application for soil conservation for Bobby Joe Furlow. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

### COUNTY ROAD MAINTENANCE SYSTEMS

Discussion was held no action taken

### COMMUNITY INPUT

None

### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Backup Generator

Weed Control

### CURRENT ACCOUNTS

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

Motion carried.

### ADJOURN

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

Motion carried.

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# USDA Seeks Applications for Loans and Grants to Help Grow Rural Businesses and Spur Economic Development

WASHINGTON, March 22, 2016 – Rural Business Cooperative-Service Administrator Sam Ridders today announced that USDA is seeking applications for loans and grants to help support the start-up or expansion of rural businesses.

"Our small, rural businesses need financing to compete in the global economy," Ridders said. "With this announcement, USDA is demonstrating its continued commitment to investing in small towns and rural communities. These loans and grants will spur entrepreneurship, create jobs and improve the quality of life in rural America."

The funding is being provided through the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) program. Under this program, USDA provides zero-interest loans and grants to local utilities, which use the funding to create revolving funds for projects that will create or retain jobs in rural areas.

USDA is making \$37 million in loans and \$11 million in grants available. A recipient may receive a loan of up to \$1 million, or a grant of up to \$300,000.

Since 2009, USDA has invested more than \$330 million in loans and grants through the REDLG program.

In 2015, Aiken Technical College in Graniteville, S.C., received a \$1 million loan to build a facility to provide training in advanced manufacturing. The 35,000-square-foot facility, called the Center for Energy and Advanced Manufacturing, or CEAM, will help the college's students graduate with degrees in technically advanced fields of study.

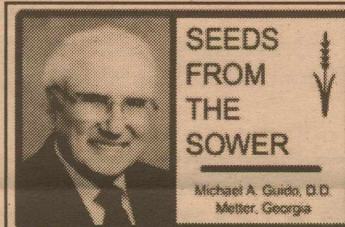
The REDLG program has also been successful in StrikeForce counties. The StrikeForce for Rural Growth and Opportunity Initiative is part of the Obama Administration's commitment

to address persistent poverty across America. As areas of persistent poverty are identified, USDA staff work with state, local and community officials to increase awareness of USDA programs and help build program participation through intensive community outreach and technical assistance. In 2015, the South Mississippi Electric Power Association used part of a \$2 million REDLG loan to help the city of Greenwood buy and renovate a building for the Milwaukee Tools company. Once completed, this project is expected to create more than 100 jobs in Lenore County, a designated StrikeForce area.

For information on how to apply for REDLG loans or grants, contact your Rural Development state office or see page 14415 of the March 17 Federal Register. The first round of applications is due March 31, 2016, and the sec-

ond round of applications is due June 30, 2016.

President Obama's historic investments in rural America have made our rural communities stronger. Under his leadership, these investments in housing, community facilities, businesses and infrastructure have empowered rural America to continue leading the way – strengthening America's economy, small towns and rural communities.



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

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

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

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

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## Thought for the Day

*The trial may not go away tomorrow, but neither will the strength that God has promised to give you.*

*The pain may not diminish, but neither will His grace.*

*...for the LORD your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. -Deuteronomy 31:6*

# Coyotes' Foot Speed Back on Display

## Sands Mustangs' Relays Results

Courtesy of Lamesa Press Reporter  
By Dwight Hines

The same foot speed that helped make the Borden County Coyotes so tough to catch last fall on the six-man football field and then again this winter on the high school hardwoods once again was on display in the Sands Mustangs' relays held on March 10th at Ackerly.

The Coyote boys ended up winning all three relay races at Ackerly.

They won the 400-Meter relay with a time of 45.67 with the team of Corbin Sumners, Hunter Jones, Jayton Lewis and Ryan Willborn.

They won the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:36.58 with the team of Nick Proulx, Hunter Jones, Jayton Lewis and Corbin Sumners.

They also won the 1,600-meter relay with a time of 3:47.22 with the team of Jayton Lewis, Korbin Martinez, Ben Justice and Ryan Willborn.

Other gold medal winners for the Coyote boys at Sands were Korbin Martinez in both the 800 with a time of 2:16.37 and 300-meter hurdles in 44.54.

In the 100-meter dash, Peyton Merket came in 4th with a time of 12.21 while Steven Carrillo placed 5th with a time of 12.32.

Nick Proulx ran a 24.88 in the 200-meter dash placing 4th.

Ryan Wilborn ran a 54.56 in the 400-meter to place 2nd while Peyton Merket ran a 56.59 to place 3rd.

Running the 1,600-meter for the Coyotes were Morgan Wilson placing 3rd with a time of 5:37.33 and Dylan Murphy coming in at 6th with a time of 5:45.41.

Dylan Murphy and Morgan Wilson competed in the 3,200-meter placing 5th and 6th with running times of 12:42.00 and 13:19.00.

In the 300-meter hurdles, Korbin Martinez ran a quick time of 44.54 for 1st place.

Placing 4th in the Long Jump, Ryan Willborn jumped a 17'7.5".

Three Coyotes competed

throwing the Shot including Diego Bernal coming in 2nd with a put of 39'10.5", Steven Carrillo placing 3rd with 39'.0 and Braxton Barnes placing 6th with a put of 36'.5".

In the Discus competition, Braxton Barnes placed 5th with a throw of 109'4".

In the varsity girls division, Emma Key and Katie Gray competed in the 800-meter with Key coming in 3rd with a time of 2:48.72 and Gray coming in 4th with a time of 2:53.68.

Zoie Key and Carly Bell placed 1st and 2nd in the 1,600-meter with times of 6:29.06 and 7:06.99. Zoie also competed in the 3,200-meter running a time of 14:35.57 placing 1st.

Tatum Richey placed 1st in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 17.49. She also placed 3rd in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 55.98.

The Lady Coyotes took 3rd place in the 400-meter relay with a time of 55.04 with the team of Tatum Richey, Rayme Jones, Preslea Hall and Karly Etheredge.

They placed 2nd in the 800-meter relay running a time of 1:56.83 with a team of Preslea Hall, Emma Key, Rayme Jones and Karly Etheredge.

In the 1,600-meter relay, the girls placed 2nd with a final time of 4:38.37 with team members Preslea Hall, Rayme Jones, Katie Gray and Emma Key.

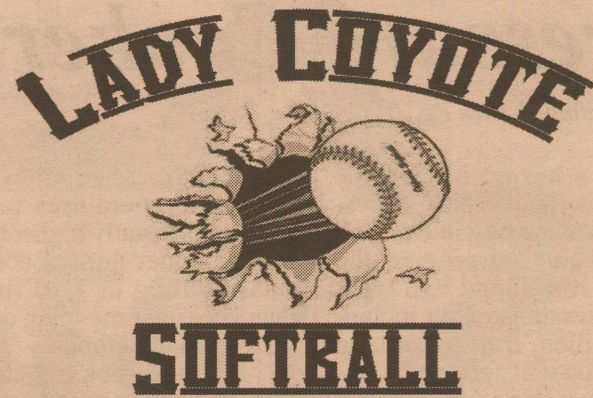
Competing in the Discus was Emma Key throwing a 72'10 1/2 for 4th place and Lexi Cheatham throwing 71.4 for 6th place.

In the boys' JV division, Brian Torres and Kale Yarbro both ran in the 100-meter with times of 12.42 and 13.24 for 1st and 2nd places.

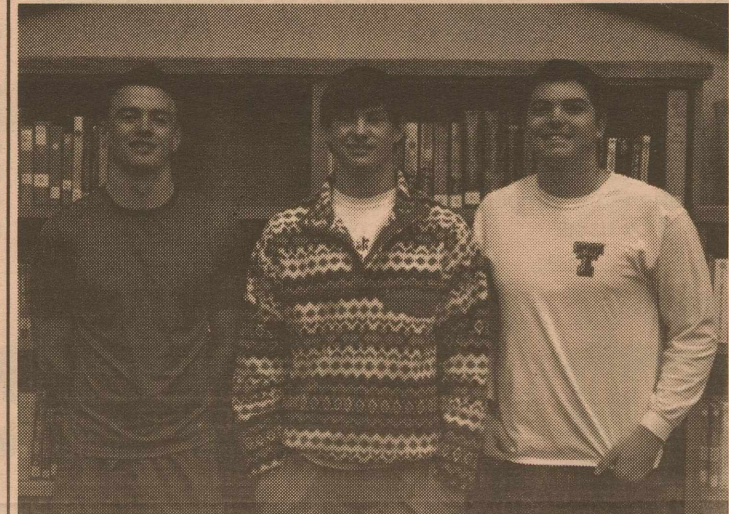
In the 200-meter dash Noah Morales placed 1st with a time of 26.34 and Brian Torres in 2nd place with a time of 26.53. Morales also ran the 400-meter placing 1st with a time of 58.46.

Easton Edwards ran the 800-meter coming in 1st with a time of 2:30.00.

Jeremy Souder placed 1st in the 1,600-meter and placed 2nd in the 3200-meter running a cool 14:18.00.



## Basketball Honors



Receiving basketballs' All-Region Honors are (left to right) Korbin Martinez, Hunter Jones and Trace Richey. Jones and Richey also received All-State honors.

## Coyotes Among All-Region/All-State List

By Coach Edwards

The Borden County Coyotes basketball team was the first team in school history to play in the regional basketball tournament. Also, a first, all ten members on the team earned a spot on the First Team All-District list. Those team members include: Korbin Martinez, Corbin Sumners, Hunter Jones, Diego Bernal, Morgan Wilson, Easton Edwards, Trace Richey, Nick Proulx, Braxton Barnes, and Ben Justice. With awards like these, usually come other prestigious awards.

The Texas Sixman Coaches Association recognized several Coyote members with more post season awards. Senior, Korbin Martinez, was named 2nd Team All Region. Hunter Jones, a junior, and Trace Richey, a sophomore, were

named 1st Team All Region. Taking it one step farther, Richey was named as a First Team All State member.

Richey and Jones were also recognized by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. Trace, also a first time for Borden County boys, was named to the TABC All State Team. Both Hunter and Trace were named to the TABC All Region Team.

"These are awesome honors for these young men," Coach Edwards exclaimed. "It goes to show you the respect that other coaches across the state have for our team. It really is an honor to coach such a great group of guys."

The Coyotes finished the season with a record of 22-5 and finished in the top 20 of the TABC polls.

## All-Region Honors



Preslea Hall (left) and Tatum Richey were recently named to the Texas Sixman Coaches Association All-Region Basketball honor list.

# Pressure Cooker: Meals in Minutes

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left on a heated burner, the cooker will overheat excessively causing possible discoloration and warping of the cooker. Any liquid will work in the pressure cooker including bouillon, fruit juices, and water. You will need much less liquid than in a regular recipe, but you must have some type of liquid so the cooker can build up steam.

*Benefits of Pressure Cooking:*

The ability of a pressure cooker to cook food quickly lends itself to many benefits including:

- High temperature steam intensifies the flavors so less seasoning (salt, pepper, etc...) needs to be used.

- High pressure allow for cooking temperatures to be raised significantly higher than possible under normal conditions resulting in 3-10 times faster cooking times than other conventional methods.

- Pressure cooking retains more valuable nutrients than other cooking methods. The reason is that foods cook quickly in an almost airless environment with very little liquid so vitamins, minerals, and other nutrients are not boiled away.

- Pressure cooking is virtually fat-free. The steam cooks the food so no added fats need to be used. Using the cooking rack to keep foods out of the cooking liquid allows fats in

foods to be drained away during cooking.

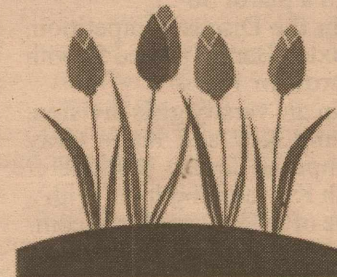
It is an energy efficient method of cooking. You can cook an entire meal in one pot resulting in less pots and pans to heat up or clean! You can also save energy from significantly shorter cooking times resulting in less power used to heat the stove and cool down the house after meal preparation in the summer time.

*Best Foods to Pressure Cook:*

Since the pressure cooker cooks foods at such a high temperature, things that are naturally tougher or take a long time to cook with other methods tend to do well cooked under pressure. Examples of

perfect pressure cooker foods include, but are not limited to chicken thighs, pork chops, rump roast, brown rice, bulgur, dried beans, or vegetables such as beets, carrots, potatoes, or winter squash.

Source: Utah State University Extension Food Sense E-Newsletter

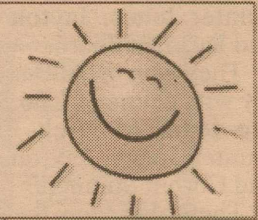


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-Borden County Commissioners



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| Sunday                             | Monday                                                                              | Tuesday                                                                                                                        | Wednesday                           | Thursday                                                                                                                        | Friday                                              | Saturday                                                                         |
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|                                    |                                                                                     | 1<br>Boys BB Regional Quarter Final vs. Buena Vista @ Hobbs, NM-7:30                                                           | 2                                   | 3<br>BC Baseball Tourney<br><br>Cougar JH Relays @ Klondike                                                                     | 4<br>Cougar HS Relays @ Klondike                    | 5<br>BC Baseball Tourney UIL Meet @ Plains<br><br>FFA Officer Workshop @ Lubbock |
| 6                                  | 7<br>OAP Practice-6:00<br><br>HS Golf @ Big Spring<br><br>Sands JH Relays @ Ackerly | 8<br>OAP Festival @ Ropes<br><br>Baseball @ Big Spring-5:00 (DH)<br><br>Softball @ Rotan -- 4:00                               | 9                                   | 10<br>Sands HS Relays @ Ackerly                                                                                                 | 11<br>Progress Reports<br><br>Early Release @ 12:30 | 12<br>Softball vs. Sundown -11:00                                                |
| 13<br>Daylight Savings Time Begins | 14<br>Softball @ Tahoka - 5:00                                                      | 15<br>Softball vs. Forsan -- 5:00                                                                                              | 16                                  | 17<br>Baseball vs. ACHS-11:00<br><br>HS Track @ Garden City                                                                     | 18                                                  | 19                                                                               |
| SPRING REAK                        |                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                |                                     |                                                                                                                                 |                                                     |                                                                                  |
| 20                                 | 21<br>Baseball vs. Big Spring-4:00<br><br>HS Golf @ Lamesa<br><br>OAP Practice-6:00 | 22<br>JH Relays @ Blackwell                                                                                                    | 23<br>STAAR Staff Training          | 24<br>STAAR Staff Training<br><br>District OAP @ Westbrook<br><br>HS Relays @ Blackwell<br><br>FFA Judging Contest @ Sweetwater | 25<br>Early Release @ 12:30<br><br>Pre-School Day   | 26<br>Softball vs. Seagraves -- 11:00                                            |
| 27<br><br><i>Happy Easter</i>      | 28<br>Holiday                                                                       | 29<br>STAAR Writing grades 4,7<br><br>STAAR Math Test Grades 5,8<br><br>STAAR EOC-English I<br><br>Baseball vs. Hermleigh-5:00 | 30<br>STAAR Reading Test Grades 5,8 | 31<br>STAAR EOC-English II<br><br>Coyote JH/HS Relays                                                                           |                                                     |                                                                                  |