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## BC Girls 2013 1A Division II Track and Field State Champs!

Courtesy Lamesa Press Reporter  
By Dwight Hines

By splitting up Class 1A track into two divisions this spring helped open the door for many of the smaller six-man high school athletes.

Area athletes cashed in on Friday at the UIL's State Track & Field Championships held at Mike A. Myers Stadium on the campus of The University of Texas at Austin.

By winning the 800-meter relay and getting second in the 1,600 meter relay, Borden County's track girls were crowned as the Class 1A Division II state champs late Friday night in the state capitol city.

"It's been a good day—really a great day," Borden County Coach Trey Richey said. "It's really not the number of points we were hoping for, but really all that matters is that you've got more than the guy standing next to you."

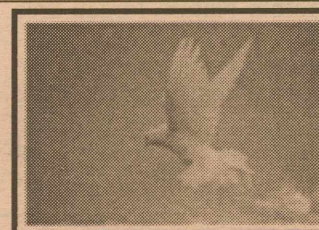
With their 44 points on Friday night, Borden County's girls won that state crown by a slim two-point margin. Calvert ran a close second with its 42 points.

Members of Borden County's winning 800-meter relay team, which ran a 1:50.21, were Teryn Soto, Taylor Gass, Kalyn Massingill and Hanna Forbes.

The Coyote track girls also won state silver in the 1,600-meter relay with a time of 4:14.06 with the team of

Massingill, Basquez, Forbes and Gass.

Forbes also won state silver.  
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### Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

### Competition

Is competition good or bad? Are you in competition with other people? Is it OK to do whatever it takes to win? Is

winning of paramount importance? How are winners determined? Understanding the answers to these questions is essential to having a satisfying life.

Competition can be either good or bad, depending on the situation. In sports, competition between teams is good. Within each team, cooperation between the players is essential for peak performance. Competition among businesses creates innovation that benefits consumers. However, a company whose employees are just out for themselves will falter.

Competition on an individual basis is great, when appropriate. On a personal level, you seek to be the best you can be. In an educational environment, each student can strive for an "A" without having a negative impact on anyone else. In a business, each employee can endeavor to do the best possible job and everyone benefits.

Healthy competition compels self-improvement. A competitive environment fosters innovation. Competition motivates people to excel, pushing them beyond self-imposed limitations. Competition provides an incentive to work



The Borden County girls track team returned home from Austin this weekend as the 1A Division II Track State Champions. The girls won the meet with 44 points with Calvert holding 42 points. Pictured above are coaches and members of the team. They are (left to right) Coach Trey Richey, Cheyenne Tucker, Tatum Richey, Kalyn Massingill, Teryn Soto, Hanna Forbes, Taylor Gass, Tye Basquez, Karly Etheredge and Coach Michael Skelton.

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# Medal Mania as Borden County Athletes Capture Array of Awards at State Track Meet

Courtesy of Lamesa Press Reporter  
By Dwight Hines

Borden County has racked up three state titles in football. Now they have one in girls' track.

After winning the 800-meter relay and placing second in both the 1,600-meter relay and 300-meter hurdles, Borden County's girls captured the class 1A Division II team title late Friday night at the Texas State Track and Field Meet in Austin.

"It was a day of highs and lows, but ultimately at the end of the day it was a big time high," Borden Coach Trey Richey said after the rain-de-

layed meet finished about midnight Friday.

Borden County's girls piled up 44 points, finishing just two points ahead of Calvert.

"We're just really proud of how these young ladies competed," Richey said. "We're taped up, beat up, but that didn't keep these girls from still stepping up."

Mother Nature forced area athletes into playing the waiting game n Friday, delaying the start of the field events by more than an hour Friday morning and then causing another long pause I the middle of the run-

ning events that evening.

But good things came for the area athletes despite the wait.

### Coyotes win gold in 800 relay

Lightning delayed the 800-meter relay by nearly three hours Friday night, but that did not stop the Coyote girls from living up to their top billing in that event.

The Coyote girls were crowned the state champs in that race after turning in a time of 1:50.21 with the team of Teryn Soto, Taylor Gass, Kalyn Massingill and Hanna

Forbes.

Roby finished second in that race with a time of 1:50.54.

"All four girls ran solid legs," Richey said.

The Coyotes had that fastest qualifying time going into the state meet, having turned in a time of 1:50.20 at the regional contest two weeks ago at South Plains College in Levelland.

### 1600 meter relay wins silver

About midnight Friday, Borden County's girls secured their state team title with a second-place finish in the final event of the night, the 1600-meter relay.

That foursome consisted of Kalyn Massingill, Tye Basquez, Hanna Forbes and Taylor Gass.

They turned in a time of 4:14.06, only .12 of a second behind the winning time of 4:13.94 turned in by a team from Happy.

### Forbes takes silver in hurdles

Borden County's Forbes is making the trip back from Austin with three state medals around her neck.

In addition to running legs

on both the 800 and 1600-meter relay teams, Forbes placed second in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 47.31.

Forbes had the top time going into the competition but finished .07 of a second behind Kaney Rhodes of Crowell.

"Hanna has been fighting a hamstring all year in those 300 meter hurdles," Coach Richey Said.

### Richey wins two silvers

Borden County senior Tanner Richey captured silver medals in both hurdle races on Friday at the state track meet.

Tanner, Coach Richey's son, was second only to Throckmorton's Gary Fauquhar in both the 110-meter hurdles and the 300-meter hurdles on Friday.

Tanner turned in a time of 15.36 in the 110-meter hurdles. Fauquhar won that race with a time of 14.31.

It was the same order of finish in the 300-meter hurdles, with Tanner running a 41.20 to finish behind Farquhar's winning time of 38.78

Tanner had placed seventh in the 110-meter high hurdles last year in Austin.

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## State Medalists



Borden County tracksters show off their hardware after medaling at the state track meet held in Austin this past Friday and Saturday. Pictured are (back row l to r) Coach Trey Richey, Matt Proulx, Korbin Martinez, Matt Roberson, Tanner Richey, Jared Smith, Coach Skelton, Matt Ham, T.J. Basquez, (front row l to r) Cheyenne Tucker, Tatum Richey, Kalyn Massingill, Teryn Soto, Hanna Forbes, Taylor Gass, Tye Basquez and Karly Etheredge.



Borden County's Sprint relay member, Cheyenne Tucker sprints out of the blocks during the state track meet. The team placed 7th in the meet.

# Borden County Fall to Track Girls Bring Home Trophy...

By Coach Edwards

The Borden Coyotes battled Forsan for 10 innings last Saturday, but fell just short in a 6-5 loss at Clyde.

The top three batters for Forsan scored five runs in the first two innings to take a quick advantage. The Coyotes fought back in the sixth inning scoring four runs closing the gap, 5-4. Four straight singles by T.J. Basquez, Tristen Benavidez, Jared Smith and Mason Coor pushed one run across. Kurt Shafer's single, Stephen Howard's bases loaded walk and Tanner Richey's fielder choice scored the other three runs.

Borden County tied the game in the top half of the seventh inning with a balk called on Forsan which plated

Benavidez for the tying run. In the bottom half of the seventh inning, the Coyotes managed to get out of a bases loaded with one out situation.

Howard led the eighth inning with a single. He then stole second and third base. Howard attempted to steal home on a passed ball but was called out to end the inning.

The Coyote defense again came up strong with bases loaded, two out situation as Smith struck out the Buffalo batter to end the ninth inning.

Forsan finally ended the game scoring in the bottom half of the tenth inning and advancing to the Regional Quarterfinals.

"I was excited for our boys in the way they just kept

scratching and clawing their way back into the game," skipper Bubba Edwards said.

"We played some great situational baseball that gave us a chance. Even though we came up on the short end, it was some fun and exciting baseball. These young men have come a long way and I am very proud of them."

Jared Smith handled Forsan's lineup with ease, racking up eight strikeouts. Smith allowed one earned run, eight hits and eight walks over eight innings.

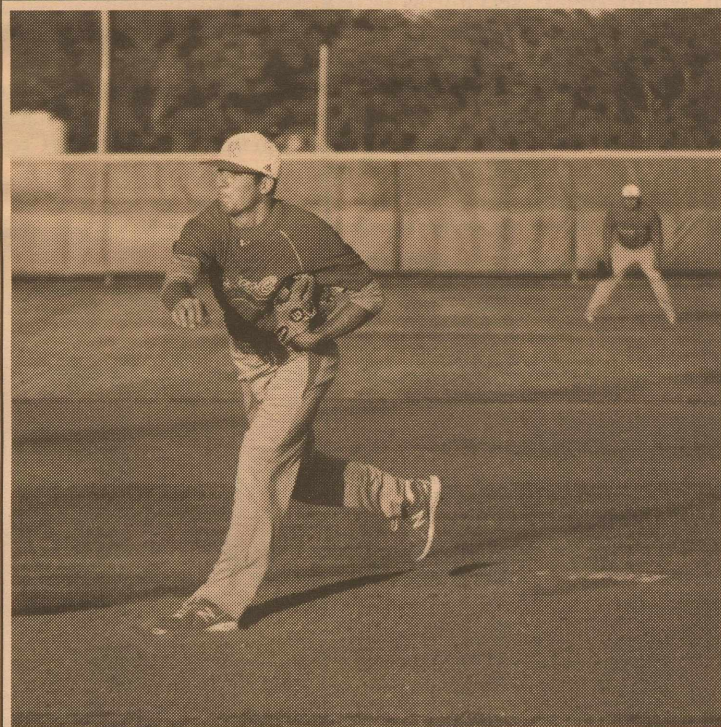
Burchett got it done on the mound on the way to a win. He allowed three runs over five innings. Burchett struck out six, walked three and gave up six hits.

ver in the girls' 300-meter hurdles with a time of 47.31.

In his return to the state track meet, Borden County's Tanner Richey took second in both the 110-meter high hurdles with a time of 15.36 and the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 41.20.

Richey took seventh in the 110-meter high hurdles a year ago as a high school junior.

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Borden County pitcher, Jared Smith racked up eight strikeouts and allowed the same number of walks during the eight innings he was on the pitchers mound.

## Coyote Track Teams Find Success at State Track Meet ...

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### Coyotes do well in other events

Borden County junior T.J. Basquez finished fourth in Friday's shot put with a throw of 48-1 3/4.

Basquez turned in that mark on his sixth and final throw of the competition, edging a half-inch past teammate Matt Roberson who finished fifth with a toss of 48 1 1/4.

Roberson, who had placed nine in the shot put at the state meet last year. Also wound up with a fifth-place finish in the discus competition in Austin on Friday.

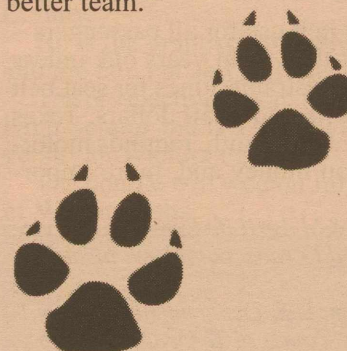
Roberson, a senior, had a best of 134-9 on his third throw in the discus at the state contest.

Coach Richey praised his entire team for their accomplishments at the state meet.

"It was just a great effort by all our kids across the board," Coach Richey said.

"Coach (Mike) Skelton's been a big help to us all year. Our kids bought into not only what we wanted to do, but also the changes we made.

"A lot of this goes back to just having the kind of kids who wanted to do what they could to help make us a better team."



## School Lunch Menu

May 13-17, 2013  
Menu Subject to Change

**Monday** -Breakfast: Biscuit & Sausage, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch:Chicken Parmesan, Green Beans, Salad, Apple Slices, Breadstick and Milk.

**Tuesday** - Breakfast:Cinnamon Pastry, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Pig in a Blanket, Baby Carrots, Steamed Broccoli, Pineapple Tidbits and Milk;

**Wednesday** - Breakfast: Egg & Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Toasted Ham & Cheese, Multi-grain Chips, Graden Salad, Cinnamon Apples and Milk.

**Thursday** - Breakfast: Cereal, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Fajita Salad, Tortilla Chips, Spanish Rice, Salsa, Baby Carrots, Fresh Fruit and Milk.

**Friday** - Breakfast: Pop Tart, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch: Hamburger, Hamberger Garnish, Western Beans, Potato Rounds, Diced Pears and Milk.

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**The Seat Belt is 45 Years Old But  
Some Still Resist Wearing One!  
This Year's Click It or Ticket Campaign  
is May 20-June 2**

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. When President Johnson signed the legislation that became effective in 1968, seat belts became mandatory in all passenger vehicles. Texas passed their first seat belt law in 1985. Since then millions of lives have been saved and injuries prevented as a result of these laws. Fortunately, most motorists do buckle up, but for some groups there is still more work to be done. Pickup truck drivers and their passengers, teens and people who live in rural areas are still not convinced.

Crash data from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) show that there has been an 11% increase in traffic fatalities from 2011 to 2012. Wearing a seat belt is the single most important thing that drivers and passengers can do to help survive a crash. Yet in Texas in 2012, 45% of persons killed in crashes were reported as being unrestrained. Among pickup truck drivers killed in crashes 50% were unbuckled. Nearly half of teens killed in crashes are unrestrained. According to a recent study by Texas A&M Transportation Institute, in Texas only 78.4% of teens wear their seat belts. And, in rural Texas where most fatalities occur, seat belt use is also lower.

Pickup truck drivers and their passengers sometimes depend on their bigger pickup truck to protect them in a crash. Yet, pickup trucks are twice as likely to rollover than passenger cars and pickup crashes can be especially serious – even deadly – due to their tendency to roll over and for unbelted occupants to be thrown from the vehicle.

Teens are inexperienced drivers and subject to distractions in the vehicle. Seat belts are life-saving for these young drivers and their passengers, yet they are not consistently wearing them on every trip.

The Click It or Ticket campaign has been successful in bringing Texas's seat belt rate to 94% from only 76.1% when the campaign first started in 2002. It is estimated that the campaign can be credited with saving almost 3,700 lives and preventing more than 50,000 injuries in Texas.

This year the campaign is scheduled for May 20-June 2, 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.

The law in Texas requires seat belt use for all passengers – front and back. Children younger than eight years old, unless taller than 4'9", must be in a child restraint. Fines for seat belt violations can range from \$25 dollars to \$250 dollars. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent, Julie Smith, reminds motorists that buckling up can save you money and, more importantly, save your life!

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than what we choose.*

-Unknown

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**Obituary**

**Alvin L. Smith  
1922 - 2013**

Alvin L. Smith, 91, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, May 7, 2013, in a local hospital. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM, Saturday, May 11, 2013 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment followed at Gail Cemetery.

The family received friends from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Friday, May 10, 2013, at the funeral home.

Alvin was born April 28, 1922, in O'Donnell, Texas and married Opal Howell February 17, 1951 in Carlsbad, New Mexico. She preceded him in death September 23, 1989.

He was a longtime resident of Borden County and retired from the County Maintenance Crew in 1987. He loved supporting different community events like the FFA Stockshows. He was a veteran of World War II serving as a Corporal in the United States Army Air Corps and was a member of the 14th and Main Church of Christ in Big Spring.

Survivors include one son, Chipper Smith and wife,

Danine of Big Spring; three grandsons, Joshua Smith, Samuel Smith and Conner Martinez all of Big Spring; three brothers, Leovid Smith of Odessa, and J. A. Smith and Everette "Sonny" Smith both of Big Spring; three sisters, Harlene "Velma" Knowlton, and Marie "Missie" Pounds, both of Big Spring, and Lola Mae Foster and husband, Leo of Duncan, Oklahoma; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife, Alvin was preceded in death by his parents, Jess and Lola (Howell) Smith; three brothers, L.D. "Bud" Smith, Lee Smith, and R. A. Smith; and one sister, Eeaulah Foster.

The family suggests memorials be made to Crossroads Hospice, 421 Main St., Big Spring, Texas 79720 or to his Grandson's College Fund, c/o Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union, 503 E. FM 700, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Arrangements were under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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# Dare to Live...

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hard. Without competition, there are no rewards.

Historically, countries that have sought to eliminate competition have failed miserably. In a free society, everyone has the opportunity to compete. They also have the freedom not to. But it's the competitors who reap the most from life.

Competition is bad when it is self-serving, to the detriment of others. Competition is good when it doesn't undermine anyone. Competition to get ahead by excelling is good. Attempting to advance through unethical or underhanded tactics is bad.

The best competitors compete with themselves to continually improve. They don't measure their progress by comparing themselves to others. They consistently try to do better than they have. They understand that there is always room for improvement, however slight.

Although it may seem as if you are competing with others, you are actually competing with yourself. If you are not maximizing your potential, not developing your capabilities, you are cheating yourself.

It's not OK to do whatever it takes to win. If you win by stepping on others, any victories will be short lived. When your strategy involves tripping others, you will inevitably harm yourself. A victory won through nefarious means is no victory at all.

The news regularly has stories of athletes attempting to excel through the use of performance enhancing drugs. When caught, these people become disgraced and may even be banned from their sport.

Companies that deceive their stockholders and cheat their customers never rise to greatness. Employees who get promoted by back stabbing their coworkers invariably stumble and fall. Dishonesty may produce temporary gains, but the long-term results are disastrous.

Winning over someone else is not the goal. You don't need to compare yourself to others in order to determine your level of success. You don't have to be better, smarter, or

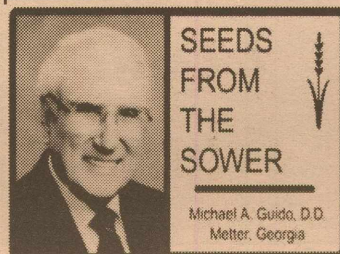
wealthier to be happy.

Real winners are happy, content, and appreciative with their life. They compete with themselves by consistently growing. They are always competing in a positive fashion and never rest on their laurels.

You are your main competition, not someone else. Your objective is to keep developing rather than trying to be better than another person. Winners of races train to go as fast as they can. During a race, they look forward at the finish line, not behind them to see if anyone is catching up.

Are you a competitor or are you sitting on the sidelines? It's never too late to jump on to the field. Do your best, keep improving, stay motivated, and you will always be in the front of the pack.

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A group of first grade students was touring our Gardens. One of them tripped, fell and skinned his knee. We carefully cleaned it and bandaged it. Glad that he didn't cry, I complimented him by saying, "You are a brave boy. You didn't cry."

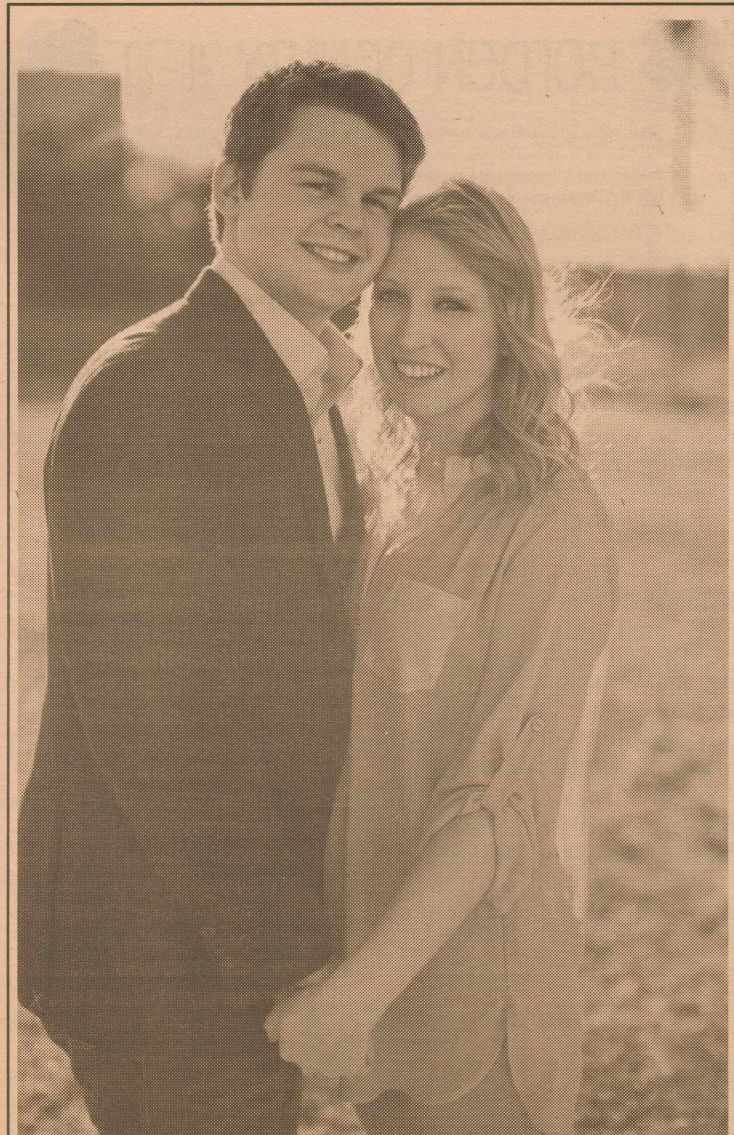
"I'm not gonna cry," the boy answered. "I'm gonna sue." He loved us even when we did not love Him. And there is no one in the world that He loves more than you.

Some of us swerve to the left and some of us swing to the right. But most of us are centered – self centered. When things go wrong, we stew, and sometimes we stew long enough that we want to sue or try to figure out a way to get even or think of some type of revenge.

It is the love of gold that makes some people bitter, but it is the love of God that always makes people better.

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*John Hensley and Meagan Yarbrough*

## Couple to Wed in July Ceremony

Meagan Yarbrough of Ackerly and John Hensley of Borden County have announced their engagement to their family and friends.

Yarbrough is the daughter of Monica and Tommy Staggs of Ackerly and Mark and Tiffany Yarbrough of Big Spring.

She is the granddaughter of John "Huck" and Peggy Huckabee, Jerry and Marilyn Staggs, Allan and Judy Herzer, Lee and Loretta Yarbrough and Byron and Brenda Turnbow.

The bride-elect is a 2011 graduate of Sands High School and is a nursing major at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Hensley is the son of Randy and Donelle Hensley of Borden County.

He is the grandson of Nelva Jones and the late Don Jones and the late Pat and Jo Hensley.

The prospective groom is a 2011 graduate of Borden County High School and is a history major at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls.

The couple will wed on July 13 at the Faith Baptist Church of Wichita Falls.

### 2013 Project



### Graduation

Project Graduation is a drug and alcohol free celebration sponsored by parents in partnership with Borden County School.


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Donations may be sent to:

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**District 4-H Photography**

Five Borden County 4-H'ers had photographs advance to the District competition in April. Winners were announced May 5<sup>th</sup> at District Roundup in Levelland. The youth were given a Blue, Red or White award and were also denoted with Honorable Mention (receiving a \$10 gift card) and/or Best of Show.

**Junior Age Division**

Rae' Lynne Clement submitted one photograph: People (White)

Erin Nix submitted two photographs: Nature and Landscape (Blue and Honorable Mention) and Catch-all (Red)


Ryann Phillips submitted six photographs: Animals-Wildlife (Red), Animals-Domestic (White), Marine/Aquatic (Blue), Elements of Design (Red), Details and Macro (Blue and Honorable Mention) and Dominant Color (Red)

Kennedy Tucker submitted one photograph: Plant/Flora (Red)

**Intermediate Age Division**

Ashlyn Tucker submitted three photographs: Animals - Wildlife (received a Blue and Honorable Mention), Animals - Domestic (Red), and Nature and Landscape (Red).

We are very proud of these 4-H'ers and the talent they have shown in taking these pictures. Pictures are available for viewing on our Facebook page: *Borden County Extension and 4-H.*



**BC BOOSTER CLUB END OF YEAR BASH**

**Who: All Students, BC Parents, and Faculty**

**Where: BC Park**

**When: Thursday, May 23, 2013**

**6:30pm – 9:00pm**

**What: End of school year celebration!**

*Hot Dogs served from 6:30pm-8:00pm*

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Raw Oil & Gas, Inc., 1415 Buddy Holly Avenue, Lubbock, Texas 79401 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid in the Penn Reef Formation, Hudson Hornett Lease, Well No. 1. The proposed injection well is located 10 miles Southwest of Gail, Texas in the Gail, North (Penn Reef) Field, in Borden County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 8,180 to 8,520 feet.

**LEGAL AUTHORITY:** Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the **Texas Natural Resources Code**, as amended, and the **Statewide Rules** of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).



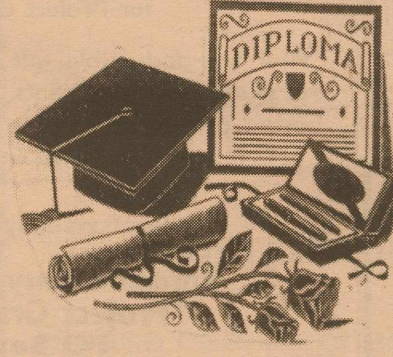
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## Memorial Scholarships

### **Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship**

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

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Caden Nowlain Memorial Scholarship**

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

ship.

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **John Harding Memorial Scholarship**

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

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Letters of application must be sent to the following ad-

dress:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Vernon Wolf Memorial Scholarship**

Applications are currently

being accepted for the Vernon Wolf Memorial Scholarship.

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application by 12:00 p.m. on Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

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.

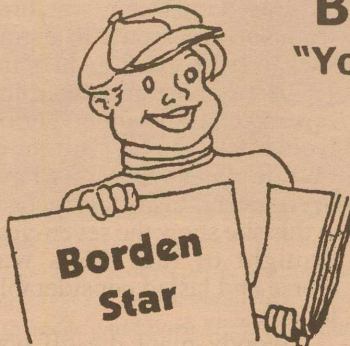
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Members of the Vernon Wolf family will have no input in the selection process.

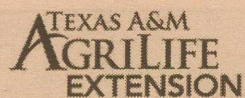
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## Borden County AG News

By Cody G Hill

Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

### Study Compares Recent Drought to 1950's on Woody Plant Dieback

Scientists with Texas A&M University and Texas A&M AgriLife Research had a unique opportunity to compare recent patterns of drought-induced woody plant mortality on the Edwards Plateau in Texas to the extended drought of the 1950s.

A tree killed by drought at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research station at Sonora. (Texas A&M AgriLife Communications photo credit by Dirac Twidwell)

Dr. Bill Rogers, an associate professor in the Texas A&M ecosystem science and management department, said it is important to understand how climatic extremes such as drought cause shifts in vegetation.

These shifts can alter semi-arid ecosystems, potentially affecting the abundance of forage and browse available for livestock and wildlife, as well as land/atmosphere feedbacks, carbon and water cycles, and disturbance dynamics, Rogers said.

A recently completed study led by two doctoral students from Rogers' research lab, Dirac Twidwell and Carissa Wonkka, examining the effects of severe drought on woody plants in Texas will be featured in the international journal, Applied Vegetation Science.

"This is one of the first assessments of the effects our recent drought has had on native vegetation," Rogers said. "It is also particularly novel because we are able to compare our findings to a study that was conducted at the same research site during the drought of the 1950s."

The research site was the Texas A&M AgriLife Research Station in Sonora, managed by Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor. Following the drought from 1951-1957, a study was conducted at the site to quantify rates of dieback for various woody plant species.

In 2011, during the most severe drought on record since the 1950s, the study was repeated in the same long-term grazing treatments established in 1948. The primary species they looked at were southern live oak, scrub oak or sandpaper oak, persimmon, and Ashe juniper or blueberry juniper.

Twidwell said the study, in addition to comparing the patterns of drought-induced woody plant dieback to that from the extended drought of the 1950s, was designed to determine if composition of the woody plant community shifts consistently across the landscape following dieback, or if shifts depend on differences among species, soils, land use and plant demography.

The study showed the recent severe droughts across Texas resulted in high levels of woody plant dieback in areas that have for decades experienced woody encroachment, he said. Periodic drought events since 2000 killed nearly 25 percent of woody plants and decreased woody plant cover 18 percent.

However, measurements taken after the 1950s drought ended showed woody plant cover had decreased 44 percent compared to pre-drought estimates taken in 1949, Twidwell said.

"Based on weather records from the research site dating back to 1919, the drought of the 1950s was more prolonged and severe than any other period from 1919-2011," he said. "While recent droughts have been severe, historical records at this site show the seven-year drought of the 1950s was worse and lasted considerably longer."

"Woody plant die-off was

almost three times worse in the 1950s than in our 2011 study. This gives us an indication of how vegetation may continue to change on the Edwards Plateau if the current drought continues for a number of years."

Neither drought, however, resulted in widespread shifts from one woody plant community to another, Wonkka said.

"Even with reductions in cover of 44 percent and 18 percent following the droughts of the 1950s and 2000s, respectively, woody plant communities did not transition to a grassland or savanna or an alternate woody-dominated plant community," she said. "Rather, the system remained as an oak savanna following the 1950s and a juniper woodland interspersed with clusters of oak in 2011."

A unique finding in this study is that long-term livestock management practices have the potential to influence the direction of vegetative change following drought, Twidwell said.

High mortality rates of mature juniper trees in deep soils, combined with the recruitment of oak species where cattle, goats and deer had been excluded on the research site for the last 60 years, caused shifts in vegetation from a juniper woodland to a live oak-dominated overstory with a diverse understory, he said.

Because many areas on the Edwards Plateau have been heavily browsed by goats and deer for decades, the study suggests that drought-induced shifts on deep soils away from juniper woodland and toward a plant community more similar to the oak savanna occurring prior to juniper encroachment is unlikely to be realized unless the drought becomes worse.

"Juniper will likely continue to dominate the woody plant community on both shallow and deep soil areas on much of the Edwards Plateau following the most recent drought, albeit at lower densities," Twidwell said.

He said the widespread changes in land management on the Edwards Plateau from mostly livestock production to wildlife and hunting enterprises may sufficiently decrease browsing pressure in some areas to cause the shift

from juniper woodland to a diverse shrub understory.

"To improve our understanding of climate-induced vegetation change, modeling projections need to be downscaled to a finer spatial resolution that is relevant to land managers," Twidwell said. "Many regional planners rely on predictive climate-vegetation models to understand potential shifts in vegetation that may result from short- and long-term changes in climate."

In this study, specialized responses to drought were observed as a result of complex localized interactions, such as ecohydrological differences among soil types, plant water-use strategies, density-dependent relationships among plants, and legacy effects of livestock management, he said.

"Studies such as this play an important role in improving these models and projecting how drought will impact the types of vegetation important to land managers," Twidwell said.

### Drought Tolerant Enviromnet for Lawn Care

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Borden County will be hosting an Educational workshop on May 20, 2013 from 6:00-8:00pm at the Borden County Event Center. Guest speakers will be Certified Master Gardener Pat Porter, Julie Coats and Marilyn Rogers. Speakers will discuss how to build and maintain drought tolerant environment for lawn and gardens. Topics will include selection use of native plants, drip irrigation, and a question and answer session.

The Workshop will cost \$15.00 per participant.

For more information contact Borden County Extension Agents Cody G. Hill or Julie Smith at 806-756-4336



You are invited to join us for a

### Traditional Sunday Luncheon

on Sunday, May 26, 2013 from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m.

in the Borden County Event Center

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We will serve roast, mashed potatoes, salad, homemade rolls and homemade desserts with drink.

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