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School Record Falls at First Ever Coyote Regional Qualifiers Meet

By Coach Richey

Borden County hosted the first ever Regional qualifiers meet here Thursday and in the process senior Taylor Gass completed the trifecta in the distance races as she added her third school record in the distance races while winning the 800 meter run with a time of 2:27.88. Taylor also turned in a season best time 5:47.62 in her victory in the 1600 meter run. Tatum Richey set a personal best in the long jump with a leap of 15'11 1/4" finishing 4th, she then got back in the saddle and ran the 100 hurdles just to get the bad taste of her last 100 hurdle race, Tatum finished with a time of 18.5 but more importantly finished the race without a fall. Richey also ran the 300 hurdles and ran a 54.4 to finish 7th in the race.

On the boys side Robert Jordan set a personal best in the pole vault jumping 11'0" finishing 3rd while teammate Riley Herridge jumped 10'0" for a 5th place finish. Diego Bernal threw a personal best 39'6 1/2" in his 4th place finish in the shot put. Matt Proulx turned in another nice time in winning the 400 with a time of 53.24. Jordan Martinez fin-

ished 4th in the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:14.45, while classmate Tristen Benavidez finished 5th in the 200 with a time of 25.14. Korbin Martinez had a nice day as he finished 3rd in the 800 with his second best time at 2:08.81 and followed that with a personal best time in his runner-up finish in the 300 hurdles at 43.22.

The Coyote relays competed as well. In the 400 relay, the team of Jayton Lewis, Hunter Jones, Matt Ham and Corbin Sumners turned in a nice time of 45.86 finishing 3rd. Sumners, Lewis and Ham were joined by Nathan Souder in the 800 relay and this foursome ran a 1:38.44 with their 4th place finish. The highlight on the boys side of the day happened in the final race of the evening as the foursome of Matt Ham (54.88), Korbin Martinez (53.50), Hunter Jones (53.55) and Matt Proulx (53.09) ran an extremely nice time of 3:35.06 in their 2nd place finish to last years' state champion Grady Wildcats. In fact the Coyotes lead this race for all but the final 30 meters of the race over the 2014 area champ Wildcats which gives the Coyotes in this race as

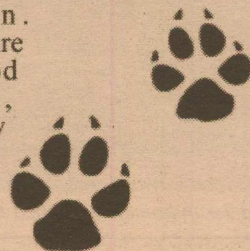
many other races extreme excitement about what opportunities present themselves for the Coyotes and Lady Coyotes opportunities for advancement to the State Meet.

These Coyotes and Lady Coyotes will compete Friday and Saturday in Levelland at South Plains College hoping to advance to the state meet in Austin.

Best of luck to all of these young men and women, regardless of the outcome, this has been a tremendous track season and I wish you the best of luck at Regional.

I would also like to thank everyone for their help in making this regional qualifier meet possible. We could not have done this without your time and effort. I also would again like to thank everyone for your support this season and for also helping with the Coyote relays earlier this season.

Take care
and God
bless,
Trey
Richey



Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

You Don't Need a Reason to be Happy

Happiness isn't a reaction, it is a cause. People who wait for specific circumstances to materialize before they are happy are putting the cart before the horse. People who are happy attract positive situations. Those who walk around with a scowl are a magnet for the very things they are unhappy about.

You don't need a reason to be happy. Being happy is a lot more enjoyable than being miserable. Since feeling crummy isn't pleasant, and it doesn't make your situation better, why not be happy instead?

Well, it's a great concept, but it is not a natural reaction. We become conditioned from birth to consider our emotions to be a reaction to the events we experience. A child cries when he is distressed, complains when things don't go his way, whines when he wants something, and smiles and laughs when things are good.

For most people this ingrained cause and effect behavior continues throughout their lives. This leads us to believe we do need a reason to be happy. Therefore, many people wait, day after day, for the perfect combination of cir-

cumstances which will create the justification for happiness.

Since life is not perfect, there will be situations that are constantly below your expectations. These can range from minor annoyances to major challenges. If you are waiting for everything to be perfect before you can be happy, you will be waiting a very long time.

Being miserable won't bring you good fortune. Furthermore, it will attract more of the same circumstances you are unhappy about. You have the power to choose to be happy or not. Deciding to be unhappy is a dead end.

You can be happy just to be happy. You may think you have nothing to be happy about, but you are wrong. Everyone has much more to be happy for than they realize. The problem is we become more focused on what we feel is wrong than what is really right.

Regardless of how you feel, start out by smiling. When you smile you will feel better. Force yourself if you have to. A better approach is to think about anything that makes you happy. It can be something from your past or what you desire now or

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Coyotes Defeat the Chiefs 11-10

By Coach Edwards

With the score tied at seven in the sixth inning, Hurrikane Richter came to the plate and doubled, bringing home Jordan J Martinez.

Richter had two extra-base hits for Borden County Coyotes.

Both squads had things going at the plate, tallying 21 runs and 19 hits, including seven extra base hits.

The Coyotes staved off Crosbyton as the Chiefs were unable to match Borden County down the stretch.

The Chiefs scored three runs in the seventh on two errors. Despite their efforts, the Crosbyton Chiefs couldn't finish the comeback.

Mason Coor struggled early on the mound, but came through in a huge way in the later innings. He allowed 10 runs over seven innings and recorded the victory. Coor struck out seven, walked six and gave up seven hits.

Thomas Harrison, Kurt Shafer and Richter helped lead the Coyotes at the plate. They combined for six hits and five

RBIs.

Tanner Clark ended up on the wrong side of the pitching decision, charged with the loss. He lasted just two-thirds of an inning, walked one, struck out one, and allowed two runs.

In the top of the first, Crosbyton Chiefs grabbed the early lead, 1-0.

It didn't take long for Borden County to answer as it scored one run of its own in the first. The Coyotes again scored on an error.

Crosbyton Chiefs put up one run in each of the second, fourth and sixth. In the second, the Chiefs scored on an RBI single by Jacob Aguayo, scoring Noah Rubalcado.

Crosbyton Chiefs got three-run rallies in the third inning and the seventh.

However, the Coyotes put together nine hits in the fifth and sixth innings scoring 10 runs to take the lead for good.

The Chiefs scored three runs to make things interesting, but Richter fielded a hard hit ball at shortstop and flipped it to second base to end the game.

With Strong Seventh Inning, Coyotes Pull Off Win Against Ralls

By Coach Edwards

Fans were treated to a high-scoring affair Friday as Borden County Coyotes outscored Ralls Jackrabbits 11-10 in seven innings.

The teams combined for 18 hits, including three extra base hits.

The teams traded runs for most of the contest, leading to six lead changes in the game.

The Coyotes pulled out the win thanks to a strong seventh inning. Borden County went up for good on a two-run double by Jayton Lewis off Emmanuel Rosales, scoring Thomas Harrison and Jordan

Martinez.

The Coyotes would not relinquish the lead as Ralls Jackrabbits was unable to weather a three-run seventh inning deficit.

Ralls Jackrabbits scored two runs in the seventh on. Despite its efforts, Ralls Jackrabbits couldn't finish the comeback.

Hurrikane Richter got the win for the Coyotes allowing 10 runs over 6 2/3 innings. He struck out five, walked five and surrendered eight hits. Mason

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Making the Grade!

5th Six-Weeks Beta Achievement

Seniors: Sydnie Day, Taylor Gass and Maeghan Herridge; **Juniors:** McKenna Campbell, Bessie Rhodes and Sean Tucker; **Sophomore:** Korbín Martínez, Tatum Richey and Nathan Souder; **Freshmen:** Hayley Gray and Savannah Herridge; **Eighth Grade:** Carly Bell, Preslea Hall, Harley Merrill, Trace Richey, Ashlyn Tucker and MJ Van der Bank; **Seventh Grade:** Madison Cole, Katie Gray, Paige Holbrooks and Emily Todd; **Sixth Grade:** Zeke Lott, and Kaylee Walker.

5th Six-Weeks Honor Roll

Senior: Kassie Gaines, Jordan Martínez, Kalyn Massingill, Mallory McMeans and Mollie McMeans; **Junior:** Mason Coor, Jaden Huse, Hurrikane Richter and Cayden Vaughn; **Sophomore:** Holly Bradbury, Samuel Raborn, Flint Roberts, Caelan Thuett, Cheyenne Tucker and Merik Valentine; **Freshman:** Maddie Benavidez, Hunter Huse, Sydnee Jordan, Dylan Murphy and Corbin Sumners; **Eighth Grade:** Kable Kleck, Thomas Nix and Braylee Walker; **Seventh Grade:** Myka Blissard, Lukas Grantham, Reina

Hernandez, Rayme Jones, and Emma Key.

Sixth Grade: Kaitlyn Cribbs and Tatum Treadwell; **Fifth Grade:** Mason Cole, Trey Edwards, Connor Etheredge, Haddie Flanigan, Kaci Hudson, Tommy Kingston, Klancey Kleck, Ashlyn Lott, Maggie Miller, Erin Nix, Gunner Shofner, Gabriella Skelton, Maddy Sumners, Kennedy Tucker, Leandre' Van der Bank, and Justin Wilborn; **Fourth Grade:** Rae'Lynne Clement, Tatum Harrison, Jadeyn Merrill, Shelby Milhauser, Lindy Miller, Paige Parker, Ryann Phillips, Charli Snell, Kelly Spencer, Ethan Stephens and Rachel Thomas; **Third Grade:** Callie Edwards, Dallie Miller, Isaiah Mitton, Allie Murphy, Hayden Niell, Oliver Skelton, Shane Todd and George Wagner; **Second Grade:** Savannah Barnes, Aubree Blissard, Hannah Brady, Luke Carpenter, Vincent Frankl, Jenna Holbrooks, Rhett Kingston, Kadence Lowery, Benton Nix, Bailey Pennell, Jorden Ramos, Rexie Sanders, Agatha Skelton, Laney Stansell, Kendall Swaffar, Bella Taylor and Kenzie White.

School Lunch Menu

Apr. 28 - May 2, 2014

Menu subject to change

Monday - Breakfast: French Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger, Garden Salad, Fresh Veggie Cup, Mixed Fruit and Milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Animal Crackers & String Cheese, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Apple-Pineapple D'Lite, Roll and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Chicken & Waffles, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Taco Salad, Garden Salad, Corn, Snowball Salad and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Cinnamon Pastry, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Broccoli Penne, Garden Salad, Baby Carrots, Apple Slices, Breadstick and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Quesadilla, Black Beans, Baby Carrots, Orange Smiles and Milk.

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Coach Edwards reaches out to congratulate senior Tristan Benavidez after a 2-run homerun against the Ralls Jackrabbits.

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Gass Signs on With Wayland Baptist University

Courtesy of Lamesa Press Reporter
By Dwight Hines

Borden County's Taylor Gass is one very special and determined young lady who has been on the run throughout her high school career at Gail.

It looks like that is going to continue literally after Gass graduates next month from high school.

Gass, who ran in both the UIL state high school cross country and track meets, will continue her career after signing the dotted line this past Thursday with the Wayland Baptist University Pioneers at Plainview.

"I'm real excited to be given this opportunity," Gass said. "This is something that we've prayed a lot about.

"I'm not only excited about this shot to keep doing something that I've always done I high school, but I'm also excited to see I can now improve on my times on the next level."

Wayland Baptist seems just as excited about adding Gass to their programs.

"I'm very excited to have Taylor be a part of our program," Wayland University cross country head coach and assistant track coach Brian Whitlock said in a prepared statement released on TBU's website.

"She is another signee for us

who will contribute to our success that we have had in cross country and middle distance, as well as being very strong academically. She has a lot of potential to do well here since she'll be focusing on running for the first time in her career."

In addition to being a gifted high school runner for the Coyotes at Gail, Gass was also an all-state basketball player.

Wayland Baptist was not that tough of a choice for Gass.

"This is just where I've always wanted to go pretty much ever since I was little. It's small, plus we've also had family who've graduated up there," Gass said. "Our first meeting with the coach up there went really good. He made me feel pretty much right away that he wanted me to come up there.

"Then just the way that he's kept in contact with me about every two weeks only helped make me feel even that much better about going."

Borden County coach Mike Skelton is glad to see Gass getting this opportunity to continue running on the next level.

"This is just awesome," Skelton said of Gass's scholarship.

"We're looking for her to go up there and continue what she's always done for us-as far

as keep being successful and winning. After always being involved in so many different activities like she has for us, it'll be neat to see what she ends up doing where she can just focus on only one thing. She's just always had her hand in so many different cookie jars going back to her seventh grade year."

If Gass comes anywhere close to duplicating her high school career on the collegiate level, Borden County's loss will be Wayland University's gain.

By providing strong legs on both Borden County's 800 and 1,600 meter relays last year, Gass helped fuel the Coyote girls' drive in their Class 1A Division II state track championship. Gass helped Borden County's girls win that 800 meter relay at Austin while getting second in the 1,600 meter relay at state.

Gass also qualified for that state track meet in the 1,600 meter run, but decided not to run that race in Austin so she could focus on their relays.

As excited as Gass is about her future as a runner now on the next level, the present does not look too shabby, either.

Gass has her sights set on making a return trip to next month's UIL state track meet

at Austin.

"Right now, I've got the second fastest 800 time in our region-by one second-and the fourth or fifth fastest time in the 1,600," Gass said.

Gass is well aware that there will be a big difference to when she starts running on the next level. In high school cross country, girls run two miles compared to college where they run three miles.

"It'll be a little different but we feel like we can do it," Gass said. "It'll be a little longer, but

then in practice out here we always ran four miles in practice.

"With that kind of training as well as just being able to focus on just running and not running, basketball and everything else, we're anxious to see what happens."

One reason why Skelton looks for Gass to keep being successful on this next level is her being so goal-oriented.

"She's always been one of those types to wherever you

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Coyotes Beat the Jackrabbits 11-10...

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Coor recorded the save.

Borden Co Coyotes Varsity's Kurt Shafer, Tristen Benavidez and Lewis combined for eight hits and five RBIs.

Rosales took the loss for Ralls Jackrabbits. He allowed 11 runs in 6 1/3 innings, walked three and struck out 10.

The bottom of the first saw Ralls Jackrabbits take an early lead, 3-0. A single by Jadon Tullis, plating Bryson Turner started the inning off. Ralls Jackrabbits then tacked on more runs when Tullis scored and Wing scored on an RBI

single by Eli VanGundy.

Benavidez hit a two run homerun to put the Coyotes up 6-4 in the fourth inning.

Ralls scored four runs in the bottom half of the sixth inning to regain the lead.

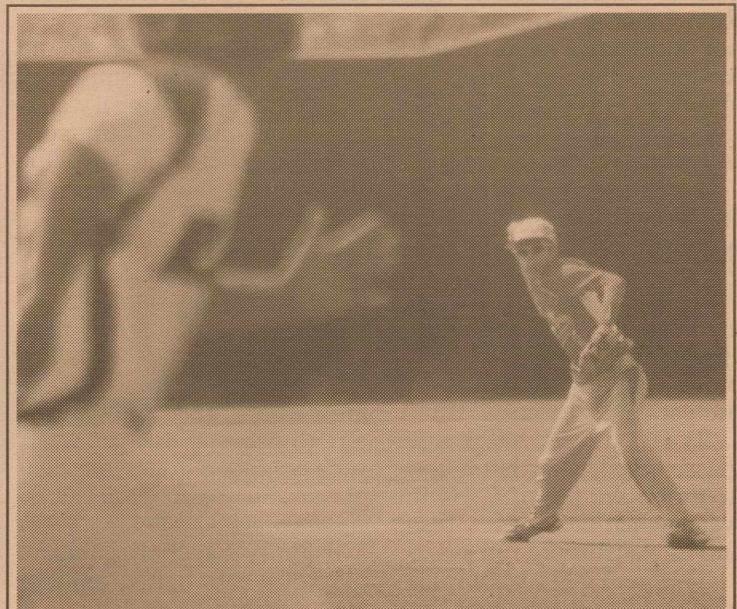
Borden County never surrendered the lead after the seventh inning. The runs piled on thanks to an error and a suicide squeeze by Korbin K Martinez.

The Coyotes are 9-8-1 on the season and 4-7 in district play. Borden County will finish season at home on Thursday against the O'Donnell Eagles. Game time is at 4:00 p.m.

Signing Day!



Senior, Taylor Gass signed with Wayland Baptist University this past Wednesday to run cross country and track. Pictured with her are (l to r) her mother, Shawna Gass and Borden County cross country coach, Michael Skelton.



Mason Coor throws to first base in hopes of getting an out as a Ralls player tries to beat the ball.

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Heart and Home... 

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Protect More Than Just Your Sunglasses

As we start spending more time outside, experts at Lighthouse International urge everyone to take eye safety seriously and prevent damage from the sun that could be permanent.

Dr. Bruce Rosenthal, OD is the chief of low vision programs at Lighthouse International, a leading non-profit organization in New York City devoted to helping those "at risk" for, and those experiencing vision problems. He offers the following tips and advice for safeguarding your reader's eyes from permanent damage this summer.

Sunglasses - Research shows most people do not wear sunglasses during extended sun exposure. Much more than just a stylish accessory, the right sunglasses (also called absorptive lenses) are essential for those spending time outside. Sunglasses reduce the amount of light entering the eye, protect against harmful ultraviolet (UV) light and decrease glare, and increase contrast. Constant exposure to bright sunlight can damage the cornea, the lens and the retina. Remember, a dark lens does not necessarily have UV protection — look for lenses that absorb 99 to 100 percent of UV light, particularly UV-B. Also follow these tips:

1) Be sure to wear proper sunglasses that have 400 UV protection or more. An ultraviolet-blocking coating can also be placed on any lens, regardless of the degree of tint. However, a coating does not block as much UV light as the protective lens.

2) Be sure to wear sunglasses especially during long hours on the beach or on the water when the water reflects and intensifies the sun.

3) Avoid blue-tinted sunglasses — they may look cool but blue tint actually emits UV light which is what you are

supposed to be blocking out. Note: According to Dr. Rosenthal: "Research shows that only one in six Americans wear sunglasses when they are in the sun for long periods of time, yet people who spend excessive hours in the summer sun have an increased risk in later life of developing age-related eye conditions such as macular degeneration as well as cataracts and corneal problems. Sunglasses are vital because they keep certain wavelengths of light from entering the eye. They can also reduce the amount of light entering the eye, protect against harmful UV light, decrease glare and increase contrast."

Sand and sunscreen - It doesn't only pave the path to the ocean: the small, gritty sand particles can cause severe irritation and perhaps even cut your eye, especially during windy days at the beach. To shield your baby blues (or browns or greens) wear sunglasses, a hat or a visor. If you do get sand in your eye, don't rub it in. Flush your eye with lukewarm water for 15 minutes.

The same approach should be used for flushing sunscreen from your eyes. Using a waterproof, sweat-resistant sunscreen can help you avoid the stinging sensation of sunscreen running into the eyes.

Lawn and garden care - A time-honored summertime activity, caring for your lawn and garden is about more than green grass and fresh flowers. Wear protective goggles when mowing the grass or churning dirt to prevent flying objects such as hidden stones, sticks or glass from piercing your eyes.

Summertime sports - From a friendly baseball game to playful water fights, outdoor activities can be as dangerous as they are fun. Be sure to wear proper eye protection that is



fitted properly when playing any sport. Such protective lenses should be made of polycarbonate, which can withstand high impact. Eye injuries are one of the leading causes of visual impairment in children.

Bug spray and pesticide - Keep those pesky critters at bay without damaging your eyes. Spray bug repellent into your hands and then apply to the face to avoid the eyes. Wear goggles when applying pesticide to the lawn or garden beds. If you do get bug spray or pesticide in the eyes, flush with lukewarm water for 15 minutes.

BBQ smoke - What would summertime be without a family BBQ? Keep those safety glasses handy when you're manning the BBQ pit. Billowing smoke from the grill can cause burning and painful irritation to the eyes.

If you have vision impairment, speak with your eye care professional or low vision specialist (optometrist or ophthalmologist) at Lighthouse International to learn which sunglasses best suit your needs. Eye diseases are treatable and some are preventable. To locate an eye doctor specializing in low vision in your area call Lighthouse International's toll-free number at 1-800-829-0500 or visit www.lighthouse.org.

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Source: Lighthouse International Web site

Obituary

Sandra Cross Cox 1938 - 2014

Sandra Cross Cox, 75, of Big Spring, died Sunday March 30, 2014 at her residence. The family received friends from 6:00PM to 7:00 PM Wednesday, April 2, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Services were held at 2:00 PM Thursday, April 3, 2014, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial followed at Trinity Memorial Park.


She was born to Bonnie and Dalton Cross on October 25, 1938 in Big Spring. Except for a few years in Kingsland and Killeen she lived most of her life in Big Spring. She worked as a beautician and homemaker. She also worked for the Veterans Administration Medical Center and was a volunteer at the Big Spring State Hospital for several years.

She married Fern Cox on January 14, 1984 in Big Spring and was a member of the First

Presbyterian Church. She is survived by her husband Fern Cox of Big Spring; four children: Mitchell Gross and wife Carla of Big Spring, Jana Williams of Florence, Texas, Craig Gross of Killeen and Blake Gross and wife Geneva of Emporia, Kansas; two sisters: Shirley Bodine and husband Bill of Sand Springs and Carolyn Stephens and husband Steve of Borden County; nine grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents. The family wishes to give a special thanks to Compass Hospice and especially Kirk, Patty, Amanda and Bea.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel. Please pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com



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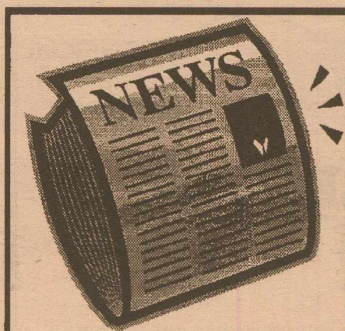
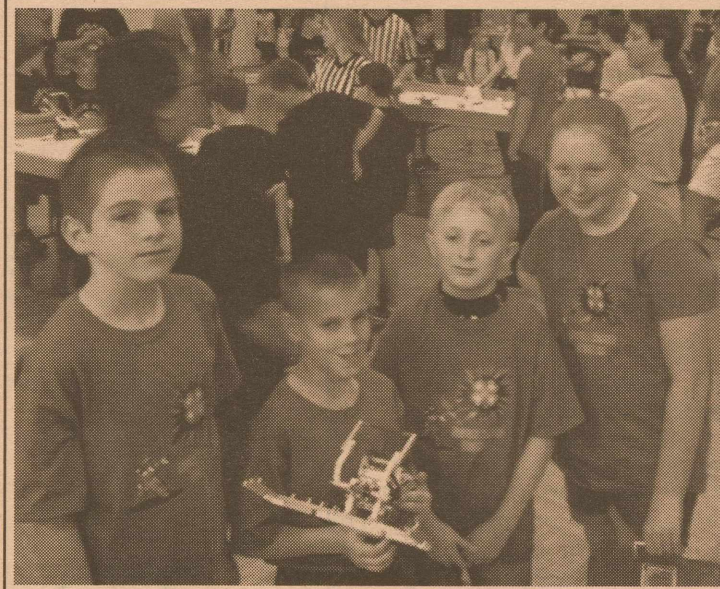
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Get Excited About Robotics

Borden County 4-H'ers have spent the past eight weeks learning to build and program Lego Mindstorm robots to perform a variety of tasks. On April 12th, two groups of Borden County elementary students traveled to Texas Tech with their robots to compete against 125 other teams in this year's GEAR Competition. The team that consisted of Charli Snell, Brooklyn Gray, Klancy Kleck and Kell Kleck did an outstanding job and finished in 32nd place after 3 rounds of competition. The team of Connor Etheredge, Ryann Phillips, Ethan Stevens and Thomas Snell finished in 3rd place and advanced to finals. The top eight teams moved to finals and after 3 more rounds, this Borden County 4H team ended the competition in 6th place. This was the inaugural year for Borden County Robotics. The students did an awesome job and cannot wait to compete again next year.



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Michael A. Guido, D.D.
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Fear comes from many difference sources. It can be a person or a place. Sometimes it erupts when everything seems calm and serene. Often it seems to grip us when we know we are in the center of God's will, doing God's work and trusting that we are doing it in His way. All of us have those moments of being jolted by uncertainty and feelings of insecurity.


It was no different with David. In Psalm 6 it begins with a statement that suggests that he is trying to deflect God's wrath. "Oh Lord," he cries, "do not rebuke me in your anger!" Does this suggest that he is afraid of being punished for some sin he has committed? Or might he fear God's judgment for something he did in the past while he was still a sinner? Could it be that he is afraid to ask for healing as he was going through a time of sickness?



He admits to "being weak," his "bones being troubled" and his soul being "greatly troubled." He really needed help as all of us do from time to time. But notice what he did: he did not focus on his pain and problems, he focused on the mercy of God!

"Have mercy on me!" he cried. He needed God's help! And in the midst of his fear - whether it was his sickness or some sin from the past that haunted him - he had full confidence in God's mercy and believed that He would hear him and heal him.

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4-H Meeting

We will have the next 4-H meeting on Monday, April 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Event Center. PLEASE make plans for all 4-H members and parents to attend this important meeting to discuss upcoming Fund Raisers and Summer activities.

District Fashion Show Results

The District 4-H Fashion Show was held on Thursday, April 10 in Lubbock. The judging events, awards ceremony and modeling were held at Christ the King School in Lubbock. One youth from Borden County participated in the event. Kaylee Walker competed in the Intermediate Construction Dressy Division and received 3rd place. Kaylee constructed a blue princess seamed dress and a coordinating shrug jacket. Congratulations to Kaylee!

Fashion Show



Borden County 6th grader, Kaylee Walker placed 3rd recently at the District 4-H Fashion Show.



PET HEALTH CLINIC

Thursday, May 1, 2014
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 Home of Monte & Deidre Smith 6:00 - 7:00 pm

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 Feline Combo - \$25.00 (per cat)
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 Bordetella - \$12.00 (per dog)
 Rattlesnake - \$10.00 (per dog)



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Commissioners' Court

WHEREAS, On this the 8th day of April, 2014, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

ROSS D. SHARP, County Judge, Presiding; **MONTÉ SMITH**, Commissioner Precinct No. 1; **RANDY ADCOCK**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2; **ERNEST REYES**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; **JOE BELEW**, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; **JOYCE HERRIDGE** County Clerk and Ex-Officio of the Commissioners Court, constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, in accordance with the posted agenda.

Other officers present: Marlo Holbrooks, County Attorney; Benny Allison, Sheriff, Tax-Assessor/Collector and Sharlot Stone, County Treasurer.

COMMUNITY INPUT

No community input.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court meeting of March 25, 2014 were read. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNTY OFFICE REPORTS

After examination of the County Officers' Reports, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve, accept and file submitted reports in the County Clerk's Office. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

COUNTY HOUSING RENTAL AGREEMENT

Application for 1-d-1 (Open Space) Agricultural Use Appraisal forms are due in the Appraisal District office by May 1, 2014. Any applications not received by the deadline will have their ag valuation removed. Applications re-

ceived after the deadline will be subject to a penalty. If you have any questions, please call the Appraisal District office @ 806-756-4484.

BURN BAN

Burn ban was considered. No action taken.

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE

An application for Indigent Health Care was submitted. Qualifications were not met. No action taken.

BORDEN COUNTY ARENA

A discussion was held concerning the guidelines and preparation of the Rodeo Arena for events.

UTILITY CABLE CROSSING

No applications were received.

PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE

Commissioner Reyes made a motion to approve the application received from Doris Steadman in Precinct No. 3 for construction of Road. Commissioner Belew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SOIL CONSERVATION WORK

No applications received.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Borden County Rodeo Arena and County Agent House Rental Agreement, Burn Ban may be discussed.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS

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

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Reyes to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Belew and approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 22nd day of April 2014.

Public Notice

REMINDER:

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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 23rd, 2012.

Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Caden Nowlain Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the Caden Nowlain Memorial Scholarship.

Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 23rd, 2012.

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 23rd, 2012.

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 23rd, 2012.

Letters of application must

be sent to the following address:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 23rd, 2012.

Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

Vernon Wolf Memorial Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 95
Gail, Texas 79738

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be a resident of Borden County that is a positive representative of the Borden County School Community as evidenced by their moral character, dedication to maintaining good grades, and participation in school activities as a student of Borden County High School. Financial need will also be considered in this selection process.

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

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

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

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

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Dare to Live...

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in the future.

Next, think about your own life. What do you have to be happy about? Just the fact that you woke up this morning means the day ahead of you is full of promise and potential. What else do you have that is good? Your health, family, friends, a place to live, food to eat, or that you live in our great country?

You will quickly realize that you do indeed have many things to be happy about. So even though you don't need a reason to be happy, you have many reasons to feel that way. As you get into the habit of being happy, every aspect of your life will seem better.

Being happy will improve your attitude. As your attitude improves, you will start to attract the things into your life

that you want and need. You will thus create a positive cycle where happiness attracts more happiness.

This is a gradual process. Many people are in the habit of living without happiness. This happens so gradually that they aren't even aware of how unhappy they are. They have accepted unhappiness as a normal way of life. So reversing it takes time.

One thing is certain. As you start to feel happier, you will wonder how you accepted feeling any other way for so long.

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MAY 6TH - 9TH

8:30 - 4:00



Borden County School

Gass...

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give her any kind of goal, she's going to go all out to reach it," Skelton said.

As a college runner, Gass will stay on the go now as a Pioneer. But whenever she hangs up her running shoes for good, Gass still will continue to keep athletics as a big part of her life.

"To me, it's always been neat how athletics helps shape people and how it also helps teach you how to pull through things and set goals for yourself." Gass said, "I'm just grateful to the kind of coaching that I've always had out here, especially in a small school.

"My coaches have helped me become the kind of person that I am today. Hopefully, I'll be able to also have that impact on other young peoples' lives someday."

		<h1>April 2014</h1>					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1 STAAR Writing grades 4,7 STAAR Math grades 5,8 EOC English II	2 STAAR Writing Grades 4,7 STAAR Reading Grades 5,8	3 JH District Track @ Sands HS Track @ Colorado City	4 HS District Golf @ Big Spring CDE Judging @ Angelo State University V Baseball vs. Midland Lee-5:00	5 CDE Judging @ Texas Tech University	
6	7 District HS Tennis @ Slaton	8 District HS Tennis @ Slaton V Baseball vs. Hermleigh-5:00	9 Area Track Meet @ BC	10 Area Track Meet @ BC	11 End of 5 th 6 weeks	12 Area OAP @ LCU JV V Baseball @ Ira-11:30 Area II CDE Judging @ Texas Tech University	
13	14 Beginning of 6 th Six Weeks	15 JV V Baseball vs. Crosbyton-4:00	16	17	18 Pre-K Day Early Release-12:30 JV V Baseball @ Rails- 5:00	19	
20 	21 HOLIDAY	22 STAAR Math-grades 3,4,6,7 STAAR Social Studies grade 8	23 STAAR Reading- grades 3,4,6,7 STAAR Science- grades 5,8	24 V Baseball vs. O'Donnell 4:00	25 HS Regional Track Meet @ SPC, Levelland	26 HS Regional Track Meet @ SPC, Levelland State CDE Judging @ Texas Tech University	
27	28	29	30				