



Katie Gray Salutatorian

## **BJHS Announces 2015** Valedictorian and Salutatorian

The administration and faculty of Borden County Junior High School are pleased to announce Madison Riley Cole as the valedictorian of the BJHS Eighth Grade Class of 2015

Madison is the daughter of Ryan and Brenda Webb of Lamesa.

In extraxurricular activities Madison had been an active participant in basketball, track, tennis, cross country, cheerleading and UIL academic events.

The administration and faculty of Borden County Junior High School are pleased to announce Katie Annette as the salutatorian of the BJHS Eighth Grade Class of 2015.

Katie is the daughter of Glen and Lisa Gray of Borden County. In extracurricular activites Katie has been an active participant in basketball, track, tennis, cross country, cheerleading and **UIL** academic events



## **USDA Reminds Producers Must Report Prevented Planting and Failed Acres**

(Post, TX), May 15, 2015—Victor Ashley, Ex-ecutive Director of Garza-Borden County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), re-minds producers to report prevented planting and failed acres in order to es-tablish or retain FSA pro-gram eligibility. Producers must report

According to Ashley, the crop acreage they intended final planting date for up-to plant, but due to natural land cotton is June 10, and

**Borden County ISD Commencement Exercises** Commencement exercises for Borden County Junior High will be held Thursday, May 28, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Commencement exercises for Borden County High School will be held Friday, May 29, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.

If a producer is unable to

report the prevented planting acreage within the 15 calen-dar days following the final planting date, a late-filed report can be submitted. Latefiled reports will only be ac-cepted if FSA conducts a farm visit to assess the eligible disaster condition that prevented the crop from be-ing planted. A measurement service fee will be charged.

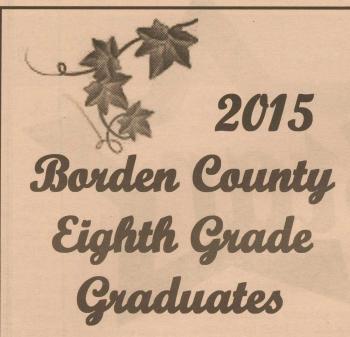
Additionally, producers with failed acres should also use form FSA-576, Notice of

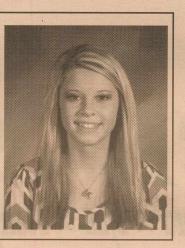
use form FSA-576, Notice of Loss, to report failed acres. For losses on crops cov-ered by the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) and crop in-surance, producers must file a Notice of Loss within 15 days of the occurrence of the disaster or when losses be-come apparent. Producers must timely file a Notice of Loss for failed acres on all crops including grasses. crops including grasses.

Please contact the Garza-Borden County FSA Office at 806-495-2801 x 2 to schedule an appointment to file a *Notice of Loss*. To find your local FSA office visit http://offices.usda.gov.

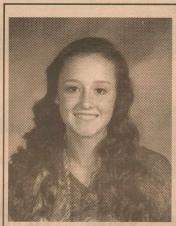
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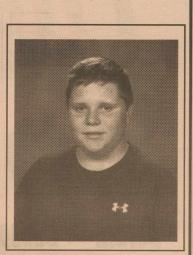




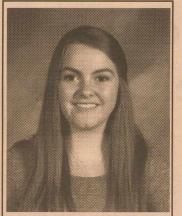
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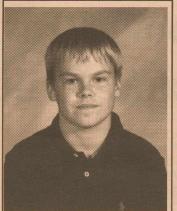
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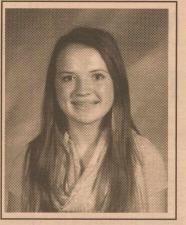
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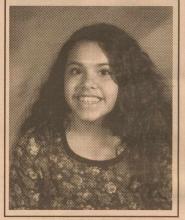
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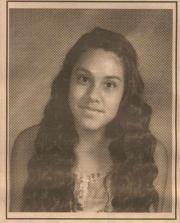
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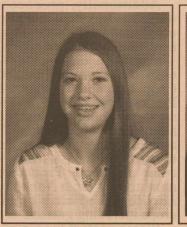
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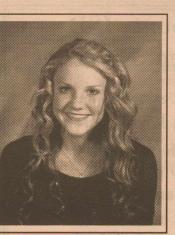
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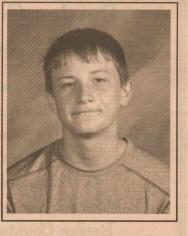
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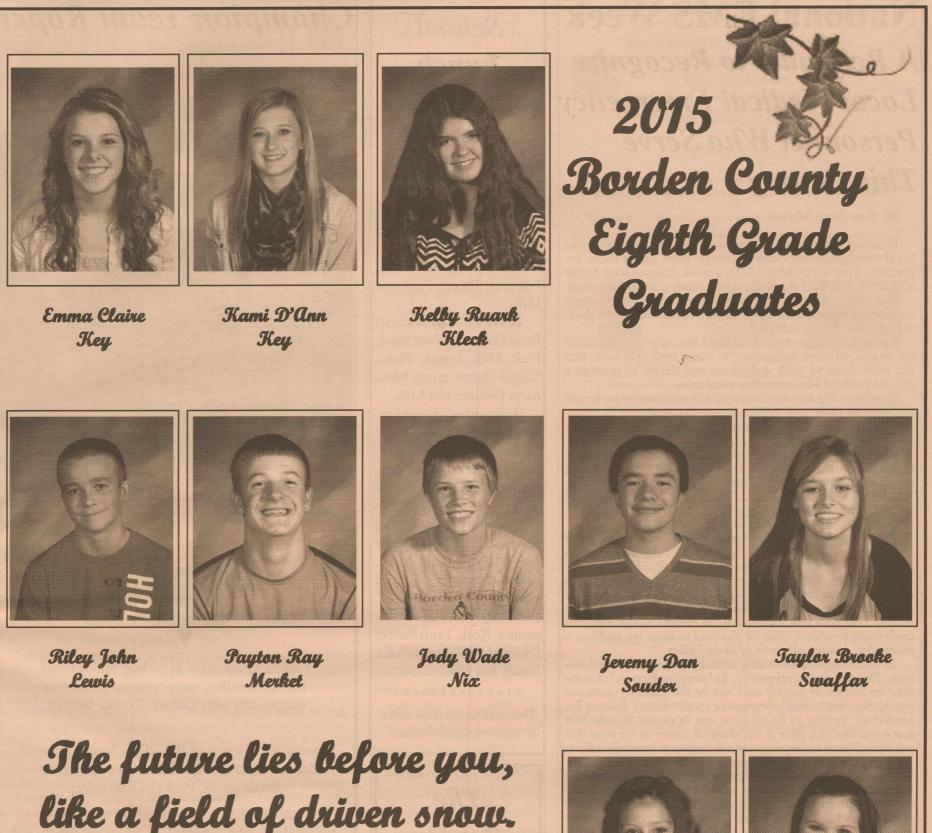
Rayme Lynn Jones



Benton Mason Justice

All our dreams can come true...if we have the courage to persue them. -Walt Disney

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Be careful how you tread it, for every step will show. -Author Unknown Congratulations!



Emily L'Dale Todd Haylee Dawn Willborn

### **National EMS Week** A Reminder to Recognize Local Medical Emergency **Personnel Who Serve This County**

#### **By Sue Jane Mayes**

Borden County residents have grown accustomed to the local emergency services—perhaps even taken them for granted. That's why May 17-23, a week designated to honor all EMS responders throughout the country, should be noted.

The county's emergency services maintain a completely volunteer organization, made up of trained EMTs and paramedics who are on call 24-7.

These individuals have sacrificed not only time (to study for exams, to work ballgames, to make midnight runs, etc) but have done so with dedication and desire to provide a crucial medical service to this rural area.

Currently, the Borden County EMS consists of paramed-ics Carrie Hart and Mike Valentine and EMTs Peter Benavidez, Kerri Dean, Becky Nix, Trey Richey, and Jana Underwood.

A special thanks to these people and to the Borden County Commissioners and the Borden County ISD for providing storage facilities/office/ and maintenance for the two ambulances.

Donations at any time (or as memorials) can be made to the Borden County EMS through the courthouse.

Editor's note: It has been an honor to write for the local paper for over 20 years. The opportunity to do so was given to me first by Cookie Dyess and Verna Adcock, former co-editors. Current Editor Kerri Dean has also asked me to contribute from time to time with school or local news/fea-tures. At one time, Cookie even secured for me a Texas Press Association pass that enabled me to cover college athletics and report on those—just for fun and to hone my skills as a journalist. I thank all three of these ladies.

To encourage, to entertain, to share news, and to tell stories. Those were my purposes. I always understood that my take on stories or people may not be the same as someone else's, but that's what perspective is all about. I never intended my writing to be divisive, but in recent months that has occurred. My skin is not thick; it seems to me now that retreating back to keeping one's thoughts to oneself really is the best policy in a small community.

Hopefully, the journalism students whom I teach can share their talents for News Writing and Feature Writing and carry on—perhaps even finding a career with their writing. Please support them as they find their voice, and may they—unlike me-not be afraid to share it.



School Lunch Menu May 25-29, 2015 Menu subject to change

Monday - Breakfast: Pancake Pup, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Salad, Potatoes, Bread, Fruit and Milk.

**Tuesday** - Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk. Lunch: Pizza, Veggie, Baby Carrots, Mandarin Oranges and Milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Manager's Choice, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Chicken Sandwich, Chips, Salad, Fruit and Milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Manager's Choice, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Manager's Choice and Milk.

Friday - Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Fruit Juice, Fruit and Milk. Lunch: Sack Lunch and Milk.

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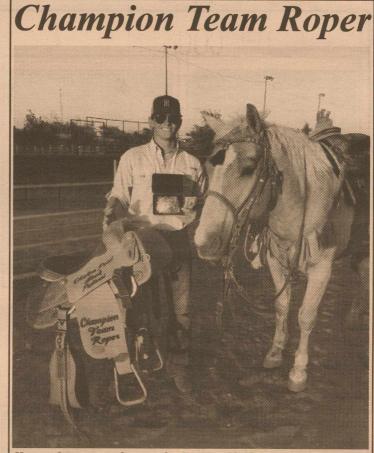
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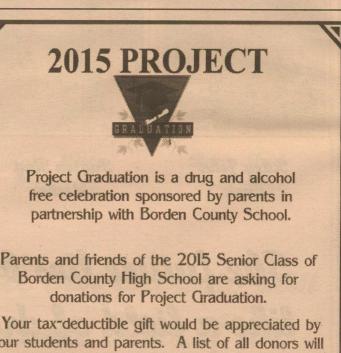
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Hunter Jones recently won the Lamesa Chicken Fried Steak roping competition. He won a saddle and buckleand was the high money winner for the roping taking home \$1,900. 330 teams were entered in the event.

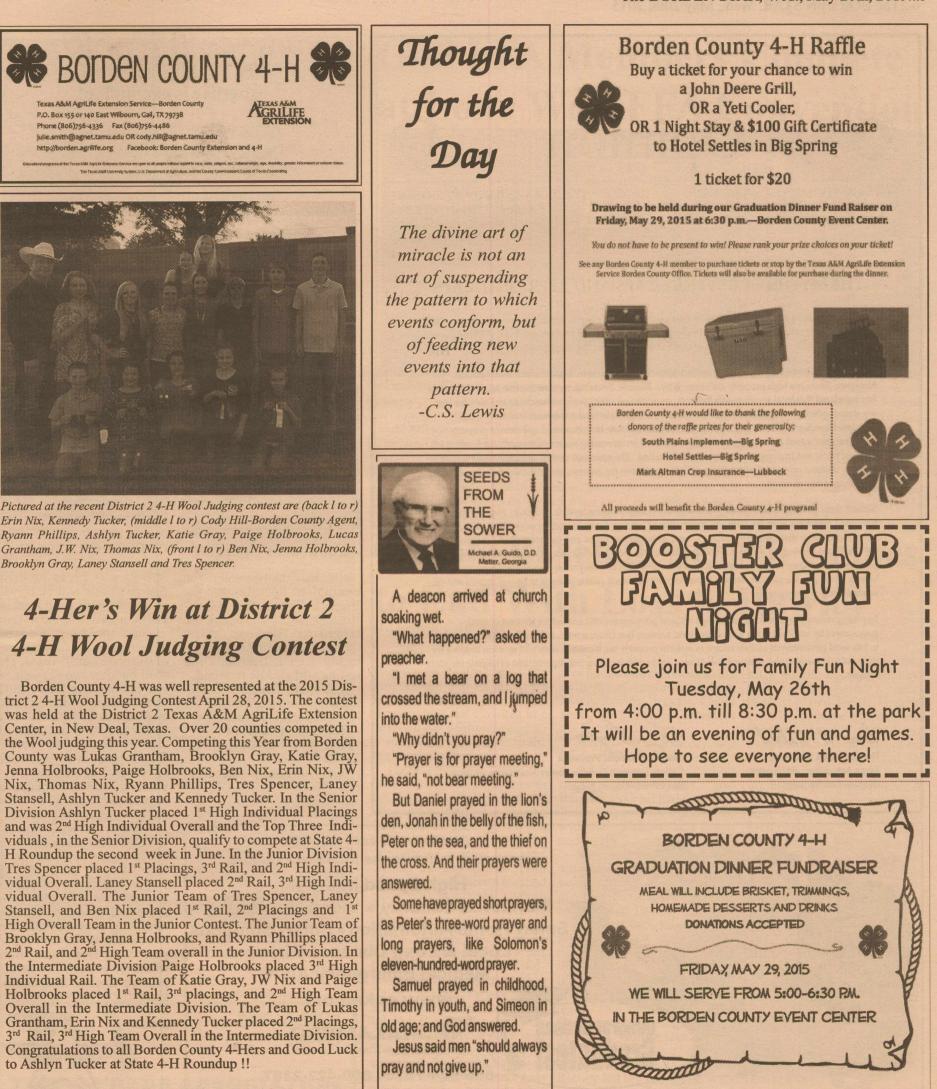


Your tax-deductible gift would be appreciated by our students and parents. A list of all donors will be posted at the festivities and listed in the Thank You advertisement in the Borden Star.

Donations may be sent to:

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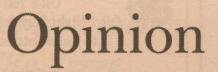
Pictured at the recent District 2 4-H Wool Judging contest are (back l to r) Erin Nix, Kennedy Tucker, (middle l to r) Cody Hill-Borden County Agent, Ryann Phillips, Ashlyn Tucker, Katie Gray, Paige Holbrooks, Lucas Grantham, J.W. Nix, Thomas Nix, (front l to r) Ben Nix, Jenna Holbrooks,

# **4-H Wool Judging Contest**

trict 2 4-H Wool Judging Contest April 28, 2015. The contest was held at the District 2 Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Center, in New Deal, Texas. Over 20 counties competed in the Wool judging this year. Competing this Year from Borden County was Lukas Grantham, Brooklyn Gray, Katie Gray, Jenna Holbrooks, Paige Holbrooks, Ben Nix, Erin Nix, JW Nix, Thomas Nix, Ryann Phillips, Tres Spencer, Laney Stansell, Ashlyn Tucker and Kennedy Tucker. In the Senior Division Ashlyn Tucker placed 1<sup>st</sup> High Individual Placings and was 2<sup>nd</sup> High Individual Overall and the Top Three Individuals, in the Senior Division, qualify to compete at State 4-H Roundup the second week in June. In the Junior Division Tres Spencer placed 1<sup>st</sup> Placings, 3<sup>rd</sup> Rail, and 2<sup>nd</sup> High Indi-vidual Overall. Laney Stansell placed 2<sup>nd</sup> Rail, 3<sup>rd</sup> High Individual Overall. Laitey Statistic placed 2 Trail, 5 Trigh Indi-vidual Overall. The Junior Team of Tres Spencer, Laney Stansell, and Ben Nix placed 1<sup>st</sup> Rail, 2<sup>nd</sup> Placings and 1<sup>st</sup> High Overall Team in the Junior Contest. The Junior Team of Brooklyn Gray, Jenna Holbrooks, and Ryann Phillips placed 2<sup>nd</sup> Rail, and 2<sup>nd</sup> High Team overall in the Junior Division. In <sup>2<sup>nd</sup></sup> Kail, and <sup>2<sup>nd</sup></sup> High Team overall in the Junior Division. In the Intermediate Division Paige Holbrooks placed 3<sup>rd</sup> High Individual Rail. The Team of Katie Gray, JW Nix and Paige Holbrooks placed 1<sup>st</sup> Rail, 3<sup>rd</sup> placings, and 2<sup>nd</sup> High Team Overall in the Intermediate Division. The Team of Lukas Grantham, Erin Nix and Kennedy Tucker placed 2<sup>nd</sup> Placings, 2<sup>rd</sup> Beil, 2<sup>rd</sup> Uich Team Overall in the Intermediate 3rd Rail, 3rd High Team Overall in the Intermediate Division. Congratulations to all Borden County 4-Hers and Good Luck to Ashlyn Tucker at State 4-H Roundup !!

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#### THE MYTHS OF REVENUE CAPS AND APPRAISAL CAPS

Revenue caps and appraisal caps are again being touted by some legislators as a solution to increases in property tax appraisals and revenues. These misguided restrictions have been tried in California, Florida and Colorado with disastrous results. Let's look at the real driver of property taxes in Texas.

First, Texas is a low-tax state, ranking around 45<sup>th</sup> among the states in total state and local taxation. However, Texas is a high property-tax state. Why? Because Texas has no state income tax, and the state has mandated that local governments (schools, counties and cities) perform functions and services that are state-funded in other states. What tool has the state given to local governments to fund these mandated functions? The local property tax. Further, the state has prescribed a system of property appraisal guaranteed to keep appraisals high, ensuring an increasing source of property tax funding for public schools and limiting the amount of state funding. The appraisal system certainly needs reform (such as uniform price disclosure) to repair the inequilies in the process, but artificial limits that distort the values is not an answer.

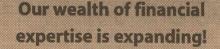
Second, local governments, especially counties, are caught in an impossible situation. Faced with unfunded mandates from the state and rising costs of services for an increasing population, they must either curtail their discretionary services — such as law enforcement and transportation — to continue the mandated services, or increase their tax revenue. No local official looks forward to increasing property taxes. They must pay them on their own property, and they must explain the necessity to their voters. However, the present statutes allow no other options if public safety is to be maintained and the roads are to remain passable.

Imposing revenue caps and appraisal caps on local government will not reduce the cost of local government by one cent, but it will reduce local services that citizens need. If the state Legislature wants to join local governments in their efforts to restrain property tax increases, it should provide funding for its mandated services and release the dedicated funds that are being improperly held to balance the state budget.

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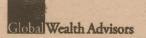
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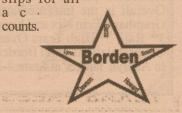
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ered from Banks and Banking Corporations desiring to serve as depository for public funds and county public school funds of Borden County, Texas. This shall be for a two (2) year period commencing June 1, 2015. Such proposals will be consid-ered Tuesday,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

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Martinez Runs at **State Track Meet** 



Korbin Martinez runs the 800 Meter run during the UIL State Track and Field meet held in Austin at the University of Texas this past weekend. Korbin placed 8th in the competition. This was Korbin's third year in a row to compete in the state meet.



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## **Gail FFA Members Compete** at Lone Wolf FFA Convention



Many Gail FFA members competed in the recent Lone Wolf District FFA Convention, those receiving awards and recognition were Robert Jordan, winning the talent contest as he played his guitar and sang to the voting delegates at convention. Nathan Souder retired as the Lone Wold District FFA Vice President as well as winning first place in the Extemporaneous Speaking Contest. Braxton Coor and Avery Price ran for the title of Lone Wolf District President. Running for office was no easy task, they both filled out applications, gave interviews with a panel of judges as well as presenting a speech to the delegates. Braxton Coor is the new District Reporter and Avery Price is the new Vice President. Banners were also awarded to those that competed in this springs CDE Contests. Pictured are (back l to r) Ryan Willborn, Braxton Coor, Ricky Torres, Hunter Jones, Nathan Ham, Robert Jordan, Flint Roberts, Jacob Phinizy, Colby Pennell, (front l to r) Avery Wright, Ashlyn Tucker, Avery Price, Cheyenne Tucker, Nathan Souder, Bailey Robinson, Rhaedan Bland, Caytlynn Summers and Carley Bell.

## **Coyote Baseball Season Comes** to End With Loss to Hawley

**By Coach Edwards** 

lous season finally came to an end at the hands of state ranked, Hawley Bearcats. Hawley beat the Coyotes in a best two-out of-three series, 8-6 and 22-5, to advance to the regional quarterfinals. Game one started with the

Bearcats scoring eight runs in the first two innings and not allowing a single run for the Coyotes. Borden got on the board in the top half of the third inning scoring five runs closing the gap to 8-5. With one out Ryan Willborn reached base with a single. Trace Richey followed with a double plating Willborn. Hunter Jones traded places with Richey with a double to left field. Hurricane Richter followed with a single scoring Jones. A Kale Yarbro single and a Korbin Martinez bunt loaded the bases. Braxton Coor was hit by a pitch and Steven Carrillo walked to score both Richter and Yarbro. Hawley struck the next two batters leaving bases loaded Richey led the inning off with Champions. walk. Hunter Jones followed

The Borden Coyotes' fabu- and ending the rally. The Coy- with single. Hurrikane Richter otes added one more run in the hit a double scoring Richey. fifth on a single by Jayton Kale Yarbro's fielder's choice Lewis scoring Braxton Coor. Jones held Hawley scoreless the last four innings

> rbi. Richey, Jones, and Braxton Coor all had doubles. Jones had two rbi's and Coor with one. Richter had a single and an rbi.

Jones pitched six innings allowing eight runs with four ting with three doubles and being earned. He also struck out nine batters, walked one, and allowed 10 hits.

In game two, the Bearcats led Borden 3-1 after two innings of play. Hawley found Richey reached base three their sticks in the third inning, plus couple of Borden errors by pitch. Yarbr scoring six runs. The Bearcats each had an rbi. added two more runs in the fourth inning giving them an ished the season 11-1 lead. Borden scored three with a 12-8 runs in the bottom of the fifth to make the score 11-4. Trace Bi-District

to short plated Jones. Braxton Coor hit a double which scored Richter. Hawley scored two Willborn, Martinez, and Lewis all finished with two hits in the contest. Lewis had an nine runs in the seventh inning. Jones led off with a double in the bottom of the seventh and later scored on a double by Richter scoring the Coyotes final run.

Richter led the team in hitthree rbi's. Jones had two hits with a double and a rbi. Willborn, Yarbro, Coor, and Carrillo all had a hit. Yarbro's and Coor's were doubles. times with two walks and a hit by pitch. Yarbro and Carrillo

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## **Memorial Scholarships**

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

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

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

Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship Committee P.O. Box 95

Gail, Texas 79738

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an out-standing individual that is a positive representative of the Borden County School com-munity 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

Caden Nowlain **Brandon** Adcock Memorial

exhibited by the late J. Pat Por- serving.

### **Scholarship**

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

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

Letters of application must be sent to the following address

Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship Committee P.O. Box 95

Gail, Texas 79738

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an outstanding individual that is a positive representative of the Borden County School Community as evidenced by their munity as evidenced by their respective moral character, ser-vice-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 re-

lated to the post-secondary in-stitution to be attended. Financial need will not necessarily be a criterion for consideration; however, financial need may be considered by the

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Gail, Texas 79738

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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 pro-

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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)

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### John Harding Memorial **Scholarship**

Vernon Wolf Memorial

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

Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

Vernon Wolf Memorial Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 95

Gail, Texas 79738

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

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

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution to be eligible for consideration. The Selection Committee will have sole au-thority 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.