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## Eye of the Hurrikane BC's Richter Gets All-State in Baseball

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By Dwight Hines

Borden County head baseball coach Bubba Edwards continuously attributed this past year's senior leadership at Gail as one of the driving forces behind the Coyotes' return to the state playoffs on the high school diamond, after their one year absence in that program.

Now it only has been fitting to see oth of those BC graduates, Mason Coor and Hurrikane Richter, reap fruits of their labor.

Earlier this month, Coor got the chance to play in the Greater West Texas Baseball Coaches' All-Star Game at Frenship.

Now, Richter is being recognized as one of the Lone Star's best on the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association's Class 2A All-State Baseball Team. Richter earned second-team all-state honors at third base.

"He ended up hitting .500 on the year," BC's Coach Edwards said of Richter, who hit right at the .500 plateau for the Coyotes last season by coming up with 30 hits in 60 at bats.

"He really did a great job hitting for those extra bases. He liked taking it to that right center gap a lot. We're talking about the kind of hitter where anytime he came up to bat, we felt like he was going get a hit."

Richter hit a remarkable .525 when the Coyotes had runners in scoring position in 2015.

While the rest of Hurrikane's game was strong, as well, there is no doubt it was his very reliable as well as clutch bat that helped him earn a spot among the state's elite at his position.

"It's always something special anytime you can call yourself an all-stater in any sport, especially in Texas." Coach Edwards said. "It's a very special honor. It's something he'll

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## How 'Bout Those Lee Brothers--Celebrating Some Not-So-Common Names on Independence Day

By John Ford

Washington, Jefferson, Franklin, and Adams are the household names we associate with the upcoming patriotic holiday. They represent the backbone of the independence movement, both the military and the political forces that were needed to break from England almost 240 years ago.

In baseball, we would refer to those as the four key positions (pitcher, catcher, shortstop, and centerfielder).

Our country's move to independence, though, was certainly a team effort. Consider the Lee Brothers.

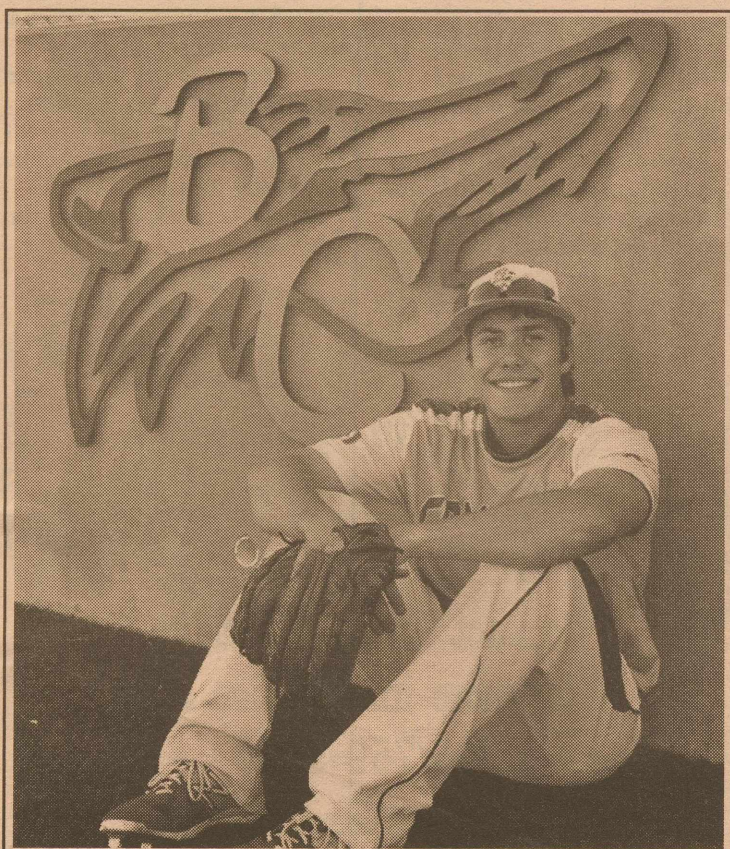
If you read the book or saw the musical "1776" you'll remember the delightful confidence of Richard Henry Lee. "May my horses turn to glue, if I can't deliver unto you, a

resolution on independency."

It is doubtful Mr. Lee uttered those exact words, but historians are sure of the influence the well-known Lee family had on the Virginia delegation to the Second Continental Congress. It would indeed be Richard Henry Lee who gave the resolution to a Congress (which still included doubters and naysayers for the call for independence). On June 7, 1776, Lee had the distinction of presenting this bold statement to the Congress.

*Resolved*, That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between

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# Richter Receives Honors...

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be able to now tell his Air Force buddies about, as well as his friends here when he gets back home again."

After just earning his high school diploma the end of last month, Richter left just this past week for the Air Force basic training.

Hurrikane's proud parents, Daniel and Renee Richter, cannot wait to tell their son of his good news. But, as it is turning out, they will have to.

"Hurrikane's always loved baseball. He's played this game since he was little and this was really the only game that he played," said Hurrikane's mom, Renee Richter.

"We're not going to get the chance to actually talk to him until in August, but we know

he's going to be so excited as well as honored.

"He'll have a hard time waiting to get that (all-state) patch on his letter jacket."

Family ties helped steer this recent 2015 Borden County graduate toward the Air Force.

"Hurrikane's grandfather is retired Air Force and with his mom growing up on air bases, he wanted to make a career in the Air Force," said Hurrikane's dad, Daniel Richter.

"With him now at basics before going to technical computer training, we're not going to be able to tell him of the honor until the last week of August. This will be a pleasant surprise for him after basics. He loved playing

baseball!"

Hurrikane played a key role in helping lead this year's Coyotes back to the playoffs.

There is more to this young man that just a quality bat.

"Hurrikane's a kid who just got a lot better from last year," Edwards said of Richter.

"He just had a good eye as a batter. Now, hopefully that ends up helping him out up there when he's in the Air Force."

Forty seven percent of 30 Richter's hits this season went for extra bases with 30 doubles and three triples. Richter also led Borden County in RBI's with 31.

Richter was often Mr. Clutch for the Coyotes' baseball squad. In addition to hitting .525 when Borden County had runners in scoring position, Richter also finished this year with a .581 on-base percentage.

"It was at the plate where he particularly shined, but he also did a real good job for defense at third base. When he wasn't at third, there's a good chance that he was probably in the mound. He's got a good, live arm and he's just one of those kids who just don't make many mistakes," Coach Edwards said.

"At the first of the year, he struggled some at the top of our (batting) order. We ended up moving him down to that eighth spot in our order and that's when he really started getting it going again. Later in our season, we moved him back into our four hole and that's where he really started helping us win ball games with his bat."

Richter was also one of Borden County's most effective pitchers after going 4-4 in the year with two saves. Richter struck out 47 batters on the year. Richter was also one of Borden County's more reliable gloves with a perfect 1,000 fielding percentage.

"Hurrikane's one of those kids who worked real hard at making himself better. Because of all that, it helped make himself an all-state baseball player," Coach Edwards said.

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## 12 Fun Ways to Enjoy Screen-Free Family Time

Turning off the all of the screens is an easy way to enhance your family's health and happiness. More screen time (TV, computers and video games) leads to higher weights for both adults and children. TV time leads to weight gain, because people are more sedentary and because they see so many food ads (about 40,000 a year). Turning off the TV will help your family maintain a healthy weight and give you time together.

1. Snuggle up and read a book: Reading together as a family is one of the best ways to ensure your children do well in school.

2. Snuggle up and tell a story: Telling stories is another way to enhance children's verbal skills - and to share special memories.

3. Snuggle up and sing a song: Kids don't care if you can carry a tune and they love to sing with you, learning new words along the way.

4. Snuggle up and talk: Turning off the TV gives you more time to talk with your children.

5. Snuggle up and listen: You learn more about your children by talking less and listening more. If you listen, they

will talk.

6. Just snuggle up together: The biggest benefit of turning off TVs, computers and video games is that your family can grow closer.

7. Get up and take a walk: A simple neighborhood walk gives you time together and an easy way to get fit and strong together too!

8. Get up and dance: Dancing combines fun and fitness for every age. Let your kids pick the music and teach you the moves.

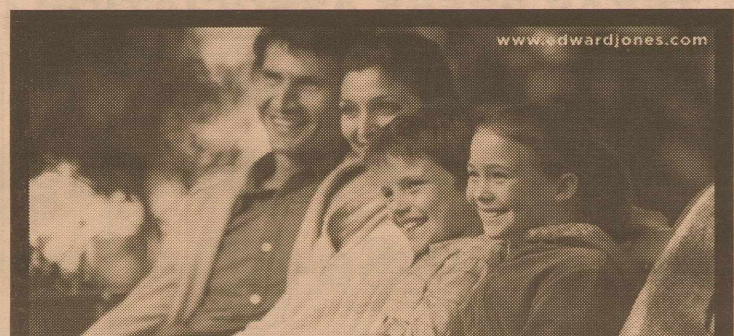
9. Get up and play a game: Pick the right game for your child's skills - like tossing a foam ball with a toddler or baseball with older kids.

10. Get up and play with a pet: Dogs and cats also need activity to maintain a healthy weight and live long healthy lives with you.

11. Get up and play with friends: Kids (and adults) need time to play with their friends - in the backyard, at the park or in the wilderness.

12. Get up for a family fun night: Plan a weekly fun activity, like riding bikes or bowling with another family. Make it a weekly thing!

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## Not-So-Common Names...

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them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved.

Good to know that Mr. Lee's horses did not turn to glue, as this resolution stuck (couldn't help but use that pun). Mr. Jefferson incorporated that into the Declaration of Independence and the rest is, well, history.

In all, the distinguished Lee Family of Virginia included four more brothers, all of whom played a role in this crucial period of American History. Francis joined his brother Richard Henry as the only brothers (out of 56 signers) to put their names on the Declaration of Independence. Older brother Thomas was a member of the Virginia Convention which instructed Richard to be the delegate to present the resolution for independence. And the two youngest brothers—William and Arthur—were actually in London writing pamphlets and speaking out for the colonies' independence. That was gutsy.

John Adams, the founding father who seldom minced words, described the Lee men

as "that band of brothers, intrepid and unchangeable... [who] stood in the gap in defense of their country, from the first glimmering of the Revolution on the horizon, through all its rising light, to its perfect day."

On July 2, the Second Continental Congress passed the Lee Resolution. Adams wrote home to his wife Abigail that "the second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival...with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations..."

Adams may have missed the date, but he certainly had the vision of knowing that generations to come would continue to celebrate this country's independence. Hopefully, we will celebrate the Lee Brothers and many more who worked tirelessly behind the scenes in that summer of 1776. Shoot off some firecrackers in their honor, too.

## Texas Basketball Championships



Several members of the Borden County boys basketball team recently competed at the Texas Basketball Coaches Association's Texas Basketball Championships held in Grapvine and Colleyville, Texas. The organization aims to provide A-6A schools teams the opportunity to compete for a state summer title. Participating in the event were (left to right) Braxton Barnes, Ben Justice, Nick Proulx, Morgan Wilson, Easton Edwards, Trace Richey, Korbin Martinez and Noah Morales.

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# Texas Country Reporter Requests Recipes

Bob Phillips with Texas Country Reporter is requesting recipes from all his friends and featured stories and all their families and friends. Anyone may submit a recipe. Please place a title and the name of the person whom is submitting the recipe. Also include the town in which you are from in Texas.

Any Texas favorite recipe is welcomed, from Main Dishes to Desserts. Just email your recipe to Shawna Gass on or before July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at [shawnagass@gmail.com](mailto:shawnagass@gmail.com).



Borden County 4-H was well represented by Kaylee Wlaker and Ryann Phillips during the South Plains District 2 4-H Trap and Skeet Shoot held this past weekend. Kaylee was 2nd in Intermediate Trap and 3rd in Intermediate Skeet. Ryann was 3rd in Junio Trap, 2nd place Junior Sporting Clays, 3rd place Junior Whizbang and 1st place class B Junior Skeet. We are proud of these two young ladies. They will both compete in July at the State 4-H Shooting Sports Games in San Antonio.



Borden County 4-Her's enjoyed the District 2 4-H20 Camp on June 18th in Caprock Canyons State Park outside of Quitaque. Thanks to (left to right) Logan Briley, Vincent Frankl, Zak Lewis, Kasen Oaks and Morghan Oaks for joining in on the fun with about 90 other 4-Her's from across District 2.

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# Borden County Youth Horse Club Concludes Summer Series

By Cassidy Carpenter

If you are wondering why there's lots of kids and parents running around in the heat of the day each Tuesday evening in Gail America this past month, know that they have a bigger goal than catching a sun burn and sweating through their shirts

This year 87 members joined the Borden County Youth Horse Club. It is truly exciting to see so many kids having an interest in horses.

As many of you know the amount of kids that rodeo in the Texas High School Rodeo Association for Borden County has grown from 1 or 2 kids about 10 years ago to 8 or 10 in 2015. That is a fantastic average for such a small school

and 90 percent of those kids will join a rodeo team in college and many of them will have college completely paid for. (Example: 2015 Graduates Blaise Freeman and Sean Tucker).

The BCYHC concluded the summer series on June 30th and will have an awards banquet for all our members in the Borden County Event Center on Tuesday evening July 14th.

All contestants will receive an award and All Around Champions will be presented with a Todd Sloan Saddle.

The BCYHC would like to give a special thanks to our two local sponsors: The Coyote Country Store and The Newton Family Ranch

## Thought for the Day

*Be happy, young man, while you are young, and let your heart give you joy in the days of your youth. Follow the ways of your heart and whatever your eyes see, but know that for all these things God will bring you to judgment.  
Ecclesiastes 11:9*

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## BC's Richter Gets All-State in Baseball...

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It was Richter who helped pitch the Coyotes to a stunning 23-0 Bi-District playoff victory over Anthony at Pecos. On a night when all but about seven of Richter's 32 pitches were strikes, this Borden County senior held Anthony to just one hit in the first three innings of that Bi-District game. He also had one hit and drive in one RBI in that bi-district drubbing.

Richter battled the opposition all the way to the end. Even on the night when Borden County finished its playoff run against state-ranked Hawley in the second round of the Class 2A playoffs, Richter had three doubles and drove in three RBIs against the Bearcats who went on to reach the Region I-2A

finals before falling to Final Four rep Booker.

Hawley junior catch Calvin Seago, the son of Bearcat head baseball coach Jamie Seago—a 1991 graduate of Lamesa High School, made third team all-state on the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association's Class 2A Dream Team.

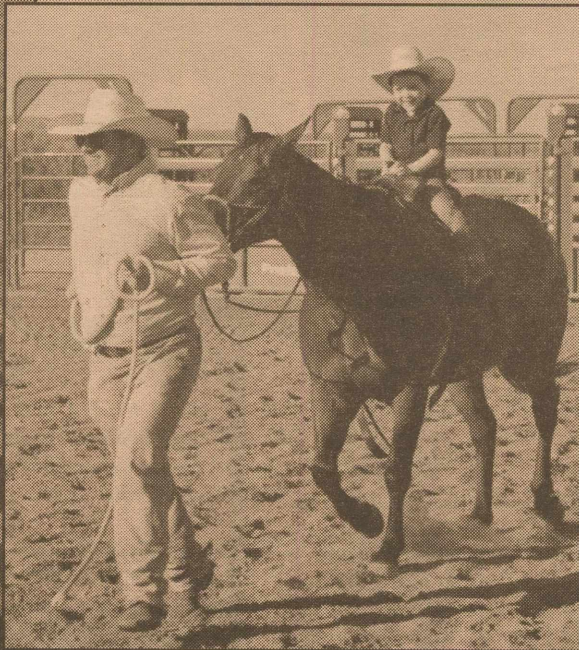
After leading the Bearcats' impressive playoff march, the Seagos took top billing on that all-District 8-2A Baseball Team. Jamie was that league's Coach of the Year, while Calvin was 8-2A's MVP. After going 20-10, Seago's Bearcats were ranked eighth in the final Class 2A state baseball poll.

Calvin's proud grandparents are Lamesa's James and Becky Seago.



(Left) Darin E;ley with son, Waylon grabbing the ribbon in the goat ribbon pull.

(Below) Rusty Redwin with son, Riley in the lead line flag race.



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