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## Borden County Track Sees Highs and Lows in History Making Weekend

By Coach Richey

The Coyotes and Lady Coyotes participated in the Region II-A track meet in San Angelo this past weekend and although for the girls, the 2016 track season came to an end, they saw several encouraging moments

during the weekend, which included making the finals in the 400 meter relay and the 800 meter relay for the first time since the Lady Coyotes won the title back in 2013. The disappointment on the weekend

came by way of a botched hurdle in the prelims for Tatum Richey as she missed the finals by .02, a race she came in with the 5<sup>th</sup> fastest time in the region

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## Headed to State!



Exciting days lie ahead as several Borden County tracksters will compete in the State UIL Track Meet to be held May 12-14 in Austin. Competing in the meet are (left to right) Jayton Lewis, Corbin Sumners, Hunter Jones, Nick Proulx and Korbin Martinez.

## Texas Stories

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### Where Texas Became Texas

It was quite an honor to be asked to narrate the re-enactment of the 17-day convention leading up to Texas declaring its independence from Mexico. The re-enactment occurred at Washington on the Brazos State Historic site the weekend of March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Steve Haley, a lawyer from Brenham, pared down the hour and a half script used in previous years to a thirty-minute version titled BIRTH OF A REPUBLIC. It was performed in the amphitheater twice on Saturday and once on Sunday. It was a record turnout at the park, with 8,500 people attending the Texas Independence day celebrations.

The six actors wore authentic costumes of the period and the oratory flowed just as it did 180 years ago. Perhaps the most dramatic scene was when a rider on horseback came in with the news that the Alamo had fallen.

The convention opened on March 1, 1836 in a small unfinished building, the only building big enough in the new city of Washington to house the deliberations. Washington was chosen as the site because city fathers agreed to provide the hall at no charge. One of the early settlers, Dr. Asa Hoxey, chose to name the settlement after his hometown of Wash-

ington, Georgia.

The 59 elected delegates voted to declare independence from Mexico on March 2. During the 17 days of the convention, they adopted a constitution and organized an interim government. During the convention, Mexican General Santa Anna was attacking the Alamo. When it became apparent that the Mexican Army was advancing in the direction of Washington, the convention ended and the delegates, along with the citizens of Washington, fled to safety. They returned after Sam Houston's volunteer army defeated Santa Anna at San Jacinto on April 21. Washington town leaders lobbied to have their city named capital of the republic but Waterloo was chosen instead. The name was later changed to Austin.

A replica of Independence Hall has been erected at Washington on the Brazos (to differentiate from Washington on the Potomac) State Historic Site. Every Texan should stand in that building and realize what occurred there. The park also has the Star of the Republic Museum, which addresses the years of the Texas Republic, 1836 to 1845.

More than 100,000 people visit the park annually. It is lo-

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## Coyotes Fall to Forsan, Finish in 2nd Place in District

By Coach Edwards

For the first time this baseball season, the Borden Coyotes ended their undefeated season with a loss to the Forsan Buffaloes. Forsan turned around in game two to defeat the Coyotes to win the 6-2A district championship. Borden County finished in second place and advanced to the state baseball playoffs.

Borden led 3-0 going into the fourth inning, but the Buffaloes capitalized on mistakes by the Coyotes to tie the game. Forsan added three more runs in the fifth to take a 6-3 lead. Forsan pitcher, Braden West, kept the Coyotes off balance the rest of the way to secure the victory.

Borden put together five hits against the Buffaloes. Hunter Jones had a couple of hits with one being an inside the park homerun. Trace Richey put together a couple of singles as well. Korbin Martinez also had a single in the contest.

Jones had a good outing giving up only four hits and striking out eight batters. Jones gave up 0 earned runs.

In game two of the double-header, the Coyotes jumped out to a 1-0 lead. But the scrappy Buffaloes scored a run in the first five innings to go up 5-1. Borden battled back in the top of the seventh inning giving themselves a chance. Jayton Lewis and Braxton Barnes both reached base on walks. Lewis and pinch runner, Morgan Wilson, advanced to second and third on a passed ball. Both Lewis and Wilson scored on an error by the Buffalo shortstop that was put into play by Steven Carrillo. Ryan Willborn advanced to first after being hit by the pitch moving Carrillo to second base. Richey's blooper to the shortstop allowed Forsan to double Carrillo at second base giving the Coyotes two outs in the inning. Borden scored on a single by Jones, but the Buffaloes prevailed with a 5-4 victory.

Borden had five hits in the game led by Jones with three

singles. Kale Yarbrow and Braxton Barnes each added a hit.

Richey went four innings giving up only one hit, striking out six, and walking eight batters.

The Coyotes are 9-2-1 on the season and finished 6-2 in district play. Borden will play the Fort Hancock Mustangs in the Bi-district round, in a one game series, on Friday in Eunice, New Mexico. First pitch will be at 7 p.m. central time.

## Headed for Play-Offs



The Borden County baseball team will enter the playoffs on this Friday. They will play the Ft. Hancock Mustangs in Eunice, NM at 7 p.m. central time. Members of the Coyote baseball team are (back l to r) Hunter Jones, Steven Carrillo, Jayton Lewis, Braxton Coor, Korbin Martinez, Kale Yarbrow, (front l to r) Assist. Coach-Trey Richey, Ryan Willborn, Trace Richey, Morgan Wilson, Braxton Barnes and Head Coach-Bubba Edwards.

## Borden County Softball Continues on History Run Defeating Seagraves

By Coach Benavidez

The Lady Coyotes continued their Cinderella season by securing a playoff berth by defeating the Seagraves Eagles on Tuesday, April 19. This game could easily have been a "trap" game since the fact that when these two teams last met, the Lady Coyotes won easily at home on the run rule by a score of 18-6. The Lady Coyotes travelled to Seagraves for the rematch. This was definitely a hyped up atmosphere as it was the last home game for the Lady Eagles as well as their "Senior Night". Seagraves definitely came out motivated.

The Lady Coyotes first turn at offense was stalled with a strikeout and then a single that was negated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> batter when the defense turned a double play. The Seagraves batters showed how dangerous they could be when the first two batters got on base then were driven in making the score 2-0 before the Coyote defense could put a stop to it to end the 1<sup>st</sup> inning. Defensively for the Coyotes, sophomore pitcher Harley Merrill was credited with two strikeouts then a ground out to

1<sup>st</sup> baseman, junior Maddie Benavidez. Also playing defense for the Lady Coyotes were sophomore Brooklyn Cheatham at catcher, freshman Katie Gray at 3<sup>rd</sup>, sophomore Preslea Hall at short stop, sophomore Ashlyn Tucker at 2<sup>nd</sup> to complete the infield. The outfield consisted of senior Cheyenne Tucker in left field, freshman Rayme Jones in center and freshman Madi Cole in right.

Once again, the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning was cold for the Lady Coyotes as the Seagraves defense went 3 up and 3 down on the next three Coyote batters. The BC defense held solid on outs in the form of a pop fly to SS Preslea Hall, strikeout by Merrill and a ground out from Hall to Benavidez. Senior, Lexi Cheatham started the run in the top of the third with a solid line drive between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> to get to 2<sup>nd</sup> base. Cheyenne Tucker then hit a loop to right field on a full count. Her little sister, Ashlyn, put bat to ball to hit another grounder through the same gap. Preslea and Harley were next in the order and both found success on a grounder by Preslea and a

long fly to left field by Merrill. This offensive showing started the 3<sup>rd</sup> and put the Lady Coyotes ahead by a score of 5-2. Defensively to end the inning, Harley was on fire retiring the next three batters with strikeouts.

Junior, Savannah Herridge kept the bats going for BC as she started the 4<sup>th</sup> inning reaching base and then being driven in along with Cheyenne and Ashlyn on hits by Preslea, Harley, Brooklyn, Maddie, and Rayme. The top of the 4<sup>th</sup> saw BC extend the lead to 9-2. Great defense put an end to the 4<sup>th</sup> quickly on three straight outs. This season, the 5<sup>th</sup> inning has not been kind to the Lady Coyotes. Today would be no different. To start the inning the Coyote bats went cold once again going 3 up 3 down. Harley struck out the 1<sup>st</sup> batter of the 5<sup>th</sup> inning which was in the 9<sup>th</sup> spot. This meant the always dangerous top of the order was next. The next batter reached base on a line drive to center field. Harley then struck out the next batter making it two outs. The third out was elusive as the next five batters reached base driving in

4 runs before the final out was recorded by a pop fly that our catcher Brooklyn Cheatham was able to corral in. Seagraves pulled within 3 runs with the score being 9-6 in favor of BC.

The 6<sup>th</sup> inning was a little better for the Lady Coyotes. Harley Merrill was able to reach third on a line drive. She was then able to score as Brooklyn Cheatham hit a fly out to left which was caught but Harley tagged up and reached home. This would be the only score in the 6<sup>th</sup> for the Lady Coyotes. The BC defense held strong once again. Harley sat down two batters on strikeouts. The last out came on a fly that was snagged by Preslea. The last inning was quiet, offensively, for the Lady Coyotes, 3 up and 3 down on tough defense by Seagraves. The BC defense ended the game giving up one score. The last three outs were a strikeout by Harley, a groundout to Maddie at 1<sup>st</sup> and a grounder fielded by Preslea to Maddie. This win sealed the playoff berth for the Lady Coyotes and secured a place in history as the first time that Borden County reached the post season in softball.

# Tracksters Perform Well at Regional Meet...

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and the 9<sup>th</sup> fastest time in the state. Zoie Key, still feeling the effects of a sickness the week before ended her career competing in the 3200 and 1600 meter runs. The 1600 meter relay, a team consisting of (Preslea Hall, Rayme Jones, freshman Katie Gray {Katie would also run the 400 in the prelims} and Emma Key), which seemed to have the best chance of scoring for girls relay missed the finals by .33 seconds as they just didn't seem to have the legs after a long day in the sun. Lexi Cheatum competed in her first ever regional track meet competing in the Discus throw. Now to those highlights on the weekend, freshman Rayme Jones finished 5<sup>th</sup> place in the long jump, scoring the first points for the ladies on the weekend with a jump of 15'2". The 400 meter relay of senior Tatum Richey, competing in her 4<sup>th</sup> straight regional track meet and running in her 3<sup>rd</sup> regional final in that span, freshman Jones, sophomore Preslea Hall and Senior Karly Etheredge running in the regional track meet for the first time since her freshman year when she anchored the relay to a trip to Austin. This group qualified for the finals by running a season best 53.05 and followed that with a 53.04 in the finals to finish 6<sup>th</sup> and earn 2 more points for the lady coyotes. Freshman Emma Key would step in for Tatum in the 800 meter relay, this foursome would run a season best time in the prelims with a 1:51.65 to qualify with the 5<sup>th</sup> fastest time. In the finals the ladies would run a 1:51.79 and finish 6<sup>th</sup> place for 2 more Lady Coyote points. Emma Key would turn right around for one of the most difficult doubles on the track and participate in the 400 meter dash after qualifying 6<sup>th</sup> for the finals, the heat would take its toll as Emma would run a 65.2 in the finals to finish in 7<sup>th</sup> place.

On the Boys side, Morgan Wilson and Dylan Murphy participated in the 3200 meter run finishing out of the top ten. Freshman Payton Merket like Murphy was making his first appearance in the regional track meet came up short in his bid for the finals in the 400

meter run with a time of 55.10 a season best for him. The only real disappointing moment in the entire meet was the 1600 meter relay coming up just short of qualifying for the State meet. This relay has seen many faces all season and just hasn't gotten its time down like they had hoped, but just over the last week they finally found a combination and strength to make themselves contenders. After running a season best time in the prelims, the foursome of sophomore Ryan Willborn, senior and only senior on the boys track team Korbin Martinez, juniors Corbin Sumners and Hunter Jones, this seemed to have a chance to be in the top 3. This group ran a 3:33.44 in the prelims and despite a disappointing ending, this group ran a season best in fact it's the fastest 1600 relay turned in since the school record was set some 12 years ago as they ran a 3:33.10 to finish 4<sup>th</sup> after Jones the anchor was clipped from behind and tripped up a bit, which appeared to keep him from being able to catch the third plays Cross Plains runner. As disappointing as not catching them was, it would have been even more disappointing had they caught them and then learned that the Coyotes would be disqualified for running out of their lane early in the race.

Now to the Highlights of the Track meet for the Boys, first of all, the coyotes got points in the field events from the two throwing events as junior Diego Bernal finished 6<sup>th</sup> place in the shot put with a throw of 43'6 1/2", then in the discus, sophomore Braxton Barnes threw a competition best throw of 126'9" to finish 5<sup>th</sup> place. Ryan Willborn made the finals in the 400 meter dash with a 53.12 but chose to scratch the event in the finals to be fresher for the 1600 meter relay. Korbin Martinez made the finals for the third time in three years, but for the first time in his career, K-Mart participated in the event as he has always scratched the event to save himself, but for the first time he needed to compete in this event since it was his last opportunity and being the most unselfish athlete I have ever coached, he needed to compete

in the event just once in his career, unfortunately after an amazing 800 race earlier in the day K-Mart just didn't get out of the blocks and was out of the race early as he finished 8<sup>th</sup> in the race but what a great hurdling career K-Mart has had as he has qualified for the regionals in the 300's all four times in his high school career.

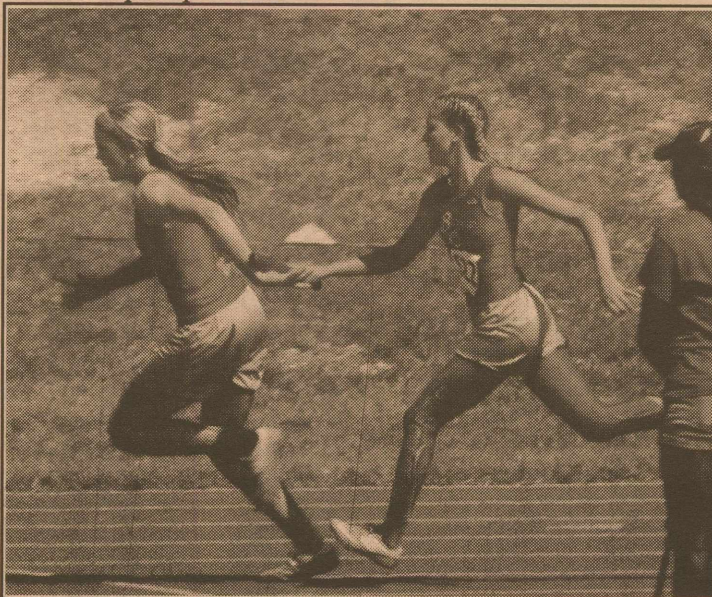
Now to the ultimate highlights, a group of young men that two years ago ran at the state track meet as freshman and sophomores competing in the 800 relay and the 1600 meter relay had a chance at history as they put themselves in a nice position by sitting 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 400 meter relay. The 400 meter relay is a race that in my 23 years of coaching at Borden County we have sat in a position to qualify for state 3 previous times, but a botched hand-off has always been the undoing of that chance and has never qualified for the state meet. To my knowledge, no men's track team in school history has ever run at the State track meet, but on Saturday, three clean hand-offs by sophomore Nick Proulx, to junior Hunter Jones to junior Jayton Lewis and to junior Corbin Sumners not only did the three juniors punch their ticket for a return trip to Austin but also made a bit of School history in the process as they turned in a hand time of 44.04 (only a couple tenths off a 10 years school record) to move up a spot from their

qualifying position by finishing second place and 16 big points. Nick will be making his first trip and two of his classmates will make the trip as well as they have participated on this relay and the 800 relay several times this season and will go as alternates, Trace Richey and Ryan Willborn.

This same foursome would take the track again minutes later participating in the 800 meter relay. This group running in a different order in the prelims finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place so they would have to move up one spot to have a chance at the wildcard position. They changed their order to the same as the sprint relay for the finals and apparently it made a little bit of a difference as they not only turned in a season best time, but also broke the same record the 3 juniors plus Willborn set last year at this same meet. This group of Nick Proulx (23.56), Hunter Jones (22.40), Jayton Lewis 23.88, and Corbin Sumners (22.88) ran a school record time of 1:32.68 to move up a spot and finish 3<sup>rd</sup>. After checking around the state it was confirmed that this group would get to run the 800 relay at the state track meet as they would collect the wildcard.

The last qualifier for the state meet is a young man that made history not only for himself but also the Coyote track program. Korbin Martinez will

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Rayme Jones (left) and Tatum Richey pull off a smooth hand off during the 400 M relay last weekends Regional track meet in San Angelo.

## School Lunch Menu

May 9 - 13, 2016

Menu subject to change

**Monday - Breakfast:** Mini Waffles & Yogurt, Fruit Juice, Fruit, and Milk. **Lunch:** Chicken Fajitas, Salsa, Salad, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fresh Fruit and Milk.

**Tuesday - Breakfast:** Sausage Biscuit, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Asian Bowl w/Rice & Egg Roll, Baby Carrots w/Ranch, Steamed Broccoli, Pineapple, Sugar Cookie and Milk.

**Wednesday - Breakfast:** Egg & chesse Sandwich, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Tex-Mex Stack w/ Salsa, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Tomato Cup, Hot Cinnamon Apples and Milk.

**Thursday-Breakfast:** Stuffed Bagel, Fruit Juice and Milk. **Lunch:** Pig in a Blanket, Oven Fries, Western Beans, Diced Pears and Milk.


**Friday-NO SCHOOL**

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Screen-Free Week will be held May 2-8, 2016 and is a much needed respite from the screen media dominating the lives of so many children and adults. Now, more than ever, it's imperative that we help children discover the joys of life beyond screens.

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Screen-Free Week (formerly TV-Turnoff) is coordinated by the Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood, a national advocacy organization devoted to reducing the impact of commercialism on children. Since the Week's founding in 1994, it has been celebrated by millions of children and their families worldwide. For more information, visit

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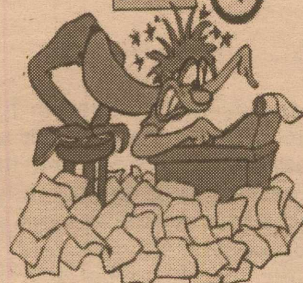
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When the body of President Abraham Lincoln was moved from Washington, D.C. to Springfield, Illinois it was taken through Albany, New York. In the crowd at Albany were a mother and her young son.



Lifting the child up the mother cried, "Son, take a good look at that man. He died for you." As a leader of a nation divided by strife that may have been true.

There was another man, Jesus, who did indeed die for us. But His death was different. His death was that we might have forgiveness for our sins. His death was for our salvation. He died that we might have eternal life through Him and live with Him in heaven. When He died, He did not stay dead – but rose from the grave.

We need to take a good look at Jesus. We need to see that in Him we have someone Who loves us and cares for us; someone Who will hear and answer our prayers; someone Who will give us peace when we are going through difficult times.

But more than that, we need to accept Him as our Savior and make Him the Lord of our Life!

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## 4-H Shooting Sports



Borden County 4-H was well represented at the Midland County 4-H Shoot on Saturday, April 30th. Ryann Phillips (right) was 4th in Intermediate Skeet and 3rd Overall Ladies. Kaylee Walker (left) was 2nd in Skeet, 4th in Trap in the Intermediate division and High HAA Intermediate.

## Borden County 4-H Archers



Borden County 4-H Archery members competed Saturday, April 30th at Callahan County Shooting Range for their first competition of the season. Members competing were (left to right) Kennedy Tucker, Haven Hill, Ashlyn Tucker and Brayson Cox. Haven shot in the Junior Recurve Division and placed 1st in 3-D! Ashlyn shot in the Senior Compound Aided division and placed 4th in Modified 600 and 3rd in 3-D.

## Borden County ISD Board Meeting

### Regular Board Meeting Minutes – April 4, 2016

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District of Gail, Texas, met in regular session at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Borden County I.S.D. on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Board members present were John Anderson, Joel Dennis, Todd Holbrooks, Carol Lewis, Dennis Poole, Randy Hensley and Mike Valentine. Billy Collins, Superintendent, Bart McMeans, Principal, were also present.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 P.M. by John Anderson.

2. There was community input from Shannon White, Doug Flannigan, and Haddie Flannigan.

3. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Todd Holbrooks to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2016 board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Randy Hensley to approve the March 2016 bills. The motion carried unanimously.

5. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Todd Holbrooks to set the May board meeting on Monday, May 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Mike Valentine to approve the Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification, 2016-2017. The motion carried unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Mike Valentine and seconded by Dennis Poole to develop plans and obtain a cost estimate for a cattle facility to be constructed at the BCISD Ag Farm. The motion carried unanimously.

8. The board entered closed session under Section 551.074 of the Texas Education Code to discuss "Professional Personnel Contracts for 2016-2017" at 7:53 P.M. and returned to open session at 9:19 P.M. A motion was made by Carol Lewis and seconded by Randy Hensley to extend new contracts of BCISD Professional Certified Staff for the 2016-2017 school year as

presented by Mr. McMeans and Mr. Collins. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Mr. Collins gave a year to date financial report and enrollment. Student failures, Honor Roll and Beta Club were presented also. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Todd Holbrooks to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Dennis Poole and seconded by Joel Dennis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

## Thought for the Day

*My father used to play with my brother and me in the yard. Mother would come out and say, "You're tearing up the grass." "We're not raising grass," Dad would reply, "We're raising boys."*

*-Harmon Killebrew*

## Making the Grade!

### 5<sup>th</sup> Six-Weeks Beta Achievement

**Seniors:** Karly Etheredge, Kyrsten Rebeles, Tatum Richey, Flint Roberts, Nathan Souder, Caelan Thuett and Merik Valentine; **Juniors:** Madison Benavidez, Hayley Gray and Savannah Herridge; **Sophomore:** Carley Bell, Preslea Hall, Harley Merrill, Ashlyn Tucker and M.J. Van der Bank; **Freshmen:** Madison Cole, Trent Collins, Katie Gray, Reina Hernandez and Paige Holbrooks; **Eighth Grade:** Lindsay Brantley, Kaitlyn Cribbs, Camden Edwards, Callie Hargrove, Hailey Lowery and Tatum Treadwell; **Seventh Grade:** Mason Cole, Haddie Flanigan, Kaci Hudson, Maggie Miller, Erin Nix, Gunner Shofner, Kennedy Tucker and Leandre Van der Bank; **Sixth Grade:** Ethan Stephens.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Six-Weeks Honor Roll

**Seniors:** Samuel Raborn; **Juniors:** Madson Benavidez, Jamyaleigh Gray, Avery Price and Corbin Sumners; **Sophomore:** Braxton Barnes, Easton Edwards, Tori Huckaby and Trace Richey; **Freshman:** Myka Blissard, Rayme Jones, Kami Key and Brooke Swaffar; **Eighth Grade:**

Brittney Walker and Kaylee Walker; **Seventh Grade:** Kylie Barnes, Tommy Kingston, Gunner Shofner, Maddye Sumners and Justin Willborn; **Sixth Grade:** Brooklyn Gray, Shelby Milhauser, Paige Parker and Ryann Phillips; **Fifth Grade:** Kassi Collins, Callie Edwards, Dallie Miller, Hayden Neill, Oliver Skelton and Tres Spencer; **Fourth Grade:** Aubree Blissard, Hannah Brady, Luke Carpenter, Vincent Frankl, Gabriel Guerrero, Jenna Holbrooks, Rhett Kingston, Kadence Lowery, Ben Nix, Bailey Pennell, Jordan Ramos, Rexie Sanders, Agatha Skelton, Laney Stansell, Kendall Swaffar, Bella Taylor and Kenzie White; **Third Grade:** Tyler Cole, Hannah Criswell, Kenlei Estes, Datch Flanigan, Tatiana Frankl, Haven Hill, Maddox Merket, Pace Parker, Nevaeh Partney and Tagan Treadwell; **Second Grade:** Juan Andrade, Reagan Beaver, Grace Cooley, Cason Cribbs, Kyra Curtis, Kellar Estes, Shawn Fields, Trinity Fleck, Jesse Hernandez, Kason Law, Tatum Runge, Ethan Scott, Keller Silver, Hagen Smith, Evie Stansell, Brogen Walker, Cooper Williams and Randen Williams.



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cated between Navasota and Brenham in a rural setting. The Alamo, located in downtown San Antonio, gets several times more visitors than WOTB, but the park association is working to make more people aware of the significant history there. The park is open 7 days a week. As part of the Independence Day celebration, the names of the 59 delegates

are read aloud. Their descendants, who have been invited, cheer when they hear their forefather's name called. The entire weekend features all kinds of entertainment. Next year you should dress up in Texas pioneer clothes and go there.

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## Property Owner Protest Hearings Are Set for July 14, 2016

Property owners who disagree with the Borden County Appraisal District's appraisal of their property for local taxes or for any other action that adversely affects them may protest their property value to the appraisal district's Appraisal Review Board (ARB). The ARB will begin hearing taxpayer protests on July 14, 2016 in the Borden County Courthouse.

After the ARB completes its hearings and approves final property tax appraisals, local governments will use these appraisals to set 2016 property tax rates.

The ARB is a group of citizens who live in the appraisal district and are appointed by the appraisal district's board of directors, except in Harris and Fort Bend Counties where a local administrative judge makes the appointments. Property owners may protest any of the following issues to the ARB:

- the appraised or market value of the property;
- unequal appraisal of the taxpayer's property compared to similar property in the district;
- inclusion of the property on the appraisal records;
- denial of a partial exemption, such as a homestead exemption;
- denial of special appraisals, such as agricultural or timber productivity appraisal;
- determination that agricultural or timber land has had a change of use and is subject to a rollback tax;
- identification of the taxing unit or units in which the property is located;
- determination that the taxpayer is the owner of the property; or
- any other action of the appraisal district that adversely affects the owner.

A property owner must file a written notice of protest before June 1, 2016 or within 30 days after the appraisal district mails the taxpayer a notice of appraised value, whichever is later. The ARB schedules a hearing and sends the protesting property owner written notice of the date, time and place of the hearing. The law contains specific timelines and procedures for the owner and the ARB throughout the appraisal protest process. These are detailed in the state Comptroller's publication *Property Taxpayer Remedies*. Copies are available from the BORDEN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT at 120 E. Wilbourn (PO Box 298) Gail, TX 79738 or 806-756-4484. The publication is also available on the Comptroller's website at [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/) or by calling 1-800-252-9121 and press "2" to access the menu and then press "1" to contact the Information Services Team.



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## Role of Nutrition in Antler Development in White-Tailed Deer

In one of the early studies conducted at the Kerr Wildlife Management Area, TPWD biologists collected a group of buck fawns from throughout the state of Texas. They bottle raised these fawns, weaned them in September, and placed each fawn in an individual pen. They studied the fawns in the pens for 4 years. One group was fed a low protein diet of 8%. The other group was fed a high protein diet of 16%.

### Whitetail Antlers

This is a slide of antlers from 2 deer in the study, and illustrates what we saw. The deer on the left was fed a low protein diet; the deer on the right a 16% protein diet. Of all the deer fed a low protein diet, not one turned out to be a spike. This was not expected. When you feed them that poorly, you expect to grow some spikes. We became suspicious of our feed and had it reanalyzed. We found out the feed company had done us a favor. They sent us 10.5% protein feed instead of 8%. The Low (left) side #1 is the first set of antlers produced by the deer that was fed a 10.5% protein diet, 4 pounds a day. His

second set, #2, was produced on a diet of 8% protein, 4 pounds a day. The third set, #3, was grown with 8% protein, 5 pounds a day. The fourth set resulted from a diet of 8% protein, 4 pounds a day. The deer on the right was fed a 16% protein diet, 4 pounds a day for the 1st, 2nd, and 4th sets of antlers. The 3rd set was grown with 16% protein, 5 pounds a day. The take home message is "You feed them good, you grow them big. If you feed them bad, you grow them small." Nutrition does make a difference in antler growth.

**THANK  
YOU  
FOR  
READING  
THE  
BORDEN  
STAR**

## Legal Notices

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the O'BENCO, INC., [RRC Operator No. 617512] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 518, Bk. 97, H&TC RR CO / JONES, D A Survey, A-1172, FLUVANNA Field, BORDEN County, being 3 miles NW direction from FLUVANNA, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Af-

affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A

Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848.

If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the

Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6751.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST

BE RECEIVED IN THE R A I L R O A D COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR

E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY May 19, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED

WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE

**GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.**

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: FLUVANNA  
Lease/Unit Name :  
FLUVANNA (MISSISSIPPIAN) UNIT

Lease/Unit Well No. : 108H  
Lease/Unit Acres : 1320.0  
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 660.0  
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 1107.0

Lease Lines : 620.0 F S L,  
509.0 F W L  
Survey Lines : 620.0 F S L,  
509.0 F W L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

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Lateral: TH1  
Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines: 860.0 F W L  
660.0 F S L  
Terminus Location  
BH County: BORDEN  
Section: 535 Block: 97 Abstract: 945

Survey: H&TC RR CO / JONES, D A

Lease Lines: 860.0 F W L  
660.0 F N L  
Survey Lines: 860.0 F W L  
660.0 F N L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

FLUVANNA : OIL Special Rules 660/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 8200 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please

MARCH 24, 2016

### REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION

First Day of Early Voting	Monday May 16, 2016 (Located at the County Clerk's office in the courthouse)
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)	Friday, May 13, 2016 (NEW LAW: 11th day before election day; ABBM and FPCA)
Last Day of Early Voting	Friday, May 20, 2016
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, May 24, 2016 (election day) at 7:00 p.m. (unless overseas deadline applies)

WE WILL HAVE ONE POLLING PLACE  
ON ELECTION DAY  
AND IT WILL BE LOCATED AT THE  
BORDEN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE  
DISTRICT COURTROOM

For more information check our website at

[www.co.borden.tx.us](http://www.co.borden.tx.us), click on County Offices, select

County Clerk, select Elections Notices, then select the appropriate election

If you wish to apply for a ballot by mail you can send application to

[bordenco@poka.com](mailto:bordenco@poka.com)

# Regional Track Meet...

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make his 4<sup>th</sup> straight trip to the State Track meet. Garrett Thomas made three trips in his career, but it is believed that no Borden County male athlete has ever participated in 4 state track meets, that is until Korbin Martinez takes the track to run the 800 meter run for the second time. K-Mart came into the event having not come close to his career best and only busted 2:10 a week earlier for the first time on the season. Although, with the stakes raised and as he has done his entire career, Korbin rose to the occasion and ran not only his season's best but his career best time of 2:04.27 to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> place and punch his 4<sup>th</sup> ticket to Austin. Korbin qualified as a freshman on the 1600 meter relay, a race he and his teammates finished 6<sup>th</sup> in, then

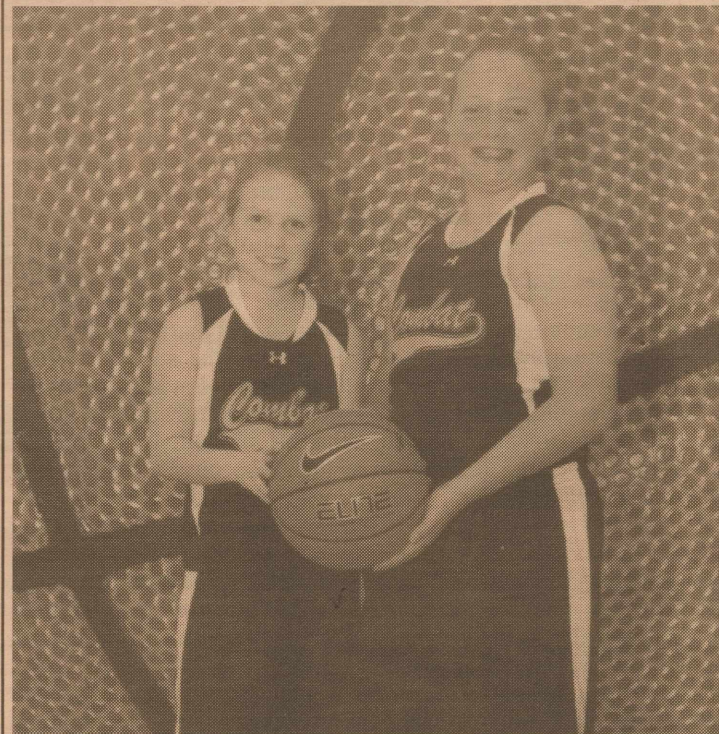
again qualified for the 1600 meter relay his sophomore year. After changing regions, it became more difficult to get the 1600 meter relay to Austin, even though the last two years we have run faster times than the two relays K-Mart qualified on, they have stayed home so K-Mart had to turn to his 800 meter run to get him there and back to back silver medals made him a 4-time state qualifier.

All in all, with the 2 relays qualifying with one school record and a near school record and with the 1600 meter relay running their second fastest time in school history, this was the fastest overall track meet in Borden County History. These 7 young men, Senior Korbin Martinez, Juniors Jayton

Lewis, Hunter Jones, Corbin Summers and sophomores Nick Proulx, Ryan Willborn and Trace Richey will be making an exciting trip to Austin to participate in the 2016 State Track meet on the Weekend of May 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>.

Congrats to all of you who qualified for regional, what a great weekend for the boys and girls track programs. I am so proud of each of you. I would also like to thank all of the folks that traveled to San Angelo to support these young men and women. Without your support none of this would be possible. Please make the trip to Austin to see if History will continue to be made as it is believed that no male relay team has ever medaled at the State meet.

## National All-Star Tournament



Kenzie White (left) and Rexie Sanders, members of the Lamesa Little Dribblers major division, recently traveled to Mexia, Texas to compete in the National All-Star Tournament April 13-16.

<span style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin: 0 20px;">MAY 2016</span>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 JH District Tennis @ Snyder	3 EOC Test: Algebra I EOC Test: U.S. History	4 EOC Test: Biology	5 Parent Night Meetings 8 <sup>th</sup> grade-6:00 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> grade-7:15	6 <b>Progress Reports</b> FFA Speaking Contest @ Tarleton	7
8	9 STAAR Math Test: Grades 3,4,6,7  STAAR Math Retest: Grades 5,8	10 STAAR Reading Test: Grades 3,4,6,7  STAAR Reading Retest: Grades 5,8	11 STAAR Science Test: Grades 5,8  K-3 Music Program- 2:45	12 STAAR SS Test: Grade 8  Lone Wolf FFA District Meeting @ Ira	13 <b>Holiday-Bad Weather Day</b>  State Track Meet	14   State Track Meet
15	16 FFA Bowling Party 5:00	17 TSI Testing: 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade  FFA Banquet-6:00	18 TSI Testing: 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade  4-9 Music Program- 2:30	19 UIL Banquet-6:00	20 Family Fun Night, 4:00-8:00  Area II FFA Convention @ Sweetwater	21 Area II FFA Convention @ Sweetwater
22 Baccalaureate 11:00 a.m.	23 UIL State Academic Meet	24 UIL State Academic Meet	25 UIL State Academic Meet  Awards Assembly-2:50	26 JH Graduation-7:00	27 <b>End of Six Weeks</b>  <b>Last Day of School</b> HS Graduation-7:00 Project Graduation	28
29	30	31				

## Borden County 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

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 let-

ter of application by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

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, dedi-

cation, 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

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.

### Doris Steadman Memorial Scholarship

Applications are currently being accepted for the Doris Steadman Memorial Scholarship.

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

Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

*Doris Steadman 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 Doris Steadman 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.