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Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden

Set Goals

Why is it important to set goals? Goals give your life a specific direction enabling you to keep on course. Goals make your path one of design rather than happenstance.

Karl Mladen Sekulovich, a 21-year-old son of Serbian immigrants, was determined to not spend his life working in the steel mills in Gary, Ind. as were his contemporaries. In 1934, Karl took his life savings of \$340 and went to Chicago to study acting.

Driven by his goals, the budding actor, who would become known as Karl Malden, used \$300 to pay for the first semester of acting school. He then went on to win a full scholarship for the entire three-year program.

Explorer Ferdinand Magellan's goal was to find a passage connecting the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. In 1520, while sailing through horrendous weather, the crew doubted Magellan's course and urged him to abort the trip. Perseverance and an unshakable belief in his goals enabled him to discover the passage.

Maurice Ashley, the first African-American to hold the

highest ranking in chess, international grandmaster, loved chess as a teenager. He practiced and learned as much as possible and decided that becoming a grandmaster would be his goal in life.

Imagine your car's windshield painted black. What are your chances of staying on the road without crashing? Your life without goals is like driving your car without seeing the road.

How do you determine your goals? You must decide where you want to go in life. Goals can be modified or changed at any time, so don't be afraid that setting them will restrict you.

Your goals must be your own. Others will try to influence you but you can't achieve their goals. If goals aren't yours, attaining them won't bring you satisfaction or happiness.

Setting goals requires a thorough self-analysis. Start by determining what you want and don't want. Make two lists as if you had no limitations. Take the list of what you want and rank the entries in order of importance to you. The most important entries should be con-

sidered major goals.

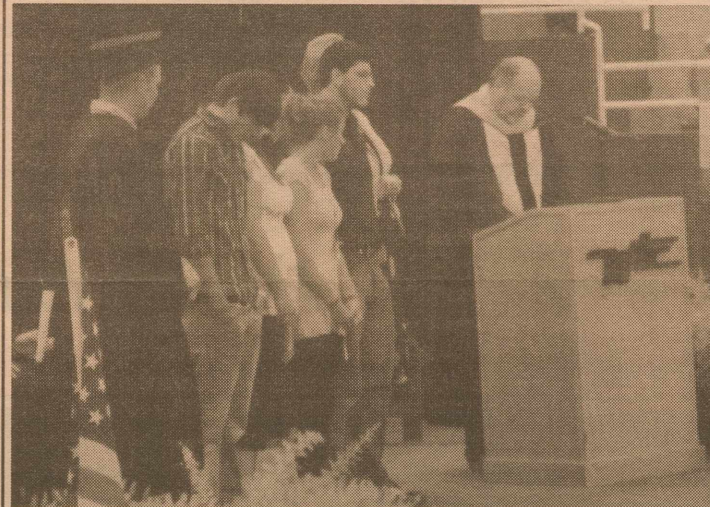
Don't worry about what other people may think about your lists. These are your private lists and they don't have to be shown or discussed with anyone. Once you have made these lists, compare them to your current situation. If you are doing things you don't want you may feel frustrated and dissatisfied.

If you subvert you goals to other people's opinions, you shortchange yourself. It's tempting to try to make others understand and accept your goals, but they don't have to. What important is that you are comfortable and happy with your goals.

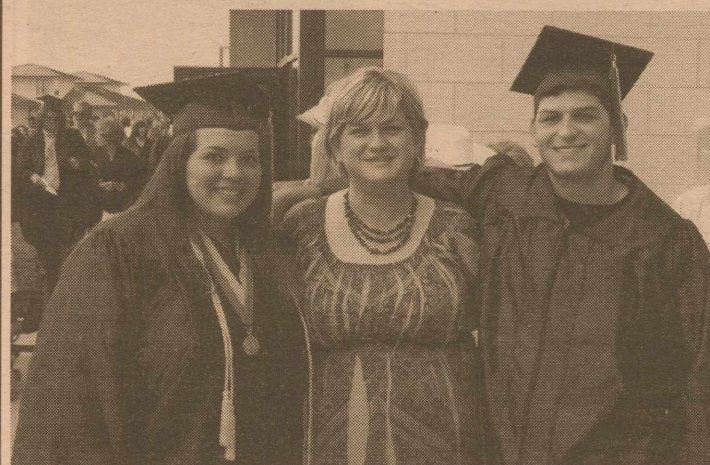
Time goes by too fast to spend it being unfulfilled. We learn to justify our current existence even if we are not happy with it. Whatever your goals may be, someone else has already achieved them. If someone else can do it, you can do it too.

It's never too late or too early to set goals and change your life. The next column will discuss in detail how to develop a plan to reach your goals.

Proud Moments



The Tommy Soto, Jr., family took the stage during Western Texas College commencement exercises in May. The Junior College in Snyder posthumously awarded Soto his Associated degree in Welding as he had completed all requirements this past spring for the degree. Charla Soto along with children Trey, Christina, Tony and Teryn were all present to accept the diploma on behalf of their late husband and father. Soto's parents, Tommy Sr. and Ruth, along with his in-laws Bob and Terry Buchanan were also in attendance at the special ceremony. Soto's paternal grandmother and numerous aunts and uncles also made the trip to Snyder. The following weekend, Charla and family watches as Trey and Christina received their college diplomas from Angelo State University. Trey earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology while Christina's Bachelor's degree is in Early Childhood Education. She will be a graduate student this fall at Texas Tech, working towards a Masters degree as a Reading Specialist.



Diary of a Mad Driver Ed. Teacher

By Sue Jane Mayes

Mad as in crazy, not upset. Mad as in insanely naïve when accepting the position 15 years ago.

We are only three days into Season XIV of Driver Education Gail America, and yet, it feels like a lifetime.

Students are exhibiting the types of habits that remind me why their parents turned them over to me in the first place. Fair enough. I would have done the same thing, except that I was both Mom and Driver Education teacher to my two daughters. Bad break.

As with all challenges in my life, I choose to approach them weighing the good with the bad. Here is my list so far:

Good # 1: Teaching driver ed. builds my character. Trust me, the foundation is rock solid.

Good # 2: Teaching driver ed. makes me rise early and

see some beautiful sunrises.

Good # 3: Teaching driver ed. gives me some extra spending money for summer vacation.

Bad # 1: Teaching driver ed. has made me want to smoke, cuss, drink, and drive myself off a cliff—so much for character.

Bad # 2: Teaching driver ed. makes me unable to sleep at night because I have nightmares about goats in the road. More on that later.

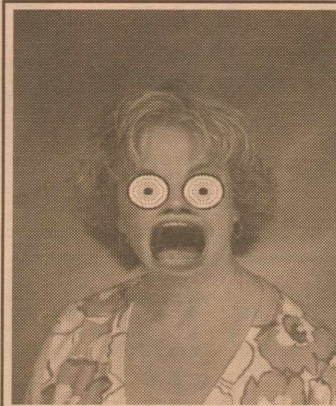
Bad # 3: Teaching driver ed. makes me spend every bit of that hard-earned money on a plane, bus, or train ticket so I don't have to be in a car for my vacation.

Actually, Season XIV is going as well as can be expected. These are kids.

They are learning, and that fact gives me job security. Otherwise, I would just be eating

donuts and reading the paper. I like teaching driver education because in just a few weeks time, results really can be seen.

We go from white-knuckle moments holding the steering wheel to cruising the Sonic in no time at all.



*Drivin' Ms. Mayesy
Crazy
(Sue Jane Mayes)*

We go from jumping curbs to weaving in and out of traffic on Loop 289 like nobody's business.

We also work our way from tunnel vision to checking those mirrors on cue.

And finally, as if by miraculous intervention, we realize that the most important feature on a car is not the horn but the cruise control. I cry when this happens. My babies grow up in such a short time.

Who am I kidding?

Teaching driver education is the biggest responsibility—other than motherhood—with which I have been entrusted. It's darn scary to think I am helping these guys with such an important skill. Quite frankly, I'd rather be teaching them how to do latitude and longitude on a map.

All I really ask of them is to find the balance between (1)

relaxing and (2) taking driving seriously—if they are too tense they won't learn, and if they are too flippant they will develop some bad driving habits.

Oh, yeah, the goat story.

Scurry County. Dirt roads. Out of nowhere come three goats running across the road. Two mad goats and one crazy kid (goat).

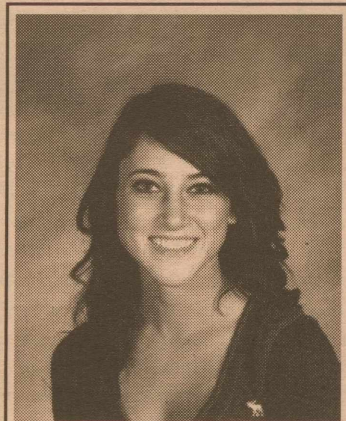
We've had deer, skunks, rabbits, turtles, snakes, lizards, horned toads, but never ever before goats run out in front of the driver ed. car.

The goats—and the driver—survived the near collision.

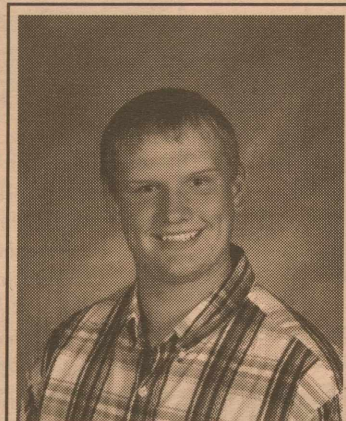
The driver education teacher is still counting goats in her sleep.

All in a day's and night's work.

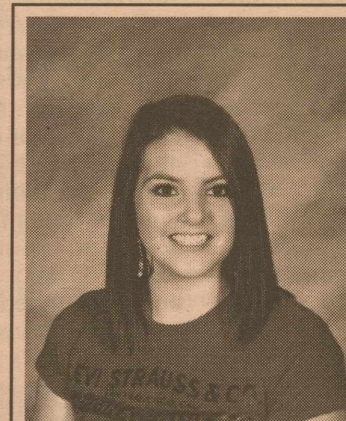
Driver Education Gail America Season XIV



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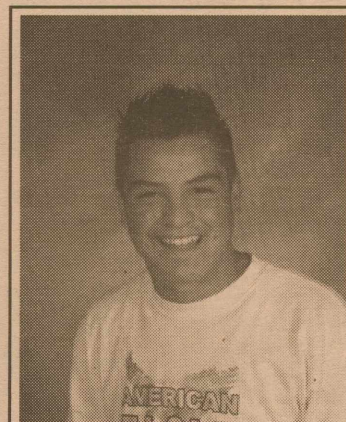
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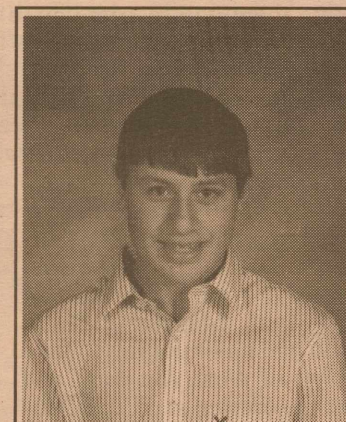
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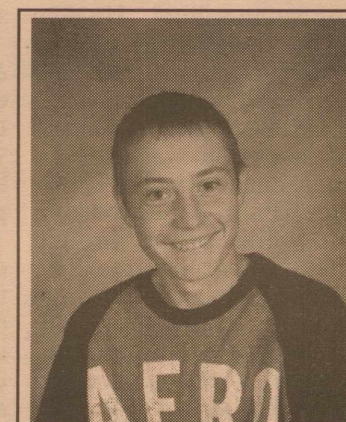
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Jordan Day



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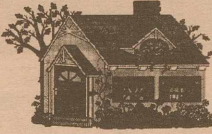


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Heart and Home ...

by Julie Smith
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Laundry and Mildew

Laundry—nobody's favorite task. However, it's even more difficult when stains won't come out in the wash. What should you do? We recommend that you start by making sure damp or wet clothes are not placed in the laundry basket and left for several days.

Warm summer temperatures, high humidity, and any remaining food on clothing—especially kids' clothes—creates the perfect conditions for the growth of mildew. Mildew is a fungus and appears as dark-colored spots and splotches on textile items. When the textile is left in a warm, humid location with little or no light or air circulation, you have created the perfect condition for very difficult to remove mildew.


Prevention is the key. Experts at the International Fabricare Institute suggest drying any wet textiles before

placing them in the laundry and certainly not storing them dirty. Some typical items might include infants' and children's clothing, sports wear, jackets, t-shirts, kitchen textiles, towels, and other common items. Avoid tossing damp clothing in a dark laundry hamper or closet. If you can't get to the laundry immediately, hang the item in an area with good air circulation until the item is dry. Or wash the item as soon as possible, treating the soiled area with a pre-wash enzyme product.

What removes mildew? Actually, only chlorine bleach removes and kills mildew growth and stains. Since not all fabrics are safely treated with bleach, preventing the growth of mildew may be a better solution than trying to remove it later and possibly ruining the item.

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On the Wild Side of Life
by Cody G. Hill
Borden County Extension Agent - Agriculture



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Feral Hog Meeting

Texas AgriLife Extension in Borden County and Texas Wildlife Association are co-sponsoring a Feral Hog meeting on June 17, 2010 from noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Borden County Community Room located behind the Courthouse in Gail, Texas. Anyone interested in learning more about feral hogs, "The Good, The Bad,

and The Ugly", are invited to attend.

Participants may receive 1 CEU for attending. There is no registration fee and lunch will be provided. Please contact Borden County Extension Agent Cody G. Hill at (806) 756-4336 or (806) 790-0121 to RSVP for the meeting by June 16th.


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SEEDS FROM THE SOWER

Michael A. Guido
Metter, Georgia



"Let's be good citizens," said a lady, "and pay our taxes with a smile."
"I'd like to," answered a girl, "but they want money."
One day our Lord was asked, "Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar?"
Taking a coin, He asked, "Whose picture is this?"
"Caesar's," they answered.
"Give to Caesar what is Caesar's," He replied, "and to God what is God's."
A Christian has a dual citizenship. He's a citizen of a country on earth. To that country he owes his taxes.
He's also a citizen of heaven. To the Lord he owes his tithes and offerings.
Let's not fail in our duty to God or man.

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Is as near as your
PHONE...*



**Bro. Randy
Hardman**
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**Thought for
the Day**

*God doesn't build a
fence around his
children to protect us
from the suffering
common to all humanity.
It is clear from the Bible
and from the lives of
Christians in every
generation that God
uses suffering in some
form in the life of every
believer.*

--Martha Reapsome

Thank You


We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came to our rescue during Van's major heart attack, recently. Borden County's EMS is known all over the State of Texas for their skills in saving lives, but we never dreamed that we would learn firsthand how very professional these volunteers really are. They were praised by the helicopter crew and the doctors at Lubbock Heart Center for saving his life. We are indeed grateful! We would also like to thank everyone for the prayers, phone calls, dozens of cards, donations to the Borden County EMS and the flowers. Borden County residents are very special to our family and this really touched our hearts. After 8 days in the Heart Hospital, Van is back home and doing great and hopes to back in full speed in a matter of weeks.

Again, thank you,
Van and Barbara

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4-H BAT CAMP




Dana Dawson, Borden and Garza County 4-H members as we travel to the depths of Carlsbad Caverns and cruise the Pecos River on a historic paddlewheel boat in a one-day trip on June 24th.

2 meals, snacks, admission to Carlsbad Caverns, boat trip & t-shirt are included in the \$20 registration fee.

Borden County 4-H 806-756-4336
Thursday, June 24th
Time: 9:30 AM-?

Please call our office no later than June 18th to sign up so t-shirts can be ordered!


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Legal Notice

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BORDEN ORDER PROHIBITING CERTAIN FIREWORKS IN SPECIFIED AREAS OF BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS

WHEREAS, on the 8th of June, 2010, the Commissioners Court of Borden County has determined that conditions on certain uncultivated acreage in the county are extremely hazardous for the danger of fire because of high grass or dry vegetation;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of Borden County adopts this Order prohibiting the sale or use of restricted fireworks in the following areas of Borden County:

D. No person may sell, detonate, ignite, or in any way use fireworks classified under 49 C.F.R. parl. 173.100(r)(2) (10-1-86 edition), as skyrockets with sticks@ and missiles with fins@ in the specified area of Borden County.

E. This Order does not prohibit:

3. common fireworks, small in size classified as Class C explosives;

4. large fireworks devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation and classified as Class B explosive by the U.S. Dept. of Trans. (Tex. Occ. Code, Chapter 2154).

F. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally violates a prohibition established by the Order. An offense under this order is a Class C Misdemeanor.

APPROVED THIS THE 8TH DAY OF JUNE, 2010, BY THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT.

Van L. York
County Judge
ATTEST:
Joyce Herridge
County Clerk

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Commissioners Meeting

WHEREAS, On this the 25th day of May, 2010, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Special Session in the Commissioners Court room in the courthouse of Gail, Texas, the following members of the court being present, to-wit:

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

Present were Don Nunnally, Robin Miller and Gary Chrisman.

Robin Miller and Gary Chrisman, Representatives from Liberty National Life presented their plan to the Court.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the Commissioners Court Meetings of May 11, 2010 and May 4, 2010 were read. Commissioner Belew made a motion to approve said minutes. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RETIREMENT PLAN

The Borden County Employees 2011 Retirement Plan with the Texas District and County Retirement System was reviewed. Commissioner Smith made a motion to renew Retirement Plan with no

changes made. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

FUEL LEGAL NOTICE

As advertised, bids on gasoline, diesel and propane were opened at 9:00 a.m. Bids were received from McCormick Mkty, Inc., of Snyder, Texas and Lamesa Butane Company from Lamesa Butane Company form Lamesa, Texas. Commissioner Belew made a motion to accept the bid from McCormick Mkty, Inc., as the best bid. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BORDEN COUNTY EVENT CENTER AND RODEO ARENA

Progress on work was discussed.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

The current accounts were examined and Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve and pay said accounts. Commissioner Adcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

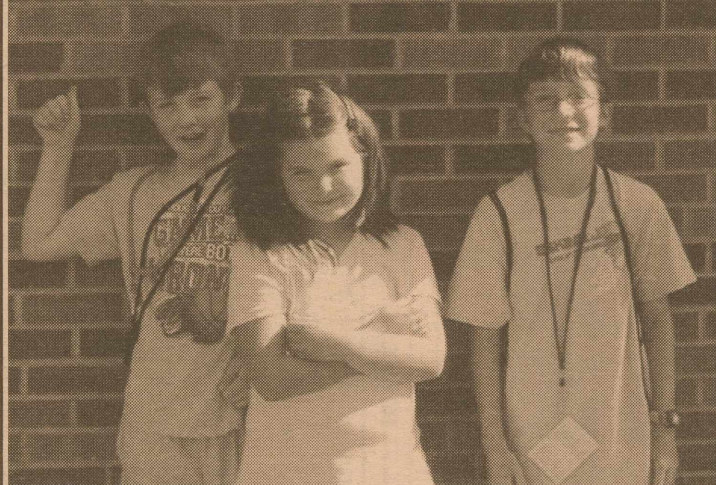
Liberty Life Insurance, restriction of Fireworks, and Budget Amendment to be considered.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Adcock made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 8th day of June 2010.

4-H Leader Lab



Pictured above are (left to right) Kable Kleck, Kelby Kleck and Thomas Nix who attended North Region 4-H Leader Lab in Levelland June 1-3. They participated in leadership training, educational sessions and a variety of recreational activities during the 3-day camp.

Making the Grade!

6th Six-Weeks Beta Achievement

Senior: Kagan Benham, Karl Lamming, Flynn Chapman, Eric Espinoza, Jacie Eveland, D'Nae Johnson, Chellsie Pigford, Shylo Rinehart, Lacey Roberts, R.T. Shafer and Brendan Tarleton; **Junior:** Bailey Anderson, Kimberly Proulx, Taylor Richey, Tony Soto, Krista Tarleton and Miles Valentine; **Sophomore:** Kobie Benham, Shaylie Boles, Austin Fields, Aubree Lester, Collin Telchik and Austin Tyler; **Freshman:** Shea Burkett, Jordan Day, Hanna Forbes, Steelie Sanders and Riley Smith; **Eighth Grade:** Maeghan Herridge, Kalyn Massingill and Kurt Shafer; **Seventh Grade:** Tye Basquez, Bessie Rhodes and Sean Tucker; **Sixth Grade:** Tatum Richey.

6th Six-Weeks Honor Roll

Senior: /Brittany Day, Chelsey Sapp and Raylea Underwood; **Junior:** Kimberly Proulx, Phyneshia Rutherford and Zach Telchik; **Sophomore:** Luke Burkett, and Chance Taylor; **Freshman:** Austin Cope, Steven Howard, Tanner Richey and Matthew Roberson; **Eighth Grade:** Brady Dowds, Matthew Ham, Mallory McMeans, Mollie McMeans, Matthew Proulx and Sydnie Rebeles; **Seventh Grade:** McKenna Campbell;

Sixth Grade: Flint Roberts, Caelan thuett and Tate Wheatley; **Fifth Grade:** Cheyenne Dowds, Hayley Gray, Savannah Herridge, Hunter Huse, Jayton Lewis, Kace Lott, Maria Neufeld, and Avery Price; **Fourth Grade:** Thadd Basquez, Preslea Hall, Kable Kleck, Madison Matlock, Harley Merrill, Thomas Nix, Nicholas Proulx, Trace Richey, Ashlyn Tucker, and Brittan Webb; **Third Grade:** Thomas Benavidez, Madison Cole, Kenley Dean, Jacob Dimas, Katie Gray, Tanner Harrison, Rayme Jones, Emma Key, Riley Lewis, J.W. Nix,

Macilah Smith, Brooke Swaffer and Haylee Willborn; **Second Grade:** Nicolas Benavidez, Maegen Bland, Kodie Dowds, Fallon Forbes, Dymon Gomez, Kaitlyn Hamm, Zeke Lott, Kenzie Parks, Jason Robinson, Brad Thomas, and Tatum Treadwell.

2nd Semester Beta Achievement

Senior: Kagan Benham, Lacey Roberts and R.T. Shafer; **Junior:** Bailey Anderson, and Taylor Richey; **Sophomore:** Kobie Benham, Shaylie Boles, and Austin Fields; **Freshman:** Shea Burkett, Jordan Day Hanna Forbes and Steelie Sanders; **Eighth Grade:** Kalyn Massingill; **Seventh:** Tye Basquez and Sean Tucker; **Sixth:** Tatum Richey.

2nd Semester Honor Roll

Seniors: D'Nae Johnson, Chellsie Pigford and Brendan Tarleton; **Juniors:** Kimberly Proulx, Krista Tarleton and Miles Valentine; **Sophomores:** Chance Taylor, Collin Telchik and Austin Tyler; **Freshman:** Tanner Richey, Matthew Roberson and Riley Smith; **Eighth Grade:** Brady Dowds, Matthew Ham, Mollie McMeans, Matthew Proulx and Sydnie Rebeles; **Seventh Grade:** McKenna Campbell and Bessie Rhodes; **Sixth:** Caelan Thuett and Tate Wheatley; **Fifth Grade:** Cheyenne Dowds, Hayley Gray, Savannah Herridge, Jayton Lewis, Kace Lott, Maria Neufeld and Avery Price; **Fourth Grade:** Thadd Basquez, Preslea Hall, Kable Kleck, Madison Matlock, Harley Merrill, Thomas Nix, Nicholas Proulx, Trace Richey, Ashlyn Tucker and Brittan Webb; **Third Grade:** Thomas Benavidez, Madison Cole, Katie Gray, Tanner Harrison, Rayme Jones, Emma Key, Riley Lewis, J.W. Nix, and Brooke Swaffer; **Second Grade:** Kodie Dowds, Dymon Gomes, Kaitlyn Hamm, Zeke Lott, Kenzie Parks, Jason Robinson, Brad Thomas and Tatum Treadwell.

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